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## TWINKLES

Eleven years ago Friday whiskey was officially banished from America. Officially, we said.

The Nye senatorial committee which has been investigating campaign funds is now without funds itself. Wonder who will contribute?

A California scientist says Einstein is another Moses. Well, one thing about it: If the Israelites didn't know any more about what Moses was doing than the average man knows about Einstein's theories, we think them foolhardy for following him into the wilderness.

A prominent writer is suing for a divorce because his wife frequently declared before guests that she was "the brains of the family." Many husbands will await the outcome of that suit; their wives may not say it in so many words but right often they manage to leave the impression with guests.

## ONE OF LIFE'S ODDITIES

CONSIDER THE CASE of David Doan, 75-year-old Illinois

farmer, who would never have anything to do with an automobile: He had, never, in all his life, permitted a gasoline propelled vehicle to travel upon his farm land and he never took a ride in an automobile. He attempted to have mail planes routed some other way so that they would not pass over his farm. In brief, he hated motors. Last week he died and it was fate's last slap at him when the motor hearse that carried him to the undertakers was his first automobile ride.

Truth is often stranger than fiction. Mortal mentality does not seem able to create anything in the imagination to cope with the oddities that bob up in life's pattern.

## CHEERIO! IT WILL SOON BE SPRING

MAYBE THERE WAS A TRACE or two of snow to be seen along sheltered hillsides over the week-end. Perhaps the coal-bin is about empty, and it may have been the toughest winter in years, but it can't be so long any more until Spring. Have you been noticing the sport pages?

Will Babe Ruth regain his home run throne from hampering Hack Wilson this year? Can old Connie Mack and his Athletics repeat, or will the Yankees handled by Joe McCarthy step back to the forefront? Can the St. Louis Cardinals come out on top over the Chicago Cubs headed by Rogers Hornsby, or head of that ball-bustin' Brooklyn bunch, or those New York Giants of John McGraw's who flash a little championship form every year? Will the veteran Dazzy Vance, Robert Moses Grove, and Young Wes Ferrell show the way to the other big time hurlers this summer?

Well, it's time to begin asking those questions. Very soon now the major league clubs will be heading South for their Spring training. It just seems like yesterday that we were trying to get our Christmas shopping done in time, and now the first month of a new year is pretty well shot. So—O, well, it can't be so long now until the amateur poets will be penning their verses about the bursting buds and Spring flowers. Cheer up!

## LAND BUYING TIME NOW

NOT LONG AGO Clarence Poe, the efficient and able editor of the Progressive Farmer, declared that now is the time for young men to purchase farm land. The man of this generation will never live to see, he declared, land selling as low as it may be purchased now.

The Poe view might well be applied to city real estate. Basic values of real estate are permanent and cannot be taken away except temporarily by depressions. Men who have made money out of real estate have made it by purchasing at low-ebb prices. This seems to be a low-ebb. Any lot in Shelby is actually worth as much now as at any time in the past, although not a lot would bring as much if placed on the market. More people, many more, are living here now than 10 years ago. They may not be as prosperous now as they have been. Some day, however, they will be. The person who buys now, particularly real estate has all the odds in his favor so far as the eventual reaping of profits, and good profits, is concerned.

Think it over for yourself. Just two or three years ago men could be heard saying that "I could have purchased that lot, or those lots, for one-tenth that price." Ten years from now you'll be hearing the same thing. Some will be wishing; others will be profiting.

## IF NOT RASKOB, WHO?

NEWSPAPER READERS for a week or more have been entertained by a controversy between John J. Raskob, that much cussed and discussed chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Frank R. Kent, the well known Baltimore political writer.

Raskob, Mr. Kent wrote, "brought the Democratic party out of bankruptcy, but it through the receivership, stood it on its financial feet and then clapped a first mortgage on

Democratic party." Kent continues, "ought not to let any rich man so completely finance its activities and pay its bills. It isn't self-respecting, it isn't democratic, and it isn't good."

After reading the Kent view, The Asheville Citizen admits that it may not be so good for the party, but The Citizen goes in a little deeper and wonders just how the party would get along without its "sugar daddy," and if it isn't better off in several ways than it was. Says The Citizen:

"Of course, it isn't (good for the party.) But the blame for that rests not upon Chairman Raskob but upon the Democrats who have permitted this situation to develop. The money that has been spent in financing Democratic headquarters at Washington during the past year or two has been very effectively spent. The Democrats have never gotten as much helpful publicity as during this period, and it is to be remembered that this publicity was hard to get. The press of the country is dominantly Republican but the Democratic Publicity Bureau in Washington has been so capable as to put forward the Democratic viewpoint in such a way that it could not be denied prominence in newspapers the country over.

But Mr. Kent is right when he says that it is unfortunate for the party to be under such heavy financial obligations to Mr. Raskob or to any other one man. The Republican party, it is true, has been under like obligation almost continuously to a relatively small number of wealthy men and corporations; but that fact has influenced Republican policies in a way that has been very harmful to the country.

"What to do about such a situation is the question. The legitimate expenses of political organizations have become enormously heavy. As regards presidential contests, the records show that victory goes almost invariably to the party with the heaviest purse. These funds are never secured from the rank and file. The bulk of the money comes always from a few rich men. The party in power enjoys a great advantage in passing the hat; and since the Republicans have normally been in power it has been easier for them to keep the wheels greased.

"Without a fairly substantial amount of money it is frankly impossible to maintain an effective Democratic national organization. The Democrats have been letting Mr. Raskob arrange for getting this money. Concededly, this is bad; but, if Mr. Raskob does not do it, where is the money to come from? That is the heart of the thing. The question awaits answer and unless and until it is answered fulmination against Mr. Raskob is likely to remain futile."

# Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE

flat rock news.

the broad line in our little town is growing longer and longer onerous count of its costs so much to get licenses for the fords and cheverys that they don't have anything left for food. Joe Green drives his machine up and parks it behind the blacksmith shop and walks into town to get his stuff—he is afraid that they would not give him but mighty little if he drove up close to the city hall where the poor is being fed.

sammy smith, my wife's cousin jack's boy, who come over to spend Christmas with mr. and mrs. mike Clark, rfd., went home yesterday, he evidently thought Christmas comments december the 24 and ended january the 14, he is a harry boy and his stay with the Clark's no doubt cost them a right smart, nearly everybody's else kinfolks went home in time for the new year, and while I don't want to say nothing wonderful in our midst every month, as follows:

January. . . . The human fly came from parts unknown and disappeared the following day in the same direction. He climbed the west side of the court house. Some firm paid him 2 or 3 hundred dollars for that stunt—and they called it advertising. (Just think of the good newspaper publicity they could have got for that much money.)

February. . . . A corn doctor gave a show on the public square and removed several corns in the presence of witnesses. He had an awful crowd. But the city made 1 dollar out of him.

March. . . . A western guy blew into town, and for the small sum of only 75 dollars, he rooted a goober (with his nose) plum across the square, and the firm which paid him the 75 dollars—called it advertising.

April. . . . Tree-sitting broke out during this month, and hundreds of trees groaned under the weight of the said setters. Several firms contributed to these stunts—and they called it advertising. (The money thus wasted would have paid for 500 inches of good newspaper advertising.)

May. . . . And then came bicycle endurance contests. The boys had banners pinned to the seat of their britches, for which they got paid—and they called that advertising.

July. . . . And suddenly, in blew a blindfold car driver. He drove. He got 100 dollars and they called it advertising.

August. . . . A man from Mo., pinned a banner betwixt his legs and walked on his hands from the hotel to the depot—for 50 dollars, and they called that advertising.

September. . . .

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# Annual Report Of City Library Issued; 1,741 Books On Hand

The following is the report of the Shelby Public Library from January 1 to December 31, 1930.

Report For January. Total No. books returned 756 Total No. magazines returned 25 Dues collected \$9.25 Expenses .35 Total, cash \$8.90 Three books for fines Report for February No. books returned 773 No. magazines returned 22 No. books taken out 828 No. magazines taken out 24 Dues collected \$10.41 Expenses \$1.00 Total, cash \$9.41 Three books for fines; eight books donated.

Report for March No. books returned 339 No. magazines returned 20 No. books taken out .918 No. magazines taken out 28 Dues collected \$10.76 Expenses .60 Total cash \$10.16 Two books for fines.

Report for April. No. books returned 660 No. magazines returned 17 No. books taken out .688 No. magazines taken out 18 Dues collected \$7.87 Expenses \$2.50 Total cash \$5.28 Four books for fines.

Report for May. No. books returned 548 No. magazines returned 23 No. books taken out 619 No. magazines taken out 23 Dues collected \$8.84 Expenses \$2.50 Total cash \$7.34 Two books for fines.

Report for June. No. books returned 708 No. magazines returned 19 No. books taken out .803 No. magazines taken out 19 Dues collected \$6.26 Expenses \$2.00 Total cash \$4.26 Three books for fines.

Report for July. No. books returned 889 No. magazines returned 38 No. books taken out .918 No. magazines taken out 45 Dues collected \$5.32 Expenses 1.50 Total cash \$3.82 Nine books for fines.

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Report for September. No. books returned 622 No. magazines returned 26 No. books taken out 601 No. magazines taken out 30 Dues collected \$6.58 Expenses 2.20 Total cash \$4.38 Yore's truie, mike Clark, rfd.

Report for October. No. books returned 565 No. magazines returned 38 No. books taken out .650 No. magazines taken out 34 Dues collected \$6.74 Expenses 2.20 Total cash \$4.74

Report for November. No. books returned 665 No. magazines returned 28 No. books taken out .722 No. magazines taken out 23 Dues collected \$8.37 Expenses 1.75 Total \$4.82

Report for December. No. books returned 704 No. magazines returned 22 No. books taken out 757 No. magazines taken out 28 Dues collected \$8.89 Expenses 1.60 Total cash \$7.29

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# Your Bank And Your Community

The public can uphold high standards of banking through the medium of their patronage, because the existence of a bank is dependent upon public patronage.

It is through the co-operation of patrons, individually, that a bank can serve its community to its fullest intent and capacity.

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