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FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 1931

TWINKLES

The groundhog and the Wickersham commission made similar reports. Some places the woodchuck saw his shadow, and at other places he did not.

Dawes is the right man to lead the Republican party now, Robert Quillen says, because the party has never needed a "cussin'" leader any worse.

If our chattering congress and stubborn senate had the interests of the drought sufferers as much at heart as Will Rogers, the conditions existing in the stricken areas would have been cleared up weeks ago.

Josephus Daniels' Raleigh News and Observer says that it was the little ambulance chasing lawyers who for ten years prevented this State from passing a Workmen's Compensation law, "and even now there are those who wish it repealed." It was further pointed out that "the high-class lawyers accepted the law, though it denied them the big fees that came out of the pockets of people injured in accidents." A frank, yet straightforward, presentation of the true situation.

THE BREAD LINE-CURE

THE ADVICE BEING PASSED out by the county welfare officer and leading farmers on the proper method of preventing the recurrence next winter of charity problems such as we have faced this winter seems to be sound, and certainly should be followed.

When a man becomes ill he not only seeks temporary relief but he, also, strives to eradicate the cause of the illness so that he will not become ill again. The same logic should apply to financial ills in a community.

This year a public fund had to be set aside to feed scores of hungry people in Cleveland county. Similar conditions existed elsewhere, of course, but what we are getting at is that there is a way to prevent repetition of the bread line here. If very Cleveland county farmer, landowner and tenant, puts enough acreage in food and feed crops for home use, there will be very little suffering or hunger in this county next year. Frankly, no farmer is making very much of a success when he does not produce enough food for his own use and enough feed for his own stock. Even if cotton should sell as low as five cents per pound next year, the sensible farmer who learned his lesson last fall and this winter will not suffer, because this Spring he will be sure to have enough to eat next fall regardless of how the cash crops turn out.

Cleveland county farmers, boasted as the greatest cotton growers in North Carolina and as farmers who have attracted wide attention, have failed to feed themselves. Each year thousands of dollars go out of this county for hay and other feed which could be produced here. The total amount that goes out of this county each year for food and feed will run above two million dollars. A big percentage of the feed for our livestock is produced elsewhere, and a big amount of the food we eat comes in cans from other sections. That, once you think it over, is a pretty severe indictment against our system of farming.

North Carolina farmers will remain poor, says Prof. S. H. Hobbs, jr., an authority on rural economics, until they learn to feed themselves and the city-dwellers of the State.

"To feed themselves first," Professor Hobbs asserted, "and then to organize agriculture so as to capture the State's urban market is the great agricultural opportunity which is open to the farmers of North Carolina today. North Carolina sends to other states more than \$200,000,000 annually for food and feed, about 90 percent of our urban food comes into the state, mostly in cans, and our own farmers supply virtually none of the finished food products. That North Carolina farmers will be forced by the low cotton and tobacco prices to grow more food crops and less cash crops is the one good thing that I believe may develop from the present depression."

MAY WORK OUT RIGHT

FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, and from supporters of both sides of the controversy, The Star understands that the McSwain bill to consolidate three county offices may work out, on a compromise basis, to the agreement of all concerned, particularly the average citizen who is primarily interested in good government and economical government.

The original bill as introduced in the Senate would consolidate the offices of county accountant, tax auditor and tax supervisor. Upon the passage of the bill Senator McSwain included a paragraph that would appoint A. E. Cline, present accountant, to the consolidated office provided Mr. Cline would resign as county commissioner. Another clause provided that after the present term the office be elective.

The separation of the two offices of county commissioner and county accountant, or auditor, is basically a good step. The Star, and many thoughtful citizens, in opposing the original bill did so with the belief that a governmental system operating as smoothly and as economically as the county

government here should not be tinkered with too much. Two features of the bill which did not appeal to many were the making of it an elective office and the provision that Mr. Cline should resign immediately as commissioner to accept the appointment to the new office.

Taking the latter angle up first, it would be unfair to the people to have a man resign from the commission board to which they elected him. Mr. Cline was elected as commissioner for a term of two years. If the majority of the citizens had not desired his election, he would not have been elected. Therefore, it seems only fair that if he does accept the consolidated office, he should remain as commissioner until the end of the term as he was elected to do. Thereafter the regulation prohibiting one man from holding both offices should go in force.

The elective angle of the proposed consolidation office is the feature to which there is more opposition. Such an office should be appointive and kept out of politics. It is only sound reasoning that a capable man holding such an office as the consolidated office of county auditor, or county manager, cannot remain popular with everyone. No man who handles the purse strings and handles them economically can be popular with all. Too many people sell things to the county or try to sell them for all to be pleased. By the present county manager form of government here, and the change made by the consolidation would not alter the plan a great deal, those who sell things to the county must show that their quality and price are the best to be had before the sale is made. By the antiquated method, still used by some counties, various individuals employed by the county purchase articles needed here and there and not in volume lots. At the end of the month the bills were filed with the board and paid. No modern business man would dare operate his business in that manner. It is a method this county has grown away from and should remain away from.

When the majority of the citizens of Cleveland county elected three county commissioners they should certainly be able to elect three men honest and capable enough to appoint a good man to the consolidated office of county auditor. If the office were elective, the winner might be a popular man and a vote-getter but without enough ability to take charge of a half million dollar business such as this county conducts. On the elective plan we would be having a new auditor every term or two. One does not learn how to efficiently direct such a big business overnight and by the time one man got settled and knew what he was doing he would be making somebody mad because he refused to spend county money to please some selling agent, some section, or some faction. Immediately opposition would develop and ere long another man would be in office. IT WOULD NOT TAKE MANY YEARS UNDER THAT SYSTEM TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE THAT IS NOW THE SECOND LOWEST IN NORTH CAROLINA. After all, that is what citizens and taxpayers put foremost.

As we understand the proposed compromise the bill will consolidate the three offices, making the office appointive, and regulating that after the present term no member of the board of commissioners may hold the consolidated office of auditor.

That, The Star believes, may be the best solution of the controversy. The only major alteration from the original bill as introduced would be the making of the office appointive instead of elective. Senator McSwain, who introduced the bill, personally favored the appointive plan, we understand, but made it an elective office because certain constituents asked it. He will, he has said, not fight the alteration which would put through his bill practically as is except making the office appointive instead of elective. Representative Edwards may, reports have it, support the consolidation in the house provided the office is made appointive and provided that Mr. Cline be permitted to remain as commissioner until the end of the present term. His view is that no two men or small group of men have the right to go to Raleigh and legislate out of office a man the citizens of the county elected to office with a handsome majority.

The compromise bill, we say, will meet with approval. Everyone, of course, will not be satisfied. Such is impossible.

No. 1 Township News Of Week

Misses Jolly Gives Party to Young People. Farmers Are Busy Plowing.

(Special to The Star.)
No. 1 Township, Feb. 5.—Misses Elsie and Flossie Jolly gave the young people of this community a party Saturday night. A large crowd was present and a good time was reported by all.
The farmers of this community are taking advantage of the pretty weather by getting their fields and gardens ready for early planting.

There has been several corn shuckings this past week which were well attended.
Mrs. W. P. Byars and Mr. Lee Byars were visitors at the home of J. D. Byars Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. George Humphries, Mrs. Grigg Humphries and children spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bulb Earls.
Miss Guleta Bailey was the week end guest of Miss Inez Day.
Miss Minnie Hopper visited her sister, Mrs. Roy Webb in Shelby Saturday night.
Miss Eloise Hamrick spent Saturday night with relatives in Gaffney.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jolley visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jolly Sunday.
Miss Louise Ruppas was the guest Sunday of Miss Lily Bailey.
Miss Ollie Turner visited Miss Eloise Hamrick Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Oreen visited at the home of Joe Ellis Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Elvora Davis of Kings Springs visited Mr. and Mrs.

Rome Davis Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hawkins of Gaffney, S. C. called at the home of J. D. Byars Sunday afternoon.
Mr. Thomas Hopper was the Saturday night guest of Raymond Hamrick.
Arland Hawkins spent Sunday with Herman Humphries.
Many from this community attended the preaching services at Grassy Pond Sunday night.

A fellow has a wide range of possibilities now to select from: He can be land poor, stock-market poor, factory poor, or wheat poor.—Detroit News.

Tragic Toll Life Taken By Syphilis

Raleigh.—For the year 1930 physicians signed death certificates certifying that 184 people died of syphilis in North Carolina, Dr. Cooper of the State board of health announced. Naturally that number represents but a small fraction of those whose deaths were caused indirectly by the disease. Quite a large per centage of deaths occurring in the three hospitals for the insane were directly or indirectly attributable to syphilis.

The ravages and ramifications of a virulent, untreated case of syphilis are sometimes too serious to be believed, were the facts not so well known to the medical profession. To prevent a further spread and to effectively curb the dissemination of the disease is a major medical, public health, and moral problem. Some suggestions as to how this may be done are made by Dr. Cooper as follows:

"Take the treatment of patients in the active stages of syphilis out of the hands of quacks and prescribing soda fountain clerks.

"Make available all general practitioners of medicine the newer methods of modern treatment at prices which will enable them to treat through to conclusion the poorest of patients.

"As far more innocent people contract this disease than a competent public is willing to admit, remove the false taboo and turn on the white light of publicity in common sense discussions of means to cope with the problem.

"Strengthen the marriage law requiring a health certificate by rigid enforcement, and broaden its scope by making it apply to both parties to the contract alike.

"Teach the present generation and the one coming on by every means available the plain fact, that of all the laws of earth and the universe made by God or man, a violation of sexual laws exemplified in promiscuity always results in more penalties for the offending person than are exacted in any other way."

Talking-picture containing only women characters is to be filmed in Hollywood. Some may say that scarcely anything could be more appropriate than that.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Raleigh Woman Tells Of Powers

"I was going down hill fast; most everything I ate disagreed with me, and I'd have indigestion so bad I could hardly sleep at night. This



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Roberts Tabernacle M. E. Church Notice

Sunday is expected to be a high day at the above named church. At 10 a. m. Sunday school, Ellison Cromer, Supt. At 11 a. m. the pastor Dr. E. L. Johnson will preach from a subject "Arise, Let Us Go Hence." At 3 p. m. a joint program will be rendered by all of the local boards. This program will consist of papers and solo. At 5:30 Epworth league will meet. A splendid program is expected.
Dr. E. L. Johnson, Pastor.
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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of W. A. Webb, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Belling Springs, N. C. on or before the 25th day of January, 1931, or this notice will be deemed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 28th day of January 1931.
CANDAS VELLE TASER WEBB, Executrix of W. A. Webb, Deceased.
Juno, Hamrick & Harris, Attys.
6th Jan 30p

TRUSTEE'S SALE

(First Published in Cleveland Star, January 16, 1931.)
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Mrs. Claudia Stumman Abernathy and husband, R. M. Abernathy to me as trustee, securing an indebtedness to Clarence J. Spangler, said deed of trust being recorded in book 163, page 286 of the register's office of Cleveland county, North Carolina, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and having been called upon to execute the trust, I, as trustee will sell at 12 o'clock M., on

Monday, February 16th, 1931 at the court house door in Shelby, N. C. or cash to the highest bidder, subject to two prior deeds of trust held by the Shelby Building and Loan Association, Shelby, N. C. and recorded in book 153, page 305, and book 145, page 258, of the register's office of Cleveland county, N. C., also, subject to any and all taxes and prior liens and encumbrances, the following described real estate:
Located in No. 6 township, Cleveland county, N. C., in the town of Shelby: Beginning at a stake at the intersection of Eastside road and Ruttle street, and running east with Eastside road N. 2 1/2 W. 100 feet to a stake, corner of lot No. 11, thence with line of lot No. 11 west 110 feet to a stake, corner of lot sold to J. H. Whitworth and wife, Eva Mary Whitworth thence with Whitworth's line S. 2 1/2 E. 69 feet to the north edge of Ruttle street, east 110 feet to the beginning, being the property conveyed to Clyde Short and wife by deed dated January 24, 1928, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Cleveland county, N. C. in book 3-Q at page 234, to which reference is hereby made.
The purchaser, in order to secure a good title, will have to pay, in addition to his bid, all taxes and prior liens and encumbrances.
This January 16th, 1931.
P. CLEVELAND GARDNER, Trustee.
4th Jan 16c

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