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TWINKLES

"Babe Ruth's Future," informs a headline, "Depends Upon His Legs." So, we might remind, does the future of chorus girls.

Down at Lumberton they're talking about lighting up their airport at night. Up here what we are needing is an airport for the planes to light on.

Now, lessee what State is it that this fellow White, Senator Cameron Morrison picked as the Democratic candidate for president, is governor of?

A news photo informs that a Miss So-and-so has been voted the most entertaining co-ed on a certain North Carolina college campus. Somehow we believe the boys will be wanting to know if that means that she is entertaining on dates.

RISE IN BUSINESS FOR 3 YEARS

AMONG THE QUESTIONS hurled at Thomas Edison on his birthday recently was this one: "When will general business improve?"

The answer was: "It is on the rise now and will continue to improve for three years."

Many level-headed business men and thinkers, those of the type who do not offer a new prediction every day, says the same thing.

This from Walter S. Gifford, head of the American Telephone and Telegraph company:

"As sure as I am standing here, this depression soon will pass and we are about to enter a period of prosperity the like of which no country ever has seen before; a new era of big business working for the fulfillment of its social obligations, a new development in industry to work out the problems of distributing what we have, on the basis that we have plenty to go around."

BACKING THE GOVERNOR

JUST WHAT STAGE Governor Gardner's highway bill will have reached when this is read we cannot say, but it must have been pleasing to citizens of Cleveland county to know that Senator McSwain and Representative Edwards are supporting the plan.

Figures published in Friday's Star, as secured by M. R. Dunnagan, Star correspondent in Raleigh, show that the change proposed by the Governor will remove a yearly expense of approximately \$97,000 from the land tax levy for road maintenance in Cleveland county. That's the type thing the taxpayer is fond of hearing.

A Shelby citizen just back from a business trip over the entire State says that everywhere he travelled he found the people in hearty accord with the highway proposal as well as with other economy measures suggested to the legislature by Governor Gardner. "But," he added, "the opposition comes from minor office-holders and others who have jobs and titles that may be eliminated. Under our method of government they wield more influence than the average citizens who are not organized. If the Governor's proposals were left to a vote, of the people, and the petty politicians were not permitted to use their influence, these measures would go over in a landslide."

A very comprehensive statement.

A SMATTERING OF MANY THINGS

IN DELAWARE A BILL has been introduced in legislature which would make lashes the punishment for chicken stealing. Considering the number of chicken thefts in this section recently, it would take a strong man to hold up under the job of administering the lashes, if this State should adopt a similar whipping post law.

A New York minister, after sending out a questionnaire, finds that modern girls desire the same type of man for a husband that their grandmothers desired. Maybe so, but our guess is that they want him to have an automobile instead of a horse and a good rig as did grandmother.

North Carolina's next governor, so say the wise boys, will be made or unmade by the present legislature. Fountain, one of the candidates, is opposing the proposals of Governor Gardner. Ehringhaus, another prospect, is said to be favorable to Gardner ideas but he has not been publicly quoted. Brummitt, another prospect, seems to be sawing wood and saying little. Howbeit, this paper is of the opinion that the outcome of the present legislature will not totally make or unmake any of the candidates. For years the politicians of this State have been accused of picking the "next governor" a number of years in advance. We never believed that. The picking is done in advance BY THE PEOPLE. The alert politician merely travels about, discovers who is more popular with the voters and then lets it be known that the popular man is destined to be next governor. The legislature can, and will, hurt or help the chances of certain candidates, but our guess is that Ehringhaus was several hops and skips in the lead of the others, and was placed there by the people, some time before the lawmakers picked their grips and

started to Raleigh this year.

When the major leagues start their season this year a new baseball will be used, one that will be harder to knock over the fences for home runs. This change, league officials believe, will help the game and make it more popular with fans who desire to see a return of some of the old time pitching duels and close scores. For our part, we believe the league officials are foolish considering their knowledge of baseball and what knowledge they should have of human nature. This country has become too accustomed and has been thrilled too often by the home run swats of Ruth, Wilson, Simmons, Gehrig et al to enjoy one monotonous inning after another of clever pitching with no other excitement. Fact is, we believe the fans of the old days, who got their biggest thrills from the duels between Christy Mathewson, "Three-Fingered" Brown, Chief Bender, and other great hurlers of the past, would have received more thrills out of the modern Ruthian performances than they did out of their type of ball. There are time, we admit, when all of us make bad guesses. Maybe we make one now; maybe not.

Up in Washington the other day one senator proposed that no senator be permitted to eat anything other than bread and water until something was done about giving relief to the drought-stricken States. That might get action out of them, sir, but, if that plan fails, why not forbid them all to make a speech or do any talking until a relief plan is passed? Most senators are likely to pass anything before they will stand for being muzzled very long.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Say, you old timers, do you REMEMBER WHEN—

These were the teachers in the Shelby schools: Misses Loulie Lee, Sandifer, Flaek, Hunter, Huneycutt, Ivie and Mr. R. T. Howerton, jr.

These were the school marms for the youngsters and the dates for the boys about town just 21 years ago. Doesn't seem that long ago, does it?

About the same time—

J. L. Walkup was in the insurance business here.
B. T. Falls was superintendent of the county schools.
The Brawley clothing company operated next door to the Eskridge Millinery and Jewelry store.
Webb and Hoyle operated a general store.
The Methodist parsonage was the S. R. P. Davis residence on Morgan street.
Rev. E. E. Williamson was pastor of Central church.

Wonder how many Shelby citizens recall that H. C. Worthem, once general superintendent of the Western Union in the South, was born in Shelby? He was the son of the Canadian who established the South's first sewing machine factory in Shelby. The boys parents died and he was educated at Oxford orphanage. He learned telegraphy there and rose rapidly to high positions with the telegraph firm.

The Star back in 1910, from which some of the memories above were gleaned, was edited by the late H. Tom Hudson.

The paper at that time had on a big guessing contest on how many seeds there were in a large pumpkin, and everybody was cuttin' up and having a rousing time. Mrs. Hattie Jenkins Thompson guessed 697 and won first prize.

In one of Shelby's first football games played that year Shelby defeated Gastonia by one touchdown. Oliver Anthony, captain of the team, was the young buck who tucked the pigskin under his arm and scampered 40 yards to a touchdown with Harry Hudson and Ben Roberts running interference for him.

And in these days the whole town was agog and everybody was gathering around the counter and the whittlin' boxes at the grocery store discussing the probability of a big French syndicate building the Isothermal trolley line from Asheville to Shelby to Gastonia.

Whoopla! In those days many of the men about town who now shudder at the carryings-on of the young folks thought themselves rather wild young sports as they scattered their wild oats here and there. And many women who nowadays have fainting spells when they think of present day necking parties were not adverse then to letting the reins drop over the dashboard, leaving everything to ol' Dobbin while the starched-collared young man with them closed in.

Speaking of wild oats, did you ever hear this one?

Mother: "After all, he's only a boy, and boys will sow their wild oats."
Father: "I wouldn't mind if he didn't mix in so much corn and rye."

Shelby Shorts: Jay Dee Lineberger, he of the firm that feeds 'em so many thousand meals per year, saw Al Smith over in Asheboro 'tother day—and Al, believe it or not, was riding in a Ford. (You're welcome Mr. Eskridge) You young fellows who know so much about politics and public matters, did you know that Will Roberts was ELECTED postmaster of Shelby? Now, how come? Times may not be improving, but there's a lot of talk going on. Sam Gault, the telephone manager, installed quite a number of new telephones last month The town clock is still marking time There will be two more Friday the Thirteenths this year. When do they come?

A few personal opinions that should matter very little to anyone: It's hard to understand why some people are fond of fruit cake, spinach, and lemon pie The best comic strip wisecrack pulled in months was that where Tilda, the cook, called up Andy Gump and asked him if his house was on a car line. When chinless Andy said that it was, Tilda told him he'd better move it as a car was coming. We received a regular Roger Laughridge chuckle out of that The best political story ever written is the one appearing in Collier's about the career of the colorful Boise Penrose.

A stranger walked in Paton's barbershop last week, crawled into Forrest Bolin's chair and asked for a shave. When the tonsorial work was complete, he crawled out, picked up his hat, looked back over his shoulder and said, "Charge that to the Salvation Army," and walked out.

The same day a strange-looking fellow walked in upon Sheriff Irvin Allen and related a story that had the sleuthing sheriff smoking one cigarette after another. His story—and it was a pretty good one—had it that he knew where \$24,000 from one of the Rutherford banks was buried. He wanted the sheriff to go fifty-fifty with him and dig it up. After a bit the sheriff realized that the man he was talking to was slightly off in the upper story, or, so to speak, had bats in his belfry.

Did you know that Rush C. Thompson, the garage man, was once a student at the State Dental college at Dallas, Texas?

Among the Valentine cards received by this department (Yes, we do

casually get mail other than on the first of the month) was one with a caricature of two gossip women talking over the back fence. The little verse read:

You spill all the dirt
About people you meet.
Why not publish a paper—
A real scandal sheet.

And if we had the heart to tell all we may or may not know about the sender, what a juicy bit of gossip this col'm would be.

Just Ten Years Ago

(From The Star of Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1921.)

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland Springs company this week, the board of directors were authorized to secure a loan of \$75,000 with which to complete the modern 75 room hotel as early as conditions will permit. It is expected that the hotel will be ready to open some time in June. The building is a three story brick structure and will have all modern conveniences such as private bath and telephone connections for each room, large auditorium, writing rooms, flower rooms and porches.

Earl is to have a community fair next fall, making the third to be organized in the county. Mr. Lawrence, farm agent, and Miss Cornelius, demonstration agent visited Earl Friday afternoon and found the people of that community deeply interested in the project and ready to go right into the plans. The following officers were elected, A. B. Webber, president; Jno. A. Wilson, vice president; Mrs. E. B. Olive, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Perry Sellers has purchased the grocery stock of Mr. R. E. Roberts in the Beam building.

The many Shelby friends of Rev. L. W. Swope, former pastor of the First Baptist church of this place, will be interested to know that he has accepted a call and entered upon his duties as pastor of Venable Street Baptist church, Richmond.

C. H. Shull and sons, Evans and Robert, have purchased Claude Webb's grocery stock in the Beam building and were taking inventory yesterday. The Shull market will be moved in the room occupied by Mr. Webb where the market and grocery store will be operated jointly under the firm name of C. H. Shull and Sons.

Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. John W. Suttle, Mr. Clyde Cornwell, son of Mr. Will E. Cornwell and Miss Flossie Spangler, daughter of Mr. A. D. Spangler were happily married in the presence of only a few friends.

Will No. 6 road commissioners abandon its work, sell its mules and other equipment and permit the convicts to be hired out to some other county? Chairman L. A. Blanton says this course has about been decided on. He is thinking of advertising the mules for sale next week, and retaining the truck and some drags with which to maintain the roads as well as possible.

"Do you believe that marrying in haste necessarily means repenting at leisure?"
"After a man marries he has no leisure."

Lyric

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Last Showing Of That Big Universal Special

"DRACULA" It's A Dandy

See Tom Tyler In

"PHANTOM RIDER" Chapter 1

TOMORROW

Chas Murry And Geo. Sidney In

'Caught Cheating' IT'S A SCREAM

— COMING —

"CHARLIE'S AUNT" "RE-URRECTION" "DIRIGIBLE" "SUBWAY EXPRESS"

June A. Walker Dies Near Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton—June A. Walker, age 82, well known farmer and financier, died at his home, two miles east of here Thursday night after an extended illness and was buried at Mount Vernon Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He leaves eight children, Mrs. Charles Hamrick, Ruth Vernon Walker, of Wilmington, Del.; E. H. Walker, Ruth; Judson Waiker, Mrs. Alice Small, Mrs. Lela Lewis and S. G. Walker, of the home section, and Mrs. Harvey Morris, of Forest City. He also leaves two half-brothers, James and James Walker, of Hickory. The same hour Saturday another aged citizen of Rutherford county was buried, Mrs. Mary Nanney, age 84, widow of Drury Nanney, of Spindale, Confederate veteran, died Thursday night and was buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist church. Her husband died in May, 1928. She was the oldest of a family of 18 children and all are dead except the youngest brother Sidney Justice, of Greenville, S. C. She leaves three children: Mrs. Oma Fowler and Mrs. Minnie Durham, Polk county, and D. Edgar Nanney, of Spindale, with whom she lived.

Gardner Not Running For Vice President

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—"I am not a candidate for the nomination of vice president nor any other office and have no part whatever in any plan designed to encourage such movement," declared Governor O. Max Gardner in commenting on reports that he was being boosted for the Democratic nomination for vice president.

"My sole interest in public affairs is to give to North Carolina the best possible administration in this critical period of which I am capable. I really feel that if I had political ambitions I could possibly render greater service to my state as a member of the general assembly than in any office within the range of my opportunities for future public service."

Some Good Reasons For Building Your Checking Account

1

To maintain a working margin sufficient for safety, to meet the unexpected bad or the unexpected good. A sudden emergency might find you without reserve to meet it. A promising opportunity might pass you by unless you have the money on hand to grasp it quickly.

2

Building a checking account balance will inspire confidence and invite success. Money on hand will banish little worries and enable you to make ends meet easily.

3

A larger checking balance increases self-respect and establishes good credit. It gives you the sure knowledge that you can pay your own way and successfully manage your business affairs.

4

A larger checking balance will cause your bank to render you the best service that it has to offer. It will open to you the many services which your bank is prepared to give. It also will give the bank a better margin on which to work to give you its best service.

A CHECKING ACCOUNT IS A CONVENIENCE YOU CAN HARDLY AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT. INCREASE YOUR BALANCE. IT WILL GIVE A GOOD MARGIN FOR PROTECTION AND A WORKING SURPLUS FOR THE FUTURE.

First National Bank