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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18, 1931

**TWINKLES**

A whale should make a good politician since the scientists inform that in places a whale's skin is two feet thick.

With the people clamoring for Mahatma Ghandi and Charlie Chaplin, Will Rogers says the day of the physical big man has passed. Well, Will, isn't it a miniature period?

An encouraging sign: A drive over rural Cleveland county shows more acreage in oats than in years. That is just one of several indications that Cleveland farmers intend to live at home in 1931.

There are many people, who never worked in their lives, who hope that when some solution is found for the unemployment situation it will not be such a good solution as to get them to work with the others who desire work.

If there is anything which should start the old-timers to recalling bygone days and "remember whens" for the "Around Our Town" column on The Star it should be the present-day price of fatback, sugar and eggs. Lessee—how long has it been since those commodities sold at prices prevailing now?

**SEVENTY-SEVEN GOOD REASONS**

OPPONENTS OF THE NEW banking supervision measure in the North Carolina general assembly are saying that there is no real reason for changing the present method of supervision.

Maybe not, but we are inclined to line up with The Asheville Times and say that there are at least 77 good reasons for a change. The 77 being 77 banks which closed in North Carolina last year. Then multiply those 77 very good reasons by the number of depositors who suffered, and add to that total the many dollars, representing savings of a lifetime, that were lost.

Lax supervision may not have been responsible in all cases, but there seems to be an abundance of reasons for better supervision.

**EXTRA TERM NEEDED**

THOSE ACQUAINTED with the congested condition of the Superior court docket in this county will readily agree that the bill now in legislature asking for an extra term of court in Cleveland county is one that should be enacted into law. For a number of years the criminal docket and the civil calendar in this county have become more and more congested. On both, it is our opinion, there are cases which should have been disposed of a year or two years ago. Such has been the increase in criminal cases that at recent terms the court grind had to be given over almost entirely to disposing of jail cases. As a result many cases carried over from previous terms were carried over again with new cases added. Nothing good can be said of a method that continues to delay court trials of any time. One of the major assets of a court of justice is that of meteing out speedy punishment. The other is the certainty of it. The extra term of one week early each fall should help to a considerable extent in cleaning up the local court books.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

LAST WEEK THOUSANDS of North Carolina farmers swarmed into Raleigh to request a reduction in land taxes. A number of speeches were made, but one speaker failed to complete his talk. He was howled down. This speaker, W. W. Neal, of Louisburg, made an uncomplimentary reference to Al Smith, who had been in Raleigh only recently to say that Governor Gardner had the right idea about cutting down expenses in order to lower taxes. When Neal made his remark the big gathering of farmers shouted him down with a repeated "hurrah for Al Smith."

That incident caused The Spartanburg Herald, in the neighboring State of South Carolina, to become curious in view of the fact that only two years ago North Carolina gave Hoover an 80,000 majority over Smith. What has been happening, The Herald wonders, to bring about this change of sentiment? The possibility of a new viewpoint is seen by The Herald as follows:

They must think a good deal less of Hoover and a good deal more of Smith in 1931. The farmer vote in North Carolina is powerful still. Maybe they have concluded that a vote on economic issues and less concern about liquor and the pope might have been more to the point, seeing that neither the pope nor the 18th amendment helped save us last year.

**NO GIVING GROUND HERE**

IF EVERY SUPPORTER of prohibition were as uncompromising as Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, there wouldn't be any prohibition controversy, because the wets would be emphatically informed once and for all that all efforts to repeal the prohibition act would be wasted labor.

Always an ardent advocate of prohibition, Judge Webb has given no ground and has weakened not at all. Prohibition is here and here to stay. That's what he tells nearly every Federal court grand jury he talks to, and he says it in

such a manner that it is easy to understand and comprehend. One by one he takes up the criticism and attacks of the wets and terms the entire lot tommyrot and bosh. There is as much reason to abolish the law against taking human life, he says, because murders are still committed as to repeal prohibition because the law is still violated. Many of our laws have been laws and regulations hundreds of years prior to prohibition, yet they are violated today. But despite that violation they are not, and will not, be legalized.

No halfway ground will do as Judge Webb sees it. State regulation or any other regulation of booze, he declares, is impossible and has been proven so.

"If barrooms were back, here in Kings Mountain, Gastonia and Charlotte, I would not dare drive my automobile over the highway to Charlotte," he declared. "I would be inclined to take to the woods to save my life, and so would every sensible man."

**Around Our TOWN  
Shelby SIDELIGHTS**

By RENN DRUM.

How long has the building now occupied by the Charles stores been built?

John Wynn Doggett, then very much of a boy, hauled every brick from Gaffney's kiln in Frog Level. He used one team of horses, from the Lattimore stables, and three wagons. One wagon was being unloaded all the time, one being loaded, and the other on the go.

If your mind flits back with ease to those days, see if you recall what mason acted as foreman on the job for Mr. John Lineberger?

Remember way back when boys slipped off on Sunday afternoons and rocked lizards along zig-zag rail fences instead of playing golf of caddy-ing?

Cleveland county will rival any county in number of family names of color. In a recent issue of The Star two administrator's notices published side by side one executor was Peter White for the W. P. White estate, and the other W. C. Black for the Eliza Green estate.

You've all read of double O McIntyre's home town of Gallipolis, Ohio, but how many of you know the correct pronunciation of the name?

Roy V. Crawford, entertaining Hickory Record columnist, broke into McIntyre's column last Sunday by giving the correct pronunciation in the following rhyme: "I have a friend who has a niece who is the belle of Gallipolis."

(As for us, knowing you're not interested; there is a town in Cleveland county, a small town but larger than our home town, which has the same name as the village which spawned this tangle o' type. Now figure it out.)

Occasionally a farmer drops into the office with the remark "I read after your writing in that colyum all the time."

That's encouraging news, and it might be well to say here that the realm of the colyum is not confined to the city limits of Shelby despite the heading over it. Human interest items, freaks, etc., from any section of the county will be welcomed. You see nearly everybody in Shelby and in the county are connected in one way or another. If you don't believe it, try to say something about somebody with at least three people listening and in your embarrassment you'll soon learn that the person talked about is related to at least one of the trio listening.

And now we are waiting on the contributions from the countryside. A good "remember when" article could easily be written by some rural resident recalling how Shelby looked when he of she shopped here ever so many years ago.

Help, please!

Shelby Shorts: Ruth Hopper and Carl Wray Webb are new entrants in the handsome young man, handsome young lady contest. The person who places the nominations is "agin" even the use of his initials. . . . The real estate agents will tell you—and they have the records for proof—that trading is on the up-and-up. . . . Mrs. Fan Barnett, back in Shelby for the federal court term, is one of the most popular girls who ever lived here. . . . Two afternoons from today—Friday—and the baseball season will be ushered in at the city park. That's how time sky-rockets by. . . . C. R. Doggett and Bass Suttle could get together a very interesting list of "remember whens," a list that would make the old-timers scratch their heads—if they only would. . . . A coincidence of last week: M. Q. H. who sent in a "remember when" article on old school days here is a brother of Mrs. Williams who had a similar contribution two days later. Neither knew the other had such in mind. . . . Did you know that Boyce Dellinger gave Courtview hotel its name? Or that the brick from Shelby's first court house can still be seen in the old Surratt residence south of Shelby?

That'll be all for today. Such as it is, it should be too much.

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