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TWINKLES

Business is better and continues to improve.

With eggs selling as they are now, egg hunts should be numerous this Easter.

A real hick would be the man who, when on a trip to New York, would go to the zoo to see the Wall Street bulls and bears and the Tammany tiger.

Bishop Cannon has not been quoted as yet in the North Carolina general assembly in the controversy about prescription whiskey in the drug stores of this State. But since he was cited in the Buncombe racing bill controversy it seems as if he should be in this one as his State, Virginia, permits her physicians to dose out bottled-in-bond.

Remembering that Louisiana sent Governor Huey Long to the United States Senate, we would not be surprised to see New York send Mayor Jimmy Walker to the same body if he is kicked out as mayor. And if he is not kicked out, it's just that much valuable campaign publicity to run for the office.

NO FARMERS CRYING

THERE MAY BE FARMERS who feel sorry for the poor legislators down at Raleigh who are now working a few days extra without pay. But if there be such, it is our opinion that they have not heard that each legislator drew \$600 for the 60 regular days of the session. The average farmer, no doubt, times being as they are, would not mind "throwing in" an extra week or so for that sum.

And the average business man might not object to a similar job during the dull season.

A CRUSADER NEWSPAPER AND A GOVERNOR WHO IS WILLING TO FIGHT

THE OBSERVERS and seers have been casting about for several weeks now attempting to point out just how the present North Carolina general assembly and its affiliated controversies and measures differ from other assemblies of the past.

Numerous oddities and unusual angles have been set forth, but insofar as The Star is concerned the major oddity, an affiliated angle, has been overlooked. Development of measures advanced by Governor Gardner and supported loyally by The Greensboro News, North Carolina's New York World, indicate that he is the most daring, unselfish statesman to step to the forefront in the State in years, or The Greensboro News has lost some of its crusading ardor and some of its zeal for advocating wholesome, economical and just government despite political parasites and leeches. And, at the outset, get it clear that we refuse to believe that the Daily News has lots any of the tolerant fighting spirit that has placed the paper among the leading outspoken journals of the South.

For years the Greensboro paper has entered the jousting lists at every opportunity to battle for a system of government that would rid itself, as much as possible, of those leeches and parasites who hang over nearly every cog of the governmental machinery. Never has the paper failed to chide every indication of political chicanery and humbug. Many leaders, and many other would-be leaders, have felt the sting of the paper's darts. Party affiliation and friendship with those involved have never prevented the paper from speaking out when it sniffed an Ethiopian in the political woodpile; and, incidentally, the best possum hound in the State has no better nose for the grinning marsupial than does the News for political trickery, buffoonery, hypocrisy and deceit. Cast back over the years and note that decades have passed since the Greensboro paper has failed to find numerous holes in the armor of all State leaders.

But put it down, from the beginning of the Gardner administration up until the present date the Governor has received no more loyal support than from The Greensboro News. In the majority of his measures the Governor has been forced to go over the heads of the legislators and defending bands of office-holders to place his cause before the public. That he has met with more success than failure can be attributed to the justness of his program, his willingness to go to the mat and fight it out for the people, and to the fact that he has been awarded consistent and brilliant cooperation in getting the people behind him.

For years the News has preached and reiterated that all departments of North Carolina government were not what they should be, and that a better government for all the people would result from a general shake-up and house-cleaning. But until this year North Carolina seemed content to amble along with the same antiquated methods and the same army of office-holders, a group with a great political power in itself. For quite a number of years the News, as we recall it, has advocated several of the revolutionary measures and changes being made by Governor Gardner, but until he came along the News seemed unable to inspire anyone to lead the attack. In many instances the News may not differ with the Gardner program, but the basic idea seems to be that which the News has battled for and sought for many years. No

wonder then at the cooperation and loyalty shown. To Governor Gardner that support must be a cheering compliment for he knows that the support does not emanate from a favoritism, obligations, or pull, but comes only from an independent leader in thought that believes his measures, when weighed with calm impartiality, are just and progressive. In view of the fact that the News has established itself as independent in expression of any party and any class except unwavering loyalty to justice for all, Governor Gardner by receiving its support has been marked in the independent mind as a leader with the courage of his convictions who will class among the greatest the State has produced.

**Around Our TOWN
Shelby SIDELIGHTS**

By RENN DRUM.

One of the best legislative puns of the year is related by Senator Peyton McSwain, who came home for the week-end to assure his family that he thought the session would end in time for him to get back again by Christmas.

The bill which would permit North Carolina doctors to write whiskey prescriptions and make it lawful for the drug stores to fill the scripts was being debated in the assembly.

One legislator was on his feet. "I'm opposed to our drug stores selling whiskey," he roared.

Up in the gallery a bone dry newspaperman cheered that unflinching statement. The legislator looked in the gallery and continued:

"Yessir, I am opposed to it, and I'll tell you why: It seems to me that the filling stations are doing a pretty good job of it, and I do not think it would be fair to take the business away from them and give it to the drug stores."

Not one ripple of applause came from the newspaperman in the gallery, tis said.

OUR WEATHER CHAT

It is almost as hard to figure out what the weatherman is going to do as it is to interpret the Wickersham report or to ascertain whether a Republican statesman is wet or dry.

February, if you recall, was a far better March month than March has been. The calendar makers ought to switch them about. Officially speaking winter took a curtain call and spring-marched on the stage at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Yet more overcoats and wraps and more shivering silhouette-dressed girls were in evidence Saturday afternoon than in weeks.

We still stick to Blum's which denotes the period from the 20th to the 25th as "the Line storm period" characterized by sudden changes of the weather which are so productive of dangerous body ailments.

We write a lot of tommyrot of that type frequently, yet we've never cared enough about what tomorrow's weather would be like to read a single forecast. It's the Kismet philosophy of life: What is to be, will be.

Runnin' round: Names are well adapted at times. Rev. John Church of Kings Mountain is an evangelist . . . And there is a moonshiner who does not live 50 miles from Shelby whose middle name is Christian . . . If you desire to give each of the two revivals going on in the city this week a fair break, go to the First Baptist morning service today and the Central Methodist service tonight . . . then reverse the program tomorrow . . . Another auto crashed into the concrete bridge at Cleveland Springs. If the state isn't hankering to erect a new bridge, rubber bumpers should be put on what is left of the one there now . . . The column's only dislike of the beauty contest is that too many readers desire to know who nominated so-and-so . . . While the beauty subject is up—the scenery in Shelby is wonderful on the Saturdays the county teachers come to town. Several of them could give Miss Shelby, when she's finally picked, a nip-and-tuck race on looks . . . The plump women who went to see Marie Dressler in "Reducing" didn't get very many valuable tips on taking off weight. Marie, bless her heart, was just as fat in the final scene as in the first one. And the average woman would be surprised how many men really like plump forms.

Since you've found out which shoulder the soldier on the Confederate monument carries his gun, see if you recall just where the hands on the town clock are.

And we're offering two-to-one and calling all comers that no one in the audience can tell just how many months, weeks and days since the old clock tick-tocked last.

It has been at least five grand juries—and four of them said something about it.

Who built the first house in Shelby?

Somebody passed along that information, and, as happens right often, it slipped out the other ear.

Some time ago this column wondered how the Dirty Ankle mountain section got its name and who named it. Thanks to J. Cullen Mull the information is ready to be broadcast over this line-mike.

In 1890, forty years ago if you're not good at figgers, John Costner, who now lives in South Shelby, and Wesley Gales dubbed that five-mile section at three county corners and the name has weathered the years.

In those days the feminine sex was as particular about hiding their limbs as many of them are about showing them in these days—and they didn't wear stockings. Think of that! The modern patooties would come nearer going out without any other apparel than without their sheer silk limb coverings. And in those days, too, the women of the mountain section wove the cloth for their dresses. In order to save material and labor the dresses were made just long enough to reach the shoe top. The soil around the Dirty Ankle community is black and it is generally known how dust will settle around the shoe tops when stockings are not worn. Any plowboy can tell you that. Well, one Sunday Costner and Gales, a couple of wise-cracking young bucks, attended church in that section. The ladies at church crossed their legs and the homemade dresses barely cleared their shoe tops. In those days an ankle was much more of a sight than is a modern bathing beauty. And that day Costner and Gales dubbed it the Dirty Ankle section.

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A good many interesting stories are related of the escapades of those two fellows. Everyone who has lived in a mountain section recalls how nearly every year a ferocious varmint is heard to send out his weird cry and howl over the mountainsides and echoing down in the valleys and coves. (We know. In our childhood back in the Brushy mountains we "dassent" go out at night without a lantern or pine-knot torch for fear a "painter" would grab us.) Costner and Gales made them two noise-making contraptions with two planed boards with strings attached. They were called "board whizzers." At night the young bucks, Costner admits now, would get on top of Carpenters knob and while their whizzers, and what an unearthly noise they would make! One night seven or eight residents of the section got enough of the queer noises from the mountain top and they journeyed out with their guns to kill the wild varmint that was terrorizing the section. Costner and his pal are living today because they managed to get behind a tree and dodge the buckshot until they could make themselves known. A varmint with a whizzing, shriekish method of howling has not been known to wail out across Carpenters Knob since that night.

If as many people attend the revival services here this week as expect to get in the Easter parade on April 5th, then the column would advise that several extra ushers be added to the force.

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