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TWINKLES

There will be much interest over Cleveland county, The Star suspects in the naming of the new force of deputies who will go into office under Sheriff Irvin Allen when he is sworn in Monday.

OTHER MEN'S WIVES

GOVERNOR GARDNER has received a letter from a writer who urges that he pass a law to stop married men from running around with unmarried girls and the wives of other men. If other legislation is too congested for the Governor to comply with the request, he might write back and suggest that married men could not run around with unmarried girls and other men's wives if the girls and wives refused to go. Takes two, you know, to make a trade.

SECURE GOOD SPEAKER

IT IS ANNOUNCED in today's Star by high school officials that Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general of North Carolina, has been secured to make the address to the senior class at the Shelby High school commencement the latter part of next month. The school and the graduating class are to be congratulated upon their success in bringing Mr. Brummitt here for the biggest occasion of the year for the school and one of the major occasions of life for the young boys and girls who will that day be leaving high school forever. Mr. Brummitt is an able speaker, a leading statesman and for some time has been considered a prospective candidate for governor of the State in 1932. All this section is naturally interested in all of the men talked of as possible successors to Cleveland county's first governor, O. Max Gardner.

A MASTER SPORTSMAN PASSES

KNUTE ROCKNE, "Old Rock," was to football what Bobby Jones is to golf, what Lindbergh is to aviation, and what Rockefeller is to finance—and more. And with a blinding, almost unbelievable suddenness, Rockne died this week in an airplane crash in Kansas.

The Norwegian boy who came to America and scaled the heights of fame was without doubt the greatest genius the various branches of the sport world knew. Only 12 times in 13 years did his great football teams leave a field in defeat. For years America has thought of football in terms of Rockne as the nation thinks of baseball and Babe Ruth simultaneously. But Ruth is a mere player; Rockne was a psychological inspiration. His genius, his belief in the rhythmic combination of physical speed and quick thinking, his advocacy of clean living and fair play, have spurred thousands of American boys onward on the gridiron and into the game of life. Few, if any, deaths could have left a bigger gap, one felt more generally throughout a nation, in any class of modern civilization than that of the famous Notre Dame coach.

In paying final tribute to a sportsman unexcelled it is recalled that in the realms of monarchy it is "The King is Dead! Long Live the King!" Rockne was undoubtedly the King of Football, and the one consoling thought emerging from the clouds of gloom now enveloping the world of sports is that Wallace Wade, Duke University coach, stands head and shoulders above the many who may aspire to Rockne's place as the psychological leader of the great gridiron game.

WOULD HELP THE WEALTHY

SUPPORTERS OF THE general sales tax or the luxury tax methods of providing funds for the State support of schools in North Carolina would make the little man believe that the imposition of either tax with the removal of all land taxes would relieve him and place more of the burden upon those more able to bear it. Such, as Governor Gardner declared in his masterful address opposing a special tax, would not be the case. The tossing out of that variety of propaganda to the little man is merely the following of an ancient custom of bunking the little fellow into putting another yoke about his neck.

Those who read the Raleigh News and Observer are lead to believe that all of Eastern Carolina is up in arms to put over the MacLean measure in any manner possible. But the Raleigh paper does not have the full support of the press of Eastern Carolina in that view. Read this from the Elizabeth City Advance, a paper that keeps in close touch with the people:

The News and Observer would apparently leave the impression that this (the sales tax) would mean a lifting of a burden of \$332,811.28 from the backs of the small farmers and home owners in the foregoing counties. It would be interesting to inquire, however, how much of this relief would go to the Norfolk Southern railroad, how much of it would go to the Roper Lumber company, how much of it would go to the Richmond Cedar works and how much to other big absentee landlords? How much of it would go to wealthy owners of city real estate that is paying a fair return on the money invested in it? Moreover, it is not contended that the MacLean act would reduce the cost of schools? If the railroads, the lumber companies, other big corporations,

and the absentee landlords are going to pay less taxes than heretofore, it stands to reason that more money than heretofore for the support of the schools is going to come out of the pockets of the plain people?

The people of this section who know A. D. MacLean of Beaufort can not help but smile when they see Mr. MacLean hailed all over the state as the champion of the tax burdened farmer and small home owner. They know MacLean as a corporation lawyer. They know him as division counsel for the Norfolk Southern railroad and the Roper Lumber Company. They know him as an astute Scotchman. But they never before heard of him hailed as the friend and champion of the small home owner and dirt farmer. They just can't escape a suspicion that when Mr. MacLean talks of the tax burdened landowner he is thinking of the impoverished Norfolk Southern railroad and the land poor Roper Lumber company that under the ad valorem system are contributing so largely to the support of the public schools in North Carolina.

Mr. MacLean in the heat of debate the other day intimated that in his speech before the general assembly against the sales tax, Hinsdale or Day, Governor Gardner had either made a jackass of himself or assumed somebody else was one. Well, according to an ancient authority, the ass knoweth his master's crib. And if it's a question of whether O. Max Gardner or Angus Dhu MacLean, is making an ass of himself in this sales tax fight The Advance will have to vote for Mr. MacLean.

It should be noted, also, that the Elizabeth City paper is not the only Eastern Carolina newspaper which differs with the Raleigh paper.

The Wilmington Star says "Stop the sales tax and save the State." The Wilmington News terms it "a shackle on business and industry." The Durham Herald says "There is no fairness in either tax." The Kinston Free Press, which supports the MacLean bill but not the sales tax method of raising the needed revenue, says "The Free Press is in accord with Governor Gardner in opposing the sales tax." And the Fayetteville Observer joins the others in commending the Governor for his stand.

In conclusion, it is generally known that the press and people of Piedmont and Western Carolina are opposed any form of special tax. All these look to the upper house of the general assembly to save them this week from such an unjust method of taxation. This may or may not be done when this is read, but the widespread opposition to either form of special taxation is set down here as a matter of record.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Perhaps you hadn't noticed it, but times have been hard ever since the town clock stopped running.

That observation ought to cause the next grand jury to say something more about getting the old tick-tocker going.

Just a memory tickler: How many rainy ends of the month have there been since last September.

Shelby Shorts: Somehow we had hoped that the bill collectors would do a little April fooling Wednesday morning, but they didn't; by 9 o'clock the stairway was filled . . . One of the comely entrants in the Miss Shelby contest is of the opinion that T. H. is the best looking fellow entered in the Mister Shelby contest. That might be a good idea: Let the Miss Shelby entrants vote on the best looking man, and in turn have the candidates for the Mister Shelby honors say just which lady should be Miss Shelby . . . And a young girl, who claims to abhor dates, is positive that J. T. Bowman is Shelby's handsomest man . . . The students of the No. 3 school should be careful; they may cause this colm to become unduly egotistical by inviting us to be a judge in triangular debates and such as that. Still they haven't informed how many of them could tell, without looking it up, who was the candidate for vice president when J. W. Davis ran for president on the Democratic ticket . . . Ever see Bill Osborne, the hardware man, without a cigar? Or Jim Austell when he wasn't willing to talk about dogs or chickens? . . . There'll be a lot of chatter about Mrs. So-and-So's hat this time Sunday afternoon. And any amount of exclaiming about the form-fitting, cling-to-me dress that Miss Johnnie Doe wore . . . Wonder how many Shelby men will wear spats in the Easter parade?

Clyde Hoey gave the superior court room a good laugh this week. The popular attorney hasn't been in the court room regularly this term, but he halted long enough to relate this one:

A cook, he said, in a Shelby home had picked up the evening paper and was reading it while the family ate supper. After the meal the cook asked her mistress, "What's all dis here 'companionate marriage' dey talkin' so much about in de papers?"

"Oh! that means," the lady of the house replied, "that a couple decides to live together and try out married life for awhile before deciding whether or not they will marry for keeps."

"Lawsy me!" exclaimed the cook. "You white folks is gittin' mo' lack us cullud folks every day."

Jimmy Love, the man who gave the land on which Shelby is built to the new county of Cleveland for a county seat, was not a harness-maker, but a farmer. So informs Mr. Sam Andrews, who, being a direct descendant, should know what he is talking about.

This from Mr. J. L. Putnam, an esteemed reader of the colm: "Tell the No. 3 school children that the Queen variety of sweet potato makes a bloom occasionally, but they are late in the fall. I have never seen any seed. I have seen many Irish potatoes seed on the old unimproved varieties. Possibly that is the reason you had so many reports of little tomatoes on Irish potato vines."

"Ask the No. 3 students these questions:
1.—Which way does a bean vine wrap around a stake?
2.—Which way does a watermelon seed point—to the heart or to the rind?
3.—Is there any fruit or vegetable, growing above ground, that produces without bloom or tassel?
4.—What is the sunny side of an old cow with her tail to the wind?"

And here, if readers will try to answer the questions before reading on, are the answers:

1.—A bean vine follows the sun. A hop vine goes the reverse.
2.—In some cases watermelon seed point both ways.
3.—A fig is said to produce without a bloom, but it has what we call a bloom on the inside and produces an abundance of seed.

4.—The outside of the cow.

A little o' this'n' that, but not much of anything: There will never be another Knute Rockne . . . R. L. Ryburn, dean of the Shelby bar, is back from his annual winter siesta in Florida . . . Odd McIntyre was wrong. The last syllable of the movie title "Cimarron" is not pronounced "roon" but "ron." That's how we thumb our nose at the big boys—when we know they never see it . . . The April Fool announcement saying that McMurry and Dorsey had withdrawn from the race for mayor and that Lon Hamrick had won the cigarette prize caused more talk than any feature story The Star has published this year . . . How many people know what subject the high school debaters are arguing about in their annual triangular debate this week . . . Lindsay Dail, The Star's ad expert, was a trained actor in the Little Theatre at Rocky Mount, but he is being called upon too much for his services in that line in Shelby to permit him enough spare time to look about and find THE main reason why a man who once eats a peck of corn meal in Shelby always stays here "fum now on" . . . The husband of Ruth Turner, former Shelby girl, is Wilton Garrison, of The Spartanburg Herald, one of the best sportwriters in the Carolinas . . .

Just one more before supper: How many chimneys on the Court-view hotel building.

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