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TWINKLES

One thing the lawmakers in Raleigh are missing by not being at home, and that's the first-of-the-month bill collectors. But, oh my, when they do get home!

With the passing of Mr. Sam Andrews, a highly respected citizen, only one child of Dr. W. P. Andrews, an important figure in Shelby's early history, is left. Gradually the ties with the past are being broken.

WHAT! A CLEAR SATURDAY?

NO MATTER WHAT the weatherman may say of tomorrow's weather, it's dollars to doughnuts that every merchant in Shelby will have to be shown that it isn't raining before they believe it. For that matter, who could blame them? Nine rainy Saturdays in succession. That's enough to discourage and dishearten the most optimistic of business men who look forward to Saturday as the big day of the week. It can easily be realized now that the weather plays an important role in the plans of business men as well as those of farmers. And just as the merchant looks for shopping activity on Saturday, so do his prospective patrons anticipate the Saturday shopping. For the benefit of all those concerned, let's hope that the weatherman predicts a fair Saturday and doesn't make an erroneous prediction; or if he forecasts rain, let's hope that he blunders as he has often done in the past. The groundhog has never brought along anything worse than nine consecutive wet weather Saturdays—and nine is enough and too much.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

DO YOU INTEND TO VOTE in Shelby's municipal election Monday?

Likely there are a number of citizens in Shelby who will not vote because their viewpoint is that "my one vote will not change it one way or the other."

Those are the citizens The Star would urge to go to the polls Monday. Every vote is worthwhile.

In urging the people to go to the polls there and vote in the recent city election, The Gastonia Gazette passed along the tip that one vote does make a difference.

"One vote," said the Gazette, "gave Texas to the United States; one vote elected Governor Morton of Massachusetts in 1839; one vote made California a part of the Union; one vote decided who should be president of the United States in 1876; one vote elected Oliver Cromwell to the famous 'Long Parliament'; one vote sent Charles I to the scaffold; one vote revolutionized England; and one vote made Great Britain free."

Your vote, although only one vote, does matter. It may be very important Monday. In commenting on The Gazette's advice, The Asheville Citizen recalls that a very important senatorial election in the South in recent history was swayed by 150 votes. Grover Cleveland won the presidency in 1884 by just 1,149 votes.

The Star urges every citizen to go to the polls Monday and vote. How your vote is cast is a matter for your own judgment. Vote for the men you think best fitted for office; the men you think will best serve the interests of all Shelby.

ARKANSAS' LESSON

A CHILD, THE HOMESPUN philosophers of old said, does not learn that it is dangerous to play with fire until he burns his fingers.

Grownups, sections, and even entire States seem to need similar pain inflicted upon them before they learn.

For several years Governor Gardner and other leaders have been urging North Carolina people to grow their own food, to live at home. The advice has been followed to a certain extent, but not enough.

One of the chief causes of agricultural turmoil in the South is that farmers of the Southern States seem to have forgotten how to live at home in the last decade or so.

Agriculture will never get back on its feet in the South and start advancing without wobbly steps until Southern farmers produce everything they can for their own consumption.

Out in Arkansas they know that now. The knowledge came in a painful manner. Surely, Arkansas' lesson and Arkansas's comeback should spur other States onward in avoiding the calamity that must eventually descend if our farmers keep shooting the works on cash crops and fail to grow the necessary food and feed crops.

That's how The Spartanburg Herald looks at it in the following comment:

She may never change her name, but she's already changed her tactics. Arkansas, through whose scorched farm lands starvation stalked not so long ago, has learned her lesson—a lesson that the entire agricultural South will do well to study. Just as a youngster must have his insides mashed out before he learns that life is real and life is earnest, the farmer of Arkansas had to stand in bread lines before it dawned on him that one-crop farming is ruinous.

"Raise your own food" is the cry that rings through-



out that state. And with all tillable land under cultivation, ample finances, good farming weather and a wave of optimism running rampant, Arkansas is setting out to make good that slogan. Backyard gardens are flowering from the Mississippi to Fort Smith. Cotton has been kicked out and food takes its place. Arkansas knows now that a farmer doesn't have to have cash to prosper.

She has opened her last can of salmon and tied her last bale of hay to the bumper. She may go to the table naked, but Arkansas is gonna eat.

THE "LITTLE MAN" STILL PAYS

WHEN THIS IS READ the North Carolina general assembly may have adopted one form of sales tax. At least, at the time this was written indications were that one form of sales tax will be the final solution of the controversy that has kept the assembly deadlocked for weeks.

The Star continues to hope, however, that such will not be the case. If a sales tax does go on to support the schools, our prediction is that it will not be two years before farmers of the State will realize that they have been made the goats once more. Many farmers believe otherwise, perchance because they have not been given the full facts.

Whether you are for or against a sales tax the following summary, by The Charlotte Observer, on how a sales tax will hit the little man should hold your attention for an hour or so:

The farmers are beginning to realize that the anti-sales tax legislators who are standing firm against imposition of that sort of tax are the real friends of "the little man." The Raleigh Times, in repeating some old truths, the force of which has grown as sales tax incidents have developed, puts the clincher to the situation at Raleigh when it affirms that no sales tax can be the friend of the tiller of the soil, that it is their enemy, and it classes these legislators who, recognizing its evils, are fighting against it to the last ditch, as the real partners of the little man. The MacLean law supporters evidently think the money is in the overall pockets of the farmer and the wage earners, for they would place a tax on the necessities of life, or its simple pleasures. These simple indulgencies of the poor have been inaptly termed "luxuries." The people are being brought into realization of the facts, repeated by The Times, that sales taxes are not taxes on corporations. The Nuisance Tax is not a tax on tobacco manufacturers. Both are taxes paid by the purchaser of retail merchandise.

While either form of proposed sales tax would damage trade and industry of the State, not one penny of the tax would be paid by the tobacco companies, the power companies, the railroads or other corporations. The tax tribute would be extracted from every man or woman, regardless of ability to pay, who purchased an article that is taxed.

The farmers of North Carolina should awaken to a realization of the facts. The farmer would have to pay his proportionate part of the millions of dollars ad valorem tax taken off corporations under the provisions of the MacLean Law.

Under a general sales tax, according to the heads of five leading farm organizations of the State, the farmer would pay far more taxes for the MacLean school plan than he is now paying.

The Nuisance Tax takes no tribute from diamond rings or fur coats (true luxuries), but places a levy on soft drinks, tobacco, theater admissions, shotgun shells, flippers, and other items in general use by the farmer.

(Note: Since the above was written the so-called "luxury" tax plan has been passed by the general assembly. The operation of the new tax plan should soon reveal whether or not the people consider the articles taxed as real luxuries or simple pleasures of life and semi-necessities. By it the little man still pays the bill because the "luxury" tax plan will strike the retail consumer without touching the big firms and interests, as its advocates claim.)

Nobody's Business
By Gee McGee

flat rock socials
... Mrs. Sallie Finn and her son, Jim, spent last Sunday with her other son, Bill, and he come home with them and stayed till Monday, and so did his wife.

... Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jerrygo worshipped at Rehober church last Wednesday night at prayer meeting in his new Ford which he got with his bonus. She picked out the 2 door, as there is only 2 of them so far.

... the mission nerry society is trying to raise 75 to plant some rose bushes around the front door of the first baptist and will hold an oyster supper next saddy night, they will hafta hurry, as there ain't no "in" in may, and then oysters won't be fitten to eat. everybody come and fetch c35.

... the 2 men who robbed the filling station here not long ago has been ketches in n. c. with his hick's pistol which they took away

from him and then stole his cash drawers and 35 and maybe more, as he had not counted up his receipts. The governor has been asked to give recker nishion papers and they will be brought back here to the chain-gang.

... the pool room stays crowded nearly all of the time, the city hall is feeding some folks and after they get plenty to eat, they seem to enjoy a game of pool for exercise one of them got mad not long ago because the charity committee would dent give him no feed for his dog and snuff for his wife, and his nam in the head, he escaped with his dog

... a right smart of sickness is about, including the fluze and the new money which has settled in ma. Jones left lung and the dr. says if he gets well, he will hafta breathe through the other one. measles broke out in scholl and has been scattered fur and wide omne' count of the woman would not quaranteen her boys, but said everybody had to have them, and why not now. the bored of health rote her a letter, but as she couldnt read, it never amounted to nothing.

... a nice horse was found dead Friday by the policeman as he was coming home from a still which he raided, but he has not been claimed so far. it looks like he had been dead a good while and whoever lost him may never know what become of him if they don't read this. well, mr. editor, as i don't feel verry well, i will close for this time. rite or foam if you get this in time to come out this week as usual.

yores trulle,
mike Clark, rfd.

Mike is on the Verge of a Fortune.
flat rock, s. c., may the 1, 1931.
mr. a. d. sulkey, attorney,
indian apollis, ind.
deer sir:

i notis yer ad in the paper trying to locate the hairs at law of one jhon wilson jones who dide up there and left his fortune behind, and you say he come from the south. i recon he did come from the south as he was my unclie on my grand-paws side so hold up giving anything of hissen away till further notified.

i looked unclie jhon up in the Bible and he was born edactly 68 yr. ago, just as you sed, and he moved up north when he was 18, and that is rote down in the Bible right under where he was borned, he limped in his left leg when he left here, and no doubt he had to cut same off later on, and that's why he had only 1 leg when he dide andsoforth.

so far as i can see, i am the closest of kin to him, so please send me anny ready cash he might of had, and if i find anybody else who can prove closer kin to unclie jhon than i was, i will give him 45 and send you yore commish on same, you sed he was red headed, and that is so, as i was red-headed for a long time myself, but it finely turned black omne' count of the measles which backset on me.

hold his land also, and if necessary, i will fetch the Bible up that he was born in and also a th. type of him if i can get his sister, aunt luey, to let me have one, and if i can't get hern, i will make his 4 brothers look 1 up for me, but don't rite anny of them down here, as i will look after everything for you

i will sell my intrest out to you for 75\$, so if you want to take over my one hair's intrest, which is all that is repper sented down here, send a monney order at once, and no check, and i will sign anny papers that you might see fit to fix up so's i can relinquish all my title in and for the sed fortune, to have and to hold, all and singular forever to you and yore hairs.

now, mr. sukke, don't put off sending my intrest at once, as i need money now worse than i ever did while unclie jhon was living, rite or foam when i can look for the 75\$.

yores trulle,
mike Clark, rfd.
hair at law

The independent class is the one that doesn't have any breakfast if the dependent class doesn't show up to cook it.—Medford Mail-Tribune

Ancient Egyptian pottery recently dug up was found to be unbroken. The servant shortage must be older than we thought.—The Hum- orist.

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