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### TWINKLES

#### MORE THAN ONE "LAW"

EACH DAY FOR TWO MONTHS The Raleigh News and Observer has insisted, reiterated and emphasized that the MacLean measure for State support of schools is a LAW and not a mere bill or resolution.

Day after day The News and Observer has reminded, "Remember it is a LAW." Senators and representatives must have seen that word, "LAW," in capital letters so often that by now every dream, or nightmare, is centered about the three letters, L-A-W, ten feet high, and black as the proverbial ace of spades.

The News and Observer has the privilege of wearing out the capital "L," "A," and "W" matrices in every linotype magazine in that office, and The Star does not deny the paper that right. But so repeatedly have we been told, in loud-speaker type, that the MacLean measure is a LAW that we have about reached the conclusion that there is only one LAW, the MacLean LAW, and all these thousands of other things we've been believing to be laws are nothing but mere pipe dreams.

Is it possible that The News and Observer has argued the MacLean measure is a LAW so long that it has now convinced itself it is a LAW and that there are no other laws but the MacLean LAW? Let us see—

One of the behind-the-scenes sore spots in the present general assembly is the fact that the less populous eastern section has a larger proportionate representation in the general assembly than does the more populous piedmont section. As an example, four eastern Carolina counties with a combined population no greater than the population of Cleveland county have more than four times the representatives Cleveland has. Is that the equal representation a democratic form of government supposedly provides? Is there no law that should give equal representation? If the Constitution of the State of North Carolina is a meaningless jumble of so many thousand words, then there is no such law.

The Constitution of the State provides that after every census count the first session of the general assembly shall redistrict the State and give equal representation according to population. The United States census count was made last year. The session of the general assembly which has been in session 120 days, wrangling for a great portion of the time about how to finance the MacLean LAW, should have passed a redistricting measure giving piedmont Carolina the representation it is entitled to by the Constitution. This has not been done, and likely will not be done. Is it because there is only one LAW and that LAW nullifies and kills the Constitution of the State?

Maybe The Concord Tribune has it about right when it says "The Constitutional LAW is plain enough, yet we find a very indifferent Senate likely to adjourn without taking action. As a matter of fact the less populous East is destined by rights to lose some of its representation to the more populous Piedmont and that's where the rub comes. They have a majority now, under the old census figures, and they know full well that if this LAW is complied with they won't have such an important voice in state-wide legislation hereafter."

The News and Observer, termed in the halls of the general assembly as "the self-appointed dictator of North Carolina," has reiterated time and again that a major portion of the citizens of North Carolina are for the MacLean LAW. Perhaps the Raleigh paper can express the convictions of the people better than all others combined by basing the expression upon eastern Carolina letters and communications while overlooking the fact that the most densely populated section of the State has not swamped the editorial office with an expression of similar sentiment. But if The News and Observer desires that the people be permitted to express their own sentiments, why has that paper not hounded the general assembly day after day to obey the Constitution and redistrict the assembly representation according to the 1930 population count?

One hundred citizens of Piedmont Carolina have no more voice or influence, if as much, according to the present districting of the general assembly as do 60 citizens of eastern Carolina. Is that fair and just? Is the Constitution being obeyed when one section of the State controls the entire State despite the fact that other sections are more populous? Did not The News and Observer approve the granting of an additional congressman to North Carolina because the 1930 census gave the State a population increase that entitled us to another congressman? Then why not follow the State Constitution and give piedmont North Carolina the senators and representatives the section is entitled to? In 1928, would not Editor Daniels have howled if as many Smith delegates as Hull delegates had been sent to the Houston convention? He would have been entitled to the howl because at the State convention the Hull strength was greater than the Smith strength. Why not apply the same principle to legislative representation, even if the Constitution did not clearly demand it?

Surely, there is more than one LAW.

## TOPNOTCHERS by KET



Tomorrow the few remaining "boys in gray," the rapidly thinning line of the thin gray line that followed Lee and Jackson, will be the guests of the local U. D. C. chapter and of Shelby. Every courtesy and kindness should be shown these noble old fellows. With the passing of a few more years all Confederates will have joined their comrades in the final bivouac and it will not be our pleasure to entertain them many times again.

This section has had ten rainy Saturdays and the eleventh may be just a day in the offing. So many consecutive rainy Saturdays have caused many of us to complain, but, as always, there seems to be a silver lining to the dark clouds of Saturdays. The Greer (S. C.) Citizen reminds: "Every rainy Saturday now, may mean a big Saturday next fall when the crops come in. Much rainfall is required to make a crop in this section, and Nature is merely catching up with the rain job."

Citizens not acquainted with the parliamentary phases and technicalities of the general assembly have been puzzled this year as to the status of the revenue bill for State schools. A bill must pass three readings in the house and in the senate and be ratified before it becomes a law. The confusion about the luxury tax bill arose in that some thought it fully ratified after passing three readings in the house, but it was necessary for it to pass three readings in the senate, which it failed to do, or had failed to do when this was written.

### HAPPIER DAYS AHEAD

PREDICTIONS OF PROSPERITY have been so numerous in the past year that there is a prevailing inclination to greet rosy forecasts with scorn.

Despite this attitude, The Star is inclined to prophesy that by the time the big Cleveland County Fair gates swing open this fall the outlook will be far brighter than it has been, and business generally will be improved with a spirit of optimism and good cheer in the air.

Why such a prediction? A former Shelby man coming here for a visit this week from Eastern Carolina said: "It's remarkable how things have picked up down our way. The berry season is on, berries are selling for a fairly good price, more money is in circulation and people are going about singing and whistling now instead of drooping around in clouds of despair as they were only a few months ago."

The fall season should bring similar conditions to this section. The cotton crop will be headed for the market then with the prospect of higher prices. The Star, however, does not base the prophecy of a prosperous fall season entirely upon the money sent into circulation by the sale of the cotton crop. Instead, the main basis of the prediction is that a live-at-home program adopted to a greater extent this year by Cleveland farmers than in many years will result in more actual profit from the cash crop. On every hand it is evident that Cleveland farmers will this year purchase very few things that they could have produced themselves. As a result there will be fewer bills to pay this fall. The corn and wheat crops are larger and there has been a general increase in acreage devoted to food and feed crops. Cleveland county farmers may not have a cash income this fall as large as they have had in bygone years, but their living expenses for the year will be far less. All of which might cause one to philosophize that the depression has had its good effects. Back a few years ago when Cleveland county farmers were growing a cotton crop that brought in thousands and thousands of dollars each fall they were also neglecting their feed crops and paying out a big percentage of their cotton money for hay, corn and other feed grown elsewhere. It all reverts back to the old slogan of thrift—"It's not what you make, but what you save that counts."

Remember the prediction: This fall when the Cleveland County Fair opens there will be much evidence of a renewed and more substantial prosperity.

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## Fallston News Of Current Week

Dr. Laakey Attend Dental Meeting. Personal of People Visiting About.

Fallston, May 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Eldin Barnette and Prof. Myers of West Jefferson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Wise of Lincolnton spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lee and daughters visited Mr. Ed Hoyle and children of Charlotte Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Crow of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoyle Sunday.

Dr. A. A. Laakey left for Winston-Salem Monday to attend a dental meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Elkins spent the last of last week with relatives in Charlotte.

Miss Martha Sue Royster spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Pegram at Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morris and children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Green Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bridges and son of the Pleasant Grove section spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warlick.

Mr. J. A. Sinclair of Newport News visited Mrs. G. C. Biggerstaff Sunday. His wife returned with him after spending several weeks with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee Hoyle and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clem Martin and children.

Mrs. Peeler Childress and Miss Elva Childress of Drexel is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Leonhardt.

Miss Velma Propst of North Brook visited Miss Jessie Baxter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Warlick of Casar spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warlick.

#### Charlotte Visitors.

The following were Charlotte visitors Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edmonds, Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Gary and Miss Charline Stamey.

Miss Wray Hendrick spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Viola Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone Elliott were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Elliott of Lincolnton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hoyle and children visited Mrs. Hoyle's mother, Mrs. W. C. Biggerstaff at Hickory Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dellinger and children spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hoover at Lincolnton.

Mrs. W. H. Norman of the Pleasant Grove section spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wright.

Miss Eliza Stamey spent the day Sunday with Miss Cereida Lackey.

Miss Aliene Hoyle spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fortenbury.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edmonds visited Mr. and Mrs. Stough Beam Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Morgan spent the day Sunday with Miss Stella Wright.

Mrs. Leola Hoyle visited Mrs. Far-

vis Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Peeler and children of Belwood visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Murray at Waco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gardner of near Beams Mill spent Sunday with Mrs. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Nantz Lattimore and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Burman Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bridges spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hoyle visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hoyle Sunday evening.

Miss Minnie Mull of near Toluca spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Clara Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stamey spent the afternoon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fern Williams.

Miss Minnie Royster is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Royster.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elliott of Waco spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Adial Elliott.

Mr. Grier Murray of High Point was a Fallston visitor Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Lackey and Mrs. A. A. Lackey were Charlotte visitors Monday.

Mrs. D. C. Beam has returned to her home after spending a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. Ed De-camp at Gaffney, S. C.



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