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## TWINKLES

"Lying," said Judge E. Yates Webb in Federal court, "is worse than making liquor," and then he sentenced a colored woman to prison. Presumably, she did both.

If you are not booked up in advance for tonight, do not miss the opportunity of hearing Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt in his address to the graduating class at Central high school.

The comics have a way of irritating now and then. For instance: Henrietta—the Widow Zander—cleaning up \$500,000 on the Tom Carr stock just at a time when many of us are inclined to believe there isn't that much money in the world.

## LENDING A NEEDED HAND

FARMERS AND OTHERS who have given aid to the farmers in Cleveland county communities who were sorely stricken by storm damage last week are to be commended as are others who will continue to give aid this week and next. It is typical of the Cleveland county spirit, typical of the bigheartedness shown in one Cleveland community a year or so ago when neighbors came in and rebuilt in a day the barn of a farmer which had been badly damaged by fire. It is the neighborly, helpful spirit evident every time disaster and misfortune come along.

If you haven't extended a hand, it isn't too late.

## A ROTTEN AMERICAN SYSTEM

STRICT REGULATIONS which are strictly enforced prevent incapable and irresponsible pilots from the controls of airplanes. Only recently one well known pilot was "grounded" for life for an infraction of the rules. Motor travel is considerably more advanced than aviation, but from the standpoint of safety aviation appears to be far ahead of the automobile age. Day after day automobile crashes claim scores of human lives. In North Carolina the daily death toll stood for a time at two per day. Yet, for some carelessness and unintentional suicide reason, or no reason, we are not as strict about automobile drivers and safety on the highways. Often people declare they will not take a chance on an airplane ride, but every day they motor out on a highway where death stalks at every turn. The modern automobile is as safe as a rocking chair on the front porch, if safety regulations are strict—and enforced. It isn't the automobile that kills them; it's the driving and the recklessness.

## PROUD OF SUCH FARMERS

THE FARMER WHO LIVES at home and boards at the same place these days is a mater of community and county pride. Recently The Star told of the farm activities of Butler Dixon, who is just such a farmer, and the story caused The Monroe Journal to begin looking for farmers of the Dixon type in Union county. Says The Journal:

The Shelby Star tells of a farmer in Cleveland county who is a model of the live-at-home and be prosperous idea, Mr. Butler Dixon of No. 4 Township. He has a peg to hang everything on. We would like for some one to write to The Journal and tell about some Union county farmer of this type. We will give a year's subscription for the best true story about such a man.

Cleveland county has other farmers who follow the same general policies as does Mr. Dixon and in encouraging the live-at-home movement, the best plan of salvation now for the farmer, The Star would appreciate details about the activities of other Cleveland men who grow their own hog and hominy.

## NEED CURB MARKET HERE

TIME AND AGAIN The Star has stressed the need of a curb market in Shelby for farm products. Frequently information comes along to show the value of such markets to farm women.

Mrs. W. R. Neville, marketing leader for Halifax county, states that curb markets, operated under home demonstration supervision in 29 of the largest towns in North Carolina, give the farm women a greater incentive to work.

"It isn't half as hard to milk a cow twice every day if you know you can dispose of the surplus milk and butter," Mrs. Neville says. "It used to be when we needed a few extra dollars we would take a few chickens, some butter and eggs to town.

"After trying the stores, hotels and some private homes and hearing the same old story of 'I'm sorry, I've just bought,' or 'I don't need any today,' we would go back home tired out, the gas all gone, put the butter back on the pantry shelf and turn the chickens loose in the same old yard.

"The picture is now changing. The curb market gets the buyer and seller together as nothing else does."

Mrs. Neville said that the Rosemary-Roanoke Rapids curb market, at which she sells, has paid the producers nearly \$3,000 in 12 weeks of operation.

The first Saturday 25 women sold \$104.13. This was doubled the next Saturday with sales amounting to \$208.94. The high point of sales was made March 16 when \$260.57 worth of surplus produce from farms was disposed of. There

## TOPNOTCHERS by KET



STARTING in 1921 ON THE TRAIL FROM BANTAM INTO THE HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS STRIBLING HAS ESTABLISHED A RECORD OF 122 KNOCKOUTS TO DATE

W.L. Stribling

STRIBLING SHOWED A MARKED APTITUDE FOR BOXING WHEN VERY YOUNG

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are now 92 farm men and women selling on the market.

One farmer has sold \$282 worth of fresh meat; a farm woman sold \$60.57 worth of flowers and poultry; another selling mainly cakes, has received \$46.80 for her produce, and, a third, selling odds and ends of surplus things from home has realized \$53.35 from the market.

Mrs. Neville said this money goes usually to meet obligations long past due, provides conveniences in the home, helps supply the family table with necessities which cannot be grown at home, or helps to keep the boys and girls in school.

Except for the curb market, the leader continued, the money which comes in so well would not have passed through the hands of the farmers and their wives.

## HOW THE NEW TAX PLAN WORKS

THE NEWS THAT THE new-tax measure, which was finally adopted by the legislature this week after a compromise last week, would lop off two-thirds of the present school tax on land in Cleveland county was, naturally, received with interest. The slashing of taxes is always good news to taxpayers and practically all of us are in that class.

Many, however, have not as yet fully understood the working of the compromise revenue bill. In its details it will not be thoroughly understood until the various county boards assemble and begin readjusting their policies to prepare their new budgets by a re-arranged system. The original MacLean movement had as its goal the abolishing of all land tax for schools. At the outset wise leaders realized, however, that it would be a difficult task to arrange a revenue bill without any land, or ad valorem tax, as after all, property is the basic structure of the best known taxation system. It could have been done by shifting the burden entirely to industry or upon the backs of the average people in the form of a special tax on so-called luxuries used by the masses. The compromise leaves 15 cents, or only one-third of the present Cleveland county levy, on land and shifts the remainder to corporations and business men. As a result corporations will pay the highest tax in the history of the State in franchises, licenses and incomes. They will benefit, however, from the land tax reduction in that the slash in ad valorem taxes will lessen their visible property tax load just as it will lessen that of the farmer and landowner. Merchants of the State, due to the compromise measure, escaped the one percent general sales tax and the average consumer will not be bothered with a "nuisance" tax on tobaccos and such as that, but the new bill does hit the merchant in that he will pay a license tax of one-tenth of one percent of their gross receipts.

All new systems must be given a trial before their merits can be classified, but the conference revenue measure bears the earmarks of wise adjustment. The farmer and landowner with the land tax for schools whittled down to 15 cents are considerably better off, as a little figuring will show in each individual instance, than they were with the entire school load on land. Corporations and business will shoulder the remainder of the load and The Star believes the fair-minded farmer will readily reach the conclusion that the shift was a real relief and that it would have been asking too much to wish the entire load off on business and industry as the MacLeanites attempted. In fact, news from Raleigh has it that Mr. MacLean is pretty well satisfied. Perhaps, after all, he asked for the whole works to get what he did get just as a lawyer files suit for \$100,000 many times with the knowledge that he would be content to get \$20,000 for his client. When the smoke from all the wrangling clears away it is believed that the people will realize that Governor Gardner's legislative policies have meant much to the people as a whole. The new highway plan will remove a big slice of road taxes from land, the central purchasing agency will save additional money, and school tax on land is cut to 15 cents. Rabid bitter-enders of the MacLean faction harassed and criticised the Governor for not supporting their scheme to take all school tax off land, declaring that he was not interested in the welfare of the little man. All of which is tommyrot. The general assembly this year under Governor Gardner—and everyone will realize it in the sane, fair contemplation when the fuss dies down—has brought greater relief to the average taxpayer than has any assembly in the history of the State.

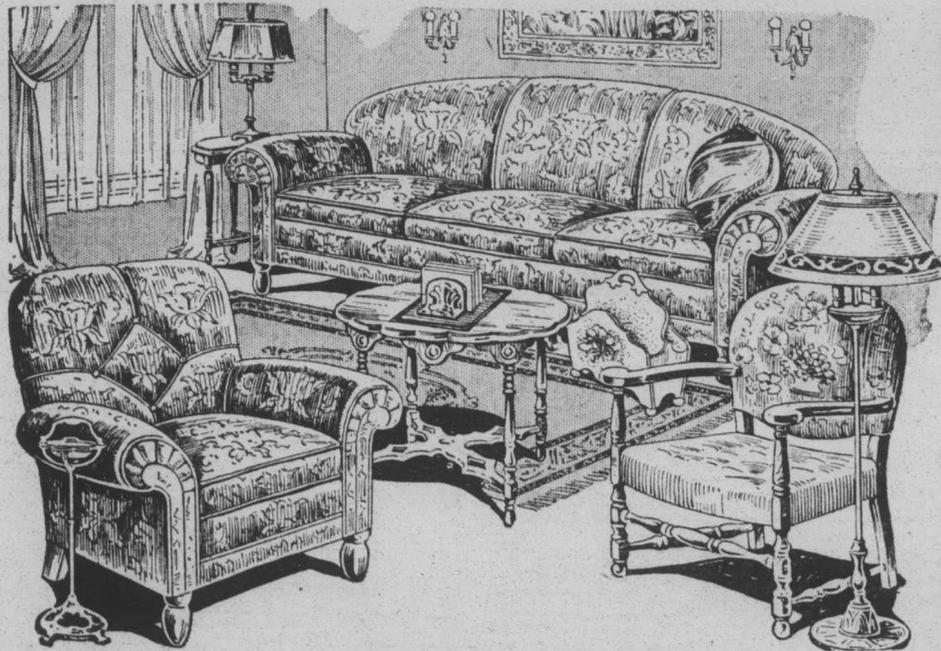
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