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TWINKLES

Another puzzling thing is that very few hitch-hikers are among the hundreds of pedestrians killed by autos each year.

Very little has been heard of the boll weevil this year. Perhaps cotton is so cheap the weevil will not be bothered with it.

Wonder how W. O. Saunders, the independent editor of The Elizabeth City Independent, feels now that the women have taken up his day-time pajama fad?

Mr. Hoover is this week going on a speaking tour of the farming belt in the west. Wonder if he will have anything to say about farm relief, prosperity and full dinner pails?

There seems to be a dearth of breaks in the news photo business. Ever notice how many of the talkie stars are getting their pictures in the papers these days—and their publicity gratis? They'll dress up—or undress—in a bathing suit or something like that and, presto! along comes a photographer.

DOING NOTHING ABOUT IT THIS FROM THE GASTONIA GAZETTE:

"You can't down a man who works six full days a week, keeps out of debt and spends less than he makes."

Plenty of horse-sense in those lines. The trouble with the country today is that too many of us are just hanging around waiting for prosperity to get around the corner without our help just as we always expect opportunity to come drag us out of bed instead of merely knocking at the door.

EARLIER CLOSING SATURDAY

WHY NOT HAVE EARLIER closing hours for Shelby business houses on Saturday nights?

As it is now many workers in the business district are forced to remain on the job too many hours on Saturday for their own physical good and another result is that Sunday school and church attendance is hurt by the late Saturday night hours. A number of those interested in a change, and the number includes workers, employers and ministers, believe that an earlier closing scale could be worked out without disadvantage to anyone. A suggestion offered is that general mercantile houses close at nine, grocery and food stores at 10, and barbershops at 11. Under the present method barbershops are kept open, because of a late rush of patrons, until midnight and later. Many of these late patrons are employees of other business that do not close until a later hour and for that reason they cannot get the barber-shop earlier.

When there is no set hour for closing many people put off their shopping and other business as long as possible. This works a hardship on scores of employees and employers in the business section who go through their heaviest day on Saturday. If all customers and patrons of business houses knew that the stores and shops would close at a certain hour regardless, they would do their shopping and transact their business before that hour and no trade would be lost.

Business men might pick a lull hour some day soon and talk the matter over.

TEXTILE MILL BASEBALL

IT IS ENCOURAGING to note the interest being shown in textile mill baseball about Shelby. At least four of the local villages have good baseball clubs, one club is in an organized league and the others participate in regularly scheduled games each week. The majority of the teams are made up of youths from the mills which they represent on the field and it is that angle which is deserving of encouragement. Residents of the mill villages and of Shelby in general will take more interest in the games when they know the boys and work with them every day. There is no drawing card in sports more valuable than that of home talent. At the same time it gives the local youngster a chance to show his ability. Here and there in the mill villages of America major league baseball players are frequently uncovered. "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, who ranks with Tris Speaker, as one of the greatest players of all time, came from a mill village and started playing baseball on a mill team.

There is still another angle of merit to textile mill clubs. The old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" still holds true. There is no amusement or sport which can excel baseball as a point of interest for an entire textile community. Saturday is one of the few days in the week in which all workers have leisure time to enjoy themselves and baseball gives them something on which to center their interest. Find a textile community which has a good ball club and where enthusiasm is high in a sportsmanlike manner and you will find a textile community that is happy and contented. It is difficult to breed trouble and unrest in such a community and the interest Shelby textile officials are showing in their mill clubs makes it evident that they realize the general value of the clubs to the business. Just a year or two ago when other textile sections were seething with un-

rest hundreds of Shelby textile workers were swarming to the city park here to witness baseball games. They were too engrossed in home runs and fast fielding to be bothered with Communistic propaganda.

GEORGE AND GEORGIA FOR HIM

LONG BEFORE THE 1932 Democratic convention is scheduled to assemble Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, seems to have a far greater portion of the Democratic South lined up for him than did Governor Al Smith on the day the convention assembled in 1928. That may be a matter of encouragement to those who hope for a Democratic victory next year.

In 1928, it will be recalled, Democratic delegates from four Southern States were given a sight-seeing tour over Atlanta, while en route to Houston, and later banqueted at an Atlanta club in a hospitable manner typical of Atlanta. It was apparent, however, that the big idea behind the entertainment was to sell the four State delegations on Senator George of Georgia. A speaker at the informal banquet mentioned the fact that a majority of the delegates were instructed against Smith or were opposed to him as first choice even if uninstructed. The wise move to make then, he pointed out, was for all the anti-Smith delegates to unite their strength behind one candidate and put him over rather than divide among several candidates. His candidate, of course, was Senator George. The North Carolina delegation, however, was instructed for Cordell Hull (remember that?) and other delegations were instructed for other candidates. As it turned out later Senator George polled more convention votes at Houston than any other candidate except Smith, the nominee.

Indications now are that Atlanta and Georgia next year will not attempt to concentrate Southern strength behind a Southern candidate. That is surmised after reading a statement from Washington in which Senator George, runner-up at Houston, is quoted as saying that Georgia is very favorable to Governor Roosevelt. The statement indicates that the senator himself is for the New York governor. That a big portion of Georgia is already in the Roosevelt column is generally known for it was at Warm Springs, Georgia, that the New York man first began his physical come-back and since that time he has retained a place in his heart for Georgia and Georgia for him.

Early reports from other sections of the South offer similar indications. More of the entire South is now ready to accept Roosevelt than it was to accept Smith. Over the nation the same situation prevails; new strength is attaching itself to the Roosevelt boom each day. But with the South splitting up for the first time in 1928 it is our opinion that the favorable talk for Roosevelt "down in Dixie" will be more cheering to nation-wide Democracy than in bygone years when it was assumed at the outset that the South would go Democratic.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Jo-Jo, the weather prophet for The Charlotte Observer, popped out with this paragraph in his weather report one day last week:

"Stenographer Sue says she will have to do without a bathing suit this summer. A moth ate it."

And the next day a note came to this corner from a young man about town reading as follows: "Will you please ask that other newspaper monkey what beach Stenographer Sue is going to?"

THIS GUY WRITES OUR TICKET IN VERSE

Newspaper columnists have some things in common although the majority of us cannot wear high, choky collars and eat some of the things Odd McIntyre does. For instance these lines by "Radio Bell, Rialto Rambler for The Concern Tribune:

I sit and type my life away
Writing this stuff day to day,
And on and on the clicking goes
For how much longer, goodness knows.

I sit here writing this and that
Occasionally record an important fact.
But the funniest thing about it all
Some folks actually read it all.

GOLLY! YOU WETS MAY AS WELL GIVE UP

If there are those in the audience who dream of the days when they once again may blow the suds from a foaming mug of real beer, they might as well begin dreaming about other Spanish castles. The editor of the Kings Mountain Herald takes the following method of saying prohibition is here "fun now on":

Prohibition is here to stay. It can be moved from our Constitution as easily as you can turn over the Rocky Mountains with a tooth pick. Whenever a humming bird becomes able to fly to Neptune with Mt. Mitchell tied to his tail then the wets will be able to annul the 18th amendment.

Now, who was it that said this corner was readable only upon occasions when ideas were borrowed from writers who had them?

Shelby Shorts: Give Miss Vera Arwood, of Polkville and formerly of Shelby, a hand. For several years Cleveland county has been showing the state how to grow cotton and Miss Arwood journeyed down to Charlotte last week and rendered an essay on how to market the cotton after it is produced—and she won the prize. . . . Jiggs got a big hand-clapping in Shelby the other day when he walked out in his old-fashioned night-shirt to go with Maggie and the daughter, all dolled up in pajamas, to a party. . . . Milky Gold, the best prospective football star this section has developed in years, has not decided as yet what college he will lug the pigskin for next fall. That should be tip enough to the alumni who look after such things for the dear old alma mater. . . . "The miniature golf course would have some more players and the baseball games would draw larger crowds," says H. W. "If admission prices were slashed Wouldn't it be better to have the course covered with people and the stands filled at reduced rates than to have only a few at higher rates?" . . . Say Shelby isn't right much of a country town yet if you so desire, but at the curb market they'll tell you that the two things most in demand are trying-size chickens and homemade cakes. Any man who has lived on the farm more than a year doesn't think it is a Sunday dinner

without those two delicacies. Draw your own conclusions. . . .

GEE! GEE, WHY SPEAK OUT IN PUBLIC?

Gee McGee, rival of "Ike's Tale" and this corner for columnistic honors, if any, in The Star, lives in South Carolina, but they have legislatures down there just like we do up here—long-drawn out ones, too. If you don't believe it, turn to the last paragraph in his "Nobody's Business" today.

(P. S. Maybe it would be better if Senator McSwain and Representative Edwards wouldn't look).

It will be rather cool for swimming by fair week but from afar comes this message: "I'm coming back to the old burg for the fair week home-coming and I'm going to show you birds that I can swim up through the rocks at Chapel's Bend."

The remainder of you old Shelby boys, scattered from Connecticut to Leavenworth, better get in training. It may be best, too, while getting your ducks in a row for the trip back home not to say anything to the wife about the initials on those old trees out there.

TWO RAILROADS THAT WERE NEVER BUILT

Just seventeen years ago this month a bond issue carried in Cleveland county by 302 votes to take \$80,000 stock in two railroads to be built in the county. One road was to be built from Shelby to Casar via Beams Mill, Belwood and Fallston; the other was to be built from Kings Mountain to the South Carolina line via Shelby and Bolling Springs.

Now try to buy a railroad ticket to Casar or to the South Carolina line by way of Bolling Springs. Tut, tut! Maybe we shouldn't have remembered that.

That same year Shelby folks figured that by now the news for The Star would be set on a Cade machine instead of a Linotype.

June, 1914, was quite an eventful month about Shelby. The Dover and Royster families were on a big trip to Washington and New York and a writing picture postcards back. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ogburn Lutz and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Washburn were away honeymooning (they didn't go together).

A SIGHT TO SEE; IT MUSTA BEEN

In those days, seventeen years ago, automobiles were as much of a rarity as airplanes are now—maybe more so—and motor trucks hadn't come along. We gather all that from reading a little item tucked away in one corner of The Star. Mr. Ephriam Stroup, well-to-do Cherryville citizen, came to Shelby about the middle of June and purchased a calf from Mr. W. H. Blanton. And the editor wrote "It was a sight to see Mr. Stroup riding along the streets with that calf in the automobile with him."

Of course some one will hop up and say, "Why bring all that up"—so let's call it a day and go over on the court square and whittle til dark.

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