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TWINKLES

President Hoover has this to be thankful for: So far he has not been blamed for the heat wave.

Mayor Jimmy Walker is 50 years old but not old enough as yet to be called James instead of Jimmy. Some folks are just that way.

Mr. Hoover may be a genius as an engineer but the existing depression, to one who knows little or nothing about engineering, does not resemble the blue print of prosperity he drew for us in 1928.

It appears as if the three candidates for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate in this State will be Bowie, Grist and Morrison. Now if someone will tell us who the high man will be, we will, in turn, name the low man.

Will or will not Josephus Daniels be a candidate for governor in 1932? That question continues to be tossed about over the State. The Wilkes Patriot looks at it this way: "Our admiration for the Raleigh man as an editor is so great that we just as lief he'd stick to his writing."

OTHER SECTIONS SUFFER

WITH THE EXCEPTION of a couple of severe hail and wind storms the farmers of this section so far have had excellent weather for their crops. On one or two occasions it appeared as if a drought was about to begin, but rain, fortunately, came before any noticeable damage was done. Other agrarian sections, however, have not been so fortunate. In the great northwest grain section a long drought has badly damaged the wheat crop and may do even more damage. In sections of Georgia, covering a considerable territory, there has been no rain for more than seven weeks. The corn is practically ruined and the cotton stand is poor.

Often—too often, perhaps—we manage to find something to complain about, but year in and year out in Piedmont Carolina we have seasons for which we should be thankful, particularly so when contrasted with other sections.

A YOUNGSTER IS CLIMBING

JUST HOW NEAR A young Shelby golfer is to the heights of golfing fame is a matter of much interest in his home town. Last year Fred Webb, just 15 years of age, fought his way to the semi-finals of the Southern tournament at Greensboro. In one of his first matches he defeated Chasteen Harris, Tennessee veteran, without, as they say in sport circles, being forced to take the wraps off. Last week at Chattanooga Harris won the Southern championship without overly exerting himself. What might have happened had the Shelby boy been there? As it was, unable to assemble the necessary funds for the Tennessee trip, the youngster remained at home and shot par or better golf all week long. Next year may be his year. Anyway, Shelby people are hoping that the old home town's youthful aspirant to the shoes of Bobby Jones will be able to enter the tourney then. They know, as do some of the veteran golfers the mere strippling has licked, that he isn't just a flash in the pan. It would be no wild prediction to say that ere many years Shelby may be the home of a Southern champion. And at the age of the local golf genius, there will remain then other and greater worlds to conquer.

VALUABLE PUBLICITY

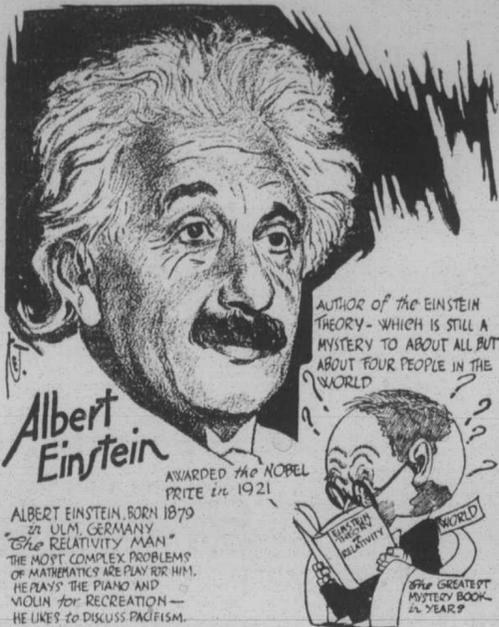
HOLLAND'S MAGAZINE, the Saturday Evening Post of the South, carries in its current number a very interesting article on North Carolina. The article written by T. C. Richardson is entitled "Tarheelia—Pacemaker of the South." After sketching a historic background of the State, its settlement and history, Mr. Richardson moves up to the present day and paints the progressive march of the State since Aycock's day. In depicting the advance of the State in industry and agriculture, the writer pays a compliment to Cleveland county by referring to the rural electrification of the home county of the State's farmer-manufacturer governor. Cleveland it is pointed out, leads the nation in electric conveniences in the rural regions.

A series of photographs, showing typical North Carolina roads, scenery, industrial plants, homes and business scenes, help the article put its story over in an intriguing manner. It is certainly a valuable boost for the State from the standpoint of publicity and the winning feature of it is that the writer has the facts included to support his interesting story of the pace-maker in the New South.

WHAT OF SMITH IN 1932?

HERE AND THERE throughout the country rumors spring up that Al Smith may not lend his strength and influence to the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidential boom. It is generally agreed that Governor Roosevelt is about as near under the wire in the pre-convention sentiment for the Democratic nomination. Yet there are those, mayhaps mere trouble-makers, who continue to predict that Smith will throw his strength against his successor as governor of New York and may even seek or accept the nomination once more himself. Sam Small, veteran political writer and observer, writing in

TOPNOTCHERS by KET



The Atlanta Constitution, thinks that there is little cause for worry in such reports.

"No one," Small writes, "knows better than Smith himself that he is through." He emphasizes the fact that Smith has far too much wisdom to attempt to carry the Democratic standard again when defeat seems almost certain. He continues by explaining that no one after a moment of sound reasoning would take any stock in a report that Smith will "knife" Roosevelt. "He is," Small says, "too big and too square-shooting for that." Roosevelt nominated Al Smith for president three times. They have been political allies; their administrations in New York State have faced similar problems and have been battled in a similar manner. Roosevelt, Small intimates in conclusion, will be the Democratic nominee next year and the powerful Smith influence will be an important factor in landing the nomination and in that more important campaign, the election.

FUTURE OF SHELBY SCHOOLS

IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT to the Shelby school board, B. L. Smith, city school superintendent, touches upon several phases of school activity of major importance to this community. Outstanding, to many at least, will be the frank statement that "Shelby must soon have a modern high school and that the upper grammar grades must be assembled in the present high school." Supt. Smith does not say that such a program should be carried out in the immediate future; he is wise enough to know that such is not plausible under existing conditions, but he is to be commended for mentioning the matter so that citizens of Shelby may think it over.

Admittedly, Shelby's educational advantages have not kept the pace with the general progressive march and growth of the city. The present high school building is the same building used when the city did not have one-third of its present population, which exceeds the 10,000 mark. Larger churches and large business buildings came as a matter of course as the city swept through that period of progress which enabled it to show a larger percentage growth from 1920 to 1930 than any other town or city in North Carolina. The education of the young is an important and vital factor in the progress of any community. Many towns not half Shelby's size have more commodious and modern high school buildings than we have. As we say, economic conditions must adjust themselves before a broader educational program can, or should, be inaugurated. But, as Supt. Smith states, the day is fast approaching when we must have a more modern high school building, which at the same time will make possible the assembling in the present building of the upper grammar grades. Certainly there is no harm in bringing the matter to the attention of citizens so that they may have ample time in the months ahead to deliberate upon a topic that fundamentally affects the future of all citizens of all ages in every walk of life.

ATLANTA MAYOR SAYS PROHIBITION IS FAILURE HERE

Tells Georgia Society He Thinks Eighteenth Amendment Is Great Mistake.

New York.—Mayor James L. Key, of Atlanta, Ga., reasserted his opposition to prohibition, declaring that the dry law is wrong and should not be worshipped as a "fetish."

Mayor Key spoke at a dinner given in his honor by the Georgia Society of New York in the Hotel Pennsylvania. He is one of the party of mayors who returned from a tour of France.

"I am a man who believes in temperance," Mayor Key said. "If we could have temperance by law enforcement, I would be for it. I was one of the most hopeful when the 18th amendment was passed.

Deplores Disregard for Law.

"I believe now we have made a mistake. The measure of a law is its effect on the people. A law that builds character is a good law and a law that tears character down is

a bad law.

"There is a general disposition to disobey the prohibition law, and a spirit of adventure in disobeying it, which breeds contempt for all law and destroys the character of our people."

The 18th amendment was passed as a war measure, Mayor Key declared, and should be put to the people for reconsideration. "We don't want a nation of lawbreakers," he said.

As to substitutes for present regulations, Mayor Key added, "I do not know of any remedy, but I do know prohibition is wrong."

With the mayor at the dinner was his 19-year-old daughter, Ruth, Miller M. Bister, president of the Georgia society, presided.

On arrival here the Atlanta mayor in reply to a query as to whether he had taken any drinks abroad said: "That is a personal question and nobody's business."

"Hair-brained nit-wits trying to lift themselves out of the obscurity in which they belong" was the way he described some of those in Atlanta who want to censure him or recall him.

Taking the Lid Off.

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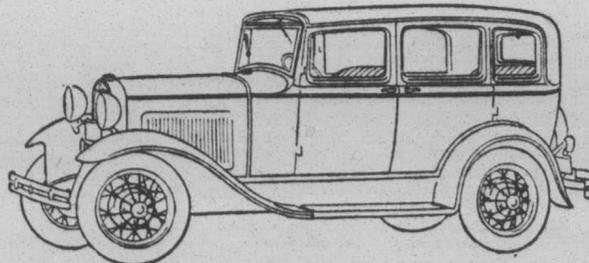
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