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TWINKLES

There are radios in 25 per cent of all Shelby homes, only four other cities in the State having a larger percentage of radios in proportion to population. Which means, among other things, that at least 75 percent of Shelby's population fortunately or unfortunately, as you will, knows nothing about "sho, sho" Amos 'n Andy.

A Gastonia Gazette writer after a trip in Eastern Carolina declares that despite our pessimism we of the Piedmont section are fortunate in comparison with the eastern sector. To which some pessimist may reply, "You're wrong there; we're merely less unfortunate." And therein is the source of our pessimism: we're never satisfied.

CURBING ROBBERY

TO SOME IT MAY APPEAR as if Judge Walter Moore, Superior court jurist, is hard upon storebreakers and other thieves who have been convicted in his court here this week, but there is another viewpoint. More stores and business houses in this section have been entered and robbed in the last year or so than in any similar period of time in history. For a time hardly a night passed without a robbery in Shelby or in the county. Some nights there were two to a half dozen robberies. Such an atmosphere needs stern handling. It may be argued by some that a big portion of the stealing was being done by men who are not thieves by inclination—but men driven to robbery because of want and hunger resulting from the business depression. A certain percentage of the many robberies of the last 18 months or two years may have been staged by men in actual want, but it was a small percentage. Inspection of the records and careers of the majority of the thieves convicted and sentenced in the current court for their recent activities will show that for the most part they are of the type that would live "the easiest" way even in prosperous times.

Mark it down as our prediction, if you consider it worthwhile, that Judge Moore's stay in Shelby this year will decrease store robberies to a considerable extent.

EHRINGHAUS NOT OUT

FROM RALEIGH recently have come reports that this and that gubernatorial candidate has the jump on his rivals, or that this or that candidate is practically out of the running. One of these reports inferred that J. C. B. Ehringhaus, right much of a pre-campaign favorite in this section, was losing ground. The Lenoir News-Topic, which this year won the Savory cup possessed by The Star last year, heard the report and immediately took issue in this manner:

Robert Thompson, staff correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer, talked with several lawyers who were assembled in Chapel Hill and sent in the story to his paper that the gubernatorial boom for J. C. B. Ehringhaus was deflated. The truth of the matter no doubt is that those several lawyers wished it to be deflated, for certainly no such sentiment is discernible in this section of the state. On the other hand, Ehringhaus strength seems to be gathering momentum constantly.

But this is the season of the year when the popular sport is to be a King Maker. Supporters of each candidate are trying to start quick, spontaneous booms for their men and to encourage the belief that support for all other candidates is on the wane. Mr. Thompson was just sucked in on one of those plans, and if he does not admit that he was sucked in we urge him to make any sort of tour of the state and feel out the sentiment among the county politicians in any place where Mr. Ehringhaus has been heard or is even slightly known.

If he finds any deflation of the Ehringhaus strength we'll commit ourself to support Mr. Thompson for Governor against all the candidates that may enter. And having roomed with him in college we know he ain't even material for an inelegant dog catcher—the old bum.

DON'T BE A FOOL

EXISTING BUSINESS conditions, hard times, if your prefer that expression, are not altogether mental. That we readily admit, but it is equally evident a pessimistic mental attitude retards the return of prosperity.

Nothing of value marches up to the fellow who sits down and whines.

Today's valley assures tomorrow's peak. Nowhere have we seen that view better expressed than in the following urge of The London Express:

All pessimists are fools. What is worse, they are dangerous fools.

At the present moment they are a definite curse to the community.

Men on salaries that have not shrunk a penny although the cost of living has done so by many pennies, go about muttering darkly of hard times.

Holders of first-rate industrial shares are selling out at heavy losses and putting the money in the bank (where it earns nothing,) so that in the future they can buy back the shares at top prices.

"The world is in a terrible condition. Things are

very bad. Everything is going down."

That is their daily chant. That is their contribution to the morale of the nation.

After Waterloo there was real distress. Then came steam and the greatest era of prosperity the world has seen.

Today, while the fools are moaning, wise men are planning, working, dreaming, underwriting the prosperity that lies ahead.

When these good times arrive—and they are on their way now—the fools will moan; "If only we had known we could have . . ."

Don't be a fool.

DUKE POWER AND LEGISLATION

IS THE DUKE POWER company an octopus that is bleeding the resources and manpower from North Carolina, by controlling the social, economical and political activities of the State, or is it really the powerhouse behind North Carolina's rapid advance as an industrial State and an organization that enriches the State and its people as its own coffers are being filled?

That query isn't a novel question of debate in Tarheelia; it has been up many times before, but is being debated again, as it will be off-and-on through many years to come. This time the controversy anent the Duke policies arose when it was announced that the power firm would no longer advertise the Piedmont region in national periodicals. The reason advanced was the increased franchise taxes levied on the company by the legislatures of the two Carolinas in recent sessions. In other words, "if you're going to do me that way, I'll quit boosting you."

The newspapers have picked up the opportunity to comment and are making the most of it. The Raleigh News and Observer, which can be counted upon to anathematize Power Trusts, Big Business, and Privileges at every turn, infers that Duke will lose more by the cancelled advertising than will the State. Which is to say, in other words, that the advertising of the Piedmont Carolinas was primarily calculated to bring new business to the Duke power plants and that the advancement of the state was only a secondary matter thereto. (The "Old Reliable," as is generally known, has never visioned the Duke interests in saintly roles.) In the meantime, The Charlotte Observer, published in the heart of the Duke activities, is moved to deplore the passing of legislation that would handicap the activities of such a great organization, one that has played a very important role in the double-step strides of North Carolina. The Greensboro News, as usual we might add, takes a mid-ground attitude. In offering its comment, the Greensboro paper says, "If this appear to be a straddle, all hands are welcome to make the best of it." (Incidentally, North Carolina newspaper readers are pretty much aware of the fact that The Daily News seldom ever straddles any controversial topic, and when it does straddle, there is some riding done.) The Greensboro paper proceeds to deliver itself as follows:

The Daily News believes—if a little less demonstratively—just as firmly as the Observer in the contribution made to North Carolina's industrial development by the power companies; too, it is just as firmly convinced as its state capital contemporary that Duke Power was not primarily organized for the comfort and sustenance of and pursuit of happiness by aged Methodist preachers and other used-up folk.

Which, to our way of thinking, sizes up the situation in an admirable manner. It is foolish to believe, much less preach, that any great business firm is merely in business for the good of the world and the welfare of man in general, and it is just as extreme, on the other hand, to argue that a business enterprise, even the Duke organization, is a monster, leech-like and cannibalistic, that would devour or suck dry any and everything that chances to cross its path.

But in offering that view we readily admit that it would be a rare world indeed, an ultra Utopia, if about 90 percent of us were not extremists on every topic and view.

And End Of The Day Prayer

(By George Matthew Adams)
Thank you for this ended day,
Lord—for life and the opportunity
to have served. We know that it
wasn't lived to the full, that many
of its minutes were wasted and neglected,
but now that its hours are
at a close, we want refreshment of
spirit.

And so we ask that You walk
throughout our life, as we prepare
for the rest from this day. Touch
each cell of our brain and walk
through our heart—into every corner
of our being—each foothold of
Your love cleansing every fibre,
heartening every center of movement
within us.

Wash out the scars that linger
from our failures and mistakes, Lord,
and smooth away the hurts of the
day. And while we are asleep, put
something brave into our hearts
so that we may rise on the morrow
strengthened and free from all fear.

Make us a better interpreter of
beauty to the world and to those
near and dear. Make us a watcher
for the good in the world, Lord.
Make us keen for service. A friend
to those who need us most.

Breathe upon this body of ours,
Lord, and make us understand its
machinery of worth, so that it may
the better work its way at tasks
they may live after its movements
have been stilled.

Teach us the way of understanding
and give us faith sufficient to
overcome the doubts and questionings
and misgivings of our nature.
Take us by the hand, like a good
Father, and lead us past our weaker
selves.

Lose us in Your love, Lord, so
that all we may do may radiate
the companionship we own as a

Plunges to Death



Princess Anna Troubetzkoy, attractive 20-year-old bride of Prince Serge Troubetzkoy, is believed to have leaped to her death from the 1,000-foot Eiffel Tower in Paris as the tragic end of her honeymoon, which began May 14, when the titled pair was wed in New York. The Prince and Princess, shown after their marriage, had gone to Paris for the religious ceremony after a civil marriage in the U. S.

Upper Cleveland News Of Interest

Mt. Zion Revival Results in Ten Admissions—Moriah School Opens: Personals.

(Special to The Star.)
Casar, R-1.—The revival closed at Mt. Zion Sunday with 28 conversions and 10 were baptised.

The Moriah School opened Monday with Mr. King who takes Mr. R. F. Funderberk, as principal, Miss Sophie Elliott 4th and 5th grades; Miss Nellie Morris 2nd and 3rd grades; Miss Mattie Elliott 1st grade. Mrs. W. K. Hunt remains on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mull and children of Clover, S. C. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Zero Mull.

Mrs. Lonnie Price spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Whisnant.

Miss Sallie Sigmon of Duncan's Creek spent last week in the community and attended the meeting at Zion.

Mr. Clarence Ledford spent Monday in Morganton with friends.

Those calling at the home of Miss Winnie Whisnant were Misses Leola Price, Jessie Pearl Whisnant, and Marie Hunt, Sunday.

Miss Muriel Wall and Ruth Lane of Lawndale were the dinner guest of Dophine Hunt Sunday, also Nina Self visited her too.

Mrs. Sarah Melton of Bostic Rt. is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Whisnant.

Miss Grace Gamble is spending the week with Pauline Wisnant.

We are glad to welcome Misses Nellie Morris and Mattie Elliott back in the community as teachers of Moriah school.

Those calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morris Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. Zemy Ledford of Casar.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuff Lane of Lawndale spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hunt.

Misses Nina Self and Winnie Whisnant spent Thursday with Mamie Fortenberry of Moriah community.

Mr. A. W. Whisnant spent Wednesday with his father, Mr. Hubert Whisnant of Polkville.

Mr. Brisco Lane and family of Lawndale spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Self.

Revs. Oles and Ivy Cook and families were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Ledford of Lincolnton are spending a few days with Mrs. Ida Matheson.

Mr. Boyd Matheson spent Monday night with Paul Morris near Casar. Mr. Hubert Mull who has spent the summer with his grand parents, returned to his home Sunday in Clover, S. C.

Mr. Ben Wall is spending some time with relatives in Forest City.

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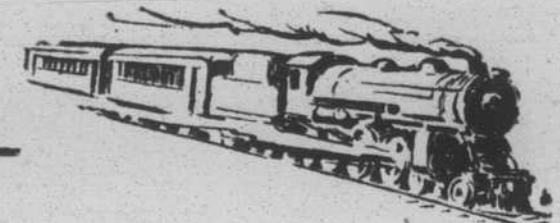
... that as long as there are people to eat food and wear clothing



... that sowing and reaping continue in the established scheme of Nature



... that manufacturing and distribution meet the laws of demand



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