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TWINKLES

Imagine, after that last long-drawn-out session, anyone in North Carolina being foolish enough to think the legislature can work wonders just now.

"Mr. Hoover's Plan (the one to liquidate frozen assets) Not Infallible" is the heading over the comment of one editor. Remembering how numerous Hoover plans have worked out to date it seems as if the editor is, at least, on safe ground. Too many people have reached the point where they are from Missouri when a Hoover plan is mentioned.

ANY SLEEPING AT THE SWITCH?

TWO THINGS the citizens of this section are beginning to get curious about: The proposed new highway link between Shelby and Marion, and the needed addition to the post office and Federal building in Shelby.

What happened to the two projects?

It was months ago that an appropriation was made in the government building fund for increased working space at the Shelby post office and a third floor to be used as a Federal court room. How much longer before the customary red tape is to be brushed aside and construction work started?

Not long after the present State highway organization took over the road system in North Carolina, officials were impressed with the need and importance of a highway linking the county seats of McDowell and Cleveland and opening up a fertile section touching Rutherford county as well as the two others. It was said then that the route would be surveyed right away, after which construction work would start. So far as The Star knows a survey hasn't been made as yet. When?

"ASSOCIATION TIME" OF YORE

ANNUAL RED-LETTER events and occasions with the people of today are somewhat different from what they were in the old days. Living at faster tempo, new inventions and conveniences, modern entertainment, and more rapid modes of transportation have combined to overshadow occasions that were eagerly anticipated a decade and more ago. Now we can go to New York in the same time it once took to visit the mountains or the sea of this State. Our world has broadened out; there are more things to do and see, more places to go. As a result the nearer-home event of 1915 is no longer the event it was. In some respects, the transformation, wrought by progress, has had its good effects and its value; in others, the changes have tended to erase, or, at least, minimize, high spots in the year that were very essential to the better growth of a community. It is heartening, however, to note that a faster mode of living and a broadening world has failed to undermine two or three institutions in this section. No one thing, The Star believes, has the potentialities of making life more worthwhile than the annual family and clan reunions held in Cleveland county each year. Instead of being gradually submerged by the machine age, they have been bettered. Now relatives living in distant points can come to the yearly assemblage far easier than in the old days. And another thing worthy of note is that the annual gathering of the Baptist association remains a highlight of the year. Not so many years ago "association time" was a very important period on the calendar. The meeting of the association of more recent years isn't talked as much, perhaps, as in bygone days, but the large attendance at the recent session at Zion makes it clear that the yearly meeting of an organization which embodies in it the power of 42 church congregations retains its rightful place and prominence among the happenings of the year.

FOLLOWING FIRE TRUCKS

TOO MANY PEOPLE think that the only reason they should not follow a fire truck to a blaze is that they have been requested not to do so. That is an erroneous belief; the custom, one that is too popular for safety in Shelby, is against the law.

Fire Chief Robinson is attending a meeting of fire chiefs this week in Havana, but while he is away a chance observation reveals that the law says fire-truck chasing is illegal. Time and time again he and other officials have asked that the custom be stopped in Shelby because it slows up the firemen and thus increases fire damage and also because it endangers the life and limb of firemen and others along the streets. Here is what the 1931 North Carolina motor law says about following fire trucks:

"Section 20—What to do on approach of police or fire department vehicles, (a) Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicle giving audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer until the police or fire department vehicle shall have passed.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any ve-

hicle other than one on official business to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than one block or to drive into or park such vehicle within one block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm."

With the fall season approaching, which means the firing up of many furnaces, it is likely that fires will be on the increase. Right at the outset it might be well to take up several for the violation of that law and thus make it clear to the general public that the law must be obeyed. Nothing is to be gained by violating it. You may delay firemen getting to your house until it is too late to save the building, and some speed-mad idiot dashing after the truck, just to be dashing, might hit your child. Think it over.

A COTTON SESSION

A SCATTERED demand continues to be heard for a special session of the North Carolina legislature to attempt some plan for cotton acreage reduction next year. So far Governor Gardner has made no formal move. He has already stated that he must as yet be shown that the farmers, a major percentage of them and not just a scattered few, desire such a session. He must be assured, too, he has said, that if called the special session would confine itself to cotton curtailment. In advancing those conditions he expressed the personal opinion that he does not see how legislation can help at this time. Many sound thinkers, among them farmers and others, agree with him in that view.

Meetings have been held in a number of counties over the State. A majority of these meetings have asked for a special session. Who, we might ask, are behind these meetings? Who called them? Who maintains the impetus of the drive to force a special session? Are they enemies of Governor Gardner, or could it be interests that probably might profit by an acreage cut brought about by a law that may not be constitutional?

One of the few newspapers in the State openly advocating a session is The Raleigh News and Observer. The others fail to see how any good would result. Certainly, it is general knowledge that the Raleigh paper and the Governor disagree more often than not. Perhaps one does not await until the other takes a stand before disagreeing, but, nevertheless, there is usually disagreement. There might have been a presumption, because of The News and Observer stand, that the MacLean stand, that the MacLean school faction was urging the special session. But that presumption, if there was such, was knocked cold last week when Representative A. D. MacLean, leader of the MacLean school forces, and Senator Hallet Ward, a supporter attended a meeting in their county and declared that a special session now would not be wise. So much for that.

Not a one of the meetings held, judging by press reports, has been attended by any large number of farmers. That offers considerable assurance, then, the meetings have not been spontaneous results of overwhelming opinion on the part of farmers. Where did the urge originate? From where came the printed circulars calling the various meetings?

The meetings held to date, attended by crowds ranging from 50 to 150 people, cannot be construed as positive knowledge that a majority of the people desire a special session. And, as we see it, it would be the height of folly to call an expensive special session on no stronger expression of public sentiment. A suggestion offered by The Greensboro News seems to contain far more wisdom. That suggestion is that a special session not be called unless a major portion of the representatives to the last legislature, who would be the representatives to a special term, make it known by written request that the people of their section demand a session. The representatives and senators over the State know far better how the people of their counties feel about it than can scattered meetings attended by small crowds.

Admittedly, the opinion is divided, but every indication is that the majority oppose such a session. The Star continues in the belief that a special session would be of little avail—in fact, not worth half the expense; but even if a session is called, it should not be called until it is assured that the citizens of the State, a majority of them, desire it although it may be worth less than a copper cent.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

flat rock news.

Mr. John Jones is thinking of riding Mr. Hoover to loan his 10000 so's he can take down his house and build it back with the money so's he can give his 5 boys a job who is now out of unemployment, owner count of the cotton mill cut out night work, he says he understands that that is the way the government does when it wants to hepp anybody.

a fight took place betwixt the lawn pump and the depot yesterday when a fire dog was run over and crippled by bill brown in the left hind leg while he was coming down the street in his ford and he tried to cross it in front of him after a cat which belongs to joes green and the dog belonged to joe wheeler and the sed fight was hell by him and bill brown, but the poleman woke up and got there before any damage was done except to his head with a brick bat.

well, the legislatures have met in a good many states and passed several laws against cotton and they have put it down to nearly 05 and if they keep on trying to hepp us poor farmers, we will all be ruin. legislatures are not made to beny-

ever hepps is the men who run it and their ass sistants and door keepers and clerks and pages ansoforth. instead of abolishing cotton, i think it would be a good idea to abolish legislatures for 4 years and abolish pollyticks from now on.

a big quilting party was put on by the ladies aid at the home of our deer pasture's wife, mrs. mittle lee green, and it was enjoyed by all concerned. it started at 10 a. m. and ended at 4 p. m. dinner was served by the ladies aid and it was spread on the ground under the big oak and the blessing was asked by rev. green and he asked such a long one, the dinner almost got too cold to eat, the quilt will be furnished later on and will be given to mrs. green Christmas as a surprise gift to her. mis saddle lou pate has already told her about it.

the swimming pool has closed for the season and jerry simkins has dreened it off. he found a good many things in the bottom of same that he was not looking for, but they are too techuous to mention, but he cannot understand why they pulled them off and throwed them in it. he enjoyed a good season and took in about 14\$ and c75, he will open for bizness again next summer.

yores truck,
mike Clark, rfd.,
corry spondent.

Are You The Judge?

It ain't nice to judge other folks. The Good Book says: "Judge not lest ye be judged," so I know I ought to be careful about what I say concerning others. But there, couident be much harm in trying to diagnose certain human helms-

that I have met from time to time in my travels up and down this old earth.

If a man gets mad or irritated when a baby cries, there's something wrong with him and he ain't the kind of timber for use in a church in the capacity of deacon or elder. All babies cry, and the guy who fuses about the noise they make in expanding their lungs in nature's way surely forgets that he cried when he was a baby.

If you hear a man fume and cuss because his grocer sent him a dun, it's a pretty good idea not to extend credit to that man. The grocer should have got mad and fumed and cussed when he asked for credit—instead of letting him have it. If a man brags about how good he is about paying his debts, you'd better steer clear of him, and if he boasts of the great amount of religion he possesses, you'd better watch him. Religion always does its own talking.

The man that kicks an innocent dog or sic's a bad dog on an innocent cat—ain't the type of man that makes a kind father. It he's mean to dumb animals, you can just bet your bottom dollar that he's mean to his wife and younguns—and they don't have to be dumb for him to show forth the brute that is in him. And the man that ignores the children that come about him—seeking some small favor, ain't going to be on the inside of the pearly gates when they are closed. A child never forgets a favor or an insult.

Nearly everybody knows everybody else. If you are a business man, Dun & Bradstreet know how you pay your debts, how you treat your family, how you feel toward your customers, how much or how little booze you drink a day, how much you owe on your car, how you got that scar on the side of your head, and how far you may be expected to strain your conscience. They've got your number, and so has your boot-black, and your filling station man. You can't hide anything.

I believe nearly everybody is honest under normal conditions. My long-suit has been trusting people. I have dealt with thousands of men, and I do not believe that I can point out over 2 or 3 that took advantage of me because they had an opportunity to do so. (I did not intend to try to preach a sermon, but I forgot all about being funny or foolish when I started this article. Did you ever notice that most of the folks who get rich and stay rich have pretty good moral characters? Well, that seems to be the case.)

Single Standard Gets Girl Free In Court

Rosa Lee Bass Gets High Point Judge To Reconsider His First Decision.

High Point.—Rosa Lee Bass, who said that she came from "cotton mill folks in South Carolina," in her faltering sobbing voice and in her own simple way won freedom at the High Point bar of justice for which organized women have been fighting for years: a single standard of morality for both sexes.

She had already received a five-month jail sentence at the hands of the court on a charge of immorality. John Wright, the co-defendant, had been released on account of physical infirmities. The officers had-bidden her to rise and make ready to go to her cell when she turned to Judge Lewis Teague:

"Judge, I don't think I ought to be punished unless you give him something. He was the one who asked me to live with him. He promised to marry me but when I found that he didn't have money, I just went on with him anyway. Tears rolled down her face as she continued.

"He is here where he has got friends and my mother is down in South Carolina. She can't get to me."

Judge Teague reconsidered his first decision and suspended the sentence on condition that she go back to her people in South Carolina, which she promised to do.

Cause For Grief.

The visitor to the small traveling circus found two of its junior members weeping bitterly.

"What's the matter?" he inquired, kindly, of the boys.

"The elephant's dead," they sobbed.

"Did you, then, love the big animal so dearly?" asked the visitor.

"Love him nothin'," said the two, together. "the boss has just told us we've got to dig his grave."

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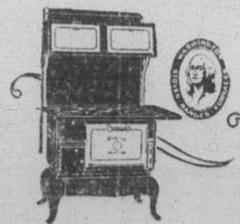
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