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### TWINKLES

The Democrats will likely, as a result of the recent elections, control the next Congress. But they shouldn't get too cocky about it; there are times when control means holding the bag.

Take in Shelby's Armistice Day program at the fairgrounds. You'll enjoy it, and the small admission price you'll pay will help make life more comfortable for some unfortunate this winter.

Fires have been numerous in and about Shelby recently and it is the season of the year when the firemen have no pleasant time of it in dashing out at all hours of the day and night. Cooperate with them by opening up traffic and giving the trucks and cars a chance to get to the blaze.

Those favoring "cotton prohibition," and advocating the Texas plan, should give the idea more than a passing thought. The Texas plan limits cotton acreage to one-third of the tillable acres. If North Carolina were to live up to that regulation, we would produce more cotton than we do now.

### THE SHELBY-GAFFNEY ROAD

IT IS PLEASANT NEWS to hear that Cherokee county officials and South Carolina highway officials plan to complete the work on the highway between Gaffney and the North Carolina line, joining the paved road from Shelby to the line. Work is to be resumed on the link which would complete the Gaffney-Shelby highway, in January, it is said. It is to be hoped the work will be no longer delayed. It should mean just as much to Gaffney and Cherokee county as to Shelby and Cleveland county. Fact is, we believe if Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup, Gaffney's marrying judge, would make a talk to the South Carolina officials and tell them how much matrimonial business he and Gaffney get from this section, work would start immediately.

### "SOP" FOR THE WINTER

THE STAR'S OFFER to take in sorghum and potatoes on subscriptions, up to 100 gallons and 100 bushels, the supply to be turned over to charity this winter, has brought out some interesting information. Cleveland county produced, we are informed, more molasses this year than in many years, perhaps more than at any time since the old days when only about five or eight thousand bales of cotton were produced in the county and three-fourths of every farm effort was given over to producing something on which to live. One reason, we are told, is that it was a good year for sorghum. A dry season just as the cane was ripening increased the quantity and bettered the quality. There will be, certainly, no shortage of molasses in the county this year, and with a surplus over the amount that will be used in the next few months it might be well to adopt the South Carolina idea of taking care of the surplus. In certain sections in the neighboring State the surplus sorghum is being put up in air tight cans. The cans are smaller than the customary gallon-bucket of this section and are, therefore, more easily disposed of to city dwellers. Those who have tried the new sorghum this year know that it has a delicious flavor, and the sales should be good if properly put up.

### THE SLAUGHTER CONTINUES

THE CEMETERIES are filling up. The speed with which these last resting places are being filled is tabulated in an interesting, and what should be a beneficial manner, by The Charlotte Observer.

Practically every day one or more people are killed in auto accidents in the two Carolinas. Some days the death rate runs to four and five. Each day, above the new items telling of the fatality, The Observer publishes the total number of highway deaths for the year. Two Carolinians were killed in auto crashes Friday. The total in Saturday's observer for the year in the two States was 763. By today that total will be considerably increased. It always is over the week-end. Surely, that daily warning should do some good. A long row of caskets—763—what a price to pay for careless driving in one year, and the year not over! We talk in indignant tones of the slaughter by the crime gangs in the big cities. We shudder when the headlines tell of a ship sinking and carrying a score of people to water graves, and we shudder when a passenger plane plunges to earth and kills six. Yet we seem to be unmoved by an automobile death toll in two States of 763 in 10 months. Perhaps someone close to you will help make it a round thousand by January 1. Think it over.

### THE DANIELS SPEECH

GOVERNOR GARDNER was not the only speaker at the Duplin county farm gathering last week. Josephus Daniels, the Raleigh editor, also spoke, and, according to Tom Bost's account, scattered voices in the crowd termed him the next governor of North Carolina. Mr. Daniels, by the Bost interpretation, made a very timely campaign speech. He bawled out the government, federal and state, privilege,

## Ex-Prosecutor Free Again



"You were one of the best men I ever had here," said Warden James B. Helcher (left), as he bade Asa Keyes, former Los Angeles prosecutor, goodbye at the gate of San Quentin prison. "I learned a lot about life while I was in San Quentin," declared Keyes, as he left behind him the cold, gray walls that had surrounded him for the last 19 months. The ex-prosecutor was amazed to see the changes that had taken place in the world since he started his term. He's going to be an auto salesman.

big business and other imaginary dragons that harassed people like to believe are blocking their path. Practically every leader and politician in the crowd, as The Greensboro News correspondent diagnosed it, labelled the Daniels outburst as a preliminary move to getting in the 1932 race for governor. But Mr. Bost himself, rather shrewd in drawing dependable deductions about matters political, interpreted the speech from the opposite viewpoint: he believes that the fiery denunciation of the Raleigh editor meant that he was not a candidate for public office and would not be. As it is Mr. Daniels appears to have them all guessing. When this is read he may have made some definite announcement, but just now his future, as the football dopsters term it, is a "toss-up." Coolidge's "I-do-not-choose" statement is a matter of history, and Newton Baker's "I-do-not-desire" has wide circulation, but Mr. Daniels excelled both recently when he replied to a query from a Goldsboro editor. The Goldsboro editor desired to know just what Mr. Daniels would do in 1932. The Daniels reply was that "I cannot clarify the situation at this time." A mystery grips the attention. And one thing is sure: Mr. Daniels by refusing to commit himself, while permitting others to talk their heads off and surmise anything they care to, is holding the limelight as he could in no other manner.

### JUDGE MOORE'S "IDLE SHEIKS"

THE PAPERS have been talking quite a bit, editorially, about Judge Walter Moore's declaration that the idle sheiks and soda cowboys should be made to work in some manner so as to help support themselves. Practically all of the comment has been commendatory of the view taken. They all seem to agree that under present conditions an idle person should not be too particular about the work offered, if any. Yet some of the editors are wondering if anything other than talk will be done about it. If they know Judge Moore, they would not be wondering, but in fairness to him, the judge cannot do it all by himself. It is another instance where letting "George do it" cannot solve the problem. Judge Moore on his second trip to Shelby cannot, due to a lack of acquaintance with people and conditions, walk out and say which of the sleek-haired boys should go to work and where. He does not know just how many of them have fond papas content to feed the idle offspring, and plenty able to do it. Neither can he tell, without employing the Burns detective forces, if then, how many of the boys idling about are being supported by parents who need assistance but cannot get it out of their youngsters. Judge Moore put it straight to the court in his talk. "I do not know who they are, but if you people are willing to cooperate with me, I will do my part. Tell me who they are, or bring them in here, or tell me and I'll have them sent, and we'll see if something can be done about it."

Even a brief acquaintance with the jurist is enough to convince anyone that he does no grandstand talking. He means what he says, and meant everything he said, or we miss a guess, about the idlers. But too many of us are constrained to be critical of what the courts and judges do, when, at the same time, we are not inclined to be cooperative. The attitude, unfortunately, seems to be: It should be done, but let him do it. The let-George-do-it complex that never did, and never will, accomplish much.

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