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## TWINKLES

It is about time to begin figuring how much you can afford to give to help the unfortunate tide over the winter.

The only difference in the name of Ghandi of India and Grandi of Italy is one letter, but what a difference a few clothes make.

The controversy over the proposed sale of the Shelby light plant promises to take the place of the missing advance talk of the county campaign next spring.

Without attempting to belittle the damage done by the forest fires in North Carolina, we're wondering if they haven't covered more newspaper space than actual wooded territory.

Mr. Hoover is to be commended for his advocacy of a plan to help citizens buy a home. Now who will come along with the more important plan showing those who have already bought how to keep what they have?

While Japan is proving a thorn in the flesh of the League of Nations Lefty Grove, the American League southpaw star, is over in Japan white-washing the Japanese baseball stars.

They're planning now to make parachutes of cotton instead of silk, and it's our guess that the cotton farmers can assure the aviation enthusiasts they'll have something which can be depended upon to hit rock bottom.

The charge that Senator Cam Morrison is financing the campaign of his rival, Bob Reynolds, is as amusing as would be a report that Governor-Would-Be Dick Fountain is donating every other handshake to the cause of J. C. B. Ehringhaus, another aspirant for the governorship.

## NUBBINS FOR THE INTELLIGENT

COMMENTING UPON the surprise at seeing a couple of better-class sonnets in a North Carolina country weekly, The Greensboro News says: "There ought to be tucked away in at least every special, if not regular, edition of a newspaper something designed solely for the pleasure of its most intelligent readers." No doubt about that. But we're trouble just now as to how to classify ourselves, remembering how we anticipate and enjoy "Shucks and Nubbins" by O. J. in the newspaper offering the advice.

## HITTING THE LITTLE FELLOW

UNDER THE HEADING, "Make the Little Fellow Pay," The Raleigh News and Observer says, "The difficulty with the Mellon school of government is that it never learns." The comment notes that the Mellon-controlled G. O. P., facing a two billion dollar deficit, is preparing the public for a boost in Federal taxes, the tentative idea of bringing in some form of sales tax. It puzzles the Raleigh editor that after all this the little fellow continues to support such a monstrous wrong at the polls. It is equally as puzzling to us, but we were just as much worried about the little fellow, who pays and pays, when some were attempting to saddle another sales tax upon him at the last session of the North Carolina legislature.

## JUST A FAVORITE SON

THE PRESIDENTIAL BOOST given Harry Byrd, Virginia's ex-governor, by Senator Glass will not likely mount higher than the favorite-son stage. Governor Byrd is a pleasing fellow and a member of one of America's most prominent families. He made a good record as Virginia's chief executive and likely possesses many assets for higher office. But nearly every State has its ex-governor and prominent leaders to boost and many of them, with no intent to belittle the ability of Byrd, are just as well known as the Virginian. The Star wishes Byrd all the success possible and believes he is entitled to the favorite-son homage but Virginia should not be disappointed if the boom advances no farther than a complimentary vote. A favorite son who can steal the limelight from two or three of the now outstanding Democratic leaders at the next convention will have to develop exceedingly rapid in the intervening time.

## WATCHING SHELBY

ANNOUNCEMENT of the S. P. U. offer for the Shelby municipal light plant had hardly been published until another North Carolina city was calling here to get the details, as a similar offer was being made there. Officials of both cities, we believe, could come nearer securing more worthwhile information by asking some questions of citizens in towns and cities where the S. P. U. system is already under trial. But the spread of the power firm is such that all municipalities are looking on with interest. Here's the sideline comment of The Gastonia Gazette:

And the matter is brought closer home to Gastonia. The Southern Public Utilities Company, it is reported, will make an offer of a little more than a million dollars

to the city council of Shelby this evening for the municipally owned light plant of that city. Newspaper reports from Shelby are that the proceeds from such a sale would go a long way toward retiring the bonded debt of the city and thus reduce the tax rate to a considerable degree; from \$1.15 to 60 cents, it is said.

This is a matter that many municipalities will face in the next few years. It is a known fact that the Southern Public Utilities Company is anxious to acquire control of as many of these plants as possible. Some communities have welcomed the power company and have disposed of their properties at good prices and have been eager to avail themselves of the opportunity. Others have regarded the properties as paying investments too good to sell; they have figured that they are worth about as much to the municipalities as to the power company. Others fear the coming of the power company as they would some ogre or giant which will eventually throttle the life out of them. It is a matter that will eventually come up for final settlement in many Carolina cities and towns which now own their own public utility plants.

## DEMOCRACY'S ROYAL LINEAGE?

THE APPOINTMENT of Mrs. Caraway as United States senator from Arkansas to succeed her late husband meets with the approval of this paper, and all indications at hand are that the country's second feminine senator is as well fitted for the office as some who are already in that august body. We disagree, however, with a view expressed by Governor Parnell in appointing her. Among other things, he said: "The office belonged to Senator Caraway . . . and his widow is rightfully entitled to the honor." First of all, the office did not belong to Senator Caraway, as The Statesville Daily points out, "the office belongs to the people. Death ends the temporary title of the occupant of the office. The place cannot be given to anybody by the will of the deceased because the place was not his to give." And we agree with the added view that such a procedure does not need encouraging. Government of, for and by the people is not one of royal lineage to be handed down in the family. There was, no doubt, a bit of sentiment—quite a bit of it—in giving Mrs. Caraway the office, but Governor Parnell shouldn't become sentimental enough to infer that it was her office by right of inheritance or anything like that.

## COXEY'S ARMY AGAIN

REMEMBER COXEY'S ARMY? And its leader, General Jacob S. Coxe? It has been a good many years since he was in the limelight, but he has bobbed up again as mayor of his home town and will attempt to work out some of his theories.

It's Johnston Avery, of The Lenoir News-Topic, talking about him as follows:

Some time ago we mentioned that this country was ripe for some new and promising radicalism, but we never dreamed that the people were prepared at last to try the strange doctrine of General Jacob S. Coxe. You remember Gen. Coxe, of course, who led the army of unemployed to Washington some 40 years ago and has spent a life time advocating non-interest bearing bonds in denominations from 25-cents up. Well, last week he was elected Mayor of his home town, Massillon, Ohio, by a landslide.

He says he is going to test his theory by having his city issue these bonds for public improvements and cleared through city labor. Another thing he advocates is public ownership and operation of utilities "to keep Massillon money at home instead of in Wall street."

The big business interests of the nation who attempt to prevent the spread of such doctrines as Gen. Coxe's defeat their own purpose when they permit the concentration of wealth.

## TIME FOR COOL, SOBER THOUGHT

THE PROPOSITION by the Southern Public Utility Co. to buy Shelby's light plant for \$1,100,000 calls for cool, sober analysis. That is big money and whether we accept it or not, we are made to realize what a potential value we have. It is an asset that has grown from a \$13,000 investment 18 years ago to a point where a public utility company is willing to offer us a sum of eleven hundred thousand dollars, almost enough to wipe out our entire bonded indebtedness, but it is an asset that should continue to grow instead of diminish in value.

We are pleased to see the city officials approach the proposition in a careful, considerate manner. It should be considered from the standpoint of the welfare of all the people and Shelby's future. It is a highly technical subject that calls for expert analysis into the matter of rates, taxation, future growth, earning capacity, etc., and officials and citizens should deliberate carefully before any steps are taken to surrender the city's greatest money making business.

Since the proposition of a sale has come up, many citizens have freely expressed themselves both for and against a sale and some have done so in heated and passionate words. It would be unfortunate to have our city's harmony disturbed, friendships broken and the future peace and unity upset over the matter. A million dollars is a big sum, but a million dollars is not to be compared with the value of a harmonious and patriotic Shelby spirit such as we have now, cooperating for a finer city. Men will disagree on public questions, but no disagreement should be severe enough to cause charges of corruption and graft. Avoid bitterness and hatred above all else.

Shelby did not solicit a bid on its municipal plant. It came voluntarily from a company wanting to expand. They think it is worth the price and we are complimented to know that our worth. Should we decide we have nothing to sell, there should be no hard feelings between the would-be traders.

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## BOY SCOUT NEWS

### South Shelby, Troop No. 7.

Troop 7 held its usual meeting Friday night. Since our summer camping trip the troop has been on the "down hill drag" but it is improving.

The troop gave an oyster supper last Friday night a week ago and invited the troop committee for the purpose of discussing ways and means by which we could better our troop.

We elected a scribe, bugler and two patrol leaders, we then decided on having a basketball team. We have a total of about 16 boys and want to have two teams in the troop. As another means of helping everyone interested Mr. Ed Morehead our scout master suggested that each patrol put on a program every meeting night. This suggestion met with everyone's approval, so the Lion patrol has charge of the program next meeting night. Troop 7 is giving an oyster supper November 27, and the public is cordially invited.

CARROLL JACKSON, Scribe.

### Polkville Scout News.

Troop 1, Polkville met troop 1, Belwood in a field meet Friday, November 13, at the Belwood high school. Scoutmasters A. C. Aderholt and Luther Houser were in charge. Both troops showed good spirit and everyone seemed to enjoy the meet, which was won by Belwood. The score being 14-12.

The different events follow:  
Running broad jump: won by Belwood. J. D. Hicks jumped 16 ft.  
Running high jump, it was tied by two teams.

Standing high jump: Belwood won first and second places.  
Standing broad jump: won by Dickson Willis, Belwood. He jumped 9 1-2 feet from the board.

200 yard dash won by Lee Turner and Vance Champion, Polkville. Tent pitching this showed a lot of action and skill. It was won by Cecil Powell and Norman Mauney, of Polkville.

Fire-by-friction, Norman Mauney, Cecil Powell, Thomas Jenkins, Polkville (after so long).

First Aid bandages won by Dickson Willis and Sam Saine, Belwood. This meet gave both troops good practice in all of the events which were held. We would have had more events had the fire-by-friction not taken up so much time. It was agreed upon by both teams to have another meet in December, at Polkville.

CHARLES E. RIDGE Jr., Scribe.

### Troop No. 2 News.

Troop No. 2 Shelby met Monday Nov. 16. The Bob White patrol was in charge of the program.

The meeting opened with the scout oath. Fred M. Simmons did several slight of hand tricks. It was planned that Mr. Propst (scoutmaster) should make a talk on his trip to Florida. But as he was down with asthma and was short of breath this was left out.

The troop gave 15 rafs for Mr. Propst. You could see him get better. He took charge of the business. Patrol business was then brought up and several pamphlets were donated to the troop.

After playing a few games the meeting adjourned.  
The Bob White has a new member, Carroll Hood, who makes it a standard patrol, they having eight members. The Crow and Pine Tree patrols have 7 members and the Owl six.

Several scouts are working on tests seeking higher rank. Some have tests already passed off and signed ready for the court of honor.

We (troop 2) want to extend our many thanks to the dry cleaning Co. for dry cleaning out National flag free of charge.

FRED M. SIMMONS, Scribe.

### Belwood Scout News.

We have changed our regular meetings from Thursday to Friday night of every week.

It was a privilege for us to meet troop No. 1 of Polkville in a field meet and camp array on our grounds. The score was as follows:  
Running broad jump, Belwood first, Polkville second.  
Running high jump, score tied.

If you thought "The Cock-Eyed World" was a good show . . . wait until you see

"SUICIDE FLEET"

The Navy's Big Parade

at the

CAROLINA  
NEXT MONDAY AND  
TUESDAY

Standing high jump, Belwood first, Polkville second.  
Standing broad jump, Belwood first, Polkville second.  
200 yard dash, Polkville first, Belwood second.  
Tent pitching, Polkville first, Belwood second.  
Fire by friction, Polkville 1st, Belwood second.  
First aid bandages, Belwood first, Polkville second.  
Belwood won by four first places to Polkville three. The afternoon was enjoyed by all and we hope to return the meet about December 1. We urge that all members be present Friday night of each week. The Wolf patrol will entertain the troop with some peppy games. The Hound patrol will have charge Friday night November 27, 1931.  
WAYNE CARPENTER, Scribe.

Advertising is worth trying, Mr. Merchant, even if you have doubts. Talking about hard times is all right if you talk lightly and keep going.  
If you want a big crowd to attend your meetings, feed 'em and feed 'em free.  
If you want to know whether there is a depression or not, try to borrow \$100.

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Lb. Pkg. **17c**

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**LIPTON'S TEA** — ¼ Lb. Can . . . . . **25c**  
**WHITE HOUSE VINEGAR** — Gallon . . . . . **59c**  
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5-Lb. Can **33c**

**Dixie Delicious Cake** lb. **25c**

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