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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 1931

TWINKLES

This is the week that you can attend a good show in Shelby, enjoy yourself, and know that the admission price will go to the charity fund in aiding the unfortunate.

"Fewer People Trying to Beat Train to Crossing," informs a headline. Of course. There are fewer motorists left to make the attempt.

The Reno divorce list reminds of the marriage lists that come out of York and Gaffney. Couples from all sections taking advantage of easy marriage—and the easy way out.

Since the weatherman has been asleep at the switch and has not given his customary warning signals, don't forget that there are only 19 more shopping days until Christmas.

It is generally believed that President Hoover will be a candidate to succeed himself, and since Vice President Charlie Curtis says that he will be a candidate for the job he now holds it is certain that Mr. Hoover will not have to go begging for a running mate. Which means, among other things, that Mrs. Gann, sister of Curtis, may again lead Washington society—if Curtis is nominated and elected.

The major trouble about luxury taxes, as a contemporary says, is that it will be difficult to define luxuries. In Philadelphia, for instance, a prominent business woman says rouge and cosmetics are not luxuries but necessities. They are just as necessary, she contends, as toothpaste because a good appearance means much in business. And there you go; most of us, we fear, can find some way of making what we use appear to be necessities instead of luxuries. Tell a man or woman that you will tax his or her luxuries and you'll find few who will admit they make use of any out-and-out luxury.

LARGE CAROLINA FAMILIES

FOR YEARS in making an estimate on the number of people living in one household it has been customary to say that the average American family consists of five people. The family size is used in numerous computations. For instance, a newspaper in telling its advertisers how many readers it has will, or heretofore has, multiplied the number of subscribers by four or five. The Star, to put it in actual terms, has approximately 5,000 subscribers; that means close to 20,000 readers, or four in each subscribing family. But statistics assembled in the last census show that the size of the average American family is on the decrease. Forty years ago the population per family was 4.9. In 1920 it had dropped to 4.3, and at the last census, in 1930, it was down to 4.1. The decrease, however, was not evident in the two Carolinas, the census tabulation showing that the largest families in America are to be found in North and South Carolina, and the smallest in California and Nevada. Hereafter, taking America as a whole—near 30 million families—it will be more accurate to say that there are just four people to the family; and, incidentally if anyone cares to know, 40 percent of those families have radios.

COLORFUL CHARACTER PASSES

ONE OF THE South's most colorful public characters passed last week in the death of "Uncle Alf" Taylor in Tennessee. The younger generation is not so familiar with the hectic and interesting careers of "Uncle Alf" and his brother Bob, but to the older generation it is a political epic of a bygone era.

The Taylor brothers, both dead now, attained national prominence when they opposed each other for the governorship of Tennessee, Alfred as the Republican candidate and Robert as the Democratic standard-bearer. They spoke from the same platform, they rode through the mountains and valleys of Tennessee together and at night they slept in the same bed. They directed sharp barbs at the other's party, but throughout their spirited campaign they never made personal attacks on each other.

One night the brothers stopped at a boarding house in Bridgeport, Ala., just across the Tennessee State line. The landlady had heard of their mother's admonition that they stick to party principles in their campaign. She pinned a red rose on Alf and a white rose on Bob and said:

"Wear these for your mother. I know she is proud of two sons who can differ in politics and still love each other. Their campaign, in which Bob was successful, became known as 'The War of the Roses.'"

Alf was famous for his ability as a story teller and as a fox hunter and he regaled his audience with his tales. Bob was adept with a violin and he fiddled for the enjoyment of his audiences.

Alf had left a seat in the national House of Representatives to make the gubernatorial race and after being defeated by his brother, he later went back to Congress in 1889 to serve until 1895. Robert Taylor died in 1912 while a U. S. Senator.

Although defeated for the governorship in 1886, Alf Taylor came back 34 years later, at the age of 72, to win the

office with the greatest majority ever given a Republican gubernatorial nominee in Tennessee.

He was defeated for re-election in 1922 by the late Gov. Austin Peay and retired from public life.

Politics and fox hounds were Uncle Alf's greatest hobbies.

He said the reason he and Bob were successful in politics was "because we played the fiddle, were fond of dogs, and loved our fellowman." As for the fox hounds, he said:

"The person who hasn't heard an honest to goodness fox chase has missed the prettiest music in the world, excepting that which comes from a violin."

THE SEABOARD TAX MATTER

THE STAR is not familiar with the inside details, nor is it acquainted with the legal technicalities involved, but from outward appearances it seems as if the Cleveland county commissioners would be making the proper move in waiving the penalty and interest involved in order to secure the Seaboard railroad tax due the county for the year 1931.

The proposition, we presume, is familiar to readers. A number of months ago the railroad entered a receivership. No tax has been paid this county and nine other counties in the section in which the road operates. In each of the counties, as here, the Seaboard tax is a sizeable sum, representing an amount of money all the counties could very handily use. A short time back the receivers stated that they would immediately pay the 1930 tax if the penalty of late payment and interest were waived. The officials of the several counties took the matter up with State officials at Raleigh. They were told, as we recall it, that the courts have ruled that a receiver cannot be held responsible for a tax penalty. If that ruling holds good in this particular case, there seems to be nothing whatsoever to be gained by refusing the proposal of the receiver. The receivers can be made to pay the straight tax, and are, they say, willing to do so. The payment of the \$13,000 Seaboard tax would pretty well clean up the 1930 tax sheet in this county. Of course the commissioners are expected to do everything possible to get everything the county is justly entitled to, and they, we believe, can be depended upon to do so. But if they can be assured, even after taking it to the courts again, that it is impossible to force the railroad to pay the penalty, there appears to be no wisdom in not getting the straight tax as early as possible. The use of the money is worth something, and might, if the matter is held over for any length of time, equal the amount of the attached penalty. As we see it, the county attorney, or proper legal counsel could advise the board in such a manner that it could take action at its session next week. If the county attorney, after an investigation, finds that the receiver cannot be made to pay the additional penalty, then why not go ahead and waive something that cannot be collected anyway and thereby bring the \$13,000 into the county treasury? There is, of course, this other angle: the average citizen, who was late in paying taxes on his property and, as a result, had to pay a penalty, naturally feels that all other delinquent payers, corporations and railroads, should also be made to pay a penalty. But if the law holds that a receivership is not responsible for past due taxes, there is little to do about it no matter how we might feel.

Seemingly there is only one thing to decide and that is the point of law covering the payment of the penalty. Once that is cleared up, action in the matter should not be difficult to decide upon. If legal counsel think all efforts to collect the penalty mean little more than chasing a pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow, then, certainly, there is no reason to piddle around a few years and get what can be secured now.

When There's No News Happening In Washington What Do They Write?

They Just Ramble About And Pick Up Odd Items As Do Other News Hounds.

Washington. — Sometimes you trudge all day and do not get any news. At the Capitol, where most news is now, nearly everyone important is constantly in conference. . . . You hang your hat and coat up in the senate press gallery and look at the bulletin board. Correspondents can't be in their offices and on the hill at the same time, so the Postal and Western Union duplicate all telegrams to the bulletin board. . . . You read a notice on the board: "Garner daily press conferences 10:30 and 3 p. m." Borah for years has been the only member of congress to hold daily press conferences.

Now Garner, the next speaker, has two dates a day to tell reporters he hasn't anything to say. . . . It's after 11, but you mosey over to Garner's office and find he is conferring with Senator Pat Harrison. You stop and eat pecans with nice Mrs. Ettie Garner, wife and secretary. She has a mechanical pecan cracker, which makes it easy Two sacks of pecans from the Garner plantation at Uvalde, Tex., are in a corner. The Garners never get tired of pecans.

An electric coffee percolator sits on a small table. Mrs. Garner, social successor to Alice Longworth never goes out to lunch. That takes time. So she and Harry Sexton, the ex-editor who is Garner's male aide, send out for sandwiches at noon and she makes coffee. These two daily reach the office at 7:30 a. m. and quit at 6. Business is good. . . . You leave with a pocketful of pecans.

You catch Senator George Norris of Nebraska between a conference and his lunch and give him a couple of pecans. . . . At every session's end Uncle George leaves town thin and haggard, worn and tired. . . . But each fall he

returns fattened, refreshed, optimistic and glowing in health. That's the way he is now. . . . He supervised renovation of his home at McCook last summer, doing many odd jobs and planting shrubs himself. Often he would shout from the woods for his stenographic secretary to come out and take dictations.

Friendly delegations from other towns were sometimes entertained in the woods, sitting on nail-kegs, planks and saw-horses as they chatted about public affairs. . . . Another senator's secretary tells you how he and three other fellows are "beating the cigarette trust" by using a co-operative cigarette-rolling machine. . . . You eat at the senate restaurant and see Senators Couzens of Michigan, Nye of North Dakota, Tydings of Maryland and Norris together at a long table. Ex-Senator Dan Steek of Iowa joins them, after a little hesitancy. Steek was sort of an administration Democrat under Coolidge and Hoover and may get a lame duck berth on the tariff commission.

You try to remember which Delaware or maybe it was a New Jersey senator donated bushels of free strawberries for senators and correspondents at the restaurant last year and hope he does it again. . . . Back in the senate office building you keep finding everybody out or in conference. Senator Marvel Mills Logan, the new one from Kentucky, is in but busy. You peek at him though. He seems to be the most conspicuously fat member of this congress, with a big black lock of hair thrown back toward his right shoulder and tortoise-shell glasses resting on the very tip of an ample nose.

You decide to attend that reception to Foreign Minister Dino Grandi and see for yourself whether his beard is really purple as reported. It turns out to be brown. His hair is black, however, by virtue

Ghandi In Break With Britain Now

Says Conference Failed, Will Go Back To India To Start Campaign Again.

London, Nov. 27.—Mahatma Gandhi made a clean break with the British government and announced that since the round table conference had come to nothing he must go back to India and start his campaign of "non-violent non-cooperation" all over again.

"Notwithstanding the laudible efforts of some delegates to pump life into this corpse which we call a round table conference," he said, "I fear I must abandon whatever slender hope I ever had of obtaining a full responsible self-government."

"Since it is clearly the intention of the British government not to grant the things we have asked, I must abandon cooperation with the government and start again the campaign of non-violent non-cooperation."

Nothing but "terrible repression" in India can come out of the conference, he said, "but repression never has harmed a nation sailing toward its goal with fixed determination."

"A reign of terror by the government cannot kill the desire of millions of Indians for their independence," said Gandhi. "We teach our children to dance with joy when bullets fly around them. We teach them to suffer patiently for freedom. And now I must go back to India and invite the nation to a new course of suffering."

Sir Samuel Hoare, secretary of state for India, warned the delegates against "drifting into an atmosphere of melodramatic tragedy and comedy," and asserted that the government had no intention of abandoning its original pledges to India, while admitting that the situation now is more difficult than at the last round table conference.

The government, he said would adhere to the policy of conference and consultation and would formulate its final policy only after obtaining the views of all the Indian delegates.

Oyster Supper At El Bethel Friday

There will be an oyster supper at El Bethel Methodist church Friday night December 4th. Music will be furnished by the Cora Mill cornet band, according to an announcement made by Mrs. O. A. Rhea. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

With King Carol, Queen Marie, Prince Nicholas or Princess Ileana making page one every day, looks like California's press agents are little potatoes beside Rumania's.

of vaseline or olive oil. No gesture seems more statesmanlike than Grandi's as he strokes that beard while thinking. . . . A white handkerchief sticks five inches from his breast pocket; he wears a square-faced wrist watch. His Italian-American dictionary taught him to say "vistuals" (not "vittles") instead of "food". . . . He seems a remarkable combination of forcefulness, dynamic youth and great amiability. . . . Everybody's impression of him was favorable.

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CAROLINA

MON. - TUES., DEC. 7 & 8

Last Sunday School Rally Coming Dec. 6

Costner Issued Message to S. S. Officers. Program Planned for Double Shoals.

(By J. W. Costner.)

We are having our last Sunday school rally of this calendar year at Double Shoals Baptist church December 6th at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

These meetings are held each month for the benefit of all Sunday schools, and as you know the program is given by members of various Sunday schools.

We have had a fine average in attendance all through the year. The speakers and singers have in most all cases been present, and delighted the people each time with the speeches and songs.

It is very gratifying to the officers of the association to know that each Sunday school with its superintendent has co-operated in this great work. All Sunday schools have sent in a report during the past year. Some however, have failed to be systematic, but to each superintendent and secretary we are grateful to you for your help. As you know the associational officers are only "sub-stations" between the Sunday schools of this association and our boards in Nashville and Raleigh. The reports that you have sent have been combined and are now a matter of history, that will stand throughout all time to come.

The pastors have stood by the work and have encouraged the workers from time to time. As our meetings under the direction of the Sunday school board are held monthly, it is impossible for all our pastors to attend, but we have the assurance to know that their hearts are for the cause of the Sunday schools that teach God's word each Sunday.

May I insist that each superintendent and a large delegation from each Sunday school go to Double Shoals and let's close the year in a great way with each church represented.

The following is the program: December 6, 2:30 p. m. Theme "The Sunday Morning Program."

2:30—Devotional by J. F. Lutz of Zion.

2:45 "The Benefits of a Good Sunday Morning Program" by Prof. C. A. Ledford, Superintendent Normans Grove Sunday school.

3:05 Special music by Woman's quartet of Dover.

3:15 "Preparing and Rendering the Sunday School Program" by Mrs. W. F. Hamrick, of Fallston.

3:30 "How We Use the Library in Our Sunday School" by Miss Margarette Martin of Zion.

3:45 Roll call and announcements.

Bank Settled Question.

"Economy has taught me one lesson. By denying myself of tobacco, movies, ice cream and a few other luxuries for the last 10 years I accumulated \$1,564.32."

"That is great. What are you going to do with the money?"

"I won't have to decide that question—the bank failed."

Business Judgment.

Old Man—So you want to marry my daughter, eh? Have you any business judgment?

Suitor—Well sir, I'm trying to get into your family, ain't I?"

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COME TO THE Toyland Opening at EFIRD'S Thurs., Dec. 3 7:45 P. M.

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Efird's Dept. Store

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