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TWINKLES

What about taking a vacant tract of land around Shelby and turning it over to the unemployed for a garden and truck patch?

This is Milk-for-Health Week in Cleveland county and every citizen should cooperate in giving the campaign all the impetus possible.

Say what you will about Mr. Hoover, but a man who has been through with what he has for three years and still asks for four more certainly has courage and optimism.

An unusual criminal case has developed in Shelby. Several negro boys are faced with the charge of stealing a quantity of whiskey from a bootlegger. Is it illegal to steal something that does not exist according to the law?

The optimistic Democrat is the one who firmly believes that at the Chicago convention Al Smith will walk to the platform and second the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt while the convention hall goes wild. And the most pessimistic Republican can't think of a more gloomy prospect.

The mild winter, experts say, will bring more boll weevils into the cotton fields of the South this year. But the weevil, as an Atlanta dispatch says, which lives on a stalk by the side of a row will be a friend to man in destroying what may be an overproduction.

WAS THRILL CONDITIONAL?

CLYDE HOEY'S biggest thrill in life, he tells The Charlotte Observer, was the receiving of a law license that paved the way to a marriage license. But, may we ask, was he positive that she would say "yes," or was the answer dependent upon the reception of the law license that brought the thrill?

CLEMMIE DIXON

MEN OF THE CLEMMIE DIXON type are the substantial sort upon which the welfare and progress of a community are founded. Industrious, honest, level-headed and, above all, dependable, he was of the type upon which others depend and to whom they go for advice. His rather unexpected death last week came as a blow to the entire county, for despite the fact that he preferred to be known as just a farmer he was a citizen of county-wide prominence.

WHY NOT?

THE PROPOSAL to conduct a 10-day Red Cross school in Cleveland county to give instruction in first aid to injured is a matter, we think, Shelby and the county should not pass up. One employe from each industrial plant in the county if sent to the school would receive instruction worth hundreds of dollars to his or her plant and its employes. First-aid knowledge is a valuable thing about an industrial plant where there is risk of injury. The instructed employe could, on his return from the school, instruct others in the plant and build up for every plant in the county a competent first aid program. Employers will, we are constrained to think, miss an excellent opportunity to help themselves and those who work for them by not seeing that the school is conducted here for 10 days. The \$1 cost for each student is a mighty small price to pay for securing expert first aid ideas for every plant in the county.

HAD TO HIT HIGH

THE LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING should be of great value to the entire nation. In recent years, born of the nefarious Chicago gangster practice, scores of American people, children and groups, have been kidnapped for ransom or to keep them from testifying in court. Very little if anything was done about it and as a result many people suffered agony such as the Lindberghs have suffered and thousands of dollars were paid out in ransom. Officials, those in power, seemed to be afraid of doing anything about it or they were too self-satisfied to take action. But the Lindbergh kidnapping gripped the heart of every father and mother. It brought home to all, high and low, the horror of such a crime. Here, there and all over America fathers declared what they would do to anyone who would kidnap their child, and mothers, pictured themselves in the place of the stricken New Jersey mother. As a result lawmakers began considering more severe punishment for the crime of kidnapping. The entire country, to use an advertising phrase, became kidnapping minded. Hereafter kidnapping will be a far more serious crime and a far more dangerous risk than heretofore. It had to hit in the high places to jolt complacent officials and lawmakers into action. When fathers and mothers are touched to the utmost something is going to happen. And some of these days, in a similar manner, the organized gangs which terrorize our larger cities and towns will be officials "bluffed" will arouse public sentiment. In the Lindbergh affair and the people will step in where the law should have been one long ago.

GET IN BIG WEEK

THE FIRST WEEK of March in Cleveland county this year witnessed as much farm activity, we believe, as any one week in many years. All over the county everyone seemed to be working and every plow was going from dawn until dark. It was, from the standpoint of weather and the condition of the soil, farmers say, an ideal week in which to inaugurate the spring activities. The general hope is that the week opens up a good farm year. Whether or not, there is one consoling thought and that is that few farmers are going into the new crop year with any illusions. They know times are hard and that they may not, and likely will not, get high prices for their products. But that knowledge has its value; it is causing the majority of Cleveland farmers to make sure that they will produce enough to live on, no matter what cotton brings and what may happen. And that, considering everything, is an excellent spirit with which to go into the new crop. The cash crops may not bring much, although it is hoped they will, but even if they do not the average thinking farmer is going to be sure of one thing—and that is that his farm will produce enough for his family and for his stock.

SMOKE THEM OUT

WHEN TIMES ARE HARD and discontent is evident at every turn the average citizen gets a kick out of hearing political candidates and office-seekers "cuss out" and criticize those in office and governmental functions in general. The shrewd political campaigners know that and make the most of their knowledge by hopping on everything and everybody to please the hearers. So far so good, but while they play to the popular ear of the hearers who get a kick out of the criticism they should offer something constructive to supplant that which they criticize. They do, of course offer themselves for the offices held by the men they criticize, but they should also tell how they are going to improve things and better conditions after getting in. It is hoped that before the campaign is over—and we refer to all campaigns from constable to president—the sensible voters will require speakers to do that before getting the votes they seek.

One of North Carolina's most observant newspapermen says that one of the announced candidates for governor is winning much attention by his criticism of the present State administration and of numerous other policies that have to a certain extent proved their worth. In it all, however, he fails to offer any constructive criticism. He favors kicking out those who are in, sweeping all the cards from the table with one swoop of the hand, and bringing about a general turn-over. But he fails to tell how or why the State and conditions will be bettered. The average voter, somewhat discontinued and worried himself, will listen, and perhaps applaud, such criticism for a time, but eventually he will begin demanding how the critic intends to better things. This candidate, says the newspaper observer referred to above, has not taken a fixed stand on anything and while flaying others fails to tell in definite, tangible form what he intends to do. "But," adds the observer, "he seems to be winning support and unless he can be smoked out on leading issues will likely be the next governor of the State." That being the case, he should be smoked out. We may be wrong but it is our belief that the voters of North Carolina are too sensible and level-headed to put any man in office who seeks that office on nothing more than a platform of destructive criticism. In that instance we refer not only to the governor's office but to all offices. The simple assertion that those in do not know what they are doing does not assure that the one making the assertion does know what to do—unless he can explain what and how.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

Dear Mike:
It is getting about time for you to come forth with some more of your classical poetry, so kindly give us a poem on "Spring." You can do it and we want you to know beforehand that we will read it with gusto.

Your friend,
C. K. L.
Saluda, S. C., Mar. 3, 1932.

dear mr. c. k. l.:
thank you for yore nice request p-etty was not teched in the school i attended, but i will be glad to rite a good poem for you, as i have picked up some dots on how to rite same by reading the newspapers now and then.

s-p-r-i-n-g
oh, spring, oh spring, or spring, oh spring,
when you come the birds will sing,
the taters will sprout and the peas will grow,
and we'll find plenty ever where we go.

when spring arrives with all her might,
our hens will lay and the fish will bite,
the roosters will crow and the pigs will squeal,
just to tell the world how good they feel.

hurry on, dear spring, we need you bad,
you'll boost our hopes and make us glad,
we can plant more cotton to sell for a nickel,
and wind up next fall in a wicker

pickie, (than we now is).

spring is the time to take on new hope,
the government is putting out plenty-o-dope,
so we orter know how to get out of the hole
as old king cotton is a merry old soul.

good-bye old winter, you've benn mighty warm,
but that's benn good for the poor on the farm,
but you spoiled our meat and ruin'd our grain,
so get out of the way, spring's here again.
Mike Clark, rfd.

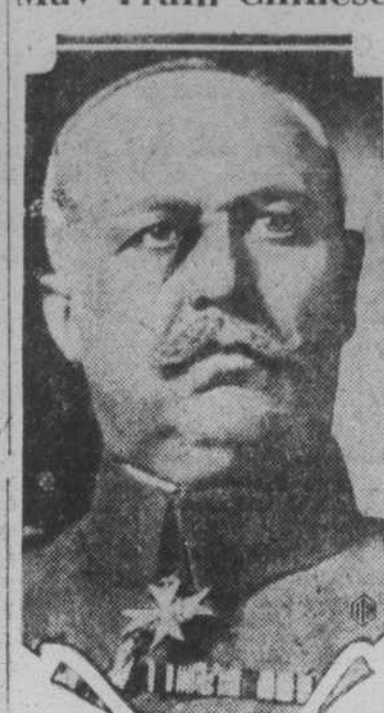
Live and Let Live
Landlord No. 1, realizing that Hoover prosperity is stalled "just around the corner," reduced the rent while his tenant was still living in his house, and they are both happy—BUT—

Hog & Co.
Landlord No. 2, didn't give a darn about Hoover prosperity, and therefore did not reduce his rental rate until 6 months after his tenant moved out—and his property remains vacant to this day. Moral: Don't try to put all 4 of your feet in the trough at one time.

Letter of Appreciation
Dear Mr. I. C. Commish:
Please accept our thanks for keeping war-time rates in effect on railroads thru these hard-times. You have made it possible for us to earn a good living. We also wish to express our gratitude at your latest move: the one that instituted an "emergency charge" on freight. This is likewise a big benefit to us, and we are mighty busy. Your classification of freight is our plum-puddin'.
Your thankful friends,
Bus & Truck Bros.

Cotton Letter
New York, March 7—Liverpool came in as due. Prospects of a change in May weather boosted spots nearly 2 points to a new low. Spinners takings and underwear eased off near bed-time, but girt-

Mav Train Chinese



Reports are current in London, England, that General Eric von Ludendorff (above), one of Germany's foremost commanders during the World War, has been invited to China to organize the National Army on a scientific military basis. It is believed that there are already German officers coaching the Chinese, as the Chapel-Woosung line, which has given the Japs so much trouble, is said to resemble the famous Hindenburg line in the World War.

Miss Mosteller Weds Mr. Costner In S. C.

(Special to The Star.)
Toluca, Mar. 5—A wedding of much interest throughout the community was solemnized on last Sunday afternoon February 28th at Gaffney, S. C., by Judge J. L. Stroup when Miss Maie Mostella became the bride of Mr. A. C. Costner. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mostella of Knob Creek. The bride is 20 years old and the groom is 47 years old. They were accompanied by Miss Vertie Smith and Mr. Clyde Costner. Immediately after the ceremony they returned to the home of the groom in Toluca where a bountiful supper awaited them. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Costner, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Seagle, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boyles, Miss Vertie Smith, Miss Vaunetta Boyles, Misses Fannie and Lillian Mostella Ruth, Marie and Louisa Costner and Henry Brittain, Edwin and Leon Costner.

Hog cholera is making heavy inroads in the swine herds of Bertie county. The county agent vaccinated 232 animals for nine owners last week.

stones continued firm in sympathy with copper. We advise caution and federal aid if you intend to straddle, but if you are long, you will soon be short and possibly broke. Anyway, let Mr. Mellon go ahead.

See If You Can Work This Puzzle
Cigarette tobacco was selling at 25 cents per pound in 1927, standard brand cigarettes were selling at \$6.00 per thousand (plus stamps) in 1927. Today (1932) cigarette tobacco is selling at 9 cents a pound and standard brand cigarettes are selling at \$6.85 per thousand, (plus stamps). In other words, raw tobacco has declined about 62 percent, while the manufactured product has advanced about 14 percent. The tax rate on cigarettes is the same now as 1927. Ans.: Bad habits.

Jesse James Method
The new emergency freight rate is like this: you go into a restaurant and order a 25-cent meal and pay 50 cents for it, and suddenly the proprietor pokes a 44-Colt in your short-ribs and demands 10 cents more—just because he has been charging so much for his food—he ran his trade off, and thus he began to slide backwards—to such an extent—that he can't quite pay his rent.

Who Own Railroads Of United States?

From Barron's.
Approximately 800,000 individuals own the \$7,000,000,000 stock of the American railroads. It is estimated that about 60 percent of the \$11,000,000,000 in bonds, or \$6,600,000,000, is owned by life insurance companies, educational, philanthropic, and religious institutions, and by savings banks and commercial banks. The other 4 percent, or \$440,000,000, is owned by corporations and individuals. (It is interesting to note, in passing, that a considerable portion of this \$440,000,000 of funded debt held by individuals is each year being donated through gifts and bequests to public institutions of a philanthropic nature.)

\$635,817,000, a decline of \$502,000,000 from the same period last year. With heavy losses certain in March and June, compared with last year collections for the year probably will be around \$1,000,000,000 on the basis of present tax rates, against \$1,860,040,000 in 1931.—Journal of Commerce.

Dairy farming in Caldwell county is receiving a decided boost by reason of the Caldwell Creamery and newly established cheese factory at North Wilkesboro.

Six Durham farmers recently made a cooperative order of pecan trees for setting about over their farms.

— PAY YOUR CITY TAXES —

A penalty of two per cent went into effect March 1st.

Taxes not paid by April 1st will impose a three per cent penalty. Four per cent will be added May 1st.

Pay now and save money.

CITY OF SHELBY
L. E. LIGON, Clerk.

Tax Collections Off 860 Millions From '31

Income tax collections in March are estimated at \$200,000,000 or below, against \$334,839,000 in March, 1931. Reports for the July-January period of 1932 shows collections of



"My daddy..your gran'daddy.. told me

...that the man who makes pipe tobacco has to know his business." Colonel Wellman handed down to Granger his 1870 secret that mellows and flavors tobacco as nothing else can.

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