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TWINKLES

The farmer who does not follow the live-at-home program this year may not have a home in which to live next year.

The Louisville Courier-Journal coined a fitting name for some of our current statesmen in terming them "political hitch-hikers."

President Hoover, press dispatches inform, has agreed to work for a dollar a year. Maybe he has sensed the mind of the people and has realized that a dollar is better than no salary at all.

Senator Cam may have the most money, but one of his opponents, Bob Reynolds, seems to have a wealth of optimism. He will, he says, carry 75 of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

There are less automobiles in Cleveland county this year than last but more trucks. And that would indicate that a number of Cleveland people followed the Hoover two-car garage idea, but saw to it that the second car was for work and not pleasure.

MAKING GOOD RECORDS

OUT AT THE WACO high school one member of the graduating class, Bessie Poston, has not been absent nor tardy during the four years in high school and in the entire period she made the honor roll. That is an excellent record.

In the same class are a boy and a girl, Talmage Beam and Neva Whitworth, who have average a grade of 94 on all subjects during their four years in high school. Another excellent record, just one of several that show why the Waco community should be proud of the dozen youngsters who get their diplomas this year.

A BIBLE CLASS OF 500

THERE SEEMS TO BE NO depression evident in Shelby Sunday schools. Just a few weeks back the First Baptist Sunday school had around 1,300 people out. Last Sunday there were 1,006 people in attendance in the various departments of Sunday school at the Central Methodist church. Of that number over 500 were in the Clyde Hoy class, more than 400 of the total being regularly enrolled members. Such a big attendance is a fitting tribute not only to the excellent lectures of the popular teacher but also to the various officials of the class who work day in and day out the week through to keep the class growing and going.

JUST A REMINDER

IT IS NOT A TOPIC of a cheering nature, but Cleveland citizens should not forget that this year taxes must be listed during April or a month earlier than heretofore. Likewise, 1931 taxes must be paid by the first of May, or property on which taxes are not paid will be advertised and sold the first of June. These requirements were made law by the last legislature, and are not, as some may intimate, "the doings of anyone about the local courthouse." As far as the listing is concerned it can be done about as well one time as another and the law says there will be a penalty for failure to list this month. The payment of taxes depends, of course, upon having the necessary money with which to pay. Some do not have it and others face a difficult task in getting it up, but those who can pay are only damaging themselves by delaying.

IMPORTANT JOBS

WILL THE Cleveland county board of commissioners be elected or rather nominated this year without opposition? As it is recalled only three candidates have definitely announced and the books close on Friday of this week.

Hereabouts, as elsewhere, the citizens work up much interest over presidential, gubernatorial and senatorial races, but after an election it makes no great difference to the average citizen what candidate is elected to those high offices. The most important office of all to the average citizen, if he or she will think it over, is that of county commissioner. Those men have more to do and say about our direct governmental costs and local problems than do senators or governors. Yet, as in the average community, we are inclined to pay little mind to those contests, not as much, at least, as we do to some offices of less real importance.

NOT GETTING ANYWHERE

THE BIENNIAL ATTEMPT to "drum up" opposition for Congressman Bulwinkle is, as The Charlotte Observer says, underway now, but does not seem to be getting anywhere. The Observer comments:

"Judge Warlick, of Newton, to whom an expectant constituency is in the habit of looking, sets what might be accepted as a good example, in off-hand declining to be drawn into the race against Bulwinkle—the proper attitude toward a good friend."

Sam Erwin, of Morganton, and Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, have also been mentioned as possible opponents of the Major, but they appear to be no more interested in making a race than does Warlick. The odds are that there will be



PLUG THE BUNGHOLE NEXT!

no Democratic opposition for only another day or two remain in which candidates may file, and, although active campaigning has not reached the boiling point, it is considered a bit late to toss a hat into the ring of a major political contest.

IS REFERENDUM COMING?

IS IT POSSIBLE that the people of America will settle the prohibition controversy by popular vote?

Just a few years ago, despite the claims and propaganda of the wets, impartial observers doubted that the controversy would ever be put to a vote, not for many years at least. But a change appears to be taking place, evidence of which can be discerned in many places. Just last week The Charlotte News, for many years an ardent supporter of prohibition, came out with the open declaration that the people, those of both parties, should be permitted to decide the issue for themselves with the hope of bringing an end to a controversy that will not be downed. Then Harry Byrd, former governor of Virginia, stepped out at the Democratic dinner in Washington last week with a proposal for a referendum. And even more surprising was the statement by Bishop Cannon, militant dry leader, that he agreed to a certain extent with the Byrd plan. All of which caused The Charlotte Observer this week to say, after looking over the battlefield, "Looks like the referendum, in some shape or another, is on the way."

Some hope that a referendum will settle "once and for all" this most disputed topic in American history, but it is doubtful. It is a topic of a nature that will continue to bob up, no matter which side is downed and how often.

WEBB AND THE HATCHELL CASE

IN SENTENCING a Shelby man to the Federal prison at Atlanta Judge E. Y. Webb made the incidental remark that the defendant had affronted him by selling whiskey within a short distance of the jurist's home. In some quarters that remark was interpreted to mean that the Federal jurist might have been harder on the defendant because of the proximity of his business to the home of the jurist. Such an interpretation is erroneous and misleading once the full facts are known says The Statesville Daily in the following comment:

"It was stated in the papers recently that Judge Webb, sentencing a Shelby man to three years in federal prison for selling liquor, had remarked, in imposing sentence, that the defendant had affronted him, or words to that effect, by selling liquor within a short distance of his (Judge Webb's) home in Shelby. The implication was that his honor had added extra punishment for the personal affront, which provoked some criticism of the court's action.

"The full story shows quite a different situation. The defendant, Carl Hatchel, is under sentence of five years in State prison for stealing. Appeal from that sentence is now pending in the State Supreme court. There was also another case against Hatchel in the federal court, the charge being that he stole freight in inter-State shipment. It was in evidence on the trial for selling liquor that Hatchel is a notorious violator of the law, rum running and bootlegging being a part of his trade along with theft. In imposing the sentence of three years, which Judge Webb thought well deserved on account of the defendant's record, his honor remarked, in a lighter vein, that the defendant was a bad actor, his evil doings according to the testimony covering a period of four to five years, and that he had shown contempt for the court in carrying on part of his violations near the home of the judge. Defendant's counsel were so well pleased with the sentence that they made no effort to have it reduced. The result of the three-year sentence in that case was the dismissal of the second case for stealing inter-State freight shipments and his counsel also expect to use the federal court sentence to secure a reduction of the punishment imposed in the State court.

"Considering the defendant's record, and the benefits present and prospective accruing on account of the three-year sentence, it will be agreed that Hatchel got off light. Judge Webb had no purpose to punish him on account of his operation in the vicinity of his honor's home. If he had he should have added something to the sentence. It is not unusual for persons who violate the law not only but seemingly endeavor to show contempt for the law and its agents by flaunting their iniquity in the face of the officers of the law, to get a bit extra for their seeming defiance. But it is only fair to state that all that Judge Webb imposed was

warranted under the circumstances, although considered separately by persons without knowledge of all the facts, his honor's remark tended to indicate that he had it in for Hatchel."

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

rumbling from flat rock
—Mrs. Ermie Smith has saved up nearly 100% from her husband's insurance money when he died 6 months hence, he was a w-o-w, and they put up a boom-rock to his grave free and that left 100% to invest. After buying her Ford and a few house-hold necessities, such as a radio, 3 silk dresses and organ with 10 stops, she still has some cash on hands, she is real thrifty, she took Mr. Rubin Green to ride last Sunday.

—After the big wind a week or two ago yore corry spondent got bizzzy and rug him a storm pit to hide in when storms come. It is a nice one and is lined with water proof paper ansoforth and it has room enuff for my wife if she ever gets scared at a black cloud, the storm in question roared lake a thrasher and it unklivered my outhouse and blower my pig pen down and would of killed my hog if I had not already have done so idarize storm pits for protection.

—Some polly ticks are being talked in our mist, a great many of my admiring friends have beseeched me to come out for congress, but onner count of having a good job I am kurriner of my home county and have hell 207 inquest to the satisfaction of all concerned in the past 3 years, I will not stand for hand-shaking has already commenced and that means that some men who have a good opinion of themselves will soon offer the public a chance to let them save the country.

—Mrs. Lattie potters hatched out a freak chicken last week and is showing him around with much glee he had 2 eyes and 2 feet and 1 head and 1 tail and 2 wings and 1 booddy and 1 mouth, I couldnt see much freak about the said chicken and when I told her so she flew up and said anny fool could tell that his bill had a prong on it he wasnt no bigger freak than she is: she can tend to every body else's biness but her own and she needent think I care annything about her pronged chicken.

we have a new family on Mr. Ted Landben's farm south of town, his name is Smith, he moved in from Georgy, he has already rote the farm boored for 2 mules and a cow and some money to begin work on and now he is setting down, waiting on the help. His wife looks like a nice woman and the way she shings an axe is remarkable, he can't cut no wood onner count of being gassed in the war at camp lee, he is riding around now in his first bonus and is looking forward to the next one so's he can ride in a new one.
yores trulle,
mike clark, rtd.
corry spondent.

Here and There.

The railroads recently suffered an increase in their freight rates. They call it "E. C." (emergency charge), but we poor business men and consumers who have to pay extra burden call it "J. J. C.", meaning Jesse James charge.

Our railroads are worth much more to us carriers and tax producers than we now think, but if we were to lose them, it would be almost as great as calamity as losing the World war would have been. We simuly couldnt stand it.

We have not been asked for advice or suggestions by any railroad officials, but we are going to say this which aint woun any more than the average opinion of a layman: if the railroads do not cut their rates and fight truck competition just as all other businesses fight competition, you will be able to buy a trunk line within 5 years for less than 2 dollars.

Cotton Letter.

New York, Apr. 20.—Liverpool came in 3 points lower than due—just as the bulls expected. July easier off to a soft spot for the bears near noon in sympathy with 2 new boll weevils discovered in Georgia. It looked like thunder in Texas near the close, and that, and 9 other private estimates caused spots to weaken so we advise a holding movement if possible or convenient, but watch Wall street—from now on, also Al Smith.

Some legislator in a nearby state recently introduced a bill to have the "stretchout system" in cotton mills investigated. Now it is in order for the cotton mills to have a bill introduced to investigate the legislature. No enterprise can thrive very long that has to run its affairs according to a legislature.

Somebody told me the other day that a man from his neighborhood had told his wife that every World

Bulwinkle Writes On Bonus Dispute

Reminds That He Has Introduced Bills To Help Veterans And Their Widows

When the controversy arose in this section about Congressman Bulwinkle's views on the bonus, Dr. H. R. Sherrill of Lenoir wrote him. Here is the letter he received in reply:

"Dear Dr. Sherrill:
"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date. You no doubt refer to the newspaper headlines given to a speech that I made in the House on Saturday.

"I made this speech during the consideration of the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, and did had nothing whatever to do with the bonus, and the bonus will not be considered by the House until a bill is reported out. The Ways and Means committee is now holding hearings on the bonus question, and until these hearings are completed and a bill framed and brought out for consideration, we do not know what it will be.

"I thank you for writing me and assure you that when any legislation comes up for consideration, having to do with veterans or his dependents, I will be in the case, give it my most careful thought, keeping in mind the views expressed by my many friends.

number have said and still others have written me that the government has not done anything for its veterans, and this was direct slander at the government, as well as myself, because as ranking Democratic member of the Veterans Committee, I not only supported but framed most of the legislation by which veterans and dependents are now receiving their benefits. So far this session of Congress, I have introduced many bills affecting veterans, and their dependents, including a bill for widow- and children of deceased veterans whether they died of service-connected diseases or injuries or not; another providing for greater hospitalization facilities, and many others.

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"Sincerely yours,
"A. L. BULWINKLE."

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