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## TWINKLES

It is about time for some pessimist to bob up and ask what we're going to celebrate on July Fourth.

The summer of 1932 will go down in the books as the summer in which more people were trying to quit taking a vacation instead of trying to figure out how to get one.

World war veterans of Cleveland county are going to have a big rally out to the fair grounds on June 28 and they plan to eat "slumgullion," camp and pal together as in the old days. And it's our idea that they may enjoy it more than are the boys camping with the bonus army in Washington.

Just a neutral observation: Some of the Morrison supporters and likewise some of the Reynolds supporters are predicting majorities for their candidates with all the optimism of Frank Grist, and that's optimism as is optimism as we recall.

Hoover's economy plan is that of a vacation without pay, and since he mentions it, he should be forewarned that that is just what the people of the United States are planning to give him and his party in November. And a long vacation too.

The State Democratic convention left Candidate Fountain without a leg to stand on or a platform to run on, but a man who demanded a second race after trailing by more than 40,000 votes in the first race will not likely be worried about a few little things of that type.

## COOLIDGE AND HOOVER

THE REPUBLICAN national convention seemed as scared of the name of Coolidge as some of the Democratic State conventions in the South were of the name of Al Smith in 1928. There isn't much about the calm, unruffled Coolidge to excite enthusiasm, but there is even less about Hoover and the mention of Coolidge at an opportune moment might have started an embarrassing stampede showing just what the Republicans themselves think of their 1932 standard bearer.

## NORTH CAROLINA FOR ROOSEVELT

IT IS A MATTER OF PRIDE to the average North Carolina Democrat to know that the delegation which goes to Chicago to represent him and other Democrats of the State will east North Carolina's 26 votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt. For weeks prior to the State Democratic convention last week it was clearly evident that the majority of Tar Heel Democrats were loyal and enthusiastic supporters of Roosevelt, just as, it might be added, the majority throughout the country seem to be.

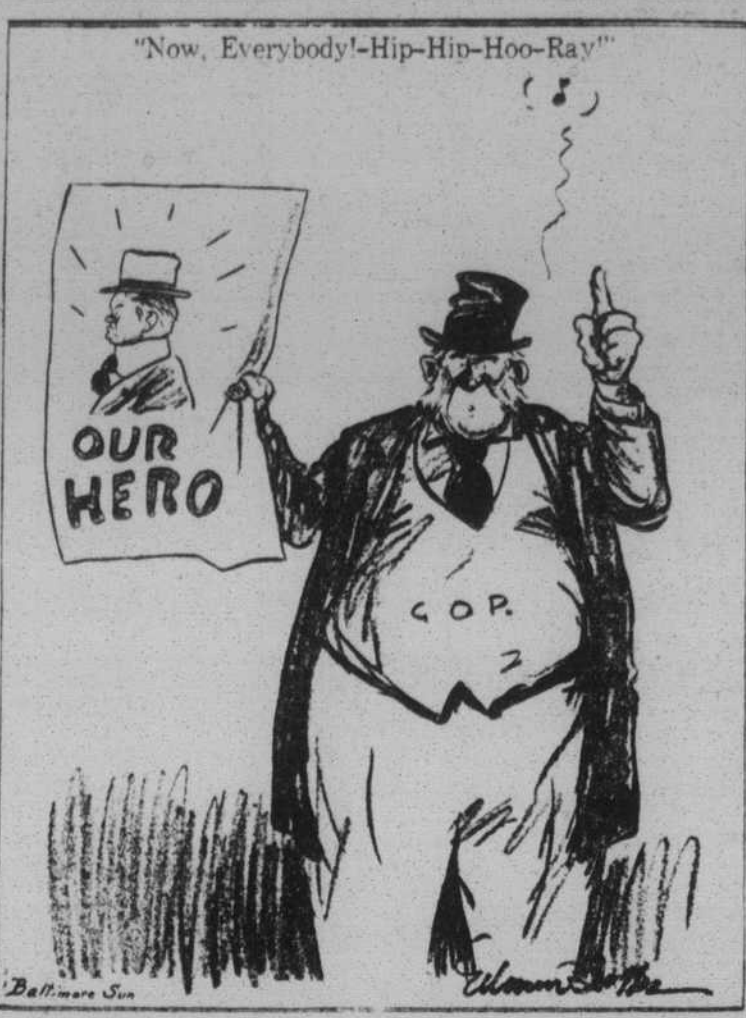
The instruction of the North Carolina delegation for Roosevelt should have the psychological effect of swinging still other delegates behind him and enable Roosevelt to win on the first ballot or at least on an early ballot. And it will be pleasant to North Carolinians to know that their support will go to Chicago for the man this nation will in all probability turn to for dependable leadership for the next four years. There is something about Roosevelt which catches the admiration of all classes and his plea for conditions enabling the little man to have an even break at life has made him a favorite in a day and time when many little men are troubled and worried over the outlook of continuance under present conditions.

## ECONOMY IN ACTUALITY, NOT THEORY

The news article in Friday's Star telling of the financial condition of Cleveland county schools contains facts which deserve consideration and command attention.

It is doubtful, judging by the figures cited, and figures do not lie, if there is a more economically and wisely-managed school system in North Carolina than that of Cleveland county. The schools of Cleveland, the report shows, measured up to all State standards last year and did good work. To carry on that work and to measure up the tax-payers of the county were not forced to dig down and pay out a single cent above the amount set aside by the State. In fact, according to Supt. J. H. Grigg, Cleveland county had around \$2,000 left from the amount allotted to the county by the State. That means not only running within the budget, but slightly under it. Such news is interesting news to tax-payers and school patrons alike. One reason that school costs are not so burdensome in this county as in others is that the county board and officials have been economical and conservative in the past. As was pointed out, in nearly every adjoining county there is a single school building which cost the tax-payers of those counties more than the total school indebtedness of Cleveland. Indebtedness means additional taxes, and in Cleveland taxes have been held down by the refusal to go in debt unless it is absolutely necessary.

That school record measures up to another official county record. In comparatively recent years Cleveland built a new jail, remodelled the county home and made other im-



provements out of the current county income without going in debt a single cent. Those are some of the basic reasons why today only one of the 100 counties in North Carolina has a lower tax rate than Cleveland. Economy to achieve its real goal must be practised regularly and not spasmodically.

## HOEY AN INDEPENDENT PACIFIER

CLYDE HOEY has about reached the point where he is the pacifier and breach-mender of the Democratic party in North Carolina. And for a peace-maker he is unusually plain-spoken and independent in upholding his own views when it becomes necessary, in his opinion, to express himself. Warring factions will listen to him when they are inclined to listen to no one and they respect his views when those views differ from their own. The reason in all likelihood is that they know him to be sincere in his opinion and men respect and admire sincerity no matter how much they disagree with an opinion. His hold on North Carolina Democracy is further strengthened, it appears, by the fact that the majority of the Democratic voters in North Carolina know that he advocates measures with the interest of the party at heart, and not to gain public favor or honor because of his reiterated declaration that he does not care for party honor or office.

Last week the only row at the State convention developed over the majority and minority prohibition planks. In the final analysis, there was no great difference between the two. The offering of a minority report merely served the purpose of bringing into the open an increasing wet sentiment in the State. When the time came to defend or attack the majority report, a report that assured the right of the people to express their opinion on prohibition and other laws but likewise assured that so long as a law remains on the books it should be enforced and obeyed, Hoey lost no time in standing to the report. The modificationists and repealists were already booing and yelling. It was a rather dangerous time to speak. A few scattered boos from the wets met Hoey as he arose to express the opinion that North Carolina delegates should not be sent to Chicago in direct opposition to prohibition without permitting "the hundreds back home," those not at the convention, to express their opinion. His was a reasonable argument. He declared openly and frankly that he was a dry. His frank declaration and his logical argument served to calm a meeting that was getting riled and unruly. When he sat down a great cheer filled the auditorium. Tactless remarks or too much sliding around without open declaration could have incited an uproar.

The incident reminded of another four years ago when the same man stepped into a breach at the State convention and dared defend Al Smith by a plea of tolerance in a convention that was antagonistic. That day every speaker had adroitly sidestepped any chance of mentioning Smith's name because there was dynamite in it. But when the crowds yelled for Hoey he stepped up and expressed his admiration for Smith "with apology to no one." When he concluded an impassioned plea a convention that later voted against Smith cheered him for 30 minutes. The convention knew he was sincere then and it knew, too, that he was a dry and a church leader. The same sentiment prevailed last week. The noise-makers at the 1932 convention appeared to be as determined to make a change in prohibition as the 1928 convention was to crucify and bury Al Smith. Hoey, called to the platform of both conventions, dared speak against what seemed to be the prevailing sentiment of his hearers, and both times he not only got by with it but won the conventions applause and respect and did much by diplomatic frankness to forestall what could have been a stormy scene at both conventions.

## 16TH IN CIRCULATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Star is 16th in circulation of all the newspapers in North Carolina. It exceeds the circulation of 160 weekly newspapers and exceeds the circulation of 20 of the 35 daily newspapers.

No other form of advertising is more economical or effective.

# Around Our TOWN

OR

## Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

### SHELBY SHORTS:

The absence of younger people on the streets of Shelby on the morning after a dance is noticeable. But some of them who have to get out and work, hoof-it 'til 4 and 5 in the morning and are on the job at 7 or 8 . . . Girls, their bathing suits under their arms, hitch-hiking to the Cleveland Springs swimming pool . . . Senator Josiah Bailey is improving as a politician; he claims to read this column. Ebeltoft had a name for that stuff—"taffy" . . . Snook Webb, who had the breaks against him in the junior tourney last week at Greensboro, will make a bid for the senior Carolina golf crown at Raleigh this week . . . Who started the rumor about Mayor McMurry? . . . Jess Washburn, one of High Point's Andy Mellons, in Shelby enrolling his former pals in the Crusader organization . . . One of the city's biggest howlers about oppressive taxes does not pay any land tax at all. Life's that way . . . Cage Ellis' real name is Cahaj . . . It's blackberry time and the pickers are selling them cheaper than in many years. Along the roads about town one sees men and women who haven't done such things in years out picking berries for their own pies. Wait Winchell's expression, "Okay, America!" is fast taking about town . . . The Bull Durham ad on the billboard on the Cleveland Springs road, the "her hero" ad y'know, reminds that Dave Sink, Lexington columnist, thinks it the silliest sign he ever saw. Silly isn't the right adjective.

### IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

The older folks have many discriminatory remarks to make about petting as modernly carried on, insinuating of course that such was not done in their day. Eugene Ashcraft, Monroe Enquirer columnist, says otherwise. "Yes," he writes, "us boys tried some pettin' in the old days, too, but the girls were fastened together with so many pins it was like fightin' a wild cat."

### STREET OF WOMEN AUTHOR KNOWN HERE

The talkie, "Street of Women" which was at Webb theatre last week was taken from the book of that name written by Polan Banks, and Banks is a cousin of two Shelby men. They are Leon Schneider and Alex Sherman down to the Schneider department store on South LaFayette street. Banks, they inform, is only about 25 years of age. He had to go to work before he completed high school, but he was determined to write. He kept plugging away, as he was the sole support of his family, and finally he clicked. Today, as they say on the street, he has plenty of potatoes soaked away in the bank and the family lives on easy street. And the successful young writer is not married.

### IT'S ROSE-VELT

The remarks in this corner recently anent words that are commonly mispronounced reminds that hereabouts the average citizen mispronounces the name of the outstanding candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The one and only Teddy, a distant cousin of the Democrat, once was asked the correct pronunciation of his name. "The first syllable," he said, "is pronounced 'rose.' You drop one 'o'."

### STAMPS ON CHECKS

The two-cent stamp tax which goes on all checks this week is not, we learn, anything new. John S. McKnight, the wholesale grocer, has in his possession a cancelled check of 1899. It was made out by the private Blanton banking firm of the old days and on the back of the check is a two-cent Spanish-American war stamp.

Incidentally, it is rumored about town that hereafter several firms will employ bill collectors and not mail their bills any longer. The reason is the increase in price of postage stamps from two to three cents. Seemingly the government is not going to get any great amount of new revenue from the increase. The additional cent on each stamp will be offset by the decrease in use of stamps. The increased price of stamps may, at the same time, endanger Shelby's first-class post office rating. Heretofore a big portion of the deliveries made by the Chickasaw thread agency of thread made in local plants was by mail. With this and other business diverted to some other mode of delivery, total receipts at the local office may not go much above the required \$40,000 mark.

### TUNEFUL PROPHECY

One of the ardent Democrats about Shelby sends along this pertinent comment: "That was a very appropriate song they roared out up at Chicago

Just after nominating Hoover. You remember the Hoover demonstration was led by a band playing 'California, Here I Come.' What a tune! prophecy! Certainly, California may as well prepare to welcome Mr. Hoover back after November."

### A SHOCK FOR ANGEL GABRIEL

The pun, as we recall, has been recorded in this corner heretofore, but since a reader requests it and since there is very little humor or anything else in the department today, here it goes again: An old lady in New England was about to die. She sent for her niece, and said: "Grace, I am going to die and I don't want anyone to be foolish about it. When you come to lay me out, I want to be laid out in my black silk; but take out the back panel and make yourself a dress." "Oh, Aunt Mary, I don't want to do that. When you and Uncle Charlie walk up the golden stairs I don't want all the people there to see you without any back in your dress." "They won't look at me," the old lady replied, "I buried your Uncle Charlie without any pants."

## Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

the picknick my wife, being the secker terry of the mission nerry society, has been requested to rite up the church picknick which was held under their auspices last friday afternoon at king's spring, and as she is not verry facile with the pen, she has passed her burden on to me and i will do my best, as i was there as a guess and a deacon.

the picknick in question is an annual event and is held nearly every year enduring june, at this occasion, a big crowd was present, some with well-filled baskets and others with well-empty stummicks. my wife says that there is always a few wimmen in the society who comes prepared, but there are others who parrysite on us from year to year.

the dinner was spread out on the ground and the ants and bugs was kept out of same verry well indeed considering, while bro. kismet was asking the blessing, the 6 brown boys et up al of the fried chicken on 3 plates; everyboddy had their eyes shut but yore corry spondent, but as i am in politicks, i could not afford to stop them and possibly lose 2 dozen votes. (the browns are right strong at the poles).

they had some nice beef on the menu and i could tell it was from a peace i sold jerry atkins a day or so ago and it will surprize me if i ever get pay for same. it was por-touse off the cows lions, some of the custard pies were not fitten to eat, and the worst cooking i ever saw showed up at this meal, the 2 chockerlet cakes tasted fairly well not to have no sugar in them, they were fetched by mrs. kinda tite and she is too stinger to use sugar.

a nice talk was made on the "progress of the world" by mr. Clark rfd, one of the leading citizens of this community, he is always first in any kind of matters that will help the country at large, he was cheered as a great speaker, but he finely sat down a few minnets after he could not think of nothing else to say, they had 2 other speeches from mr. grace and prof. smith, but the crowd gradually dispersed enduring these talks.

these picknicks do a world of good in getting the church folks together and if all of them would fetch something to eat, the people who do fetch stuff would not have to go home hungry, my wife says that it looks like our mothers have cut teaching our younguns anny manners while eating, a few songs were sung by the Clark quartet which consist of mr. mike Clark, rfd, and his 3 sons and 4 darters and they wear enjoyed by all. yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd, corry spondent.

For Economy's Sake What this country needs is some county-owned newspapers. They are spending thousands upon thousands of dollars—advertising land and other property for sale for taxes—whereas, if they owned the newspapers they could save all of that money.

Puzzle No. 364,777 There's something 'funny' about

this tax business. I hear every day where this town and that county and your state have slashed salaries and wages and appropriations, but damaged if I have yet found where the tax levies have been reduced. In other words, with all of this lying about economy the poor old taxpayer is paying more and more and more—instead of less and less and none.

**Lunatic-ism**  
 The governments Re-distruction Finance Corporation has proven a great help to the creditors of railroads, dirt roads, busted enterprises and Wall street. The republican administration thinks the "way out" is thru borrowing and spending. To illustrate: if you own a house worth \$2,000.00 and owe \$2,000.00 on the said house, you ought to borrow \$1,000.00 more on the house in question and add an extra bedroom (that you don't need) to same so's you can give your 3 boys a job. In other words, if your left arm is cut off, why, cut your right arm off also. You will still have your legs to cut off later on.

**Cotton Letter**  
 New York, June 21.—Spots went up and futures went down, and the bulls and the bears ran round and round. The shorts were long and denims were weak; the straddlers are straddling, but they look mighty weak. Boll weevils are busy down in

Alabama—but the farmers are loafing—and don't give a slam. It rained in Texas and thundered in Maine; the farm board is selling and causing a pain. The mills are curtailing—folks have lost their jobs, but the Red Cross is feeding 'em, and you can't hear a sob. Hold, if you can, and listen for the bell; if she hangs around 5 cents we are all going to hell. (Poetry).

- Out-Of-Date Animals**
1. Street cars.
  2. Bustles.
  3. Clean politics.
  4. Unselfish politicians.
  5. Passenger trains.
  6. Much underwear.
  7. Protracted meetings.
  8. Good jobs (except government).
  9. Good judgment.
  10. And petticoats.

## State Has Million Dollars On Deposit

Raleigh, June 16.—With a cash balance of more than \$1,000,000 on hand in the state's general fund, the financial condition of the state is in better financial condition right now than it has been in some time, according to State Treasurer John P. Stedman. In addition, the state has \$5,862,342 already on deposit in New York to meet its payments of principal and interest in this amount that falls due July 1. Stedman pointed out.

## Use The "Stones Of The Pathway"

Wise men use the stones of the pathway to build their foundation for success. In this particular day and time the most important part of a young man's plan for prosperity building is finance. Save as much as you can . . . at 4% interest . . . with

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