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TWINKLES

And here's a razzberry for the weather prophet who predicted that we'd have such a cool summer after the winterless winter.

Isn't it remarkable how the conventions, the depression, the heat, etc., caused us to forget the Japanese war danger almost overnight?

After last week, it is a shame if there are still living any of the nitwit type who can think of nothing to say except "Is it hot enough for you?"

News stories of the damage done crops by the drought and heat of the last two weeks would indicate that North Carolina is not as wet as it seemed back when Bob Reynolds ran off with the run-off primary.

Divorces increased and marriages decreased in Cleveland county last year. Dangerous propaganda that is; it may cause some of the younger folks to get the idea that it's all bunk about two being able to live as cheaply as one, particularly when the going is a bit rough.

Shelby's silver-tongued orator, our favorite tri-weekly informant, is to make campaign speeches in three Southern States this fall for the Democratic ticket, and it's a pretty good guess that he doesn't anticipate having the blues over the outcome this year to the extent he did after the same tour in 1928.

A report has it that it may be difficult—perhaps too difficult—to reduce the local tax rate because of a big decrease in valuation of personal property. Those perturbed by the report might pause and recall that failing to list some things automatically adds to the burden of those things which are listed.

A NEWSPAPER EXPLAINS POLITICAL MOVE

IF AN AWARD OR HONOR were bestowed for the best example of brevity and to-the-point writing, the distinction should go this year to the New York World-Telegram. The paper is owned by the Scripps-Howard newspaper organization, and in 1928 that chain of newspaper supported Mr. Hoover in preference to Al Smith. Prior to the Democratic convention this year some observers, recalling 1928, were more or less surprised to find the Scripps-Howard papers enthusiastically boosting Al Smith over Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Democratic presidential nomination. Sensing that its stand might be surprising, if not astounding, the World-Telegram explained itself in the following editorial:

"The Scripps-Howard declaration for Smith as against Roosevelt has brought from many sources this query:—'If you think so much of Smith today why didn't you support him against Hoover in 1928?' The answer is, we wish we had."

The World-Telegram might have taken up two or three columns of space in making a verbose explanation of why it believes the man it turned down in 1928 to be the best fitted for the same position in 1932, but in no other method than that shown above could it have put over its point with the same convincing punch and zip. "We wish we had" does not leave itself open to double interpretation or possible misinterpretation.

TO DO A HEAP O' RUNNING

CLASSIFY HIM AS YOU DESIRE, but it must be admitted that Col. T. Leroy Kirkpatrick, the Charlotte barrister and one of Mecklenburg's State senate nominees, does not do things by halves when he gets started. Some of the irreverent may bob up at this juncture with a loud "Amen" and recall how Col. Kirkpatrick, then mayor of Charlotte, introduced Woodrow Wilson on the occasion of the President's visit to the Queen City. But reference here does not hark back to the past; instead, we are at this moment contemplating the future.

A year or two ago the Charlotte man stepped out with the announcement that he would be a candidate for governor in 1936. That's the year, you know, when following a geographical custom the governorship comes again to the west. Whether or not he will succeed in that ambition we cannot foretell at this time. We do remember, however, that several other men have similar hopes, or are reported to have such, among them being Judge T. L. Johnson, of Asheville; Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, and others. Anyway, the Charlotte man has announced. Of more recent weeks, as these remarks are brought more up to date, Col. Kirkpatrick made another announcement. It was, in effect, something like this: "I am still an announced candidate for governor in 1936, but I will also be a candidate for the United States Senate (the seat now held by Cameron Morrison and to be held soon by Bob Reynolds) in 1938." This second announcement was fortified by the explanation that he would be a candidate for the senate in 1938 no matter how he comes out in his 1936 race for governor. If he doesn't win the gov-

ernorship in 1936, he will be footloose, of course, for the senate race in 1938; if he does win and then wins the senate race in 1938, he plans to emulate Huey Long, Louisiana's own Kingfish, to a certain extent and permit his lieutenant governor to move into the Raleigh mansion while he moves on to Washington.

It is, as we stated in the outset, an ambitious program and nothing of the half-way type, and we will be interested in watching its developments. The Charlotte man has the knack of being interesting and of catching the attention, regardless of what attributes you may or may not care to accord him with.

HOW THE NEXT BOOM WILL COME

FOR MONTHS we have read and heard innumerable explanations attempting to set forth the cause or causes, of what history must surely record as the Great Depression. These theoretical charts likewise make an effort to explain what is necessary to touch off the starter for the next boom, or whatever you prefer to call the period which will follow the depression. Various and sundry ideas, if they may be called that, have been advanced with confidential gusto on the part of the prophets. Somehow a vast majority of these cures have failed to impress us, since we are inclined to adhere to the homely belief that the depression is only a major duplication of the rut which follows all overindulgence. Individuals, communities, this country and the world—all went on a joy ride, and now we're paying for it.

Somewhere recently, however, we chanced upon a thought that struck us as having something behind it. The essence of it was that to get out of the depression, or "to get off the hog," if your prefer street parlance, we must have a new invention or the advancement of a new industrial and economical era. Expressing it in those words does not, of course, bring conviction of the idea. Let's go at it in another manner. We have had depressions before, and before and after depressions there were booms. The depressions as a rule follow the booms, then something must bob up to switch the boom's aftermath, or depression, back into another boom. What things have accomplished that goal in the past?

Many years ago business was stagnant. Industry and work were at a standstill. Then came the idea of canals for bringing shipping points closer together—in fact, a plan of bringing all men and their products nearer each other. Canal-building, consequently, led the country out of an aftermath into a boom. Another lull followed. Then men with vision and foresight conceived and started building a network of railroads across the continent. The railroad-building era brought another boom. The next lull was ended and the slack in economic conditions taken up when the automobile industry ushered in the latest era of prosperity, a good-times wave that was extended to a certain extent by the radio and airplane. Following this period came the thing we call the depression. What will be next?

A prosperous era, as recounted above, is inaugurated by a new invention or change bringing forth something that people and conditions will demand in large numbers, thus providing work for thousands and by providing them with work, providing them also with an income to purchase or take advantage of that which they help produce. What will be the successor of canals, railroads and automobiles in bringing about a change? Unless history, for once, fails to repeat, the change will be brought about in such a manner. Numerous answers have been made and will be made to that query. One commentator, in the Home Companion we believe it was, expressed the belief that sound-proofing would be the backbone of the new day. It may be and it may not, we do not know. It could be that, insofar as we know, as readily as something else, for every advance, every comeback, has been hinged upon something cheap enough for the average person whereby the comfort of the human race has been increased.

YOUTH

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

Youth is matted hair and a stubble of beard on the chin. But didn't he shave only three days ago? It is leaping into a car and dashing down the road at fifty miles an hour, with horn playing a tune, and dashing back again for no apparent reason.

It is "O. K." and "Oh, yeah?" and "Listen big boy." It is "Can you spare a dollar to go to the movies with some other fellows?" It is a call at 3 o'clock in the morning to announce that the car is in a ditch, but nobody has been hurt and neither has the car.

It is a sudden and feverish desire to ship as an able-bodied seaman on a freighter putting out for Pernambuco or Tampico and will Father please call up his friend who is in the shipping business and see if it can be arranged? It is the decision, when that desire is thwarted, to go on a three-day camping trip instead, departing at 4 o'clock in the morning, and can Mother spare some potatoes and eggs and a jar of jam and a few canned tomatoes? It is reappearing at 9 A. M. to report that the car broke down fifty miles up the road and he has hitch hiked back home to get somebody else's car.

It is deciding to go for a swim at 11:30 P. M. It is a swim dive, a jicknife, a game of tag and a ride back with wet bathing suits on the plush seat of the car. It is crawling up the side of a wall and over twenty feet of tin roof to crash a dance. It is hokking horns in the street at midnight until somebody in the neighborhood threatens to call the police.

It is asking a girl's mother if her daughter can go with you seven miles across country to obtain a book that it is extremely important for you to get that night and a promise to drive very carefully. It is returning at midnight after having forgotten to get the book.

It is up until A. M. four nights in succession until anxious parents set their feet down firmly and declare that this thing has got to stop or somebody will be a nervous wreck before the end of Summer. It is being ordered to stay at home for just one night. It is breaking the tragic news to the gang, who express their sympathy by dropping in and joining in a game of poker until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

INTEREST—MOUNTS—AND HOW!

(From the Wall Street Journal)

In a discussion of the causes of depressions, a brilliant mathematician, associated with a mid-western university, said that the amount of money owed as interest, all over the world becomes in time so great that it cannot be paid.

Illustrating his point, he said that one cent, loaned at 6 per cent compound interest from the birth of Christ to the present time, would amount to a solid ball of gold whose diameter would be 75 times the distance from the earth to the sun.

RUN-OFF OR RUNAWAY?

(From The Greensboro News.)

It proved to be a run-off primary for Cap'n Bob all right.

Notable Price Gains Scored In Farm Group-Steel Trend Up

(By International Paper Co.)

The chief factor inducing a more cheerful outlook is the sustained rise in certain commodity groups, principally the agricultural group. The following individual commodities have scored notable price gains:

	1932	July 6	July 13
Hogs—Cwt	3.15	4.95	4.75
Lard—Lb.	.039	.0535	.056
Butter—Lb.	.16	.16 3-4	.18
Eggs—Doz.	.13	.14 1-2	.15 1-2
Pork—Bbl.	16.25	18.25	20.25
Hides—Lb.	.04	.04	.05
Petroleum—Bbl.	.71	.86	.86
Sugar, raw—Lb.	.0257	.0295	.0305
Corn—Bu.	.42 3-8	.45 1-4	.46 7-8
Cotton—Lb.	.05	.062	.059

The rise in the prices of farm commodities of all kinds should add enormously to farm purchasing power. The rise in live stock prices alone is said to represent an increase of \$500,000,000. Cattle prices, not shown in the above list, are up about 45 per cent from the low level of eight weeks ago and are now at least winter's averages. A Chicago report states that available supplies of cattle are the smallest for this time of the year since 1884.

Another important development is a substantial rise in bond prices. The Dew-Jones average has now advanced for seven consecutive days. Yesterday's advance of 0.41 bing the sharpest in a long time. The improvement in the bond market has brought a sharp rise in new financing. Bond issues totalling \$40,709,000 are being offered today.

Stock prices have now been steady for five to six weeks. All groups are somewhat higher than on July 1.

Steel operations are now at 16 per cent of capacity compared with 12 per cent a week ago. Some observers forecast a rise to 20 per cent during the next few weeks.

Productive activity having fallen to a level which is believed to be out of all proportion to the decline in consumption of goods an automatic upturn is looked for in many industries. In this respect, the cotton mills should show early recovery. Rayon buying has revived somewhat in the past few days.

How Oldtimers Cast A Vote Libel By Will

The New Yorker.

A man who knows this country backward and forward, and who has been travelling around with his ears open, tells us that there is one depressing angle to Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy—or it may be, an encouraging angle, if you look at it that way. It seems that a lot of people in Darke County, Ohio, and in Kansas, Louisiana, Oregon, etc., think that one of the candidates for President this fall is the late Theodore Roosevelt a man who, they feel, is greatly needed at the helm of State in these times. These people include, says our informant, that appreciable host of Americans of voting age who have barely enough brains to get around, and that almost equally great host of venerable and lovable dreamers who live in the curious shadowland of advanced age where all great men who died and all wars which ended still go on. To line the latter faction up solidly for Roosevelt—no matter what Roosevelt—is, we happen to know, beyond the power of all the Farleys in America. Take our Great-Uncle Jabe. We have accompanied him to the polls at every Presidential election since 1912 and on each occasion he has seized a ballot and firmly and vigorously written in the name of Ulysses S. Grant. And so have he.

THE LAST LAUGH

In making out one's will, a pastime that engages everyone's attention these days, it is a good thing to remember that a man's will affords the only opportunity he will ever have to libel someone with impunity. It is a way of getting something out of one's system. "I hereby leave ten dollars to Andrew Twig, who is a malicious, conniving pig-headed fool." Or "I hereby leave the sum of \$4,000 to Miss Abigail Jones, feeling it my duty to make such a bequest in view of the fact that she probably is my illegitimate daughter." If one has enough spleen in one's system, there is no limit to the amount of vilification that can be spread on paper, covering everything from right fielders to secretaries of war. Time may change this. A friend of ours who is a barrister tells us that, in one or two instances, courts in Georgia and Tennessee have permitted actions to be brought against an estate for libel. So you had better get in while the libelling is still good.

Mother Dies And The Shock Kills Married Daughters

Bennettsville, S. C.—Mrs. Mary Jane Odom, wife of the late Thomas Odom of the Branchville section of the county, died Friday afternoon. She was 75 years of age and had been in ill health for several months.

Her daughter, Mrs. Arleno Stanton of St. Paul, came to visit her mother last Sunday. She was in good health Friday afternoon, just as her mother expired, she threw up her arms and died. She was in the room with her mother causing her death.

Man Wears Female Dress For 40 Years

Story Of Order By King For Man To Live As Woman Is Investigated.

Paris—The amazing story of the Chevalier D'Eon who, by order of his king, Louis XVI, donned female dress and lived for 40 years, till his death, as a woman, has been investigated by M. Coryn, the author. D'Eon, a brave soldier and a clever swordsman, had served with distinction in the French Army. Then he was sent by Louis XVI on a secret mission to London, and from there stories reached the kings ears of how successfully the Chevalier had been in passing himself off as a woman. The king sent word to him that henceforth he was always to appear as a woman and was to remain one for the rest of his life.

On the day that he finally bade farewell to his masculine self, the Chevalier prepared to make his bow before the throne clad in wig and petticoats.

He shaved himself almost to bleeding point and heavily powdered his tell-tale chin. He was laced into a rich brocade dress. He put on tor-

turing slippers, powdered wig, and all the rest of the costume.

He went through the ordeal of presentation successfully and the King expressed his amusement and pleasure at his new toy.

And for 40 years afterward, poor D'Eon was a "woman." It was not until a post-mortem was made on his body many years after his death that it was proved that he was indeed a man.

Girls In "Shorts" Win Court Battle

Chicago—Superior Judge Marcus Kavanagh last week granted an injunction restraining Irving park commissioners from chasing women clad in "shorts" from the tennis courts.

Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, city health commissioner, was among those who testified benefit was to be derived wearing shorts to expose more of the body to health-giving rays of the sun.

"There is nothing immodest in these shorts. No one would look at these girls' legs twice these days. Twenty years ago they might be exciting, but times have changed," the judge said.

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