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## TWINKLES

The Raleigh News and Observer is right: Labor Day this year was certainly an ironic festival; men without jobs called upon to celebrate a holiday.

Robert Quillen, champion of the paraphraser, said it: "An old-timer is one who can remember when table scraps were chicken feed instead of a salad."

All exhibit space for the coming Cleveland county Fair has been taken, and with free admission we anticipate that all standing room will be occupied by mid-afternoon of the opening day.

"What is Smith?" asks The Asheville Citizen, the editorial, referring, of course, to the Smith of Smiths, Al. Well, in reply, it all depends on your politics. To one class he is a traitor and a pout; to another he is still America's most outstanding personality; and to a third class, in the South, he's another one of those "I-told-you-so's."

## THE NEWTON PHOTOGRAPH

The presentation, by the Newton Bible class, to the First Baptist church of a portrait of a former teacher of the class, J. Clint Newton, was an event of more than passing importance as was evidenced by the attendance of more than 800 people. In a short talk, Attorney D. Z. Newton, former law partner and kinsman of the deceased teacher, said: "There must be something in a man's character when he develops from a poor country boy into a citizen as popular as he was, a man who died penniless but with such a wealth of loyal friends as present his portrait to the church." That statement caught the unanimous approval of the hearers, and that, it might be said, in brief, was ample proof that "there was something" to Clint Newton.

## "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

The weatherman doesn't seem to realize it—the dratted cuss with his 90 degrees and above every day!—but fall is on the way.

Watermelons are getting scarcer and scarcer. The fodder is pulled. Practically all cotton, the farmers are saying, will be open in another fortnight, the ginners have set their prices, and loaded wagon are awaiting their turn in the gin lots. Three weeks from today the Cleveland County Fair will be in full blast, and just a week thereafter the Kings Mountain Baptists will be gathering for the annual association—one of the big events of the year for this section. The signs are to be seen on every hand. In spots the leaves are turning purple and brown. Ere long conversation will veer to Thanksgiving and then to Christmas. But, frankly, someone—and that someone may be the time this read, we're hoping—should tip off the weatherman.

Prosperity may be a block or two back up the street, but while Babson and the shrewd (?) economists tell you about that, take it from us that fall is just around the corner.

## TALKING TO COLLEGIANS

It was only last spring, and it's something that comes on almost every spring, that this paper wondered if all the advice handed out at commencement time to graduates really does any good. Some youths may be stirred with ambition by these annual deliverances of puerile platitudes and trite maxims, but we're inclined to the opinion that no great number of them are moved thereby: they hear them too often.

After that assertion, cynical as it may sound to those of opposite viewpoint, we dare offer a bit of advice to the boys and girls going away to school this year, the majority of whom have already enrolled. Our advice, however, is not comprised of excerpts from the lore of bygone philosophers and wise men. It is, instead, just a simple admonition to the boys and girls, urging them to play fair and tote square with the father and mother back home.

Several score Cleveland boys and girls are enrolled in college this year. With conditions as they are the majority of those boys and girls are being given an educational opportunity only through sacrifice of their parents. Any number of dads are having to dig a little harder and a little longer to give their boy or girl the chance he may not have had; any number of mothers are having to skimp and save this year to keep their children in school. Not a one of them, we believe, regrets doing so. Parental affection is accustomed to surmounting handicaps like that. But what we're trying to get at is that the boys and girls for whom parents are putting forth extra effort this year should be mindful of that effort. Being mindful they should get everything possible out of the year's work. If that is done, no father and no mother will be disappointed. To do otherwise is to betray the trust of those who place more trust in youth than any other.

The average dad hasn't the money this year to pay out a year's expense for a few fraternity pins and con-

tinuous rounds of whoopee. That's plain talk, but the thoughtful, considerate boy and girl will not mind facing the facts.

## HOOVER AND THE B. E. F.

President Hoover, of course, is not the only leader in the two major political parties opposed to paying the bonus, but the chances are that the bonus stir will react more against him than against any other. He happened to be in the White House at the time the order was given to drive out the Bonus Expeditionary Force, and many of the boys refuse to forget the incident.

The field marshals of the Republican campaign are, as a result of that incident, somewhat worried about the approaching American Legion convention at Portland, Oregon. A censure motion directed at Hoover because of the driving out of Washington of the B. E. F. could bring from the Legion gathering such a sweeping wave of sympathy that Hoover would run the risk of losing the Pacific Coast States. Such an outcome would likely bring victory to the Democratic party, no matter how New York goes.

As the Republicans and Mr. Hoover mull over that dangerous probability they surely will recall Rudyard Kipling's lines about the popularity of Tommy Atkins, the British soldier, when there is fighting to do and his lack of popularity when no war is at hand. Kipling put it this way:

"... it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' 'Chuck him out, the brute.'  
But it's savior of 'is country when the guns begin to shoot."

A majority of the State delegations to the national convention of the Legion are instructed to vote for immediate payment of the bonus. When that motion carries, the probability is that some veteran will seize the opportunity of criticising Hoover, and with that in view Republicans are justified in being alarmed over prospective developments.

## FARMERS RALLY TO THE FAIR

With the annual Cleveland County Fair just three weeks in the offing Secretary Dorton and other fair officials cannot help but be pleased by the splendid spirit of cooperation being shown by Cleveland farmers and their wives and also by business men of Shelby and other points.

Early this year it was decided that the fair, the largest county agricultural exposition in the South, would be put on this fall despite the depression. Realizing that money was scarce fair officials knew that even a reasonable admission charge would keep people away from the fair who would benefit more by the educational exhibits than any other class. Then it was decided to open the gates to all, admit all comers without charge. It became necessary after that decision to figure out some plan of lowering the expense of the event. Secretary Dorton declared that the entertainment and amusement features should not be cut. If people ever need something to get their minds off every-day matters, it is, he contended, at a time like this. So the usual stellar entertainment features were booked. Only one plan was left; that was to reduce or cut out, for this year, the cash prizes offered for the many exhibits.

"We believe," fair officials said, "that the farmers and the farm women of this section will stick by us. They know how important it is to maintain our morale and courage in such a period. Heretofore we've offered them, generally speaking, more and better prizes for their exhibits than any county fair in the South. We are of the opinion that for this one year, to help us tide over and to give our people their anticipated big week, that they'll bring in just as many and just as fine exhibits as heretofore. They will do it, we think, because of the pride in their achievement and their winning."

The fair officials in that manner expressed the confidence they had in the people of the county. Now comes the word that there will be as many exhibits at the fair this year as ever before, and perhaps more. That news is topped off by the information that merchants, industrial plants and business men have already leased every bit of display space in the commercial exhibit halls. Five communities are already preparing community exhibits of the excellent type which has done so much to make the fair the success it has been.

Why shouldn't fair officials be pleased at this response? And what reason is there for us not to tell our friends and acquaintances elsewhere that the Cleveland fair this year will be equal to those events of the past? It's high time to spread the word. When we build up a fair unequalled by any one county and then invite the world to take it in without charge, what better advertisement could there be for a county, especially with conditions as they are?

Boost the fair!

## HIGH ALIMONY DIVORCE CAUSE

(From The Gastonia Gazette)

Judge Herbert L. Carpenter of Providence, R. I., just about hit the nail on the head the other day when he said, in ruling on an alimony case, that one of the reasons why divorce is so popular is that ex-wives get more money than wives.

In reducing a landscape gardener's alimony from \$28 to \$10 a week, Judge Carpenter pointed out that the man had earned just \$716 since February, and that his ex-wife had collected \$28 each week.

Simple arithmetic shows that the ex-wife had received just about the total amount of the money her ex-husband had earned in six months of hard work.

If we had more men like Judge Carpenter on the bench, we should have fewer divorces.

## MAY SHOW PACK OF LIARS

(From The Statesville Record.)

Calling Carolina farmers "One-Crop Gamblers" is just another way of saying that they are not living at home, but they have a way of proving their accusers are a pack of liars.

## NO WATER HAUL MADE HERE

(R. R. Clark, Greensboro News)

The stranger who entered the bank at Pine Level, asked for a drink of water and walked out with \$1,000 didn't make a water haul.

## Doldrums

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### CAUTIOUS CAL TOO MANY CASES HOOVER TO LOSE?

#### A Couple Yarns On Cautious Cal

Is Calvin Coolidge, as we've all heard, exceeding'ly cautious about his expenditures?

It is an old story, that one about him having several of his last checks still uncashed when he left the White House, and many other yarns have been spun about the typical New England tightness exhibited by him. He may or may not squeeze his pennies until the Indian thereon let out a flock of warhorns, but we were amused, and perchance you may be, by the following concerning the ex-president as recorded by the sprightly New Yorker:

"A fellow who has been summering up Vermont was dropped in with a couple of yarns about Calvin Coolidge. Says that this spring, when it was announced that the old Coolidge homestead was to be tricked up—rooms built on, plumbing added, electric lights installed—it created quite a stir. Commendable, folks agreed. It would make jobs, help business. The Woodstock Electric Company and the Bridgewater Electric Company both hoped they'd get the order for supplying and installing the electric-light fixtures. After some suspense, the Bridgewater people got the break: a call for a pair of electricians. Two men were sent down right away, primed to make estimates and talk things over. Arriving at the Coolidge house, they were startled at the suggestion that they start right in wiring the place. They hesitated, looked around, and in one corner saw the explanation. The wire and fixtures were all there. Had just arrived from Sears, Roebuck.

"Nother day, while Mrs. Coolidge was shopping in Woodstock, Mr. Coolidge, who accompanied her to town, decided to get a haircut. Citizens saw him saunter into Luccia's barbershop. This was unusual. Hitherto he had patronized Tony Sabatino's shop. Well sir, the news spread and quite a bunch of the boys was standing around gassing about it and looking at a sign in Luccia's shop window which said 'Haircut—35c.' Tony Sabatino, everybody knew, charged fifty cents. Could it be—? But then one Vermonter reminded the others that it was morning and that Tony never opened his shop until afternoon. It seems he's an artist and feels he can't do his best work in the morning.

"W-a-a-a-l, the whole matter is undecided. The boys calculate to keep an eye on Cal the next time he gets a haircut and see whether he goes back to Tony's or keeps on with Luccia."

#### What? The Courts Bring An Echo?

We've often wondered if anyone ever "pays any mind" to a column such as this on an editorial page, or for that matter anything that appears on the average editorial page. There are times when we think one way, and times when we are moved to the opposite opinion. Imagine, then, our pleasant surprise to hear that a thought—the thought of somebody else—presented here brought some action in a local court room.

Just the other day, remember, we had something to say about what Judge B. T. Falls had to say in a speech before the Shelby Lions club. The veteran barrister intimated—and a somewhat frank intimation it was—that we have too many little laws and far too many trivial cases in our courts these days. Well, Solicitor Speight Beam, he who prosecutes the defendants in county court, read the comment and on the following day "cut loose" in the court room about the over abundance of little minor matters that should never have been taken to court to add to the expense of taxpayers and luckless defendants who must settle the bills of cost. Reports are that Solicitor Beam talked in rather stinging terms, and it is a known fact that when he gets to uncoiling a touch of satire he can make a Missouri mule driver wince and quiver.

Now that that much has been achieved no telling to what dizzy heights our ambitions may soar.

#### Says Hoover To Carry One State.

Since Doldrums, acting merely as an information bureau, passed along a tip as to how the licensed betting concerns are offering their odds on the presidential election, several loyal Democrats have filed protest. It's all foolishness, they say, to hint that the odds could be in Hoover's favor. In order, therefore, to get back in their good graces we present the following opinion in The Raleigh News and Observer by John A. Livingstone:

"The only state I concede to Hoover in the November election is Vermont. If my hunch proves correct, then President Hoover will be the worst defeated candidate in American history, beating even President Taft's record of having carried only Utah and Vermont."

If, by chance, you do not know Mr. Livingstone, it suffices to say that he is a former Raleigh newspaperman, now associated in some

capacity with the supreme court. He was once Washington correspondent for his paper and should have a pretty good basis, from experience, upon which to offer his prediction. With that belated introductory, we'll permit Mr. Livingstone to elucidate further as follows:

"I make this prophecy with confidence in the face of defeatist propaganda, which is being spread in Democratic ranks in North Carolina. As far as I can learn, North Carolina is the only state in which this propaganda is being widely circulated among Democrats. Republicans in other states, with few exceptions already concede Roosevelt's election.

"Defeat of Senator Shortridge in the California primaries was a repudiation of the Hoover administration, for he was a regular of regulars, a staunch defender of the president. If Hoover can't carry his own state in a primary, then certainly it is too much to hope that he can carry New York."

Now, in all sincerity, we hope you feel better about it. But if some of the Republican readers, if any should object, we suppose it will be necessary to scout around and dig up a prediction that will suit them. Such a task should not be difficult, campaigners to the right of us and more to the left are offering all manner of predictions favorable to their particular party. That's why, between us, we toes a grain of salt on all the prophecies, and will keep doing it until early in the morning after the votes of the November election are counted. —R. D.

## Blue Laws Prohibit Shaving On Sunday

Petition Passed Asking That Barbers Be Allowed To Ply Their Trade.

Statesville, Sept. 6.—Statesville "blue law" prohibiting a man to shave on Sunday will hold good for another 30 days at least.

An ordinance was passed long ago against shaving in local barber shops but lots of citizens now want it made legal for a barber to ply his trade Sunday mornings.

A petition was passed and presented to the board of aldermen who were asked to fix the law so shops might remain open an hour or so on the Sabbath to accommodate those totally helpless in the matter of shaving themselves.

One barber protested repeal of the law but said he was willing to go a neighbor's house and perform the tonsorial necessities.

Mulling over the matter, the board decided to take up the matter again next month.

## Victors in California Primary



Here are the two political warriors who will carry the G. O. P. and Democratic senatorial standards for California in the coming elections. At left is William Gibbs McAdoo, war-time Secretary of the Treasury, who won the Democratic nomination by defeating Justus F. Wardell, of San Francisco, by a huge majority. At right is the Republican nominee, State Senator Tallant Tubbs, also of San Francisco, known as a "dripping wet," who led U. S. Senator Samuel Shortridge by more than 20,000.

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