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TWINKLES

Just a month from now and a year of election surprises may offer a few new ones. Political forecasting is risky this year.

If the electoral college had a good football eleven, perhaps there would be even more interest in the election than prevails as it is.

Uncle Sam may have lost his shirt in the depression, says a writer in 'Al Smith's New Outlook, but he looks better in overalls anyway. Attaboy!

November is "just around the corner," and the Democrats are of the opinion it will be the same corner where Hoover said prosperity was hiding.

"Of all diseases," says Roger Babson, "our moods are most contagious." And the most contagious of all seems to be that one originated by Roger of predicting that prosperity is just around the corner.

Many may agree with Admiral Dick Byrd's views in opposition to the soldier bonus, but some of those agreeing may be of the opinion that he was not the one to oppose a handout for the buck private in that he as an honorary admiral is drawing a fat salary from the Federal government.

TAKING IT STRAIGHT

If straw voting really depicts how the electorate will vote in actuality just a little more than a month from now, then it appears as if Democrats in the Shelby area intend to take their ticket straight. Several hundred votes cast here in a newspaper poll show all Democratic candidates receiving practically the same number of votes. Candidates listed in 'The Charlotte News and associated papers poll are Roosevelt, Reynolds and Bulwinkle and there is very little difference, it is noted, in the vote given the three men. This would indicate that November balloting will see very little of the "ticket scratching" so widely discussed in 1928.

WHY POOR GOVERNMENT

The Yorkville Enquirer, always keeping its readers posted, reminds South Carolinians that they will have several constitutional amendments to vote upon in November in addition to partisan candidacies. The same thing is true in North Carolina, but how many voters are aware of it and how often are the amendments discussed? That's how we do not have good government. We become aroused over personalities and partisan issues and overlook the major items which regulate how the candidates must run things once we elect them. In Tarheelia the voters are being told all about Roosevelt and Hoover, Reynolds and Newell, but how much are they being told about the value or lack of value in the amendments?

REAL FOOTBALL MATERIAL?

The skies look rosier for rabid football fans of North Carolina. A few years ago when Wallace Wade came up to Duke University the fans of this State immediately preened themselves in anticipation of a championship football team, one of those Rose Bowl elevens. So far the dream has not materialized. But this year the Wade-coached Duke team appears to be going places. It will not win a Southern title and any exceptional renown, but wait until next year. Just wait. You see Wade has a rather neatly drilled squad this year to use as a nucleus for next year, and then look what is coming up from this year's freshman team. Just read these names: Gougham, Knopke, Friedman, Migdal, Miszel, McGrail, Carber, Jaminson, Durner, Pemperton, Remnice, Scumore, Trakes, Wentz, Weeselhof, Eisenhauer and Kraushaar. It out of that list of names an eleven cannot be moulded which will lick Notre Dame, Tulane and the whole works, then, as the boys say, we Tar Heels may as well call off the dogs.

NO BICKERING HERE

When the new Democratic State Chairman, Mr. Winborne, was chosen the reports had it that he was not entirely satisfactory to the State's two major candidates, Reynolds and Ehringhaus. One, it was said, desired his man for chairman and the other felt the same way about it. Perhaps the result was a compromise chairman satisfactory to both. We do not know about that, but we venture to say that the recently appointed publicity manager for the Democratic campaign in the State is highly satisfactory to both Reynolds and Ehringhaus. He is Johnston Avery, able young editor of The Lenoir News-Topic and he entered upon his duties late last week. Those duties for the most part will be to keep tab on the activity of the senatorial and gubernatorial candidates and see that they are accorded full publicity.

We say that Avery will be suitable because our memories of the primary campaign have it that he was a loyal supporter of both men. His paper backed Ehringhaus with enthusiasm and stuck to Reynolds with the same loyalty. Therefore both should be pleased in the selection, and what is even better is that an excellent publicity man, one respected in the Fourth Estate because of his ability, is on the job.

A CHURCH PAPER ON GRAHAM

The more recent outburst, the Tatum petition, against the University of North Carolina was directed more at the alleged teaching of Freudism and Socialistic ideas than at anything else. But in the past there have been attacks, not so widely publicized however, upon the university method of permitting students to seek, without hampering or hindrance, what light they may on the religious subject. In that some have contended that these attacks are more or less directed at Dr. Frank Graham, the able president of the university, it is indeed interesting to note what the North Carolina Christian Advocate has to say about his promotion to the presidency of the Greater University. The Advocate, one of the most intelligently edited and yet one of the plainest talking church papers of the present day, says:

"Every thoughtful man knows that Frank Graham has not been selected for a place of leisureed ease and of lofty eminence in the world of learning. This is a hard job with the many perplexities to be faced in securing the unity and effectiveness of a great institution that is to function in the life of the state. President Graham will doubtless have the fullest co-operation in the big work given him to do. He is so genuinely religious, so sincerely interested in all classes and conditions, and so anxious to render a service to his day and generation that the people look to him as an educator who is able to lead in a great way at the State University. The start he has made augurs well for the years to come."

OH YEAH!

Since the outset of the Hoover administration, and perchance prior to that time, the country at large has been impressed, in several ways, by the number of commissions and research groups set to work in the nation's capital. Several books, plays, etc., have given the general public an insight into the vast and perplexing maze of the Washington merry-go-round, but from our seat the neatest bit of satire depicting one incident in the tangle is the following from The Charlotte News:

"Many pieces of quaint information have come out of Washington, where, apparently, there is nothing under the sun too trivial to deserve a commission or two and a series of investigations. But for sheer and masterful waste of public funds there is perhaps no more ridiculous an example than that addition to the world's knowledge made possible by collaboration between the Bureau of Biological Survey, the Division of Food Habits Research, the Bureau of Plant Industry, and the Office of Horticultural Crops and Diseases.

"Together they investigated the possibilities of using gourds for bird houses. Their research was extensive and thorough. It was productive, too, of a brand of argument anyone would have much trouble in refuting.

"The gourd was found to be suitable for use as a bird house, alright, but the collaborators are very careful to point out that

"The size of the gourd also should be in proportion to the size of the bird, for it is useless to invite a large bird to nest in a small gourd."

"Any of you who had contemplated setting up a gourd with a two-inch square entrance had best put up a notice warning eagles not to trespass."

"PORK BARREL"—GARNER OR HOOVER?

Mr. Hoover in his Iowa address took several cracks at the Democratic Congress and at its leader, Speaker Jack Garner, now his party's vice-presidential candidate. The President labelled the Garner-Wagner public building bill for unemployed as "a pork barrel" for party purposes.

Now let's see what there is to the charge. First of all, let us accept the Hoover view and say that the building program bill is "a pork barrel." Being such the idea is, of course, to manipulate the fund provided in such a manner as to make votes or help one of the two parties in the November election. So much for that background. Now the Garner-Wagner bill, as we recall it, was to become effective on July 1. That was more than three months ago, yet, as Al Smith says in his New Outlook, not one cent of the money provided in the bill for unemployment has as yet been spent. When is it to be spent, after the unemployed have starved or learned to live without eating? No, not exactly. In recent days we have been hearing about it. One thing heard is that Shelby is to get a new post office. Other towns and cities, so it is said, are to be honored in the same manner. These announcements, you'll notice, come just a month before the election, and the announcements are made from the secretary of the treasury, Ogden Mills, who became Hoover's puppet to succeed Mellon, often called Hoover's boss. Supposedly the idea is for Shelby and other towns for whom building projects have been approved to express proper appreciation by voting for Hoover and proclaiming what the Republican administration has done for us. Here we might digress long enough to predict that there will be no real building work on which unemployed men may be given jobs until the hard winter ahead is over. Yet it is an excellent time in which to send the word down, that we are to get our post office enlarged.

Isn't it, if you'll pardon the old countryside expression, as plain as the nose on your face that Mr. Hoover and his cohorts are attempting to get credit for the pork passed out from the "pork barrel bill" of Mr. Garner which Mr. Hoover would paint as an example of how the Democrats will "ruin" the nation?

LETTERS to the Editor

HOOVER ECONOMY IS SHOWN HERE

To The Star:
Speaking of Hoover economy, what better example than the federal court which was in session here just a week or so ago?

The Republicans yell about Democratic expenses in North Carolina, but what about theirs? We run a superior court with a judge, one solicitor, one deputy serving as court officer, and one clerk—four people.

But as I count it about 25, maybe more, were required to keep the federal court going. In addition to the judge, there were in Shelby for the short term, all drawing pay from the federal government, a district attorney and two assistants plus a secretary. That's four people. There were two clerks and two helpers or secretaries. That's four more, a total of 8. Then there was a probation officer, four to six deputy marshals and the chief marshal, that makes about 14, not to mention close to 10 prohibition and narcotic agents, automobile agents, informers, and special agents.

Suppose the state or county government, operated by a Democratic administration, required 25 people, paid by the tax-payers to run one court—wouldn't we have an uproar? That's an example we know first-hand of Hoover economy when the tax-payer needs economy if he ever did.

J. BOYCE DELLINGER,
Shelby, Oct. 8.

WHY HAVE ROAD ENGINEERS ANYWAY?

To The Editor of The Star:
Some weeks ago The Star expressed the hopeful opinion that "maybe we'll get the Shelby-Polkville highway for a Christmas present. Maybe we will, but there will have to be more speed than has been shown in the last two months—or has it been four months.

The debate and delay over that road perplexes the average citizen. Now it seems as if the highway commission and its engineers, after a good many weeks of surveying, has submitted three routes to the people of the section with the question: "Which do you want?" Ever since North Carolina started building good roads it has been a debatable question as to whether the roads should go where the engineers say they should go or where the majority of the people effected think the road should go, (remember highway 18 south as you remember the Alamo and the sinking of the Maine—not the ship, but the G. O. P. state). As Cleveland county recalls it the roads usually went where the engineers said. But now, after all that surveying, we are being asked to pick the route. If that's the new plan, why not save a lot of money and do away with the engineers? If we're going to pick the route, we don't need them; we'll just pick it and call in a contractor. And a final question: How much of an engineering bill do you think we would have saved by that plan on this Polkville road, which is as much of a dream—almost—as the Hoover prosperity of 1928?

Yours,
JACK JONES,
Shelby, Oct. 6.

Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

Move Over Please

These old United States of ours are going to be in mighty fine shape just as soon as we get our highway debts paid. We owe only about \$17,600,000,000 on them. We paid a little sum down when we built them.

Our Liberty Bond obligations ain't enough to worry about. They amount to something like \$16,750,000,000. If we tax-payers will stop eating, go naked, and stay out of picture shows for 75 or 80 years, why, we can retire every one of these evidences of debt.

The bonus demands and the compensation accounts, unpaid to date, are only a drop or so in the bucket. By walking everywhere we have to go, and staying at home all the time, we can wipe out that tiny \$4,000,000,000 in considerably less than 95 years.

The unpaid balances on our public schools really ought not to be mentioned they are so insignificant. Why, bonds for these necessities aggregate less than \$9,000,000,000, but not much less. We ought to get every cent of these collaterals into our own hands 2 or 3 weeks before judgment day.

The puny sum of \$3,000,000,000 now being wasted by our government in scraping mud from useless rivers and harbors and constructing 75 to 100 un-needed public buildings will be easy to pay back. If we will quit smoking, and chewing, drinking and cussing for only 20 years, the money we will save will turn the

truck.
The combined bonded debt, excluding the deficits, of our several states, cities, towns and school districts could not possibly be in excess of \$25,000,000,000, including New York and Chicago. We won't know we owe a penny of this money in another 100 years.

But Europe owes us about \$20,000,000,000.00. I will sell my interest in that "furrin' debt to the first man who offers me 15 cents in legal tender, and it won't have to be so tender at that. When we get that money, jaybirds will be laying elephant eggs, mice will be riding bicycles. Our private debts—what we owe each other—amount to possibly \$75,000,000,000.00, but as nobody aint going to pay nobody, why bother about them?

Flat Rock Asks For A Government Building

flat rock, s. C., oct. 10, 1932.
mr. hubbert hoover,
washington, d. C.
dear sir:

I have been asked by our chamber of commerce to rite or foam at once to please have about 100,000\$ appropriated to flat rock to bld a new post offis and fedderal blding in our midst, and we hope you will do so befoar it is all gone, that is the 3,000,000,000\$ yore last congress promised us.

our post offis is too small for the amount of letters we receive and the post master complains because it has no back door to same. it allso leaks when it rains, and is made of wood, and that makes us run a risk about our male getting burnt up if the post offis waster get burnt down.

we have never hell fedderal court at this place, but we could hold it if we had the blding, as we have several fedderal judges that aint bizzy more than one-third of the time, as they don't try nothing but cases where the b. c. f. veterans are suing the government, and a few little haff-pint whiskey cases, we could get up a lot of such cases on short notls.

this monney woud dhelp flat rock citizons a right smart and put thousands of them at work, and they need work; red cross flour has give out and so has our local crop of corn ansforth. I will give you below a list of first class contractors who will be glad to put up this fedderal blding for you in flat rock, as follows:

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handle that for you at 25 per day, we need a blding lot woser than some of the crities which will tare down a nice post offis just because you will let them bld a new one rite or foam when we can get the monney.

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