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TWINKLES

How many of the old-timers can recall a longer wet spell?

The nation failed to get beer by Christmas but it was a pretty wet holiday season anyhow.

Mr. Hoover, as several of the punsters have already noted, does not seem to be having any more luck on his holiday fishing trip in the South than he had on November 8.

Judging by the number of holiday deaths, we say again that a good many people do not know when they start out just where they will spend Christmas. And thereafter some of their relatives are left in doubt.

"World Cotton Production Smallest In Five Years," informs a flaring-streamer headline in The Charlotte News. And any farmer can tell you that the low production is quite a bit behind the price in setting a record.

SCHOOLS, FLU AND ROADS

The members of the Cleveland county board of education and J. H. Grigg, the county superintendent, acted wisely we think in leaving the date of the reopening of rural schools to the principals and school committees of the various schools. In some sections of the county the roads are in such condition that travel by bus for the children would not be safe. In some sections, too, the influenza epidemic, mild as it may be, is such that a spread might result by bringing the children back to the school room. In other sections, however, the roads are in better condition and there is less flu. Therefore the board and superintendent decided to leave the reopening date up to the school officials of the various districts. That means that some of the schools will be back at work today, others will open during the week as conditions permit, and still others may not open until next Monday. By that plan patrons and all concerned should be satisfied. Of course the schools closed earlier than planned because of the snow but the average parent will place the safety and health of his or her children above one or two delayed school days.

HOW'S THIS, NOW?

The amorous qualities of the ice-man in his delivery trips about a city meeting housewives have become well known through the work of punsters and wise-crackers. Now it seems—since electric refrigeration has somewhat hampered the ice-man's sphere—that somebody is inclined to build up another myth in his place in the person of the electric meter reader. Anyway—

Up in Cleveland, Ohio, when applicants went before the civil service commission to stand their examinations, this was one of the questions asked:

"Does a red-headed woman with a bump on one side of her head have a quicker temper than a black-haired woman with a bump on the other side of her head?"

Realizing that the risqué pun creators must have material for their products, we regret nevertheless to see those of another profession being modelled, as were the ice-man, into rakes merely for the sake of shady so-called comedy for the magazine caricatures and fun columns. It isn't fair either to housewives to insinuate, even jokingly, that any percentage of them are not adverse to becoming friendly with those whose profession necessitates that they visit homes.

MAY BE GOOD OMEN

America has had five presidents of the so called log-cabin origin since having one who came from a well-to-do family, notes The Gastonia Gazette in commenting upon a minor by-product of the last election. President-elect Roosevelt as one of the rarities in presidential history is one of the few men who did not rise from the environments of a poor boy to the White House.

In fact, says The Gazette, "the log-cabin-to-the-White-House tradition doesn't often fail. Back of him (Mr. Roosevelt) it held sway for a good many years. Hoover, Coolidge, Harding, Wilson—all were poor, or comparatively poor, as boys.

"Indeed, the last president before Mr. Roosevelt who came from a well-to-do family was the other Roosevelt and none other . . . Is that, possibly, a good omen?"

All of us, of course, hope so, and without putting any great amount of faith in omens we really think so, because there seems to be that something in the Roosevelt blood which gets them places, no matter how low or how high they started. In many ways the life of Franklin D. parallels that of the incomparable T. R., and the more the next president continues to remind of his distant relative and predecessor in the White House the

more it will please a vast percentage of the people. Old Teddy stepped in and took the reins in his hands when matters were somewhat topsy-furvy, and just now a grip of that type would not be in the least out of place.

GOING TAIL FRONT AGAIN?

With no idea of criticizing the North Carolina lawmakers before they get settled down to work, we are inclined to wonder if they are not formulating a horse-before-the-cart program of the type that gave the last legislature so much trouble, not to mention the worry, worry, worry that has bobbed up since.

It seems to us, as we read and hear the comment of the members of the next general assembly, that the majority of the just-before-opening thought and consideration are being given to the question: will or will we not put a sales tax upon the citizens of North Carolina? Without attempting to debate the wisdom or need of a sales tax, something we admit most of us would prefer to get along without if possible, we cannot help but think that other possibilities might and should be considered first. The last legislature appropriated, shifted and planned for expenditures to be made and then awoke (some haven't) to the fact that an outlet for money had been provided before its income had been assured.

Some of the legislators contend that the budget cannot be balanced and Tarheelia cannot make ends meet without a sales tax. They may be right in that contention. But would not those upon whom the tax is to be imposed feel a little more cheerful, or a little less displeased, about it if the lawmakers would first of all try or at least make some pretense of cutting down expenditures. Perhaps there is only one avenue left for a new tax and that the sales tax, but why not be sure about it? If the members of the 1933 general assembly will lend an ear to the grumbling about sales taxes now in force, such as the gas tax, we believe they will shy away from a tail-front movement and pare expenses as much as possible and then consider other possibilities before turning to the sales tax as a last resort. Unsuccessful as that program may be it will at least give the people a stronger belief that the legislators are working in the interest of those they are supposed to represent.

CHIVALRY OR SENSATION?

The publicity and protest centering about the prospective electrocution of Beatrice Snipes, the South Carolina woman who killed a policeman, have us wondering what percentage of the hulabaloo is born of chivalry and what of sensation.

There is ample talking room on both sides of the question to make the electrocution of this woman, or any other woman, a debatable topic where two or more people get together. One feature that works in the additional favor of the woman is that she is said to be an expectant mother—that her child, and she already has one, will be born at some date prior to the date of her execution. It is The Charleston News and Courier, old and chivalrous South Carolina paper, which we find arguing that chivalry should not interfere in the punishment inflicted upon a convicted woman prisoner. Says The Courier: "The infliction of the death penalty upon a woman for a capital crime should cause no more comment than its infliction upon a man. To say that women should not suffer equal penalties with men for murder would be to extend a degree of indulgence to women to do murder." The Greensboro Record, which cannot believe that the State of South Carolina will put a white woman to death in the chair, admits that this logic on the part of the Charleston paper cannot be refuted. The Record somewhat diverts, however, in presenting its case by questioning the fact that capital punishment deters crime, or murder. The Record further reminds that the policeman, who was slain, stopped the car in which the Snipes woman was riding to search for liquor and found none. That angle, as we see it, bears not at all upon calling off or putting through the execution. That was a matter for the jury which convicted the woman to decide.

Then there is another phase the would-be chivalrous newspapers and commentators seem to overlook. It may be cruel and inhuman to snuff-out the life of a woman, whether about to become a mother or not. But what about the other woman in the case—the widow of the slain officer—and her children? The life of her husband and the bread-winner for her children was snuffed out. Have the newspapers which play to crime, particularly when there is "a woman in the case," poured out the widow's pathetic plight in their colorful news stories and photos (some of which have been published in this paper?) What of sentimentality and chivalry for her sorrowful phase of the tragedy? We are not saying that her plight should be used to create bitterness against her husband's slayer and thus arouse sentiment to push on the execution, but we do say both sides should be considered. So far we have failed to note any suggested way out of the matter that would alleviate the problem of all concerned, just as we cannot see why the Greensboro paper needed to insert the word "white" in stating that it did not believe the State of South Carolina "will put a white woman to death in the chair."

Howbeit we are moved to offer a suggestion, knowing that it will be overlooked and submerged in all the publicity and sentimentalism which will surround the case until Beatrice is electrocuted or not electrocuted. This is the suggestion: Let every person who urges, formally or informally, that the woman not be electrocuted give \$1 to go to the widow of the man the woman killed; let every newspaper and public organization urging the same course give \$100 each, and then let the sentence be changed from death to a life term. That would eliminate the horror of seeing a "white" woman strapped in the death chair and at the same time would provide for and show some sympathy for the other "white" woman and mother in the tragic series of events.

But Only One Can Win



The three statesmen shown here beaming smiles of confidence are the outstanding candidates for the post of Speaker of the House when Vice-President-elect John Garner, the present incumbent, relinquishes the gavel. They are, left to right, Representatives John McDuffie of Alabama, chairman of the Economy Committee; Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, Democratic floor leader, and Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Need we say all are Democrats?

TRINITY NEWS OF THE CURRENT WEEK

New Daughter In Humphries Home. Two Holiday Weddings Announced.

Trinity, Jan. 2.—Mr and Mrs. Paul Humphries announce the arrival of a dainty daughter on Saturday night, Dec. 24th. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford of Spindale spent the Christmas holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beason.

The Monday dinner guests of Mrs. K. D. N. Jolley included Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jolley and little son, Lansford, and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan all of Boiling Springs.

Miss Mary Bridges has been spending the Christmas holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bridges of Bostic.

The announcement on Friday, December 23rd, of the wedding of Mr. Byron Bailey of this community to Miss Ruby Frazier, of Earl, which took place two weeks ago, came as a surprise to their many friends here and elsewhere. Mr. Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bailey and a student of Mooresboro high school while Mrs. Bailey's home is in Earl. Their many friends wish them much happiness. They will make their home with the groom's parents for the present.

Among those on the sick list at this writing are Mr. and Mrs. K. D. N. Jolley, little Miss Katie Lou Bridges and little Kermit Harris and Mrs. Clifford Jolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robbs and little daughter, Loyse, of near Gaffney, S. C. spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bridges here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Spangler and children spent the past week-end with relatives in Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harris and family spent Tuesday night with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Harris of Mooresboro.

A wedding which came as a surprise here Saturday was that of Miss Agnes Shuford to that of Mr. Broadus Reynolds, both of this community. The couple accompanied by the bride's sister, Mrs. N. W. Pope and Mr. A. M. Davis motored over to Gaffney, S. C. where they were quietly married by the probate judge. They will make their home at Boiling Springs.

Mr. J. D. Wiggins of Hendersonville, visited his sister, Mrs. Will Bostic here last week.

Smallest Cotton Crop In 5 Years

World's Crop Lower Than Dec. 8th Estimate And 3,500,000 Under Last Year.

Washington, Jan. 2.—World cotton production for the 1932-33 season was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 24,000,000 bales, the smallest in five years.

This is 200,000 below the December 8 estimate and 3,500,000 under last year's crop.

Foreign production was estimated at 11,300,000 bales, which is 900,000 above last season and 600,000 below 1930-31.

Cotton textile mill activity in the United States and most of the important foreign countries was said to have been apparently maintained during November at the improved levels reached a few months earlier.

Hard To Fill Orders

Many companies, however, have had some difficulty in disposing of their output or in maintaining their unfilled orders.

Cotton textile mills, in the United States, the department said, continued to operate at high levels during November with total cotton consumption the largest for any month since April, 1931, although sales of the manufactured products were less than output.

The high rate of activity was said to have been maintained on the basis of large orders received early in the fall.

The consumption of domestic mills during November was 504,000 bales compared with 502,000 in October and 425,000 a year ago.

Total consumption for the four months ending November 30 was 1,900,000 bales, an increase of 124,000 over the same period last season.

Chickens Paying Good Dividends

Rutherfordton, Jan. 2.—B. E. Green, of Ellenboro, Rutherford county, made a net profit of \$176 on his flock of 100 chickens this year, County Agent F. E. Patton said today.

The total income from eggs, hens, and broilers was \$316, with a feed cost of only \$160.

During the year, Green sold 649 dozen eggs, 458 pounds of hens and 310 pounds of broilers. The eggs brought an average of 27.8 cents a dozen.

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Get Down To Business

The old year is closing and while it has not been generally prosperous, the majority of people could say on looking back over the year, that it could have been much worse. So let us be thankful that it has not been as bad in our section of the country and gird ourselves for greater work and activities in the New Year.

Work hard, practice sensible economy, quit grumbling and complaining, help the other fellow whenever possible and the New Year will bring better results.

The general tone and trend of business is gradually improving and we approach the New Year with hope and optimism.

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