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TWINKLES

A 100 percent citizen: he who does not wait until Jan. 10 to purchase new tags for his auto.

There was very little big news in Cleveland county in 1932, a survey shows; and that is unusual since bad news usually is big news.

Among the other greetings of the season, The Star extends best wishes to Recorder Wright and Solicitor Horn who were sworn into office this week as officials of the county court.

Husbands, as Abe Martin says, think their wives are right smart girls when they pick them out as husbands, yet many of them later tell their wives they are none too sensible; and the wives recalling the time when they said "yes" may agree occasionally.

"Plan to Balance Budget In State Faces Fight," informs a headline. Yeah, that's always the way, yet things cannot be balanced until something is removed from the heavy side, or more weight placed on the other side—and in this instance that would be taxes, but better not be, the people seem to be saying.

PROTECTING OFFICERS

The tragic death of Deputy E. W. Sanders has brought up in Shelby and over the county the topic of compensation insurance for county and public employes. As we are informed the county had no employer's insurance upon the slain deputy. Several years ago such insurance was carried on officers and employes, but with a legislative change making it possible the insurance, as we are told, was dropped. Just how much such insurance costs and whether the cost if more for the additional risk taken by officers we are not prepared to say just here, but the chances are that additional insurance could come in handy for the widow and daughter of the deceased officer. Private firms and business houses are required by law to see that their employes and their employes families are protected with insurance. It is the view with those who have expressed themselves as well as our own view that public workers should be assured the same protection. Anyway, with the topic under discussion over the county it appears to be an opportune time for the matter to be given consideration.

SHOWING HIS STUFF

So far it is only a report, but if verified, it will be just another indication that Franklin D. Roosevelt will do his best to be the leader the American people expected him to be when they elected him by an overwhelming majority.

Congress is now considering a measure that would vest authority in the president to reorganize the government as he may see fit in order to reduce expenses and hold down taxes. The report is that Roosevelt has indicated his willingness to shoulder the entire responsibility for drastic reduction in expense.

That attitude requires manhood—the football players have another name for it—and we are moved to say Atta boy! with some vim, believing that a majority of the citizens will echo the cheer.

We've had too much buck-passing in the past, and if we ever get back where we started it is high time that we have a leader who is willing to accept responsibility when he is right and when he is wrong instead of one who will accept the credit when he is right and refuse the responsibility when he is wrong. That has been our trouble during the Hoover administration and several others. If a measure failed to work, Congress pointed collective fingers at the President and said, "It's his fault," and the President usually passed the buck right back. And the people were in between the passes, getting the bumps both going and coming. Let Congress give Mr. Roosevelt the power and then Congress, if afraid to step out and take drastic action, may slide off in a corner and whimper "he did it" when something goes wrong. He may make mistakes and probably will, but a few mistakes will be much better than prolonged dilly-dallying around with everyone afraid to go forward for fear that if mistakes are made they will be blamed for them.

Again we say, if it is not too undignified to cheer a president-elect in such a manner—Atta, boy!

STOP ROAD BUILDING?

Representative Ernest Gardner, in Raleigh for the opening today of the 1933 general assembly, has pledged himself to an economy program and a general policy of reduction of expense in the county and State. This attitude, judging by the spirit of the people, will meet with approval, but there are a few items, we believe, which the Cleveland representative might find worth giving some thought before advocating and supporting too dras-

tic economy. One is the matter of road building, and to make it more of a local item, we speak specifically of the proposed Shelby-Polkville highway—

In the general economy program outlined by some of the representatives who intend to lead the fight for economy appears this item, listed as No. 5: "The discontinuance of all highway and road construction for the next two years." If that very comprehensive designation should include the Polkville road, it is a matter, many citizens think, which should be carefully considered by the county representative. The county and section has been waiting a long time for that road, and after a long wait and the assurance that it is to be built, there will be very bitter disappointment if it is postponed another two years. There is this phase, however, which may exclude the Polkville road from that economy plank: the Polkville road, as we understand it, was to be one of the projects coming under the Federal building program to relieve unemployment. That being the case it will be Federal money which will be expended, and therefore as we see it would not retard the building of the road. But it is one of the several things about which the representatives of this section should be alert.

Representative Gardner is in Raleigh as the result of a very complimentary vote and also, we believe, with the good-will and confidence of the citizenship. Many points of his outlined program meet with approval, while some of the others may not, but it is to be hoped, and his supporters believe, that he will do his utmost to serve the entire county to the best of his ability.

WELCOME HOME!

Tomorrow Shelby will welcome home the city's first citizen to become governor of North Carolina. After four years of capable leadership the State's chief executive, Governor Gardner, and Mrs. Gardner will return this week to their old home here.

There is no intention here and at this time to attempt to recount and review the achievements and tasks of the Gardner administration which draws to a close with the inauguration tomorrow of Governor Ehringhaus. Suffice to say here that as the years pass by the man who returns home tomorrow will in all probability be classed as one of the State's greatest leaders who held the ship of State on a steady and unswerving course through one of the most trying periods of history. Close observers of political and social problems and developments say that the future retrospect of the Gardner administration will class him as one of North Carolina's three most capable chief executives. Certainly he has weathered a period of vicissitudes and crises unparalleled since the days of Zeb Vance. Today North Carolina could have been bankrupt and her credit worth nothing; today her citizens could have been hungrier and gloomier than they are, thanks to the Gardner live-at-home program; today had Governor Gardner taken the easy route for temporary plaudits instead of holding his head up and solving problems and dilemmas as they came up, North Carolina would have been a State perplexed, harassed and uncertain of its future. But thanks to a courage and determination that refused to fold up, the State today has moved through the greatest of all economic storm in such a manner as to be ranked among those States in the forefront, a little battered perhaps but bettered and strengthened in many respects for what may be ahead.

This comment, however, was not intended as a welcome upon official achievement. Instead it is our desire here to welcome the Gardners home as citizens—some of the home folks returning. The city and section are proud to have furnished North Carolina a governor, especially one who has shown that he had the qualities to measure up under one of the most severe tests in history. But just at this time official honors and public applause seem somehow to be relegated to secondary importance as we welcome home a family which all have missed very much for four years. Greetings!

ALL-AMERICAN CABINET

Plain Talk, always a pert periodical with plenty of what we plain folks call plain talk, is now advocating, and attracting interest by the medium of a contest, an All-American cabinet. By All-American the magazine explains that it means a cabinet made up of men not aligned, affiliated, controlled or connected in any manner with Wall Street. The contention is that Wall Street means the Morgan interests and that the Morgan financial interests are too closely tied up with England and foreign nations to assure the best government for America first with Morgan the power behind the scenes. The magazine, then, would pick for Mr. Roosevelt men who have shown by their past records that their first aim is to protect, aid and benefit American citizens. Without entering into the matter in controversial manner, it is naturally of interest to note some of the men Plain Talk would select for such a cabinet. Albert C. Ritchie, governor of Maryland, heads the list as secretary of State. A. W. McLean, former governor of North Carolina, is named as secretary of the treasury—the magazine rating these as the two most important posts. Others picked are the fiery Gen. Smedley Butler for secretary of war; Senator Dave Walsh, of Massachusetts, for secretary of the navy; Mrs. Hattie Caraway, of Arkansas, for secretary of the interior; Melvin D. Traylor for secretary of commerce, although the magazine fears he is a little too near Big Business; Jim Reid, the fighting Missourian, for attorney general; James A. Farley for postmaster general; Senator Dill for secretary of labor, and so on. The magazine steers shy of what it terms Wall Street's "Big Four"—Barney Baruch, Al Smith, Owen D. Young and John W. Davis, and it adds that Carter Glass would make an excellent secretary of the treasury were he not a little friendly to Wall street measures.

Admittedly the people are in a mood to have noth-

ing to do with leaders which are connected with what was known as Big Business before the flop, and the magazine list of cabinet officers is one that would be difficult to improve upon in many ways. Yet we cannot help but think that a cabinet, supposed to represent all phases of life and activity and all the people, should have one or two men who can speak and represent the larger business interests. It is no more fair to permit that group to have no representation than it is to permit them to have all the power. Incidentally, were we picking what Plain Talk calls an All-American cabinet, we would have to "rattle" with names and records over a couple of sleepless nights before we could complete one which would not include the greatest of All-Americans, Will Rogers.

NOSING

— Under —

The News

— By Lee B. Weathers —

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A COLUMNIST.

I am not starting a column or columnist. Many newspaper men and others not gifted in writing for the press, have an ambition to be a columnist. There are some good ones—Arthur Brisbane, Heywood Broun, Walter Winchell, Odd McEntire and our own favorite Renn Drum, the best of all in the territory he serves. But every now and then when time will permit from a multitude of other duties connected with a newspaper, I will try to give Star readers a little information, entertainment and agitation if not edification.

The test of a columnist is to do the job day after day. There are men who could fill the spaces of Brisbane, Broun, Drum and the others, but they could do it only now and then after extreme effort. These men have a gift and they do their job day after day. It is a gift and a hobby. The average fellow, however talented he might be as a newspaper man, runs to seed, but these men go on forever like Tennyson's babbling brook. So the test of a successful columnist is the ability to produce good readable copy, day in and day out, regardless of his mood or humor. This I can't do and admit it.

PRETTY TOWN, WASN'T IT?

You know how fast Carl Webb drives when he sits under the wheel of an auto. He always has a good car and his business requires him to "go places." The other day he and his wife were making a trip together when Mrs. Webb remarked: "That is a pretty town we are coming to, wasn't it?"

WILL WE GET EM?

The budget commission's report, with recommendations to the general assembly leads me to believe Cleveland county may not get the state highway commission last fall. The state has had deficit of 10 millions for the past two years and this embarrassing situation faces Governor Ehringhaus and the general assembly. It is proposed that state borrow two millions from the Highway commission and that road building be suspended for two years. If the road program is suspended right where it is, the unstarted projects may be left off. And you know, not a shovelfull of dirt has been thrown on the Shelby-Polkville road or the Shelby-Bolling Springs road or the Shelby-Patterson Springs-Grover road, all of which projects were agreed upon and promised last fall. In fact, the Polkville grading contract has been let, but no actual construction started. So if suspension is ordered now, we'll be back where we are. We don't mean to say this will happen, but we fear it will be.

WORST LOCAL TRAGEDY SINCE BANK CRASH.

Saturday afternoon's tragedy in the jail yard was the worst since the bank building crash. We have no way of finding out, but it is possible, and very probable that Sanders died without knowing the bullets from his pistol killed Connor and Connor died without knowing the deputy was a victim of his gun. The whole affair is traced to mean liquor yet both political parties want to make liquor easier to get. Or could it be that if Connor had been drinking legalized liquor that it would not have inflamed him to desperation?

EIGHTY TONS OF PAPER: SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

Last year The Star used eighty tons of news print in the publication of its 155 issues of 4,500 copies of each issue. The paper The Star uses is made from wood pulp and the pulp is gotten from spruce and hemlock trees cut in Newfoundland. At Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, the International Paper Co., which perhaps makes over half of the news print made on the North American continent, has a print paper mill. Paper coming to the southeast is sent by boat to ports along the Atlantic seaboard and there placed in storage. The Star's supply is un-

loaded at Norfolk, Va., and comes to Shelby by rail. Eighty tons of paper starts lots of fires in Cleveland and adjoining counties, where the paper circulates, and incidentally enlightens many minds.

AMNESIA

...Is amnesia a disease, a convenience or an alibi?

NUMBERING THE GOVERNOR'S AUTO

When you see an automobile carrying 1933 license plate No. 2, that is Ex-Governor Gardner's car. A policy has been adopted by the license bureau of the Revenue department to assign auto license plates to the ex-governors in the order of their remoteness from this office. McLean's car will bear license plate No. 3 and Morrison No. 4. Of course Governor Ehringhaus will drive the Lincoln limousine bought during the Gardner administration and this car will continue as long as it is the chief's car to be No. 1. Enough numbers will be left to provide low numerals for all ex-governors, after which comes the lieutenant governor, secretary of state and so on down the line in the order of their importance. So it will be easy to spot an ex-governor in the future when he is riding around over the state.

That brings up speculation as to what make of car Mr. Gardner will attach his No. 2 plate to. The Buick in the Webb-Gardner home in Shelby is the property of the late Judge Webb, but for economy's sake it might continue as the family car. James Webb, the governor's son has his Chevrolet, so if the ex who carries plate No. 2 wants his individual car, he might be a prospect for dealer.

And this new system of auto number for ex-governors makes us wonder how many numerals are saved for the exes. It has been 12 years since Morrison's time expired and we have more living ex-governors than ever before in history of the state. The job of chief is so trying, it usually shortens their days, but recent governors must be more vigorous than before the World war.

Smith Hits At Technologists

Thinks Study Of New System Interesting But Double Value Of Findings.

New York.—Alfred E. Smith comments on technocracy in the January issue of the magazine "New Outlook," appearing this week.

He criticizes the technologists for using abstruse language, and for intolerance of existing systems and leaders and expresses doubt of the value of their findings. However he sees the study of the problems with which they are concerned "a fine thing" and says that "undoubtedly much good will come from a discussion of their plans."

"Every now and then someone discovers a new system which is bound to revolutionize all government and the entire economic system," Smith writes. "When the initial excitement dies down, it is always found that changes in these fields are gradual and that we have mistaken new words for new principles."

Too Many Machines.

He summarizes technocracy as follows: "That we have developed labor saving machines so fast that there is less and less work for men; that output of all kinds of things is increasing beyond public consumption; and that we must have some kind of a new government by scientists and engineers who will plan a nice balance of machine production and human consumption so that everybody will have both necessities and luxuries for his family by working only three or four days a week."

"In order to arrive at the above summary," Smith continues, "it has been necessary to wade through a great mass of language which is almost unintelligible to anybody but a doctor or philosopher or an engineer."

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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