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### TWINKLES

**Consolation:** If the resolutions are still holding, there are only 51 weeks yet to go.

Now The Greensboro News, always casting about for such things, is worrying about what may happen to the fruit-jar industry if prohibition goes by the boards.

The first move of the new North Carolina assembly was to vote for a slash in salaries, and just at the moment we can think of no other opening move which would receive more commendation from those who sent the representatives and senators to Raleigh.

### AND WHY NOT?

Any number of big items have been on the front pages this week, but the one drawing the most interest in this cotton section we believe was that about the gain in cotton price. It's typical provincialism that a climb of a few cents in the price of that staple overshadows such matters as the war debt controversy, the row between China and Japan, legislative events, and what-not.

### IN LEAP YEAR OR ALWAYS

The following comment by The Greensboro Record is termed "native wit" by a contemporary paper, yet we are curious to know if the writer thereof is married, and if so, what happened to him after his bright remarks were read at home. Here's the comment:

"A Northwestern university professor says a man should marry the girl who chooses him. In other words, the present order should remain unchanged."

Of course, the men about in the audience will give applause—silently if they happen to be near the dear woman when they read it—but how will they react to the source of the cracks, that advice of the university professor? And was the professor, when he made his assertion, referring to Leap Year or just any old years? It is, we believe, a topic which could be elucidated upon, but with proper caution and care.

### NO MORE SUICIDES

It is mighty easy to get the blues when one works himself or herself into that mood. Here for months we have been talking about the number of suicides brought along by the depression, and now comes the word, borne out by statistics, that suicides have not increased since prosperity skipped around that mythical corner. In other words, with our gait in life throttled down to a slower tempo we merely have more time to notice and comment upon such things, and being inclined to have the blues, we add another bad score up against the depression. An increase in suicides, life insurance statistics show, began in 1925 and rose rapidly during the boom years of 1928 and 1929. Today, these figures show, the suicide rate in New York city is lower than in the prosperous years. Chances are that the same thing is true in this section and other sections of the country removed from the metropolis.

### NOT SO BAD NOW

Just a few years ago, in that prosperous period—remember it?—around 1928, it was considered somewhat of a financial hardship for a lawyer or business man to leave his own business or professional duties long enough to represent his county or section in legislature or the senate because of the meagre pay doled out to North Carolina law-makers. Somehow we are inclined to believe, although little has been said about it, that the depression may have altered this angle somewhat. It is noted that Tam Bowie is urging the assembly to hurry up and get through with its work within the allotted 60-day period. Chances are it will, and it is our guess that a goodly percentage of those in Raleigh will this year be drawing better pay during the session than they have been averaging. The pay, if you have forgotten, is \$600 for the session, regardless of its length, and with a customary 60-day session that would be \$10 per day. With one of our contemporaries, we're wondering how many of the legislators could make that much at home.

### CAREFUL

The controversy about whether to retain or discontinue the two agents—farm and home demonstration—in Cleveland county can very well, if present symptoms are indicative, develop into considerable unpleasantness. Without advocating either side in this particular comment, we would urge those of both factions to exercise caution and coolness in whatever they may have to say or do in the matter. A general county-wide disruption would be more detrimental than everything at stake. Once sections, groups and communities get split up over such matters it takes years for the wounds from hasty words and actions to heal. As it is now rumors can be heard of "stacked" meetings on both sides, or alleged

inconsiderate actions on both sides. Even unverified rumors can develop into enmities. Going about anything in such a manner is not typical of Cleveland county spirit and methods. For the sake of harmony and unity, let's hold personal feelings, heated remarks, and hearsay to one side and take whatever course is finally agreed upon in a sane, sensible and considerate manner, realizing that no-matter how this particular controversy may end the county will go on for years and years and that as people and fellow citizens we must continue to live together.

### JUST AN INDICATION

Over the State since the recent snow and sleet there has developed some criticism of the so-called slow work of the highway department in getting roads back into travelling condition. Very little criticism has been heard hereabouts, but presumably there has been some. With no idea of defending the highway department in the matter, we make mention of it for two reasons. First, in offering criticism it should be remembered that it was an exceptional weather period. The snow was coated beneath and on top with sheets of ice which made it many more times difficult to move than if there had been only snow. Second—and this angle connects with the first point—it should be a known fact that highway working forces have been cut down in recent months for the purpose of economy. In fact, our main point is that the recent weather should have shown that roads cannot be kept up and properly maintained without sufficient force. That lesson, if properly learned, should show us the danger of taking a move at the present legislature which might take still further funds from the highway department and further deplete the road-working forces. In other words, if we take away from the highway department the income upon which it is supposed to operate, then we should have little room in which to cuss and fume if in the two years ahead our roads reach such a state and condition as to remind us of the old days when it was accepted as a matter of course that we could get "stuck up" at least two or three times each trip to town. In highway work as in other activities hay, is required to make the mare go, if you get what we mean.

### INCONSISTENCY

The fight between the American Legion and the National Economy League has, as The Charlotte News says, revealed many inconsistencies on the part of each. The Economy League doesn't think that the government can afford to pay a bonus to every soldier who happened to be in the service every day, and the Legion doesn't think it is right for the Economy League to raise a howl when some of its members are drawing pensions, emoluments and what-not from the government. The latest inconsistency develops in the Senate where the fight between the two organizations has claimed some attention and some debate.

One senator, Robinson, was all stirred up because Admiral Richard Byrd, an Economy League official, has criticised the bonus payment when he is drawing \$4,200 per year from the government as retirement pay. Said the indignant senator:

"To be entirely sincere, it seems to me Admiral Byrd should come to the government and say, 'Here's the \$4,200; I don't need it.'"

Without any idea of upbraiding or defending Admiral Byrd, we cannot help but wonder if the senator in question is as particular about spending government money as he would have the admiral be. If so, what is his attitude about the new senatorial garage? We notice by the papers that the senators began using it this week. Now since the senate, or a portion thereof, has shown such great concern about governmental extravagance, we are curious to know if, when orating for economy, they do not talk with their finger crossed when they think of the senatorial garage in which their autos are parked. Here's just a little data on the senatorial garage: It is underground, beneath illuminated fountains and terraces of the senate grounds. It covers the space of two city blocks and ALL IT COST WAS \$817,000. What's more there is a subway entrance so that senators on bad-weather days can get to their offices without getting their feet wet. The garage will hold 361 cars and there is a parking place reserved for each senator and congressman with a sign bearing his name. There are such accessories as automatic doors which open as the cars drive up, five attendants to care for the cars, etc.

In this garage so far as we know may be stored either Bob Reynolds' Dwyer or Senator R. R. Reynolds' Cadillac, along with whatever makes of cars Senator Bailey and Congressman Bulwinkle may have. We care not a hang about that. If the garage has been built to the tune of a little more than three quarters of a million it would be foolish not to use it. But we do say this: the venerable senator in question (Robinson) may be entirely right in denouncing Admiral Byrd for accepting his \$4,200 check from the government, but he and others of the senate body are in poor position to talk if they were among those who helped put through a measure squandering that much money for a garage in which public servants drawing eight to 12 thousand dollars pay annually may store their automobiles at public expense.

### THE RABBIT SHOW

(From The Greensboro News.)

Charlotte is to have a rabbit show January 17-20. Why three days of it? That would give time enough to review all the rabbits in Chatham.

### WOULD BE PLEASANT

(From The Atlanta Journal.)

We are not strongly in favor of the proposed five-day week, but we wouldn't mind having a five-day week-end.

So far we haven't heard of Bob Reynolds slipping any plump postmasterships or nice district attorneyships into anybody's socks as Yule gifts.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED.

The Star is glad to have communications for this column, but as we have repeatedly stated before, these communications must be signed in the name of the author. This is a guarantee of their genuineness. A nom de plume name may be used in the paper but along with this must come the author's real name to be held in The Star office.

We are holding two communications now. One signed "Buck" and the other "C. S." If the authors will reveal their names, the articles will be published and the names withheld and not be revealed except upon inquiry at the office of parties interested. THE EDITOR.

### EXTENSION AGENTS PAY THEIR OWN WAY.

I have just been reading in your columns where several men favor the cutting out of the county agents.

Now, I'm young in years, but I'm not in favor of cutting out the only two officials of our county who pay their own salaries. Absurd sir! Take a vote among the 4-H club boys and girls of the county. Think the matter over very carefully before you give your opinion. Shall we become a backward county once more? Shall we turn our backs upon the county's most useful persons? And all merely because times are hard. If it had not been for these two, times might be worse. Stop! Don't you think so? Surely!

One day last week, I called at the office of Mr. R. W. Shoffner to get some information which only a county agent could give. After a courteous greeting, he began to give me the facts I desired. He named the diaries of the county of hand. That man knows his adopted county. At the time of my visit he was preparing an article for a paper about how much his farmers' thoroughbred cows, which he caused them to have, gave and made for them above the average of the scrub stock. The article may be in this paper today, but his count gave a \$3,000 profit or that much more due to the good stock. Isn't this enough to pay his salary? Who brought the peddler to Cleveland county? Did you do it? No. Did I do it? I hardly believe I did. It seems to me that we have Mr. Shoffner to thank.

Cut his office out, men, and destroy the best friend of the farmers of Cleveland county, if you wish, but some day you'll regret it. WAKE BRIDGES. Mooresboro, N. C.

### OPPOSES MR. MULL'S REMEDY WITH GOLD.

All intelligent people know that our financial system under the single gold standard caused inflation and deflation that made the depression by speculation, extravagance and debts that cannot be paid with deflated incomes. And all can see that more money and cheaper money is the only remedy in sight to improve conditions. Prosperity is rooted in the soil. When agriculture fails, everything dependent on it must go down to a level with it, including wages, salaries and fees. When the money trust started deflation had silver been restored by congress on a parity with gold, doubling the metallic base for paper currency in the interest of all the people, it would have sustained industry and commerce. But congress is still drawing inflated salaries, they will not cut in half with cheaper money, and so say they all with fixed gold incomes.

They regard gold as money and nothing else is money. Mr. Mull proposes to increase money with gold only by dividing it into smaller particles. Gold is now pyramided many times its value, and making it double its self will only make conditions worse. Mr. Mull portrays the evils under the present system. His remedy is like the old superstition "That the hair of the dog is good for the bite" and probably will do much good. The better remedy would be to muzzle the dog to prevent his biting or cut his tail near his ears as the best remedy. This rabid dog bites everything that cannot get out of its way including Mr. Mull's financial corpse that committed suicide and should be buried in oblivion—that its evils, be remembered no more. We now have more gold and paupers than any nation in the world. And when our bankrupts are settled only those who control the gold can claim any wealth. JAMES C. ELLIOTT. Lattimore, N. C. Jan. 1, '33.

### Madame Speaker Is Latest Title

Bismarck, N. D.—Should a woman speaker of state house of representatives be addressed "Mrs. Speaker," "Madame Speaker," or "Mr. Speaker?"

Election of Mrs. Minnie D. Craig, of Esmond, as North Dakota's first woman speaker of the house brought fourth this question and members of the legislature pondered which form was correct.

Chief Justice W. L. Nusselt of the state supreme court gave an informal opinion that "Madame Speaker" was fitting and proper.

## Lawndale News Of Current Week

### Sunday School Officers Elected. Visitors During Christmas Season.

(Special to The Star.)

Lawndale, Jan. 4.—The Lawndale Sunday school has elected the following officers for the coming year: Junior Daggerhard, superintendent; Judge Towery, assistant superintendent; R. A. Warlick, secretary; Miss Carrie Lee Weaver, assistant secretary; Lee Champion, choir leader; Hugh Wallace, assistant choir leader; Miss Elizabeth Wilson, pianist; Miss Katherine Johnson, assistant pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leonard, of Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and family of Hickory spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Richards.

Mrs. Maurice Bowman and children spent several days last week with Mrs. Bowman's mother, Mrs. Moore, in Taylorsville.

Mr. Harold Cordell returned to Detroit, Mich., Saturday where he will resume his work as salesman for the Ferry Seed company. He was accompanied to Knoxville, Tenn. by his father, Mr. Enos Cordell.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rollins and little son, Henry, of Avondale, spent Sunday with Mrs. F. C. Rollins.

Mr. Paul Cline who has been undergoing treatment at the Oteen hospital, is spending some time with his family.

Miss Mary Lou Queen of Coffeyville, Kans., visited her aunt, Mrs. T. B. Richards, last week.

Miss Ruth Philbeck spent Friday with Miss Madeline Boyles.

Messrs. Tod Caldwell, William Eaker, Mrs. Nancy Caldwell, Mrs. John F. Eaker, Ralph Eaker and Betty Joe Eaker visited Mrs. Caldwell's sister, Mrs. Ed. Dorsey at Forest City Sunday.

Miss Veola Spake of Rock Hill, S. C., spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. Joe Eaker of Newton spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Jno. F. Eaker.

Miss Doyle Martin of Fallston spent several days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Beam.

Mr. Tod Caldwell returned to Virginia today to resume his work, after spending some time with his mother. He was accompanied to Durham by Messrs. William Eaker and Lawrence Lee, who will resume their studies at the Duke university.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Warlick and family visited Mrs. Warlick's father, Mr. Quincy Hartman at Belwood Sunday.

Misses Velma Hartman and Ola Rhyne of Gastonia are visiting Mrs. R. A. Warlick.

### New Grouping For Kings Mt. S. Schools

Six Group Superintendents Elected To Serve During 1933. Churches Listed.

(Special to The Star.)

The Kings Mountain Baptist Sunday school association in the monthly meeting at Zion, Jan. 1 elected six group superintendents to serve during 1933. Groups 7 and 8 were consolidated with group 6, as was first arranged when the association was organized several years ago.

Supt. J. W. Costner, Associate Supt. L. H. Ledford, Secretary E. D. Humphries were elected by the association which met at New Bethel last, leaving the group superintendent to be elected by the Sunday school association.

The new grouping and superintendents are as follows:

Group No. 1: N. L. Whisnant, Supt. R-5, Supt. Churches: Sandy Plains, Double Springs, Boiling Springs, Beaver Dam, Flint Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Lattimore, Union.

Group No. 2: G. T. Cabaniss, Supt. Shelby R-5 with churches Shelby First, Shelby Second, Eastside, Elizabeth, Ross Grove, Dover, Zion.

Group No. 3: C. F. McSwain, Supt. Grover R-3, Churches: Patterson Springs, Pleasant Hill, New Hope, Mt. Sinai, Poplar Springs, Zoar.

Group 4: A. J. Jolley, Supt., Kings Mountain. Churches: Bethlehem, Grover, Oak Grove, Macedonia, Patterson Grove, Kings Mountain First and Kings Mountain Second.

Group 5: Deans E. Hoyle, Supt., Fallston. Churches: Buffalo, Fallston, Mills Chapel, New Prospect, North Brook, Pleasant Grove, Wallace Grove.

Group 6: A. A. Richards, Supt., Casar. Churches: Carpenters Grove, Casar, Double Shoals, New Bethel, Norman's Grove.

### Paylor Family Goes To Sunday School Yes

Laurinburg, Jan. 3.—Three members of the J. L. Paylor family here completed a 24-year record of perfect attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. W. C. Paylor, 33-year-old manager of a book store here, completed his record Sunday in the footsteps of J. L. Paylor, 41-year-old banker, who finished his record on November 6, and J. H. Paylor, 36-year-old attorney, who closed his record on December 11.

## 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.

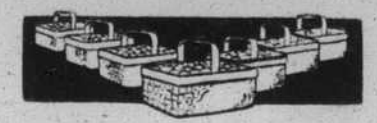
The general tone and trend of business is gradually improving and we approach the New Year with hope and optimism.

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