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TWINKLES

That swish you heard was Spring, hurrying back around the corner.

You saw a paradox in Shelby Tuesday morning—jonquils pushing their blooming heads above the snow.

Stiffen up and stand it until July 1st, 1935. The bank check tax will be repealed then.

A one-armed bank employee in North Carolina is accused of forging hundreds of dollars worth of checks. Think what he could have done with two arms.

The need for highways in North Carolina will never diminish. Every dady a new organization is formed and that means a convention.

Two trains wrecked in Russia ten days ago. The Soviet government suppressed the news for nine days. There is no freedom of press or speech in Russia.

Republican congressmen fear the Bankhead bill is the first step in the regimentation of American agriculture. That's all right with us: anything to get crop control over that weed, spinach.

Charlotte police have caught the "pants" thief. The depression robbed many a man of his pants and its contents, so a Charlotte negro capitalized on the idea. He entered fifty homes at night and got a total of about \$1,000. Figure it yourself and learn the average amount a Charlotte man carries in his pockets.

"The Boiling Springs Road May Be Extended On To Cliffside," says a headline in our favorite tri-weekly. That's all right as far as it goes, but this road should turn north at Boiling Springs and go on to Lattimore and Polkville, also branch South from the Junior College and open up No. 1 township.

BUILDING IS RESUMED

The amount of money being spent for construction throughout the nation is increasing rapidly, indicating that recovery is on its way. For three or four years, building was virtually at a standstill, thus creating a shortage in homes. At the rate children are being born, couples are marrying and establishing "home-nests," thousands of homes should be built every year in North Carolina.

There is no big building project on just now in Cleveland county, but a number of small homes are going up in Shelby and in the country. Driving to Belwood yesterday, the editor of The Star saw three new homes in process of erection. If this amount of building is going on in every fourteen mile stretch in Cleveland, we have a right considerable building program under way. Carpenters, masons and painters are finding more jobs than in three years. They need and deserve work for the brunt of the depression fell on them and the unskilled workers. It was gratifying to see this week that a local building and loan association was advertising the fact that it is ready to make loans for home repairs and remodeling.

GROWING CATTLE IN CAROLINA

Cattle ranges have been confined to the west where wide open spaces abound, but are moving back east, judging from an experiment that is underway in the Asheville section. C. A. Bauman of New York and Florida has shipped in 125 Hereford cattle from Texas and 400 more are to arrive this week. Mr. Bauman has a ranch that at present embraces 1,000 acres and if his experiment with cattle raising in Carolina mountains is successful, he plans to add to his acreage and to his herd.

A thorough investigation was made as to climate, soil and grasses before Mr. Bauman decided to locate his ranch in the Western part of the state. He is convinced that high grade beef cattle can be raised here that will compete with cattle raised in the beef belt of the West.

Farmers will watch this experiment with interest. If the soil, climate and grasses lend themselves to the successful growing of beef cattle, the song of the cowboy, the loving of cattle and the colorful scenes of life on the cattle ranch will be typical in Carolina mountains.

LOSING OUR SECTIONALISM

Over in Hickory this week Carl Goerch, editor of "The State," an interesting weekly North Carolina magazine, declared that North Carolina is losing its sectionalism and is abounding more and more with co-operation between the various parts of the state.

This is good news, for there was a time, not so many years ago when sectionalism was very threatening to the peace and well-being of the State. The east is purely agricultural, the Piedmont is a combination of industry and agriculture. Serious breaches were threatened in our General Assembly over legislation. Factions were springing up but, to offset this situation, groups have formed that are not confined to geographical lines. The interests of the farmer, whether he lives east or west is identical. Labor constitutes a strong group that must be reckoned with, merchants in whatever locality they live have common problems, motorists whether they live by the sea or on the mountain top are watching the tide roll higher for a reduction in gas tax and license tags and the school teachers are of one accord for more pay.

While sectionalism is passing, these groups are organizing and the next General Assembly will have every organization to listen to from every part of the State.

FARM INCOME ON THE RISE

Farm income in 1933 was \$1,240,000,000 greater than in 1932—a jump of 24 per cent.

The chief reasons for this, according to the Department of Agriculture press service, were increased prices for crops, and benefit and rental payments by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. And it should likewise be remembered that the farmer's great allies in raising and stabilizing prices, and in framing governmental farm legislation, were the farm cooperatives.

The co-ops entered 1933 after one of the worst years in agricultural history—a year in which farm income was at the bottom. They went forward courageously and undismayed. They fought the farmer's battle with the middleman—they brought his point of view before the public and won its sympathy—they conferred with governmental officials on all manner of matters directly and indirectly affecting agriculture. They were a steady factor when the farm strikes broke out, and they stood solidly on the side of law and order and reasoned action as distinct from violence.

The cooperatives deserve a world of credit. They did much in 1933. And now, with the new year well started, they are going on to greater, more permanent achievements.

Nobody's Business

By GEE McGEE

The Trouble In Flat Rock Continues To Spread

Flat rock, s. C., march 21, 1934.
dear mr. editor:

I am sorry to have to report that trouble which brewed in reboher church 2 weeks ago when rev. hubert green resigned his pastorage for a better field with more money promised in cedar lane, plus a 5-room manse to live in, is growing worser instead of better.

faction no. 1 (which totes the church keys) found that faction no. 4 had took off the regular lock on the door and put on another one when they tried to hold prayer-meeting wednesday night, and they could not get in thru the door, so they crawled in a back winder and hell same as usual.

faction no. 3 says it is willing to join faction no. 2, provided it do not want to hire a regular pasture for 8 months, and will leave off the young smart ellick preacher, a cuzzin of miss jennie veeve smith, who has just finished the cemmitery and took up being a preacher; no. 3 wants a supply from another field till the c. w. a. makes up its mind to go on.

one of the factions tied the bell clapper with a big rag and yore corry spondent, mr. mike Clark, rfd. secker-terry of reboher church, could not ring same when he pulled on the rope sunday morning, he went up into the bell-fry and unloosed same and rung it 25 minnets just for spite, somebody also smeared the bell rope with tar ansoforth, and it got on his hands.

the faction which miss jennie veeve smith, our organist, belongs to has been a-cused of cutting a hole in the bellows of the organ and now it wont hold wind, and a tune can not therefor be played on same. somebody also tore "blessed be the tie that binds" and "shall we know each other better over there" out of all books in the church.

well, mr. editor—I can't say where this fuss will end, it has already got into the publick scholl and the u. d. c. society and the ladies aid, as well as severall stoars in town, in fact—all 3 of same is effected, if anybody gets his heads knocked off enduring this row, i will rite or foam yore paper promptly, it looks like some big news will a-cruce verry soon.

yores trulle,
mike Clark, rfd.
secker-terry.

W. A. James of Morganton, route 3, harvested 3,000 pounds of Korean lespedeza seed from a five acre field. Lespedeza is steadily taking the place of cowpeas after wheat for soil improvement in Burke county.

Jim Billinger Is At Large Again

our little town is all excited this morning, the noted criminal jim billinger, was captured last week, and was kept under a heavy gard in our city jail until he escaped yesterday just after dinner time.

billinger is a bad man and he is guilty of all kinds of crime from committing murder on up to stealing chickens, which is very dangerous and risky, he was caught by some county officers and fetched here 3 weeks ago for safe keeping.

our mayor realized how desprite a man billinger was, and he tired 7 more deputites in addition to the regular polesman and the jaller. billinger was locked tight in the best sell in the jail and had machine guns pinting at him from 7 different peep-holes, but he is gone now.

it seems that while piddling around in his sell, he found a big pocket knife and some planks, and a suit of nice, clean clothes, together with some seegars and candy ansoforth, also a fine suit-case for travel, and a key that would fit a fine sedam ottermobel which happened to be setting out in front of the jail house.

when the jaller come in to mannicure billinger's finger-nails and shampoo his hair, billinger poked a wooden pistol into his ribs and said, "here, take these 3 dollars and hold up yore hands and let me lock you in my sell." it seems that they traded and he locked him up. after dressing and shining his shoes he left by the front door, he woke up 3 gards, but they just turned over.

on his way out, he met 2 gards and grabbed 2 machine guns out of their hands and gave them a box of cigaretttes. after chatting pleasantly a few minutes, he went into the jaller's offfis, and told the other gards and the jaller's 4 assistants, good-bye, and told them not to waste their money, and asked them to excuse him, billinger then lit a seegar, and looked back at the offfisers and said—"ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, so long boys," and crawled into his car and drove off.

after billinger had been gone long enough to get away, the alarm was given, and everbody took after him, but went the wrong way. nobody knows how much it cost him to break jail, it was a bold dash and a well concocted plan, and had it not of benn for the wooden gun, he mought of had to make-like his finger was a pistol, no doubt, he left with less money than he arrived with. he will be hard to ketch as it seems most of the law is in sympathy with him and big crimes.

yores trulle,
mike Clark, rfd.
corry spondent.

Famous Signatures Penned On Apron Of Frankie Bailey, Old Stage Star

Hollywood.—Hollywood is the happy hunting ground for autograph seekers, but perhaps the most interesting collection in the movie capital is older than Hollywood itself.

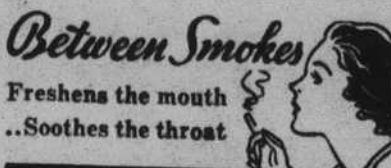
Nearly two score years ago Frankie Bailey, then the toast of Broadway, was attending a beefsteak dinner at a famous old New York hotel. She was wearing an apron, a garment well worth while for utility but not to be considered an artistic possibility. A fellow guest scrawled his name on the apron and an idea was born.

Miss Bailey recalled that Lillian Russell had a bedspread with some 100 or more names of well-known actresses and actors written on it. She decided to have the apron bear the names of famous people and all who could qualify at the dinner were asked to sign.

Original Apron Filled
Later, she elaborated on the plan by working the signatures out in red cotton so the names stand out just as clearly now as they did in the gay 90's.

The original apron was filled long, long ago and additions have been made on napkins, parts of table cloths and a towel or two.

Names of stage stars prominent before the movies were born dot the original and some who signed as stage stars have since become famous on the screen. Starting as "who's who on the stage," the apron broadened its activities to include famous folk in other lines. Names of presidents—William H. Taft, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt are included. And hardly a big movie name is



VICKS COUGH DROP

Jack Oakie Faces Suit For Slander

Los Angeles, March 20.—Jack Oakie, whose wisecracks for the films, may soon be called upon to talk for a jury in a \$125,000 slander suit.

The action was filed yesterday by Marty Martyn, studio dance director, who alleged the comedian applied uncomplimentary epithets to him.

"I'll have to get a paper and read the details before I can make any statement," said Oakie when asked to comment. "I can't imagine what the whole thing is about."

The slander was committed, Martyn said, on March 17 in the apartment of Carl Brisson, Danish actor.

Within hearing distance, he said, were Brisson and his wife, Gary Grant and Virginia Cherrill, Charles Farrell and Virginia Valli, Randolph Scott and Buster Crabbe and his wife.

Martyn identified himself as Oakie's former manager.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the executor of the will of M. J. Baker, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said M. J. Baker to present same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of March, 1934, orcovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will make settlement with the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of March, 1934.
BLAINE EUGENE BAKER, Executor of the Will of M. J. Baker, deceased.
Henry B. Edwards, Atty.

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