

# AROUND The TOWN

with ZEB DENNY

Did you ever walk down the steps in the Kidd Building and hear that person walking behind you? Try it sometime and see.

And speaking of ghosts . . . the road from State Line to Emporia is truly ha'nted. There must be a death's head riding that stretch of pavement. To count those that have been killed along there is too difficult a task, not to mention the number that have been injured.

As for me I aim to avoid that section of 301 as if escaping a plague.

I talked to a Civil Service Representative who was in town a short while ago. He found it incredible that the pavement is less than three years old, that the sidewalks are not yet a decade old, that some of the citizens here actually saw the town grow out of the cotton and corn fields and cow pastures.

He said that he had seen many things in his rounds (his home is in the southwest of Nebraska), but that this town had one of the most interesting histories of any he knew . . . that is, of cities not hooked up with a mining or oil boom.

Now his enthusiastic interest might have made my tongue wag just a tiny bit . . . at both ends.

This column is sometimes very revealing. The one last week, for instance, revealed that people, whom you would never have believed, grew up in the country and attended the type of school that I did.

Every time I pass through the dump between the Rosemary Village and Lincoln Heights I am reminded of the place near Jerusalem from which the word "hell" was derived. But not until this week-end did I ever think of Chockoyotte Creek as the "River Styx". That was brought to my attention.

I listened to a man tell about the marvelous building program going on down at Fort Bragg. My eyes widened with each project that he outlined for us. It kept on and on until finally he said,

"Well, sir, we passed along a great stretch of woods one morning. Not a tree had been touched at that time. The next afternoon we passed along the same way by the same wooded plot and they had built a four-lane paved highway through it. Cars were running on it both ways just as hard as they could go."

It was there that my widening eyes popped right out of my head, and onto the ground.

## LITTLETON

Miss Elberta Foster of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster. Messrs. C. H. Lambeth and Marvin Newsom spent Friday in Norfolk.

Mrs. Charlie Moseley and daughter, Virginia, returned to Richmond Saturday after spending several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person.

Misses Anna Belle Stephens and Mildred Gatewood, Messrs. William Booker and Herbert Ferrell of Danville spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. A. M. Newsom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Joyner and daughter, Shirley, of Hillsboro, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bonney.

Miss Rebecca Leach of Norfolk spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Leach.

Leon Acree of Portsmouth spent the week-end with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Julian Acree.

Miss Gertrude Draper of Warrenton spent Wednesday here.

Mrs. John Justis of Midlothian, Va., spent the week-end in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Justis.

Miss Evelyn Newsom of Raleigh spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Newsom.

## Tippett - Jordan

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tippett of Roanoke Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter Viola Edith, to Walter Marion Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jordan of Garysburg. The marriage will take place in the early spring.

## SPORTS ODDS N' ENDS

North Carolina was chosen by some as the team of the State even after Duke turned the heat on. Glamack has received about as much publicity as a strip-tease murderer would have, without disrespect to either.

Anyway Glamack is now recovering from an infection in the elbow. Perhaps that infection meant a difference in the final score of the Duke-Carolina fray. The Duke team edged the Tar Heels out by one point, you remember.

The local teams did not get to stay long in the Golden Belt Tourney. The boys played a losing game after the very start, reports say. There were plenty of chances to defeat the Dunn team, but the Jax appeared a bit on the jittery side and failed to make them good. They were he defending champions, you know, which gives any team a bit of tension.

Coach Carter said that his boys should have rung the hoop several times prior to the end of the game, but succeeded only in getting a tie at that time. In the playoff the Dunn boys forged ahead. Better luck next year.

The girls had better luck with their opponents, although the last game sounded more like a baseball game from the score. They won easily Monday night but could not keep up the pace Wednesday, losing to Warrenton 11 to 6.

The local town team, which has shied of publicity for some reason, lost out in the Rocky Mount Tournament to end their season, after having played about a dozen games.

Some of the players were "Legs" Newsome, Rex Carter, Major Drummond, Steven Prosen, and I. J. Byrd. Byrd was one of the leading scorers on the club.

Looks bad for the Jax this year. We never saw a team so hard hit by the quit-to-work-itis. Melton Boyd, who showed promises of becoming one of the town's finest pitchers of all times, didn't see fit to continue his education. Older

hurlers say that he had what it took. Henry Howell is another who stopped to go to work. He was one of the hardest hitting players the Jax have had in some time. Otto Waters, the classiest center fielder since the heyday of Ed Moseley, has stopped also.

The 1941 team has only four lettermen around which to build a team. We venture to say, however, that the Jax will be hard to lick this year. We've rarely seen it fail.

Mrs. Henry Hardison of Washington is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hardison.

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