

Around Our Town

All-year Fountain.
 "While they're building the fountain on the court square they should make it a year-round attraction," remarked a citizen Saturday, while looking over the work which is now in progress. His idea was that a small second story should be added for a rest room, particularly for winter time. "The handsome open-constructed ground floor is alright in the summer time, but there should be a warm rest room overhead for ladies and visitors," he said. Another man suggested that a second floor should be added in the form of a pavilion—something that could be used for band concerts and as a platform for other public gatherings. One had a summer idea, the other a winter thought. Both are worth passing along for the thought of others.

"Not What it Uster Be."
 Times certainly are not like "they used to be"; a copy of The Cleveland Star of 1905 is proof enough. Some snow fell here this year but if it has leaked through and caused much damage nothing has been said of it. The Star of February 22, 1905 carries the following article:

"Much damage has been sustained by a few of the business men in Shelby during the last two weeks in the leaking of stores and offices. The snow clogs upon the roof, melts and runs through—"

Another article by J. A. Anthony, then superintendent of schools, offers another contrast. In 1904 total funds derived for the county schools from all sources was \$20,008.82; \$1,500 went to the building of new school houses. In 1923 school tax levy in Cleveland county brought in \$160,189 and \$65,000 was placed in new brick school buildings. Seven thousand dollars more was spent for operating expenses in the schools in the county last year than was derived from every source in 1904.

The advertisements in the old paper tell a story all their own. It's almost as easy to find an airplane on Shelby streets today as a buggy, yet in the 1905 paper the late J. D. Linberger carried a large advertisement telling of the qualities of the Babcock buggy. Nearby was an "ad" of the Farmers Hardware, operated then by A. P. Weather's and the late O. T. Ford, that told how the Oliver-Middle huster "husted" em." D. C. Webb's Sons were advertising shirts at 38 cents each; ham was selling at 12 cents per pound and J. Frank Jenkins at the Southern Cotton Oil company, was offering 24 cents per bushel for "good, sound, dry cotton seed, delivered."

Politics seemed to be the same then as nowadays, however. Clyde R. Hoey democratic county chairman, was calling a democratic primary at the request of Representative R. L. Ryburn, "to ascertain the will of the people." That politics then and now are related we judge from the following editorial paragraph:

"Tom Dixon said: 'politics are a mess.' If that be the case, Cleveland county is again in a mess." Tempis fugit.

What?
 The following are some of the questions being asked "around our town":

Will Shelby have a baseball club this summer?

Are you sure the ground hog prophecy is all a myth?

What will be done with the old Central church building when the new building is completed?

Will Angus W. or Josiah W. succeed Cam?

Can you have the measles twice, and how long does a small pox vaccination make one immune from the disease?

Will the bid be raised on the Court-view property?

Where did you get it? (generally heard in recorder's court).

Will McDoo Underwood or Daniels?

Will the Shelby high school baseball club have a chance of copping the state championship?

Why do radio broadcasting stations use such letters as X, Z, Y, U, P, Q and K, and what is static?

Why keep a blanket on Spark Plug, and does Yo Ho play mah jong?

Have you seen Mrs. —'s new spring bonnet?

More questions, bordering on one subject, will be asked as spring advances, and their answers in a number of cases will be found in the social column. The answers though will hardly tell how the question came up, as this is Leap Year.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Rebecca I. Bridges, late of Cleveland county, N. C. this is to give notice to all persons having claims against said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of March, 1924, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of March, 1924.

E. B. HAMRICK, Executor of Rebecca I. Hamrick, deceased.

Osmin Hamrick and Harris, Attys.

THE STAR WANT ADS



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Individuals, communities and nations filled with confidence in each other find true contentment and good feeling. Through this confidence, they are of mutual benefit to each other. Just as soon as that confidence is destroyed, that which was productive is gone and all concerned suffer.

Confidence is the basis of business today. Confidence is responsible for the great credit system in the commercial world.

When you buy merchandise or service from a business man of Shelby, you get credit because of his CONFIDENCE in you. He BELIEVES in you. He knows that you have built up a character and reputation that DESERVES his confidence.

KEEP THAT CONFIDENCE. Keep it for your own sake, as well as for the sake of others. Pay your bills promptly. If circumstances arise that you cannot take care of your obligations at the promised time, be frank with your creditor. Let him know that you are remembering his faith in you.

It is only through all of us keeping faith with each other that the granting of credit is possible. Let's create and maintain a "good pay" reputation for Shelby. Let us BUILD in this community with CONFIDENCE!

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 General Repair Work. We Sell And Press Solid Truck Tires. Welding and Brazing.

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 Own Your Own Home by Paying A Little Each Week.

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 High Grade Flour and Feeds.

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 Shelby's Leading Furniture Dealer and Undertakers.

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 High Class Furniture at Moderate Prices.

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 Making a Reputation for Cleveland County.

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 Outfitters to Men, Women and Children.

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 Buggies, Wagons, Farm Machinery, Mixed Fertilizers,
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