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**EVANS E. McBRAYER**  
OPPOSITE BAPTIST CHURCH

## POLICEMAN WHO USED RELIGION EFFECTIVELY WHEN FORCE FAILED

Everett A. Houser, formerly on the staff of the Cleveland Star and son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Houser has appeared as a magazine contributor. At present he is on the Greensboro Daily News and has written an article which has won its way into the American Magazine. The article is quite interesting and follows:

A few years ago the negro slum section of Greensboro, North Carolina was nicknamed "The Bull Pen". Desperate negroes from all over North Carolina, and many from Virginia, congregated in this district. There were dens of all kinds where vice reigned supreme. Whiskey was easily obtained, though North Carolina had been a prohibition state for years, and cocaine, officers said, could be had without much trouble.

A policeman, Robert Y. Skenes, who was assigned to the district, decided in 1914 to try some practical religion. So he rented a dilapidated house on Washington alley, in the heart of the Bull Pen, knocked out the partitions and started a church. A negro woman preacher, Alesse Lewis, who had been conducting services in the central section of North Carolina, consented to hold a series of meetings in this old building.

She started preaching in May, 1914. She is preaching there yet, twice every Sunday. Somehow or other Skenes's chapel—as it was called from the outset—was kept in shape by the negroes who attended the services. Skenes himself paid the rent for several months, and the woman preached lived on the small sums of money received each Sunday in the collection plate.

In the early days, the services were frequently interrupted by disorderly gatherings in the neighborhood. Officers, including Mr. Skenes, who regularly attended the services, were often compelled to rush from the chapel to arrest some denizen of the district who had wielded knife or revolver with savage ferocity. When the prisoner had been locked up in the police station, the officers would return to the chapel and see that the services continued.

But gradually conditions began to improve. The undesirable from other cities ceased to come to the Bull Pen because it welcomed them no more. And negroes who lived in the district were soon taking pride in the improvement.

The woman preacher did more than preach. She was probably the first social service worker in Greensboro. "Sister" Lewis, as she is known to practically every negro of Greensboro, visited many negro families in the city. She talked with them, discussed their problems with them, gave them counsel, and her advice was good. It was, briefly, to work honestly and to behave. It wasn't long before results began to be seen.

The benefit to the city resulting from the policeman's chapel in the Bull Pen was first manifest in the municipal court. A great decrease in the number of negro defendants was noticed. Then the city became interested, and learned that a patrolman of its own police force and a negro woman preacher were doing things that the entire police force had been unable to do—making the negroes of the Bull Pen behave. It was also discovered that "Bob" Skenes, patrolman, making less than one hundred dollars per month, was financing, to a great extent, the work of the chapel.

When people heard what was being done they came forward with offers of money and time. Not only members

of the better class of negroes in the city became interested, but also white people rallied to the assistance of the policeman. But there was never any organized campaign; contributions were received by the preacher and by the policeman and turned into the chapel treasury.

By 1916 the membership had increased to such a point that the church was self-supporting. The next step was to buy the property on which the congregation had been paying rent for two years. This was done in 1919. The purchase price was eight hundred dollars.

At present a movement is under way to tear down the old dwelling house, which has been outgrown, and to erect a real church. There will be nothing ornate about it, but it will be comfortable and large enough to hold the people. The new build, like the old one, will be "Skenes's Chapel." "Bob" Skenes, fifty-five year old, has for 19 years been an officer. From his pay of not much over one hundred dollars a month he supports his family, contributes to the chapel, and has accumulated some property. The pride of his life is Skenes's Chapel and the reformation of the Bull Pen.

### Mrs. Crawford Buried At Pleasant Grove

Forest City Woman Passes Who Has Sister Living In Shelby.

Mrs. J. H. Crawford died at the Rutherford Hospital Thursday April 17th the cause of her death being blood poisoning and erysipelas. Mrs. Crawford was greatly loved in community in which she lived, visiting rich and poor alike to administer comfort unto them. She was buried at Pleasant Grove church, Rev. Parker Holmes of Forest City conducting the funeral services. Pall bearers were Messrs. Ambrose Hardin, Rastus Hardin, Walter Settlemyre, Tom Morrow, Frank Settlemyre, barbers who worked for Mr. Crawford.

Surviving are her husband J. H. Crawford of Forest City, a mother Mrs. J. P. Griffin of Shelby, six sisters and three brothers: Mrs. M. A. Pruett of South Shelby, Mrs. J. H. Dyer, Mrs. W. D. Hardin, Mrs. J. D. Sansing of Bostic, Mrs. W. M. Rippey of S. De Kalb street, Shelby. Mrs. William Hayden of Coalina, Calif., was unable to get there in time for the funeral. She also leaves three brothers, Ambrose Griffin of Spartanburg, S. C., J. T. Griffin of Kansas City, Mo., D. H. Griffin of Shelby.

Flappers are now having their hair cut "boyish style" or shingled. Some of them are being shingled in the wrong place.—New York American.

Being the party in power means little unless there is power in the party.—Baltimore Sun.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having this day, qualified as executor of the will of G. L. Moore, deceased, late of Cleveland county, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them properly proven, to the undersigned at Grover, N. C. or B. T. Falls attorney, Shelby, N. C., on or before the 18th day of April, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery on same. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 18th day of April, 1924. J. H. MOORE, Executor G. L. Moore's Will.

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Arrival and Departure of Passenger Trains at Shelby, N. C.

Lv.	No.	Between	No.	Ar.
7:40a	34	Rutherfordton-Raleigh and Wilmington	34	7:40a
5:47p	31	Wilmington-Raleigh and Rutherfordton	31	5:47p
4:50p	15	Monroe-Rutherfordton	15	4:50p
11:02a	16	Rutherfordton-Monroe	16	11:02a

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## Poultry Cars Is More Than Filled

Car Filled in Rutherford and Cleveland Counties with 25,000 Pounds of Hens, Roosters, and Ducks.

The car of live poultry filled Friday and Saturday in Rutherford and Cleveland counties brought the farmers of the two counties \$5,185.85 according to figures made public yesterday. The car was filled to capacity, having 25,000 pounds of hens, roosters, fryers and ducks but hens were in the majority and when the car arrived in Shelby Saturday afternoon the hens were laying so fast it required much of the time of the farmers to gather in the eggs. Prices paid were above the local market so 75 or more farmers from Cleveland brought in coop flocks. The car had nearly been filled in Rutherford county and there was not room here to accommodate all that were offered in Cleveland, so many of the coops were shipped by express to Hamlet where the chickens were loaded with a car starting from Bethune, S. C., with the understanding that the coops would be returned to their owners here. The amount paid to Cleveland county farmers was about \$1,200.

The sale of this car of chickens was promoted by Mr. Robertson, industrial agent of the Seaboard and it was so successful that he intends to



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## BACK HOME AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 35 YEARS

Morganton News-Herald. An interesting and interested visitor here is Mr. Jim McNeely, of Dallas, Texas, who is on a visit "back home" after an absence of nearly 35 years. He is a half brother of Mr. Walter McNeely and has other relatives days of the Morganton newspaper, and many friends who have been glad

to welcome him home. As a young man Mr. McNeely worked on the Blue Ridge Blade. He and the late editor of the News-Herald were staunch friends and it is one of Mr. McNeely's proudest boasts that it was he who taught "Teddie" Cobb to set his first "stick" of type. He entered the Blade office in 1876, a lad of 14, when W. B. Avery was editor and H. H. Crowson publisher and the paper was printed on an old Washington hand press. He relates interesting experiences of those early

# After Easter Sale Of Coats and Suits

Nothing but ladies Coats and Suits are offered in this sale, but note the big reduction.

- All coats priced up to \$39.50 special this week at ..... \$24.50
- All coats priced up to \$29.50 special this week at ..... \$18.50
- All coats priced up to \$19.75 special this week at ..... \$14.50

### 25 PER CENT OFF ON SUITS

About twenty-five of the newest things in Spring Suits at twenty five per cent reduction for this week only. Don't wait, but come early.

All offerings are beautiful new Spring patterns.

## J. C. McNeely Co.

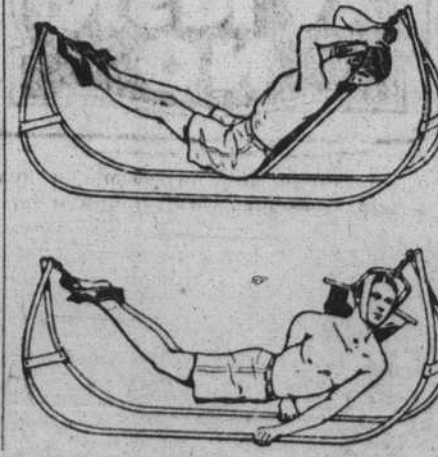
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# What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

### Exercise in Hammock Helps to Reduce Weight

To exercise the parts of the body in which fat accumulates, and help users improve their physical condition, a revolving hammock has been invented. It is



said to stretch the spine and the muscles, stimulate circulation, and reduce weight. The device consists of a metal framework, with stirrups at one end and hand grip at the other. A strap goes under the chin. Canvas webbing, shaped like a "Y," supports the body.

### Farms in Cities Predicted in Seventy-Five Years

Small farms within the city limits, double and triple-decked streets, and greatly enlarged traffic accommodations of all kinds, will be needed by New York within the next seventy-five years, it is predicted, to care for the 20,000,000 inhabitants who by that time are expected to call the city their home.

### Navy's Electric Fleet Has Power for Giant Tasks

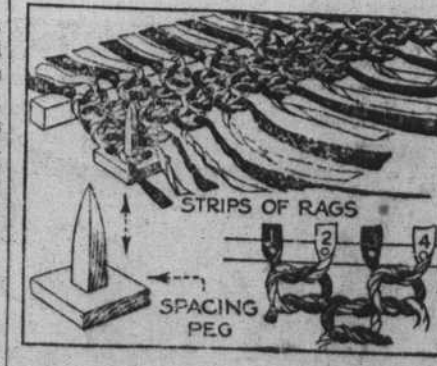
Electric energy generated by the six batteries propelled by electricity now numbered among the Navy's fighting craft, according to engineers, is applied to other tasks could furnish sufficient power to run 1,200 street cars or pull forty-eight pas-

senger trains. A mountain of solid rock 5,000 feet high and the same distance through the base, if placed on an immense jack, could be lifted by the force required to operate the vessels, at the rate of a foot a day. Connected to pumps, it is enough to drain Lake Michigan at such speed that the level would be reduced ten feet a year, or it could light, heat, and furnish power to 600 towns with populations of 5,000. Were it possible to use the energy in artillery, 200 tons of shells could be shot onto the moon each day.

### Simple Method of Making Rag Mats

Excellent doormats can be made at home from strips of rag or burlap. The strips must all be of the same width and twisted until they are about the thickness of a finger. The strips are tacked, about 4 in. from one end, to a length of wood, and are spaced 3/4 in. apart. The width of the mat depends on the number of strips used, which must be an even number.

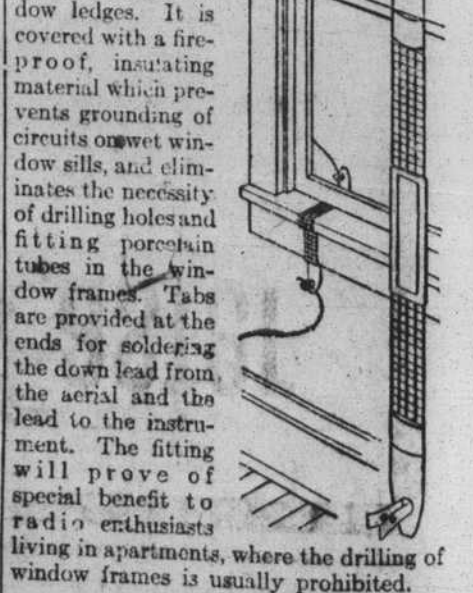
After fastening the length of wood to a table or bench, the strips are ready to be woven, which is done by tying them together with "square" knots until the mat is completed. The first knot is tied with the first and second strips, the second knot with the third and fourth strips, the third knot with the fifth and sixth



are all tied in the same way, and the method of doing this is plainly shown in the detail. A spacing peg must be used, so that all the knots will be of the same size; the knot is tied around the peg, which is then slipped out. The peg should be about 1 in. square and tapered to a point.

### Lead-In Fits under Windows

Fitting under a closed window, a flexible lead-in now on the market should prove popular with radio fans. The lead-in is thin and flat, and can be bent to fit closely to the window ledges. It is covered with a fire-proof, insulating material which prevents grounding of circuits on wet window sills, and eliminates the necessity of drilling holes and fitting porcelain tubes in the window frames. Tabs are provided at the ends for soldering the down lead from the aerial and the lead to the instrument. The fitting will prove of special benefit to radio enthusiasts living in apartments, where the drilling of window frames is usually prohibited.



### Preventing Windows from Steaming

Steamed and frosted windows are a source of annoyance to many housewives as the moisture not only obstructs the view but also soils the glass through the accumulation of dust when sweeping or cleaning. A cloth bag containing a few spoonfuls of tobacco, placed in the water used to wash the windows, will overcome this trouble and will also impart a clear,