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Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
— R. D. —

Shelby has a "Bob-tail Court!"

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Shelby is known as the town where the largest per cent of its people own their own homes. Our Building and Loan Associations are responsible for this (You can't beat Shelby.) We have applications for loans from good people who want to build homes and business houses amounting to \$60,000. They must wait until enough money is paid in on shares to go ahead. Every man, woman, boy and girl can help these folks to own their own homes by taking out a few shares now and if you have a lump sum—take paid up shares—pays 6 per cent or more. No taxes. Keep the Home Fires Burning and the home building going. Now is the time. When you have Building and Loan Shares you help yourself first then your neighbor, your friends, your town, your county and your state.

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In regular courts of the law sentences and fines vary with the charge and the crime. The crime or why the prisoner comes in means nothing to the "Bob-tail court," but there is a difference in fines. Ordinarily, day in and day out, the fine is 25 cents, but on Sunday it is 35 cents. Perhaps officials of the "Bob-tail court" think a negro should at least observe the Sabbath Day enough to stay out of jail, and perhaps it's because they know more negroes get locked up on Sunday than any other day is therefore a source of bolstering the treasury. You see colored folks, and some of the rest of us, usually get "paid off" on Saturday and naturally acquire "flavor" over the week-end. And from the size of the Monday dockets in Recorder Mull's court the treasury of the "Bob-tail court" following a rushing business on Sunday would almost pave some of the streets in the proposed Greater Shelby.

To the spectator in court, interest in a defendant ends when the prisoner is led out the door behind the bar and away to the jail. But to the prisoner the drama of the court room and the working of law and justice is only beginning. And so the "Bob-tail court." When the "high sheriff," the "judge" or "officers" serve their time or for some reason leave jail the officers below them advance according to the code of the court. Prisoners may come and prisoners may go, but the "Bob-tail court" moves on, unmerciful and relentless, forever.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Cleveland County—In Superior court.
Bertie Baumgardner Brooks, Plaintiff vs.
Roscoe Baumgardner, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce absolute upon statutory grounds and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of Superior court of said county to be held on the fourth Monday in March 1925, that March 23rd 1925, at the court house in Cleveland county, N. Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action; or the plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demand in said complaint. This 9th day of February, 1925.
GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk of Cleveland Superior Court.

TWO ACRES IN FRUIT MOST PROFITABLE PART OF FARM

I have an orchard of about two acres. In it I have about 50 peach trees which ripen from May to September, 15 apple trees, Grimes' Golden and Delicious, 10 plum trees of different varieties and 3 Scuppernon vines, some Pineapple and Kieffer pears, 6 May cherries, 15 figs, and some pecans. I filled in between pecans with peaches, apples, pears, plums, and figs. We have an arbor for the James and Scuppernon vines. Strawberries are in the whole orchard. We keep the trees properly pruned and sprayed.

Our orchard is near the house, and as we live in town, we have no trouble in selling most all of our fruits, and we usually get above the market value because we grade properly and have better, sounder, and nicer fruit. Folks call for it and pay a premium price gladly. When we have a surplus, we either can it or make preserves, jams, and jellies, which we have no trouble selling in winter. We have fruits fresh or in preserves and jellies, on our table three times daily. Two fruit stands handle our fruits retail and get it fresh daily, in season. We lose no time going about peddling because we have such nice fruit folks come after it. Our orchard is seven years old. We have other business and farming interests, but consider the orchard our very best paying investment, counting time, acreage and the small amount invested in its upkeep. I find different varieties ripening at different times, and proper attention to every tree, the main things that pay in the home orchard—R. L. Darnell, in The Progressive Farmer.

Fortunately the heathen are told about civilization and not shown—Baltimore Sun.

We suppose if Abraham Lincoln had been Federally inspected out of splitting any nails or doing any other odd jobs until he was eighteen years of age he might have become quite a prominent and useful man—Ohio State Journal.

Nationalism is the theory that if you don't grab it some other great nation will.—Anaheim Plain Dealer.

The Democratic party is better equipped to understand world problems. It has a deficit.—Sacramento Bee.

If you want a good stalk cutter you can get it at O. E. Ford Co's., and if you want the best you can get it at the same place. ad

Which is evidence aplenty that Shelby is taking on to metropolitan manners, or becoming civilized in criminality. "Bob-tail courts" have furnished column after column of human interest stories in Richmond, Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis and other cities. And in recent months a "bob-tail court" has become a part of the daily routine at the county hostelry maintained by Sheriff Hugh Logan.

Yes, this court functions at the jail. It is a part of all big prisons and jails. Like colleges have their student government, so is prison life governed by a code and laws made by the prisoners themselves. A year or so ago a "bob-tail court" was as unknown in the local jail as was the chiropractor's code of Kalamazoo, but recently the list of new guests at the Hotel of Confinement has included what the law calls "hardened criminals," or "jail birds with a past history." Some of these brought with them from other jails the working of the prison government, and a "bob-tail court" is now functioning behind the bars and "run-around" in the grim brick structure at the incline on East Warren street. Just when it started operating is not known, but it is operating. And successfully, those who are acquainted with local jail life say.

In the "Bob-tail court" of a prison there is a sheriff, detectives—or as criminals say "dicks"—police, judges, and everything that is in the real law—the law that placed them behind prison bars. And the prisoners are these officers, selected by their fellow "timers." Needless to say a fellow must be a "tuff un" to hold an important office in a bunch of "tuff uns" behind the steel doors that open only from the outside. Here in Shelby the "Bob-tail court" functions only in the colored section of the jail.

A big, tall, black husky is the sheriff—perhaps he is the best man of the prison flock and is feared by the others. They have a "Chief Hamrick", a "Policeman Hester", a "Bob Kendrick", a "recoduh judge," and a "big judge." Their law and its enforcement is as real and taken as seriously as that of the regular city and county law enforcement. There are no jokes, no frivolity or fun when the "Bob-tail court" is in session. There is a penalty for contempt just as there is in the big court house on the square.

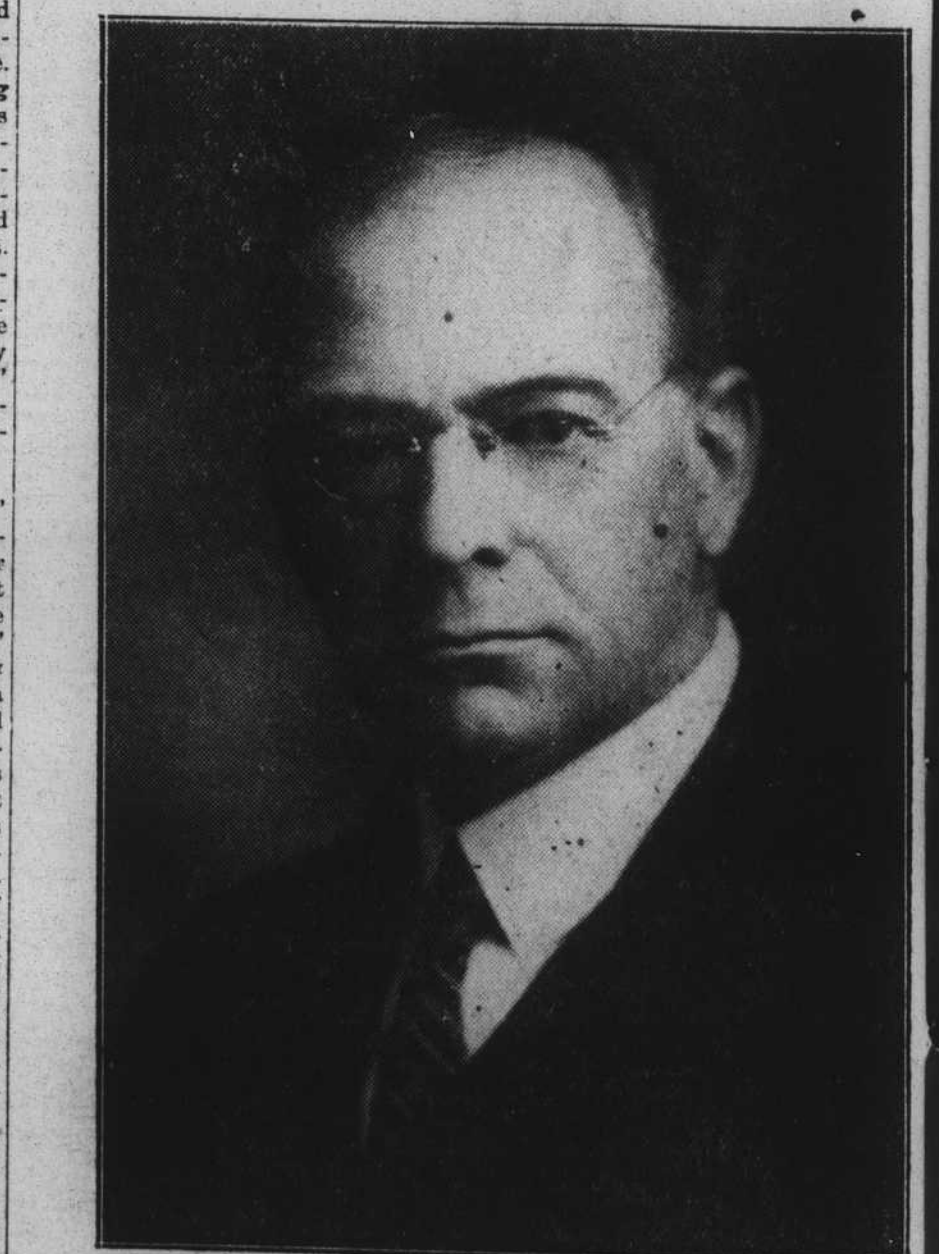
The system, as it may be derived by outsiders, works somewhat as follows: Every prisoner who enters the jail must pay a fine of 25 cents, or as the "cote" terms it "two bits." This is the sentence that is passed on the unlucky negro's head before he ever starts clanking up the spiral steps. If the prisoner happens to have the "two bits" on his person it is turned over to the county auditor and treasurer, another black in durance vile. This treasury at times, or over big week-ends in the big court mounts rapidly. How all of the fines are disposed of no one knows. But on Sundays money is taken out of the treasury and used in buying "dopes" and smokes for the unfortunate inmates. Some of it changes hands in the perpetual "crap game" that goes on behind the bars—the money to start the game being taken from the treasury and divided among the high "bob-tail" authorities, or those who reign because of physical strength or the power of the "Bob-tail court."

But, the law of the "jail house" really functions when some new prisoner refuses to pay his "two bits" or hasn't the money to pay. If he has it and won't pay he is taken before the "recoduh judge" by the "high sheriff" where he is sentenced to so many licks with the strap—and don't for a minute think officers of the "Bob-tail court" hesitate to dole out the sentence. Maybe the luckless one thinks his sentence is over with the licks, but it is not. A suspended judgment is placed over him and he must eventually pay his fellow-prisoners the 25-cent fine for being placed in jail. If he continues to "buck" an appeal is made to the "big judge," a trusty prisoner in the "run-around"—and always the sentence is affirmed, with 10 cents added to the first sentence so that the "big cote" may make running expenses and also have a treasury. Sometimes some of the unfortunates who are led in jail do not have the necessary fine. And instead of being beat they are placed under a suspended sentence of a week or so during which time they must borrow or secure the fine from a relative, or friends who visit the jail. A conditional sentence, which none ever violate.

Their motto is in meaning somewhat like that of the Texas Rangers or the Canadian Mounted—"We either gits de two bits or meat." And they do, if you care to visit the jail and hang around awhile to investigate. "Meat" means the strap.

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SPECIAL TODAY AT PRINCESS THEATRE



Dr. J. R. PENTUFF, Ph. D., D. D.
Dr. Pentuff will deliver a lecture in the graded school auditorium Friday night February 13th on Darwin's Theory of Evolution. His descent of man from the monkeys will be played in a most scientific manner. He will also discuss origin of man, origin of the earth, what is science and what is not science. The orator and scientist will show how and why the theory was invented and why propagated. People all over the country will no doubt come to hear Dr. Pentuff who has lectured and preached in Shelby on several former occasions.

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