

Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
By Renn Drum.

SHELBY CHILDREN are happy.
FOR THEY'VE heard.
THAT SOMETHING will happen.
EARLY IN September.
AND ANYONE with brains
KNOWS THAT it is not
BECAUSE SCHOOL opens
ON WEDNESDAY Sept. 16.
FOR WHO ever heard.
OF CHILDREN being enthused
OVER RETURNING to school
AND IT'S not because.
HOEY'S HUDSONS have reduced.

OR FORDS have new lines.
OR A census is being taken.
FOR NONE of that.
CARRIES A kick to the kiddies.
BUT IT is because.
THE CHRISTY circus is coming.
THAT'S MAGIC to childhood.
AND JOY is showing.
ON MORE faces.
THAN THE young folks.
FOR EVEN Durham Moore.
AND ABNER Nix have changed
SINCE THEY'VE heard.
THAT A circus is coming.
FOR GROWN-UPS still have.
A LITTLE youth in them
TUCKED AWAY somewhere
AND A circus
BEST BRINGS it out.
I THANK you

(With apologies to the clowns.)

Mr. Nicholas, who is here to take a census of what we call a city, says, after a tour of Shelby, that some of us may be fooled about the population. "There's a lot of folks here if all these houses have people in them do not be surprised if you find your town really in the city class," that's his outlook. Now make your guesses.

And to top it off we believe he'll find practically all of the houses "full up" since there's always such a demand through The Star's "penny columns" for rooms and homes. What's more Nicholas knows his business, or he wouldn't be an official census taker.

The other night the sidewalks of Shelby suddenly livened up with a merry old quilting party tune. The strains came from what an old-timer would term a fiddle, known to modernists as a violin. Naturally, the soda-water fans and night-owls thought it to be Oscar, the sidewalk concert petrifid. But it wasn't. Instead the sounds traced to their source, found J. C. McNeely, prominent dealer in ladies fashionable ready-to-wear, leaning against a store front with a fiddle amidsthip of his body, and plying with an experienced touch across the twanging strings, with Oscar standing nearby patting his foot and his hands—and perhaps wishing for such

talent. Now Shelby is anxious to know about Mr. McNeely's past since they've heard the romping old corn-shucking tune.

There are oddities galore. The blind men and cripples of recent years as they carry on their business of begging on the street corners, usually make their plea with music, modern music. The hand-organs and other implements of harmony frequently peel forth the latest jazz. Over on the post office steps Friday morning early arrivals found something different. An old blind negro man crooning a plantation lullaby that has almost been forgotten. It wasn't deleted out as the negroes sing nowadays, but chanted as only old-timers can remember. The change in harmony proved profitable.

Imagine a dauntless aviator, that flits about hundreds of feet up in the clouds with never a thought of fear, getting dizzy in an ordinary porch swing, or feeling sick when ascending a tall building. Sounds like bosh, we admit, but Sid Molley, the youthful Lenoir aviator, who operated his plane recently at Cleveland Springs, is just such a fellow.

When Sid, who has piloted his trusty plane 2,600 and more feet above old Mother Earth, goes to see his best girl—the one that thinks him the bravest dare-devil living—he has to

steer her away from the porch swing for fear he'll get dizzy and fall out. Added to that Sid felt a bit seasick at stomach when aloft in the Woolworth building. Can you beat it? Reminds us of Jack Dempsey, the champion bruiser of all time, being ordered about by a petite movie star.

Miss Susan Landen while in the Bowling Springs section arranging for her big pageant at the recent farmers' picnic noticed a sign on an undertaker's window that seemed a little odd to her. It read: "Undertakers and Funeral Directors—Lowering Devices and all Modern Conveniences." So, those who read the column and feel that life is hardly worth the living now know where to make application to be lowered with all modern conveniences. It's grand to know that those who live in a world where houses are advertised with all modern conveniences have the privilege of departing without interfering with their style.

And sneaking of signs, there's a filling station just out of Rockingham on Highway 20 that advertises its wares as follows: "Tires, Tubes and Excessories." After buying spare adornments galore for our favorite flivver and seeing that she is still a Lizzie or that he is still a Henry, we're ready to agree with that filling

station proprietor in saying that some "accessories" at least are "excessaries."

In every king's court, according to the picture books of our childhood, there's a king's jester—an ever-ready entertainer for the royal blood. Shelby a kingly place, must need hold some of the kingly customs, and so, Red Newiman.

Not many moons back Red, who sees a joke a drawn in nearly every thing including a funeral—unless 'tis his—was an appendicitis patient in the Shelby hospital. When he reached the stage of the roller chair he wheeled from room to room, much in fire department style, and proceeded to tease fellow patients. His favorite worry was: "Well, old fellow I'm sorry you're not getting along so well. They tell me 'something has set in.' That 'something has set in' soon became a big laugh along the corridors. However, one day Red was able to depart, and therein comes a renewal of the proverb "he who grins last, grins the widest." Red came back in a few days sicker than ever and those he tormented greeted him as he passed through the door and down the corridor with: "Red, old boy we're sorry, but it appears that 'something has set in.' As it is now Red is almost ready to return to his fire department berth

after having overpowered the "set-in" but we're betting as Wall Street against Hylan that "something has set in" is a phrase that has been discarded from Red's vocabulary of wit, quipisms.

With the calendar turning to September football fans, of which Shelby is "check-full," are turning to the sport pages and wondering how many more home runs Coach Casey Morris will have to crash out for the Greenville club before he is allowed to return to Shelby and get the remnants of his "wonder eleven" out for practice. Our idea is that it will be the wonder eleven this year, for some of the cities in the section are wondering what that little town of Shelby will chase out on the gridiron. And "Casey" will see to it that they wear all the rest of the season.

According to an item in the New York American there was an absent-minded physician in the Bronx, who one day upon forgetting his medicine kit returned to his office for it and noticing a sign on the door that the physician was out and would be back in one hour, sat down and waited for himself.

Now you tell one!
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