

# Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—  
By Rena Drum.

THIS COURT job.  
 THAT RECORDER Mull has.  
 IS NOT the snap.  
 SOME FOLKS think.  
 FOR THERE is  
 MORE TO the job.  
 THAN JUST hearing evidence.  
 AND DISPENSING justice.  
 FOR AFTER most sessions.  
 THERE COMES to his office.  
 A HEART-BROKEN wife.  
 OR DOWNCAST relatives.

THAT WITH touching stories.  
 AND PITIFUL pleas for mercy.  
 TRY TO shake the judge.  
 FROM HIS decision.  
 AND THE tears and pleas.  
 ARE HARD to ignore.  
 BUT THEY'RE not evidence.  
 AND THE "inside" story.  
 SPECTATORS NEVER hear.  
 AND THE judge gets it all.  
 AND HAS to steel himself.  
 WHEN HIS heart wants to give  
 SO THAT law and justice.  
 MAY BE carried out.  
 AND IT is always thus.  
 THAT THE innocent suffer.  
 MORE THAN the criminal.  
 FOR BACK at home.  
 THE MOTHER must feed.

AND CLOTHE the children.  
 WHILE FATHER "makes time".  
 AND IT seems as if.  
 CRIMINALS WOULD think.  
 BEFORE THE act.  
 HOW THE innocent suffer.  
 BECAUSE OF the crime.  
 OTHERS COMMIT  
 THAT CRIME would cease  
 BUT IT does not.  
 AND THAT'S the task.  
 JUDGES MUST face.  
 IN SEEING innocents suffer.  
 FOR ANOTHER'S crime.  
 AND FOR not having.  
 THE JUDGE'S job.  
 IT'S WORTH saying:  
 I THANK you.  
 (With apologies to the solicitor.)

Once there were several advertising posters about Shelby that read: "It's not toothache, but Climax." And speaking of tobacco and similarity these groups you saw congregating on the street corners last week and talking excitedly were not discussing football but Winston-Salem's income tax initials—"W.S.".

Be prepared for announcement of other new buildings in Shelby.

Advertising gets results. Superintendent Griffin received a letter last week from a young girl—the "young" is only supposition—that carried a message somewhat like this: "I noticed in the paper about six Shelby teachers getting married during the summer. I want a job next year teaching there." The words were somewhat different, but the appeal was there. Shelby may yet become famous for being the opposite of Reno.

It's nothing new that Henry Ford has taken an interest in dancing. He had us doing the Charleston in his flivvers for many years.

Sunset cemetery may sometime be used for something other than a spot to place the honored dead. In New York state recently there was a timid

swain, who could never summon up courage enough to propose to his girl Lizzie. One afternoon they strolled by the cemetery and were looking over Bill's family plot, when Bill stammered for his question: "Lizzie, wouldn't you like to be buried in that plot when you die?" The remainder of the story was not related, but we suppose she will.

One of the Cleveland drug store set has suggested a new name for the group of court square habitues. It's the "Cedar Club". They've even got a bench there now, where they park the young members, it is presumed.

There are, if the recollection is correct, just 17 lunch stands around the track rail at the fair grounds. There'll be 30 or 40 thousand people at the fair. Poor hot dogs!

A group of staid business men and seamen in the lobby of the Central hotel Saturday were discussing vau-deville shows and choruses. The discussion centered about the lack of interest being shown now in such shows. One fellow with gray hair, but apparently not so old after all, remarked that the chorus girls didn't have a chance anymore. "Why pay the price of a show?" he asked, "when modernly dressed girls walk the street.

Ten years ago a girl dressed in the proper street clothes of today would have been censured from the stage. Solomon couldn't have said it smoother than the salesman. Autos are used nowadays because they're faster than the horse. Exit the once risqué stage show!

Church attendance in Shelby should be good during the winter with several new preachers here.

### Rutherford Plans Big County Fair

(Special to The Star.)  
 Rutherford, Sept. 28.—From present indications and plans Rutherford county will have the biggest and best fair in her history. Workmen are busy daily putting the grounds and buildings in condition. Mr. Oscar R. Duncan is in charge of erecting the buildings and will be superintendent of grounds. Mr. A. G. Randall is in charge of grading and excavation. Practically all the work will be completed this week. Secretary O. C. Erwin is sparing nothing to make the fair a success.

The livestock building is 24x150 feet. The poultry building is 32x49 feet. Both are about complete. The main exhibit building is 50x256 feet.

All have plenty of windows and electric lights. There are two ladies rest rooms and three mens toilets on the grounds.

All cars will enter on the east side and go out on the west side. There will be plenty of parking space inside. It will cost 25 cents per car and each one will be tagged and have an officer to watch them. Adjoining the ladies rest room is a playground for children where they can be kept or left and not lost or injured.

A number of merchants and business firms have already contracted for space in the big exhibits building. The grandstand will seat 2,000 people. There will be box seats for about 100 people. Under the grandstand one finds the secretary's office, barber shop, checking rooms for baggage, refreshment stands, ladies rest room and mens toilet. The refreshment stands will be confined to the community fairs and church organizations.

Chairman Ryan of the Anaconda Copper company says the market for copper, lead and zinc is the best since the war. The United States is now using more copper than the whole world did in 1913. Anaconda stock earned enough so far to pay about \$7 a share this year, against \$2.22 last year and \$2.93 in 1923.

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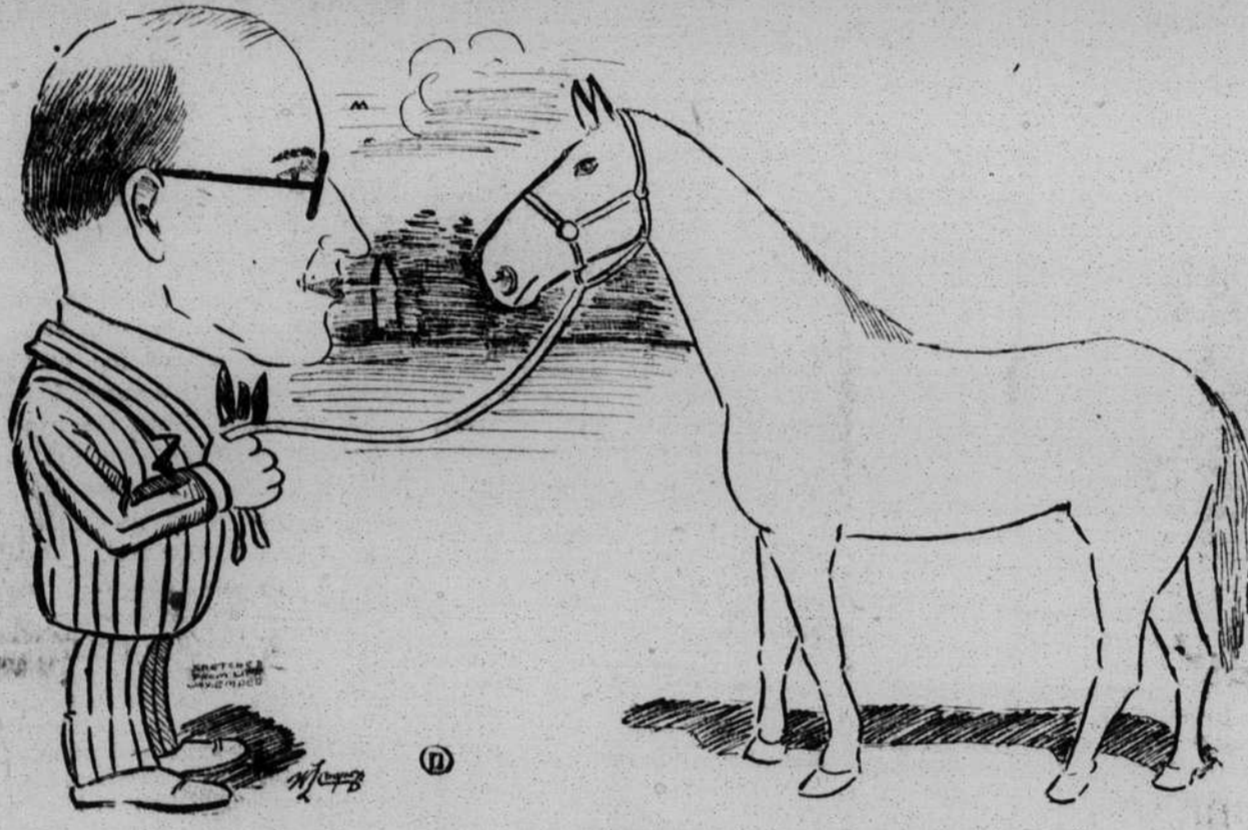
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**R. E. CARPENTER, ONE OF A FAMILY OF FIVE DRUGGISTS**

Down at the Cleveland Drug Store there presides the smiling face of R. E. (Bob) Carpenter, noted for his optimism and cheerfulness. Mr. Bob was born over in Riverbend township of Gaston county, two miles from Stanley, on the farm and in the territory famed for Bob Abernethy's picnics and the mammoth watermelons that grow in that vicinity. He is fond of horses, that's why the artist pictures him holding to his hobby. Now Riverbend township is famed for its Carpenters too for Bob was one of five boys who took to the druggist profession. All have forsaken it, however, except him. They "departed" from the straight and narrow path and entered the highway of politics, law, banking and manufacturing. In all these professions they have been eminently successful.

Not many years have passed since Mr. Bob's grandfather was sheriff of Gaston county that some member of the family has not held an office in Gaston county. One brother succeeded the other as register of deeds, some went to the Legislature while John is now solicitor for that district and is being urged to make the race for Congress. Now, they are not politicians—they are statesmen and while Mr. Bob has never sought public office, the duty of membership of the city school board was thrust upon him in Shelby ten years ago and he has filled it with credit and distinction to himself and the town of Shelby.

Mr. Carpenter had his first experience in the mercantile business at Stanley back 33 years ago. His father started a business there in 1879, a pioneer merchant and farmer, and while his father has passed away, the store and farm are still a family pride. He studied pharmacy in Raleigh under the late Dr. Wm. Simpson and entered the retail drug business in 1892. During these 33 years he has filled thousands upon thousands of prescriptions and each one with the same care and consideration that marks every duty he performs. In point of service he is the oldest druggist in Shelby. He bought the present store from Clyde Webb in 1906 and came here in January 1907. His partner is Frank E. Hoey, another Beau Brummel of courtesy and politeness, and the two make a fine team, pulling together in perfect harmony.

Mr. Carpenter was married to Miss Beattie Smith of Trenton, S. C., and they have one attractive daughter, Miss Mary Frances, popular young High School girl. They have just completed handsome two-story brick veneered residence on S. Lafayette street.

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