

Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
By Renn Drum.

TWO MEN from Maine.
STRUCK SHELBY last week.
WHILE THE fair was on.
KNOWING NOTHING of the event.
THEY COULD not understand.
AFTER COVERING the town
WHY THEY couldn't find.
A SINGLE hotel room.
OR MAYBE double.
AND AFTER so long.
ONE HAPPENED to think.
THAT THEY were in.
THE WESTERN North Carolina.
BOOSTED SO much in Maine.
AS A big resort center.
"OH, YES," he said.
"THIS IS a resort town.
AND WHAT we've heard.
OF THIS section.
MUST ALL be true.
FOR IT is impossible.
TO GET a hotel room.
IN THE middle of the week."
AND WHAT he said.
WAS PARTLY correct.
BUT HE didn't know.

ABOUT THE big fair.
AND IT is to be hoped.
HE RETURNS to Maine.
BY SOME other route.
RATHER THAN have.
HIS ILLUSION of resort Shelby.
DISILLUSIONED somewhat.
(With apologies to Sir Hospitality.)

Since one reader said the colyum did nothing but boost it is hoped that this one will please him—impossible!—but at least not displease him by boosting.

Shelby school patrons who visited the fair together with several thousand other folks learned that the school has a new department. One card in the school booth reading—"PHYSICAL education." Some thought that right above it should have been the department of spelling. Who knows, mayhaps that was why the booth did not get the blue ribbon!

"Heavy" Lybrand may change his cafe to a delicatessen. He heard "Happy Jack" call himself delicate at the fair last week—and if Happy's delicate Heavy thinks he must be the superlative of delicate, or something like delicatessen.

The chestnut season is now here, and its advent is being celebrated by the association of early birds who get the worms. Friday night a fair visitor paid his admission and went in to see the so-called biggest snake in the world. After one look he turned sarcastically to his companion and remarked: "Huh! That's a small matter compared with what I got out of the pint of chestnuts I just finished."

There's another drawback to chestnut season. When you hear grown man plead seriously: "Be good," you don't no whether he's talking to one of his children, or to a chestnut just before biting it open.

Hearing that this is to be a critical colyum Buck Hardin butts in by saying that although the postoffice clerks sometimes get mail in the wrong boxes they never fail to get the "Box Rent Due" slips in the right places.

If someone had asked Happy Jack how he got that way he might have replied "by not living in Shelby and having to push open those swining postoffice doors." Had such been the case he might have been the living skeleton instead of the fat man.

The horse show Thursday evening was a good attraction, but the hour it filled on the program did not take so well considering comments heard in the grandstand. Apparently a good percentage of the several thousand packed in the grandstand were there to see the skyrocket and the pole bend and not the horse step. Such was the crowd that many could see nothing but the moon shining through the cracks in the roof, and the babies cheered lustily. One man who came 42 miles to see the daredevil on the bending pole was mad as blazes and seeing stars long before the fireworks began.

The Cleveland county fair is at the worst a democratic event. Those who couldn't afford to pay the price of going up in the air with the aviator paid a dime and went "Through The Clouds". While those who envied the owners of the ribbon winners at the dog show, passed on to a lunch stand slipped a dime up on the county and demanded a "hot dog." And those who had no horse to ride in the horse show, mounted the galloping steeds on the merry-go-round.

Also many children who gave their dad a merry-go-round for not giving them a ride on the whip, got a whipping when they got home. And those who couldn't win at the five-letter "Bingo" took a slide down the crossword puzzle.

Those who did not believe in evolution wouldn't go in to see the monkey-man, but after looking over the race-car drivers in the Monkey Speedway they are better friends of Darwin. Barney Oldfield drove with considerably more safety than did the link after the missing link in his car out on the highway.

ANOTHER HALF DAY POWER CUT ORDER

Further Curtailment of Power to Mills Necessary. Caused by Continued Drought.

Charlotte, Oct. 3.—A further power curtailment of a half day a week by customers of the Southern Power company is asked in letters mailed to them yesterday by Charles I. Burkholder, vice president of the company.

This will make two and a half days a week that users of the current will stop its consumption, two previous curtailments of a day each having gone into effect since August 25. Inadequate rainfall and the attendant lack of water in the Catawba river are given as the reason for the latest request.

The letter signed by Mr. Burkholder reads:

Situation Worse.
"There having been no relief through rainfall since the curtailment has been in effect, power situation has become gradually worse. The amount of power available in the river becomes less every day that the drought continues. This brings about a condition which leaves us no alternative but to ask for an additional curtailment, amounting to a half-day a week, as follows:

"Beginning Monday, October 5, all power consumers in zones Nos. 3, 4 and 5 will please curtail from 6 a. m. Monday to 12 noon Wednesday of each week, and all power consumers in zones Nos 1 and 2 will please curtail from 6 a. m. Thursday to 12 noon Saturday of each week. Cotton gin curtailment to remain as at present.

"We wish to thank our customers for the splendid co-operation they have accorded us, and regret that it has become necessary to ask this additional curtailment."

Counties in Zones.
The zones mentioned are as fol-

lows: No. 1—Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Rockingham, Alamance, Orange and Durham counties in this state. No. 2—Rowan, Stanly, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg and Union counties, in North Carolina, and York county, in South Carolina. No. 3—Gaston county, No. 4—Rutherford, Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell, Caldwell and Burke counties in North Carolina, and Cherokee and Spartanburg counties, in South Carolina. No. 5—Lancaster, Kershaw, Chester, Newberry, Laurens, Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties in South Carolina.

While the "heads" of water at the hydro-electric plants are being maintained at a high level, the water supply is not being used. All the auxiliary steam plants of the Southern Power company are operating full blast. The rain deficiency this year amounts to 18.35 inches.

The initial curtailment of power this year by the Southern Power company began August 26, being for one day a week. This was increased to two days a week two weeks later, and now the third curtailment is asked, beginning next Monday. It applies to all users of power except for strictly public use, for handling portable products and for fire protection.

When the other fellow loses his temper, stop the argument; you have won.

When the movie actor can't get much publicity, there is always the divorce court.

A horse's mouth reveals his age; a man's reveals his mental range and a woman's reveals her secrets.

A. L. McFarland Dies In Charlotte

Editor Cleveland Star.

On the morning of September 26th 1925, at his home in Charlotte all that was mortal of Adolphus Logan McFarland aged 58; was called from labor to refreshment. Death resulted from sudden heart attack.

Deceased was son of the late Sheriff John E. McFarland, and leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters, two brothers and five sisters to mourn his sudden death. He was born in Rutledge county, N. C. near Duncan creek; and his widow is the daughter of the late Jefferson Hampton of Rutherford county. His surviving brothers and sisters live in Cleveland, Rutherford counties of this state and in Texas and Georgia. He had lived in Charlotte 14 years and was popular and efficient inspector of city railroads. His high order of personal courage, blended with a pleasing personality made him a popular and efficient business manager of traffic. He was burned in Charlotte on Sunday afternoon, in presence of immense concourse of people. Among his brothers and sisters present at obsequies were Sheriff James McFarland, of Rutherford county, John E. McFarland, of Duncanson, Mrs. Andrew J. Elliott of near Polkville.

M. L. WHITE.

Teeth are handy things. What would you grit if you had no teeth, when an agent comes to the front door.

Red Cross Health Booth Has Appeal

Miss Irma Bowman's health booth at the county fair was one that drew home a vital subject to the thousands that passed through the exhibit hall. Miss Bowman as Red Cross public health nurse for the Shelby Public Schools worked out the idea, pictured by a nurse holding ribbons connecting with smaller figures representing human beings from the little tots to aged people. It was a plea for "light, more light," represented by a nurse carrying a light, illuminating the way up the steps of health. The work of the nurse was represented by characters and posters showing how health education is carried out in the school and in the home as well as welfare and charity work among the people on the outside. It also represented the spirit of the nurse, a friend to all and happy in making others happy.

This exhibit attracted as much attention or more than any other in the large exhibit hall.

FORGER LEAPS 12 STORIES TO DEATH, ESCAPING POLICE
Richmond, Va., Oct. 1.—Joseph D. Stokes, 25, escaped the hands of the law tonight by leaping 12 stories to his death after he had been captured by a local detective agency on charges of forgery and turned over to the police.

Cornered in the detective office in the Mutual building, Stokes jumped through the heavy plate glass window and was instantly killed.

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