

LITTLE STARS

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Cotton seed, per bushel 55 1-2c

PERSONALS
Folks you know on the ground

Operation—Mrs. Roscoe Lutz, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Friday at the Shelby hospital, is reported as getting along nicely. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lutz, mother of Messrs Roscoe and Ogburn Lutz, is reported to be seriously ill at the Ogburn Lutz home.

On Tuesday—The film, "The Keeper of the Bees" at the Princess under the auspices of the Evening division of the Woman's club will be shown Tuesday instead of Monday was erroneously announced in the last issue of The Star. This promises to be a good picture and the club women urge all Shelby theatre goers to see it.

In The Race—A. B. C. DePriest, former merchant of Polkville, recently moved to Shelby, announces today his candidacy for register of deeds in competition with R. L. Weathers and Andy Newton who have already announced. George Washburn, son of S. A. Washburn is seriously thinking of making the race for clerk of the court, having been urged by many friends to do so.

Baseball—Shelby baseball fans during the past week have been making visits to the city ball park where Coach "Casey" Morris is working out candidates for the Shelby High baseball team. The local highs have for two seasons occupied the state title and with only a few regulars back, Coach Morris is juggling with his material with the idea of making a desperate bid for a third championship.

Sells Hotel—Shelby and Cleveland county people were interested in the announcement last week of the sale of Mountain View hotel at Chimney Rock by Mr. J. M. Flack. Mr. Flack, who once lived in Shelby and operated a store here, will devote his time to his Bat Cave property after being in the hotel business there for a number of years. According to reports Mr. Flack received around \$200,000 for his hotel property.

It's the Method at Fault.

Gastonia Gazette.

A man writing to the Greensboro News finds fault with the public school system. He says:

"To prove my point to the unbelieving I tested out classes of boys in the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades in a Guilford county high school recently by questioning them and by looking over examination papers, with the following astounding results:

"Not one boy in the four grades could give a single spelling rule.

"Not one boy would admit he had been taught spelling since entering high school.

"Out of 23 examination papers only four were written legibly and neatly.

"Not one had all the words spelled correctly.

"There were over 150 misspelled words in all 23 papers combined.

"Two out of 23 owned dictionaries."

It is a well known fact that school children of the present day cannot spell like they did years ago. The trouble is that they have too many other things to study. They do not put enough time on any of their lessons.

Then the teaching of phonetics, a recognized aid to quick and easy reading by the beginner, but disastrous to his spelling, has had its effect on the pupil. One result of the phonetic method is that the pupil spells the word just as it sounds to him. The result is the badly bungled job of spelling that our public schools are turning out. The Blue Back has no special superiority. In the days when that compendium was studied, it was one of the two or three text books in use and all were thoroughly studied before they were discarded. It is not the book so much as it is the method which is used that is at fault, and which ought to be remedied.

What He Found in the Old Sofa.

According to Capper's Weekly, a merchant who deals in second-hand goods and antiques recently bought an old sofa used in a home where seven daughters had been reared, and had entertained company in the passing years, and this is what he found in the old sofa when he took it apart to make repairs:

"Forty-seven hairpins, three mustache combs, 19 suspender buttons, 13 needles, 8 cigarettes, 5 photographs, 217 pins, some grains of coffee, a few cloves, 27 vest buttons, 6 pocket knives, 15 poker chips, a vial of headache tablets, 34 lumps of chewing gum, 9 toothpicks and four button hooks."

The collection of concealed merchandise, placed on display in the merchant's window, with a card telling of its history, proved such a fine advertisement that the merchant not only sold the old sofa at a good profit, but also increased sales on other merchandise because of the drawing power of the window display.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Register of Deeds of Cleveland county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.

I will appreciate your vote, and if elected it will be my aim to give the public good service.

A. B. C. DEPRIEST

THEATRES

Webb's Theatre presents on Monday a dramatic comedy with a thousand laughs, entitled **Steppin' Out**, featuring Ford Sterling with other stars. The king of comedy situations, Dorothy Revier and other stars in a big Columbia special. Tuesday Rex Beach's "The Goose Woman" with Jack Pickford, Louise Dresser and Constance Bennett. As beautiful a love story as has ever been seen on the screen a picture of two lovable young people struggling against poverty, temptation, disgrace and a baseless accusation of crime. It is brilliantly played and splendidly directed by Clarence Brown. Coming Wednesday Helen Holmes in "Open Switch," a thundering drama of the roaring rails. The Open Switch is forceful entertainment. It has thrills galore, plenty of heart interest to flavor it, and just enough comedy to finish it off.

This evening at the Princess will be an Alleen Pringle "Wildfire" This is a story of the race tracks. Don't fail to see the racing horses (the vast crowds at race course. It is a wonderful picture.

Tuesday Beam brothers present "Keeper of the Bees" A boy condemned to die—a girl doomed to life—then a marriage with the bride and groom unknown to each other. A separation. The mystery of two missing women—a nameless baby—and revelation. A war here embittered by years of useless waiting in government hospitals.

Wednesday at the Princess will be seen Richard Talmadge in "The Blue Streak". A furious fight with the thrill of vital melodrama.

Well Known Colored Woman Passes Away

Aunt Lizzie Cabaniss, wife of Vance Cabaniss, died Tuesday at her home Freedom after an illness of two weeks and was buried Thursday. Aunt Lizzie as she was known to white and colored alike, was one of the county's most esteemed colored women. Her husband was a well to do farmer in the Cabaniss neighborhood before coming to Shelby this past winter to make his home. She was the mother of twelve children, seven boys and five girls, all living but one. They had a nice home in Freedom where they lived. Many whites as well as colored regret to know of her death.

No more good conversationalists? Ah, well; probably killed off while doing it at bridge games.

A dictator who doesn't confine himself to home work isn't very good security for a loan.

PRINCESS THEATRE
HOME OF FIRST RUN.
HIGH-CLASS ATTRACTIONS.
SPECIAL TONIGHT—
ALEEN PRINGLE
IN
"WILDFIRE"
A Great Racing Drama.
Popular Prices.

—TUESDAY—
Gene Stratton Porter's greatest novel—
"KEEPER OF THE BEES"
A great, gripping picture.
This picture is here under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Shelby.
One of the very best pictures ever shown in the town of Shelby.
Popular Prices.

—WEDNESDAY—
On Wednesday comes Richard Talmadge in
"THE BLUE STREAK"
A lovely girl land silvery moon light in Mexico. Get set for a big thrill time.
Popular Prices.

Where you will always see a good show.
QUALITY IS OUR MOTTO AND NOT QUANTITY. ALWAYS WELCOME.

S SHELBY SCHOOL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The girls had their first game of ball with outsiders last Tuesday afternoon when they played the girls of the LaFayette school. The score was favorable to the South Shelby school.

On Tuesday at the Chapel hour an interesting program was given by the pupils of Mrs. Shovine Beam's section of the 2nd grade. The program follows:

121 Psalm—By the second grade.
Lord's Prayer—School.
Song—"Sweet and Low."
Recitation—"March" May Oaks.
Memory Gems—By six second grade girls.
Recitation—"The Little Blue Bird" Helen Gladden.
Song—"The Kitchen Clock" By second grade.
Recitation—"Keep Again" Onnie Baker.
Bible Rules and Phymes by fifteen girls and boys of second grade.
Song—"Advance Song"
Mrs. C. A. Morrison was a welcome visitor to our school Thursday. She came especially for Miss Hoyle's annual program. Mrs. Morrison is a good friend of the school and we deeply appreciate her co-operation. Several weeks ago Mrs. Morrison donated books to our library.

Miss Frances Hoyle efficient teacher of the 4th grade section A will give "A Better Speech Playlet" Friday morning March 12th during the chapel hour. The name of the playlet is "Old Witch Carelessness". Patrons of the school are cordially invited. The pupils of the fourth grade have just learned a beautiful song "Welcome Sweet Springtime" which they sang for the whole school Thursday during their chapel period.

The following teachers have reported "no tardies" for their rooms during the past week: Mesdames Tom Moore, Joe Nash, Misses Ruth Howie, Minnie Varick, Ann Adams, Adelaide Bost and Hart Sheridan. The teachers in our school are working hard to cut down the number of tardies which we have been having recently. Fifty nine tardies were reported last month.

Elizabeth Blanton and Vernie Morrison played a Duet for us in chapel Friday morning. "The Flying Dove" was the name of the selection rendered so well.

Misses Ruth Howie and Hart Sheridan popular teachers in the South Shelby School spent the week end at their homes in South Carolina. Miss Howie is from Abbeville, S. C., and Miss Sheridan from Greenwood, S. C.

Tractors in State Quadruple in Period Covering Five Years

Nearly four times as many North Carolina farms had tractors in 1925 as had them in 1920, according to the results of a survey announced today by the United States department of commerce. Of 283,491 farms in the state, 7,759 now have tractors, while only 2,184 had them in 1920, according to the figures. The total number of tractors on the farm is given as 8,153 as against 2,277 in 1920.

The total number of farms in the state having radio outfits is 1,363, the survey revealed.

Farms in the state have had increased in number from 269,763 to 283,491, the figures show.

The investigation to determine the number of tractors and radio outfits on American farms has been completed in only 13 states, the department announced.

Alabama, Oklahoma and Virginia are the only southern states which have been covered yet by the survey. Alabama, with 46,000 fewer farms than North Carolina, has only 2,482 farm tractors and only 779 of the farms have radio sets. The figures show in Oklahoma, which has 87,000 fewer farms than North Carolina, there are 10,350 tractors and 2,707 farms have radio sets. Virginia, with 90,000 fewer farms than North Carolina has 6,772 farms tractors and 3,715 farms have radio sets.

**— AT WEBB'S THEATRE —
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"STEPPIN' OUT"
A dramatic comedy with a thousand laughs, featuring Ford Sterling, Dorothy Revier, Roger Agnew and other stars.
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"THE GOOSE GIRL"
By Rex Beach with Jack Pickford, Louise Dresser and Constance Bennett. One of the most absorbing special ever turned out.
— WEDNESDAY —
"THE OPEN SWITCH"
With Helen Holmes. A thundering drama of the roaring rails.
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BOOM IN MOUNTAINS CREATES AMAZEMENT

"Beyond Belief" Says Charlotte Man Who Was Pessimistic About Western Carolina.

The following from the Charlotte Observer of the Carolina boom will be of interest in Shelby where new realty offices open daily.

ACT I.
Time, a week ago. Place, Charlotte. Characters, local business executive, successful, self-sure, talks psychology and hundred per cent stuff. Balance of cast, one reporter.

Rep.—So you're off to the mountains. Gonna buy anything?
L. B. E.—Gosh, no! None of that for me. When I get any extra money I soak it in bonds and gilt-edged securities. (Curtain.)

ACT II.
Time, last night. Place, Charlotte. Characters, same.

Rep.—So you're back from the mountains. Buy anything?
L. B. E.—(Hank Florida!) stare giving him appearance of being a galvanized tin can. Greatly chagrined. Young man, let me tell you one thing. If I'd just had some money with me—Great Scott! Thousands. Millions. Billions! Trillions—Um, er—Quids—quads—and oceans of—
(Stars hands lead him, raving to the padded cell. Curtain.)

"Binders" Appear.

At any rate, he went, he saw and was 100 per cent conquered. He went to the mountains ridiculing people who would take such gambling chances with their shekels. He came back talking in terms of millions—multiplied millions—congestion, options, alias "binders," concrete roads, villas, opportunities, developments, resorts, mammoth hotels, gold mine hot dog stands, front footage, scenery and a lot of climate.

Here are a few of his comments, taken almost at random from a running fire of the same:

"Money—I never saw such evidence of money in my life. I passed by an Asheville bank one morning. Its resources were listed in gold letters on the window at \$500,000. I went back by in the afternoon and a sign painter was merely adding a 2—making it \$2,500,000.

"Bankers told me it was almost nothing at all for a newcomer to come dashing in shove a package of securities in the window and say something like: 'Here's \$500,000. I'm opening an account. Gimme a check book!'

Values Soar.
"Land that sold three or four years ago at \$5 an acre is now selling like hot cakes at \$10,000 an acre. One lot sold last year for \$6,500. It sold last week for \$65,000. Just like that.

"They are building concrete roads day and night. I saw one mixer working at midnight by the light of two Ford cars, moving as the mixer moved.

"The highways are jammed with cars. And—oh boy!—they do drive.

"There's no chance of getting a room at any of the hotels without a reservation.

"The natives say there are more people there now than during any summer season.

"People are buying lots by the hundreds and building houses on them. Others are speculating.

"The boom area is all over the resort section of the mountains. People are there from everywhere. I heard of one automobile party from Charlotte buying \$21,000 worth of real estate when I was up there.

"If I had \$1,000 I didn't want to spend it. I wouldn't any more take it than I would jump off Chimney Rock. I'd come back with an option in my pocket. I couldn't help it.

"There's no use telling you any more. You won't believe it unless you see it."

It says the hotels, the stores, the banks, the movies, the postoffice, and all the public places are swarming like bee hives all through the section with the summer season yet four months away.

Fishin' And Saving

Suppose the fish don't bite at first,
What are you goin' to do?
Pull in your line, throw out your bait,
And say your fishin's through?
Of course you're not: you're goin' to fish
And fish, and fish and wait
Until you've caught a bucket full,
Or used up all your bait.

Suppose success won't come at first
What are you goin' to do?
Pull your anchor, toss up the sponge?
And quit and stow?
Of course you're not: you're goin' to stick,
And try, and try ag'in
Until success takes hold your hook:
For grit is sure to win.

Fishing time will be here soon but it is
SAVING TIME
ALL THE TIME

If you have started a Savings Account
and did not keep it up, don't be discouraged. Start another one.

First National Bank
OF SHELBY, N. C.
RESOURCES OVER FOUR MILLION DOLLARS.

See That Your Children--

Learn the value of money! Impress upon their youthful minds the same lesson that you, perhaps, learned in your youth—namely, that "every dollar saved is a dollar earned!"

Appeal to their childish pride by opening a Savings Account here for them. Then, give them to understand that whatever they save toward it, you'll add a similar amount! In short, that is the surest way of inculcating the admirable Thrift habit in children.

If you wish, bring your little boy or girl in to get acquainted!

UNION TRUST CO.
SHELBY - LATTIMORE - LAWDALE
- FALLSTON -
RESOURCES NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS.