

# Around Our Town

SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—  
By Renn Drum.

Claude Webb, proprietor of Webb's theatre, has a tear in his eye this week.

Across the street from his theatre county workmen tore down the first building in which Claude's paternal business 23 years ago. Mr. Webb didn't authorize the publishing of how long ago it was, but in the old fountain house the popular theatre man once sold mineral water at one copper per cup and it was the beginning of a successful business career.

T. Wells Hamrick, city alderman and well known jeweler, can also hark back to the day when he gained his first business experience at the fountain house dealing out water to the thirsty for their shakels.

This week that part of Shelby which has the nerve to discuss such in public is talking of Asbury's "Hatrack" published in Mr. Menken's magazine. As it were after all the magazines were shipped the edition was barred from the mails. Which recalls to our minds a saying of an old uncle—anybody's uncle—used to have about locking the stable after the old gray mare had made her exit.

Further consultation with the now famous article reveals that it is not near so obscene as some newspaper stories and lots of accepted magazines dealing with fast and amorous affairs of a fast modern set.

Fact is, it's a sermon based on reality, and one that if digested right should add much to the advanced morals of some religious folks.

Of course, the state of mind has a lot to do with the reading of anything. Those who rushed to the news stands seeking a copy, once they heard it was forbidden fruit, were not looking for a sermon anyway.

Uncle Tom Harmon, of the Buffalo section, 93 years young and not caring who knows it was a Shelby visitor on Monday. Being a "drizzly day" when stale yarns are good yarns around a fire, Uncle Tom was the center of a bit of story-telling at E. H. Logan's emporium, where history is recorded, not written, by those who pass and linger.

Mr. Joe Blanton queried Uncle Tom along the lines of memory hoping for a good story, and he received several.

"Buggies were as scarce in your boyhood as automobiles were in mine, were they not?" the road official asked.

"I should say so," Uncle Tom shot back. "Why, I remember the first buggy in the section—drove it to old Bethlehem church one day."

Then the old fellow mused a bit before continuing.

"Yes, things were a lot different those days. What of the women folks who didn't ride to church behind their husband, father, or brother on a horse or mule walked five or six miles to get there. They'd start off from home with their every-day shoes on, carrying their Sunday slippers in a bandana hanky on their arm. Getting near to the church they'd have the young gallivants with them to stop a minute while they took a seat on a handy log and changed into their slippers. Coming out of church after the services the act would be reversed and the walk home would be started. And lots of times I've seen a woman come to church riding behind her husband on a mule, holding on to her seat with one hand and carrying a baby in her other arm. Such sights then were just as common-place as the motor cars yonder going along the street."

Now, the reality agents might get a few tips from Mr. Harmon about how Shelby real estate sold in these

days. That is, if there was any Shelby real estate. The land was here, but Shelby just about preparing to get here.

Millenium will be here, Cameron Putnam says, when automobiles are made that men will swear by, not at.

About the time we were wondering how to fill the remainder of the column along came an epistle from our friend George Abernathy, of Uncle Sam's water forces near Jupiter, Fla. George, by the way, or via, as he says it is developing into Shelby's own Ring Lardner. It would be a crime against good humor to keep George's communication private, so here goes:

Dear Drum: The other day a couple of shipmates and myself took a trip to Miami, (if you would pronounce it Boston style, say it, Miami, with accent on the "i", as if some one gouged you in the midriff.) Both these shipmates are Florida "crackers" via, and naturally a good bit of friendly kidding issued between the two factions. They main tained, of course, that Florida is heaven and the rest of the world is—

Anyway two 2 1 is a heavy handy shape when the battle is fought on their home grounds. I was beginning to get groggy, when we started to cross Lake Worth bridge. There flaunting itself, to the local Realtors and a public that must pass it, to get from West P. H. to P. B. proper, was a large billboard advocating the advantages and scenic wonders of Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. I chuckled and pointed it out. From there on to and in Miami, are a number of artistically constructed boards. Now it is easily apparent that that contemporary successful businesses are hearty endorsers of cooperation in advertisement. This cooperation means, less expensive advertisement and the perpetuation of fellowship, good business ethics and friendly competitiveness, here tofore not so prevalent.

I thought, (strange indeed, but I think I would sustain the injury) how nice it would be to see some of those signs read instead of, "COME TO THE REST LAND IN THE HILLS OF CAROLINA," to "COME TO REST LAND THRU FRIENDLY SHELBY." Get the idea?

Mr. Realstatemen, can you see beyond local patronage and see the horde of anxious buyers, that are looking towards the summer mecca?

Some people who know me, as I am, will probably ask themselves, "How in the heck does he get that way? Trying to tell folks how to run their biz." It is sad. Many a wise crack came from a dumbbell.

Blushin' and demure, I remain most egoistically, (psychologically speaking), inferiorly complexed. Yours "till" "Uncle" Hateher Webb can't laugh.

G. G. ABERNATHY.

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## BAPTISTS READY; GREAT ADVANCE

April Ingathering For Co-operative Program Is Feature of Forward Move.

### PLAN FOR BIG CONVENTION

Special Emphasis Is Laid On Spiritual Preparation for Gathering of Forces at Houston May 12-16

Conditions favor a distinct advance on the part of Southern Baptists in 1926 along many lines, according to information received by the headquarters of the Co-operative Program Commission of Southern Baptists.

This body, charged by the Southern Baptist Convention and various state conventions with providing adequate support for foreign missions, home missions, ministerial relief and Baptist schools, hospitals and orphanages, is seeking to so increase and stabilize the income of the de-



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nomination as to provide adequately for all these enterprises through a regular budget. In this connection the Commission is seeking to enlist as nearly as possible every member of every church in making regular weekly and monthly offerings to this general budget which is distributed among these seven causes on percentages proportionate to their various needs.

Approximately \$9,200,000 for these objects was received during 1925. It is announced, but inasmuch as only \$4,698,000 of this amount was in distributable funds some of the objects suffered for lack of sufficient cash. Under the leadership of the Commission a definite effort is being made to secure as much or more money as was contributed in 1925, but in undesignated amounts so that each cause will get its proportionate share.

**Receipts By States**  
The receipts for 1925 through the various state offices were as follows: Alabama, \$352,308.67; Arkansas, \$239,333.66; District of Columbia, \$48,000; Florida, \$223,665.88; Georgia, \$480,868.54; Illinois, \$81,051.17; Kentucky, \$514,309.01; Louisiana, \$312,499.70; Maryland, \$91,200.00; Mississippi, \$580,736.76; Missouri, \$230,344.13; New Mexico, \$38,981.64; North Carolina, \$691,713.44; Oklahoma, \$137,369.01; South Carolina, \$434,584.70; Tennessee, \$390,287.44; Texas, \$873,497.96; and Virginia, \$946,066.05. The remainder of the \$9,200,000 received in 1925 consisted largely of special gifts to foreign missions and the building fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

An outstanding feature of this effort of the Commission is a special cash ingathering for the month of April, when every one of the nearly 4,000,000 white Baptists of the South will be asked to make as generous an offering as possible to the whole Co-operative Program, this money to be distributed proportionately among the seven general causes embraced therein.

**Convention Prospects Good**  
In the event this April ingathering attains the goal set for it, it will make it possible for the various Southwide Baptist enterprises to report great relief in their financial situation to the Southern Baptist Convention at its session in Houston, Texas, May 12-16.

The committee on program for this year's convention, in the hope of giving that session the largest possible spiritual emphasis, has arranged for a special season of prayer and worship in the Convention auditorium at Houston for Tuesday evening, May 11th, preceding the opening of the Convention on Wednesday morning. At this preliminary service J. Fred Scholfield of Birmingham, Ala., will lead the song service; Dr. W. A. McComb of Gulfport, Miss., will lead the prayer meeting and Dr. H. R. Holcomb of Mansfield, La., will preach a brief sermon. Another innovation in this year's Convention program calls for the closing of each morning and evening session with a brief sermon by a representative pastor. Dr. Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn., will deliver the main Convention sermon on Wednesday morning.

Let's see; wasn't it about 20 years ago when tennis wasn't strenuous enough for regular men?

## POULTRY

### GOOD SUGGESTIONS FOR WINTER LAYER

The successful poultryman knows that the winter eggs are the profitable eggs. He knows, too, that to secure a constant supply of eggs during winter the laying hens must be kept comfortable. The condition of the poultry house at this season is therefore of great importance.

"A hen that uses up the food given her to keep her body warm cannot be expected to lay many high-priced eggs," says Prof. D. S. Weaver of the department of agricultural engineering at the North Carolina State college. "We should look to the condition of the poultry house and see that there is plenty of litter on the floor; that the walls are tight to prevent drafts and that we have windows to admit light and air. These are requisite for heavy production of winter eggs."

Professor Weaver states that the windows should open on the south side of the house and should be equipped with curtains so that they might be raised during the day to admit sunlight and air and closed at night to keep out the cold.

Longer working days for the hens may be secured by installing electric lights, states Professor Weaver. An automatic switch may be used to turn on the lights before daylight in the morning and after sundown in the afternoon. Such a switch will save lots of trouble and add to the egg production when the proper amount of good feed is supplied.

"Nor should we forget that hens like plenty of water in winter," says Professor Weaver. "This water should be ice cold but fresh and pure each day."

### Preventive Measure in Dealing With Diseases

Several years ago sheep producers of the corn belt became convinced that if they were to grow sheep profitably they must rotate their pastures in order to prevent worms from injuring their flock. In more recent years the hog producers have adopted a similar plan in order to avoid many of the diseases that cause loss. At present poultry producers are beginning to realize that many of the diseases that are causing heavy flock losses can be prevented by following plans similar to those adopted by sheep and hog men.

Most heavy poultry losses can be traced to the fact that the birds are raised on the same ground year after year without paying attention to the prevention of worm infestation or disease infection.

Dr. Charles Murray, Iowa State college, who inspects the sick poultry sent to Ames by Iowa farmers, is responsible for the statement that cecidiosis is the cause of a large percentage of the loss among young chickens, especially among those that are over two weeks of age. In outlining the trouble, Doctor Murray lays particular emphasis on the need of preventive measures in dealing with the disease.

In all poultry diseases prevention is the best cure. Birds are small and difficult to treat individually.

### Prevent All Drafts in the Incubator Cellar

To get a good hatch of strong chicks, it is essential to have the incubator in the right kind of a room, properly ventilated, advises the poultry department of the New Jersey agricultural experiment station. A room that will hold an even temperature of 60 to 70 degrees is as important as having an incubator that will hold a temperature of 103 degrees.

If an incubator cellar is used, it should be large enough to provide for the future expansion of incubator capacity. A ceiling eight feet in height is preferred, as it permits a layer of air to circulate over the machine and provides room for the expansion tank and other fixtures found on most incubators. The length and width of the cellar, of course, will depend on the size of the incubator to be used and the number of machines to be placed side by side. As a rule, an inside width of 12 feet is ample for a single machine and 23 feet if two machines are placed side by side. Have windows (three-light cellar sash) on each side. Place them approximately eight feet apart if the building or room is 23 feet wide, and ten feet apart if 12 feet wide.

While the incubator cellar is most commonly ventilated by opening the windows, this method has serious objections. It is rapidly being replaced by the indirect method which provides plenty of fresh air at all times with out drafts.

### Overlook Value of Milk

The value of sour milk and butter milk is often overlooked on the farm. Many times this is thrown into the slops or fed to the pigs when it might much better be given to the laying hens. "It provides protein for the production of eggs and assists in maintaining the birds in a healthy condition. When the mash is mixed with milk, or when the birds receive all the milk they will drink, the meat meal may be decreased about one third.

It's a plebian confession, but at times we listen to the news boy and it sounds like grand opera to us.

### Gossip Town

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town on the shores of Falschood bay. Where old Dame Rumor with rustling gown is going the live-long day? It isn't far to Gossip Town for people who want to go. The idlers train will take you down in just an hour or so; The thoughtless road is a popular route and most folks start that way. But it's steep down grade, if you don't watch out, you'll land in Falschood bay, And glide through the valley of Vicious Town and into the Tunnel of Hate, Then crossing the Add to Bridge you walk right into the city Crater. Their principal street is called They Say, and I've Heard is the public well, And the breezes bat blow from Falschood bay are laden with "Don't You Tell." In the midst of the town is Toll Tale park, you're never quite safe while there. For its owner is Madam Suspicious Remark, who lives on the street Don't Care; —Just back of the park is Slanders row; 'twas there that Good Name died. Pierced by a shaft from jealousy's bow in the hands of Envious Pride. From Gossip Town peace long since fled, but trouble and grief and woe, And sorrow and care you'll find instead if ever you chance to go.

### Alumni Banquet At Boiling Springs

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Boiling Springs High school, Boiling Springs, N. C., will convene in the Main Building of the school on Saturday evening, April 17th, at 7:00, for the transaction of business, after which the annual banquet will be served in the Dining room at 8:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present for the business meeting.

Tickets for the banquet will be one (\$1.00) dollar per plate and are now on sale. Apply to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., or to Mrs. Lillian M. Ritch, Boiling Springs, N. C., to insure a seat, better make reservation now.

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