

"THE GOOD BAD GIRL"

—BY—
WINIFRED VAN DUZEN

CHAPTER ONE

Because his gray, shaggy brows were tilted upward at the corners, he looked tremulously droll and amused, and the girl smiled at him with amber eyes. She threw her head back to watch him on the high, creaking scaffolding where he balanced under a ceiling of glass and the little, tweed boys that she wore slipped off and her cropped, red hair was an aureole of fire in December sunlight.

He chuckled, "My word" and began to clamber down a swaying ladder; a pudgy, gnome-like figure in a wrinkled smock, incredibly agile for all his weight. "I don't know about a model," he said, staring at her outlandish gray-green ulster. She would be a country girl in that garment; yet her hands were astonishingly slender and white.

"A model? Oh," she said, "I didn't want to be a model! Why I want to be an artist! I—I thought perhaps you'd teach me. I've heard of you. There's one of your pictures back home. In the public library. It's wonderful! That's why I came to you first, before I asked anyone else."

She glanced at a name signed modestly in the corner of a near-by canvas, "Winship White" and her face was a dimly golden



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oval under a line of red. His brows wobbled up and down and he seemed to be enjoying a mighty joke.

"Where is 'home,' child?" "Connecticut, Tranquillity, Connecticut. I've only been in New York today. My name is Mimi." She stuttered and flushed. "Mimi Marsh. I'm nineteen."

He said, kindly, "I don't think you'll find an artist who wants to teach. Why don't you go to an art school? If you're talented—"

"Oh—art school. I wouldn't be—well, you see I've read a lot about artists. The great ones. They all studied with the masters didn't they? Watteau—Fragonard—didn't they? Besides," she went on, talking very fast, "I thought I could sweep your studio, dust, do anything. I'm very strong. I haven't money for art school. Daddy was sick a long time before he died and it took all he'd saved. I live—did live—with Aunt Kate. But I couldn't stay up there with the brass knockers."

"Knockers?" he chortled, hugging himself with his short arms. "Brass knockers?"

"Yes. On the doors. There great-grandfathers put them on and they can't get past them, folks up in Tranquillity. Anything that's newer than the knockers they're afraid of. They live in the past—Aunt Kate, all of them. When you're nineteen you want what's ahead. You want your chance. New York! I've got to make good, Mr. White. I can, too. I took the prize in drawing at high school. Would—you would you care to look at my sketches?"

She handed him a thin sheaf of pencil drawings and he spread them on a curiously carved, black table that made her think of the screen great-uncle Gabriel Marsh, the seafarer, had brought from China. The gray brows were shaggy, perpendicular lines as he studied the pages.

"You may have something."

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SHELBY'S POPULATION
1925 Census ----- 8,854
Where Industry Joins With
Climate In A Call For You.

By mail, per year (in advance) \$2.50
By carrier, per year (in advance) \$3.00

Doesn't Shelby Also Need An Apartment

The following from the Hendersonville News should be of interest to Shelby real estate men, builders and investors:

"That he will build a modern apartment house on the corner of Buncombs street and Eighth avenue, is the announcement made by Dr. Frank Bright to the Hendersonville News Thursday.

"Hendersonville needs at least a dozen apartment houses now," said Dr. Bright.

Get that, if you please. Then think in terms of Shelby—and apartment houses.

The last special census gave Hendersonville a population of 5,067, an increase of 36.1 per cent. in five years.

The same census gave Shelby a population of 8,854, an increase of 145.3 in the same period of five years.

Hustling Hendersonville new building apartment houses finds that a dozen more are needed, and Shelby—Well—

Draw your own conclusions.

TENNIS TEAMS IN CONTEST FOR TITLE

Shelby Boys Play In Both Championship Contests At Series Held At Chapel Hill.

In the state-wide tennis tournament held last week at Chapel Hill both Shelby High school teams survived the semi-finals and played in the championship matches, being the only school to enter both teams in the last of the tournament.

In the finals for the doubles crown the Shelby team, composed of Gilmore Singleton and Whitelaw Kendall, was defeated for the state title by Paulson and Merritt, Chapel Hill team. In the singles Kendall, of Shelby, played Rogers, of Asheville and lost in three sets.

The press dispatch from Chapel Hill telling of the final matches says:

Paulson and Merritt, carried the colors of Chapel Hill High to the victory in the doubles play winning from Rocky Mount in the semi-finals by the score of 8-6 and 6-0. They met Kendall and Singleton, of Shelby, in the finals and took a hard five set match by the score 5-7, 8-6, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-4. The Shelby pair had eliminated Charlotte in the morning match by the count of 6-3 and 6-4.

Rogers of Asheville high, succeeded to the singles crown won by Scott of Greensboro, for the last two years. Rogers won from Merritt, of Chapel Hill, in the morning round by the score of 6-1 and 6-2, while Kendall, of Shelby, took Sheffield of Canton into camp by 5-6, 6-4 and 7-5. The Asheville lad then won from Kendall in three straight sets of a five set match by the scores of 6-3, 6-3, and 6-7.

Kuester Coming For C. of C Meet To Be Held Here Tonight

Clarence Kuester, the live-wire secretary of the Charlotte chamber of commerce will be here tonight at the organization meeting of the Shelby chamber of commerce to be held at 8 o'clock in the court house. All who are interested in a chamber of commerce are urged to attend this meeting, the purpose of which is to perfect an organization by the election of officers and directors whose duty it will be to select a full time secretary at the earliest possible date to get the chamber at work. Those who have subscribed are urged to attend while the public generally is invited. The hour is 8 o'clock in the court house.

Shelby Boy Student Official at State

Shelby boys continue popular at State college it is noted by the recent election held here by the students. John A. Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anthony of Shelby, was elected vice-president of the student body.

Last year Clyde R. Hoey, jr., was president of the student body there, while Henry Kendall is president of the body this year.

The city fire department responded to an alarm Saturday night at Cleveland Springs hotel where a small blaze had started in the attic.

The fire created no damage of any consequence, and was extinguished with chemicals on the interior. However the truck responding to an alarm in that section created quite a bit of excitement, and crowds gathered there.

Spring Comes—Stills Going

Bob Kendrick and Other Officers Captured Two Big Outfits In Operation on Mountain

The Spring winds are blowing no good to the liquor distilleries in the mountain section of Cleveland county near the Kings Mountain battle ground.

Two big stills in operation were captured in that section last week by county officers.

Get Much Beer
On Thursday Officer Bob Kendrick and Greel Ware ran upon a plant in full blast on a mountain near the Yorkville road. They got about 100 gallons of liquor and two to three hundred gallons of beer and the 100 gallon outfit. The operators made their getaway.

On Saturday Officer Kendrick and Deputies Greel Ware and Charlie Shepard found another 60 gallon plant in operation in the same section. Around seven gallons of liquor and about 800 gallons of beer was destroyed at this plant.

According to the officers the identity of the operators is known and the wide net of the law is being spread out to nab them, once they begin to circulate where their apprehension is likely.

Shelby Wins Game Here From Lenoir Squad 7 To 2

Entire Team Goes on Hitting Spree to Return Defeat. Harris, Lee and Peeler Are Stars.

With the entire team hitting heavy the Shelby Highs, defeated the strong Lenoir baseball team here Friday afternoon 7 to 2.

Morris' boys appeared the best of any game this season and clearly demonstrated that they are to be watched in the championship race if they keep up such a hitting attack. Their work in the field and on the defensive has been good so far, but for some reason up until the last week they could not bench their hits and turn them into runs.

Mingling their hits with numerous errors the locals very near turned Friday's game into a runaway. Meivon Peeler, working on the mound for Shelby, was practically invincible, striking out 11 Lenoir batters, three in one frame after one man had reached first safely.

The fireworks started in the second inning when Harris, first man up, hit to right field for a triple, scoring on Sparks single. Kerr was hit by the pitcher and score with Sparks when Lee doubled over second. Lee then scored on an error by the Lenoir receiver. In the first half of the fourth Lenoir's first tally came on a homer to center. In the fifth Gillespie, Shelby catcher, hit for three bases and scored on a wild throw home. In the seventh frame Sparks and Kerr got on through errors by the Lenoir field and both scored on Lee's scorching single. Lenoir scored a final in the ninth on a flock of errors by the Shelby fielders.

The fielding of Harris, in center, and Lee, at short, were features of the game. Harris made several running shoe-string catches that drew applause from the stands, while Lee covered the infield territory well and started one fast double play, the first of the year.

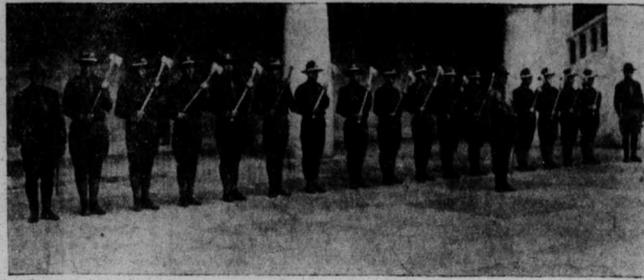
CAROLINA PRESS MEETS AT HICKORY

Hickory was selected as the next meeting place of the North Carolina Press association and July 21st, 22nd and 23rd were designated as the dates at a meeting of the executive committee of the press association held in the chamber of commerce rooms, Charlotte, Friday. Those attending the meeting were J. W. Atkins of the Gastonia Gazette who is president of the association; Lee B. Weathers, of The Cleveland Star, vice president; Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary of the Morganton News-Herald; H. Galt Braxton of Kingston Free Press; J. A. Parham, of Charlotte Observer; J. B. Sherrill, of Concord Tribune; Mrs. Adelle Caldwell of Charlotte Observer. Invitations were extended for the Press association to hold its summer convention at the Fleetwood hotel, Hendersonville, at New Bern, Wilmington, Durham, Sanford, Lenoir, Morehead Bluffs and other places, but Hickory was selected because it had repeatedly extended invitations and is to finish a new hotel about July 1st which will have ample accommodations to care for the 125 members who are expected to attend. Side trips from Hickory are promised to Blowing Rock and Lake James.

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STAGE DRILL PROGRAM HERE THURSDAY



Degree Team Hickory Camp 518, Shelby.

WOODMEN TO MEET HERE ON THURSDAY

Delegates from 21 Counties to Assemble at Court House, May Get Annual Meeting.

Shelby will be the meeting place on Thursday of this week of Woodmen from 21 counties of Western Carolina.

The occasion will be the annual meeting of the Western Carolina Log Rolling association, the Woodmen organization for the section. Dr. T. O. Grigg is president and W. H. Grogen, jr., of Brevard is secretary-treasurer. The meeting opens at 10 o'clock in the morning, April 22, at the court house. J. Clint Newton, past president of the Shelby Kiwanis club, will deliver the address of welcome for the club, while Lee B. Weathers, will welcome the visitors for the city. An address will be made by Hon. E. B. Lewis, of Kingston, state manager of the Woodmen, and other prominent officials of the body. Mrs. Sallie M. Stringfellow, district manager of the Woodmen Circle, woman auxiliary will also speak. Mrs. Stringfellow is from Asheville. W. G. Spake, of Shelby, and other local officials will also make short talks.

From 12 to 2 o'clock there will be a drill by the local degree team of the U. R. W. O. W., a photo of the crack Degree team being shown above. Dinner will be served delegates and others at the fair grounds with music furnished during the lunch hour by the Shelby High school orchestra.

Merchants and business men are uniting in welcoming the delegates here as it is hoped that the annual encampment of all the Woodmen in the state may be held here provided this meeting proves satisfactory. Should this meeting be brought here it will bring delegates from three states.

All members of the order living in the county are urged to attend the meeting here Thursday. It is a joint meeting of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle, auxiliary for the ladies, and the attendance is expected to be large.

Spelling Contests Here on Wednesday For County Champ

Spellers from schools in all sections of Cleveland county will gather in the Central school auditorium here Wednesday morning for the purpose of picking a county champion to enter the Charlotte Observer State contest.

According to Supt. J. C. Newton indications are now that many spellers will enter.

The main contest will be held at Central school at 11 o'clock in the morning when an entrant from each township will spell.

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Still Search For Link Of Identity In Case Of Ross

Julius Dellinger Has Cow-Lick on Head Described in Posters of Missing Charlie Ross

33 PATIENTS NOW AT SHELBY HOSPITAL

Many Are Patients From Outside Counties. Eight Patients in the Colored Annex.

There are 33 patients in the Shelby hospital—one of the largest number of patients this institution has ever had. They come from four or five counties, showing the splendid reputation the hospital has at home and abroad for the excellent care and success with its patients. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stamey of Fallston are receiving medical attention. Jean, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Laughridge who was operated on for appendicitis is doing well. Miss Lillian White, daughter of W. K. White underwent a serious surgical operation but is improving somewhat. Mrs. Pink B. McMurry of Shelby, who has been a medical patient for several days, was dismissed Sunday. J. K. Harris of Mooresboro who has been a patient for several weeks is improving while Mr. John S. Wray of Shelby is still getting along nicely. Mrs. S. D. Melton of Caroleen, was operated on Sunday and is very ill. Miss Ethel Parker of Shelby is receiving medical attention. Mrs. F. Y. Blanton and her new daughter born April 11th are doing well. Mrs. H. H. Jones, mother of Mrs. Bessie Gray, local milliner, is steadily improving. Mrs. W. L. Fanning who was operated on for pleurisy is improving somewhat. Mrs. J. S. Lipscomb of Shelby, operated on a week ago is doing nicely. Mrs. T. C. Hicks of Shelby is recovering from a surgical operation. Mrs. Earl Honeycutt and her newborn son were able to go to their home on Grover street the past week.

Miss Emily Guizon of Shelby and Mrs. Plato Grigg of Shelby had tonsil operation last week. Ulan Washburn, son of Rev. D. G. Washburn, who suffered an injury to his hand in a wood saw some two weeks ago, has sufficiently recovered to be dismissed. Mrs. J. M. Beverly, mother of Miss Etta Beverly, head hospital nurse, has gone to her home in Wadesboro, accompanied by Miss Beverly. Eulan Humphries son of Will Humphries had his arm operated on a few days ago. Mrs. J. M. Swafford of Hollis had her tonsils removed one day last week.

Mrs. Fred Tallent of Connelly Springs who underwent an operation will be able to leave this week. Miss Annie Leonard of Vale had an operation for emphysema. Hokie Powell the young lady of Polkville who was burned some weeks ago at the home of Mr. Lem Wiggins on N. Morgan street, was dismissed last week Mrs. T. P. Owensby of Cliffside was dismissed last week.

Ernest Bailey of Cliffside who had an operation is recovering rapidly. Mrs. E. C. Wilson of Shelby has been desperately ill, but is some better. Mrs. J. W. Berry, aged woman of Kings Mountain, is suffering with a fractured hip. Robert Lovelace of Boiling Springs is receiving treatment. J. H. Toins who was burned some months ago at one of the local cotton mills, has been re-admitted the third time because he was not doing so well. Garland Humphries son of Will Humphries receiving treatment for an injury to his hand. Mrs. I. N. Sheppard of Shelby is improving. Mrs. Judson Jones was entered Sunday. There are seven or eight patients in the colored annex, but none are seriously ill.

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The Charlie Ross mystery remains still a mystery. The man Julius C. Dellinger, of Denver, this state, still believes he is the lost lad, although there are links in the chain of evidence to maintain his claim, that have not as yet been forged.

One of the missing links at this time is the inability of the searchers interested to procure the photograph of Dellinger when he was a child. It was upon the evidence contained in this photograph that much depended to establish the belief of Dellinger that he is Charlie Ross.

J. F. Gaffney, identified with the case here in Shelby, believed that his sister, Mrs. Gibson, of Georgia, had the missing tin type, but Mrs. Gibson notwithstanding a diligent search, has not been able to find it. Nor have other relatives been successful.

Person who have interviewed Dellinger have been struck by the resemblance of the type of countenance as between himself and the early photographs of Charlie Ross. The man unquestionably has the same cast and peculiarity of feature. Notably is this true of the mouth. The man advanced into old age has the same type of upper lip, and general contracted form of mouth that was observed on the features of Charlie Ross.

Apparently, notwithstanding all the publicity of the case, Dellinger, is no closer today to a solution of his identity than he was since the case was opened. Which is to say, that it has been by no means disproved he is Charlie Ross.

A letter from Dellinger, now in this office, is signed with a question mark after the name thus—"Julius C. Dellinger?"

Amongst the letters recently received bearing on the case is one from far away Wyoming. This interesting communication is as follows:

"Mr. J. F. Gaffney, Shelby North Carolina.
"There is a woman here who claims to have positive information in regard to Charlie Ross. Her name is—Mrs. A. M. Parker."

The letter is from Torrington, Wyoming.

Mr. Gaffney is in receipt of a letter from Julius C. Dellinger, dated from Denver April sixth, in which the man without a name reiterates his belief he is Charlie Ross, and quotes others who are of the same opinion.

The letter is interesting as revealing the man's simplicity and sincerity of mind with relation to the case. The communication is as follows:

Denver, N. C.
April 6th, 1926.

Mr. J. Frank Gaffney,
Shelby, N. C.

My dear Mr. Gaffney:

I have been anxiously awaiting your decision as to my resemblance to the little picture which was published in The New York World, while we were living in Gaffney in 1874.

My reason for this anxiety is that, many people ask, and write to me as to what I think about the pictures which are now being published of Charlie Ross. They ask me if I remember them. I say to them all, I wish that I had the little picture which I had taken at Gaffney so that they could compare them together. I do not wish to make any statement until you, and others make their statement. In other words, I want the people to be the judge as to whether I am Charlie Ross or not. Today I received from a lady in Kansas a poster which was published on Sept. 1st, 1874 offering a reward of \$20,000 for the return of the child, and this also gave his description, and among other things it said "slight cow lick on left side where hair parted."

This cow lick is also on the left side of my forehead where the hair is parted. Have a letter from Mrs. Gibson in which she stated that her

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T. W. HARMON NOTED CHARACTER PASSES

Ninety-three Year Old Veteran and Fun Dispenser is Buried at Bethlehem Sunday.

Mr. T. Wilson Harmon one of the county's oldest citizens and a noted character because of his humor and good fellowship, died Friday afternoon at the home of his son T. W. Harmon near Midway Filling station, between Shelby and Kings Mountain. Mr. Harmon was in Shelby not many days before his death and was as bright as usual, recalling through his vivid memory the early days of Cleveland's habits and history. Although 93 years of age without a tooth in his head, Mr. Harmon was active in body and mind. Not so long ago he could jump into the air and crack his heels together three times before he alighted again on the ground. He lived at the Harmon homestead midway between Shelby and Kings Mountain, until his wife died a few years ago, since which time he has been making his home with his children.

Mr. Harmon had a most vivid recollection of incidents of the past, and always saw the funny side of life. Everybody enjoyed his company and companionship. He laughed heartily and told things in such a way that he always brought a laugh from others. His keen and ready wit and his vivid recollection of the sunny side of past life made him a most enjoyable companion and an outstanding character in his community. In his community he was one of the most prominent citizens and always took an active interest in the development of his community. He was one of the oldest members of Bethlehem church having been connected with it since his youth.

Mr. Harmon's funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. N. Cook of Kings Mountain and Rev. John W. Suttle of Shelby. A crowd that filled the church and church-yard gathered to pay a tribute of respect to his life of sunshine and service. He is survived by four children, Haywood Harmon of Bessemer City, Price Harmon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Mary Randall and T. A. Harmon of the Bethlehem section.

BUY BIG TRACT OF LAND IN TENNESSEE

Will C. Lattimore and Grover King Buy 640 Acres in the Cumberland Mountains.

Will C. Lattimore, native of the Polkville section of Cleveland county and Grover C. King of Forest City, a member of the firm of Cyclone Auction company have purchased 640 acres of land in the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee. The sale was announced by J. B. Harris, real estate man of Kissimmee, Florida. Purchase price is not given out. Mr. Harris says the land is located about 60 miles from Chattanooga and has an elevation of 2,100 feet above sea level. The purchasers, Messrs. Lattimore and Kings expect to develop the property. Mr. Lattimore travels for a large wholesale drug house while Mr. King gives his time to the Cyclone Auction company which operates in Western-Carolina and Florida.

Shelby Debaters Establish Good Record at Hill

The two Shelby High school debating teams established a good record in the state-wide debates held last week at Chapel Hill.

The affirmative team, composed of Dorothy McKnight and Vernon Grigg, continued through to the semi-finals with 22 teams before being eliminated, while the negative team, composed of Virginia Hoey and Jennie May Callahan, passed through the preliminary to be eliminated.

The Winston-Salem High school won the Aycock Memorial cup defeating the Wilson team.

Cleveland Farmers Will Hear Former Illinois Governor

Quite a number of Cleveland farmers expect to go to Charlotte Friday, April 23, to hear former Governor Lowden speak there at noon.

Governor Lowden is one of the country's leading farmers and is one of the largest cotton planters in Arkansas. He is now devoting his time to better legislation for the farmers, particularly in handling of the surplus crops, concerning which he will talk during his address there.

Farm leaders here urge that every farmer that can possibly do so attend the speaking.