

**"THE GOOD BAD GIRL"**

—BY—  
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**Chapter Two**  
With the kiss of the unknown burning horribly upon her lips and the words of the artist—Winship White, the illustrious—shrieking in her ears, the girl from Tranquillity plunged through the streets.

He had said, "You will pose—nude!" Said it to her—Mimi Marsh! And that other man had kissed her. With his yellow face against hers. In the street. As if she had been a common creature!

She kept scrubbing at her mouth with her handkerchief in a hard, little ball. People stared. But city lips, set to snicker at the blowing gray-green blister and the boy's hat rounded in instead to a quick "Oh!" before the topaz haze of her face and the red hair whipping out like spurts of flame.

So her feet were dancing when she turned into the Seventh Avenue hotel and shyly asked a yawning clerk for her key.

The Hotel Vincennes—Vincennes—the Hotel Vincennes. The name had jumped at her from faded letters in the certain old trunk behind the chimney in the attic at Tranquillity. Mother's letters to Daddy. Written in the brief weeks between their meeting and their marriage. Mother lived here long ago! Where the walls were covered with leather and suits of armor stood about.

She didn't see that the leather was faded and that the armor was painted card-board.

Her room was a cell with a strip of bed, a silver of bureau and a chair at the end of a lane. A suitcase lay on the chair; it had seen Aunt Kate through her honeymoon and age had ravished it; the package of lunch Aunt Kate had packed for her was on the bureau.

No use unpacking yet. No place to hang clothes, anyway. The room back home. . . . case-ments east and south, and sun all day. And the braided rag rug Aunt Kate made in spite of her rheumatism.

Here there was a chimney in front of the window, and dreary windswept roofs. Different from Tranquillity, with green-shuttered white houses and pines at the door-steps. Flowing lawns. The white tower of the white church you could see wherever you were. But Tranquillity was still. Picturesque and still as an etching. There was life here, even on the roofs. A woman hanging up clothes. Like the woman on the fire escape when the train stopped at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street that morning.

Mimi wondered about the woman; she seemed somehow, to look as New York would look if your heart stopped singing. She'd climbed out of a fifth story window and begun to hang a washing on a piece of rope across the fireplace. Her high heels bowed outward and soapy water ran in crooked panels down her soiled, pretentious dress. Limp garments left her hands to hang in grimy dejection and, as the wheels ground, she lifted painted lashes and stared resentfully.

"She looked damp, too, as if she'd been wrung through suds," mused the country girl. "I won't forget her. She is all the things I don't want to be. Stupid—crushed. I want fame and adventure. And—well, love sometime. Oh yes, I surely want love!"

Then she fell to thinking of Aunt Kate. . . . After all she'd never been farther from home in the flivver, given clear roads. She threw herself on the strip of bed and locked her fingers behind her head. The pillow was thin—not like the ones back home—and tears made dark stains on it. . . .

After a long time she sprang up dashed cold water on her face. "Homesick—you big calf!"

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SHELBY, N. C. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1926 Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoons.

**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

## WASHINGTON REALTOR BUYS TRACT FOR LAKE NEAR SHELBY

### Twelve Directors Chosen For Chamber Of Commerce Here

Booster Kuester of Charlotte Helps Put It Across. Advises Local Secretary to Start With.

Max Gardner had been elected president. J. D. Lineberger and Lee B. Weathers, vice-presidents of the newly organized chamber of commerce. Officers were elected Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the 12 directors in the directors' room of the First National bank. A committee has been appointed to negotiate with a whole-time secretary, and after he is secured a definite program of action will be mapped out to which the organization will devote its efforts. Chas. L. Eskridge has been named chairman of the advertising committee and he will at once get prices and designs on large road signs to be erected on the state highways leading into Shelby from the four directions of the compass. Information is being compiled for the advertising folder to be printed and distributed with facts about Shelby and Cleveland county.

At last the Shelby Chamber of Commerce has been organized. An organization meeting was held in the court house Monday evening at 8 o'clock with the following twelve directors: D. W. Royster, C. S. Thompson, Oliver S. Anthony, A. V. Wray, C. R. Hoey, E. B. Lattimore, Charles L. Eskridge, Paul Webb, C. C. Blanton, O. M. Gardner, J. D. Lineberger and Lee B. Weathers and to these has been conferred the authority to draft a constitution and by-laws, elect a president and two vice-president presidents and a secretary who will devote his whole time to the work. Clarence Kuester, the five-wire secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, who has had a part in the organization of chambers of commerce in five Southern states came up and outlined the urgent need for such an organization here, declaring that sufficient money would be forthcoming if the men of Shelby who have a vision and ambition for the town's future, would put their energy, efforts and talents behind the movement. It was the first town Mr. Kuester had ever visited where most of the necessary funds had already been subscribed. He advised the selection of a local man for secretary because a local man has an intimate knowledge of conditions which would require an outsider several years to acquire.

With \$7,250 already subscribed, it is believed would be forthcoming if all the business and professional men had heard Mr. Kuester. Charles A. Williams and Charlie Parker tell Monday night what splendid results had been accomplished by the Charlotte Chamber. Kuester is a peppy talker and assured the 100 or more present that the town and county could raise \$25,000 in a few hours if the people would only catch a vision, have the ambition, patriotism and determination to rat the organization over. Things are coming to pass in Charlotte today which were started 25 years ago. A chamber of commerce is not a miracle work. Direct results are not to be gained, but the indirect results in the general growth and development of the town and county bear fruit many fold in the years to come. Men who join the chamber should not try to see how much they can get out of it, but how much they can put into it, then the steady, solid growth and development of the community will surely come.

**\$25 Membership Dues.** Mr. Kuester further declared that good newspapers and hotels are the greatest assets any town has and without them a chamber of commerce cannot do its best work. He advised that Shelby's new organization should not map out too large a program. It should undertake something definite and work toward its accomplishment. The office should be on the ground floor and not buried away up-stairs, where it is hard to reach. With a ground floor location, a live secretary with all facts and information at hand to impart readily to inquirers, the memberships will find it the best investment they ever made. He suggested membership dues of \$25 per year, payable semi-annually. Strong business and commercial men should buy several memberships and distribute them free to friends and associates in order to tie them up with the organization, therefore those who subscribed less than the price of one membership in the recent drive, will be asked to raise their subscription.

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### MRS. BUTLER DIES IN GAFFNEY, S. C.

Sister of Mrs. George Blanton and Draper Wood of Shelby, Succumbs Under Operation.

News of the death of Mrs. Arnie Wood Butler, wife of Colonel T. B. Butler at Gaffney, S. C., was learned in Shelby with a distinct shock to her many friends in Shelby where she has often visited, having here a sister, Mrs. George Blanton and a brother, Mr. Draper Wood, Mrs. Blanton who left Shelby Sunday night for Washington, D. C., called by Gaffney to see her sister who assured her that she was getting along nicely and that the Washington trip need not be foregone. Shortly after her arrival in Washington she received notice of Mrs. Butler's sudden and unexpected death.

Mrs. Butler entered the hospital several days ago for treatment as an influenza patient.

An examination by physicians showed she was suffering from other causes, it was stated, and a double operation was deemed necessary. She was kept under treatment until Monday in preparation for the operation.

Dr. R. T. Ferguson, Charlotte specialist who formerly lived in Gaffney and Dr. S. B. Sheridan, City hospital surgeon, had successfully performed one operation and were ready to start the second when Mrs. Butler suddenly ceased breathing and expired, it was stated.

Mrs. Butler was the eldest child of Colonel A. N. Wood, one of Gaffney's most prominent retired business men. She was born about 50 years ago in what was known as the old "Shuck House," on Granard street, where her parents were boarding at the time. She attended the Sams and McArthur schools here as a girl and received her finishing at Dr. Price's school in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Butler is survived by her husband and two children, T. B. Butler, Jr., of Spartanburg, and Miss Arnie Jeter Butler, who is a student at Converse college, Spartanburg.

The following brothers and sisters, with her father, also survive: Mrs. George Blanton, of Shelby; A. Lewis Wood and Mrs. C. W. Hames, Gaffney; J. Draper Wood, Florida; Eugene H. Wood, Savannah, Ga; and Hazel D. Wood, Los Angeles, Calif.

### Poultry Meeting On Friday Night

Much interest is expected to be shown in the county-wide poultry meeting to be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the court house here.

Rev. John W. Suttle, head of the Cleveland County poultry growers, states that announcements are not being sent to members of the association and that all members should attend as the only announcement is being made through the newspapers. All persons in the county interested in poultry are urged to attend.

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### Lawndale Citizen Sure Dellinger is Lost Charlie Ross

Julius C. Dellinger, of Denver in Lincoln county, was positively identified as Charlie Brewster Ross kidnaped at Philadelphia many years ago when he was a child, by Dow H. Crowder, of Lawndale, who declares he knows there is no doubt of Dellinger's real identity.

Mr. Crowder and some friends visited Mr. Dellinger at his home. After making an exhaustive investigation, Mr. Crowder declares there is "no doubt at all" and expresses a willingness to make an affidavit to that effect. Mr. Crowder was a youth at the time of the kidnaping.

The question of Mr. Dellinger's real identity came into prominence several weeks ago when he announced that he was convinced after years of inquiry that he is the missing child of a wealthy Philadelphia family. The probability of his being Ross was first advanced by The Star, Shelby paper.

### SHELBY LEADING THEATRE CENTER

Local Theatres Bring in Films Worthy of Large Cities Patronage Not Measuring Up.

Shelby has the reputation—and well deserved—as being the one outstanding small town that keeps abreast of the big ones in being up-to-date in the presentation of high class motion pictures.

The theatres of this city not infrequently show big time pictures before they are exhibited in Charlotte, or the other large centers of the state, which fact has been mentioned of not only here but in other places.

In other words Shelby is and has been for sometime past unique as a small town in this particular. And it has reaped an advantage from it. Visitors coming here have observed the class of pictures being run at the theatres, and have taken pains to say that the little city must be pretty up-to-date, measuring it by the yardstick of the motion picture world.

But there is this to be said—the theatres have been running a certain class of high grade pictures of late which reveal a condition which should not exist. That is not enough response has been given them. The patrons of the theatres have apparently failed to meet the theatres half way in giving the latest and best in entertainment.

Two illustrations come to mind. Last week at The Princess was shown one of the very finest pictures ever seen on the screen—"Sally of the Sawdust." It was a clean, fine, wholesome play—splendidly presented. And it played two days to more or less half-full houses.

And The Webb Monday night suffered the same experience. On the bill Monday night was "His People" one of the very best pictures procurable. It was advertised to run two days, but owing to the slender attendance Monday night Mr. Webb withdrew it, and substituted another.

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The point is this: It would be unfortunate to say the least if the local theatre going public failed in meeting the theatre owners fifty-fifty in the effort to bring good plays to the city.

The statement has been made time out of number that better pictures would be made if the public appreciated and would support them. And producers assert that the public is getting what it wants. And so they are flooding the market with a lot of sex junk and other undesirable trash.

The local theatres have certainly made a highly commendable effort to give the people the best, and the patrons should respond. Otherwise our picture houses are due to go the course of the others—fall into the habit of feeding the patrons cheap slop—in which case only one party to the transaction would be benefited.

### 256 WILL ATTEND MEETING THURSDAY

Big Gathering of Woodmen Expected At Annual Log Rolling in Court House Here.

Between 250 and 300 Woodmen from 13 counties in Western Carolina are expected to attend the annual log rolling, or convention of Woodmen, to be held in Shelby Thursday at the court house, according to Mr. Sam Morrison, local Woodman official.

Local officials plan a big day for the visitors and it is the hope of Shelby citizens, that the annual convention may be held here next time. This would bring several thousand people to Shelby and in view of the fact business Shelby will Thursday welcome the Western Carolina group.

The formal program of the meeting opens in the court house at 10 in the morning for a general business session. At 12 o'clock there will be a drill by the degree team of Hickory camp, Shelby.

Following the drill the visitors will be escorted to the fair grounds where dinner will be served. A feature of the big dinner will be the music furnished by the well-known Shelby High school orchestra.

The meeting will meet again in the court house in the afternoon, and Thursday night a session will be held at the Woodmen hall in the Hoy building at which time 25 new candidates will be taken in.

### Shelby Drops Game To Gastonia Team By Many Bobbles

Infield and Outfield Blows Up Late In Game And Gives Victory To Crawford's Outfit.

Playing here Monday afternoon the Shelby High lost a miserably played game to the Gastonia High 12 to 8.

The Shelby team scored a half dozen runs in the first frame and apparently had a victory tacked away, but the continued fight of the visiting team never weakened and in the last frame the Shelby infield broke, then the other works and finally the local heroes. When the dust of the final frame had cleared away Gastonia, several runs behind at the beginning of the inning, was four runs in the lead—a lead that Shelby never overcame.

Hoyle, acting on the mound, pitched fairly steady ball during the opening frames, but later as his support crumbled weakened himself and was taken from the mound for Wisniant, who fared little better at the hands of the Gastonia hitters.

A revamped infield placed on the field by Coach Morris looked good in the early stages of the game, but resembled a worn-out sieve later. Cleve Cline shifted to first, covered his territory well and was one of the few local players who did not "blow up." Grigg, shifted to third for Anthony looked more like Anthony, only more so, on some of his plays. However, Grigg's fielding was in a manner made up by his timely hits on the offense.

Just where the main weakness of the defeat came in is hardly known, but as is common to high school teams, especially young ones, a blow-up must come and fans are hoping Morris youngsters have had their bobble day. At times both teams played snappy ball executing several double plays. In Shelby's big first frame and Gastonia's better ninth Cline, Shannon, and Gillespie were the hitting stars.

### York Delegation Here To Inspect Creamery

A delegation of York citizens composed of Jas. D. Grist, editor of the Yorkville Enquirer, Dr. Bratton, Messrs. Stroup and Black, came up Tuesday afternoon to inspect the Shelby creamery and the Shelby milk plant with a view of establishing in York a co-operative creamery. Wm. Lineberger, president and treasurer of the Shelby creamery who has been responsible for its marked success, took great pains in showing the visitors through the plant and explaining to them the details of its operation, after which Mr. Lineberger and Editor Weathers of the Star showed the visiting delegation something of Shelby, her residential sections, manufacturing plants and small industries. The visitors concluded that a co-operative creamery cannot be a success without plenty of cows owned and looked after by landlords who are fixtures in the community. A co-operative creamery failed in York about 15 years ago.

### Affleck Announces Plans For Super Resort Center Here

WILL BUILD FINE RESIDENTIAL PARK ABOUT LAKE FRONT

Plans Call for Year-Round Playground and Homelard on General Basis Pinehurst.

Shelby within another year will rank with Asheville and Pinehurst as one of the leading playgrounds of Eastern America, according to an announcement made here yesterday through the J. B. Nolan company, prominent Shelby realtors.

The entire announcement in brief is that Phillip G. Affleck, prominent Washington, D. C. realtor, has purchased 50 acres on the highway triangle of Nos. 20 and 206, adjoining Cleveland Springs estates, where he will construct a beautiful lake and a combination playground and homelard.

Was Wilson Property. The property purchased belonged to Mrs. D. O. Wilson and is considered the most ideal lake in this section of the Carolinas. In addition to offering natural lake advantages the property now owned by the Washington developer is almost ideally located. To the south it fronts on Highway 20, North Carolina's "Blue Ridge Trail" reaching from the seacoast to the mountains. On the west it fronts Highway 206, Shelby to Lincoln. On the east the tract borders the Cleveland Springs estates, known as "Carolina's most dependable resort development." Back from Highway 20 the tract spreads out in fan-fashion, extending for a considerable distance on each side of the lake site.

The frontage of the tract opens on Highway 20 just on this side of the Cleveland Springs estates, where the home of Mrs. Wilson is now located, running from there northeast along Rocky branch which will be the tributary to the lake now being planned. Double Sale Made. At the same time the 50 acres was transferred to Mr. Affleck the Nolan company also handled a sale of nine acres of the same lands to Mr. W. W. Wilson. This tract, also a part of the D. O. Wilson lands, is on the west side of Highway 206, the Shelby-Lincolnton road. Mr. Wilson, it is understood gave \$1,200 per acre for this land, while public announcement is not made of the price of the accompanying sale to Affleck.

### THACKER TO HOLD SHELBY REVIVAL

Prominent Minister to Preach at Presbyterian Church in Meeting May Second to 16.

The congregation of the local Presbyterian church is rapidly getting in the spirit of an evangelistic awakening. The church has secured some of the most choice leaders in the whole evangelistic field here May 2 to 16, to conduct a meeting. Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, D. D., one of the General Evangelists of the Southern Presbyterian church, will do the preaching. Dr. Thacker is a preacher of great power in his delivery of the gospel story. There is nothing of the sensational in his methods. He appeals to the rank and file of the people in every community where he goes and large spiritual results follow his preaching. He is first of all a strong gospel preacher.

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