

Around Our Town

SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
By Renn Drum.

Dying wouldn't be a convenient thing to do this week in Shelby! Fact is, if you're figuring on anything like that you haven't a good business head.

According to what is heard about the embalmers are away attending the state convention in Goldsboro. Shifting scenes to Goldsboro, don't you know they're having a big time? Our idea is that convention of undertakers would be about as entertaining as writing inscriptions for the tombstones in a graveyard.

All of which, however, does not apply to Shelby undertakers and embalmers. They're a lively bunch of fellows. Where other folks give up and die, they start to work.

This paragraph is dedicated to the youth of Shelby: From what can be picked up from Mr. Marshall, Florida developer of Cleveland Springs, he's going to give the children, boys and girls, of Shelby and surrounding section a "whopper" of a time this summer.

Back in his mind there lurks the idea of holding tennis tournaments, swimming races, diving contests, hiking and camping out. There'll be some thing doing every week as he plans to have someone in charge of the athletic program. Of course, the golf course will be there for the older folks, but the Florida man is a friend of the children and he's going to see that they have entertainment galore for the sunshine months.

Things more impossible have happened. And the Shelby High's third baseball championship isn't so many games off—provided they're all won.

As it is, if the Shelby team would go no further, there's a compliment to the coaching ability of "Casey" Morris in the record already established.

Taking a guess at it the local baseball team will rank as one of the youngest to ever make a showing in the state race. Several of the players are just getting out of the golf cutting age, while over half of the club never played in a real game of ball until this year. Last year with most of the championship team gone fans gave Morris little hope of coming through. However, Shelby waded on to Chapel Hill. This year the candidates for the baseball team looked more like young boys in a summer camp, and now Shelby's talking of a third straight state championship and keeping the cup for good.

All of which remains to be seen, but don't try to tell anyone hereabouts that Morris cannot make baseball players out of anything.

It's a dull week in Shelby when there's not an auction sale in sight.

To the ordinary visitor Shelby means little more than a contented and hustling little town, but there are thrills to the City of Spring—and of many varieties.

Dr. Ernest Thacker, conducting evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church here, told his congregation that he got "the biggest thrill of his life right here in Shelby."

He proposed to Miss Addie May Dixon some several years ago in Shelby and she said yes. That is we suppose she did for she's Mrs. Thacker now.

A reader of the colyum, who by the way is a retired business man and has nothing else to do but read it and look at the clouds, dropped in to say that the reason the big army balloon that passed over Shelby last week traveled so fast was because it was pushed on by the hot air arising around the real estate developments to the west. Maybe so, but it didn't seem to slow up when it arrived in the Shelby region.

Once and anon the movie houses here show pictures of a rat getting the letter of Krazy Kat on the screen. Such seldom happens in life, but has happened in Shelby with real rats and a cat that was a real cat.

Years ago Mr. Ebeltoft had a cat that answered to the name of "Joe." "Joe" was well known about town and was the dread of the rat tribe around Ebeltoft's. Then one day "Joe" died, but sometime before he died a writer then employed on The Star, gave the feline a write-up.

Perhaps you wonder that since Joe is dead how the rats got even with him. Rats don't forget anything, you know; they hand hate down through the generations—or at least we'll say that to make our story better.

And in the course of time Mr. Ebeltoft put away the paper containing the write-up of Joe so that on occasions he could go back and read of Joe's outstanding qualities as a feline.

Wherein comes the "evening up" of the rodent tribe. Looking for the paper recently the bookstore sages found nothing left but torn and much scattered scraps.

The rats had made good their revenge. Joe was dead and they could not get to him—and perhaps wouldn't want to if he were living—so they found the paper carrying the story about their enemy and in rat fashion obliterated it so that there would remain no trace or history of the animal that made life so hard for them.

Which is the truth, perhaps. Any-

way Joe is dead and the paper is torn up. Put the two together, mix with a little imagination and shake well before using.

The colyum taking an interest in the young boys and girls in the county who would like to see the Speedway races in Charlotte urges that they come in and hear The Star's plan whereby they may see the races without cost—except for a little spare time work.

Those who get to go will never regret the time put in.

A Shelby lady, versed in the planting and care of flowers and shrubs, takes a laugh at the expense of some of the high-toned editorial writers and statesmen over North Carolina. They've been suggesting that the dog wood be taken up as the state shrub and planted along the highways of the state. This lady says the dogwoods are right about how the dogwoods would add to the appearance of things but that the ignorance is shown in the fact that dogwood is hard to transplant and will not live more than two times out of five.

All of which we pass on to those who started it. Like the proposed benches for the sidewalks, we're off of such things as suggestions.

Another source of information says, however, that if dogwood is planted in the spring and defoliated, it is largely successful in transplanting.

So that's that.

Brother Of Mr. Tom Wilkins Dies in S. C.

D.M. Wilkins was Native of North Carolina—Mill Man and Truck Farmer. Age 54

Mr. Tom Wilkins, West Marion street, Shelby recently returned from South Carolina where he attended the funeral of his brother Dempsey Mark Wilkins who died April 23rd at his home near New Bookland in Lexington county after an illness of eight weeks. Mr. Wilkins was a native of North Carolina but lived in South Carolina for 30 years. He was overseer of weaving at Cherokee Falls, S. C. for several years, after which he moved to Newberry and later to Columbia, where he retired from the mill business because of failing health to locate in Lexington county where he made a success as a truck farmer.

He was married twice; first he was united in marriage to Miss Bash A. Wilson Sept. 16, 1894. To this union were given two children, Martha Ruth Wilkins, (now Mrs. Julius Areheart and Mr. D. H. Wilkins. There are three grand-children. After the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Mary A. Frye, Aug. 5, 1906. In this happy relationship they remained until his death.

He has two living brothers, namely,

Mr. Thomas Wilkins of Shelby, N. C. and Mr. J. W. Wilkins of Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Wilkins was a member of the Cleveland county Baptist church for many years. After moving to his late home he became a member of Mt. Hermon Ev. Luth. Church Jan. 26, 1913.

He was made superintendent of the Sunday School at once, and remained superintendent until his death. He taught the Bible class, was put on the church Council as soon as he was received into the Church and remained on until death. Jan. 1926 he was made a life time member of the Council.

Mr. Wilkins was a fine Bible student and was well versed in the New Testament.

Memorial at Zoar.

There will be memorial services held at old Zoar grave yard on May 9th in upper Cleveland near Casar. Public cordially invited to attend these services and refresh your acquaintances.

L. H. BUMGARDNER.

One difference between a jingle and a poem is that anybody can tell what the jingle means, if anything.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce



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