



It's entirely a mail business at the Shelby postoffice.

Postmaster Quinn told the Kiwanians recently that 12,000 pieces of mail are handled daily at the Shelby postoffice, the handling being by 25 males—not a single woman being employed at the Shelby stamp emporium.

There's a lot of conjecture in that number—12,000. One wonders what percentage of the mail is love letters, business letters, or bills. At the end of the month the billing would be two to one that bills would equal the others combined. Then a scientist, somewhat cracked in the upper story, might figure out how much stamps are used daily in licking the stamps that go on 12,000 pieces of mail.

Anyway, after being informed as to the amount of mail handled at the heavy-door office patrons of the mail service should raise such a howl when a letter gets in the wrong box. There are not many folks who do not make a mistake or two in doing 12,000 jobs. Fact is statistics say that out of 12 attempts it most anything at least mistakes are made.

The successor to the cross-word puzzle in Shelby is the marriage puzzle. It will only work with married couples. The puzzle has to do with the magic figures 3852.

Take any married person for example: Add the year of his or her birth to their present age and to that add the year of his or her marriage together with the number of years married. The answer will be 3852—every time. Try it on a friend. Let them do the adding and then without looking at their figures tell them the answer.

At first glimpse it seems to be a complicated thing, but it isn't, once you exercise your brain on it. The date of anybody's birth added to their age must always equal 1926, and likewise the date of marriage added to the years married must also equal 1926. AND twice 1926 is 3852.

Some folks like their home town paper and stick to it through thick and thin; others do not. Nevertheless it was not The Star, but a small town weekly contemporary, that received the following letter not so long ago:

"I hereby offer my resignation as a subscriber to your paper, it being

a pamphlet of such small consequence as not to benefit my family by taking it. What you need in your shete is branes and some one to rusel up news, and rite editorials on live topics. No menshun has bin made in your shete of me butcherin' a polen china hog weighing 309 pounds or the gapes in the chickens out this way. You ignore the fact that I bot a bran new ford car and that I traded my blin mule and say nothing about Si Simpkins jersey calf breaking his two front legs fallin' in a well. 2 important weddin chiverees have been utterly ignored by your shete—a 3 column obituary notice writ by me on the death of grandpa Henery was left out of your shete to say nothin of the alfabetical pome beginnin' 'A is for And and also for Ark,' writ by aunt Silbia. This is the reason why your shete is so unpopolar here. If you don't want editorials from this place and ain' goin to put up no news in your shete we don't want sed shete.

"I thank you.
Hank Smith, Esqr."

There are a lot of folks like Hank Smith.

The court square philosopher, identity not to be made public, says that in bygone days folks taught their children to have more sense, but nowadays, to keep up with the times, one must teach his dollars to have more cents.

While various Shelby folks take their vacation regularly, some during one part of the summer and others at intervals, Judge B. T. Falls county legislator, sticks to his desk and his law practice.

"I guess I'm made up different from other folks," says the attorney, "but vacations do not appeal to me. I can enjoy myself working better." Continuing he referred to a famous character of literature who was kept in jail and who freed he returned to jail and begged to be locked up again. Prison, his home for many years, had become a better home than he could find outside.

Incongruous as it seems it is possible that such might happen. (Not that we ever doubted Judge Falls.) Explorers in wild South American regions tell of tribe known as the "backers." For generations they have transported all their freight and other heavy matter on their backs, and now it is said that when one of the men makes his way to or from a tribal center that if the bag on his back is empty he fills it up with stones for comfort on the return trip.

It is noted in the legitimate news columns that Supt. I. C. Griffin has 19 new teachers for the Shelby school faculty this year. According to precedent 11 of the 19 will be married before three years pass away. Flo-

Ziegfield may pick better show girls than Supt. Griffin, but when it comes to picking teachers that make good wives Shelby's hope-to-be lesser halves demonstrate that they'll take Griffin's picks over Ziegfield's every time. Or, at least, most of the time. Some of 'em don't get married. Perhaps they "don't wanna."

The colyum intends to journey up to the office of Hon. Clyde Hoey and ask him a question or so. Just to see if he has changed his mind after being married several years. Or, just what he meant anyhow.

Twenty-nine years ago when Mr. Hoey edited The Star there appeared a brief item saying that a census of Shelby revealed that there were "42 widows in the town, MOST ANY OF WHOM COULD MARRY IF THEY SO DESIRED."

Divorcees were few and far between in those days and it is to be wondered at if Mr. Hoey meant that the 42 merry ledjes had enough of married life during the first trial. But then Mr. Hoey probably wasn't married himself in those days and he could have been one of the fellows waiting on the desires of some one among the 42.

There's a sad case about Shelby. Anyway, it seems so.

A little girl walks into the office and holds out a bar of soap in her trembling hand and in her plaintive drawl queries: "Mister, won't you buy a cake of soap? Please buy it. You see my mother is a widow and has five children and we need the money."

She hasn't a very high-powered appeal in its delivery and no doubt is often refused, but there is a note of pleading sincerity in her voice hinting of a real want and dire need back of the plea. Many Shelby folks more than likely have heard the little story and helped out by buying the soap.

However, it does seem that Shelby, "the hospitable town," should have a better way of taking care of her unfortunates. If the cause of the little girl is a worthy one it should be taken up by proper authorities. It's nothing to boast of to have the little girl plodding about the streets with her soap and plaintive plea while scores of dollars are being spent for luxuries and pleasures of life. Shelby isn't that kind of town if it just knew about all the unfortunates.

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From The Greensboro Record.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in its recent session, appropriated \$50,000 to extension work. The fraternal orders are finding the going hard in competition with the luncheon clubs, and they are trying to develop more recruits among the young. Feed 'em after they have fed the order.

Auto Problem Is One Of Accidents

Henry Ford Has Created The Problem.—Can He Suggest The Solution

Connecticut with its population of 1,500,000 and 249,500 cars registered (or one for every six persons) is probably representative of every locality similar in area and occupancy. Seven years ago there were 1,987 accidents among 90,000 cars registered, and last year there were 22,500 accidents among the 249,500 cars registered. The percentage of accidents to cars increased from 2.2 in 1918 to 9 in 1925. The increase is evidently due to congestion of streets and road ways with cars. Motor road crossings and crowdings are infinitely more dangerous than railway crossings and terminals. Every 12 feet of space in a city street is a motor terminal.

A most arresting item is the comparison of death rates per 100,000 population from 1910 to 1925. In 1910 diphtheria killed eight times as many persons as were killed by automobiles, in 1925 automobiles killed three times as many as diphtheria. In like manner typhoid killed five times the number that automobiles killed, but it was reversed in 1925 when automobiles killed nine times as many as typhoid, the automobile record is climbing.

As if to prove that congestion is the cause of so many of the accidents a graphic table reveals that the larger numbers of accidents occur on Saturdays and Sundays of the week and in July, August, September and October of the year, at which times it is common knowledge that the use of cars is at the greatest peak. More convincing, however, is that 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, the "rush hours" of the day lead all the rest of the hours in deadliness and destruction. It is only between 2 and 6 in the morning that comparative safety is met. Accidents then are negligible about one-fifth of all accidents happen in the "rush hours" as against the other twenty-two hours. Deadly congestion.

The record here in North Carolina is no different to that of Connecticut except it is worse. Many remedies have been suggested, many have been tried, but so long as we have automobiles we will have accidents and while we cannot stop the accidents the next best thing we can do is to protect ourselves as best we can through accident insurance.

Mr. C. R. Webb, general agent for the Pilot Life Insurance Co., has three special men with him this week, make a special drive for accident insurance policies.

When two people who are married believe in each other they don't believe in divorce.

NEGRO MOTHER ERECTS MEMORIAL TO SONS

Columbia.—An unusual war memorial is being erected in Columbia. It is a modern brick business building in a section of less prominence than the leading highway, the erector being a negro woman and the structure being in memory of her two sons who were killed in France during the World War. The woman is Matilda Griffin, and the building will cost

\$7,000. It is half-way completed now. The two sons were Sergeant Samuel H. Griffin and Clifton Griffin.

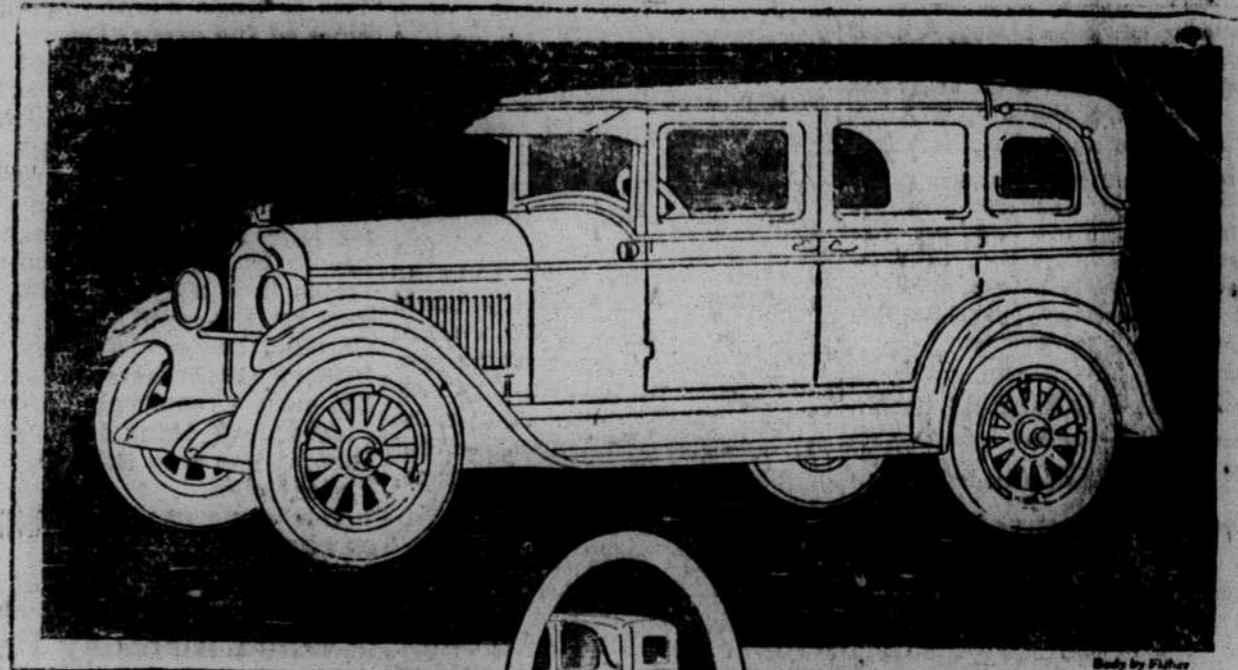
A plate is to be a part of the cornerstone, bearing a statement from General Pershing, reading as follows:

"United States Army. In memory of Sergeant Samuel H. Griffin, Supply company, 811th Pioneer Infantry who died November 14, 1918. He bravely laid down his life for the cause of his country. His name will ever remain fresh in the hearts of

his friends and comrades. The record of his honorable service will be preserved in the chives of the American Expeditionary Forces. John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief."

The building is being erected with money received by the mother of the soldiers from the government as war insurance.

Notwithstanding nature does things about right, there are a few moles that seem to have been misplaced.



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- \$2,500.00 in the event you are killed.
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- \$2,500.00 in the event you lose an eye and limb.
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- \$2,500.00 in the event you are blinded.
- \$1,250.00 in the event you lose one limb.
- \$833.00 in the event you lose an eye.
- \$625.00 in the event you lose a thumb and index finger of either hand.
- \$50.00 per week for ten weeks if the attention of a graduate nurse is required or you are confined in a hospital.
- \$25.00 per week for the entire period of disability due to an accident.
- \$12.50 per week for partial disability for 26 weeks.
- \$100.00 identification expense.
- Annual premium to men or women between the ages of 15 and 65, \$10.00.

The week of August 23rd has been set aside by the Pilot Life Insurance Company as AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WEEK and, during that week, the Company's representatives in Shelby are going to do everything within their power to bring to the attention of the public the seriousness of the automobile accident hazard and the method by which it is possible to offset, in a measure at least, the disastrous financial loss which comes as a result of such accidents.

North Carolina is becoming noted not only for its good roads but also for the number of automobile accidents occurring upon those same roads.

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ROBERT D. CROWDER, well known citizen of Shelby says—but read his letter:—

Mr. C. R. Webb,

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I learn with a great deal of interest of the Automobile Accident Week which the Pilot is putting on through your agency beginning August 23rd and I just want to wish for you and your company a most successful campaign.

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(Signed) ROBERT D. CROWDER.

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