

SHELBY SIDELIGHTS



By
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Letetrs, Lies — Mebbe —

This column after a hundred years or so may attain the class of other noted newspaper columns. Which is to herald the fact that in a week the column has received three letters.

The first came from "Ikey" Griffin, labelled Harold at the beginning of life mayhaps for the same reason that "Red", Grange's parents decided the gridiron ghost needed a dignified monicker. Anyway, "Ike" is now in the tobacco game at South Hill, Va. Once was he dojed out and took in cash at a local bank, but in those days "Ike" decided that more folks smoked cigarettes than saved money and with the thought came another one that there might be a future in the tobacco game. So he is at South Hill deciding which pile will satisfy, and which would cause a body to walk a mile.

"Ike's" letter was to the effect that he endorses the tribute to "Koozy" or Alex George, as the most valuable man on the Shelby football squad for several years. The writer was also anxious that Alex should get a letter. He even went so far as to hint that in the next letter to his pter, the school head, that instead of asking sundry favors as some usually ask he would speak a good word for Alex.

"He deserves it," writes Griffin. "I know, because I was always one of 'em—a water-boy, mascot, or whatever-you-call-it."

So now it seems as if it is up to the amalgamated Union of Water-boys and What-Nots to see that one of the faithful members of their tribe receives a letter. They have a habit over to the school at the close of each term of giving the pupil who excels in each line a medal or commendatory mention. Whispers from that source have it that Alex may get his. He will, we believe, if it's left to a vote of the teachers, Coach Morris, and the school in general.

Which disposes of one letter. The second—sent anonymously, wanted to know if the column intends to write a Santa Claus letter this year. "If so," the letter read, "please have Santy to bring us an athletic field for the school children. Some how I don't believe our 'dads' are Santas after all. For don't they call the aldermen 'city dads' and the school board 'school dads'? And have, or have they not, prepared us an athletic field? Pollyanna may be patiently awaiting the field, but all of us are not Pollyannas."

And there the writer stops, and so do we. It's up to somebody else to write the answer.

The third of the epistles was to inquire about our old friend "Gawge" Abernethy. It read: "I notice Gawge is out of the Navy now, and also that he's advertising in the Charlotte Observer for a job stating that he has a little ruse and that matrimony is not the object." Which is unusual. It does seem that after the brilliant stuff Gawge wrote for the column and the fact that he shook hands with Josephus should at least entitle him to a place on the staff of Blum's Almanac."

The letter was written on the rear side of some second-hand stationery and was also incognito. "Gawge" no doubt will appreciate the inquiry, but may be disappointed because it did not tell of a job. However, there was a P. S. to the letter and it said: "We see as how Gawge was a radioman in the Navy. If he'll come by our house and take the static out of our set we'll see that he gets at least \$10,000 per year thereafter."

And they didnt say where "our house" was located.

Miss Amy Emmanuel, court stenographer, who visits Shelby with every Superior court, was greatly disappointed over the week-end. For several years Miss Emmanuel has been hearing all the evidence in local court rooms. Scores of times defendants have taken the stand charged with having some "likker" and upon questioning by the court to see where it came from the reply was always something like this: "Well, judge, you see I was riding up in the South Mountains and I met a man and he gave me a quart, or a half gallon. No, I didn't know him and had never seen him before."

On other occasions the reply would be, like this: "I was riding up that way and all at once I looked out beside the road and saw a package. I got out and picked it up and it proved to be the liquor the officer found in my car. Noir, I wasn't looking for liquor."

Cleveland county folks have heard that story on the stand so many times that they go to sleep smiling when it is related again in the court room.

But Miss Emmanuel believes in humanity. Unless otherwise shown her faith in the veracity of man is strong. So, naturally when she took a motor trip up through the South Mountains—the last week-end she began looking along the side of the road thinking that she might to see a package. Not that she wanted such packages, but somehow or another she had derived the idea that they could be found all along the road like hickory nuts on a hillside this season of the year. For mile after mile she was disappointed. Her car began to meet folks occasionally along the road and surely, she thought, they'll soon start giving me something.

Monday Miss Emmanuel was back in the court room with a "million dollars worth of faith in humanity shot to heck." Throughout the entire trip she never so much as glimpsed one of the packages the court is so often told about.

Now isn't that odd?

A news item that wasn't published Monday: "Monday of this week Solicitor John Carpenter, of Gastonia, was a visitor to the Shelby court. He wore a cut-away coat with the grace of Clyde Hoey, and his red-and-black tie was neatly knotted about a wing collar. A smile and a hand-shake here, and a smile and a hand-shake there, and Solicitor Carpenter returned to Gastonia. It may be that some day he thinks of returning to Gastonia with another label before his name instead of solicitor. There was an election last week, y'know, and there'll be another one two years hence. And that's that." This'll B-awl.

No. 1 Township Schools Have Opened

(Special to The Star.) Palmer school opened Monday morning with Miss Cabiness of Lattimore as teacher.

Miss Nester Green and Mr. Hershall Greene of Bolling Springs and Mr. Ralph McCraw of Gaffney, S. C., visited at Mr. Thomas Humphries last Saturday night.

Holly Springs school opened one week ago. The number on roll is 43 with a good daily attendance. The teachers are Misses Della Rowell of Lawrence and Vernier Byars of this place.

Mrs. C. Jones has been visiting her sister Mrs. Charlie McGinnis of State Line.

Mrs. Green Lovelace has returned home after visiting her brother at Cliffside for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bate Blanton of New Pleasant were visitors with Mr. Summie Bridges last Sunday.

Mr. Summie Allison and family visited his son Jim Allison at Gastonia hospital last Monday.

Mr. Deck Holland and family of Converse, spent last Sunday with Mr. Willie Byars.

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vs.
Mary Bell, widow; Andy Bell, single; Levi Bell and wife, Ollie Bell; Ola Bell Byers and husband, Robert Byers; Addie Bell Jackson and husband, Tom Jackson; Nettie Bell Byers and husband, Randolph Byers; Mattie Bell, single; Victoria Bell, single; Luvenia Bell Petty and husband, James Petty; and Nora Bell and Willie Bell, minors; defendants.

The defendants, Andy Bell, Nettie Bell Byers and husband, Randolph Byers, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, to sell land to create assets to pay the indebtedness against the estate of Wade A. Bell, deceased; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to answer at the office of the clerk of the Superior court of said county in the court house in Shelby, N. C., on Friday, December 10, 1926, and answer or demur to the complaint which has already been filed in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of November, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, N. C.
Chas. A. Burrus, Atty.



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