

Around Our Town

—Shelby Sidelights—
—By Renn Drum—

HERE'S A TIP TO THE GIRLS of Shelby who may on certain nights be "dateless." A report perambulates about town that in one of these display cases used by photographers there is the photo of a good looking, not long since, as the report goes, a love-lorn young swain passed by and gave the photo the once-over. Something about the particular picture mentioned above attracted the young fellow. Maybe 'twas the eyes, mouth, or some other charm. Anyway, to continue the report, the young fellow ambled upstairs and inquired of the photographer just who she was. The photographer, after going down to see which one, told him her name and address, and the telephone directory helped him put in the call. That night, it is said, the young lady had a date. Of course, she had had dates before but the object of this story is to inform you that she had one that night.

Moral: If you have a few empty nights during the week get your "pickur" took and have the photographer place one in his display window. It may work, and it may not. Perhaps it'll be according to the attraction.

REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS when every congressman furnished all the voters in his district with free seeds? Those were the grand old days when politics required grandiloquent oratory as well as subtle vote catching. Anyway, the Morganton News-Herald in the "20 years ago" column has the following to say about one of the free seed dispensers of that day: "Congressman E. Y. Webb sends this note from Washington under date of January 22: 'You will oblige me greatly by stating in your paper that all persons desiring free vegetable seed can obtain same by writing.'"

The old free-seed plan has been discarded, but as we remember it such was about the only farm relief congress ever gave.

FROM THE POLITICAL NEWS it is understood that there may be a whole half dozen candidates for mayor next May. (Wonder if that's the reason they call 'em may-or just because the election is in May?). Anyway, the colyum has a platform it would like to see adopted by some of the six. The platform would read somewhat like this: "modifications in order, of course, on up until May:

1.—Have T. W. Hamrick, George Alexander, or Ed Morrison fix the court house clock so Shelby will not be going to dinner when the clock says somebody should be waking up and kicking the alarm off.

2.—Make the postoffice more of a public institution by hanging some doors that the women and children can open.

3.—Put soft cushions on the court square benches, for there's where most of the politicians hang out while the voters are working.

4.—Have some ordinance to protect the jay-walking pedestrian. All the traffic ordinances now take care of radiators and hub caps but what is mere man as compared with a flivver fender?

5.—And since this platform was written on February 1, one day before the ground hog came along and on the same day bill collectors do come, have a law that would imprison any one carrying bills on the public streets.

Take it from us either man mentioned among the likely six shooters at the mayor's office could be elected if he could guarantee the "dear public", that winsome, fickle folk, such a platform would be carried out.

AND IN DEALING WITH POLITICS there's another story the colyum has been clamoring to tell for some time. It was related to us by Frank L. and Robert A. Hoyle, and they've been familiar with Cleveland county politics for some several calendars, and the story deals with United States Senator Lee S. Overman, he who had "Our Bob" Reynolds as an opponent.

There are those, y'know, who say and complain that in recent elections Senator Overman does not come down home and handshake the folks and give them the usual line of taffy. For a long time we've thought such complaints against the handsomest man in the senate were unjust. When a man goes into any business, gives it his best efforts for years and makes of it a success after devoting his life to it there usually comes a time when he can take things easy with the good-will of those he has worked with and for. Now Senator Overman is not taking things easy yet by a long shot but just because he does not campaign like "the nester" is no justification for giving him a howl. The main reason for the howl, we presume, is that the younger generation doesn't remember so much of the old-time Overman campaigns, but ask the older folks and they will tell you that Overman, the dignified, white-haired junior senator, was out bally-hoing for Democracy when those now coming of voting age were infants in arms, or maybe were not at all.

And that brings us down to the



Hoyle story. Back in the days when the old tabernacle, one of Shelby's biggest buildings, was still standing one of the "rip-snortiest" political speeches ever made in Shelby was delivered in the tabernacle by none other than Overman. It was right at the close of the "red shirt" days when predecessors of political lights today had to get out and scrap for what they received. As the story goes the tabernacle was packed and jammed—they attended political speeches like circuses in those days—and the day was warm to say the least. Overman, as was the custom of politicians of the day wore, a long frock coat, high wing collar, and the long—very long—stiff adjustable cuffs. As the speech progressed and the speaker warmed up he yanked out a flowing linen handkerchief and mopped his brow while the vast crowd stirred to his talk. Things got warmer and the dignified old fellow of the present day stripped the frock coat and slung it into a corner of the stage. A few minutes later the white vest followed, then came the high collar—and, well—pals of the junior senator in Washington today could hardly believe that picture and those who complain that he does not campaign any more might say it is all bunk, but as we stated at the outset the Hoyle story told the story and you'll be finding several of the older fellows about town who will support it. In those days campaigning was a real he-man's job as compared with present day tactics and don't forget that Overman campaigned like that for years back in the day when political aspirants of this day were fondling stone bruises and getting lickings for slipping off, to the old swimming hole.

Give every man his dues. The lodges will get theirs or give some body the air.

AFTER THE STAR PUBLISHED the information that births lead deaths three to one in this county it is supposed that the undertakers decided they'd get out and look up some business. Anyway, five minutes after a car turned turtle in town recently the colyum noticed an undertaker join the crowd attracted to the scene.

WHY NOT RUN TY COBB AND Tris Speaker for president and vice president on the Democratic ticket and then take the best baseball player on Casey Morris' high school team this spring and run him for mayor?

IF EVERYBODY WHO BELIEVES in the groundhog's little shadow dodging stunt this morning reads this colyum then we have at least 777 more readers than we thought.

Gardner Is Right On Secret Ballot

Winston-Salem Journal. Some months ago O. Max Gardner, who is regarded as the next governor of North Carolina, came up in emphatic expression for the adoption of the Australian Ballot law in this state. That this was no mere incidental gust of sentiment designed to catch the fancy of the people is now well proven by Mr. Gardner's letter to Representative Falls in which he reiterates most

forcibly his interest in the enactment of the secret ballot bill which has been offered in the Legislature. Mr. Gardner's letter is all the more weighty since he seeks the indulgence of the Legislature to advocate only one measure, the Australian Ballot Law. "I have favored the Australian ballot for years," says Mr. Gardner, "and sincerely trust to see it adopted into the operation of our election machinery in North Carolina. The arguments, reasons and demands for the secret ballots are so obvious that I shall not repeat them, but there is at least one demand for this legislation we ought to heed, and that is what appears to be the unified voice of North Carolina's womanhood. I have never seen a woman who did not complain at the cramped, congested and crowded conditions surrounding the selection of tickets and the casting of ballots in the average North Carolina ballot box."

Aged Man Talks As Appendix Is Operated On

Raleigh News & Observer.

Despite his more than three score and ten years of age, David Adams, Willow Springs farmer, was resting well last night at Rex hospital following an unusual operation for acute appendicitis at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The operation was performed without administering general anesthetic, but under local anesthetic and Mr. Adams was entirely conscious during the time the surgeon was performing the operation.

Mr. Adams, who is 74 years of age, made an automobile trip of 20 miles to Raleigh to undergo the operation. Because of his advanced age, a general anesthetic was deemed inadvisable. Dr. T. E. Wilkerson, who performed the operation, administered a local anesthetic in the region to be operated on and within a few minutes the operation had been completed. While the surgeon was performing the operation, Mr. Adams was in a happy frame of mind and conversed unconcernedly with physicians and nurses in attendance. As he was carried back to his room in the hospital, he continued to converse and declared that he had felt no pain or ill effects while the operation was being performed. Last night he was cheerful and was resting comfortably. While the operation was being performed, Dr. James W. Judd and Dr. C. R. Young, Mr. Adams, personal physicians, were in attendance.

Mr. Adams at one time was connected with the city of Raleigh as cotton weigher and is now engaged in farming in the Willow Springs section. He is well known throughout the county.

Lower Cleveland News Of Interest

(Special to The Star)

Shelby, R. 2.—Our farmers have taken advantage of the fine weather of the past few weeks and have done much of their spring plowing. They have also been busy cutting wood and keeping fires during the extremely cold days which we have had recently.

Despite the unfavorable weather of Friday night many of the people from this section were in Shelby for the Hoey contest.

Mr. C. V. Harrill is at home to spend some time with his father Mr. W. L. Harrill who has been seriously ill for the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Philbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo of Mooresboro visited Mrs. Doela Rollins Sunday.

Mr. Howard Putnam of Detroit is spending some time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins of Shelby recently.

Misses Oveda, Etha and Edna Putnam and Mr. Hythe Putnam were visitors in Shelby Sunday.

Mrs. Davie Hamrick and son J. D., also a number of other relatives from Shelby spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Enlar Weaver of Gaffney were callers in the community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. L. A. Putnam and Mr. Taft Putnam attended a singing in Shelby Sunday night.

Census Figures For U. S. A. Given

Washington.—Computations by the government's census experts indicate that the population of continental United States on July 1, 1927 will be 118,628,000.

This is an increase of 1,492,000 over the estimate for July 1, 1926 and an increase of 12,917,000 over the figures for January 1, 1920, when the last actual census was taken.

The new estimate, announced by the census bureau, is based, among other things, on available data regarding births, deaths, immigration and emigration. Estimates for each of the states were made by distributing the total estimated increase in the same proportions as the actual increase between the two censuses of 1910 and 1920 was distributed. Those states which showed a decrease between 1910 and 1920 or between 1920 and 1925, however, were not credited with having made any increase since. No figures were announced for geographical divisions smaller than the states.

The population of North Carolina is given at 2,897,000 an increase of 337,877 over the actual census figures of 1920.

J. C. Flannery's baby was rescued from his burning farmhouse near St. Paul when a dog carried the child to safety.

Arrested for bigamy at Coventry, Eng., Henry McLeer admitted the charge, but pleaded that his first wife was "a sorry cook."

THEY STILL STAY WITH SHORT HAIR AND SHORT SKIRT

Charlotte News.

Nothing to it! The hats don't show it. Knees and straight lines are still with us.

Applesauce!

So say a beauty doctor, a milliner, amodiste and half a dozen flappers of Charlotte, when shown a dispatch from Chicago quoting the beauty doctors of Illinois in convention in the City of Two-Gun Men, as pronouncing the doom of bobbed hair and short skirts in 1927.

Propaganda. That's what they say. Irate spinsters, ugly beauty doctors, ex-beauties of 1905, mug-wump reformers, "the Army of the Un-enjoyed"—these have been trying to write "Finis" on the story of the Flapper, since that lady leaped full-grown from the brow of Rebellion back in the pre-historic days of 1918. To date they succeeded in expunging the bare knee from the repertoire of that Rabelaisian Damsel. But there the line of battle is drawn and the female under thirty refuses to budge an inch.

Bobbed hair, far from converting the coiffure into a mop, or comic valentine, has converted Woman from something that looked like a sandling with a porcupine atop it into something approximating the human animal. say the champions here. What's more, it saves time. It's much easier to get up in the morning and stick in a comb and go on down to the office. Eliminates 5 o'clock rising.

If the damsels are going suddenly to abandon bobbed-hair, then she's going to look like the sweet young thing of 1900, with a hat five sizes too small perched atop a mountain of hair. Charlotte hat shops are purchasing small hats to fit the bobbed head.

As for dresses, they're still feeding the skimpy. Better lines indeed! The girls prefer their own. And gentlemen like 'em natural.

Scout Canvass Is To Be This Friday

Committees Will Attempt to Raise Sum Then To Put Scouting Over In Shelby

Do you want your boy to be a Boy Scout?

The opportunity to give an answer will be presented Friday afternoon when committees from the Kiwanis club and other civic organizations will conduct a canvass of uptown Shelby seeking to raise \$500 for the Scout fund. The canvassing committee includes I. C. Griffin, chairman; John McKnight, Odus Mull, Oliver Anthony, and R. T. LeGrand, treasurer.

Mill Men Meet At a meeting held Tuesday, at which time practically all the Shelby textile plants were offi-

cially represented, these plans agreed to give \$500 to scout work in Shelby provided the other \$500 could be raised in uptown Shelby, and as it now stands "the future of scouting here is up to the business section."

Since the recently revived proposal to put scouting over right in Shelby practically every minister and civic leader has endorsed the plan and when the \$1,000 is raised it is hoped to have a scout troop for every church—and for every plant in Shelby. A boy must be between 12 and 18 years of age to be a member and 22 boys may belong to a troop.

An unusual interest is being shown in the scout campaign and leaders who have long desired more scout troops here are elated over the prospects for two or three times as many troops as ever before and a representation in the Piedmont council equal to that of neighboring towns and cities.

"Shelby owes it to her young boys" is the motto of the campaign.

Bar Association Meet On In May

Pinehurst, (INS.) Preparations already are under way here for the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar association at Pinehurst May 5-7.

Ex-governor Charles S. Whitman



FELT STUPID, DULL

Mississippi Lady Says She Took Black-Draught For These Symptoms and Was "Greatly Relieved."

Starkville, Miss.—"I have been a user of Black-Draught for about twenty years," says Mrs. C. E. Buntin, of R. F. D. 5, this city. "I used Black-Draught first for constipation," continues Mrs. Buntin. "I would feel dull, stupid, and have severe headaches, even feverish. I had an uneasy, tight feeling in my stomach."

"I read quite a bit about Black-Draught. I began using it and soon my bowels acted regularly and I was greatly relieved. I used it every once in a while for about eighteen years. "About two years ago I found I was having indigestion, a tight smothering in my chest, then severe pain, especially after eating sweets. I commenced taking just a pinch of Black-Draught after meals and by doing this I could eat about anything."

"I gave Black-Draught to my children for colds and headaches. I can certainly recommend it." "Theodore's Black-Draught is recommended by thousands of others for the relief of indigestion, biliousness and simple ailments due to constipation. Safe, easy to take. Costs only 1 cent a dose. NC-171"

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT Purely Vegetable

American Power From Pennies Through Life Insurance

The pennies you toss the newsboy are so insignificant and their purchasing power so small you never think twice whether or not you should buy a paper. But through the accumulation of pennies and other revenues, newspapers maintain great plants, employ thousands, and build million-dollar industries.

The money policyholders invest in Life Insurance merges into a vast sum that does two things:

- 1—Provides the money for the specific purposes for which it is desired by the policyholder.
- 2—Provides a large share of the capital on which the country runs. One-fifth of all mortgages, and large holdings in government and railroad bonds and public utilities are out of the funds invested in Life Insurance premiums.

Security Life & Trust Co.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

MOORE & LEVERETT,

GENERAL AGENTS — SHELBY, N. C.

("The policyholder not only is investing his money so that it will be of greater service to himself and his family but to the whole public as well."—H. F. Sanford)

of New York, who is president of the American Bar association, will be the principal speaker at the three-day convention, according to present plans.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, also will be invited to address the meeting, it was announced.

The program which has not been completely arranged, is expected to be announced within the next few days, it was said.

Good Reason

An American was prowling around a Scottish graveyard. His eyes caught an epitaph. "Lord, she was thin."

Say, sexton, what d'ye make of that? he asked.

That's all right sir; the sculptor went over near the edge of the stone and didn't leave room for the "e."

—THE M. P. COLEY AGENCY—
SHENANDOAH LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
M. P. Coley, Pres. — W. R. Casstevens, Vice-Pres.
—PHONE 200—



Gasoline costs money. An improperly set carburetor wastes gasoline. That's just like throwing money away. And besides—

Any car works better, besides giving greater mileage, when the carburetor is properly adjusted.

If you'll drive in when convenient, and let us look at your carburetor, we may be able to save you some gasoline expense.

It is just one of the many little things we like to do to help you get greater joy out of your car—and more mileage out of your gasoline money.

Yours for More Mileage,

JORDAN-CHEVROLET COMPANY
S. LaFayette Street. Shelby, N. C.
—PHONE 265.—

SCHEDULES

Inter-Carolina Motor Bus Company

Shelby to Charlotte—7, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5, 7:30—Charlotte to Shelby—8, 10, 12, 2, 4, 6

Kings Mountain to Charlotte—7:30 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 8:30. Direct connection made in Kings Mountain for Spartanburg and Greenville in the morning—One hour lay-over in the afternoons.

Bessemer City to Charlotte—7:45, 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 8:45.

Gastonia to Charlotte, leaves every hour on the hour, from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Connection made there for Rock Hill, S. C.; Spartanburg, Greenville, Cramerton, Lincolnton and Cherryville, York and Clover S. C.

Gastonia to Shelby—On the odd hours, making connections for Rutherfordton, Hendersonville, Asheville and Statesville.

Gastonia to Cherryville—8:30, 12:10, 4:10, 8:10. Cherryville to Gastonia—7:15, 10, 2, 6 p. m.

Charlotte to Rock Hill—8, 10:30, 4:15.

Bus leaves Spartanburg 6:15 p. m. Connection at Kings Mountain, Charlotte.

Telephone: Charlotte 2671; Gastonia 1051; Shelby 450; Shelby to Rutherfordton—8 a. m. and 1 p. m. Rutherfordton to Shelby—9:40 a. m. and 2:15 p. m.

Shelby to Asheville—10:00 a. m., 12, 2, 4, 6, p. m. Asheville to Shelby—8, 9 and 11 a. m. and 2, 4 p. m.

Shelby to Asheville—10:00 a. m.; 1 p. m.; 4:30 p. m. Lincolnton—8:30 a. m.; 11 a. m.; 3:00 p. m.; 6:30 p. m.

Schedules Subject to Change.

ATWATER KENT RADIO

You don't need the fingers of Jimmy Valentine!

Jimmy, you recall, was the sensitive-fingered chap who could unlock any safe. He'd be a good man to operate some of the complicated radio sets we've seen.

But anybody's fingers are good enough to operate an Atwater Kent One Dial Receiver. Come in and let us show you. Several models to choose from. All are simple—true-toned—but not expensive. Come in and see them TODAY.



MAUNEY AUTO SUPPLY CO.
West Marion St., Shelby, N. C.
—PHONE 518—