

Shelby and Cleveland county "Questions and Answers" in this issue. Try out your memory.

A detailed account of the opening of the new "Big Store" is carried in this issue. "The Big Store" is a commercial landmark of Cleveland county.

Anything that is forbidden always is in demand. Read of the high school advertisement of a glee club visit in this paper.

Whoopie! "O, y'robbin' umpir." "Smack it Over the Fence," and sundry other such cries. Baseball is here for a season. Two games this week and three next.

Federal court will convene here Monday and several new court officers will take part in their first court under their new titles.

Think of rolling a wheelbarrow 10 miles at night to catch a train, and a trunk and other things in the wheelbarrow. A county farmhand turned the trick. Read the story today in The Star.

The youth who attempted an assault on a No. 10 girl this week is being held in jail here without bond, says a news item.

A man with a painful ailment says that he is now able to go about after praying 10 hours for relief.

Will there be a primary and an election both in the coming mayoralty? The Star tells how such is possible in this issue.

A new Southern station for Shelby hovers on the horizon, says another item today.

Mrs. Hester Byers Buried Thursday

Widow of Former County Treasurer and Daughter of Ex-Sheriff—Eight Survive

(Special to The Star) On March 16, 1927 God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from earth the gentle spirit of Mrs. Hester M. Byers who was born Dec. 29, 1859, being 67 years, 2 months and 27 days old. She was the daughter of the late Mott and Margaret Elizabeth Runyans. Her father was a volunteer in the Confederate army and lost his life in the Battle of Gettysburg. Her mother was later married to Dixon Randall and lived until March 16, 1912.

From early girlhood Mrs. Byers has been an active and loyal member of the Methodist church. The influence of her noble Christian life was felt not only in her home and her church but by her neighbors and friends and acquaintances. She was a life of activity always deeming it a joy to minister to her family and friends. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand or speak a cheering or encouraging word when needed, and no home was too humble for her to enter if there was a service her willing hands could find to do, and no home so proud that her presence was not welcome at all times. In the midst of sickness or sorrow her influence was one of peace and comfort.

On August 9, 1874 she was married to James B. Byers, son of the lamented Sheriff J. C. Byers. To this union were born the following eight children all of whom survive. Messrs. Darvo P., Shelby, David, of Smyrna, S. C., Mrs. Maggie Elliott, Shelby, Mrs. John Byers, Charlotte; Mrs. Dottie Byers and Mrs. Josie Hardin, Shelby; Messrs. Hackett, Blacksburg, S. C. and Fred who with his family has been living with and caring for his mother the past two years.

In the lives of all these devoted children can be seen the impress of the kind and noble lives of the father and mother. Forty grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive. Mr. Byers was one time county treasurer and preceded his wife to the grave by 28 years.

For a number of years Mrs. Byers has suffered from rheumatism and heart trouble and on March 6th she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she died. Interment was at Sulphur Springs Methodist church Thursday at 3 o'clock with Rev. B. Wilson conducting the funeral services assisted by the pastor Rev. D. P. Waters. The following grandsons acted as pall bearers: Messrs. David and James Byers, Knox Hardin, James, Spencer, and John Elliott.

OCEAN LINERS TO GIVE WATER PLANE JOY RIDES

(By International News Service) Berlin.—Joy rides in a water-plane will be the latest entertainment of passengers of the North German Lloyd liner "Luetzow" on trips to the United States and the Mediterranean. The water plane has accommodations for twenty passengers in addition to the crew. These rides are scheduled for the time when the liner stays in port enroute for its destination.

Don't Look-Fine Advertising Plan

About as old as Confucius, the Chinese philosopher, is the proverb that "forbid a child to do anything and that is the very thing the child will do first."

Grown-ups are just overgrown children, and children are just children. The real desire for anything comes when it is forbidden.

Over at the Shelby school yesterday and today an empty old nail keg was placed on the walk at the school entrance. Hanging on the keg was a sign "Don't Look in Here"—and naturally that sign aroused curiosity and every one who trod the path, from faculty down to the children in the primary grades, couldn't refuse the temptation and took a glance in the keg.

They saw something like this: "The Converse College Glee Club Will Appear in Concert in Shelby Friday Night."

That's tonight, you know, and a fine advertising scheme it was.

Some Talk Of Two Races In Mayor's Tilt

Heretofore Election Without Primary Has Been Held. Power With Committee

There is a possibility that Shelby may have a double-header for the next mayor.

Some talk heard about town is to the effect that a primary and an election both may be held in the city race this Spring. The power to call for a primary in April to be followed by an election in May lies with the executive committee of the town.

Whether or not they will call a primary has not been learned by The Star.

Heretofore it has been the custom to hold an election only, all citizens being entitled to vote, and the high man winning. Despite the talk of a primary this time there are others who say that the custom will be followed.

Under the primary plan it would be necessary, according to O. M. Mull, city attorney, for the executive committee to call a primary for April. Then at the regular election time in May the two high candidates, unless there were other party entrants would run it off, as The Star understands the explanation of the city attorney.

However, it is made plain that the primary cannot be called unless this committee deems it advisable. The question then is: Do they?

In the last mayoralty contest there were three candidates, but no primary was called and the outcome was that the high man in the race won.

Buck Redfern Has Hard Luck Getting In Major Leagues

Hundreds of Shelby baseball fans who watch with interest the career of George (Buck) Redfern, former State college star and Shelby player, will read this dispatch from Detroit with regret:

"George Redfern, shortstop obtained from Nashville and regarded by Manager George Moriarty as one of the best infielders turned out by the minors in years, is the victim of unusually hard luck, in that he joined the Tigers at the wrong time. He is confronted with the Herculean task of displacing Tavenor, who Moriarty believes will be the class of the league."

"Moriarty, if forced to let the former Southern League player go will retain title, it was said. He is considering assigning the shortstop to a good class AA team for further seasoning, possibly Toronto."

Trundled Wheelbarrow With Trunk In It For 10 Miles To Catch Train In Shelby

Farmhand In Debt To Employer For \$17 Gets Away At Night And Rolls Belongings To Catch Train Here

While the rest of the world gets excited over coffee-drinking and flapjack contests a Cleveland county farmhand that was should step forward and claim world honors for trundling a loaded wheelbarrow—or as the colored folks say it, for "rolling a Georgia buggy."

Sometime Wednesday night Dolph Lenair, white farm laborer loaded his trunk, three sacks, and other articles on his employer's wheelbarrow and rolled the outfit all of the 10 miles to Shelby where he caught the early morning train for Blacksburg, taking the trunk and belongings with him and leaving the wheelbarrow in a vacant lot. Several hours after the train roared out of the station the man's employer, Mr. W. D. Mauney, of route 5, came to the Southern station looking for him—and thus it was that the unusual story came out.

The farm hand had borrowed, or in some manner secured \$17, it is said, from his employer, who thought perhaps a getaway would be made. However, Mauney said that he worked Lenair hard Wednesday and did not expect him to leave Wednesday night. Yet when the farmer woke Thursday morning and looked in Lenair's shanty, Lenair had vanished. A little tour of inspection revealed that the hand's trunk and belongings were also gone as was Mauney's wheelbarrow.

It was at that junction that Mauney came to town and visited the Southern station where he learned from Agent Vernon Proctor that a man answering Lenair's description had boarded the train with a ticket to Blacksburg, S. C. but he assured Mauney that Lenair had not taken the wheelbarrow aboard although he did the trunk and sacks.

Some time later the farmer located his wheelbarrow in a vacant lot, and, it is said that he will not seek the vanished farm hand now that he has the wheelbarrow back. And the station agent seemed to agree that a fellow who would roll a wheelbarrow 10 miles at night with a trunk and other things in the "Georgia buggy" should not be prosecuted.

Star Starts Question And Answer Box In This Issue Of The Paper

What all do you know about Shelby and Cleveland county? If a stranger were to lift your latchstring and spend the night with you tonight, and while there begin to ask you questions about your town and county could you answer every one?

The Around Our Town column in this issue starts a question and answer box, asking questions about the town and county that every one should know. See if you do, but do not look up the answers until you think awhile.

Questions and answers have succeeded crossword puzzles as the latest fad, and The Star in each issue will publish a list of questions about Shelby and Cleveland county people and events; if you can make a mark of 100 on all the tests then you are well versed on the history of the town and county.

BOY JAILED FOR HIS ASSAULT ON GIRL—NO BOND

Eugene Hayes Held Without Bond For Attempted Attack. Admitted Intention

Eugene Hayes, white youth of about 17 years, is being held in the county jail here without bond for Superior court on the charge of an attempted criminal attack of a six-year-old girl of No. 10 township.

Hayes, who court officers say seems none too bright, admitted the attempt at the preliminary hearing before Recorder John P. Mull Wednesday. Following the hearing he was carried back to jail, where he will remain until court Monday week.

It will be remembered that last Monday the mother of the little girl left her home to go to the store and Hayes, a farm hand, was left with the little girl and her brother. Going a short distance the mother thought it not wise to leave the children alone with the strange youth. Returning she surprised Hayes in an attempted assault on her small daughter, it is said. The youth fled when the mother returned without carrying out his intentions.

Officers were notified and a search got underway. Tuesday Deputy Plato Ledford caught Hayes beyond Casar, the boy apparently being en route to Asheville.

STEADY PRAYING CURED MAN NEAR END WITH HERNIA

Prayed For 10 Hours Straight While In Agony and Was Completely Cured

D. J. Laughridge, a Shelby man up in years, unfolded a story here this week that reads like a medicine testimonial—except that the curative qualities came from prayer. And Mr. Laughridge is working regularly now at the Olive Hosiery mill, where he has been employed since the remarkable change in his health, which he says was brought about by prayer alone.

For many years the man has been afflicted with hernia of the bowels, or rupture, one of the most painful afflictions known to man. Three times he has undergone operations, he says, for the ailment and all to no apparent avail.

Following the third operation he remained in bed for a time and then perhaps feeling that the operation had been successful and his affliction was gone he left his bed only to have the ailment come back more painful than ever. Surgeons advised another speedy operation, he said, but Laughridge would not consent for another one though suffering untold agony. Following his decision not to be operated on again he says that he went back to bed and began praying to his Maker for relief about 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

"I prayed steadily from that hour until 11 o'clock that night, ten hours in all, and to my Maker I offered my future endeavors if only I could be well again and relieved of my agony."

"About 11 o'clock that night I felt somehow, by an unfathomable intuition, that my hernia was not going to bother me anymore, and I turned over and peacefully slept until morning."

"That was something like six weeks or so ago and with the exception of a day or so I have been working steadily since. It just came to me after 10 hours of consistent prayer that my prayers had been answered—and they were."

As proof that his ailment bothers him no more although he has not undergone another operation Mr. Laughridge himself may be seen any day in the week going about his duties at the local manufacturing plant, and he will gladly relate the story of his remarkable cure.

"Miss Addie" Passes Following Illness

Pioneer Woman Journalist Educated Here Dies in Charlotte. Hundreds mourn.

A Shelby of other days that knew her in school girls days and a later Shelby that knew her through the "One-Minute Page" mourned the passing Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. J. P. Caldwell—better known to hundreds as "Miss Addie," the pioneer newspaperwoman of the South.

Mrs. Caldwell, who died following an illness with influenza, was the wife of the late J. P. Caldwell, renowned editor and major portion of her life had been spent in newspaper work on the two Charlotte papers. In recent years she has been widely known through her special column in The Observer.

Outline Plans For Club House

At the Kiwanis club meeting Thursday night at Cleveland Springs, J. D. Lineberger, outlined a plan for the erection of a \$25,000 golf club house at Cleveland Springs. According to the plan outlined local people interested in recreation and sports and what an up-to-date club house and golf course would mean to Shelby, would take stock which would be retired by a per cent of the green fees and club dues collected year after year. The plan was endorsed by O. M. Gardner, Chas. L. Eskridge, O. M. Mull and C. C. Blanton and will no doubt be presented shortly to the citizens of Shelby in the hope of securing a subscription of \$12,500 in stock.

A Little Walk Across America



Miss Catherine Odor (left) and Miss Grace Hensley hiked all the way from San Francisco to Washington to meet President Coolidge.

Stamey's New Store Visited By 1,200 On Opening Day

New Building One Of The Most Modern—Customers May Smoke Now—Business Grows To Quarter Million In 37 Years.

New Southern Station Here Seems Likely

Architect Spends Day Here Making Plans and Outline. Prospects Good, Reports

Shelby may have a new Southern passenger station before the passing of so many months. At least prospects for a new station here are encouraging.

A new Southern station has been in the air for sometime, various officials of the road having visited Shelby at intervals considering the proposition. Of recent months J. C. Newton, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has been working on the matter and it is now believed that with a little more work the new station will be secured.

Development Suit Here On Saturday

It is learned that Judge J. L. Webb in a chamber hearing here Saturday morning will hear a contest concerning the Tryo Development company, of Tryon, one of the big realty developers of Western Carolina last summer.

The hearing it is learned is brought about by the action of the Berry Fortune Construction company which seeks to restrain the First National Trust company, of Durham, from liquidating the assets of the development company now. The development company, it is said, is in the hands of receivers and the trust company plans a move to liquidate assets, said to run around several hundred thousand, to apply to straightening out development obligations, it is alleged O. M. Mull and likely other local attorneys may appear in the case.

Wm. Emory Dies In No. 9 Township

Mr. William Emory, age 88 years, died in No. 9 township Wednesday of this week and his remains were taken Thursday to Camp's Creek church over in the edge of South Carolina for interment. Mr. Emory was born in Polk county and at the time of his death was living with his children. Five children survive: William Emory, Jr., Mrs. A. R. Humphries, Miss Emma Emory, of Shelby R. F. D. Miss Ollie Emory and Mr. Roland Emory, of Gaffney, S. C.

—With New Store—Max Washburn will be manager of the new "One, Two, Three" shoe store to open shortly in Judge J. L. Webb's building in the same room with Dr. D. M. Morrison, optometrist. Only three prices of shoes will be handled, these selling for \$1, \$2, and \$3, hence the name of the store which is one of a chain of stores with headquarters in Pennsylvania.

FEDERAL DOCKET TO START GRIND HERE ON MONDAY

New District Attorney And Clerk To Officiate At Term. Rum Cases Up.

The spring term of the United States District court will convene here Monday morning, March 21, with Federal Judge E. Yates Webb presiding.

The newly appointed officers of the western district of the court will officially start their service here that day, it is understood. T. J. Hawkins, former assistant district attorney, but recently appointed district attorney by Judge Webb will head the prosecution instead of District Attorney Frank Liney, who is now in the middle district and a seeker for the judgeship there. J. Y. Jordan, former Federal marshal and deputy clerk, will officiate at his first term as clerk. Both new officials are from Asheville and were appointed by Judge Webb. Hawkins' appointment is only temporary, but he is a likely candidate, it is said, for the permanent district attorneyship.

The main portion of the court grind is expected as usual to put a temporary barrier in the channels down which flows from the mountains of Cleveland, Rutherford and Burke into the cities and towns of Piedmont North and South Carolina.

Since the installation of the United States court here the majority of the cases have been devoted to drying up the "mountain dew" that falls during the night in the mountain sections and flits out a night or so later by automobile to the populated sections where bootleg is still somewhat in demand.

Where It Comes From Newspaper writers recently dubbed highway 10 as the "Big Funnel" in the North Carolina booze trade, and if that be so Cleveland county, with very little paved roads, must include several important little funnels that turn traffic into the big funnel. Highway 18 stretching down from Morganton through the mountain sections of Burke and Cleveland isn't any little outlet in the outgo of mountain "caw" if the incidents recited in the Federal court rooms are true. And it's about this season of the year that little wisps of smoke begin to curl up from points here and there in the valleys and coves. That means activity later on the highways—and perhaps activity a little later in one of the big institutions at Atlanta.

Judge Webb in his former appearances in Federal court here has spoken of his regret that liquor is made in about the most beautiful mountain section in Eastern America—and after speaking his regret he usually does his bit well in eradicating the industry.

Converse Glee Club Is Coming

The Converse College Glee club, will appear in recital at the Shelby High school auditorium under the auspices of the Junior class on Friday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock.

The program is divided into two parts, solos and choruses. There will be first sopranos, second soprano and altos. The selections of the whole program will be varied. C. special interest will be the solo artists, Glenn Crowder, Stable baritone and Peggy Thompson, a year-old violinist, who has delighted quite a few radio audiences with her skill in playing.

The club is under the direction of the following officers: Glenn Crowder, Stable, director; Mab Stewart, president; Clare King, business manager.

The admission for school children is 35 cents the general admission is 50 cents.

Store Assigns But Will Pay Creditors

Justice and Dellinger who operate a grocery store on N. LaFayette street made a voluntary assignment this week and Mr. John S. McKnight was named trustee. The store will continue to operate for a week or few weeks for the benefit of the creditors and Mr. Rodney Hamrick has been placed in charge. Mr. McKnight says most of the creditors are local wholesale firms and that the liabilities are estimated to be \$3,000 while the assets are about \$4,000. It is expected, therefore, that all creditors will be paid in full.