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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

WED. MARCH 30, 1927.

**TWINKLES.**

A warning in advance: In a few days now watch how you answer the telephone, or pick up purses on the street. April 1, is still April 1.

This county manager plan may not be so successful after all. Over in Iredell it is noted that the new manager is going over the old tax books with the set idea of having everybody pay up.

Shelby is getting sophisticated. Heretofore hereabouts one of the species was always referred to as a "storebreaker," "robber," or "thief," but a nearby city credits us with having a "Yegg."

It is a little late to mention it but perhaps if this country could ship its Chinese tong wars back home some of the trouble over there might be automatically eliminated as well as a botherance over here.

Once was an epidemic of smallpox was the talk of a section. But the world moves along and it takes a real calamity to butt in the daily conversation. Physicians say that practically every section of this county has its case, or cases, of smallpox yet one hears very little of it in the daily conversation.

Watch out for another pessimistic suicide. A Baltimore writer gets sarcastic about the balmy springtime so many folks rave about. There's something wrong with a fellow who does not enjoy a mild day and a night that is cool enough to make the drawing up of a blanket a pleasure. Perhaps, though, all weather is not like that of Piedmont Carolina.

A newspaper in recently trying to stir up baseball in its town of publication spoke of the advertising qualities of summer baseball by referring to the days when Shelby and Kings Mountain, owing to their baseball activities, were the talk of Piedmont and Western Carolina. Shelby and Kings Mountain again, however will not get enthused over having that kind of advertising.

**ANOTHER COUNTY PAPER**

The initial issue of the Kings Mountain News, emanating from The Cleveland News formerly published here, coming to this desk proves to be a real newsy newspaper, well arranged, and neatly edited. Milton Tiddy, former publisher of The Cleveland News here, is business manager, and J. L. Herndon is editor.

The paper carries quite a quantity of Kings Mountain news and has a good run of advertisements. Generally speaking it is a creditable first issue.

**RUNNING THE COURTS.**

This paper has an admiration for the manner in which Judge P. A. McElroy runs his courts. There is very little by-play, grandstanding, and foolishness. Instead the court when it convenes gets down to business and sticks to it. Judge McElroy disposes of cases much like Judge E. Y. Webb of the Federal bench, and there is little lost motion and very few needless words in Judge Webb's court.

That's the proper way to operate a court and it cuts down the expenses, clears the dockets and jails. A little humor here and there entertains the gallery, but we have shows for entertainment and taxpayers who want to spend their money for shows may not care to have it spent for a lot of wasted time in a court room.

**PEACHES AND EDITORS**

At a distance one had gained the opinion that Editor A. C. Honeycutt, of the Stanley News-Herald, liked to work better than it is now revealed he does. Anyway, what about his editorial item in his paper:

"Too bad. Peaches Browning who is now legally separated from her millionaire husband, must go to work for a living. That old girl had best have held on to a good thing while she had it, for an affectionate old man with millions beats working for a living."

An affectionate old man with millions beats working for living in some cases perhaps, but much depends upon the affectionate old man and one's attitude towards work. The Stanley News-Herald editor would wager could not be bought to offer newspaper publicity for some millionaire, but still could he consider it better to press-agent a charitable, old millionaire than to get out and hustle for a bare living as most of us newspaper folks do? Not hardly, we say, knowing Mr. Honeycutt.

The Peaches affair as he puts it is not so unlike the incident cited. Of course, details may differ.

**LOSING A RAILROAD.**

For today's Star we had just written an editorial on "getting a railroad," speaking of course of our prospects of a connection with the Piedmont and Northern. Our hopes are high and we had great confidence, but this confidence is not cause us to let up in our efforts to present our claims. But before the "getting a railroad" was in type, the sad and disappointing news comes that it will not touch Shelby. New York yesterday the officials voted to build south of the main line of the Southern.

Truly it is disappointment. A railroad is built so soon we feel that our chances for better facilities are vanishing for a generation. We know some of the officials were anxious to connect with Shelby, but the evidence was against it. To come to Shelby would have necessitated the crossing the Southern at Kings Mountain and again at Spartanburg and it was this that the builders wanted to avoid. They were taking a big broad view of the matter and no doubt have had in connection with the Pennsylvania at Winston-Salem and another line in Georgia or Florida which will give a trunk road from the North to the Florida peninsula. To counteract our loss in this railroad connection, we are doubling our efforts for more state paved highways. We should lay aside all modesty, forget political aspirations and demand with every ounce of influence that we possess that the highways Nos. 18, 205 and 206 be paved their full length. This we are entitled to receive and have a better right to expect it because our money builds highways and our money builds railroads.

**GETTING JOSEPHUS WRWONG.**

Somewhere the wires must be crossed. And the result may be that Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, will have himself misconstrued in one way or another.

During the past week-end and into this week news dispatches over this state, travelling under a question mark, wonder if Mr. Daniels isn't working for a place on a wet ticket along with Al Smith. He isn't acting so dry as he once did, the dispatches add, and editorials from another Raleigh paper other than that published by Daniels are cited to show that some such is up.

Meanwhile the Hearsts papers up in New York came out last week with a secondary streamer head saying as how members of the old Woodrow Wilson cabinet were at war with each other. And therein comes the contrast of these odd dispatches: Daniels was reported to be at odds with Burleson because Burleson was showing too many wet tendencies contrary to the peace of the departed Wilson and the remaining cabinet members.

That's odd. The wires, as we said before, must be crossed, and Daniels is getting the static in the neck. Maybe some of it is because a lot of other editors never became secretary of the navy and have very little likelihood of getting on a presidential ticket in any form.

Developments on one side or the other are awaited with interest.

**EASY TO DIE HERE**

Shelby is an easy town to die in. Not that the writer has ever experienced that final thrill, but still there are occasions when death approaches one that a goodly percentage of the public seems to want to get the job over speedily and turn to something else.

In recent weeks several citizens of the town have been seriously ill. Some have died and others are living as yet, but more than likely every one of the lot has been reported dead. It would be a great benefit to the general public if someone would run down the origin of such misrepresentative rumors in Shelby and see that the perpetrator is justly punished. Not long since it was reported about town that a citizen, then sick, had died or was near death. Apparently the next person told it that the citizen was dead. The next fellow told it to a half dozen or more and they in turn spread it to their families and business associates. Within a few hours everybody in town practically knew the citizen to be dead except the citizen himself and his family. Newspaper queries brought the information that the death report was erroneous yet those on the streets could hardly believe it after hearing otherwise.

Yes, Shelby is an easy town to die in. A few minutes before you kick off—that may not be a correct term but Webster now says bump off is—someone may come in and report to you that you are already dead, or may as well be for everybody uptown thinks you are.

The occasion may come when you are the one about whom reports are circulated, or perhaps a member of your family. Remember that and the next report you hear try to verify it before passing it along as a fact. Shelby is too good a town to live in to have death passed around so lightly.

**DECAMP LOSES ELECTION FIGHT**

Gaffney, Mar. 29.—The protest of Ed H. DeCamp, editor of the Gaffney Ledger, was dismissed by Cherokee county election commissioners today on the ground that the body was without jurisdiction inasmuch as Dr. Hamrick, had already been issued a certificate of election as senator from this county. No testimony was taken, although a stenographer was present for that purpose.

Mr. DeCamp was represented by J. S. Verner, of Columbia; R. B. Bacon, of Union, and T. K. Vassy, of Gaffney, while Dr. Hamrick was represented by H. J. Haynesworth, of Greenville and W. S. Hall, of Gaffney. No recount of the ballots was requested by either party. DeCamp resting the contest upon his complaint which was served on the commissioners of election. DeCamp's counsel gave notice of appeal to the state board of canvassers upon the ruling of the commissioners.

**INVENTOR OF OCARINA FALLS 40 FEET TO DEATH**

(By International News Service) Rome.—Luigi Silvestri, the inventor of the ocarina, the humble pear-shaped instrument which has delighted or distracted so many thousands of people, has just died at Camisano di Vicenza in tragic circumstances.

Silvestri, who was 87, was called to the balcony of his house on the last day of the Carnival by an admiring crowd of fellow citizens, many of whom were playing the instrument which made him rich and famous.

While acknowledging the greetings of the crowd he lost his balance and fell forty feet into the street, dying immediately.

The combination of materials afford a new note in the spring costumes. It gives the frock the appearance of being in two pieces rather than one.

**SHEET METAL WORK**

See us for your Ice Box Linings made of good Galvanized Iron. All corners double seamed and we'll make. Can furnish on short notice. We also carry ridge roll valley tin, final, and do all kinds repair work in our tin shop. Also tin roofing, guttering and spouting. We do the best work at reasonable prices. Been in business 25 years. All work guaranteed.

**LONG'S METAL SHOP**

NEAR AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

**ATTENTION LADIES**

You are invited to a Kyanize Demonstration at the Shelby Hardware Company—

Wednesday (today) Thursday and Friday of this week.

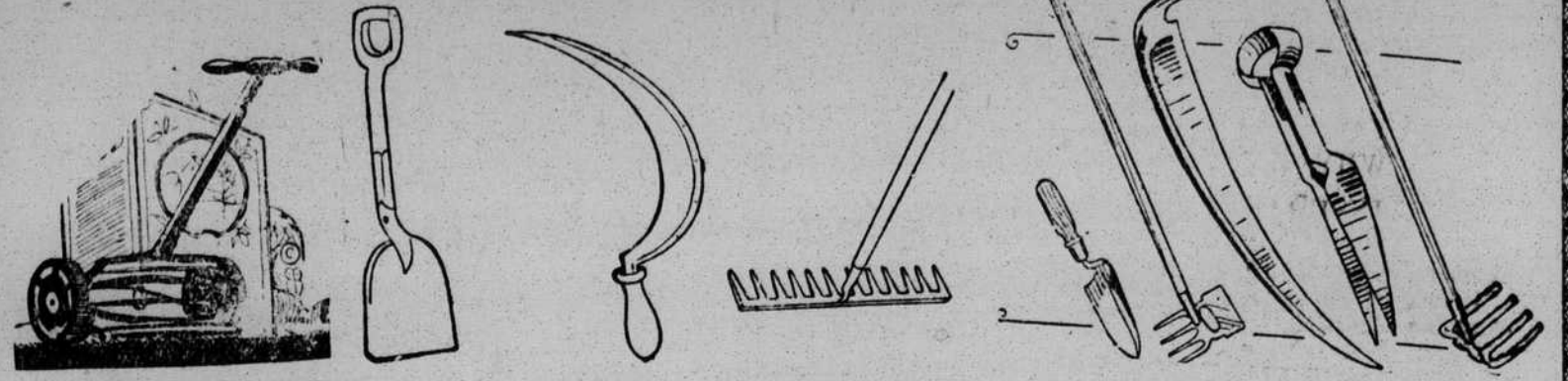
Mr. Longcoy, a factory representative of the Boston Varnish Company, makers of the well known Kyanize Varnishes and Enamels will be at our store these three days to give you a practical demonstration of what can be done with these varnishes and enamels.

**SHELBY HARDWARE COMPANY**

Telephone 330

**Hardware**

Now for Early Spring Planting



**Now Is The Time For Gardening**

Complete Line Garden Tools, Lawn Hose, Sprinklers and Lawn Mowers.

FULL LINE OF GARDEN SEED.

**FARMERS & PLANTERS HARDWARE CO.**

"The Winchester Store"—As Good As The Gun.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Shelby**

CONDENSED STATEMENT, MARCH 23RD, 1927.

RESOURCES FOUR MILLION DOLLARS

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
<b>LOANS AND DISCOUNTS—</b> The largest item of a bank's resources are the loans made to firms, corporations and individuals. Our loans are made with great care by experienced men with thorough knowledge of conditions and securities and amount to \$3,151,224.33	<b>CAPITAL STOCK—</b> Amount paid in by 120 stockholders is the Bank's Capital \$250,000.00
<b>OVERDRAFTS—</b> Credit extended to customers in the form of overdrafts. This is a form of credit that banks do not approve of and we urge our customers to discontinue this practice 1,332.32	<b>SURPLUS FUND—</b> Amount set aside by shareholders as a further protection for depositors and used the same as capital 250,000.00
<b>U. S. BONDS—</b> Bonds of the United States owned by us to secure our circulating notes 250,000.06	<b>UNDIVIDED PROFITS—</b> Profits left on hand after setting aside ample amount for interest due depositors and income tax 230,165.04
<b>OTHER STOCKS AND BONDS—</b> Investments made by the bank in Liberty Bonds and State of North Carolina Bonds—and stock in Federal Reserve Bank 40,410.79	<b>RESERVED FOR INTEREST—</b> Reserved from profits to pay interest due to depositors 31,965.26
<b>REAL ESTATE OWNED—</b> An investment in real estate, on part of which will be located the bank's home in the future and other valuable real estate in the county 74,892.00	<b>RESERVED FOR TAXES—</b> Reserved from Profits to cover Income Tax and other taxes 25,900.00
<b>REDEMPTION FUND—</b> Funds placed with the U. S. Treasurer to redeem circulating notes when presented 12,500.00	<b>CIRCULATION—</b> A National Bank is allowed to issue their bank notes if secured by U. S. Bonds to the amount of their capital stock which is called circulating notes. Ours amount to 243,050.70 Secured by U. S. Bonds amounting to \$250,000.00.
<b>CASH ON HAND AND DUE FROM OTHER BANKS—</b> The cash on hand and funds placed with the Federal Reserve Bank and larger banks in New York, Richmond and other large cities constitute the Reserve of a bank. Reserve is calculated by the proportion of these funds to the total deposits. On this basis our reserve is about Sixteen per cent of our deposits or about one-sixth as much as deposits amount to 491,735.17	<b>NOTES AND BILLS RE-DISCOUNTED—</b> At times local demand for money is heavy and the bank rediscounts certain choice notes of cotton mills, merchants and others with the Federal Reserve Bank and New York Banks. We have no re-discounts nor Bills Payable at this time NONE
The items above constitute the bank's RESOURCES, making Total Resources \$4,022,094.61	<b>DEPOSITS—</b> Deposits are funds placed with a bank either on interest or checking account by other banks, corporations, firms and individuals. The Deposit account is the life of the bank and reflects the financial condition of a community. Our total deposits amount to 2,932,024.31
	All the above items make up the bank's liabilities, making TOTAL LIABILITIES \$4,022,094.61

People often say they can not understand the usual published bank statement, so we have made the above explanation of each item, so that any one can read and understand the statement. We are naturally pleased with the showing made in this statement, under the adverse local conditions, and while not quite as large as some statements we have issued, it reflects safe, sound, conservative management, with the loan account considerably reduced. We thank every one who has helped to make possible this excellent showing of your bank.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Shelby**

A BIG STRONG, FRIENDLY, NATIONAL BANK MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM