

Old Petition in Shelby Termed Auto Of Charles Eskridge Public Nuisance, Days Of 'Horseless Buggy Contraptions'

(BY RENN DRUM)

In this day of constant honk-honking the youngest colt in Shelby does not give the noisest of flivvers one-half the attention he does to the fly he tries to switch off his back with his tail. Yet there was a day when a good many Shelby citizens termed an automobile as a "public nuisance."

Can you imagine that? Not hardly, if your years are less than 25. Yet it is so. Back in the days when the first "horseless buggy contraptions" came to Shelby they interfered with the young bucks and their courting—that is, if the young bucks themselves had no gas buccies. Just a short 15 or 20 years ago the young fellow with a spirited horse and a sporty-looking buggy—occasionally rubber tired—was the idol of the sweet young things. The more fiery his steed the more friendly did the ladies look upon him and his peg-topped trousers.

Naturally a fiery buggy horse in those days was shy of the carriage that was not pulled by a pair, and the young lady who went a-riding with her swain was more than likely to get dumped when one of the now-fangled autos came chattering and popping by. Didn't Like It.

Charles Eskridge, who today sells more flivvers in a year than a half-dozen horse dealers sell horses, owned one of the first petrol buggies to be seen in these parts. Always interested in tinkering about any type of mechanism from a rifle and telephone to a steam engine it was fitting that Mr. Eskridge brought one of the first cars to town.

Cleveland Springs, then as now, was a favorite courting ground, and after the horseless carriage had made a few trips out to the springs and had routed numerous fine buggy steeds a feeling of resentment began to arise hereabouts over the odd-looking thing he piloted and at which the horses shied vehemently—or so the story of the beginning of the automobile age hereabouts goes.

Would Bar Autos Then. The young "sparks" of the town—that was the name for the drug store cowboys and tea hounds in those days—finally got enough of having their lives and those of their sweethearts jeopardized by the horseless contraption and they circulated a petition which asked that the contraption be barred from the public streets and highways of Shelby as a public nuisance. Naturally every young fellow owning a horse and buggy signed the petition and the path of the first auto owner hereabouts became one of tribulations.

Of course, as time passed, and as it is strikingly plain now, the auto finally won the war, and today Old Dublin minds in the least to help yank a luckless motor out of a mudhole. In fact autos are so numerous these days that Shelby almost stages a pitched battle every Saturday afternoon and evening over a parking place in the business district. So numerous, too, that an auto law has been passed that provides punishment for "promiscuous tooting" of an auto horn.

But back in those days—days the boys and girls just finishing high school remember very little about—there were trying times between the buggy drivers and the first owners of the petrol pests. Many a steed has been unhitched, taken from the shafts and out to the side of the road while one of the nuisances back-fired its way by. Many a damsel, who pulled her skirts down over her ankles even more modestly than the modern damsel pulls 'em over her knees, has been dumped with her swain from a buggy overturned by a horse frightened almost out of his wits by the carriage with no shafts in front, and many a farmer has forgotten the sermon of the past Sunday and rent the air with profanity over having a load of hay, or feed scattered across a cotton patch as his team made a getaway from the new apparition appearing on the roads.

How times have changed! The Old Dobbins of today will rub noses with a radiator from Detroit, the modern girl has a fondness for snugging up in a cushion behind a high-powered motor, and many farmers haul their feed and fertilizer home on a motor truck.

Times have changed—that's all. Mr. Eskridge referring recently to those hectic days of Shelby's first automobiles recalled having a group of young swains call him up one day and ask: "Charlie are you going out in that thing this evening?"

"No, I don't think I will," the early auto owner replied. "Well, if you're not we are figuring on having a picnic and dance out at Cleveland."

"I may take a ride out later," Mr. Eskridge came back. "We'll call the picnic off then and you can have the entire road and surrounding country to yourself—and that would be the conversation. Courting that night took place in the family parlor, where Jennie and her fellow looked at the stereoscope views, or rambled through the family album, bashfully holding hands at intervals until the 10 o'clock bell hour was called.

Half Day to Cleveland. "Many a time," Mr. Eskridge says, "it took me a half day to drive my car out to Cleveland Springs. I'd get along very well until I

Union Community Church And People

Delegates Return From State B. Y. P. U. Convention—Personal Mention.

(Special to The Star.) June 27.—Our Sunday school continues to progress under the management of Supt. Geo. Gold. We have several visitors each Sunday. They are always welcome. A program for the cradle roll and home department is being planned to be given before long.

The B. Y. P. U.'s are all three keeping up their splendid work. The delegates to the state B. Y. P. U. convention college, brought back splendid reports of the work. The Union church was represented by five delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Dother Spangler, Misses Frances Mauney, Lillian McEntire and Nellie Weathers.

The new B. Y. P. U. officers have been elected for the next quarter and will begin their duties next Sunday night. The most important officers are: Frances Mauney, director; Mrs. J. T. S. Mauney, intermediate leader; Mrs. Fontz Williams, Jr., leader; Mrs. A. A. McEntire, Mrs. G. A. Greene, and Miss Evalie as junior sponsors. Mr. Lawrence Hamrick, senior president; Miss Verna Mae Mads, intermediate president. New members are being added each Sunday night. Visitors are welcome in all unions. 7:45 is the hour.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Greene and family spent the day, Sunday, with Mrs. Greene's father, Mr. Max Greene, of Shelby.

Mrs. Chevis Spangler visited her mother, Mrs. M. M. Mauney, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shuford and baby spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mode.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williamson visited in the New House steeple Sunday.

Miss Evangeline McEntire was the guest of Miss Vella Blanton.

Miss Alma Bell was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Marion Poston, over the week-end.

Miss Frances Weathers has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Yelton.

Mrs. Dewey McEntire and baby of Virginia have arrived to spend the summer with relatives.

Messrs. Ray McEntire and Bernard Mauney have returned from Roanoke, Va. They accompanied Mrs. Bonnie McEntire home and spent a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mauney and daughter, Patay, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Mound and daughters, Jeanette and Mary, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. J. T. S. Mauney.

Messrs. Curtis and Foster Powell and Misses Lillian McEntire and Mozelle Gold of New House, spent Sunday at Lake Lure and Chimney Rock.

LILY MILL DOTS ABOUT PEOPLE

Pastor Johnson Preaches Good Sermons, Rally Day Next Sunday, Personals.

(Special to The Star.) The people of the LaFayette St. Methodist church enjoyed the magnificent sermon preached by Rev. T. B. Johnson Sunday. Next Sunday July 3rd will be rally day. Everyone is cordially invited. Sunday night we enjoyed two quartets, "Here is Rest" and "Glory is Coming," sung by Miss Daisy Hastings, Mr. L. W. Warlick, Fred Hastings, C. T. Haynes, and O. M. Ivester.

On Saturday night June 25th we enjoyed an ice cream supper at the LaFayette Street Methodist church, given by Mr. W. H. Ledbetter's class. It was given for the benefit of their building and loan debt. The class made enough to clear their building and loan obligation.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Anthony and family Mrs. C. G. V. Anthony and Miss Helen Whitener, Elizabeth Anthony were visitors in Cherryville Sunday.

Miss Kathleen McCloud spent the week end with her mother Mrs. Ola McCloud of Lincolnton. Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Bivins and family and Miss Essie Wood visited her mother and father in Lincolnton Sunday.

Master Hubert Morehead is now in the Shelby hospital with appendicitis. We sincerely hope he will soon be better and back home again where he is missed very much by his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Boyd and family of Gaffney, S. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barnette Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Webb at Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers and family of Cherryville, spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. Laura Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellis, Misses Helen Whitener, Elizabeth Anthony, Evelyn Short and Ray Elton, motored to the Ellis Ferry Wednesday where they met a party from Gaffney for a fish fry which they enjoyed very much.

Miss Bessie and Harold Moore who were visitors at the home of their grandmother.

Mr. Bill Patterson, Misses Rachel Byars and Precious Stewart were visitors in Oak Grove at a singing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Mull, Mr. Pruet and Mrs. J. W. Mull spent Sunday with relatives in Morganston.

Beam's Mill Items Of Personal Interest

(Special to The Star.) Shelby, R-6.—The people of this community are very busy with their crops after several good showers of rain.

Mr. Hugh Williams, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Carrie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Philector Ledford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Ledford. The many friends and relatives will regret to learn that she is real sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Dedmon and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beam, of Feltston, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Beam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gardner.

Misses Anne and Thelma Warlick spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Wray and Maxzona Hoyle.

Miss Velva Hamrick spent Sunday with Misses Ophelia and Beatrice Hendrick.

Miss Vetus Costner and Mr. Paul Bridges motored with Mrs. Ethel Smith and Mr. Grigg, to Gaffney, S. C., where the latter couple was married Sunday.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. George Yorke will be glad to learn that their little son, Matthew, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grigg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kim Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lattimore spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamrick.

SEEK BAIL FOR SHERIFF'S WIDOW AND HIS DEPUTY

Wife Of Murdered Sheriff And Deputy Will Demand Bond Friday.

Greenville, S. C., June 28.—A writ of habeas corpus looking toward bail for Mrs. Ethel Willis and Henry S. Townsend, who are being held prisoners on charge of slaying Sheriff Sam D. Willis two weeks ago, was obtained Friday from Associate Justice T. P. Cochran by defense counsel. The writ is returnable Friday morning July 1 at 10 o'clock.

Townsend, who is now in the State Penitentiary, will probably not waive his right of personal appearance at the bond hearing, it was indicated by Colonel Alvin H. Dean and James H. Price, of the defense. Mrs. Willis, widow of the slain officer, is being held in the county jail following her arrest Thursday afternoon.

Application for the writ of habeas corpus was made yesterday after Solicitor J. C. Leatherwood had declined to consent to bail for the two defendants. He stated the state would waive no right in the case, even the four days notice on the habeas corpus proceedings. The bail movement will be strongly opposed by the state, he said. Filing of affidavits on return of the writ will bring into the records for the first time a portion, if not all, of the evidence the state has been guarding so closely. No definite knowledge has been established by the public as to what information, real or circumstantial, as possessed by Solicitor Leatherwood, whereby Mrs. Willis and Townsend are linked with the slaying.

Solicitor Leatherwood, who served with the order to show cause in the Mrs. Willis case, consented to a hearing on the Townsend papers, could not be served until today, as an affidavit has to be obtained from the prisoner in Columbia.

RABBITS INVADE NORTH CAROLINA LIKE EPIDEMIC

(International News Service.) Raleigh.—The boll weevil is not the only pest that the North Carolina farmer has to deal with. Now it's the rabbit—the ordinary, cotton-tailed rabbit that infests the Piedmont section of North Carolina.

An "epidemic" of rabbits has broken out in certain sections of the Piedmont, it seems, as a result of this, certain crops, especially the soybean crop, are seriously menaced. Complaints reaching the state department of agriculture here described conditions in certain sections of the state. Under the state law, the rabbits may be killed only between November and March 1. "The rabbit hunter has gone to work." This was the explanation one Randolph county farmer gave as the reason for the "epidemic."

MAY HAVE NEGRO TANGLED UP IN MORGANTON CASE

Hickory Colored Folks Say Picture Of Broadus Miller Is That Of Gene Martin, Which Now?

Hickory Record, 27th.—Pictures reaching here of the alleged negro slayer of Gladys Kjenaid, 15-year-old Morganton girl, have caused considerable stir among the colored element. The picture is one of Gene Martin, they say, and not Broadus Miller.

Martin lived here for 18 months while the Hotel Hickory was being built and he ran amuck of the law during his stay. At one time he was chased by the Hickory bloodhound, at another time he threw a gun on Philo Sherrill, white man, and told him to march, at another time he engaged in a brawl in "the flat," and at another time he bent up his wife and evaded police.

Dock Hill, a negro, automobile salesman of Hickory, who has had considerable dealings with Martin, was shown the picture sent out by the sheriff of Burke county which is claimed to be that of Broadus Miller. Hill said "that's Gene Martin." Several other negroes took one look at the photograph and said the same thing.

According to the Hickory colored folk, Martin is a tall, negro and Broadus Miller is a short, stocky, black negro. Some of the Hickory negroes believe that it is Martin the officers are hunting and others believe that it is Miller. But there is a great mix-up somewhere.

Motorists Have To Phone Ahead There

(By International News Service.) Topeka, Kan.—Every motorist in Kansas is a law-breaker.

In 1905 a law was passed by the legislature requiring motor car drivers, before entering a town or city, to stop at the corporation line, and telephone ahead that he was coming. This was to prepare the business men and citizens for the passage of the automobile through the streets. It was especially enacted to notify farmers who had driven their teams onto the main streets and "parked" them to the hitchracks, to be with the teams, holding them to prevent a runaway when they became scared as the bar passed by.

Strange to say, this law is still on the statute books and has never been repealed. It is sometimes easier to step into another man's shoes than it is to walk in them.



Paris Style Hints

(By Evelyn McDonald, INS Staff Correspondent.) Paris.—Fringed, tasseled and old-fashioned puffed sleeves are given special emphasis in the mid-season collections. Long silk fringes fall from the newest afternoon gown sleeves. Shaded fringes on tight sleeves gives a Spanish trend to the costume. Short sleeves made entirely of tassels are novel and very a la mode at present. Portier uses this sleeve for informal and sports dresses.

For the plain tailored gown, the long tight sleeve with tiny turn-over cuff is most appropriate. Flowered chiffons and georgette gowns usually have bell-shaped sleeves ending in deep pointed pleatings or ruffles which correspond with the trimmings on the rest of the gown. Bishop sleeves are worn by women with the slender silhouette. Save for sport clothes, one rarely sees a sleeveless daytime frock. A number of fluffy summer frocks have short puffed sleeves trimmed with bows or buckles. False cuffs appear in simple little dresses from Bernard's. Often an inch or two of the under-sleeve is left loose. Undersleeves are still in vogue. Sometimes they are merely narrow bands of georgette or crepe de chine in white or flesh color, softening the wrist line and even reaching to the elbow in some instances. Sleeves are also slit in the back or front below the elbow showing the under-sleeve, either plain or gathered, and sometimes piped on the edges showing the arm.

Embroidered sleeves give a festive air to the unadorned frock. Original sleeve designing is an art itself, for the sleeve is considered more and more in connection with the lines of the dress. Practice may not make a lawyer perfect, but enough of it may make him rich.

A Little Chat About Shoes

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This light parchment kid, one strap, fancy trim, military heel for the light summer sport dresses is a business builder. Price \$3.95



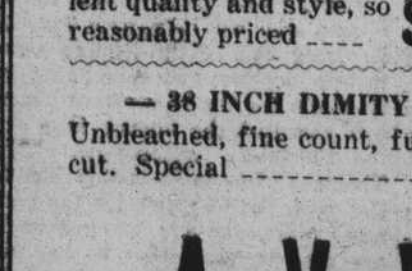
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