

SOCIETY

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News Items Phoned to Miss Roberts Will Be Appreciated

The Contemporary Book Club.

Mrs. J. J. McMurry, Jr. will entertain the Contemporary Book club Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. A. Washburn.

Social Calendar.

Thursday 3:30 p. m. The Afternoon division No. 2. of the Woman's club will meet at the club room. Mrs. Z. J. Thompson, chairman of hostess committee.

Thursday 8 p. m. The evening division of the Woman's club will meet at the club room. Hostesses: Misses Myrtle Harris and Ella MacNichols. Friday, 3:30 p. m. The Chicora club will meet with Mrs. T. W. Ebeltoft, at her home on S. Washington St.

Miss Mary Frances Carpenter Gives Party.

The lower floor of the Carpenter home on S. LaFayette street was thrown open on Friday evening and tastefully arranged with potted blooming plants, when Miss Mary Frances Carpenter gave a lovely party. Eight tables were scattered over the house, at which "bingo" was played. After a number of exciting progressions, progressive conversation and dancing were engaged in.

Miss Carpenter was assisted by Misses Virginia Jenkins, Mary Reaves Forney, Mary Ellen McBrayer and Sara Palmer in serving frozen salad, sandwiches, nuts and punch. There were about forty-five guests present.

Mrs. B. T. Falls Hostess To Chicora Club.

The handsome home of Mrs. B. T. Falls was attractively arranged with bowls and vases of galax leaves on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Falls was a charming hostess to the members of the Chicora club.

The subject of study was "Education." Mrs. Mary E. McBrayer read the first paper, "The Teacher's Point of View." "That Guy," by McGuffey was given by Mrs. T. W. Ebeltoft. Mr. Horace Grigg, the county superintendent of education, made a most interesting and instructive talk on "Some Problems of Present Public School Systems." The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Tom Eskridge in serving mousse, fruit cake, cheese balls and coffee.

Mrs. Gardner Hostess.

News and Observer. Wives of four governors of North Carolina had luncheon together Thursday at the Executive Mansion when its present mistress, Mrs. O. Max Gardner, entertained Mrs. Thomas William Bickett, Mrs. Chas. Brantley Aycock and Mrs. William Walton Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, who is visiting her sister Mrs. Claude B. Denson, in the city. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock and covers were laid for nine. The luncheon table was spread with dainty mats of Venice lace and pink roses in a graceful silver basket were central decoration. A combination of flowers in shades of rose and pink were used elsewhere in the dining room.

This was Mrs. Gardner's first entertainment at the mansion since becoming first lady of the state and she proved equally as charming in the role of hostess as in other instances.

Present for luncheon were the First Lady, the governor, Mrs. Bickett, Mrs. Aycock, Mrs. Kitchin, and daughter, Miss Musette Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, and their hostess, Mrs. Claude B. Denson, Mrs. James L. Webb, of Shelby, mother of Mrs. Gardner, and United States Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, uncle of Mrs. Gardner.

The presence of Judge Webb was coincidental in that he nominated Aycock for governor; was in congress with Kitchin and attended Wake Forest college with Bickett.

STATESVILLE RAPS YOUTHFUL DRIVERS

Statesville.—Mayor J. B. Roach has issued his ultimatum in regard to boys and girls under the age of 16 years driving automobiles, the chief executive of the City of Statesville pointing out that the state law must be enforced.

"My attention has been called to the driving of automobiles in the City of Statesville by young people under 16 years of age," Mayor Roach said. Continuing, the chief executive announced: "I want to appeal to the parents and young people to cooperate with me to the extent of stopping this driving, which is against the law, and must be stopped by prosecution, if it becomes necessary."

Parent-Teachers In Meeting Here

Newton, Blanton And Eddleman Talk. School Problem Talked.

The South Shelby Parent-Teachers association held its first meeting of the year Thursday evening in the school auditorium. The president, Mrs. Rush Padgett presided. The address by Attorney J. C. Newton, himself a former educator and talks by Mr. Marvin Blanton and Mr. S. M. Eddleman featured this meeting.

"The Present School Situation in Shelby" was the subject of Mr. Newton's address which was particularly appropriate at this time. Mr. Blanton's subject was "What Attitude Would I Take Toward the Home if I Were a Teacher," and Mr. Eddleman's subject was "What Attitude Would I Take Toward the School if I Were a Patron." Both Mr. Blanton and Mr. Eddleman presented the cases admirably. Preceding these addresses the school children presented the following program:

Song: America; First psalm, Julian Byers; prayer, Rev. T. B. Johnson; a group of song, by third grades; thrift program, by second grade; solo, Miss Nina Holt White; pantomime, Louise Whitner and Tom Kale.

Much interest has been centered in South Shelby in attendance prizes offered each month to the home room having the largest number of fathers and mothers present. The prize this month will go to Miss White's sixth grade.

The next Parent-Teachers association will be held at the school auditorium February 5. A large attendance is urged at this meeting.

Trinity Community School And Personal

Honor Roll For Second Month. Personal Items Of People On The Go.

(Special to The Star.) Trinity honor roll for second month:

Seventh grade: Betty Lee Bostic, Josie Mae Hollifield, Ruth Hollifield, Johnnie Harris, Ethel Gettys, Gaynelle McSwain, Nellie Beason. Fifth grade: J. D. Callahan.

Third grade: Anita McCluney, Mildred Harris.

Second grade: Marjorie Callahan, Cora Gettys.

First grade, sec. B: Ray Bridges, Mary Sue Harris, Helen Callahan. Section A: Mildred Bostic, Estelle Blanton, Wilbur Hollifield.

Misses Betty and Evie Beason are spending a few days with their sister Mrs. J. Butler of Forest City. Mrs. C. W. Harris and son, C. W., Jr., spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Harris.

Mrs. Furman McSwain entertained the ladies of the community with a quilting party Wednesday of this week. All enjoyed a good dinner.

Misses Vertie Walker and Mallina Jolley were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. Harrill.

Mrs. Furman McSwain and sons, Howard and Jay spent the week-end with her daughter Mrs. Ellis McWhirter of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Beason spent the day with Mrs. James McSwain, Sunday.

He Would Sure Make You Angry.

From a column by Gilbert Swain, we learn of a New York man who makes a practice of leaving behind him, in tips, \$1,500 whenever he attends a certain cafe, which usually is twice a month.

We are advised that the cloak-room girl gets \$10, the table waiter, \$20, and the head waiter, \$50. The orchestra splits \$200 and favorite entertainers get \$100 each for singing special songs. The dinner check for four people reaches upwards from \$300 and the doorman gets the last ten spot as the guest leaves.

This citizen, we are advised, "does not consider that he is playing the sucker and would fight anyone who intimates this." For our own protection, in the event that we may meet him, we hope that he does not weigh much more than we do.

1930 To Be Tough Year.

New York.—Alvan T. Simmonds of Fitchburg, Mass., predicted a slump in business throughout the nation beginning the end of this year and to continue throughout 1930.

Mr. Simmonds, who is president of the Simmonds Saw and Steel company, told the 25th annual convention here of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers association that high money rates would cause the slump.

"Taking A Crack At" Bright (?) Youngster

(Eugene Ashcraft in Monroe Enquirer.)

Renn Drum, bright young paragrapher of the Cleveland Star, quotes one paragraph appearing in Catch-All last week which said: "If I were a banker I wouldn't loan one cent of money to a Union county cotton farmer this spring," and adds—

"And now we'll make our last wager of the day: We bet quite a number of farmers in this county are very much elated over the fact that Mr. Ashcraft lives in Union instead of Cleveland, and runs a newspaper instead of a bank."

Brother Drum should have been fair and printed in his paper the next paragraph which qualified the first statement with: "Provided, however, said cotton farmer became bull-headed and wouldn't sow lespedeza or some other good legumes with which to improve his land."

I also said, and for which no apology is offered, that—

"Cotton growing counties in Eastern Carolina are in bad economic condition. Farmers in that section depend almost entirely upon commercial fertilizer to produce crops. They are going broke, and in a number of instances have ruined banks and mercantile establishments which 'carried' them."

And further, that— "Cleveland county, to the west of us, is the banner cotton county in North Carolina—50,000 bales having been produced the past season. This county, apparently, is growing cotton by main strength and awkwardness, and if the farmers of that section of the state continue to purchase high-priced commercial fertilizer instead of improving their soils by the use of legumes, they, too, will go broke."

Only recently I made a trip through Cleveland county and was amazed to see the barren lands during the winter months. By the use of legumes the farmers in that section could enrich their soils and prevent erosion of the rolling lands where cotton is now being produced, possibly at an actual loss, if methods are not changed.

Now, Brother Drum, when I talk to Union county farmers I call a spade a spade—and somehow they like it.

TWO GOOD JUDGES TEND RED PRAISE

Stack And Oglesby Courts Are Doing North Carolina Much Good.

Gastonia Gazette.

The Cleveland Star is singing the praises of Judge John M. Oglesby who has just finished a term of court in Cleveland county.

That paper is of the opinion that one of the big needs of North Carolina is for a few more judges like Oglesby. Unless more judges of the Oglesby type are put in the courtrooms we may not expect to see any halt in the increasing crime.

That is the opinion of this paper, often expressed, of Judge Oglesby, too. And there is another like him in the person of Judge Stack, of Monroe. Judge Stack, in the vernacular of the street, "holds their feet to the fire." Shrewd and skillful lawyers keep their clients as far away from the court room as they can when Judge Stack is riding this circuit. If you don't believe it, see how few cases of liquor violations come up at this term of court in comparison to the number that are brought to trial when some other judges are holding court here.

Another thing we like about Judge Stack is that he tolerates no brow-beating of the witness. Some lawyers take a keen delight in harassing a witness in every possible manner. Judge Stack allows a reasonable amount of questioning, but so much is enough and he shuts off unnecessary and useless harangues of cross examiners.

ITALIAN VOWS TO MARRY POOREST GIRL IN WORLD

Rome.—There have been several accounts in the press of the sufferings of a workman and his eight children who returned from the shores of the Black sea to Milan after many years' absence because they did not want to adopt Turkish nationality. The difficulties of finding lodgings, the way the family adapted themselves to gipsy life in a van kindly lent by some neighbors, and finally the illness of the father and two of the younger children, with consequent privations and sufferings, attracted public attention, and particularly that of a young man employed as a commercial traveler at Bolzano.

He wrote to the father asking for the hand of one of his daughters (there are five to choose from), and explaining his choice of this particular family. He fell dangerously ill, but, remembering the teaching of his dead mother, he prayed to the Madonna to cure him, promising that if he lived, he would "marry the poorest girl in the world." The young man is now attempting to carry out his vow.

Around Our Town

—Shelby Sidelights—

With RENN DRUM

OUCH! EUGENE ASHCRAFT'S, dressing down of this department in his paper, the Monroe Enquirer, about what we had to say concerning that which he said about Cleveland county farmers going broke, certainly was to the point—or as he said it, spades were called spades, be the bid no-trumps or what-not.

We made reference to the fact that Mr. Ashcraft opined that this county would go broke unless it did something more with its land than produce cotton. In connection with which he said that he would not loan a cent of money to Union county farmers unless they took better care of their land during the winter.

In giving us a slash he recalls that he once passed through Cleveland county and saw acres and acres of land lying bare and not being built up. Such conditions as that, he reminds, are not promising for the future farming industry of the county.

First of all, and with no intention of starting an argument, we would guess that Mr. Ashcraft in seeing Cleveland county no doubt saw it from the one main highway along which the best farming land of the county is not located. But, be that as it may, we suppose our land is running down for Max Gardner only decently declared that on a strip of land, which has been in cotton for 13 years, he made 30 bales this year as contrasted with nine bales produced on the same tract last year.

This colyum does not profess to be an agricultural wizard—our best recollection of actual farming on our part being the solar plexus blows we used to receive from the plow handles while plowing a new ground and the raining in of blows tendered by our pater when he overheard the remarks we made. But, somehow or other, perhaps in the density of our ignorance of things agrarian, we refuse to believe that the farmers of a county are going broke when they ordinarily sell their side-crops—potatoes, poultry, butter, and cream—each year for almost, if not as much, money as the farmers of many counties get for all their crops.

Otherwise we beg Editor Ashcraft's pardon for getting on his toes with the chatter of the colyum, for right often the ditties appearing in his column not only make good fillers for this colyum but also contribute to it much needed color, as much, we would say, as such a personality as Al Smith lends the typical political campaign.

INCIDENTALLY, THE COURT of inquiry which sits in Shelby Wednesday night determine, if possible, the most popular extract flavor with those who imbibe. Some extract manufacturers might pay well for the information.

AS A WARNING TO DRUGGISTS and others who catch their game in their business houses the colyum makes a notation of the fact that it will be against the law to catch o'possums after the 31st of this month.

THE RALEIGH WRITERS ARE making much copy of the fact that Governor Max is the state's first golfing governor. They've even learned that he and his golf pal, Representative Mull, are not prospective champions because, as Editor Beasley of Monroe put it, they bat left-handed, and left-handers in golf seldom win cups.

However, Shelby golfers, who have watched the twosome play for more than a half-decade, believe that the peculiar crouching stance used by both men for their roll-up approach shots are not to be seen anywhere else in the golfing world. Furthermore, we don't believe one will enjoy his golf there unless Mr. Mull can play in his khaki pull-over and the governor can find some wintergreen to chew somewhere about the Raleigh country club course.

NOT LONG SINCE THIS DEPARTMENT was shown up in all of its ignorance when it attempted to explain that the colloquialism "shut off" should be "shed off." Being properly called by Ebeltoft, Judge R. R. Clark and others we about decided never again to butt in on a controversy as to the origin of certain phrases or colloquialisms commonly used in North Carolina. But in his Greensboro News column Judge Clark tempts us again.

He explains that the expression "scot-free," frequently heard here-

abouts originated from an old English tax law known as "scot," an assessment on property, and when a taxpayer was exempted from taxes he was "scot free."

Topping that off, Mr. Clark wants to know how the expression "in apple pie order" originated. We'll take another chance of humiliation, after consulting Ebeltoft, at explaining.

One elderly citizen here informs that often when his mother was expecting company she always declared after getting the house cleaned up and everything prepared for the guests that "everything is now in apple pie order." From which it is taken to mean that "in apple pie order" conveyed about the same meaning as the more recent phrase "everything is set," or still another one, "we're all dressed-up and ready to go." And our idea is that the expression originated from the serving of the dessert course in the old rural days when apple pie was the chief delicacy at the conclusion of a meal. Dishes and remnants of preceding courses were removed and the table generally cleared as if preparing for another meal before the apple pie course came in. Therein, perhaps in far-fetched manner, we believe the term originated—meaning that everything was cleaned up and waiting for the event, course, or trip anticipated next.

Perhaps we're wrong. If so, it brings no new sensation to us.

Robert C. Miller Endorses Mr. Dorsey

To the Voters of Shelby: Mayor W. N. Dorsey is a candidate for re-election to the office which he now holds.

In announcing his candidacy for re-election, Mr. Dorsey said that he had endeavored to live up to his platform, had made many changes and if re-elected, he would make more changes. During his administration he has cut the debt of the city by \$12,000. Mr. Dorsey has managed the affairs of the office wisely and economically and saved the city a great deal of money. He is a splendid executive as shown by his good administration record. He possesses a high order of ability; has a great capacity for details; earnest and active in all that he undertakes.

Like a tree is known by its fruits—likewise, Mr. Dorsey is known by the constructive work he has done.

What I ask is that you vote for Mr. Dorsey.

(adv) ROBERT C. MILLER.

TRY STAR WANT ADS

Five and Ten Years Ago

The Following Items Were Gleaned From Issues Of The Cleveland Star Of Five And Ten Years Ago.

FIVE YEARS AGO

January 23, 1924.

Perry Rice, Spartanburg county youth held in the Cherokee county jail since December 2 in connection with an alleged assault perpetrated on Senator Sam C. Lattimore of Shelby on the morning after Christmas at Thickett following a collision of automobiles, was released last Tuesday under \$1,000 bond.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Aydolette died Friday January 18th at the home of her son, Dr. J. P. Aydolette at Earl following an illness of several months. She was born September 29th, 1839 and had therefore passed her 84th mile post in life when the final summons came.

D. Curtis Weathers has sold his interest in the Service Garage to his partner B. F. Spangler. Mr. Weathers for the present is working for J. W. Spangler at the Exide Battery Station.

F. Guy Hull has purchased B. Roy Wilson's interest in Hull and Wilson's grocery store on N. LaFayette street. Mr. Hull will continue the business at the same stand.

Attorney Bynum E. Weathers and Mr. J. C. Weathers returned Friday from Washington where they spent several days at the patent office in the interest of an invention of the latter. The invention, a multiple concrete mould to be used in construction work, was found to be original and the patent is now pending.

Mr. Harry Smith, service man for the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., has been in the Star office for several days installing a new Model 14 linotype machine, which is replacing the Model F installed by The Star 11 years ago that being the first typesetting machine ever set up in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Suttle have moved back to Shelby from Charlotte, Mr. Suttle taking a clerical position with the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co. For the present they are making their home with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John W. Suttle on N. Washington street.

TEN YEARS AGO

January 21, 1919.

Mr. George T. Bostic died Sunday night at 9:30 at the home of his son Mr. John E. Bostic, Bolling Springs. Mr. Bostic was about 88 years of age. The town of Bostic was named for him. He was one of the first to build in that town.

The management of the Shelby telephone exchange craved the indulgence of the public a little longer for inefficient service. Eight of the nine regular telephone girls, together with the local manager, Mr. Smith, are sick with influenza, but all are doing nicely. Night service was cut out after 11 o'clock for awhile, but was resumed last night.

Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. A. Murray, formerly of Griffin, Ga., was installed as pastor. The installation sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Wilson of Lincolnton.

Mr. Roy McBrayer has accepted a position as deputy clerk of court under Mr. Geo. P. Webb. Mr. McBrayer is from Mooresboro and has been assistant cashier of the Bank of Mooresboro.

While in Philadelphia last week, Mr. R. E. Campbell, popular Shelby merchant, was struck by an automobile and rendered unconscious. He was taken to a hospital where he revealed his identity when he regained consciousness.

The Paris edition of the New York Herald of December 18th, 1918 has the following which is of interest to Cleveland county friends: "Private first class Herbert Champion, sanitary detachment 105th Engineers, home address Mooresboro, N. C., Father Dr. C. O. Champion. For extraordinary heroism in action July 16th, 1918. When an enemy airplane dropped a bomb in the camp of his organization, killed one soldier and wounding several, including himself, Private Champion administered first aid to the other wounded, helped carry them to the dressing station, and then gave further assistance in dressing and evacuating the wounded men, never mentioning his own serious injuries until he knew that all the others had been cared for."

