

Around Our Town

WITH RENN DRUM
Shelby Sidelights

BELIEVE IT OR NOT. OR render your own opinion, but this colym is of the frank belief that the death of very few Shelby citizens could have caused a more wide-spread grief than did that of George Smyrnis, proprietor of Shelby's favorite rendezvous, "The Chocolate Shop."

Cleveland county boasts of the fact that it has a little foreign blood—meaning that developing from immigration of the last century—as any county in North Carolina, and the state has a very low percentage of foreign born. In line with that fact, Shelby perhaps has less foreign-born citizens than any town of similar size in the entire country. But regardless of that it is our firm belief that a poll could be taken of all Shelby, or could have been taken a week ago and the name of what we of a settled blend of races call a "foreigner" would have been found among the 10 most popular citizens of the town.

George was one of those fellows a man bumps into only once or twice in a life-time—a fellow who seemed to enjoy his ability to make others enjoy life. The largest truck in the city could not haul the candy George has given to the children of Shelby, and the cigars and many minor presents he has handed his grown-up friends of the city were innumerable.

It was just George's way of doing things. He made a friend of you whether or not you wanted it so, and he asked nothing in return but friendship. Very few of those many friends George made during his life here ever lay in a hospital for any length of time without receiving a basket of fruit or flowers from the big, joyful Greek.

Just what Shelby thought of George, and what George thought of Shelby was indicated by the mass of flowers which yesterday surrounded his casket, and by George's own request that by no means should his friends permit him to be buried anywhere but Shelby.

Somehow we get a bit of pleasure out of believing that George, where ever he may be today, is seeing the flowers his American friends are heaping about his remains and the tears they are shedding over his death. We know it would make him feel good.

And "furriner" or no "furriner"—and George several years back became a naturalized American citizen—enough Georges with big hearts and square-shooting friendly ideas would make an altogether different country of this land of ours which we are so fond of telling the world is stocked with Anglo-Saxon blood.

It isn't the blood that counts; it's the life-pump, the heart, that sends the blood flowing along.

We sadly doff our hat to the memory of a princely fellow—and

who knows but what "George of the Chocolate Shop" had the blood of princes coursing through his veins?

NOT LONG SINCE THIS DEPARTMENT listed Supt. I. C. Griffin as a man who is fond of reading detective stories. In doing so we might have added numerous others, such as Ebeltoft, R. L. Ryburn and many more who select detective fiction when they get ready to read.

Incidentally, Mr. Griffin tells us how he came to start reading detective stories.

Back during the last illness of Woodrow Wilson the newspapers carried a dispatch in which it was stated that right up to the last Wilson had several chapters of detective stories, his favorite fiction, read to him daily when he was able. And the dispatch mentioned that his favorite bit of detective fiction was the "Middle Temple Murder." Mr. Ryburn, always on the hunt for new and entertaining reading material, immediately ordered a copy of the book. He was fond of it, and he loaned it to his friend, Mr. Griffin, and the school superintendent was also fond of it.

And, so, they've been reading detective stories ever since.

A HEADLINE INFORMS THAT Shelby is considering a municipal gas plant. What with Shelby being such a political town we cannot understand the need of importing any of the manufactured product.

THIS IS GEORGE WASHINGTON'S birthday and along with thousands of other Americans this department considers him our greatest historic idol. But at the risk of being beheaded or deported we venture to express our opinion, and that is that we have never been able to digest that legendary yarn that The Father of Our Country never told a lie—not a single, little, innocent falsehood.

But, of course, we shouldn't utter such. That cherry tree story has had as much to do with bringing up American youth in the way they should go as have the frightful stories about "the bogey man" get you, if you don't be good."

GOVERNOR GARDNER HAS said, according to the news dispatches, that he isn't going to appoint any Shelby men to office while he is Governor.

Now, we wonder if there were any disappointed faces about Shelby when that line was read?

IN CONCLUDING FEAST YOUR eyes on the following verse, entitled "From the Verse of Sen Sen," by O. J. in the Greensboro News:

Yore cheek's ez soft as a dew-wet rose,
Yore blushes come an' go;
Yore hand's ez cool ez a puppy's nose—
Oh, gal, I love you so!
Yore eyes is bright ez puore star-

PEGGY ONCE WAS IGNORED BY MEN

Peggy Hopkins Joyce—the same Peggy who has married three millionaires and a count in her vivid stage career—was wandering down Broadway 10 years ago, broke, hungry, wearing the one shabby suit she owned, and trying to find a job as a shop girl!

This is the story revealed by the orchid-like Peggy herself in her diary which is being published in the Current issue of Smart Set magazine.

It was after Peggy, still in her teens, had run away from her second wealthy husband, Sherburne Hopkins, Washington society man, following a quarrel. She decided to go on the stage, she relates, and came to New York, registering at the city's swankiest hotel until the management found she had no money. Within a few days she herself lacking even a place to sleep.

"As I walked down Broadway, if a good-looking man had smiled and asked me to go to lunch with him, I think I would have gone. But none of them even looked at me," confesses Peggy, and adds, "I guess I must have looked pretty bad."

"I went to the stage door of the Palace theatre, and the doorman said, 'What do you want?' in a gruc tone. I said, 'I want to see the manager.' He answered, 'So would a lot of people. What do you want with him?' 'I want a position on the stage,' I said. 'You can't get a job acting like that,' he said. 'You must see an agent, and you'd better give him plenty of pictures and a good stall!'"

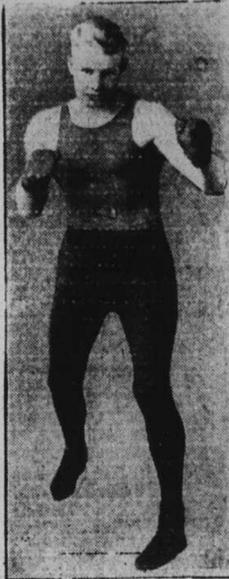
"I was really desperate, and next was so tired I thought I would get a job as a saleslady maybe, and go on the stage later. But when I went in I was too scared to ask for a job, so I just sat there and looked. I was so tired. Finally a lady came from the back of the room and asked if I wanted to order anything."

"I could not answer her, so I burst into tears, and the lady said, 'You poor kid, come inside and tell me all about it.' She took me in her office and before I knew it I was telling her the whole story."

"I am Madame Frances," said the lady, "and you are a beautiful little thing. I am going to fix you up with everything you need and some money to pay your hotel." So she gave me a new dress and underwear and \$10 and took me back to the hotel. She said, 'Now you wait here until I telephone.'"

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When love sets them a-flame;
Yore lips is pink ez a postage stamp
And tastes almost the same.
Yore neck onto this neck o' mine
To fit I've long bin cravin';
But I'll wait a spell, fer I know plumb well
Hit needs a bit o' shavin'.

Roberts To Face Roper In Big Bout



TERRY ROBERTS



BAXTER ROPER

The best boxing program of the season is on the bill for fans of Shelby and surrounding section here Saturday night when Terry Roberts, the big blonde man mauler from McAdenville, takes on Baxter Roper, once known as "John the Barber" of Columbus, Ga., in a 10-round bout.

The semi-final will find Big Joe Singleton pitted against Ralph Hood of Charlotte. Hood, a husky slugger, scored a third-round knock-out of a Florida fighter in Greensboro one night this week and hopes to repeat on the Shelby High athlete.

The preliminaries of the bout, which is sponsored by the Warren Hoyle post of the American legion, and matched by Arthur Sides, will see several local favorites such as "Babe" Carr, "Stump" Braswell, Crown Lind, and others in action. There will be 42 rounds of boxing,—provided, of course, that all the boys end their bouts on their feet instead of on their back.

BAPTIST CHOIR WILL MEET HERE TONIGHT

The regular weekly choir rehearsal of the First Baptist choir will be held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, W. Marion St. this evening at 7:15 o'clock. Mr. Eason, the director, requests a full attendance. The Easter music as well as the music for the opening of the new church will be rehearsed.

Star Advertising Pays

LOSES LICENSE FEE AS COPS TAKE BRIDE

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—L. F. Halcombe today was minus both a bride and a \$4.25 marriage license fee.

While the prospective groom was obtaining the license yesterday, officers departed with his would-be-bride, Miss Ruby Smoke, for Montgomery, Ala., where she is wanted on a forgery charge.

A Premium On Half-Pints.

(From The Wall St. Journal.) A new system regulating the paying of fares on New Jersey bus and trolley lines, is the latest attempt of officials to curb constant arguments arising between the conductors and the passengers, concerning the age of the children. Heights and not age is the point emphasized in this new dealing with passengers. Accordingly, a measurement of 35 inches has been marked off on the floor of 35 inches has been marked off on the door of the bus and trolley. All of those able to pass under this mark regardless of age do not have to pay fare.

PUBLICATIONS OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior court, Marjorie Heavner Towery, vs. Arthur Towery, to Arthur Towery, Defendant: Take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court against you for divorce absolute, on grounds of separation for more than five years, that the said summons is returnable before the Clerk on the 7th day of March, 1929, when and

where you are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief prayed for will be granted.

This the 2nd day of February, 1929.

A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION.

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court. Memie Cook, Plaintiff, vs. A. R. Cook, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled

as above has been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce absolute on statutory grounds.

The defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, now on file in my office, in this section, on or before the 11th day of March, 1929, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 4th day of February, 1929.

A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court.



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