

Around Our Town

WITH RENN DRUM
Sidelight Of Shelby

COULD YOU BELIEVE IT IF WE WERE TO TELL YOU THAT a Shelby boy is reported to be a general in the rebel army in the Mexican revolution?

Ordinarily this department and the average citizen hereabouts (we're just about average, or almost average) cares little about Mexican revolutions because they bob up too often to be exciting. But with the report that a Shelby boy, is one of the generals with a string of medals on his coat front we are watching the newspapers daily to see if we can tell just which one he is, since it is said that he goes by one of those yard-long Mexican names.

Anyway, the story is that a certain young Shelby boy, who has had several years of experience in the American army and is of an adventurous disposition, not long since joined up with the rebel forces and was made a general because he knew more about military drill than the average commander-in-chief in Mexico does. We can readily believe that having seen a Mexican company on the march one day in the bygone past, and what a straggling bunch it was! It resembled somewhat, and looked just about as much like a military maneuver, as the uptown baseball fans of Shelby strolling over to the city baseball park in hip-hazard fashion when a good summer game is on. In fact, the more we think of the comparison the fonder we are of our ingenuity, for just about like one Mexican soldier jumps out of line and runs up to a soldier ahead and tells him if they win today they get an extra pot of chili con carne, so does one of the baseball fans take a hop, skip and jump to reach the fan ahead and tell him to watch so-and-so hit that old apple today.

So, as we say the report about the Shelby boy is not so fantastic as it may seem. It could be true. And what makes it easier to believe is another report that the youngster after serving several years in the American army wandered into Mexico a year or two back and served in the regular army of whoever happened to be president and next dead man of Mexico at the time. With all that experience he should make the rebels a blooming good general.

But, Oh Boy,
And if the rebels should happen

to win it could be that that same Shelby boy, all other reports being true, might be the next president or king of the ever-warring Mexicans. But we are not hankering for that honor to come to him, for he will sure enough take a big chance of being plugged then.

"DOC" CAROL MOWER DENNIS, pill-roller extraordinary at Steve's drug emporium, seems to have support in his contention that the college professor was wrong when he declared that snakes did not hide their young in their mouths in time of danger.

Seeing Is Believing
"That fellow's all wrong. He may know what the snakes are supposed to do, but I can see, and I have seen it."

The pharmacist recalled having seen a rattler down on the Mexican border take its young in hiding by the mouth route when human footsteps approached.

And now comes a scoutmaster from down east who writes an open newspaper letter to Mr. Brimley declaring that while at camp with some Boy Scouts he came upon a chicken snake and was lecturing to the boys about the snake, when one of the scouts hit the reptile with a stick and eventually killed it. An examination revealed, he said, that there were six small snakes in the big snake's mouth.

Book knowledge is right important and usually is correct, but nature and actualities at times refuse to follow the books.

Out upon the farms of Cleveland county we believe there are any number of men who have seen

snakes take their young in mouth when frightened. Now, if they care to take time to relate the incidents, we'll prove that the entomologist is slightly in error about debunking all the snake stories. (An entomologist, y'know, is a fellow versed in entomology, or the department of zoology treating on insects.)

DOWN AT GREENSBORO, WE read by the papers, the newspaper boys are being given heck by some whites and some blacks because they will not put the title "Mrs." before the names of colored women, and the title "Miss" before the name of colored girls. At which time it might be opportune to inform, without taking part in the controversy, that in Shelby the one and only city directory lists married colored women as "Mrs. So-and-So."

That information, y'see, might ten to do add to the population of Flatrock, Freedman, and Red Row. And, then, it might not.

"AND WHILE YOU WERE writing about the new city directory" comes a message to the column, "is it possible that you overlooked the fact that your friend's place of business is listed as 'Ebeltoft's News Stand, 9 S. Washington?' When did the bookstore philosopher move from Warren street where he has been located to these many years?"

So, we suppose it is up to the bookstore sage to depart his location next door to Jim Austell's tontorial and bobbing parlor and move where the directory says he is. That's the only solution we know, for what is written is written.

Just One "Hard 'Un."
In that connection another reader points out that there are two C. H. Hardins listed in the directory. And to that we would say that no doubt there are two C. H. Hardins in Shelby, but we'll wager a brown derby and an Al Smith auto tag along with several auto stickers that Shelby has only one "Buck" Hardin.

And for that matter, if you have not read the directory from cover to cover, Shelby has two Max Gardners, except that one of them is living in Raleigh now. When he is in Shelby his home is on South Washington street, while the other Max Gardner lives at 78 New Village.

Of course it isn't in the directory but the column recalls that there is still another Max Gardner, and perhaps several more, living in the county. The one we have in mind is a young fellow up the

Beams Mill-Lattimore way, who several years back was winning oratorical and writing prizes in schools.

All Know Him.
Another close reader tips us off that the directory records that Moses George, the wholesaler, has a son by the name of "George George." Nearly all Shelby knows that, for Georgie Lee George is a brother of the inimitable Alex George, a former character about Shelby high and now a student at Duke university.

"Mr., If You Please."
And in our own examination we note that Charles Lorenzo Keel II, The Star's demon linotyper and Shelby's titian-haired Eddie Cantor, is one of the few people whose name in the directory carries with it the title "Mr." But it would be just like the second Lorenzo to tell the directory compiler when the latter came along that his name was "Mr. Keel."

At this point we'll drop the directory topic for the time being, but it makes good "fill-up" matter and perhaps some of our other readers will discover something therein to comment upon.

BEAVER DAM DOTS OF CURRENT NEWS

Large Crowd Attends Double Shoals Meeting—Jarrett Goes To Red Springs.

(Special to The Star.)
Our pastor brought us a wonderful message last Sunday, taking as his subject "The Church." A large crowd was present for both Sunday school and preaching.

Our weekly teachers, and officers meeting met with our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Putnam last Friday night at their home in Shelby. Our pastor taught the lesson and gave us a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all present. After the lesson period was over a delightful social hour was spent. Mrs. Putnam assisted by Miss Libby McCurry served fruits to her guests. The hour to say good night came all too soon.

A large crowd of our officers and teachers attended the Sunday school meeting at Double Springs last Sunday afternoon. Each and every one received an inspiration and blessing from this meeting. The following were among those present: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Furman McGinnis, Misses Faye Glasco, Ethel Humphries, Mertie Bridges, Hannah, Nancy and Libby McCurry, Messrs. B. B. McSwain, Fletcher McGinnis, Ralph Callahan, Hoyt McCurry, Bill Glasco, Albert and Broughton McGinnis and Schimen McSwain.

Rev. D. F. Putnam has been conducting a study course in the S. B. Y. P. U. this week teaching the B. Y. P. U. manual. Much interest has been taken and the meetings have been worth while. It is sincerely hoped by the president and various officers to be able to reach the standard by having this course. The union is progressing nicely and we hope for them great success.

The Jr. B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely. The children are manifesting very much interest in their work. They hope to have a study course in the near future.

Miss Mary Sue Belle of Shelby spent Monday night with her cousin Miss Faye Glasco.

Mrs. Martha Jarrett has been sick. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery. She is at the home of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Blanton attended a birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Blanton's aunt near Rutherfordton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hensley of Dover visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ellis Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edna Brooks spent Sunday with Miss Ida McCurry.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jarrett and children of Cherryville visited Mr. Jarrett's mother Mrs. Jarrett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCurry Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman McGinnis visited Mrs. McGinnis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ellis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jarrett were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCurry and family Sunday. They left Sunday afternoon for Red Springs where Mr. Jarrett is connected with The Charles Mill Co. recently purchased by Mr. J. R. Dover and associates. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett expect to move right away.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Potat has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Humphries this week. Mrs. Humphries has been right sick but is improving we are glad to note.

Mr. J. H. Morgan received a message Wednesday morning that a brother of his was seriously ill at his home in Greenville. Mr. Morgan and son, Harrison, left immediately to be at the bedside.

Mrs. J. L. McCurry is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Short, near Kings Mountain.

Mr. R. W. McCurry and daughter and son Nancy and Dan accompanied Mrs. McCurry down to Mr. and Mrs. Shorts and stayed a while Saturday afternoon.

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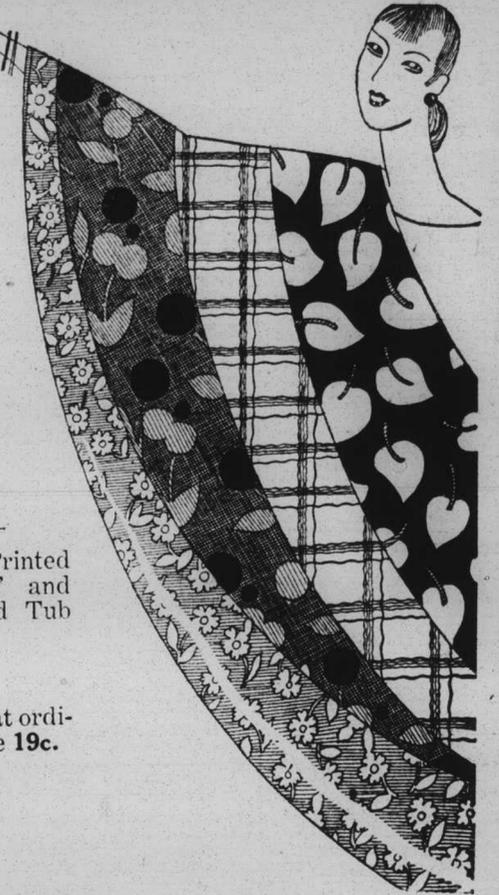
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