

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

IN THE NEWS COLUMN OF THE STAR WE NOTE THAT 230 young boys and girls of Cleveland county will this month receive their high school diplomas, and, somehow or another, we hope every one of the 230 will feel that their diploma, representing a grind all the way from the multiplication table through geometry, will feel as important and worthwhile as did the one the proprietor of this column received, and with that the memory drops back to the period when this country was getting tangled up in the greatest of wars to date.

The wish is born of the knowledge that a high school diploma never seems of half as much value in life as it seems to the bearer. In the fall of 1917 this column pulled on a long pair of trousers, snatched off a telephone receiver and nervously asked the one and only girl, at that time, about attending the final exercises with a GRADUATE. She agreed, and Nero never anticipated a night

## WEAK AND THIN

Virginia Lady Was Just Dragging Around. Health Improved Steadily After She Took Cardui.

Bristol, Va.—"I was just about down in bed and so weak I was past going," writes Mrs. Jennie Goodman, of 118 Portsmouth Avenue, this city. Mrs. Goodman says her family was very uneasy about her condition, as she seemed so weak and thin.

"I ached all over," she explains, "and my back and sides hurt most of the time."

"I dragged around, and did not see a day of good health."

"I went to call on one of my neighbors, and she remarked about my looking so bad. She told me to get a bottle of Cardui and take it. Next Saturday night, my husband brought it home to me."

"Before I had taken Cardui a week, I was feeling much better. I continued taking it for awhile, as my health kept on improving."

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equal to that one when he visioned his fiddling while Rome burned. Eventually the rather swell-headed graduate and his girl reached the school building. Then came the exercises, and the sheepskin of sheepskins. But when the exercises drew to a close the GIRL had already left for home in company with one of the boy friends, who failed to pass his final examinations. (Since that time, by the way, he has amounted to something.) But that bit of byplay brought the first intimation that a high school diploma isn't all it is cracked up to be. Nevertheless, we were of the opinion that all a high school graduate had to do was to march out, catch the world by its tail, give it a few twirls, and tell John Deo Rockefeller to keep his mouth closed until some one spoke to him. So, that night, foiled in a love affair (and a love affair at 14 is serious business at the time) we stole out of the kitchen door and left home.

From that day until this we've been paying for our own meals and our own clothes, and the flashing of our high school diploma upon every prospective employer has brought nothing better than a cynical smile. During that period we have washed dishes, swabbed decks of coastwise steamers, hunted West Virginia moonshiners with "revenoo" officers, written insurance, did the "one-two-three-four" for Uncle Sam, slept in box cars and on park benches with men of the type Jim Tully writes about, have interviewed senators, governors and a couple of presidents, but in it all we've failed to find a single, blooming person who gave half of a rap about seeing our high school diploma.

Some several years ago while gazing at a Christmas tree through a lighted window from a snowy street, hundreds of miles from what was home and broke, we struck a match to that sheepskin, which

once seemed so dear, and never have we regretted it. But, for the benefit of the 230 boys and girls who graduate hereabouts, we'll say that we wouldn't take anything in terms of money for what that high school diploma has meant to us. And the feeling that goes with getting it O-oo-o-oh! Unless we err everyone of the 230 youngsters will remember May, 1929, as long as they live. And here's luck to 'em.

ANOTHER GOOD BOOST FOR the Building and Loan business that headline in Monday's Star— "127 Residences Erected Here in Period of Nine Months."

AFTER READING CASHIER Forrest Eskridge's history of banking in Shelby the column is of the opinion that the town's most historic building must be that little wooden building just west of The Star office in which Newton & Newton, attorneys, and C. A. Morrison & Son, contractors, are now located. In it, so far as the old-timers have related, was Shelby's first postoffice (the slit in the wall for letters is still there), and Shelby's first bank.

IF GOVERNOR GARDNER'S duties of office permit, and unless we miss a guess, something will happen in Shelby on the night of May 31 that the youngest citizen of the town will not likely see again during his or her lifetime. That incident will be nothing else than the governor of North Carolina speaking to a class of high school graduates of which his own son is president. The freak of it to us is not that a governor will speak to the class, but in that a governor's son will be president of the class. The impression prevails among modern mankind that the son of prominent parents seldom amounts to anything on his own, but, as is general knowledge about the high school campus, a more admirable and energetic youngster hasn't been known about the Shelby high school in a half dozen graduating classes than the polite, intelligent, young blonde who remained over in Shelby this year, giving up the opportunity of living in a governor's mansion, to graduate with his class. And from his demeanor no one could tell but what his father was a street sweeper.

A handicap like that makes it far tougher to make friends than it does for the young fellow who has to fight his way because he must, but ask for yourself and find out how many Ralph Gardner has.

THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF talk in sporting circles as to whether or not Jack Dempsey will come

back, but, according to the latest information, Kid Hornbuckle, Shelby's own prizefighter, hasn't as yet come back to the home town.

A STAR HEADLINE OF RECENT date informs: "Democrats Done in Dixie." That was a fairly good news story last November the seventh.

SOME ONE STARTED AN ARGUMENT uptown recently as to just who is the oldest living citizen of Shelby. This department strings along with "Uncle Doc" (D. B. F.) Suttle or Mr. O. C. Sarratt. The correct information would be appreciated and may prove of news interest.

This chatter is even proving a bit boreome to us, so let's cut it off here for the day.

## SIMMONS REMAINS A LEADER AMONG SENATE DEMOCRATS

Man Condemned By Smithites Is Still Powerful In Party Politics.

Washington.—Not only does Senator Simmons retain his commitments by formal action of the senate upon recommendation of the Democratic steering committee, a group of elder statesmen who formulate and direct party policy with reference to legislation in the upper chamber. The steering committee is named by the Democratic membership and requires no parliamentary sanction or approval at the hands of the opposition control of the senate.

Membership on the senate steering committee is of particular importance at this juncture in the affairs of the party, November's result left the Democracy in a state of disruption and drift. In the Smith campaign, the candidate and those directing his fight found its expedient, as they thought, to go counter to cherished party principles. After the election, the party was completely at sea. It still has a long way to go to rehabilitate itself.

In a sense, the Democratic steering committee of the senate is the party's national governing board. It lays the foundation for the formal enunciation of policies in elections presently to come along.

It is almost ironical that National Chairman Raskob should, as he did in New York days ago, publicly announce that the future policies of the party nationally would be developed by Democrats in congress, while at the same time, almost, the party leaders in the senate were choosing Senator Simmons once more for service on the committee which will have most to do with formulating Democratic doctrine. In the campaign last year, when Raskob was the national directing power, Simmons was leading his followers in North Carolina in revolt. Today, even Raskob admits that the revolting senator will have more to do with charting the party's course hereafter than either he or the national committee.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, is by virtue of that post chairman of the steering committee. For twenty years Senator Simmons has served as a member. He probably will stay on the committee so long as he remains in the senate. Certainly, if there ever was a time when objection might have been raised to the continuance of the North Carolinian as a member, that time was at the recent meeting at which the committee was chosen. No voice was heard in protest, and, so far as known, there was not even private discussion ahead of the meeting as to what course be followed in the case of the senator who did not support the party's nominee for president.

The fact that Simmons' status as a Democrat has not been challenged by his party colleagues in congress was long ago discounted, certainly by the best-posted observers in Washington. For a time, an effort was made to make it appear that Senator Harrison of Mississippi proposed to set in motion machinery to discipline Senator Simmons. Stories along that line got into print. Few experienced correspondents attached importance to the report. Their judgment is completely vindicated.

At the moment it is of more practical importance to figure what the Democratic steering committee will do, rather than to discuss the composition of the committee. To formulate and put through a program which will have the preponderant support of Democratic members is

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Martha Canipe, deceased, late of Cleveland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me properly proven on or before the 16th day of April, 1930 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This April 16, 1929.

HOSE BEAVER, Administrator of Martha Canipe, deceased.

already proving to be a difficult task.

On the two big measures, farm relief and the tariff, there is lack of party solidarity. In the senate, most Democrats will oppose the debenture feature of the farm bill, but a group of half a dozen or more will support it. When the tariff is taken up, no more is prepared to forecast the extent of independent Democratic voting.

## Nell Battle Lewis Tells About Strike

(Nell Battle Lewis in News & Observer).

Especially during the last three administrations the record of the governors of North Carolina in dealing with mob violence in the state has been good. Most of the mobs which they have had to quell have been bent only lynching, generally some negro. The admirable Bickett was the first governor to meet a mob face to face and disperses it, which he did in the case of one which was attempting to lynch a negro held in the Wake county jail.

Governor Gardner came into office with this good record to uphold. Early in his administration he is put to the test by having to deal with the mob that wrecked the supply store of the strikers at Gastonia. His proclamation denouncing it is what the state expected, and immediate investigation of the violence and prosecution of its perpetrators, which he has promised, were equally expected of him. This investigation has begun.

Responsibility for maintenance of order in the Gaston strike area now rests peculiarly with the governor, not only because the Gaston authorities apparently are unable or unwilling to maintain it but because with unfortunate precipitance at the outbreak of the strike he ordered state troops to the scene of action. These troops were necessary and singularly ineffectual except to increase bad feeling, and their hurried dispatch to Gastonia placed the governor in a light

which, I trust, is false.

It immediately suggested his sympathy with the mill-owners, a suggestion which, although it may have been groundless, was especially unfortunate since the governor himself is a mill-owner and hence, in his private capacity, a member of the warring groups.

His position, admittedly, is difficult. Yet it is needless to call attention to the fact that though he might own a thousand mills he would be for that reason no less the governor of all the people and properly no more the instrument of any group. He came into office with unusual popular goodwill which the state, equally with him, is anxious to maintain. Many of his friends watch his attitude toward the Gastonia situation with the deepest interest, and look to him to redeem his initial blunder by using all the weight of his office to secure justice for the strikers and the conviction of their lawless foes.

When the supply of its product runs ahead of the demand a corporation establishes the five-day week on account of its keen interest in its employees' welfare.—Ohio State Journal.

## FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman in Ward 4 in the city election to be held May 6.

Z. J. THOMPSON.

## NOTICE

North Carolina, Cleveland County In Superior Court.

W. A. Beam, Executor of the Estate of J. F. Beam, deceased.

vs. Eugenia Beam, widow; Claude Beam; Mamie Daniels and husband, F. R. Daniels; W. A. Beam and wife, Helen Beam; Ethel McGee and husband, Sproles McGee; G. R. Beam; and Lois Stainback and husband, Banard Stainback.

The defendants, Mamie Daniels and husband, F. R. Daniels; Ethel McGee and husband, Sproles McGee, will take notice that an action, entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina. Said action being brought by the

executor of the estate of J. F. Beam to sell certain timber from the lands of said J. F. Beam for the purpose of providing funds to pay the indebtedness against said estate.

And the said defendants, above named, will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk superior at his office in Shelby, N. C. on or before the 27th day of May, 1929 and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiff or the relief asked for therein will be granted.

This the 23rd day of April, 1929. A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court. Peyton McSwain, Atty.

## CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

State of North Carolina, Department Of State.

To all to whom these presents may come—Greeting: Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Paragon Furniture company, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated at No. 3 LaFayette street, in the City of Shelby, County of Cleveland, State of North Carolina (M. A. Spangler being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this certificate of dissolution:


Now therefore, I, J. A. Hartness, secretary of state of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 22nd day of April, 1929, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1929. J. A. HARTNESS, Secretary of State (Official Seal) 41-24c

For Mayor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Shelby, and pledge the citizens of the community that if I am elected I will endeavor to perform my duties impartially and give the people the very best services of which I am capable.

ENOS L. BEAM.

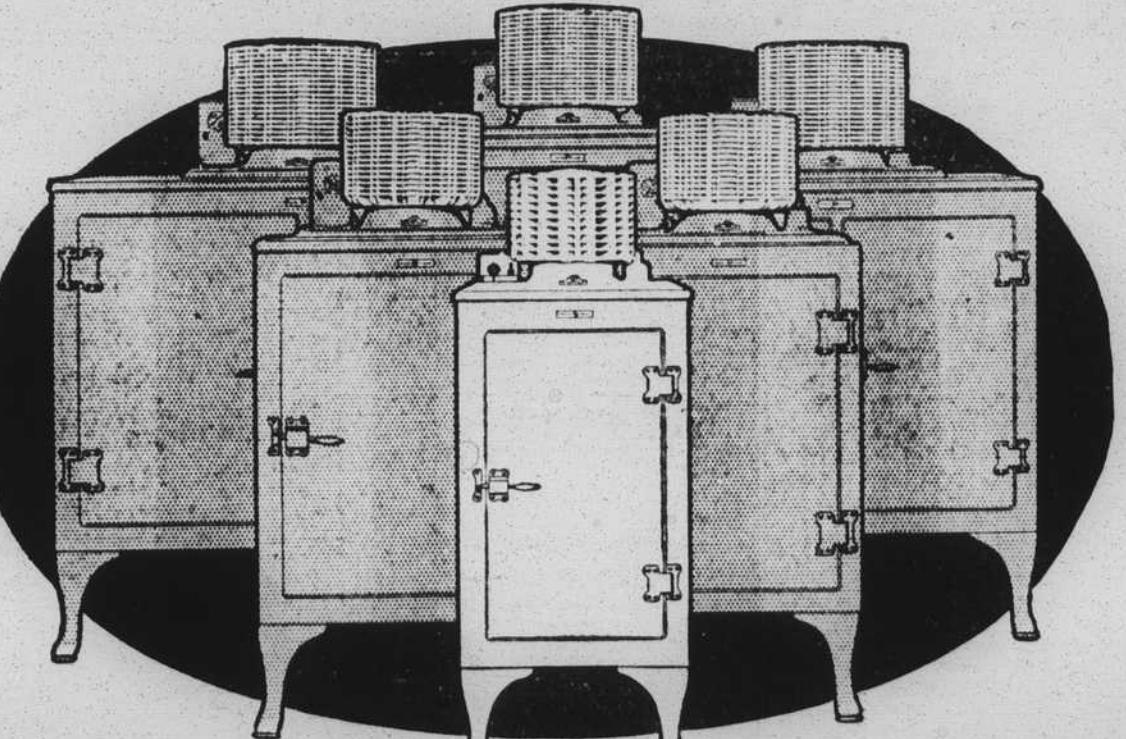


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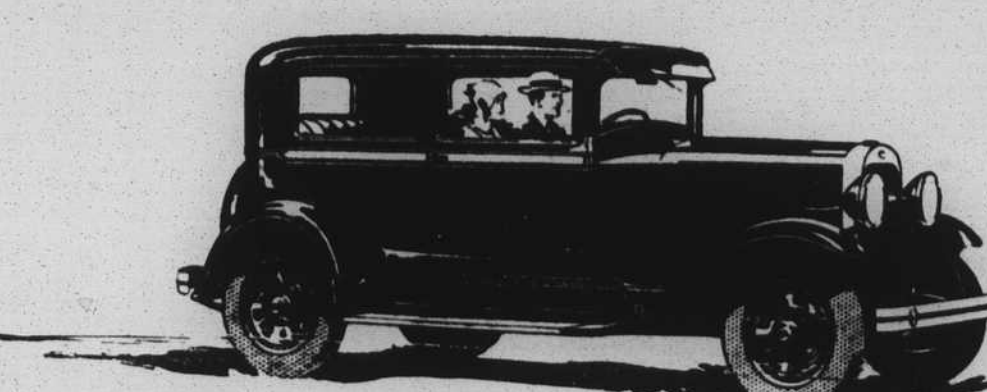
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