

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

In his talk before the Shelby Rotary club recently Prof. W. E. White used a descriptive term often heard in the old days and still heard quite a bit in the rural sections. In telling of a certain pioneer in the early days of Cleveland county, Prof. White said "he lived at home and boarded at the same place."

Most of those who have lived three decades have heard the expression, while the majority of the older folks have heard it so often and interpret the meaning so readily that they seldom think of its origin or original meaning.

Our idea of the meaning of the term is that it coincides with the ambitious slogan of nearly every farm agent in America, that of having the farmer first of all produce his own foodstuff and the feedstuff for his livestock. Originally the expression likely conveyed the knowledge that the person spoken of produced the food at home with which to "set his table." Nowadays, and how much it is that way most of us do not realize, a big percentage of every meal, on the farm as well as in the city, comes from the store or the delicatessen. The farm boy of two or three decades back never knew what it was to carry anything home to eat from the store, but it is different now.

The expression, "live at home and board at the same place," may be applicable to a great number of people today in that those referred to are prosperous enough to go out and purchase what they may need, but very few of them produce the board as they did in the old days, and for that reason we are of the opinion that the expression, in its original interpretation, is just these days. Perhaps we err in the prediction and also in defining the phrase. If so, some of the old-timers are free to prompt us.

### SPEAKING OF PHRASES AND WORDS.

R. R. Clark, the Greensboro and Statesville editorial writer, is troubled about the southern pronunciation of "reckon" and calls upon this department to consult Ebeltoft, termed the "Shelby lexicographer" by The Greensboro News, as the proper, or rather the prevailing Southern pronunciation of the word, which, incidentally, is misused as to meaning far more than it is used correctly.

The argument originated with The Greenville (S. C.) News, which criticized stage players for pronouncing the word wrong in attempting to give it the Southern pronunciation. The News notes that the stage players say it as "reck-in," and contends that Southerners really say "reg-gun." Mr. Clark comes back with the remark that it may be pronounced "reg-gun" in South Carolina but in North Carolina it is pronounced "reckon" as is Ebeltoft, being consulted, agrees with the veteran editor that the pronunciation he has always heard in the South—Piedmont Carolina, Eastern Carolina, Louisiana and elsewhere—is "reck-on," or "reck-un," which, in the North Carolina manner of saying things is one and the same.

The Greenville writer, says Ebeltoft, "may have conceived his 'reg-gun' because some people confuse the two sounds, 'ck' and 'g,' either by speaking or hearing; but the prevailing pronunciation as I have heard it is 'reckon.'"

Continuing, Mr. Clark points out

that in the south the word is ordinarily used as "I reckon so," in the sense of "I suppose so," in giving reluctant assent to some statement or view, when really the word means to calculate or to make an estimate. Therein he is correct, but our idea is that the misuse was a natural development of the proper usage in that the misuse originated in giving assent to the calculation or estimation of another. For example: Two native citizens are standing on a street corner when they are approached by a stranger who asks:

"How far is it, please, to High Hampton?"

"I suppose it is about 70 miles," answers one of the natives, and turning to the other, "isn't that right, Bill?"

"I reckon so," or "I reckon you're right, Bob," is the reply of the other native.

In that sense "suppose" and "reckon," although misused are in reality used indirectly in connection with the reasoning or calculating of the distance.

In fiction and magazine articles centering about the New England people we have frequently read a similar conversation in which the natives use the expression "I calculate so," or "I calculate so." Whether or not the expression is typical of the colloquialism of the New England sector we dare not say, for written interpretation of such usually err, but we do know that no Southerner has ever answered "I calculate so" even though in stage plays we have heard mimic Carolinians and Georgians answering in such a manner.

### IN GETTING AROUND TO

Shelby's most recent battle of ballots we would remind, cheer up and congratulate the several candidates, both in and out, that the political game is much like the life of the elevator boy—it has its ups and downs.

### AN ODDITY ABOUT THE

election had the votes gone that way, is that Shelby could have had a groceryman's board for city fathers. In three wards there was a candidate for the board who is a groceryman, but as it happened, and things do happen that way in elections, only one of the three grocers was elected. It may be best that only one of the three grocers was elected, and that with all good wishes to the defeated grocers, for in case all three had been elected there might have been a howl from those fearing dire and calamitous things that the grocers were trying to get a monopoly on Shelby so as to run up the price of sugar and eggs. Too, our newspaper guys might have been, before many weeks passed, referring to the aldermen as Shelby's "big butter and egg men" instead of "our city fathers."

And, then, think what a hard life three grocers on the board would live with the news voters, the housewives, on their trail. Amid some important meeting of the board at the city hall the telephone would likely ring and the irate voice of a housewife inquire for one of the aldermen. And over the wire the voice might say: "Lookahere, Mr. Alderman, if the next dozen of eggs you send out to my house are no fresher than the last dozen, I'll tell you here and now that you'll never get my vote again."

It just wouldn't have done for three members of the board to have been grocers, but as it is the one grocer elected may weather the storm with the aid of his three associates, one of whom is a textile manufacturer, another a casket-maker, and the third a miller.

But that should be enough whoopee about a thing that is already history—what Shelby people will be wanting to know is the lineup Mayor-to-be McMurry will take into office with him just as the month of brides is getting underway.

## Demands Prison



According to Amo Vanvolkenburgh, top, of Kansas City, Mo., this poisoning of husbands by their wives has got to stop. He is now preferring charges against his wife, below, whom he claims tried to do away with him via the poison route. He was pretty sick for some time, but has recovered now and demands prison for his wife, who is alleged to have confessed her part in the deed.

## WOMAN LIVED AS MAN MANY YEARS

"Potter's Field" Burying Place Of Peter Straford, An Unusual Life.

Oakland, Cal.—A grave in potter's field yawned for "Peter Straford," a woman who for years masqueraded as a man, married another woman, and worked at jobs varying all the way from heavy manual labor to writing critical essays with a sufficient tint. No one claimed the body. "Peter Straford" revealed "his" secret to a physician before "his" death Thursday.

Dozens of letters found among her effects at Niles, Cal., showed glimpses of a personality deeply immersed in the lore of socialism, a cult which centuries ago arose as the fundamentalist faction of Mohammedanism. These were studied in an attempt to learn her life history.

"Peter Straford," it was believed, was born in New Zealand, the daughter of a member of the British royal guards. Several years ago she appeared in New York as Deresley Morton, writer and literary critic. And then "Peter Straford" appeared, wooing Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland as "Straford" lay ill in a Kansas City hospital. "He" and Mrs. Rowland were married there in 1925.

Some of the letters were love messages to women, some were expositions of the socialist cult and some were personal and business missives. Some of them indicated literary achievement and some were incoherent but the thick sheaf of letters found in a trunk in her hotel room cast an insight into the incredible life of a woman who for years worked and lived with men without exciting suspicion concerning her sex.

Her masculine characteristics, including a baritone voice, set her apart until, assuming more and more the habits of a man, she finally abandoned her feminine character completely and took a man's place in the world.

An Oakland employer said she was the best man he ever hired. Mrs. Rowland was located in Hollywood. She declared she had left "Straford" a few months ago upon learning the truth about "his" sex. Mrs. Rowland said she was writing for the screen at present.

### A Good City.

From The Twin City Sentinel.

The City of Winston-Salem voted \$2,500,000 in school bonds about a year ago. Only eleven votes were cast against the issue, and local people felt pretty good over that fact.

Then—the plans for several new buildings and additions were approved and contracts awarded. So it became necessary to get some money to pay the bills and the city offered \$1,800,000 of the bonds.

Ten bids were received, coming from about forty bond buyers. That showed the interest that is manifested when Winston-Salem goes a-bond selling. But of still further gratification is the price that was offered, a premium of \$1.81 per \$100. It was the best sale that any city or county in North Carolina has held in a long time, according to men in position to know.

## TARIFF BILL NOW PREDICTS ARCTIC A BRIGHT FUTURE

Washington.—In such a gossipy town as Washington, the impenetrable blanket of secrecy which was thrown around the tariff bill is a phenomenon almost as interesting to the casual onlooker as the provisions of the bill itself are to members of Congress and interested industries.

The rates of the various schedules, pending actual introduction of the bill on the floor, have been exclusively the property of the Republican members of the House formulated them.

The bill has not been introduced as this is written, and the Democratic members of the committee can only guess what may be in it. Other Republican members of the house have no information at all, and neither have the interests affected, to whom increased tariffs mean increased profits.

Producing interests back home, naturally, have been writing their congressman for confidential information about what would be in the bill with regard to rates on their schedules. Some of these congressmen have complained that they were turned down rather brutally, if not angrily, by ways and means members approached for the information.

"I thought he was a friend of mine!" more than none such congressman has exclaimed.

Old-timers on Capitol Hill say there was never a time before when there weren't more leaks from the ways and means boys, although the party in power has always tried to preserve secrecy in framing its tariff bill.

Some little flurry was caused by a supposed leak to the effect that the sugar tariff was being raised. Apparently the sugar leak really was a leak. It was the only break at any rate, in a situation which found nearly everyone on the Hill asking nearly everyone else what they'd heard about the duty changes. Nearly everyone was commissioning nearly everyone else to find out whatever he could and report back promptly—without result.

There have been all kinds of trouble over the sugar rates ever since the leak. Naturally the big sugar interests, principally American producers operating in Cuba, came rushing in on the Republican ways members and if the leak was correct then and the new duties had been fixed as reported the duties provided by the bill may be altogether different.

The incident indicates why so much secrecy is maintained. If it were all threshed out in the open there probably never would be any tariff bills. For instance, if word went out one day that the Republican members of the committee were considering rates on pottery and glass there would be 50 or 60 people taking a Washington-bound train that night, determined to exert pressure. Life for ways and means committeemen would simply become unbearable.

A tariff bill is always a purely party proposition. Minority members can only get in their digs, generally futile, at the hearings or on the floor after the bill is presented.

The bulk of the Republican members are from industrial districts and each one, naturally, has a perfectly beautiful chance to take care of his own home interests. Seven states—New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan—produce 60 per cent of American manufactured products, and each has at least one Republican congressman on ways and means.

## List Of Patients At Shelby Hospital

The following patients were in the Shelby hospital this morning:

Mr. L. C. Camp, Shelby, R-1;  
Mrs. R. W. Crowder, Lawndale, R-1;  
Mrs. C. L. Gold, Shelby, R-4 and baby Gold, boy; Mrs. Fred Jackson, Lattimore; Mrs. D. L. Troutman, Shelby; Mr. G. R. Wylie, Blacksburg, S. C.; Mrs. S. C. Parker, Earl; Mrs. T. A. White, Cliffside; Mr. Frank Cornwell, Shelby, R-5; Mrs. Ernest Jennings, Shelby, R-6; Miss Frances McArthur, Shelby; Mrs. Frank Devenny, Lawndale, Devenny baby, daughter; Mrs. W. H. Champion, Shelby; Champlon baby, daughter; Mrs. Nan Turner, Kings Mountain; Mrs. Will Leigh, Patterson Springs; Mr. H. C. Allen, Shelby; Mrs. W. F. Wilson, Shelby; Little Edna Carico, Shelby; Mr. J. L. Parker, Shelby, R-4; Miss Amanda Purdy, Shelby, R-4; Edna Huskey (col.), Blacksburg, S. C.; Mary Birchett (col.), Shelby; Fannie Jones (col.), Shelby, R-3.

## New Machinery At Textile College

Recent additions to the equipment at the State college textile school, Raleigh, include the installation of a Cooper Hewitt lighting system which has been placed in the weave room. Another recent addition has been the equipping of one of the cards with Platt's Metallic Card Clothing. This clothing was developed in France and is extensively used in Lancashire and other textile centers of the world. It is claimed that this clothing will eliminate the grinding and stripping of cards, reduce the percentage of strips and produce a card silver of greater regularity. Tests with this clothing will be made by students in the textile school as part of their regular work in carding.

## Singing Convention.

The Union Singers convention, also the South Mountain Singers convention will meet with Double Shoals church the third Sunday, the 19th day of May for all day singing. Dinner on grounds. Come on bring your full chorus or quartet duet, or any way you want to sing. Let me see you as early as you can get there. So that I can get you on the program. We are looking for a number of singers from both Carolinas. Every body invited.

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## Rum Drive On In Rutherford County

### Huge Still Taken—Many Arrests Over Week-End For Liquor.

Rutherford.—Deputies—Curtis Hardin, Roy Weeks, Ray Dalton and two citizens captured a 100-gallon capacity copper still on Rock Creek in Chimney Rock Township. It was in full blast and was one of the best outfits ever captured in Rutherford county.

Two white men were at work at the plant, which would turn out a gallon of whisky about every thirty minutes. The operators made their escape. Guards were stationed near the plan and when the officers were discovered the guards fired a warning and the men fled. Officers captured 1 1/2 gallons of whisky and about 20 gallons of beer.

A total of 22 people, including one negro woman, ten white men and eleven colored men were placed in jail here over the week-end charged with being drunk, gambling or transporting whisky.

Officers believe since the Jones law went into effect that blockaders are using greater precaution about being captured, as guards have been discovered at several stills recently.

## Group 1 B. Y. P. U. At Sandy Plains

Group No. 1 of the B. Y. P. U. will meet Friday night, May 10th, with the Sandy Plains Baptist church. This group embraces the Sunday schools of Sandy Plains, Beaver Dam, Lattimore, Pleasant Ridge, Flint Hill, Poplar Springs, Mount Sinai and Union. Miss Ruth Walker delivers the address of welcome. Miss Nellie Weathers the response. Devotional will be conducted by Miss Sue Davis which will be followed by an address by Rev. J. L. Jenkins of Bolling Springs.

## Strawberries Again.

From The Columbia Record.

South Carolina can generally go North Carolina one better. Wednesday there was published an account of strawberry No. 659 which was being produced on the North Carolina state test farm at Willard, not far from Wilmington.

Yesterday an excited reporter asked, "Have you seen the apples on your desk?" To this longing eyes the strawberries there looked like small apples. They were not only very large but very luscious. They were raised by G. A. Shilleto at his farm on the Two Notch road.

## W. M. U. Division To Meet At Casar

Division No. 6 of the W. M. U. of the King's Mountain association will meet with the Casar Baptist church Sunday May 12 at 2:30. The churches of this division are, Casar, Carpenter's Grove, Lawndale, Double Shoal, New Bethel and Norman's Grove. All young people especially are urged to attend this meeting. Interesting programs by the young people of their organizations will be rendered. Casar Baptist church extends a cordial invitation to all.

The world's best sleeper is Ralph Schluttenhofer, of Lansing. While sleeping recently someone tied him with a rope, and plastered his mouth with adhesive tape, and he didn't know it until his wife awakened him on her return home.

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## INDIGESTION

### Taxi Driver Goes Back To Medicine He Had Taken When a Boy to Find Relief.

Nicholasville, Ky.—"Running a taxi is my business, and I am called out at all times, sometimes just before meal time, and this makes my eating as well as my sleeping very irregular," says Mr. Jesse Dickerson, of 502 Central Avenue, this city.

"I had indigestion, on account of this irregularity. I would feel very uncomfortable after meals. I would be constipated and have dizziness.

"I knew I had to take something. I remembered how, when at home before I was married, my mother would give us Black-Draught, and how she believed in it.

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