

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

An observant reader of the colyum in a communication reports an unusual event he says should not be overlooked in recording the news of the day. Last week, as he tells it, he saw a two-year-old boy holding to his mother's skirts as they walked down a Shelby street. Believe-it-or-not, he was not an exceptionally tall lad for his two years, but, instead, his mother is a fashionable lady—she has taken to long skirts again in obedience to the masters of style.

And while the oddities are in order it is noted that the Cleveland county grand jury in reporting the absence of "bed bugs and other obnoxious pests" at the county home declared that there was nothing "unsanitary" in conditions there. This department ordinarily writes it wrong as do the majority of those using the term, but, if you care to delve into the matter, there is no such word as "unsanitary." It is "unsanitary."

The Boys May Drive By.
In heaven you will not see any young bare-legged girls, smoking cigarettes. We said heaven, didn't we?—Snow Hill Square Deal.

ABOUT THE COUNTY COURT
House here, where the chief amusement of officials is that of teasing each other. Clerk of Court Lon Hamrick is repeatedly razed about his fondness for ham and chicken. Last week in superior court a Hamrick was the defendant in a meat-stealing case and it was a smoke house belonging to a Hamrick from which he was accused of taking juicy hams and middlin's. Court attendants immediately began to tease the Hamrick who was clerk of court, but his explanation in reply soon ended the by-play. "A Hamrick," he said, "either has his ham, or has to have it."

Must Take Care Of The Folks.
Some weeks back The Star published a list of Shelby men whose lives are heavily insured. Among the half dozen or so whose lives are insured for \$50,000 or more was the name of H. Clay Cox, Shelby's master punster and chairman of the Republican party for the section. A day or two later a friend of Cox met him on the street and made some remark about his life being insured for \$50,000. The friend, by the way, was a Democrat.

"Well, I admit that is a rather stiff insurance policy for a man of my circumstances to carry," Cox said, "but another way you look at it, I have a wife and a large family which I must provide for, in case something happens, and when I think how many Democrats I must come in contact with in my work I



IT'S RIPPING GOOD NEWS

The dumbbells are not all dead yet; a new furniture clerk in a nearby town, when told by a prospective lady customer that she wanted something nice in oil for her dining room, replied: "Certainly Ma'am, would you like a landscape or a box of sardines?"
Another bit of good news is the records of Sinclair gas and oil. There is no other gas or oil that has established a reputation of such calibre for consistent superiority. You must use these products to be able to enjoy their advantages.

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reckon I'm doing the only fair thing by my folks."

Thus ended another conversation.

Shelby Shavings.

A Star reader who inspects Robert Ripley's believe-it-or-not cartoons in the daily papers asks that it be reported to Brother Ripley that a motorist in climbing Mt. Mitchell in his car must cross the same bridge twice while going up. And if you're a doubter, drive up and see . . . Coal dealers ought to do something about this announcement in a Shelby drug store of a Rutherford dance in which it is stated that "the hottest dance orchestra in the country" will perform for the evening, and part of the morning, too . . . A story whispered about the alleys in Shelby over the week-end had it that a certain young married lady on Halloween night dolled herself up in one of her husband's suits (he was out of town), tucked her boyish bob under one of his hats, joined in the Halloween gait around the court square and had a date with another young lady said to have been an acquaintance of her husband—the husband may still be out of town . . . Hornbuckle, the boxer sent to prison here last week for killing a man, is said to have been one of the two handsomest men ever tried in a local court. The other Adonis was sent to the roads some years back for stealing an automobile . . . Society gossip has it that feminine teachers in Shelby this year are discovering, to their grief (?), that Shelby isn't the matrimonial market it held the reputation of being when they applied to the school board, and all because, no doubt, too many teachers came here before them and practically eliminated the supply of eligibles . . . Wonder if George Gettys, Ellenboro's cotton-picking champion, couldn't go yo-yo better than Shelby's champion yo-yoer could pick cotton . . . The winning advertising slogan of last week was that "Make summer spend the winter in your home" used by a local firm in advertising a heater.

Not If He Knew It.

A naval dignitary had a beautiful daughter. A young officer, with no resources but his pay, fell in love with her and asked the old gentleman for her hand.

The father at once taxed him with the fact that he had only his pay, hardly enough to keep him in white gloves and burnish his brass buttons.

"Well, sir, what you say is true. But when you married you were only a midshipman, with even a smaller salary than mine. How did you get along?" asked the officer, believing he had made the most diplomatic of defenses. But the crafty old sea-dog thundered: "I lived on my father-in-law for the first 10 years, but I'll be hanged if you are going to do it!"

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MARRIAGES FALL OFF IN THE STATE

Marrriages And Divorces In State Drop In 1928 From Total Percentage In 1927.

North Carolina suffered a 3.7 per cent decrease in the total number of marriages in 1928 from total of 1927, according to a report on marriages and divorces for the United States, released by the department of commerce at Washington.

The report showed that 21,373 couples were united in the state in 1928, and 22,204 were married in 1927. In North Carolina there were 7.3 marriages for every 1,000 population in 1928 and in 1927 a 7.7 ratio was shown, representing a decrease of 4 per cent. The report indicated further that there were in North Carolina in 1928 13.3 marriages for every divorce.

Nevada had the greatest increase in the number of marriages, hav-

ing a percentage of 73.8 and Florida suffered the greatest decrease of all the states, with a decrease of 35.0 per cent.

In 1928 North Carolina courts gave divorce decrees to 1,609 couples; in 1927, the number was 1,642 representing a decrease in divorces of two per cent. The total number of annulments in the state was 29, both in 1927 and 1928.

Vermont led the list in the percentage of increase of divorces, with a rate of 54.1, and the District of Columbia had the record in the percentage of decrease of divorces in 1928, with a percentage of 33.8.

In the entire United States there were 1,482,497 marriages in 1928 as compared to 1,501,053 in 1927. These figures represent a decrease of 18,556 marriages, or 1.5 per cent. During the year 1928 there were 195,939 divorces granted in the United States, as against 192,037 in 1927, or a two per cent increase. There were 4,226 marriages annulled in the United States in 1928, as compared with 4,255 in 1927.

Star Advertising Pays

Young People Meet At Mt. Sinai Nov. 8

The B. Y. P. U. district meeting of group one will hold its quarterly meeting at Mt. Sinai November 8, Friday night before the second Sunday, at 7:30. The program follows: Devotional—Miss Libby McCurry-Greets, by the pastor Rev. Rush Fadgett. Response, Miss Lola Martin. Special music. Talks. The B. Y. P. U. general organization, Mrs. L. H. Ledford. What Daily Bible Readings mean to our lives. Miss Sue Davis. Special music. Playlet, "Farmer Brown's Conversion to the Doctrine of Stewardship." Adjournment.

Spindale Has Tax Of Only Ten Cents

Forest City.—At a meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Spindale, the tax rate for that municipality was lowered ten cents on the hundred dollar valuation.

York Yells Out For Pied Piper

York, S. C.—York county wants a Pied Piper, with a lute and a flute and a gay too-toot, and whatever other accessories may be held essential to ridding this town of rats.

Big rats, little rats, but all sharp-toothed rats, have been making life a misery for house-wives and store-keepers here of late. One merchant trapped over 100; others report a catch of several a night. But the rodents' raids go on. Damage is estimated in hundreds of dollars. The city council is likely to have the matter placed before it at its next meeting, it is understood.

LINDY'S EXPLORATION HAVE LITTLE VALUE

University, Va.—Dr. James C. Eardin, professor of Spanish in the University of Virginia and student of the Mayan civilizations, said in a talk here that the airplane explorations of Colonel Lindbergh of

Maya ruins, have no scientific value.

In pointing out what he said was the need of "debunking" much that has been done and said in the name of American archeology. Dr. Eardin told of several trips he made to the Yucatan to study Mayan languages. He described his explorations at Tulum, Cobá, and other ruined cities photographed by Colonel Lindbergh, which he said were represented as having been previously undiscovered by the white man or not visited by him in generations.

That a former jail-bird has a pathology for imprisoned creatures was illustrated by a St. Louis burglar a few nights ago. He took \$160 from the home of Sam Zummo and before leaving released the pet canary from its cage.

— Dr. Charlie H. Harrill —
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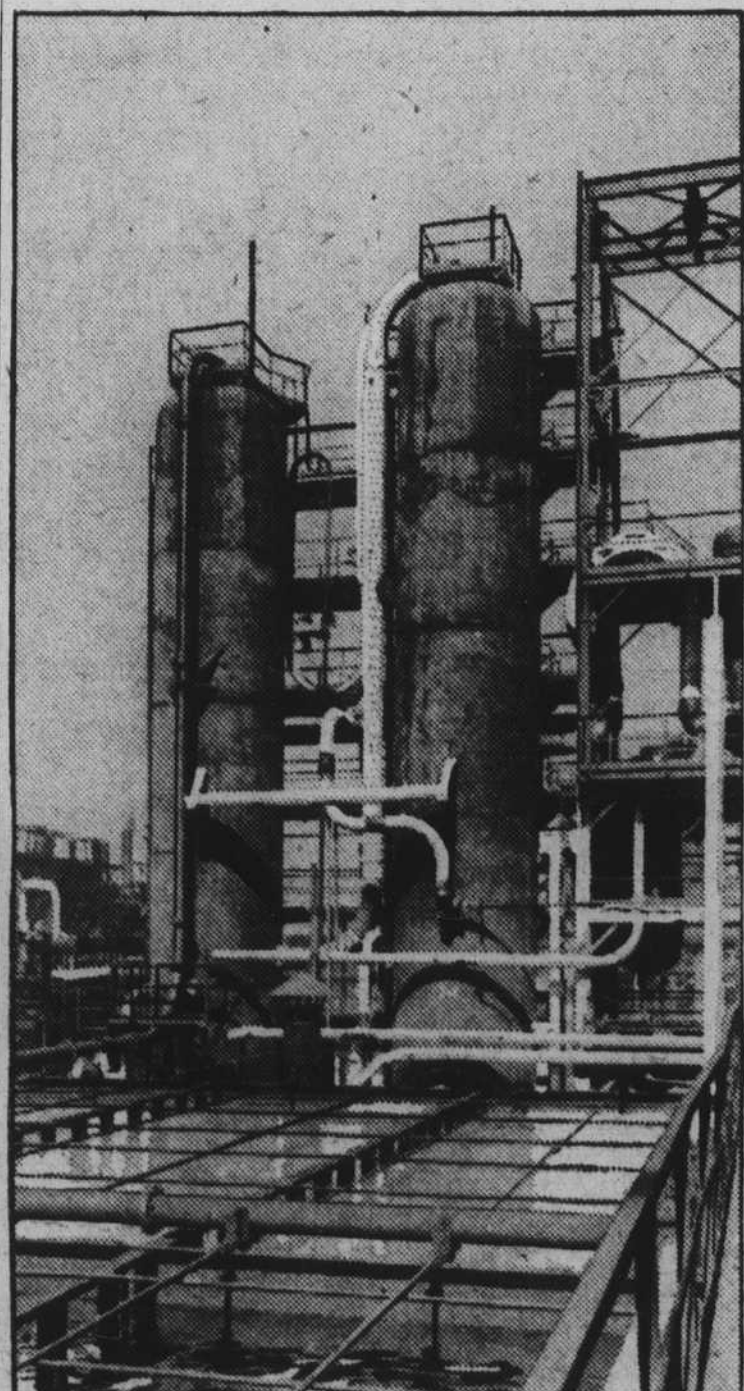
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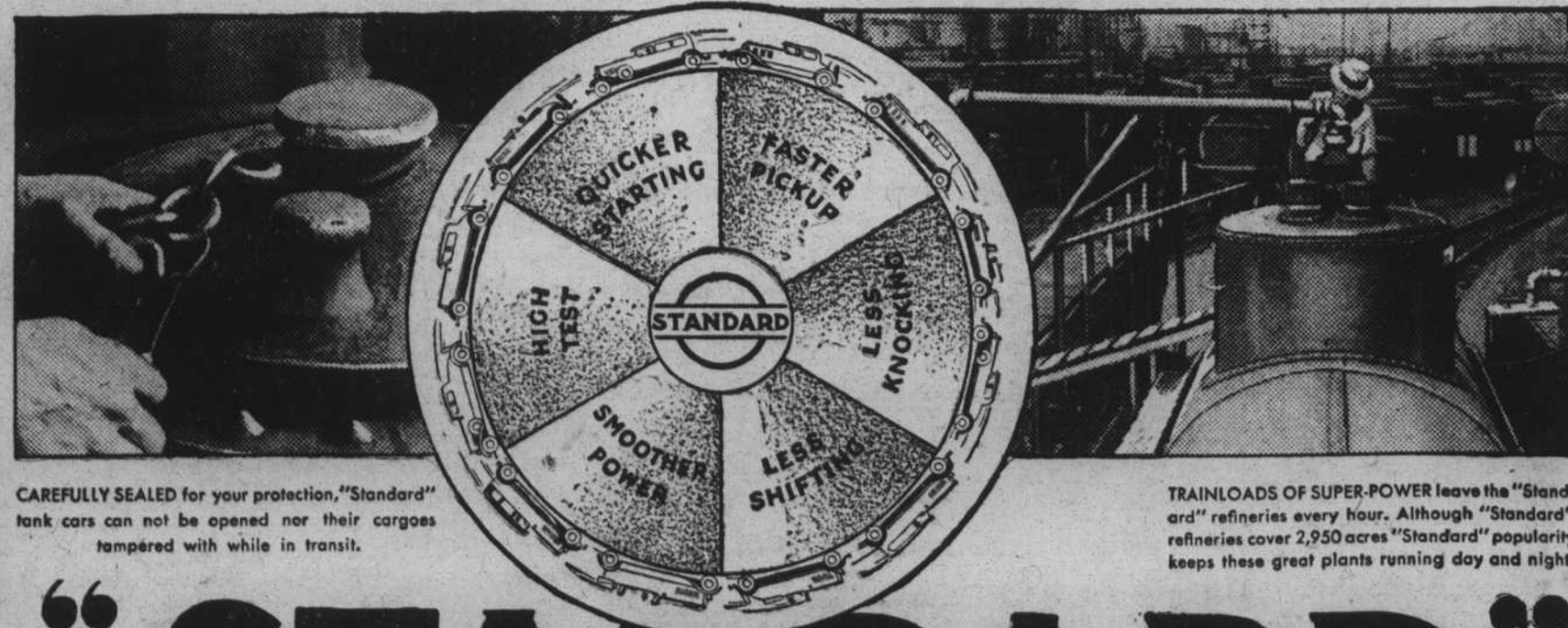
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