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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is our custom to charge five cents per line for reproductions of cards of thanks and obituary notices after a death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

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TWENTY

Virginia is coming away our country, but think how much she would be in the United States next fall if they could, she, critics away a couple of our football coaches and some of our "Shorty" Branches?

"Cleveland county reports an epidemic of cow stealing," observes the Rocky Mount Telegram, and "couldn't the law violators there are playing for large stakes." But if caught their reward may be for several months' nothing more than peas and cornbread three times per day sandwiched in between some hard labor on the county roads.

If there is to be such a crowd at the anniversary celebration of the Kings Mountain battle as is now anticipated, it is high time something was being done about the roads leading to the battleground. In this connection The Gastonia Gazette says: "It is not too early to be giving some attention to the matter of roads to Kings Mountain battle ground in anticipation of the big celebration to be staged there this fall. It takes a long time to get the machinery of state and county highway commissions working. Somebody ought to be doing something about this right away. It would never do to turn thousands of automobiles loose on those roads as they are now."

WOULD NAME IT FOR HOEY

MISS BEATRICE COBB, editor of The Morganton News-Herald read in The Star of Clyde Hoey's appeal for a new high school building here, and this is what she had to say about it:

"A visitor at this office the other day remarked that he hoped sometime to be able to observe literally a prayer he had picked up, which ran like this, 'O Lord, help me to keep my nose out of other people's business.'"

"With the full knowledge that newspaper people could well adopt this same prayer, we have a way of poking around in even the affairs of other towns. It's not a bit of our business, but we can't help saying that when Shelby builds that new high school building, the movement for which is getting under way, we hope somebody will suggest naming it the 'Hoey High School.'"

No one in Shelby, The Star believes, will have any desire to bawl Miss Cobb out for having that to say about something she says is none of her business, but we believe, too, that when, and if, that new high school is built the people of Shelby will agree wholeheartedly with the name she suggests. The Hoey appeal for a high school building, which is certainly needed in Shelby, reinforces the Hoey reputation of saying and doing what he believes to be right regardless of the personal criticism that may be directed at him. Any man in public life who advocates a building program, no matter how much it is needed, puts himself before the fire of the critical class which continuously howls about the expense of progress. There is no possible manner by which Clyde Hoey and his family could benefit by a new school building. All of his children are through school and making their own way, something he apparently believes all children should do. And insofar as is known Hoey is in no way connected with a contracting or building firm whereby the building of a new high school could mean a profit for him. He merely believes that the children of Shelby need better school facilities—educational advantages in keeping with the progress and wealth of the town—and he had the nerve to get up before a mass meeting and say so, let the brick-bats hit where and how they may. With his plea for a new building he advanced a supporting argument which is difficult to contradict. Sooner or later, he contended, the building must be built. Times are hard now, money is scarce, but it is at such a time that a building of any type may be built at the least cost. Public buildings are not paid for when erected, and if Shelby can erect a new high school structure now at a saving of \$50,000 why not do it? The Star is ready to second Miss Cobb's motion once Shelby stirs herself and builds the building—and we are of the opinion that a great percentage of the right hands in Shelby will be raised to ratify the name.

CONFIDENCE IN THE MEN BEHIND THE BANKS

WHEN BANKS were crashing and closing in two counties adjoining Cleveland a few weeks back one right of an heard men on the street say "Well, I'm not worrying about old Gibraltar down on the corner or any of our banks." The reference about "the bank on the corner," of course, was the First National.

And nearly every time that statement was made some on hearing the remark would reply "And no one needs to worry when 'Uncle Charlie' is looking after things." As far as Cleveland and Rutherford county readers are concerned it is needless to explain that the "Uncle Charlie" referred to is Chas. C. Blanton, head of the First National and the Union Trust company, which recently opened offices in Rutherford county to give the neighboring county ample banking facilities. It is remarkable the confidence the people of the section have in the section's outstanding banker. That that

confidence is well placed is borne out by the name, "Uncle Charlie," by which he is known throughout two counties. Men through the ages have handed that title, "uncle," to those whom they respect and admire and whose friendship they value very much. Since the day Chas. C. Blanton came back to Cleveland county from Texas as a young man to aid his father in operating the private bank which has grown into the largest and strongest bank between Charlotte and Asheville, he has, perhaps, had stories of trouble and woe related to him by more people than any man living in this section; and he, it may be said without question, has "tided" more people over the rough places than has any other man in the section. In all those years there never has been a time when his integrity and honesty has been questioned—and that might be amended by the positive belief of Cleveland county citizens that such a time never will come.

It is the man-power behind a bank, as with other institutions, that counts, not the name of the institution. If you've noticed, for year after year the advertisement of the First National and Union Trust company have at regular intervals carried the names of the bank officials and directors, the names of the substantial, reliable citizens Mr. Blanton has associated with him in the operation of his banks or upon his boards of directors. Those names and the influence they carried have played a greater part than one might think in the building of the two big financial institutions.

Just how much confidence is created by an institution which is known to be operated by Mr. Blanton and his associates was depicted last week by an interesting little news item published in The Star and The Rutherford County News. In the edge of Rutherford county there lived a man who for years had been using a hole in the ground as his bank. Last week, despite the fact, that six banks had closed in his county only a few weeks back, this man dug up his 7400 and carried it to the Rutherford branch of Blanton's Union Trust company where he placed it on deposit, because he believed it would be safer there than buried in the ground.

In this connection it is noted that The Gaffney Ledger expresses the opinion of Mr. A. N. Wood, father of the wife of Mr. George Blanton, vice-president of the First National and Union Trust banks here, was largely responsible for keeping the one bank, Merchants & Planters, open in Cherokee county when a panic and runs were causing others to close the doors. The interesting observation upon the part of The Ledger, showing that it is the men behind a thing that make it, follows:

"In contrast with various distressing developments here in recent weeks, The Merchants and Planters National Bank of Gaffney stands out as a bulwark of protection for the financial interests of this city and county. The M. and P. has met every call readily, and now that the situation appears to be returning to normal the bank, according to officials of the institution, is growing stronger daily.

"The fact that the M. and P. was able to stand the strain imposed upon it when Gaffney's other two banks closed was due to the ability and foresight of the president, Mr. C. M. Smith, who had able assistance from his cashier, Mr. R. S. Lipscomb. People who have known Mr. Smith and Mr. Lipscomb during the years of their service with the bank never doubted the stability of the M. and P.

"During the period when the stress was greatest Mr. A. N. Wood, the 'father' of the M. and P., and under whose personal training Mr. Smith gained his first banking experience, told many who happened to ask about it: 'That bank's all right. I trained Charlie Smith, and I know.' Mr. Smith probably appreciated such an expression of confidence by Mr. Wood as much as anything that has happened."

Around Our TOWN Shelby S. DELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

SHELBY ROTARIANS were told last week by Dr. L. A. Crowell, widely known surgeon of the neighboring county of Lincoln and president of the North Carolina Medical Society, that Americans grow and worry themselves into old age and the cemetery. And he charged evangelists and doctors with instilling much fright and fear into their fellow-men.

Dr. Crowell attempted to entertain the Rotarians, accustomed to hearing both good and bad speeches without advance preparation and his extemporaneous talk on fear and worry, and their aging of the human race, was a hit with the club, soiced as it was with a quantity of original humor and plenty of plain talk.

A straight-from-the-shoulder talker with anecdotes to no one, if you please, his roasting of evangelists in general, men who attempt to have beautiful faces, and everyone who eats, drinks, or smokes himself or herself to death would have proven a toothsome treat to Dr. Henry Menchen himself.

Evangelists, Dr. Crowell declared, despite the presence of Rotarian L. D. Hayes, pastor of Central Methodist church, live on fright.

"They get up in their pulpits and scare their congregations half to death by ranting about hell fire and brimstone—and then they pass the collection plate. I admire very much," he continued, "the minister who has a regular charge and brains and religion enough to preach 104 different sermons in a year and still hold the effectuations and respect of his congregation. But all an evangelist needs is 6 sermons, a good system of scaring folks, and the money rolls in. Of course, I admit that if there were no ministers and no churches, the world would be a better place, but I wouldn't have much opinion of my-

self" . . . And at that juncture the head of the state medical organization branched off the evangelists to bawl out the American idea of hurrying one's self into old age by scrambling for dollars. A man he declared cannot eat at but one table at a time, cannot drive but one car at a time, and should not sleep in more than one bed (it was at such points his humor of the Will Rogers variety crept in.) Ergo, why scramble for riches only to die? Some doctors, he declared, add to the worry of their patients by keeping them scared, and he illustrated his point by references to diagnoses revealing high and low blood pressure and how the imparting by the wrong method of revelation to the patient takes the pep out of his stride and hope out of his head.

Dissipation—over-eating, excessive drinking and smoking—he declared to be the chief cause of ill health and early old age.

In a humorous reference in connection with a remark about the best-looking man in the club, he expressed the opinion that a man's face counted very little in life, but the stuff behind the face was the real thing that counted.

Important speakers were scheduled for the speaking programs—extemporaneous speakers who would say just what they thought and eliminate the tiffy and soft-soap as did Dr. Crowell.

EELTOTT would like to know how many Shelby people, other than he, remember the night long ago when citizens of the town had to roll the old horse-drawn fire engine from the rear of a business building on West Marion street to keep the fire fighting apparatus from burning up with the building.

JUST AN OBSERVATION as heat sends up the temperature of Shelby politics: Campaign cigars are as much in evidence in these modern times as corset displays in ready-to-wear show windows. Perhaps it's because the brand of cigar the average office-seeker could afford to pass out lose more votes than it would win. In other words, an El-Ropo will hardly rope 'em in to the ballot box.

SNITCHED from the "Tar, Pitch and Turpentine" column of the News and Observer.

But What She OOOOO! Quite matchless are her dark brown curls.

She talks with perfect eeeee, And when I tell her she is yyyyyy She says I am a tttt!

JUST before they electrocuted Dr. Snook Friday night for murder-

ing the co-ed with whom he had been having a clandestine love affair he was permitted to have a chicken dinner with his wife. When Mrs. Snooks arrived at the prison she brought along her husband's tuxedo and expressed the hope that he would wear it for their last dinner together. Whether he did or not the newspapers carrying the story of the electrocution did not say. But the item caused one Shelby man, not to be named, to say "That's the way with these women nowadays; they want us to wear these darn tuxedos every time we go out, even if it's to our own funeral."

"POKER ALICE" Tubbs, one of the feminine characters of the old West, died last week in South Dakota and one North Carolina news paper headed the story "Poker Alice Deals Last Time." Seems to us that a more appropriate heading would have been "Poker Alice Loses on Her Last Draw."

THE LITERARY digest ballot cards on prohibition are being received in Shelby, the purpose of the magazine being to determine if the major sentiment in America is to maintain prohibition as it is now, modify the law, or repeal it entirely. How we'd like to see all the replies going out of Shelby, if they were signed.

Try Star Wants Ads.

Advices Against Short Staple Cotton

Cotton Buyers Warn Cleveland Farmers Against Staple That Is Too Short.

To Editor of The Star.

Cotton planting time will soon be here and we wish to give, what we consider, a timely warning.

It has been brought to our attention, that many farmers throughout Cleveland and Gaston counties, intend, planting a seed which has proven to be very short in staple, in many instances being less than 7-8 inch. The reason, we have been told is that the output in lint cotton is greater than in cotton seed which produces longer staple.

To plant seed of this kind will ruin the splendid market that Cleveland and Gaston counties enjoy. For some years we have had buyers from both the Carolinas take our cotton on a much higher basis than it could have been obtained in many other markets. This is due to the fact that our cotton has length, as well as strength. When they once find that our staple is short, they will cease to come here and we will find our cotton to par with other short staple sections.

It is a known fact, that due to the deterioration of the American

staple, India and China has gained a foothold especially with mills on the continent. This has cut down our exports, resulting in a surplus of cotton in this country.

Instead of planting inferior seed let us plant the best seed obtainable. May the farmers who intend to plant short staple seed, give the matter much thought.

H. S. BLACKMER AND CO.
Kings Mountain, March 1, 1930.

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