

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Governor Gardner believes the best campaign slogan he ever heard, or read, was that used in behalf of Governor Dern, of Utah, one of the governors of the North Carolina executive met at a recent conference of governors. "Dern's opponent was a man by the name of Maybe, and the campaign slogan, created by a newspaperman, was: 'We're going to elect a Dern governor, and we don't mean Maybe.'"

That recalls this column's curiosity about the meaning of a sentence in a letter written to a North Carolina newspaper recently by a mill woman. The woman, a worker in a textile plant, was complaining about "Hoover prosperity," and she wound up her letter by saying that "the perstimmon crop will be short about here this year."

### SHELBY SHAVINGS.

A rumor has it that a popularity contest for girls may get underway soon in the city. That means a depression in the pocketbooks for the young fellows about town loyal enough to want their patooties to win. . . . One of Shelby's best known cotton mill operators rolls his own cigarettes, and the tobacco is Bull Durham. . . . In just a few more weeks several Shelby theatres and drug stores will be advertising themselves as "the coolest place in town". . . . The Sisk-Forney flower garden, at the juncture of East Marion street and Jones place, is about the prettiest spot in town just now. . . . The old fellows who sit on the court square benches know the young folks of the town by their parents. "That's John Doe's boy," they'll say as a young fellow passes, and "that's Sally Jones' daughter" will be the remark when a girl walks by. . . . Another candidate wanted to be mentioned in this tangle of type—maybe he'll get his name in it somewhere this time

next month.

### Our Health Chat.

This may be stealing some of Dr. Copeland's thunder, but perhaps he'll overlook it. In Shelby there is a man, one of the town's best known citizens, who has not been sick a day in 20 years and in that time has not taken a single dose of medicine. How does he do it? Well, he doesn't know, but he never smokes, never takes a drink, and he gets up each morning at 5:30, winter and summer, and never eats breakfast.

Most folks, we admit, would rather be sick now and then, yet this man appears to get about as much out of life as any man in Shelby—if not more.

### SWEET MEMORIES.

L. U. Arrowood, the lumber man, once worked in one of this section's first cotton mills, down below Weaver bridge. . . . J. A. Wilson, the amateur photographer, made several snaps of the recent school parade and they caused him to remember some snapshots he had of one of the old time county school commencement parades in days gone by. The teachers, marching by the side of the students, wore those long dresses as were long, dresses that served as street sweepers in those days, and their waists were a teeny bit larger than a five-cent cigar. The young-men-about-town who played in the band were all dolled-up in peg-top trousers, pinch waist coats, derbies and caps. The

girls in the parade wore their hair in long plaits, tied with ribbon bows, down their backs. Still some folks who were grown-up then would get mad if you were to ask them their age today. . . . Remember the day when you thought every man who ate oysters and smoked cigars was a heavy drinker? . . . When you get talking about modern Shelby baseball teams, don't forget that some—well, some several years in the past Shelby fans thought Will Carroll could pitch and Paul Webb could catch just as well as we moderns think Sherrill Hamrick and Hal Farris can do those things. . . . If that isn't enough exercise for the memory, go up to the garret, get out the old stereoscope, tote it down to the parlor, take a peep at Niagara Falls, and recall when sparking was done in parlors and buggies instead of rumble seats.

O. O. McIntyre wrote an entire column about his dog, Maybe. He thinks he has put one over on us, but he hasn't: George Wray named his new golf course after our canine. Anyhow, they have the same name.

### MAKING A MORGUE.

"South Shelby, May 16, 1936. 'Around Our Town, Care The Twinkler.' 'Dear Typetotter: I've about reached the conclusion that around seventy per cent of these candidates announce for office just to get their pictures in The Star, not having a hope that they might win. How much you charge 'em for puttin' their mugs on the front page where prominent folks or murderers should be? If you don't charge 'em, why not? You'n't till Parker gets to the supreme court. 'South Shelby Sam.'"

Nope, Sam, they're not charged for having their "pitchers" in the paper. It's this way: In a newspaper office all the pictures are filed away in a box called the morgue. We permit the candidates to pay for their pictures, we publish them free, then file them away with the hope that one or two of them may amount to something before they die, then when they do foot it out to Sunset, feet first, we have their pictures to run in the paper along with a story telling how good and great they were. If they fail to make good, it's just a few more good photos gone to waste.

### Hoping To End License Fight

Roberts Asks Highway Officials Of Two States To Meet In Columbia.

Greensboro.—In hopes that a reciprocity agreement may be reached in the "license tag battle" between the two states, Coleman W. Roberts, general manager of the Carolina and South Carolina Motor clubs, has asked highway officials of South and North Carolina to meet in Columbia, S. C. Friday.

At present operators of commercial motor vehicles who have business in both states are required to purchase a license tag from each state. The North Carolina highway commission contends that operators of South Carolina vehicles in this state must have North Carolina license was taken after South Carolina pursued such a policy with respect to North Carolina vehicles entering South Carolina.

In Rotherham, England, Hilda and Elsie Harrop, twins, always had the same nightmares. Then they married men with the same names—Thompson, unrelated.

In Edenton, N. C., Aunt Lena Cox summoned the fire department. When the firemen arrived, she pointed to a conflagration in her stove, explained that she wanted company.

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## Max Slakes His Thirst



Max Schmeling takes a long swig of—water, from his trainer, Max Machin, during his workout in preparation for his championship Milk Fund bout with Jack Sharkey. (International Newsreel)

## Daniels Presses On Bishop James Cannon

Dallas, Tex., May 14.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of Washington, D. C., today was expected to go before the Episcopal committee of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, to defend himself against formal charges of actively "playing the stock market."

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## Marion Mill Troubles May Bring Taxes Up

Marion, May 15.—The textile disturbances here last summer and fall have had one financial effect on McDowell county which will mean that the tax rate for 1937 will most likely have to be increased 10 or 15 cents over that of 1936, which was \$1.24 on \$1.00 property valuation. Concurrent with the raising of the tax rate will be the creation of a new county fund. The amount of the costs to the county has not been determined exactly, because some of the expense incurred by the labor troubles have been lumped with other

court and legal expense now incumbent upon the county. The estimated expense for the trials, special deputies, officers' fees, upkeep of certain prisoners in the county jail, and the like, all of which were necessitated by the strike and its after effects, has been \$11,000.

## Cole Blease Out For Senate Toga Again

York, S. C., May 17.—In the first public statement he has made relative to the matter, Senator Coleman Livingstone Blease announced that he would be a candidate for renomination in the August primary

in a letter to the correspondent of the "Charlotte News" received today. Senator Blease in his letter said: "As to my candidacy, all I care to say is that I will be a candidate for re-election and from the many letters which I am receiving and have received from all over the state, not only from many who have been my friends and are still, but many others who have never supported me heretofore, I am satisfied that I will be re-elected. "I am very busy here and have done very little talking about my campaign and have given no interview to any one. I expect to stand squarely on my record, of which I am very, and I think justly, proud.

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