

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

IT MAY PROVE a bit burdensome to fill up this space today with everybody in town doing nothing but filling up the ballot boxes at the court house. However the scissors are well oiled and after struggling along for a spell we may be able to borrow something of interest from other sources.

YOU CAN always depend upon Buck Hardin for some manner of solution to all problems. Just the other day we were wondering why no one ever heard of girls getting out and walking home in the old horse and buggy days. We hardly thought Buck old enough to solve the problem from his own personal experience, but he does. His solution is that the sweet young things always had long, sharp hat pins with them in those days.

AND NOW THAT Bert Houser problem about the man who had two mules, selling one of them for \$100 and losing 25 percent, and selling the other for \$100 and making 25 percent. Did he lose, win, or break even? If you haven't already figured it out, we'll tell you—he lost money. When he sold one mule for \$100 and lost 25 percent he naturally sold the mule for 75 percent of the purchase price. Seventy-five percent, the sale price, then equals \$100, one percent equals \$13.33 1-3, and 100 percent equals \$133.33 1-3 or the price he paid for the horse. On the other trade in which he received \$100 and made 25 percent it is clear that he received 25 percent more than he paid for the horse, or 125 percent. Then it follows that 125 percent equals \$100, one percent equals \$8, and 100 percent, what he paid for the horse, equals \$80. So in the trade in which he made 25 percent profit he cleared exactly \$20, the difference between the \$100 he received and the \$80 he gave for the horse. On the other trade he gave \$133.33 1-3 and sold for \$100, losing \$33.33 1-3 on that trade. Subtracting the profit of \$20 on one trade from the \$33-

33 1-3 lost in the other trade, we find that both trades resulted in a net loss of \$13.33 1-3.

Now we'll pass up the mathematical problems for a time. We got our fill of that stuff before we burned up the old school house and ran away with the circus.

**SHELBY SHORTS:** One Shelby lady did not vote Tuesday, we are informed by L. D., a very truthful fellow, because she said she had nothing to wear to the polls. . . . Maybe she should have blamed Mr. Hoover's prosperity for her short wardrobe and voted for some Democrat. . . . Arthur Brisbane takes George Bernard Shaw to ride for not including certain people in making his list of the eight greatest men in the history of the world. Being of a critical nature, just like Sir Arthur, this column is a teeny bit chagrined because G. B. S. did not include North Carolina's own (when he is at home) Otto Wood. . . . A writer in The Yorkville Enquirer has a word of praise, in a recent issue, for this tangle o' type. He calls his praise taffy, the Ebeltoft label for all praise, and although we wiggle the salt shaker over all types of taffy, it does listen good at times. . . . Now we'll tell him one: When we started visiting the undertaking parlors and police court on our first newspaper job, we forgot how many years ago, we were informed that there were only three in the writing line worth following—one was the old Statesville Landmark, on which we worked; another was the Bible, and the third was The Yorkville Enquirer. The Landmark and The Enquirer are two of the oldest papers in the two Carolinas, and, although we haven't kept in as close touch with the third, the Bible is considerably older than either of them.

**NOW WE** near the borrowed piece which was promised at the top of the column. It should be of interest to Shelby movie fans, Shelby aviation fans, and Shelby prize-fight fans. It has to do with three Frenchmen who are, or were, headlines in those three enterprises.

An anonymous writer, and a darned good one, who conducts a "Back-track" column in The Spartanburg Herald—recently made the acquaintance of a Frenchwoman in Spartanburg. She was there as the world's champion woman racing car pilot to participate in the fair races. Before she started getting thrills out of racing she was a well known French actor. From this point on we'll permit "Backtrack" to do the talking; he can do it much better: In the last few days I have come to know an interesting person—one whose refreshing mannerisms and unique expressions will have you clinging to her very word and leave you cramped with laughter. She is Mile. Helle-Nice, world's champion woman racing car driver, acquaintance of Maurice Chevalier, Dieudonne Coste, Georges Carpentier, Marquise de la Falaise de la Courdraye (Mr. Gloria Swanson), Danielle Bregis and formerly one of the most beautiful acrobatic dancers in all France.

I have watched her teeth flash and her golden Dutch bob whirl about her lovely clear-cut sun-tanned features as she talks of many things in a dialect born of only three months in America. At times I thought I should die of laughter as she labored for an expression; swung her strong young hands like windmills and shook her head and clamped her teeth.

She was in several Parisian shows with Chevalier. Of him she says: "He have what you call ze high hat. Some people like heem—some people do not. In ze shows we do not, because he act crazy some time. We all change pictures in show, but nobody want Chevalier. We cannot onderstan in France why he so popular in pictures—because we do not think in France he is strong man. He act like lady some time and fly like butterfly and we laugh. You laugh at heem too, if you know heem."

"Dieudonne Coste," the French girl says, "he is not popular in France as other flyers. Coste, he

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fly for money; no more. You think he marry, but he not. Many women think he marry them but when he open' all money zey have he say: "Oo-la, good-bye" and zat is all zey see of Coste. We think in France he sees what you call bad boy. But no man can better fly zan he. And Belle, ze mechanic, he is fine fellow, but he not society and not know so well as Coste.

"You say what 'bout Nungesser and Coll? Zey were brave men, but no money zey have and try to fly ocean too queeck and fall and die. We say in France zat day zey not make it, for leave so queeck and no, what you call preparashon. Too bad zey have no money and want it so bad zey keel self to try."

Georges Carpentier, the idol of France who fought Dempsey several years ago, according to Mile. Helle-Nice is probably the most popular figure that nation has produced in many years. At the hour of the fight it was deep night in France but no one slept. The Place de la Concorde in Paris was "black w' ze people" and every newspaper office was crowded off the face of the earth for news of the outcome.

But many thousands waited in the little towns for word of the fate of the idol of France and to tell them as quickly as possible, airplanes were sent over every village and town, showing green lights if Carpentier won and red if he lost. Every face in France peered into the sky and in the little town where Mile. Helle-Nice awaited the news of her comrade's fortune, when the plane roared low showing lights of defeat, the thousands in the streets sobbed bitterly—crushed by the battering rams of the bully Dempsey. Danielle Bregis, darling of the operettas of France, is one of the friends and the outburst that flooded me came in conversation of her: "Danielle, she come to take big part in "Princess Charmeng." She was to be ze princess, but Danielle, she huzzon, oh so laze, and will no studee English. One time she have say "twentee," but she say "twentee" and she say to her to say "twentee" and she say "twentee" do jus' well. Later she no huzzon and I say to my, what you call boy friend: "I tol' you say 'twentee' not so princess."

Marquise de la Falaise de la Courdraye, the littlest who married Gloria Swanson, the actress, came over on the boat with Mile. Helle-Nice when this divorce business was brewing.

"Marquise say to me Gloria want divorce but he say he tell her if she want buy title she have to pay me whole lot, or no divorce. She say she won't pay; I say we stay marry."

The first two racing drivers, Mile. Helle-Nice came to know well in America were killed before her eyes, each one of them exactly two weeks after she had raced in the machines in which they rode with death. Asked if she would marry a racing driver, she said: "No, no. Too dangerous. I would be 'fraid all day something happen and zat would

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## Just 10 Years Ago A Peep Or Two Back In 1920

(Items Taken From The Cleveland Star of 1920.)

From issue of The Star November 5, 1920.  
Cameron Morrison was elected governor of North Carolina Tuesday by the largest vote ever accorded a gubernatorial candidate and the rest of the Democratic state ticket was swept into power by a majority estimated to be over 5,000.

A marriage of paramount interest in this week's social calendar is that of Miss Emily Roberts and Mr. Herman Eskridge which event will take place Saturday night at the bride's home on North Morgan street at 8:30 o'clock.

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, the Republican nominee, will be the next president of the United States as a result of Tuesday's election which resulted in one of the most sweeping Republican victories in party history. With returns incomplete, he has 337 electoral votes while his opponent Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio, has 127.

All of the ten North Carolina congressmen are Democratic. Lincoln county went Democratic by about 150

majority. Tennessee which was expected to go Democratic, gives Harding a lead of 10,900 over Cox. The Democratic majority in North Carolina is now estimated at 80,000.

Cleveland county went Democratic as usual in Tuesday's election, but this time by approximately 2,200 majority, the largest in the history of the county.

The Democratic county officers that won Tuesday are as follows: Peyton McSwain for house of representatives; Rush Stroup for treasurer; R. L. Weathers for register of deeds; Hugh A. Logan for sheriff; B. T. Falls for recorder and auditor; A. M. Lovelace for surveyor; T. C. Eskridge for coroner; W. H. Jennings for county commissioner; A. P. Spake, S. S. Mauney and W. L. Plonk for board of education.

Mr. Mal Spangier has sold his home on East Marion street to Mr. Will M. Roberts at a consideration reported to be \$7,000. Mr. Roberts will move to Shelby from the county.

### CAROLINA FARMERS PROFIT BY NEW METHOD FARMING

Raleigh.—By following systematic methods 10 farmers in eastern North Carolina have increased their yearly income from \$34,665 to \$61,022.

At the same time they reduced operating expenses nearly \$1,000 and boosted net profits from \$14,185 to \$41,872. In addition, they got along with 83 laborers less than last year.

E. W. Gaither, district farm agent of the State college extension service, who directed the projects, said under the new system owners have re-organized their farms, making larger fields, planting more land to pastures, putting in more hay and feed crops, using more farm machinery and by changing the method of cash crop production.

These farmers, he said, were trying to farm under the old system of raising cotton and tobacco as cash crops, to the exclusion of corn, feed crops, and livestock.

Few monopolies operate for the good of the buyers, regardless of what kind of "argument" they present to the people.

This is the time for the big financiers to show some of that faith in the United States that they have been talking about.

There seems to be very little unemployment among persons who make a business of relieving something.—San Diego Union.

### World's Youngest Pilot Soars to New Record



Paul Clough, 16-year-old schoolboy, of Garden City, L. I., established what is believed to be a new record for light planes when he soared to a height of 11,500 feet in his 375-pound 30-horsepower airplane at Roosevelt Field, L. I. Clough is one of the youngest licensed pilots in the world. (International Newsreel)

### BRITISH QUOTE STEEPER PRICES ON RARE STAMPS

London.—New stamp catalogues here show considerable appreciation in value of some of the scarcer items.

Continuing to head the list in scarcity, and in increase of prices over last year are the "classic" issues of the British empire between 1840 and 1870.

Airplane stamps, as a class, show swift rises in the new listings. The Hawker stamp of Newfoundland, which sold a few years ago at \$150, is quoted this year at \$1,500. The "DePinedo" stamp of the same dominion is listed at \$750.

Similar advance is shown in the 24c American airmail stamp, misprinted with the "center inverted" which has jumped in price from \$850 to \$2,500.

### RUSSIA RECRUITS COAL MINERS IN THE RUHR

Bochum, Germany.—The Donetz mines in Russia have a large propaganda organization in the Ruhr district to recruit German miners for the Soviet coal pits in Southern Russia.

Soviet authorities are reported deeply worried over a steadily decreasing tonnage from the Donetz mines and it is said here that the Donetz mines are in bad condition. With the aid of German miners the Soviets hope to increase the output to a daily average of 108,000 tons.

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