

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

"THROUGH RAIN, wind, sleet and snow—the air mail goes on and on."

That slogan, famous since the early days of air mail when Lindy carried one of the Western routes, contains gobs of color, romantic impulses, and the basis determination of modern pioneering. Yet it was not until this week that people of this section met the daring and audacity of that slogan face to face in the person of smiling Dick Merrill.

There's something about the carrying of the night air mail—the loneliness of the speeding ship roaring through the darkness of the night above—that grips the imagination. Dick Merrill's unexpected drop-in visit to Shelby—a visit that brought him into the Caterpillar club, an organization of dare devils, and almost hurled him into eternity—will cause many Cleveland county boys, youths with life and adventure before them, to long for the day when they may drive a plane through the night with the air mail. Yet those more seasoned in flying are not anxious any more for "kicks" and "kicks," who heard the veteran pilot tell modestly of his narrow escape will leave such talk to the steel nerves of adventurous youth. Such is the history of the ages.

In Shelby Wednesday morning—after two days and nights without sleep and one night in which he rode for hours in the face of a lurking hidden death, and then a leap into he knew not what—Merrill

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plucked his blue knit cap from a tousled head and moaned, not because he had stepped into the jaws of death and out again, not because of the pain in his injured ankle, but because he lost his ship.

To the aviator his ship is as precious and dear as that of a stevedore to the sea-faring captain. The legend of the sea is that the captain goes down with his ship. The legend and code of the air is near as strict. Not until the last ray of hope has winged away, not until the chances are 99 to one against landing in one piece, will the aviator leave his controls.

Two things Merrill said over and over during his stay in Shelby: "Golly, I hated to leave the old ship," and "Whatta night! Whatta night!"  
After his nerves stopped jingling and twitching from that 1,500-foot fall like a rock, a fall that came near ripping his clothes from his body and to twirling him into insensibility, he seemed to forget the experience except for his ruined ship.

Next to his ship, the air mail pilot thinks of his mail. The mail must go on and on—through rain, wind, sleet and snow, and, occasionally death. The first move he made in reaching Shelby was to report to headquarters that his mail was safe. That he did before having his injured ankle treated, and before eating.

The air mail never sends a pilot on if he thinks it is too dangerous ahead. Merrill might have remained in Charlotte Tuesday night and sent his mail on by train as did two other pilots. Just as it never sends them on when it looks too dangerous ahead, the air mail never says not go; if the boys are willing to take the chance, it's their business. Merrill took the chance.

Late Tuesday night at Charlotte the weather man told Merrill that bad weather was ahead of him. Other pilots about the field told of "a low ceiling" (aviation's term for foggy, blind weather), and "soupy" conditions ahead. The weather is the aviator's greatest enemy. "It may clear up a bit between here and Greensboro, and if I make Greensboro, I think it will be all right on to Richmond." Then they gave the ship the gun and she roared down the field, lifted as a bird and soared into the night. Those about the airport never heard of him until 9 o'clock the next day. They shook their heads. They knew the night and the weather. The night mail had claimed her victims, and would claim more. Telegraph wires clicked. The plane was long overdue in Greensboro. Other hours passed. No word, no sight of the plane. Morning came and with it the story of the wreckage in the Cleveland county cotton field, and a jump which ranks along with record jumps.

Before he left Shelby, Merrill called the "chief" in Richmond and informed him: "I'll be there in time tomorrow to fly the night mail back Thursday." A thrill that would have been sufficient for most men for a lifetime was to him just part of the game.

That was all. Such is the game—a great, thrilling game for those who have steel nerves, for youth which desires a sport and a vocation in which the Grim Reaper plays a steady, relentless hand on the other side of the table. But to youth life isn't much fun without taking chances, and as one generation of youth grows old and more cautious, another takes its place. And so it will be until the end of time.

Merrill's visit to Cleveland county—just a "little unexpected call" as he told a friend over the telephone without mentioning his escape—gave this section its greatest air thrill since that other young air mail pilot winged his way across the sea.

Next,  
Chairman (at teachers' meeting): "Order, please."  
Absent Minded Professor: "Egg sandwich."  
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Sarah S. Bridges, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of October, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of October, 1930.  
W. J. BRIDGES, Administrator of the Estate of Sarah S. Bridges, deceased.  
Byron E. Weathers, Atty. at Law

**SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain chattel mortgage, dated the 11th day of April, 1929, executed by J. A. Dicus and J. Hoyt Dicus to E. L. Beam to secure an indebtedness therein named, said chattel mortgage being of record in the office of the registrar of deeds for Cleveland county, North Carolina, in book 151 at page 469, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on November 20, 1930, at 2 P. M. in front of the Chocolate Shop, Shelby, N. C., the following described personal property, to wit: All the stock in trade, fixtures and all articles contained in the Chocolate Shop, Shelby, N. C. on this date.  
This the 31st day of October, 1930.  
E. L. BEAM  
Henry B. Edwards, Atty.

## Dover And Ora News Of Interest

Surprise Birthday For Mrs. Canipe. Conner Family Moves. Personals.

(Special to The Star.)  
Dover-Ora, Nov. 13.—Misses Faye Pritchard and Eva Edwards spent Saturday night with Miss Vera Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Corn of Red Springs spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hicks.  
Mr. Herchal Green spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Green of Boiling Springs.  
Mr. and Mrs. Yates Devenney of Lawndale were the Sunday afternoon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pritchard.

Mrs. Juan Blanton has returned home from the Rutherfordton hospital where she has been for the past week. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kimbrell spent Sunday in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Nancy Chapman is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Connor have moved to East Shelby. They will be greatly missed in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezelle Gantt were visitors in West Shelby during the week-end.

Miss Mary Sue Bailey is able to be up again after being sick for some time.

The neighbors of Mrs. O. F. Canipe surprised her with a birthday dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Quinton Shytle of West Shelby is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Kimbrell.

Mr. B. E. Price spent Sunday in Lawrence, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates Champion and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges were the guests of

## Urges Mind Tests Before Marriage

Educator Decries Haphazard Mating As Social Menace. Cites Live-Stock Raising.

Atlantic City.—Only through abandonment of the "present haphazard mating of humans" can the level of man's intelligence be raised, Dr. Frank P. Graves, state commissioner of education of New York declared here.

Addressing the concluding session of the seventy-sixth annual convention of the New Jersey State Teachers' association, Dr. Graves, formerly dean of the University of Pennsylvania, insisted that universal opportunity in education must be given if the idea of a "natural aristocracy of intellect" is to be offset.

Discussing "the function of leadership," Dr. Graves said that the real compensation received by the public school teachers of the nation lay in the fact that they knew that within their classrooms of today were the national leaders of tomorrow.

"Twenty-five years from now," he said, "we will see some of the boys, and maybe girls, now in our classrooms guiding the political, business, industrial and educational destinies of our country."

"If we are to increase the varieties of leadership, and that essentially is the task of the educator," he continued, "we must open to all classes the possibility of leadership through universalizing opportunities for education."

"Development of a more intellectual race must be brought about. Exercise of a little thought will vastly improve the human race and raise the level of its intelligence."

**Knew Nature.**  
Sambo sat on the sunny side of the tree, the perspiration running down his face. "Boy, why don't you all seat yo-self on the shady side?" his friend asked him.  
"That's all you know 'bout nature" replied Sambo. "By and by sun's going to be on that side, and then Ah won't had to move."

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bridges were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Greenways.

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