

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

The Bill Collectors who have been calling at the office this week know exactly why we're not wintering in Florida . . . Wonder who W. J. Arey is pitching horseshoes with this afternoon?

That brings on a thought (we have them occasionally): Wonder if the finger pointing downwards on bank statements did not originate with the old thumbs down custom by which Roman gladiators were sent to their death?

Back In 1928 the grammarians and other hoity-toity folks thought Al Smith should not be sent to the White House because he pronounced it "rad-dio." And it was just the other day that one of those "radio" things had Mr. Hoover pronouncing "dead" as "deaf."

Since There are more than three score and ten prisoners on the chain gang, and a majority of them from within the city limits of "the City of Springs," why not have them take a few dents and bumps out of that street that runs east and west by the Cleveland Cloth mill?

If You Live In an ultra-modern home, suppose one of the chips off the old block would ask: "How is ol' Santa gonna get in our house when we have a hot-air system instead of a chimney and an electric range instead of a stove?"

And the dad who foots the bills for those things may be wondering too.

Books Make Good Christmas presents. Sure, Christmas saving club books with columns of figures in them.

Our National Topics Corner: Senator Nye is attempting to bar another United States senator from his seat. In the days to come some youngster may tell his friends that "my granddad came very Nye being a senator."

Shelby Shorts: A former Shelbyite now living in New York has a very modern apartment. The bathroom is done up in green with accessories to match, including the Kewpie . . . An incoming bus unloading out at the Courtview corner—wonder if those painted janes in the world's oldest profession ever get Christmas presents? If so, from whom? . . . We still contend that New York's Jimmy Walker has nothing on Shelby's Mayor McMurry when it comes to being an up-to-the-minute dresser. And, judging by the way Pulitzer's New York World rides Jimmy, the local lord mayor may stack up and excel Manhattan's chieftains in several other things . . . Lots and plots in Sunset cemetery are said to be scarce. The exclusiveness doesn't worry us; we got burnt in one boom already . . . We're saving our money to go to California again in the fall of 1932 for the Rose Bowl game between Duke and Southern California . . . that ought to get a grin, if nothing more, from Whitley Kendall and the other dukes 'bout town . . . Ever notice that Casey Morris, with his hat off, resembles Knute Rockne? . . . A newly-married couple having the time of their lives picking out furniture for the little love nest. A great thrill it is, and we'll not butt in on their day dreams to say anything about the months ahead and the collector who calls on the first day.

Maybe You've Heard it; can't tell until it is related:

Joan of Arc's death in flames must have been horrible, but the death of Charles I, who was beheaded with an axe, must have been worse.

Why? Because a hot stake is better than a cold chop. (Thanks F. H., who was it plagiarized?)

One Of Our friends of the cloth (yes, we have a few), who says he reads this typewriter tattle although we do not listen to his preaching, thinks it might be well for some of the "Sidelights" to have a moral attached. Maybe it is because we have none to spare—anyway, the following, which may interest this section, is borrowed from the Rhamkatte Roaster column of the Raleigh News and Observer:

"There are some judges who suit me to a 't' and some who let the solicitors and criminal lawyers run their courts," said the Old Codger, as he warmed his hands by the office stove.

"South Carolina has produced some mighty good men. Most of 'em are dead, but it has one judge now a-presidin' who lives up to the best traditions. His name is Watkins. He was a-presidin' at Anderson when a North Carolina married man was convicted of carryin' a 18-year-old school girl off, tellin' her she was to be taken to meet her fiance and be married. The jury did not indict him under the Mann act, but he pleaded guilty to violatin' the Dyer motor

vehicle act, whatever that is. The judge sentenced him for two years and sed to him:

"I will put you where the girl can't bother you. If an 18-year-old girl can persuade you, a married man, to do this, I'll put you where no girl can bother you."

"I haint got no patience with the old Adam or these modern Adams who say 'the woman tempted me!' " went on the Old Codger. "In this case he diddnt have the excuse of Adam who said, 'The woman thou gavest me.' For the man who won't be 'bothered' any more took off an 18-year-old girl when his own wife whom God gave him was a-waitin' fer him here in North Carolina.

"That's South Carolina justice and ought fer to be a lesson to married men who go around the country a-philanderin' and when caught blame it on the girl."

Linotype Operators and drowsy proof-readers can cause worlds of trouble. Every time an unwellidly and awkward mistake bobs up in this tangle of type, some cruel person wants to know why we do not ape McIntyre even more than we do and get on the water wagon.

Tom Marshall, Woodrow Wilson's vice-president, it was who said that "the great need of this country is a good nickel cigar." Tom said that back when times were rosy, o, how rosy!

In more modern times, F. F. A., one of New York's wise-cracking columnists, comes along with this one: "What this country needs is a nickel."

Ho-hum! Let's go to bed, or, as Fisk would say it, retire.

CLEVELAND CLOTH VILLAGE ITEMS

Two Births Announced. Epworth League Meets. Two Families Move Away.

(Special to The Star.) Cloth Mill, Dec. 3—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Abercrombie and son listed Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGill Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Phillips and daughter Theresa, of Lyman, S. C., and Miss Pauline Brazzelle of Pickens, S. C., spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGill, Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Enslay and Mr. Sam Hyler motored to Anderson, S. C., Friday.

Mr. Lawrence Hunter of Lumberton, spent Thanksgiving with his mother Mrs. M. B. Hunter.

The Epworth league of the Johnson memorial church held their monthly meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins.

Mr. W. O. Bolling and Mrs. F. L. McCraw of Greenville, S. C., were the guests of Mrs. M. J. Reynolds during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burgess and family and little Misses Margaret and Winton and Master D. H. Train well of Greenville, S. C., were the guests of Mrs. Ella Tramwell during the week end.

Mr. J. M. Millen and Mr. and Mrs. William Torrence and family of Charlotte, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Abercrombie of Greenville, S. C., spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Abercrombie, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Moore announce the birth of a baby boy, David Edward, Saturday night.

We are sorry to report that Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ross and family have left our village.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith and son Nelson of Cramerton, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gladden visited Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brymer, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fley Smith of the Dover mill section, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brymer and family spent the day with their parents at Cramerton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Taylor are the proud parents of a baby boy, Billy Carol, born Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Reynolds and two daughters Sybil and Drucilla, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reynolds.

Mrs. Dillingham and brother Mr. Clarence Fair, visited their sisters, Ada Atta, Lotta Sallee and Virginia and their brother John Fair, Sunday.

We are sorry to know that Mr. and Mrs. East have left our village to live in Burlington.

Forecast Meteoric Showers.

Philadelphia.—The University of Pennsylvania after completion of the November 1930 meteor census forecasts brilliant showers of meteoric within the next four years.

Mooresboro News Of Late Interest

Week Of Prayer Observed. Mrs. H. H. Greene Improving. Personals.

(Special to The Star.) Mooresboro, Dec. 4.—The W. M. U. are observing the week of prayer this week, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the club room. All the women are invited to attend.

Misses Ina Morehead of Paolet, Nola Patrick of Alexandria and Daisy Lovelace of Kings Mountain spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Scruggs of Charlotte spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Scruggs.

Mr. Lewis Scruggs of Erwin, Tenn., is visiting his mother this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Blanton of Charlotte spent last week-end with their mother, Mrs. J. B. Blanton. Mr. Fred Blanton of Columbus also visited his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates McBrayer attended the football game in Asheville Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burrus of Asheville have moved here recently.

Misses Mabel Wright and Willie Greene spent Thanksgiving with Miss Frances McCardwell at Mill-

gan college, Tenn.

The T. E. L. class gave a social in the club room Tuesday afternoon. A number of games were played after which delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Flora Greene of Asheville is visiting her parents here.

We are glad to know that Mrs. H. H. Greene is much improved following a recent illness.

The Gold Star Mothers.

(From Boston News Bureau.) A total of 3,563 "Gold Star" mothers visited France during the past summer. Their average age was 67 years. Two of them died from the effects of the tour and 17 became ill enough to be sent to the hospital. The expense to the government averaged \$700 each, as against an estimate of \$840 in the bill passed by congress, which appropriated \$5,663,000 to pay costs of the pilgrimage. Approximately the same number of mothers will go to France next year. About 3,400 have already signed up. A third tour may be necessary in 1932, if all cannot be accommodated next year.

Banished From Town.

Belmont, Mass.—William Mitchell, 22, was ordered out of town or serve a ten day sentence because he had threatened his former sweetheart if she did not take him back.

La Barba Outpoints Taylor



Fidel La Barba, the West Coast star, leaning in close and blocking Taylor's left to his head in the third round of their bout in Madison Square Garden, New York City. La Barba won by a decision.

Heart On Right Side.

Yeymouth, England.—An autopsy revealed that the heart of Henry Drew, shoemaker, who died at the age of 73 was on the right side.

The wet celebration of a bigger minority in its favor is like whooping it up on finding a bigger empty barrel.—Dallas News.

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of James Hamrick, 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 at Rolling Springs, N. C., on or before the 15th day of October, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This is the 15th day of October, 1930. EDGAR HAMRICK, Executor of James Hamrick, Deceased, Quinn, Hamrick & Harris, Atty. 91 Oct 176

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