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Entered as second class matter January 1, 1905 at the postoffice at Shelby, North Carolina, under the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 1931

TWINKLES

A bracing news item in Star ads: The capital, surplus and profits of two Shelby banks total well over a million dollars.

Speaking of business conditions, did you notice that item in the "Ten Years Ago" column of Monday's Star in which a county merchant offered to trade a bushel of corn for a dozen eggs?

MORBID CURIOSITY

MANY PEOPLE, some of them with the best of intentions, criticize newspapers for publishing crime news. It is an odd, and from our standpoint an unreasonable, view.

The other day Otto Wood, North Carolina's colorful criminal, died in Salisbury with his boots on. Before the body was sent to West Virginia more than 35,000 people visited the undertaking parlor to view the body. Would not that public exhibition, a ghastly glorification, of a criminal's body do more to instill criminal tendencies in the youths among the 35,000 than the news stories telling of his death? But overlooking that angle, what would the 35,000 and many others have said had no news of Otto's death appeared in the papers?

Two sidelights of the end of the State's best known criminal, one glorified to a certain extent in the Billy the Kid manner, are deserving of commendation. One was the floral wreath sent by an anonymous mother to Otto's mother, and the other the contributions of Salisbury citizens to send the body back to Mrs. Wood so that she might bury the man who was once a child at her knees for whom, as is true with all mothers, she had high hopes. To her he was still her son, and there is no gap a mother's love will not bridge.

HE KNEW HIS OWN MIND

THE PLACE OF Marshal Joseph Jacques Joffre in the history of France and the world has not been definitely established by the historians. Yet to the majority of his fellow countrymen Pere (Papa) Joffre will always be remembered as the savior of France. He followed his own counsel, awaited what he thought to be the proper moment, then staged the battle of his life—the battle of the Marne where the German drive for Paris was halted.

Thus he became the hero of the Marne, but had he lost he would have been the goat of the world's bloodiest conflict. Closer and closer the German army crept to Paris. Steadily Joffre dropped back, prepared, and bided his time. In Paris there were many officials who thought he was postponing the clash too long. Already the German guns could be heard by the townspeople. Why did Pere Joffre hesitate? Would he not strike back until the Germans swarmed into Paris? Persuasion would not alter the policy of the veteran general. "When I am ready, I will go into battle," he said. After that delay had he lost, Paris would have been lost, and along with Paris the Joffre reputation. Finally he struck. The Battle of the Marne is now history. The Germans were driven back. Papa Joffre became the idol of the day, the hero of Marne, the savior of France. Later, of course, he was given the higher title of marshal and removed from active command in the field, but his valiant yet losing battle against death last week again brought him to the attention of his countrymen and the world at large. Another of the great leaders of the world's bitterest conflict has joined his comrades.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

THE STAR FAILS, and fails utterly, to get the attitude of Senator Peyton McSwain regarding North Carolina's Workmen's Compensation Act. Speaking recently at Rutherfordton he denounced and criticized this new legislation. There he was quoted as saying that no one favored it. That was news to us as it was to The Greensboro News.

Admittedly, every man has the right to his opinion. We grant Senator McSwain that privilege, but when he enters the senate hall at Raleigh this week does he go there to carry out his opinions and wishes, or those of the thousands of people in this senatorial district who elected him to office? How many men, other than lawyers, have you heard criticize and denounce the Workmen's Compensation Act?

Monday's issue of The Star carried a news story from M. R. Dunnagan, The Star's Raleigh correspondent, regarding the act in question. In that article Mr. Dunnagan informed that officials of industry and labor throughout the entire State favor the act. He was not merely guessing; he quoted from messages sent to Raleigh by representatives of labor and of industry.

If the men who own and operate industrial plants are satisfied with the act, and if the men and women who work in industrial plants are also satisfied, why should Mr. McSwain or any of the rest of us be troubled?

The Star would not bring any such indictment against the legal profession as a whole, but stop any man, workingman or manufacturer, on the street and ask him who, if anyone loses by the compensation act. Nine times out of ten his reply will be "the lawyers." That reply is more or less true.

Under the present method, when a workingman is injured, his plea for damages is taken up and passed upon by a commission named by the State. If he is awarded damages, from 10 to 50 percent of the award does not go to a lawyer. The commission says how much the lawyer gets out of the case, and as a result the injured worker and the firm that employs him both come out of the affair better off financially than by the old method. The big slice of the damages to the legal counsel is eliminated.

The act as it is now administered may not be perfect. The Star does not contend that it is. Very few important legislative acts are perfect until altered and improved. The compensation act is new in North Carolina. Perhaps there are certain defects that could and should be ironed out; but, certainly, the basic idea of the act is sound and fair. Before the dental profession reached its present efficiency an ailing tooth was immediately yanked out. Nowadays a man who has a tooth pulled because of a slight decayed place is considered foolish. Slight details of the compensation act may need clarifying and adjusting, but when Senator McSwain's automobile develops a slight knock, does he junk the entire car? Hardly.

If Senator McSwain and the other men in the legislature and senate do what we think a majority of the citizens of North Carolina desire them to do, they may correct certain defects in the act, but they will not hit the act itself. If they do attempt repeal, they will not be doing what they are supposed to do, carry out the will of those who elected them.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Those of you who with this column enjoyed the late Kin Hubbard's philosophy as expressed through the medium of Abe Martin will get much out of the following verse to Hubbard as written anonymously in The Chicago Tribune:

Vale
The whole world halts to mourn with you,
Abe Martin, and your kindly crew
Of neighbors, standing mute before
Kin Hubbard's silent, crape-hung door.

The whole world halts to drop a tear,
Here in the twilight of the year,
For him whose pungent paragraph
Each morning made the whole world laugh.

We must go home and do our chores,
Turn to our offices and stores,
Consigning to the shadows, dim,
Ye Pash, Tell Blinkley—you—and Him.

We must go home; and so, adieu,
Abe Martin and your kindly crew,
Last of your race of Hoosier sons,
Of Riley's folks and Eggleston's.

Looking over the papers, we note that football officials are having quite a hula-balo over the point after touchdown. Our observation, however, is that many football fans are not half as much interested in the point after touchdown as the point between halves.

Little things—maybe not so little, after all—that inspire those of us who slouch through life grumbling at every bad break:

—Clint Newton's game battle against odds that would have caused the majority of us to lie down and whine long ago.

—The knowledge that one of the gayest, most nonchalant young sports about town denies himself a number of pleasures in order to aid a sister who is a patient in a tubercular hospital.

—The modesty of a man who never had a chance to attend college in never saying anything about the fact that he is seeing that a worthy young relative gets his degree.

—The heroic courage of a colored woman who works day and night to support her family, and through it all finds enough joy in living to sing and laugh the whole day through.

—The set chin and steady look in the eyes of men and women, several of them well along in years, who lost the savings of a life-time in bank crashes in nearby counties. All around us courageous people whose unswerving spirit shames those of us who would be quitters at the first bad break.

Do you know the proper pronunciation of the names of the two great French marshals, Joffre and Foch? They're "Yoff" and "Fuch."

A number of readers about town have been debating the question asked in this column: "Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?"

One young lady answered it by saying, "Sure it is, if she'll have 'im." Now, isn't that a woman for you?

Well, to get it all straightened out, a man cannot marry his widow's sister unless she dies and goes where he is. A man cannot have a widow, y'see, until a tombstone has been erected over him in the cemetery.

Now, here's another to ponder on:

If your peacock should lay an egg in my field, whose egg would it be?

Shelby Shorts: "Maybe," chimes in a reader, "Will Carroll is the youngest looking man for his years in Shelby, but Huss Cline runs him a close second. Despite the fact that he has a grown daughter, he's as young and sheikish looking as any fellow in town" . . . Wallace Wade reports at Duke University this month and that may mean that several Shelby boys will soon be deciding where they're going to college next year . . . Two more Shelby pals of the Damon-Pythias type—Jack Dover and Earl Hamrick . . . Two Shelby men who have been office pals for many years both turned their backs in the last year upon the opportunity of accepting high offices . . . It may have been just a coincidence, but when a carload of stolen chickens was taken into custody here last week two of the three uptown ministers were, within a few minutes, among the interested onlookers . . . Johnny McKnight, the pleasant young chap who started his newspaper career on The Star, will go this month to the Associated Press bureau in Havana, Cuba. A good break that for a deserving lad . . . How are your resolutions holding up? . . . Remember, back in the World War days, when you purchased Liberty Bonds and war saving stamps, 1931 seemed a million years in the future? . . . The most beautiful woman in Shelby, so says a group of young men who consider themselves connoisseurs, belongs to the world's oldest profession among women . . . An interesting story is that one which old timers can relate to you about the time Clyde Hoy spoke at Caesar and the meeting wound up with gun play and plenty of it. A watch is said to have saved the life of the late Police Chief Ed Hamrick who accompanied the silver-tongued orator to the speaking.

This from The Laurinburg Exchange, published by Odus Moore, native Clevelandite:

"Pointing to what he sees as conclusive evidence of the collapse of business under the Hoover administration, a Laurinburg colored man observes that before Mr. Hoover became president Laurinburg had six passenger trains a day. And now he says, 'Just look at it what we got—nothing but a motorcycle.' He refers, of course to the new motor-driven single car combination passenger, baggage and express train between Hamlet and Wilmington and which constitutes Laurinburg's sole passenger train service."

TRUSTEE'S RE-SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of the power vested in me as trustee in a certain deed of trust, executed by A. H. Hopper to secure an indebtedness as described in this certain deed of trust, dated November 29, 1929, and recorded in book 182, page 22 of the register's office for Cleveland county, N. C., and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness and demand having been made on the trustee to execute the trust, I will re-sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on

Saturday, January 24, 1931, at 12 o'clock M., or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a stone in the Mt. St. Stal meeting house branch, and running thence south 89 west 96 feet to a stake. Halcomb Putnam's corner; thence with his line, south 8 east, 130 feet to a Poplar, Ellis' corner; thence with J. M. Putnam's line, now Biggestaff's line south 86 east 167 feet to a stone and pointers in said line a new corner; thence a new line north 4 east 176 feet to a point in the branch one foot south from a poplar on the north bank of the branch; thence down the branch as it meanders to the beginning, containing 80 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale: CASH. Bidding will begin at \$200.00. This the 7th day of January, 1931.

W. O. GRAHAM, Trustee.

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Legion Sponsors Long Awaited Bout Between Spangler And Babe Carr; Boys Training Hard

Bout Here Saturday Night Has Fight Fans On Toes, Good Prelims.

Better boxing exhibitions may have been staged in Shelby in the past, but no bout has attracted more advance interest than the clash Saturday night between Babe Carr and Jerome Spangler.

The leather slinging program will answer its first gong at 8 o'clock in the Thompson building.

The Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion is sponsoring this scrap between two home boys and Matchmaker Dick Blanton has charge of the card.

Support Divided.

The interest in the Carr-Spangler go is due in part to the manner in which fans look at it. Many believe the chunky, ducking Spangler can lick the popular Babe. On the other hand there are scores who will argue 24 hours in the day that the Babe's smile cannot be rubbed off by anyone in the Carolinas except Jim Swinson, the lightweight champ—and some of these days the Carr backers say their favorite will be looking down upon the champ when the referee counts up to 10.

Carr, of course, has the best record because it is the longest. Neither has lost any fights to speak of. Arthur Sides introduced the east Shelby boy to the fight fans here several years ago, and since that time Babe has been wading through opponents much like Alabama's Crimson Tide flower through Washington State. It was just a year or so later that there was a vacancy on a local fight program. Young Spangler offered to fill in. He knew little about the fine points of the game but in the manner in which he waded in, anxious to swap uppercuts or anything else, made him an immediate favorite. Since then he has been polishing off the opponents Matchmaker Blanton has sent into the ring with him.

Spangler's followers have been clamoring for a shot at Carr some time. Carr has not been adverse to it but has been engaged almost full time fighting in Charlotte where he is an idol with fans. Now that they're going to meet at last, the fight fans hereabouts are squirming with eagerness as they await Saturday night. Some of the boys who enjoy 'em fast and furious are helping to create a good psychological atmosphere. They've been to Spangler and told him that Babe says you are not in his class. Anyone knows how that would sit with Spangler who may get flattened 20 times and still come back and stick out his chin for another. Then the bellyhoosers ease around to Babe and tell him that Jerome is going to knock your block off. Babe thinks it over and remembers that the Carolina champion tried the same thing and did not do a first-class job.

Fun and action seem likely in the prelims. "Bear" Huffman, the battling ram, meets "Tuffy" Griffiths, of Cherryville, in the semi-prelim. Matchmaker Blanton says, "If you don't get some fun out of this bout, go see a doctor."

Other bouts will see "Purr" Barrett and Bob Dover mix. Jim Pearson and "Kako" McSwain go on in another. Clyde Hoy and Bob McCurry in another.

An unconfirmed report has it that two former college football stars may meet in another prelim with the idea of musing up each other's good looks.

Jack Blanton, Cliffside's veteran ringster, will be the third man in the squared circle.

Basketball Double Bill Friday Night

Basketball fans, minus their favorite sport since before Christmas, are to be served a double portion in Shelby's "tin can" Friday night.

The Shelby High boys' quint and the Shelby High girls' sextet will clash with two teams representing the Cherryville High school. Both Cherryville teams are reported to be fast cage outfits and closely-contested play is anticipated.

Union Sunday School Elects New Officers

The Lawndale Union Sunday school elected the following officers for the year 1931: Tod R. Caldwell, supt.; R. A. Warlick, assistant supt.; Junior Dagerhart, secretary and treasurer; Mamie Lou Forney, Asst. sec. and treasurer; Lee Champion, choir leader; W. M. Smawley, asst. choir leader; Elizabeth Wilson, pianist; Mrs. Reid Blackburn, asst. pianist.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having this day qualified as administrators of the estate of J. I. Hardin, deceased, of Grover, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased, to present them to us properly proven on or before the 2nd day of December 1931 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This Dec. 2nd, 1930. V. J. and M. L. HARDIN, Grover, administrators of J. I. Hardin, dec'd. 11 Dec 31

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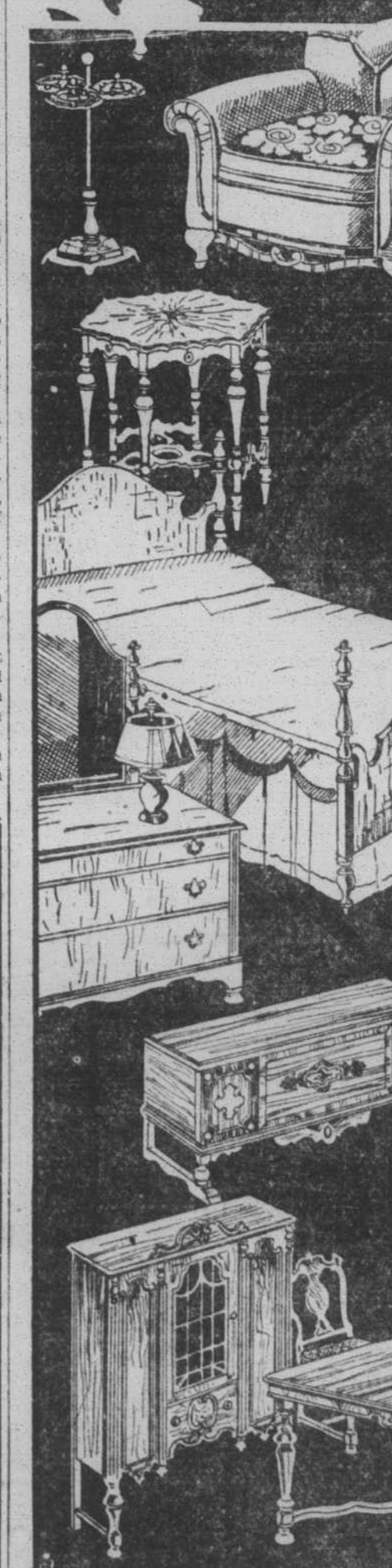
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