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WEDNESDAY, APR. 15, 1931

TWINKLES

The reason more doors are not opened to opportunity is that those on the inside are not positive it is not a bill collector knocking.

The way North Carolina's legislature has been holding on and wrangling it is difficult these days to get a Tar Heel Democrat to say so much about the last Republican Congress.

Something to worry about in a lull when there's nothing else on the mind: The weather prophets are now predicting a "scorching" summer.

A stationer of some type finds that a Boston housekeeper walks eight miles per day. Takes a lot of work to cook beans up there.

Chicago's new mayor—a Democrat, at that—has fired 3,000 city employees since taking office. Seems to be good headwork; if the gangs cannot be handled, why keep such an army on the payroll to do it?

This paragraph should be appropriate for the Raleigh News and Observer editorial page: Maybe the legislature will adjourn in time for the representatives to get home and do something about it before their property is sold for taxes.

In Madrid a school has been opened for politicians. If those folks really desire to know something about bull-fighting of that type, they should send their prospective political terrors to Raleigh, North Carolina, for a three week's course.

The chewing gum manufacturer who recently received quite a bit of free advertising in announcing his intention to buy up gobs of cotton should now start an advertising campaign and advise all farm boys to boost the price of cotton by chewing so many sticks of gum per day.

HEAR THESE CONCERTS

SHELBY PEOPLE who find some leisure time on their hands next Saturday should not miss the opportunity of hearing the district high school music contests at the Central school auditorium. Young musicians from five counties, representing 11 high schools, will compete in instrumental and vocal contests. The occasion should be a treat for all those fond of either type of amusement. And those unable to attend the contests should remember that there will be several hundred visitors in town during the day and Shelby has a reputation for hospitality to maintain.

A BEAUTY SPOT SOON

SHELBY HASN'T ANY SUCH beauty spot as Charleston's Magnolia Gardens, this week said to be at the height of their sheer beauty, but in the county court square this section does have a place of beauty for which generations of the past are to be thanked. Due to the differences in climate the court square here will not reach the peak of its springtime loveliness for several weeks. As Shelby's court square bursts forth every spring in varying shades of green, even the casual observer appreciates how Shelby citizens of other days treasured a sense of the beautiful and made it possible for the present generation to have the beautiful plot shaded by stately trees.

Several years ago Shelby women cooperating with the county agents added flowers and shrubbery to the square. As business conditions gradually improve, would it not be the proper thing to do for the city and county to cooperate in making the court square even more beautiful? The fountains could be kept in operation, and more shrubbery and flowers added. Everyone cannot visit the Charleston gardens to drink the radiant beauty of spring's debut; and if they could, why not have a spot of beauty at home?

NO HARD TIMES THERE

SOME DAY WHEN YOU ARE inclined to believe that times are hard everywhere and that no section has failed to feel the general business depression, take a motor trip out of Shelby by way of Polkville and the South Mountain Institute to Dysartville community, just across from Rutherford county in McDowell. It is that same route which people of this section believe should be paved from Shelby to Marion, thus opening up one of the most fertile sections in Western North Carolina. Dysartville is now on the State maintained route 100.

The Utopian conditions in the Dysartville section are described by State Automobile Inspector Debro Wilkins, a former sheriff of Cleveland county.

Recently Mr. Wilkins, accompanied by Mr. A. W. McMurry, stopped at a general store at Dysartville. In the course of a conversation, the store-keeper was casually asked "Times pretty hard, I guess?" Back came the reply: "Nossir; not here. Business is as good if not better than it has been in 10 years. There is considerable trading going on hereabouts. Everyone seems to have some money, and if there is a man in this section who owes a dollar that he can-

not pay I do not know him."

That from a small town's leading merchant. Think it over.

Inquiry into the life of the community that knows no hard times reveals that Dysartville is centered between two fertile farm valleys. For years the residents of that section have practised what Governor Gardner in recent years has urged all North Carolina farmers to do. The Dysartville section has lived at home. It is a section similar to communities in Catawba and Lincoln counties inhabited by the Dutch. These sections produce everything possible to produce for home consumption. Things that cannot be produced and have to be purchased are paid for by products of the farm carried to town and sold.

More Dysartvilles will serve the farm problems now facing certain sections of this State.

JUSTICE FOR A NEGRO

IT IS NOT DIFFICULT to find many people who will contend that incidents of miscarriage of justice are rare exceptions which should be given little attention. We often wonder if those who so contend do not at certain moments, when they become truthful with themselves, have a decreasing respect for certain types of justice. For instance, the type explained in the following Greensboro News editorial:

Recitation of an episode in the administration of justice as reported from South Carolina may not be entirely without interest for those who are prone to ruminate upon the idiosyncrasies of the blind goddess.

Last week Sam Bailey, negro, tipped off four members of the Palmetto legislature that he knew where a bottle of "bonded" whisky which might be obtained for \$C. Four gullible lawmakers contributed to the pot and sent Sam on his way to secure that with which they hoped to quench their thirst. When Sam failed to return, however the legislators reported their deficit to the police and its creator was immediately brought to the bar of justice.

The outcome of the transaction, or rather its failure to materialize as promised, was that Sam received an alternate sentence of paying a \$400 fine or spending four months in jail. The names of the legislators were not even mentioned in court, although it cannot be that the negro was convicted on anonymous testimony or that South Carolina authorities are stocked with exclusive protection for legislators who take time off from their lawmaking duties to violate the prohibition or other laws during their sojourn at Columbia.

And so it runs. A negro who gave a quartet of legislators the medicine which their gullibility deserved goes to the roads, while those whose eagerness to break the statute were responsible for his plight shielded from the public eye, return to their lawmaking with little or no thought of the dangers which their hypocritical breeds. Granting that justice is blind, a woman's intuition should cause her to bite her lips in disavowal of the cardinal principles for which she is at least supposed to stand.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

"Nine times out of ten people who have no sense of humor have no sense at all"

That's the observation of "Corn Cracker" (M. L. White), veteran school teacher and newspaper contributor, who is one of the best known characters in the counties of Cleveland and Rutherford. The "Corn Cracker" observation was made in connection with reminiscences of the days when one of his pupils was none other than Hatcher Hughes, the Cleveland county boy who now lives in New York and is a nationally known playwright.

"Corn Cracker," according to the best information available, was Hughes' first school teacher, and the veteran instructor remembers that young Hughes was one of the first to chuckle when a joke was related. In the weeks to come "Corn Cracker" plans to write for The Star his memories of the day when one of the county's most famous sons was a farm boy in this county and pupil in his school.

In so far as this column is able to determine only one Shelby residence is insured against airplane damage. The residence is that of Everett (Jack) Houser in the Cleveland Springs Estates.

Back in the days when Shelby had an airport the planes zoomed down for their landing right over the Houser house. There are numerous telephone wires thereabouts and the ex-newspaperman had an idea that some day one of the planes might stick a nose into the wires and take a dive into his house. And the bet is dollars to doughnuts that not a single insurance man in Shelby could tell him off-hand, when he sought it, the insurance rate on residences against damage by airplanes.

Through the never ceasing efforts of this department's private detectives we are informed that Joe Whisnant, the barrister, was the first man to take an unintentional bath in the lake on the No. 3 fairway of the Cleveland Springs golf course. The tumble is reported to have been accidental, but one wonders if Joe didn't feel about in the bottom of the pond for some of those 867 golf balls knocked there in recent weeks by Shelby golfers and would-be golfers?

Another report has it that one Shelby's earliest bathtubs was constructed of wood with a galvanized lining in the residence of the late John D. Lineberger.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

Looking through an old newspaper recently Mr. Stough Hopper ran upon an advertisement of the Clipper bicycles which were so famous three decades ago. The ad brought back memories. One of them was of the bicycle race held at the South Washington street park, located near the present residence of Dr. Gold. Among the bike riders in that particular contest 33 years ago were the following youngsters: Ab Eskridge, Paul Webb, Kossie McBrayer and Joe Bridges.

Early in the race Mr. Hopper recalls that Paul Webb saw that he was being outdistanced, turned his bike and ran it out into the spectators. Joe Suttle sold Clipper bicycles in those days at a stand near the present location of the store operated by A. V. Wray and the half dozen young Wrays.

"Uncle Audie" Rudasill, whose memory goes back as far as any of them, wonders how many present day citizens of Shelby remember the greased goose races. The feathers were pulled from the neck of a goose, the neck greased, and the goose fastened to a post. The goose was the

prize of the first horseback rider who could ride by at full speed and pull the goose from the post by the greased neck.

Springtime gets in their blood early these days. Only recently a little 10-year-old Shelby miss, well known throughout the city, had a regular date and was taken to the talkies by her boy friend. Her mother dropped by the show house a few minutes later and took a seat a short distance behind the youthful couple. Their party was not interrupted until the show was over when they were invited to ride home in her mother's car. The invitation was accepted.

Odds are that the young lady will be the belle of the town less than a decade from now.

Shelby Shorts: Perhaps you hadn't noticed it, but Cleveland county's display of wealth is less than a half mile distant from the county's display of poverty. On one side of the highway, the fair grounds; on the other, the poor house. There is no more pathetic sight than that of the stooped men and gray-haired women sitting on the long porch at the home, gazing with weary eyes, at the sinking sun—and waiting. The past a series of tough breaks and misfortunes. The future a dismal blank—and, what a cheering thought! many newspapermen wind up their flutter on earth rocking out of life on porches of that type. . . . What dreary lines. . . . know any fresh jokes? . . . One young lady considers this corner's Miss Shelby contest "positively silly" She hasn't been entered. . . . Have there been seven consecutive rainy Saturdays or eight? That topic is under controversy in Shelby. . . . And what about next Saturday?

Those folks who, when asked how they are feeling, have a habit of saying "Oh, just so-so" could say the same thing in the words of the South Carolina colored man whose reply was "Somewhat 'twixt 'Oh, Lord,' and 'Thank God.'"

Contest Wins At Lattmore

Winners in Reading and Declaiming Contest in Various Grades Beats Polkville.

(Special to The Star.)

Lattmore, April 14.—In the readers and declamation contest Friday evening, the elementary reader winning first place was Jocelyn Magness from the seventh grade, with Martha McBrayer of the 6th grade, taking second place. The elementary declaimer taking first place was Dietz Washburn from the fourth grade, with Winifred Jones from the fifth grade taking second place. The high school reader winning first place was Miss Faith Davis with Miss Elaine Horne coming second. The high school declaimer winning first place was Mr. Aston Adams with Mr. John Albert McBrayer coming second. All of those winning first places in this contest will be awarded a gold medal at commencement.

The Woman's club met on Thursday afternoon in the home economics department. After business transactions, salads were demonstrated.

After the meeting there adjourned the ladies visited Mr. Gibson Price's flower garden, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wins Over Polkville.

The Lattmore baseball team won a game over the Polkville team last week 11 to 2. While Hendricks was holding the Polkville sluggers to four hits his teammates were knocking the offerings of the Polkville pitcher all over the lot. Green was sent to the showers in the fourth and Gold, who followed him was less effective.

The entire Lattmore team played good ball, Hendricks with three hits and Cabiness with two led the hitting.

Mrs. O. E. Acree and daughter, Eleanor, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones. Mrs. Acree's friends will be pleased to know that her oldest

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I. M. ALLEN, Sheriff Cleveland
County.

daughter, Aileen won a trip to Washington, D. C., this week in connection with the American Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones had as guests for the day Sunday their friends Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Underhill and Miss Cora Byrd of the faculty of the school for the deaf at Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jolley and children and Mr. Billie Harill visited friends and relatives near Cliffside, Sunday.

Miss Margaret Reynolds had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bryan of Greenwood, S. C., and Misses Janie Fuller and Mildred Kemp of Edgefield, S. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of B. T. Brooks, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them duly verified to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 31st day of March, 1932, or this notice will be closed in favor of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of March, 1931.
Z. J. THOMPSON, Administrator of
B. T. Brooks, Deceased.
Joseph C. Whisnant, Atty. 8t Apr 10

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M. A. FRANCIS, F. L. WILKINS,
Executors of the will of Rufus P. Francis, deceased.
Newton & Newton, Atty. 4t Apr 10c

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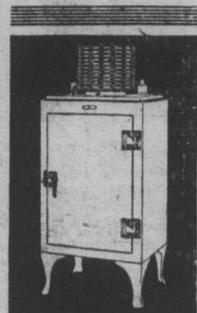
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