

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

NOW, FOLKS, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SHELBY?

A reader, one who is always hard to please, holds up his hand and asks may he make this remark: "Why not start something new in the column? Tell us something, once and awhile, about Shelby that we do not know." Quite a difficult assignment he metes out in view of the fact that five or six thousand people have been living here longer than this corner.

What we often wonder is why curious readers do not help us assemble such information. With that thought comes another: why not ask a few questions and get enough material to plug this entire space for one issue? Get set, class, here the questions come—the best paper submitted will be published:

1. How many filling stations within the city limits of Shelby?
2. How many trees on the court square?
3. How many parking spaces reserved in the business section for automobiles of physicians and police?
4. Which street opposite the court house has the least number of business firms; which the most?
5. How high is the Confederate monument?
6. How many doors (and windows) in the fountain building on the court square?
7. How high is Shelby's highest building—and is it the Masonic Temple or the Eagle Roller mill?
8. What is Shelby's altitude and where is the marker giving that information?
9. Which of the four main streets—LaFayette, Warren, Washington and Marion—has the most mileage within the city limits?
10. Name the member of the Shelby police department who weighs the most?
11. How many steps from the street level to the lobby floor of the Hotel Charles?
12. Which minister is the tallest, Rev. Zeno Wall or Rev. L. B. Hayes?
13. How many benches on the court square?

(That last question ought to be easy for some of you folks who have tried out all of them).

Fill in your answers and shoot them along. Bet we'll have to employ a dozen or so extra girls to wade through all the papers. And the person who answers all those questions correctly should be taken out and banqueted by the Kiwanians, the Rotarians and the Lions, for our bet is that there isn't a single person who can answer a third of them offhand.

NOT SO FAR WRONG; WHAT?

One of our scouts reports that he was passing a display window in the Shelby business section recently and noticed a placard in one window reading "What the Properly Dressed Woman is Wearing This Summer." And the placard, mind you, was hanging over two wax figures that didn't have a stitch of anything upon them.

P. S. We do not vouch for the veracity of the reports brought in by our scouts.

THE WORST BLOW YET FOR GOVERNOR MAX

Shelby's first citizen, Governor Max, has had one blow after another this year. Editor Jo Daniels and the MacLean bill supporters have called him all manner of names, and he has been lambasted, unjustly as we see it, from all sides; but to our way of thinking the worst blow came this week.

Governor Max was up about Atlantic City taking his first brief vacation since the recent, lamented, long-winded general assembly opened its sessions. While there he ran upon an old friend, General John A. Phelan, chairman of the New York Boxing Commission. General Phelan said, "Max, old boy, there's a championship wrestling match in the Yankee Stadium tonight; why not go as my guest?"

Governor Max, being fond of athletic events and having had a bit of experience in wrestling himself (with contrary legislators), replied, "Sure, Gen., I'm with you," and away they went.

In the lull between the necking and twisting in the ring, the big time New York writers began to look about the stadium to see how many notables, celebrities and such were present. They spied Gen. Phelan and his party. And the next day what did Damon Runyon, one of the most famous of all New York scribes, write in The American but the following: "General Phelan had as his guest Governor Max Gardner, of South Carolina."

And, Governor, since Runyon is one of those writers who contends that he never gets anything wrong, we think you'd better get Governor Blackwood on long distance and swap states for a spell.

Just think of all that touch luck happening to a governor in one year. If they keep on picking on him, the next thing you know someone will put out the report that he and Jo Daniels are really bosom pals and merely staged all that legislative row to get their names in the paper (Jo's paper).

POOR MOTHERS, THEY DO HAVE IT TOUGH

A reader read this one somewhere and thinks his two fellow readers of this department would also enjoy it:

"Mothers have a pretty bad time."
"Why?"
"Well, they're always afraid some girls will marry their sons and that some men won't marry their daughters."

IF YOU'RE NOT NUTTY WITH HEAT, TRY THIS

This story (and we borrow it from Eugene Ashcraft's Catch-All column in The Monroe Enquirer), with various modifications has been doing duty for a good while, but for the benefit of those who have not chanced to run across it we tell it again.

It concerns an inmate of a lunatic asylum, who on being asked by a visitor how he got that way, replied:

"It all started when I married a widow with a grown-up daughter. Then my father, being a widower married the daughter. That made my step-daughter my step-mother, and my father became my step-son; my wife also becoming the mother-in-law of her father-in-law."

"Then my step-mother had a son, who was my brother, being my father's son; but as the boy was the grandson of my wife, he was also my grandson."

"Then my wife and I had a son. My father's wife is my son's half-sister and also his grandmother. Now, it is easy to see that my father became my step-son by marrying my step-daughter. Therefore, being my father's father, I am my own grandfather."

The visitor stopped the lunatic at this point, thoroughly satisfied to why he went crazy.

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Advices Teachers To Make Best Of Situation Ahead

Tells Them to Take the Blow Standing up and Not to Whine. Sees Better Days Ahead.

Chapel Hill—Asserting that education in North Carolina is now facing a crucial test as the results of cuts in salaries, equipment and personnel, President Frank P. Graham, in an address here at the formal opening of the University summer school, exhorted the teachers to "take the blow standing up and not to whine about it."

"We are going to have the schools in spite of everything," Dr. Graham decided. "We can develop an esprit de corps that will carry us through the next two years. The fight for the schools that was waged in the last legislature is now over, and it is in our hands to make or mar the schools. It is a good time to test the stuff we are made of."

Admonishing the teachers "to hold to what's left and stand on for that advance and that better day that's sure to come," Dr. Graham urged them to "make the most of the situation in which they now find themselves."

"We are gathered here today," he said, "in the spirit of those who went to the training camps to prepare for that great campaign ahead."

Pointing out that the summer school enrollment was 1,625, Dr. Graham thought that remarkable in view of the fact that the legislature had lifted for two years the requirement that teachers attend summer school.

"If all had come who wanted to come we would have had an enrollment of more than 2,000," he said.

Asserting that the fortunes of the public schools and the institutions of higher learning go hand in hand, "that as the public schools go up or down, all state institutions go up or down," that this University is an organic part of the public school system, Dr. Graham told the teachers that "this University shares with you this struggle that we now face."

"Two years ago," he said "the teaching corps of the public schools of the state was reduced by 900. This year it is to be reduced by 1,200, with a consequent increase in a teacher load that is already too heavy, and that increase in teachers load goes a reduction of salaries that are already too low."

Dr. Graham said that such difficulties presented a new challenge that should be met in a proper spirit.

President Graham was introduced by Director N. W. Walker of the summer school, who presented him as "a man with the greatest capacity for friendship and a most amazing courage."

Where ground limestone was used, John D. Simmons of Altamaha, route 2, Caswell county reports red clover growing 43 inches high; where the limestone was not used, the clover is only 16 inches high.

Growing Wheat In York County

Farmer This Year Proving That It Can Be Done There.

Yorkville Enquirer.

For years and years The Yorkville Enquirer has maintained that wheat can be successfully and profitably grown in York county, despite the fact that has been said over and over again "This ain't a wheat county." The Enquirer has stoutly maintained that one reason why "this ain't a wheat county" is because farmers who attempted to grow wheat more often than not selected the poorest land on their farms, half prepared the soil, sowed indifferent seed in a careless way, used little or no fertilizers and trust the Lord (a little bit). Neither wheat, oats, cotton nor corn can be grown on such a plan.

This year it has been demonstrated beyond any doubt that as good wheat can be grown in York county as can be grown anywhere, and here are some facts to prove it:

W. Y. Lathan of the Blairsville section, sowed "about six acres" in wheat. The grain followed corn last year on land highly fertilized with stable manure that under the conditions practically burned the corn up. The wheat has recently been thrashed and Mr. Lathan's yield was 202 bushels—better than 33 bushels per acre.

J. E. Lathan had six acres in wheat in alfalfa. "It was then the poorest land on my place," said Mr. Lathan. "I fertilized it with rough manure and last year had it in corn. It was burned up. The wheat yield this year was 147 bushels." Nearly 25 bushels per acre.

"Every farmer who had wheat this year has made a good yield," said Mr. Lathan.

Joe S. Riddle, Bethel farmer, said a few days ago that he had six acres of wheat, and while he hadn't thrashed it then, he believed he would get 150 bushels of grain.

If you want more evidence of York county's ability to grow good wheat, you will get it from time to time if you will read The Enquirer.

J. Lee Harmon, of Moncure, Chatham county, reports his yield of wheat doubled per acre where limestone and sweet clover was used as compared with the wheat grown on land not receiving this previous treatment.

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Trinity Community News Of The Week

Surprise Birthday Party For Miss Beason, Miss Sue Beason To Wilmington.

(Special to The Star.)

July 1.—The regular monthly preaching services will be held at our church on next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Quite a number of the friends of Miss Nellie Beason gave her a surprise birthday party on last Saturday night. A number of games and contests were enjoyed on the lawn. Those attending from outside the community were Messrs. Yates and James McSwain of Boiling Springs and Miss Joana Jolley of Shelby.

Mr. J. A. Hollifield and little son, Wilbur, spent the past week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. D. Hollifield, of Chesnee, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Ledford of Mooresboro spent last week-end here with Mrs. Perry Ledford.

Mrs. Shay Wall has been very sick with tonsillitis but we are glad to know that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bridges and family and Mr. R. V. Green visited relatives in Bostic Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bettie Beason gave a beautiful "go-away" party at her home on Monday evening, honoring her niece, Miss Mattie Sue Beason, who left on Tuesday for Wilmington, where she has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Rhamey and family of Morganton were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Winn Sunday.

Mr. C. J. Bridges of Boiling Springs visited at the home of Mr. J. A. Hollifield Saturday.

Miss Mae Jolley of Shelby spent Sunday with Miss Nan Lovelace.

Miss Marjorie McCluney spent Saturday night with Miss Frances Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Robbs and children and Mrs. Mettie Robbs of near Gaffney, S. C. were the spend-the-day guests of Mrs. F. E. Bridges here on Sunday.

Those calling at the home of Mr. Charlie Beason on Sunday were Mrs. Freeman Hawkins and chil-

dren of Beaver Dam and Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. Harrill.

Miss Ethel Lovelace spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Greene of Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Crowder and Miss Blanche Bridges of Lattimore were callers in the community Sunday.

Misses Mary Alice and Ruby Lovelace spent Saturday night with Miss Nellie Beason.

How Much Land In County Mortgaged?

Pessimists Usually Put Figure Far Above What Is Really Is.

What percentage of the farm land in Cleveland county is "plastered" with mortgages? Right often pessimists get together make a high estimate of the mortgaged property. Chances are that they are wrong. As an indication read the following from Eugene Ashcraft's Monroe Enquirer about the situation in Union county:

"On a recent day while sitting on one of the cushionless iron benches on the court house square, one of the town's loafers declared in a loud voice that "put" high ninety percent of the farm lands in Union county is heavily mortgaged and ev'body heels over head in debt."

"Well, I'd heard that kind of yawpin' before and I hot-footed it into the register of deeds office to find out. Inquiring of Emsley Armfield as to our status along this line, the obliging clerk told me that perhaps from 20 to 25 percent of the farm lands of Union county were "plastered." But that most of this indebtedness was in the farm loan and comparatively speakin' nothin' pushin'.

"Further, I found that almost everybody in debt is making every effort to pay up and that they will do it."

"I have asked quite a good many Union county farmers how they are progressing and it is surprising as well as gratifying to hear them say, "I'm out of debt."

"I do believe that the depression, hard times or panic which we have undergone during the past year or more has brought our people to

their senses. Almost everybody now abhors debt, practically all have gone to work and living more sanely than for the past ten years. Also our folks have adopted Governor Gardner's live-at-home plan, and I dare say there is more food-stuff right now here in Union county than in its entire history."

Currituck potato growers report an average yield of 15 barrels to each barrel of seed planted. A high percentage has graded U. S. No. 1 in quality.

county is slowly bidding cotton goodbye," says County Agent J. B. Britt in recounting the acreage to small grain, hay and pasture now being grown over the county.

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Those having complaints to file will be given a hearing on this date as provided by law, otherwise assessments will remain as fixed. This June 30th, 1931.

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