

Around Our TOWN

Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

CHASIN' ALONG THE FAIRGROUND MIDWAY

Chatter about anything else other than the fair would likely be out of order this week. It's a gay time out around the bustling midway, and nothing has caused more talk than the electrically-controlled foxhound and greyhound racing device worked out by Doc Dorton, John Schenck, Jr., Cos Wright and Rob Patterson. Those buying dogs have old and young whooping it up together. People who haven't shown much enthusiasm for any other fair amusements have gone head-over-heels for the races. The neighboring newspapers, at Gastonia, Concord, Hickory and elsewhere, have boosted the new race feature after citizens of those cities have returned home to tell about it.

Thrills here, thrills there, fun on this side, excitement on the other painted girls and sophisticated showmen, dare-devil acts and freaks! There is more to see than at a three-ring circus. It's the one week in the year when Shelby forsakes the court square and swarms out on the fair tract. If you're skeptical, try to drive the family flivver out highway 20 about race time in the afternoon, or just before the spectacular fireworks in the evening.

ADD ELEVEN TO ONE AND GET THE OTHER

Just how we came to notice it we cannot say, and, undoubtedly, it's information not worth mentioning—but if you get in a hurry for an undertaker, call 61 (that's Jack Palmer's) and if the line is busy add 11 to the 61 and ask for 72 (that's the Lutz and Jackson number).

But, why bring anything like that up?

THE MOST EFFICIENT STENOGRAPHER IN TOWN?

From "Inquisitor" comes this message:

"By the way, who has the most efficient stenographer in Shelby? Your column, 'Around Our Town', would be a good way to find this out."

A good idea! Who are they, or, rather, who is she? Shelby has a number of comely young typewriter ticklers and among them are several regarded as very efficient. The first entry, offered by another stenographer, is the stenographer in the Ryburn and Hoey law office.

TAR HEEL HONESTY PROVES SURPRISING

Up in Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," there is a lady who has a higher opinion of North Carolina than ever before. A couple of weeks ago she was en route to the New Jersey beach. On the trip somewhere she lost her purse. The next day Fred Logan was heading home from the New England States to visit his family in Shelby. Speeding southward on the same day was his brother, Randolph. Along the New Jersey pike Fred caught up with his brother, waved and pulled to the side of the road. As he did so he noticed something lying in the road. Alighting from the car he found a purse containing a sizeable sum of money and the name and address of the owner. When he reached Shelby he mailed the purse to the Philadelphia lady. In a day or two there came a letter from her saying: "I've always known that North Carolina was a fine state, but in expressing my appreciation to you it is only fitting that I should say that I can understand now better than ever why it is."

TAXES PAID WITH BACON IN 1864

Recent talk about using cotton for money caused J. A. Wilson to dig around in the family souvenirs and find something that proves that in bygone days other commodities were used instead of cash. The proof is a tax receipt made out to his mother, Mrs. Samuel A. Wilson, on May 19, 1864, and signed by D. C. Webb, agent. It reads: "Received of Mrs. Samuel Wilson, eight pounds of bacon on account of her tax in kind."

MUST-BE IN "FUM NOW ON"

A Shelby visitor to Raleigh, so the story goes, was visiting out at the State prison and talking to some of the inmates. Apparently he didn't notice that he was in the pier of cells where the "ifers" were kept. Anyway, he asked: "My good fellow, what sort of man will you be when you get out?"

"An old one, sir," was the retort.

OLD LETTER TELLS OF CANNON BURSTING HERE

An old letter, now in the possession of B. C. Houzer, tells of a rousing political campaign here many years ago in which a rally and barbecue was broken up by the unexpected bursting of a cannon. The letter was written in October, 1860, by J. W. Gidney to his brother Chauncey. It said in part: "Since the Presidential election is all the talk, I think I should give you a short and cursory delineation of the state of feeling exhibited in the good old North State." He then proceeded to tell of the Bell party rally and barbecue which was pretty near rained out. Z. B. Vance and Wm. P. Bynum were the chief orators. On the following week, the letter informed, the Breckenridge "affair" was held. It was a two-day session and on the first day T. L. Clingman spoke for two hours and A. G. Waters made "a few remarks." That night Thos. Slade and Waters spoke again. On the following day, said the letter, "Dr. June Fox, of Charlotte, held us spell bound for three and a quarter hours and Hon. B. Craig also spoke . . . Then to the feast and plenty to eat . . . There was a cannon here whose loud bellows jarred nearly all the lights out of the court house windows. Later the cannon burst and hurled the ponderous matter of which it was composed over the town. Luckily no one was killed but Boardley, Jolly, Randall and others fell among the wounded, but none mortally hurt—and thus ended the Breckenridge barbecue. I cannot tell whether Breckenridge or Bell will carry this state."

Among other things the writer informed his brother that a certain prominent citizen was "here at the time of the barbecue as tight as a fiddler's bitch." Other bits of news informed that "Jo Cabanis and Mat have an heir . . . Carroll is yet at the hotel."

Wonder how many people now living in Cleveland county remember those Breckenridge and Bell rallies and the bursting of the cannon? Who was the Cabanis heir? And make your own guess about the citizen who got "tight" for the barbecue.

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The Star is 16th in circulation of all the newspapers in North Carolina. It exceeds the circulation of 160 weekly newspapers and exceeds the circulation of 20 of the 35 daily newspapers.

No other form of advertising is more economical or effective.

A's Meet The Cards Tomorrow



Here's the first complete line-up of the Philadelphia Athletics, following their winning of the American League pennant. They are now ready to go in the World Series in which they will vie for the crown of the diamond with the St. Louis Cardinals. Left to right (front row): Palmisano, McNair, Foxx, Walberg, Mascot, Deperizo, Dr. Eberling, Roley, Todd. Middle row: Grove, Miller, Cochran, Collins, Connie Mack, himself; Gleason, E. Mack, Simmons, Bishop, Moore and Dykes. Standing: Mehaffey, Williams, Gramer, Hoyt, Haas, McDonald, Rommel, Krause, Heving and Peterson.

Highs To Play Night Football In Forest City

Owl Grid Clash Friday. Highs Seeking Revenge For Licking.

The Shelby high football eleven will do something Friday night of this week that no other Shelby eleven has ever done—play a game under electric lights.

The owl contest is to be staged at the Alexander-Forest City park, which is electrically lighted.

Prep For Game.

The local eleven came out of its licking in Charlotte last week pretty well bruised up by the husky Queen City team but with their spirits still high. No one expected the inexperienced Morris eleven to have a chance with Charlotte's veteran squad. The local outfit shows very much promise of being a better eleven than the one last year, but it will take time for it to develop due to the lack of experience in the backfield and at several points in the line.

The injury of Duncan in the Charlotte game took an experienced player from the lineup, but Casey Morris has more reserve line strength to bolster up with than he expected at the outset of the season. Doan Hulick, former line player, and a brother to Bub, the utility lineman, is out for practice this week and could, if he will, make a valuable man.

The question mark, however, is in the backfield. The line has strength and will be hard to handle with the experience of another game or so, but in the backfield it is another story. The backs are not only shy on experience but in weight. Hubert (Bear) Huffman's punting and passing looked good in the Charlotte game—and the boy can really stick a toe in the pigskin—but the running attack refused to click. Perhaps it was because of the superiority of the opposition and it may get going at Forest City, but that remains to be seen. Wilson and Connor are both snake-hipped speedsters and Purp Barrett is ordinarily a good ground-gainer. Coordination of these with Huffman's kicking and the line play may put the eleven on its stride Friday night.

Forest City has a strong aggregation and won its first night game over Lenoir last week.

Any number of Shelby football fans who are at work during the week are expected to take advantage of the night play and see the game.

No Taxes Levied By Robeson Town

Lumberton—Speaking of taxes, as everybody is doing these days, there is a town in Robeson county that levies no taxes whatever. That town is McDonald, population 141, according to the 1930 census. H. F. Stacy, of the law firm of McLean and Stacy of Lumberton, attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, which runs through the town, wrote to McDonald the other day to ascertain what that railroad's town tax might be, and in reply, N. L. Hall, clerk, wrote:

"We have not levied or collected any tax in two years. There is not any one else paying taxes, so the Coast Line will be treated the same way."

Quarterly Meeting At Sharon Saturday

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Salem next Saturday at 2 o'clock. The official members of the circuit are urged to be present. Preaching will be at El Bethel Sunday at 11. The presiding elder will preach at Salem at 3 o'clock Sunday.

R. L. FORBIS

Shelby Fans To See Wake-Furman Game

Two Strong Elevens Meet At Gastonia Saturday. Tickets On Sale Here.

A large number of Shelby and Cleveland county football fans expect to see the clash at Gastonia Saturday afternoon between Wake Forest and Furman.

Both elevens have numerous supporters in this section with Wake backers outnumbering the others. The Demon Deacons, their supporters believe, are due to stage a come-back Saturday.

Tickets for the game are on sale in Shelby at the Suttle drug store on LaFayette street, or may be secured by writing or telephoning W. T. Spencer at Gastonia.

A dispatch from Gastonia says: "All the preliminary preparations have been made for the game which is expected to draw a record crowd in Gastonia. The stadium has been marked off and all tickets correspond to marked seats. All the bleacher section of the stadium has been reserved. General admission seats will be found in the covered grandstand and in the bleacher seats to be erected later, on the east side of the field.

"Adding to the gaiety of the occasion will be a parade and concert by the American Legion bugle and drum corps. High school football players will act as ushers in seating the people in the bleacher seats.

"All the broken seats in the stadium have been repaired and everything will be in apple pie order by the day of the game.

"Committees on publicity, decoration and advertising are hard at work. Every department of the chamber of commerce is functioning perfectly and harmoniously in staging this college game. If this game goes over big, others may be expected in later years."

If you have the right idea of advertising, you will not expect a two-dollar space to bring you a thousand dollars worth of business.

Kings Mtn. Defeats Lowell in First Game

Kings Mountain, Sept. 28.—The Kings Mountain high football team, playing their first game of the season at Speedway park here Friday afternoon, defeated the Lowell high by the score of 13 to 7. The teams were evenly matched and the game was hard fought throughout. Neither side scored until the second quarter when Collins local fullback intercepted a pass and ran 50 yards for a touchdown. The local scored again in the third quarter. In a desperate effort to win the game in the last quarter the visitors resorted to an aerial attack which netted them one touchdown in the last few minutes of play.

Collins, local fullback was the individual star of the game. Both teams made a number of fumbles. The locals play their second game here next Friday with the Cliffside high as their opponents.

Married Women To Lose Railway Jobs

Portsmouth, Ohio.—The Norfolk and Western railroad announced here that after October 1 it would not employ any married women in its clerical positions or other service. It also said that hereafter the marriage of any woman employe automatically would sever her connection with the railroad.

Uncle Sam's Stocks Of Gold Is Decreased

New York.—Uncle Sam's stock of gold decreased nearly \$52,000,000 today.

The daily statement of the Federal Reserve bank of New York showed that \$20,453,600 in gold was withdrawn for export, and stocks of the metal earmarked for foreign account increased \$31,500,000, which is equivalent to the export of that amount.

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JAS. A. WILSON Proprietor of Poplar Park Estates.

McFadden Gives Away His Wealth

New York.—Barnard MacFadden, publisher and physical culture advocate, announces that he has given away all his capital—more than \$5,000,000—because he believes that money makes for unhappiness and that he will find more "enthralling happiness" in life by living off his salary.

MacFadden made the announcement in a radio address, and elaborated his theory of wealth in an interview with the United Press.

He attacked wealth as a menace, likely to convert its possessors into "flabby mollycoddles," and he warned that we are living in a revolutionary period, when men of wealth "should put their houses in order."

"You can't find a single happy family in the wealth classes," he declared. "Wealth for them means ostentation and display. Families that inherit money are even worse. The family degenerates with each generation. They don't conduct their own business, but have to hire someone to do it for them. They have no brains and they have no happiness."

The publisher said he has provided amply for his family.

She's Fat



"Alpine"—Florida's prize fat beauty—who tips the scales at 732 pounds. She is the biggest feature, at least in point of size, with Model Shows of America at the Cleveland county fair.

The Best Is Yet To Come



Enthusiastic Crowds Literally Stormed The Fair Grounds Yesterday To See And Enjoy The

Greatest Fair Cleveland County Has Ever Presented To Its People AND THE SURROUNDING TERRITORY!

THE FIRST DAY'S ATTENDANCE EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS AND BROKE ALL FORMER RECORDS FOR FIRST-DAY VISITORS!

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