

Seventy Two Killed In State In November

Raleigh.—Seventy two persons met death in automobile accidents in North Carolina, during November, according to the bureau of vital statistics of the state board of health issued here.

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Around Our TOWN OR Shelby SIDELIGHTS By RENN DRUM.

SPOOKS OF SLAIN PEOPLE LINGER ON? Are you superstitious, and do you believe in ghosts and mysterious signs? A news story this week from Mauch Chunk, Pa., about the "death hand" that kept re-appearing reminds that there is a similar omen of superstition near Shelby to trouble those who believe in the supernatural.

As you motor into Rutherfordton—as most people in this section know—make the turn from Highway 20 into a Rutherfordton business street you pass by the wall of an old brick building. On that wall is a dim yet discernible white spot which when studied closely resembles the outline of a woman's body. The building was once used, many years ago, as a jail. On the side of the building where the outlined figure may be seen, as the story is told, a woman was hanged. Before the noose tightened about her neck she again declared her innocence of murder and vowed that a reminder of her would linger on through the years to haunt those who took her life and their children and children's children. At last account the spooky spot on the wall was still there. Figure it out to your own liking.

But getting back to the Pennsylvania story: Sixty-seven years ago a man was led to the gallows in the jail there. He kept repeating that he was innocent of the crime. And as he was being taken along the corridor he reached down and slapped his hand on the dust-covered floor and then slapped a dusty handprint high on the wall of the corridor. "That is the handprint of an innocent man," he shrieked. "It can never be washed away." It never was. It was still there last week despite the passing of many years and the fact that it had been white-washed over time and time again. It always came back. But it isn't there now, or wasn't at last report. The jailer got tired of showing the handprint to curious people and last week he took a knife and cut out the plaster where the handprint was and put new plaster in the excavation. But among the superstitious Dutch people of Pennsylvania there are those who believe the handprint will come back on the new plaster. We will just wait and see—these spook yarns being related to determine if there is as much reader interest in spooky mystery stories as the sale of the mystery magazines indicate.

SHELBY SHORTS: Just below Shelby, in the Zoar-Sharon section, lives a lady who has a fan that is 200 years old. How much will be antique-hunters give for the tip? . . . Gideon Price, the man who maintains the beautiful flower garden at Lattimore—a real show-place when the flowers bloom in the spring—has 30,000 tulips in the ground this year, more than ever before. . . . Calendars haven't been coming in so fast this year, had you noticed? . . . Congratulations are offered C. A. Morrison and Son, Shelby contractors, who do not seem to be bothered by the depression. Their latest job is building a postoffice at Elizabethtown, Tenn. That's where Hoover made his famous Southern speech, y'know. . . . So-called bottled-in-bond isn't selling so well about Shelby this year. Hard times have taken business back to the South Mountain boys. . . . A young Shelby man who once played that he was a mule while on a date with a new girl now has a set of false teeth that fits over his regular molars. And what a face? . . . Had you noticed that it has rained every Thursday in December? . . . And maybe the sweet young things who have matrimonial ambitions will appreciate the reminder that 1932 is Leap Year. Give it a thought; maybe you'll not be spry enough to do much leaping time another one comes along.

WAY BACK WHEN HE-MEN SPANKED THEIR WIVES A copy of another interesting old newspaper has been loaned this corner by Fred Baber. It is an issue of The Kings Mountain Reformer of Sept. 17, 1896. J. W. Brown was proprietor and H. P. Allison, editor. Among other things the old paper reminds that times have been hard before Cotton was selling for around seven and eight cents, but the mills were closing down in Kings Mountain or running part time. There were three political parties in the county then. D. J. Hamrick was chairman of the Populists, J. B. Fortune of the Republicans, and J. T. Gardner of the Democrats. An item reproduced from The Cleveland Star informed that the enterprising Stamey brothers of Fallston had secured permission from the county commissioners and were stringing a telephone line from Shelby to their place of business. Telephones in the rural sections were scarce in those days. And an item from The Aurora proves that customs have changed with the passing of 35 years. A Shelby man was arrested for spanking his wife with a fire shovel, but the good soul forgave him and he was not tried. The good old days. What?

HERE'S ONE, YOU TANGLE SOLVERS E. R. Gamble, The Star's Kings Mountain correspondent, says: "The readers of your column seem to be pretty good at solving puzzles and problems. I have one, a real one, I wish they'd help me work out. Under my house is a 30-foot dry well. The only entrance to it is a small hole a foot or so square. The family cat fell into the well some time ago, is still alive and can't get out. How am I going to get her out without moving the house?" He has already tried sending down a box with food in it, but the cat will not get in the box.

THEY STILL UNTANGLE THEM—AND HOW! A pidd name doesn't stay pidd very long in Shelby. The leading experts in untangling the tangletype teasers in this corner are now going about it in a systematic manner. Three evenings each week, so we've been informed, they get the city directory or the telephone directory and the dictionary and then pick up The Star and go to work unjumbling the jumbled names. Once they work out a surname they use the directory to find given names that might fit the tangled letters remaining. Ralph Short, one of the spry messengers at the Western Union office, chimed in first with Wednesday's teasers. Mrs. Roger Laughridge was another who straightened the names out. The last name in the list of five, however, proved a stumbling block to many. Several calls came in giving the correct solutions for the four other names but admitted the last one wouldn't work with anyone they knew. The reason, we suppose, that they did not know Dr. B. B. Matthews given name was "Brunson Burns." The names jumbled and unjumbled follow: MEW-CAT-FLILL: Will Metcalf. AL-STOP-YER-RHR: Ralph Royster. VERNON-THAY-LIO: Oliver Anthony. ICE-REP-TBR: Bert Price. SON-RUNS-WHAT-TURN-BMB: Brunson Burns Matthews. Tune in on these and take the static out: ROY-AVERT-WAR-BLIT-C SAM-SLID-JAI 3-LAND NO-JOK-AND-HELL-DIGS-TER HURRIE-BAR-CLUS In that group you might find a professional man in the city, a business man, or perhaps fellows who will sell you anything from gas to ride on up to insurance for your wife if she happens to step on the gas on a curve. One of the jumbles is the name of a veteran business man who is perhaps better known by his initials. But why give it all away? Develop your own brain power or go nuts, as the case may be.

A Letter To The Column That Says Things

One of the most interesting letters ever written to the "Around Our Town" column came in today. It centers about the first and mostly highly respected contributor the column ever had—one of the whitest men Shelby has ever known. It speaks for itself, and does not, we believe the average reader will agree, say too much. Here it goes:

Dear RENN: You've had a lot of things to say about various folks in town recently and I thought you might be interested in this note about a man I believe has more cold nerve than any individual in Cleveland county, especially since I know he's a friend of yours as well as of mine. That is T. W. Hamrick, Skinny to be exact. He is in a shape that would have long since made the most of us curl up and quit but if there is any quilting about him no one has found it out. I've known for years he's had nerve. So much in fact, that one time I seriously doubted his judgment. And this particular instance occurred several years ago, a considerable number when I think about it. An extremely foolish girl had finally decided she would take an awful long chance and I put the matter of the next move, the securing of a diamond ring, up to Skinny. To make matters worse I wasn't even working and had maybe a whole dime. But to go on with the story. After the entire situation had been thoroughly explained T. W. suggested maybe a selection had better be made and one was. Not until then was the matter of paying for it brought up. There was no question of a down payment for I had none, so I rather hopefully suggested a note or something of that kind (I was and am woefully ignorant of high finances). But Skinny immediately and to my vast surprise not only handed me the ring encased in the customary box but rather casually remarked "We won't bother about a note. That's a lot of trouble. We'll just run it on open account." And there was neither interest nor carrying charge. I'm sure you as well as every reader of The Star, will join me in wishing Skinny, if not a merry, a very comfortable and pleasant Christmas, a satisfactory Christmas, the sort of Christmas he is entitled to. "UNSIGNED"

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Belwood News Of Current Week

Warlick Club Holds Interesting Meeting. Mrs. Couch In Hospital. Personals.

(Special to The Star.) Belwood, Dec. 17.—The Warlick club held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Theodore Warlick Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, 14 members were present. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Decatur Warlick, president; Mrs. S. A. Peeler, vice president; Mrs. Lloyd Boggs, secretary; Mrs. E. P. Peeler, reporter; Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. B. T. Warlick, leaders. Mrs. H. D. Hoyle, garden leader; Mrs. J. P. Boggs, landscape leader; Mrs. L. W. Brackett and Mrs. O. V. Warlick, community leaders. Mrs. Irma Wallace discussed three very interesting Christmas menus. Including dried apple fruit cake. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. V. Warlick on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McMurry and Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMurry and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brackett on Sunday. Messrs. S. A. and B. P. Peeler spent several days the past week in Atlanta, Ga., on business. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith and son Mr. Howard, of Shelby, and Mrs. Noah Hubbard, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dixon and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Houser of near Vale Sunday afternoon.

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Bandits Use Style Of James Brothers

Roachdale, Ind.—A gang using the same tactics employed by the James boys came into this town of 900 inhabitants early Wednesday and robbed the Roachdale bank of \$4,500 in cash and negotiable securities. To guard against outside interruption, the gang cut telephone and telegraph cables. A switch in the local power plant also was pulled making it possible for the robbery to be committed in darkness. The robbers used three or four charges of nitroglycerine in blasting open the bank vault. Having looted the bank the robber band departed, leaving no clues.

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