

Around Our TOWN

OR

Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

"NOOCH" NAMED HIMSELF "BEN"

This corner today has one of those gossip feelings coming on, a hankering to tell little semi-secrets we've heard here and there. Watch out!

A Shelby physician, who has helped the stork deliver several hundred babies in Shelby and about Cleveland county, never had a given name until he was eight or nine years old. Until that time he was known by the nickname "Nooch"—and he'll still answer to it, if you catch him when he isn't thinking. When he reached the age of eight or nine his parents called him in and told him that it was high time he had another name, and then they called upon him to name himself.

"Ben," he said, "will do as well as anything else; it's short." And Ben it has been since—Dr. Ben Gold, if you please.

Just a slip-corrected. In telling the other day about the 64 horses, 27 buggies and 17 automobiles Dr. E. A. Houser has used in his 34 years of practice there appeared a typographical error. He has been practicing medicine in Shelby 12 years instead of 22—12 in Shelby and 22 at Fallston. And speaking of those horses, if one had all the horses driven in their practice by Dr. Houser and Dr. Everett Lattimore, he would have a livery stable larger than Hackett Blanton once ran on Trade Alley in those good old days.

ONE GOOD STAND-BY FOR A TUMMY-ACHE

Doctors as they travel about pick up a lot of interesting information, but it's a part of their ethical code to keep tight lips. All of them know numerous jokes and entertaining incidents, however. They have to, because in their strenuous duties, seeing so much pain and sorrow and the seamy side of life, they have to get a chuckle now and then or go to pieces themselves.

Not so long ago Dr. Ben Kendall was physician for a German steamship line and was located at Hamburg, Germany. His first patient, an employe of the company, was a big German stevedore. Dr. Ben could talk up-town German but not the back-alley (back-country) German and that was all the stevedore could talk. Finally, by signs, the stevedore convinced the physician there was something wrong with his tummy. Dr. Kendall gave him a couple of Cee-Cees (you and you know what they are). And from that time on the big Teutonic stevedore knew for a fact that the young physician was an A-1 healer.

WHO WERE THE WRIGHTS? LET'S FIND OUT

Just the other day The Star carried an interesting news story about the old Civil War letter—remember it? The father of Justice Holmes, while searching for his son, a captain in the Federal army, found an unopened letter on the field of battle at Antietam. It was a letter from "E. Wright" of Cleveland county to her husband "J. Wright" and it was written by "W. L. Vaughn." Who were "E.," "J. Wright" and "W. L. Vaughn"? Was "J. Wright" killed in the battle? Haven't they descendants among the Wrights in Cleveland county who could clear up the matter? And the postscript of the letter, remember, said "tell John that Nancy's folks are all well." Who were "John" and "Nancy." Will some of the old-timers, or their daughters and sons, who knew the Wrights and Vaughns, supply The Star with this information.

The man who recalled the story of the letter-finding, W. F. Marshall, of Raleigh, would like to know. It was written by "Marshall" instead of "Mitchell" as first recorded in The Star. Mr. Marshall was editor of the Gastonia Gazette many years ago.

SHELBY SHORTS:

Spurgeon Spurling, of Lenoir, the native Cleveland county boy who is now Superior court solicitor, is one of the most immaculately-dressed men to visit courts in Shelby. Wonder if he recalls the days when he journeyed to a Cleveland county school in overalls and barefooted—and what he thinks of the gap he has spanned since? And, if anyone asks, he is an A-1 prosecutor and a popular fellow back in his home county. . . . If President Hoover were to name Chief Justice W. P. Stacey to the U. S. Supreme court to succeed Justice Holmes, it would be just another native Clevelandite stepping a little higher. . . . Roy (Red) Newman, former garage-man and what-have-you, is disappointed that the Austin autos didn't go over in a bigger way hereabouts. He intended opening up a garage to specialize in the baby cars, but he didn't intend to call it a garage; he had his plans made to name it "Newman's Nursery." . . . There are seven members of the family in the H. T. Best home on South DeKalb street and in 1932 they have a birthday each day of the week—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday—but not the same week. . . . Pete Grigg remembers when John F. Schenck, sr., the textile manufacturer, was a lawyer. He was the first attorney Pete's dad ever employed and Pete remembers how his dad howled when the barrister charged five dollars for riding a horse two miles and pleading a case before Justice Hoyle. (S-sh! wonder what a lawyer would charge for that service today?) . . . We notice by the papers that Charlotte, too, is having a little argument about the S. P. U. . . . A typical Robin Hood robber, so we hear, burglarized one of Shelby's best homes recently. The incident has been kept on the queue-tee, but we've heard he left a note thanking them for the donations. Such chivalry! . . . From out in the county we hear that oats are heading (whatever that is) and that a lot of pork has spoiled because of the warm weather. But a few cold days and there'll be an abundance of cracklin' corn bread and buttermilk, and with a repast like that one could forget anything—even the name of the president. . . . I notice where only one of your Miss Shelby girls has been married, says Mister X, "but if another one of them don't float down the middle aisle pretty soon, it won't be no fault of mine." Boy, howdy! . . . A nightmare that has lingered over from childhood for one of the young social set about town is that of having to wash her feet each night back in the barefoot days. And who doesn't, if they'll admit it, remember what a nocturnal agony that was? . . . The Spartanburg Herald says the "big, tall, broad-shouldered fellow who occupies the Governor's chair in North Carolina would get a lot of support for vice president in other states than his own." . . . And Thos. F. McDow, noted York, S. C., lawyer, told a Gastonia newspaperman he didn't like the way big dailies handled crime stories. And recalling how some of them handled one of his cases—a case of major interest in Shelby—he cannot be blamed overly much. . . . "Where do you find all the material for that chatter?" asks a Shelby woman. Gal, if we could hide out and listen-in on the gossip at just one feminine bridge game in Shelby, we would make you gasp and gasp—and maybe you'd need smelling salts. . . . Some of these days, make us think to tell you about the letter Presiding Elder Leonidas Braxton Hayes, of Waynesville, wrote Supt. Ben Smith about how he is getting along up there in the mountains and what the hill-country domineers do when they see a Methodist preacher coming. If that man ever decides to retire from the ministry, he should go on the stage as a comedian, or be one of those humorous (really humorous) after-dinner speakers. Oh, well, what do you know?

BOUND TO BE A DEMOCRAT IN THOSE THREE "D's"

To show you that this department is a close observer, or has friends who are: Each of the three outstanding Democrats for the presidential nomination has the middle initial "D"—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Newt D. Baker, and Owen D. Young. One of those "D's" may be a Dutch sign of a Democratic year. And again, of course, if you don't vote that way, it may not.

Royal Mounted Force Prepares For Long Siege

Go To Dislodge Hermit Trapper From His Cabin In Isolated Region.

AKLAWK, N. W. T.—Trudging a long behind a dog team on a none too well packed trail, ten mounties were en route this week to the isolated Rat river region for a third attempt to dislodge a hermit trapper from his fortified cabin. Twice have patrols of the Royal Canadian mounted police been thwarted in attempts to take Albert Johnson, charged with shooting and wounding Constable A. W. King, when the officers attempted to question him concerning complaints of Indians that their trap lines were being robbed.

The patrol of ten left here Saturday on the 30-mile trip into the isolated region, carrying sufficient ammunition, food and provisions for a long siege at Johnson's cabin. Lack of supplies caused failure of other attempts to take him.

Cleveland Youth Praised For His Farming Ability

Walter Davis, 20, Of Lattimore, Makes Diversified Farming Pay.

J. M. Osteen in Charlotte Observer
Walter Davis of Lattimore, Cleveland county, has changed his father's farm from a cotton farm to a well diversified "Live at Home" type of farm during the past six years. Six years ago mostly cotton was grown and now it's a little cotton with about everything else that should be grown on a farm.

Walter started this change by first adding hogs, feeding out some pigs for pork. The farm now has three Poland China brood sows and the regular hog unit to furnish pigs to feed out for home use and some to sell. This called for more corn and the farm now produces economically 600 bushels per year. Then one after the other he has added a pure bred flock of R. I. red poultry as the regular farm flock, dairy cows to furnish the family with milk and butter with some cream to sell. The farm now has 11 pure bred Jerseys; plenty of hay to feed the live stock, having 12 acres in hay this year with two crops grown on some of the hay land; sufficient pasture for the livestock; a good home garden; an acre home orchard furnishing the family needs for eating and canning and selling \$100 worth of surplus this year.

Improved Machinery
He has added improved machinery which includes a tractor, cultivators, feed mill, stalk cutter, manure spreader, grain harvester, and one-half interest in hay, bales and threshing machine. He has added water and lights both in the home and barn; remodeled buildings painted the home; added a farm shop, three farrowing houses, and two fattening sheds for hogs. The farm now has two pair of mules in addition to the tractor to furnish the power.

Of course, he has had the help and co-operation of his father in this farm improvement program. They have terraced the farm, filled gulleys and built the soil so that regular yields now are more than a bale per acre, 50 to 60 bushels of corn per acre with yields of other crops in proportion. It's a changed farm as compared with six years ago. Next year very little or no cotton will be grown.

Walter is just as interesting in helping build a better farming community and county. This year he had around 70 entries at the county fair of products from his farm. These included nine entries hogs; 10 of dairy cows; one pair mules; six of capons; a display of vegetables from his garden, a display of legume hay; 10 and 25 ear exhibits of corn; and won over \$125 in cash prizes.

Fair Director
In addition this 20-year-old boy was appointed director of the dairy cattle division of this county fair. He canvassed the county to encourage farmers to show their cattle with the results that around 110 entries of dairy cows were made.

This farm improvement program represents what one boy has done through his project work in the Lattimore high school. He is still a member of the class there, the adult farmer group, and has recently been appointed a member of the advisory board by Paul M. Coley, local teacher of agriculture, to assist in planning the farming program for the community. This farm is one of the group of farms in the "A-1 Farm Improvement Program" of the agricultural schools of the Charlotte district.

Thirty-seven steers on the Francisco farm in Craven county gained 990 pounds from December 16 to December 30 and are not yet on full feed.

SHELBY'S GREATEST

DOLLAR DAYS

WILL START TOMORROW

at COHEN'S

Shelby's Underselling Department Store

We have always been known for unusual value giving events. This Dollar Day Event will outdo anything we have ever staged before. Our Mr. Harry Cohen has just returned from New York with the biggest values ever known in Shelby. Thrifty shoppers for miles around will be here to take advantage of the savings we are able to pass on to you. Be here, rain, snow, or shine! This means dollars in your pockets!

Extra Heavy 36-in. LL SHEETING
20 Yards
\$1

Genuine KOTEX
4 For
\$1

Romper and Shirt CLOTH
10 Yards
\$1

36-inch OUTING
12 Yards
\$1

Extra Quality RAYON BEDSPREADS
\$1

Ladies' Mesh HOSE
4 Pairs
\$1

Genuine Peppercell PRINTS & TWEEDS
6 Yards
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL MEN'S OVERALLS
2 Pairs
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL SATURDAY 10 A. M. MEN'S LEATHER WORK SHOES
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL 54-INCH JERSEY CLOTH
7 Yards
\$1

36-Inch 80 SQUARE PRINTS
Fast colors
7 Yards
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL BEAUTIFUL PRINTED CREPES
3 Yards
\$1

Ladies' BLOOMERS
4 Pairs
\$1

Beautiful SILK CREPES
2 Yards
\$1

Men's Broadcloth SHIRTS
2 For
\$1

Men's and Boys' CAPS
2 For
\$1

Men's Fur FELT HATS
Each
\$1

MEN'S SOCKS
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\$1

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3 Pairs
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL LADIES' OXFORDS STRAPS And DRESS SHOES
\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS
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\$1

EXTRA SPECIAL FRIDAY, 10:00 A. M. MEN'S WORK SHIRTS
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\$1

Men's and Boys' LONG PANTS
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Each
\$1

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3 For
\$1

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