

Around Our TOWN OR Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

SHELBY ONCE USED ONLY HOME-MADE ICE

This almost winterless winter recalls to older Shelby people incidents of other days which may sound almost unbelievable to the younger generation about town.

Wonder how many of the younger folks know that there are many people in the city who remember when Shelby did not know what "factory ice" was and there were several fish ponds and ice-houses for "home-made" ice in and around the city?

The weather records may not show it, but winters have changed considerably in three decades. In those days enough ice was frozen naturally to furnish a summer supply.

One of the fish ponds and ice-houses was located just back of the present site of the Ideal service station, corner Washington and Marion streets. Another was the old McArthur pond and ice-house just across and to the left of Flat Rock bridge, at the foot of the hill leading up to the present Beaumonde Terrace development.

Will Carroll, one of the city's oldest native-born citizens, clearly recalls those days. He cut the ice and filled the old ice-house in the hollow behind the Ideal service station about 30 or 31 years ago. Several times each winter in those days, the old timers will tell you, it was cold enough to freeze over a good ice supply on the fish ponds. The ice was then cut and stored in the specially prepared ice-houses and packed with sawdust. Often it lasted throughout the summer.

A generation slightly younger will remember the day when the first factory ice came to town. It was brought in on freight trains and unloaded at the Marion street crossing and stored in an ice-house at the former location of Best's bakery. The boys of the town (they have boys of their own now) had the time of their lives when these trains came in. They'd follow behind and pick up the chunks and then sell out to a hiding place to eat.

What days!

WAY BACK WHEN MINSTREL BURNED

While we're stirring memories—who remembers when the minstrel show car burned up at the Seaboard depot?

It was the Rabbit Foot Negro Minstrel. A colored employe tossed what he thought to be kerosene in the stove of the car while building a fire. It turned out to be gasoline and the car was destroyed. Two colored men were fatally burned, and up to that time it was the town's major tragedy, everyone hurrying to the Seaboard to see the blaze, the scene being made more pathetic by the agonized cries of the burned men.

THIS PARSON ALWAYS HAD AN ANSWER

Years ago, the story goes, there lived in Cleveland county a bitter old man, generally known as a hardened sinner. Time and time again the church people and ministers attempted to get him to church, particularly about camp-meeting or revival time. But the old sinner's sharp tongue generally emerged victorious.

Eventually there came to the county a minister who was gifted in repartee. One day he called upon the hard-boiled fellow and talked to him about going to church.

The old fellow usually put perplexing questions to those who bothered him. If they could answer the questions, he would go to church, if not, he would not.

After a time the old sinner said to the preacher:

"Tell you what I'll do. If you'll answer me one question, I will come to your church.

"What is the question?" queried the minister.

"Who was Cain's wife?" the old fellow replied.

"My friend," said the minister who wasn't stumped just as others had been stumped, "you will never be able to embrace religion until you stop bothering yourself about other men's wives."

The quick retort, so the story winds up, so impressed the old fellow that he attended church the next Sunday and the next, and so on. Now you tell one.

SHELBY SHORTS:

There are fellows about Shelby, who could be named, who remember when quarts came in by express and the boys about the express office, becoming thirsty at times, would drop a quart or two, drop the leaking package into a bucket and send it back as "damaged in shipment."

That papa feeling will put a man on his feet. For instance, Dr. B. E. Matthews, who waded a week's influenza aside and went back to doctoring other people's flu the day a daughter arrived in his family.

And again maybe he just came uptown for a package of Ghandi buttons. . . . From Capt. J. F. R.: "Enjoyed that article on 'the man in the soft, brown hat and the friendless black facing the hereafter.'"

Thanks. . . . From a feminine reader: "I believe you just make up some of that hinting gossip about approaching blessed events and marriages." She just couldn't figure out one of them, and may we ask, what's the use of making 'em up when both happen regularly hereabouts? Some people wonder why newspapers publish items about triangle love affairs, sensational romances, divorces, etc., yet you'll see those same folks scrambling for front seats in the court house here when they try such cases. One of that nature was tried this week and there wasn't any more peeping room than on the streets of what-ever-town-it-was when Lady Godiva rode horse-back down street.

Until recently this corner never knew that Mrs. Huss Cline and Mrs. Ben Suttle once taught at Piedmont, Lawndale, and one succeeded the other.

. . . . Dr. Pitt Beam, "Shorty" Long, Stough Wray, "Lefty" Robinson and Bill McMurry can talk 24 hours on a stretch, without eating, about bird dogs and hunting. . . . And Rine Doggett, the Blantons, Sheriff Allen and that gang can wag tongues just as long about foxhounds and fox-hunting. . . . All manner of shady rumors about how much some people may get out of it if the S. P. U. sale goes over. When Gabriel toots his trumpet there are some skeptical enough to insinuate that some other fellow got by the pearly gate by easing a ten-spot in St. Peter's hand. Which doesn't mean that we've not been about the ropes long enough to know that everything isn't on the up-and-up.

"Pop" (Supt.) Griffin down at Chapel Hill wondering if Shelby high will send another championship baseball club down there this spring. He used to get so much kick out of seeing Shelby boys pounds out two-baggers and win games that tears would creep into his eyes. What budding romance is now pretty much the talk of the town?

American Fliers Stranded in China

Shanghai, China, Jan. 21.—Five American and five Canadian aviators who came to China expecting to be given jobs at \$1,000 a month piloting Chinese military airplanes found themselves stranded here today.

Bunch Of Mature Oats Is Exhibited

Forest City.—Jesse Jones, of near Bostic, exhibited a bunch of green oats here a few days ago which grew from seed raised last summer. The weather has been so mild that the oats are almost matured.

Poultry School To Be Held In Rutherford

Forest City, Jan. 21.—Dr. B. F. Kaupp, noted poultry expert, of Spartanburg, S. C., will arrive here next Monday to make all preliminary arrangements for the county-wide poultry school, which will be held in Forest City on January 26 to 29. The sessions will be held daily, beginning at 7 o'clock each evening and closing about 9. The first session will be held Tuesday evening.

New Pastor Elected In Rutherford County

Forest City, Jan. 21.—Rev. Charles T. Plybon, of the Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been elected pastor of the Alexander and Florence Baptist churches to succeed Rev. C. C. Matheny, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Indian Baptist church, of Greenville, S. C. Rev. Mr. Matheny left today to resume his new duties.

Mr. Plybon will move his family to Alexander about the middle of February. He graduated from the Baptist seminary January 9. Prior to entering the seminary he held pastorates at Durham and Washington, N. C.

Sport Shots

Brilliant Cage Sextet Here

In College Some Kicker

If they maintain their remarkable record for another week or so, a girls athletic team over at Shelby high will be in position to step up and make a claim for championship honors of some type. Reference is to the Shelby sextet of eagers.

To date the Shelby girls have played eight games and have won just that many. Their victories were turned in over one college team of co-eds and some of the best high school outfits in this section. Tonight they have their perfect record at stake again as they take on the Forest City fair tossers in a game at the local tin can.

The girls game will be the curtain raiser of a double bill in which the Shelby boys meet the Forest City five in the second contest.

The girls who compose the team are not only a shifty sextet in shuffling a basketball about the floor and swishing it through the net, but they also pack along plenty of punch. The combination helps add to the crowds as Shelby gets more basketball-minded than in several years.

26 Killed During Dec. On Highways

Raleigh.—Though the report carries the Christmas on-be-joyfuls, the December monthly report of the state highway patrol shows only 26 killed, 119 injured, 98 drunken drivers, and 19 drunk on the highways.

"Only" is used gingerly, for 26, a double 11, is a big number to kill in one month. Since the annual total has been running up to a much higher total than 12 times that number, and since December is a murderous month, the record will be accounted good.

Chairman Jeffress, of the state highway commission, has indicated that his administration is to dedicate itself to safer travel on the highway. And while the roads were being combed with patrolmen, they picked up quite a bit of revenue, gathering a total from fines and costs of \$13,950.81. Other recoveries of money brought the revenue total to \$18,287.37.

Defends Hawaiians

Asserting that "the old-type Hawaiians are a grand people" and "that it is the lower class, produced by intermarriage, that causes trouble," Miss Helen Judd, daughter of Governor Judd of Hawaii, now a student at Mills College, Oakland, Cal., stoutly defends the natives of the "Island Paradise."

Commenting on the Massie case, Miss Judd said she had lived in the islands all her life and has never had cause for fear. Her great-great-grandfather was one of the first Hawaiian missionaries and the family has lived there ever since.

Chicago babies born in 1932 will each owe \$250 at birth. About their only way out of debt is to grow up and become college football players.

Trustee's Sale of Real Estate Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust, executed by A. T. Bridges and wife, Myrtle Bridges et al. to the undersigned trustee, said deed of trust being dated February 21, 1928, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., at page 3 in the office of the register of deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., and bounded as follows:

Being lot No. 96 of the W. N. Dodd property, plat of which is recorded in plat book No. 1 at page 3 in the office of the register of deeds, Cleveland county, N. C. Fronting 50 feet on the south of Broad street and extending line running back 300 feet to a 10 foot alley; thence with said alley 50 feet to the corner of lot No. 12; thence with line of lot No. 12 to Broad street 207.5 feet to a stake in the edge of Broad street; thence east with Broad street 10 feet to the beginning, said lot being that same lot conveyed to A. T. Bridges et al by J. B. Nolan, Co., Inc.

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Fast Grover Team Defeats Shelby 24-18

(Special to The Star.) Grover, Jan. 21.—The fast Grover Athletics defeated the fast Shelby's quint with the score of 24-18. Shelby failed to score in last half. While Blacklock as star pilled up 10 points for Grover.

Gaffney Teachers Take Third Cut In Their Salary Check

By unanimous vote the teachers employed in the Gaffney schools decided Tuesday night to continue working the next five months, including the present month, on a basis of two-thirds pay per month with the understanding that the difference, or such proportion of the amount due as can be, will be paid to them when and if state aid is received.

This was an alternate proposal submitted by the trustees of school district No. 10 to a plan for operating the schools only three months longer at full pay.

Local Boys And Girls Take On Fast Forest City Cagers Tonight

A fast basketball double-header, in which there is considerable rivalry, will be staged in the Shelby high tin can tonight with the two Forest City cage teams meeting the Shelby teams.

Boys And Girls Of Polkville Victors

Undeclared Girls Reach Their Twelfth Victory. Boys Roll Up 17 to 13 Win.

By overwhelming the cage teams of Boiling Springs junior college in a decisive double-header last Wednesday the aggressive Polkville stars have added force to their reputation of being two of the strongest teams in Cleveland county. The contests, waged on the Boiling Springs court marked the 12th win for the undefeated girls sextet, and the eighth victory for the boys quint, who have lost three and tied one of the remainder of their games this season.

Snapping into action in their usual manner, the Polkville girls outplayed their opponents from the start. The final whistle found them leading by a score of 30-14. Close guarding on the part of the Boiling Springs girls kept the Polkville forwards greatly restricted. Gold registered high score with 14. Whisnant came next with 10; and Captain Greene with 6. For Boiling Springs, Bridges led with 7. The Polkville guards, Mode and Hunt, with Mauney, Beam and White alternating exhibited skilful teamwork throughout the game. Despite the one-sided score, the game proved to be an interesting contest marked by unusual playing on both sides.

In a stiff tilt with the Boiling Springs quint, the Polkville boys charged through with a 17-13 victory. At first, the junior college stars seemed to have the upper hand and the half ended with Polkville trailing by a 7-4 score. The

Shelby High Outfits In Action This Eve

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The opening game will be between the Forest City girls, who have a strong outfit, and the Shelby sextet which has not lost a game this season. The visiting girls are determined to break the winning string of the Shelby girls and the local girls, in turn, are anxious to maintain their unblemished run of wins. It promises to be one of the best games of the year. This game will start at 7:30.

Seek Revenge The boys game should be a nip-and-tuck affair as the two quints, judging by their records, are pretty evenly matched. The Shelby cagers, still smarting under a one-point defeat by Lattimore, hope to register another game in the win column.

Singers To Meet At Forest City Sunday Forest City, Jan. 21.—A singing convention will be held at Bethel Baptist church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Wade Humphries, of Gaffney, S. C., will be present and assist in the convention. A number of quartets are also expected.

A school of 500 porpoises was discovered cavorting in the Connecticut river. With things as they are, they probably didn't want to get into deep water.

second half found them monopolizing the ball with 13 additional points to prove it. Displaying unusual teamwork they broke through the strong defense of the Boiling Springs quint and more than atoned for their former inertia. E. Blanton and Covington were outstanding players for Polkville. Blanton led with a score of 8. Covington followed with 5 and G. Blanton and Greene each contributed two points. Beam, Grigg, Falmer and Champion flashed into an effective sort of defense work. Cornwell led the scoring for the opposition with six points to his credit. The game on the whole was a spirited contest.

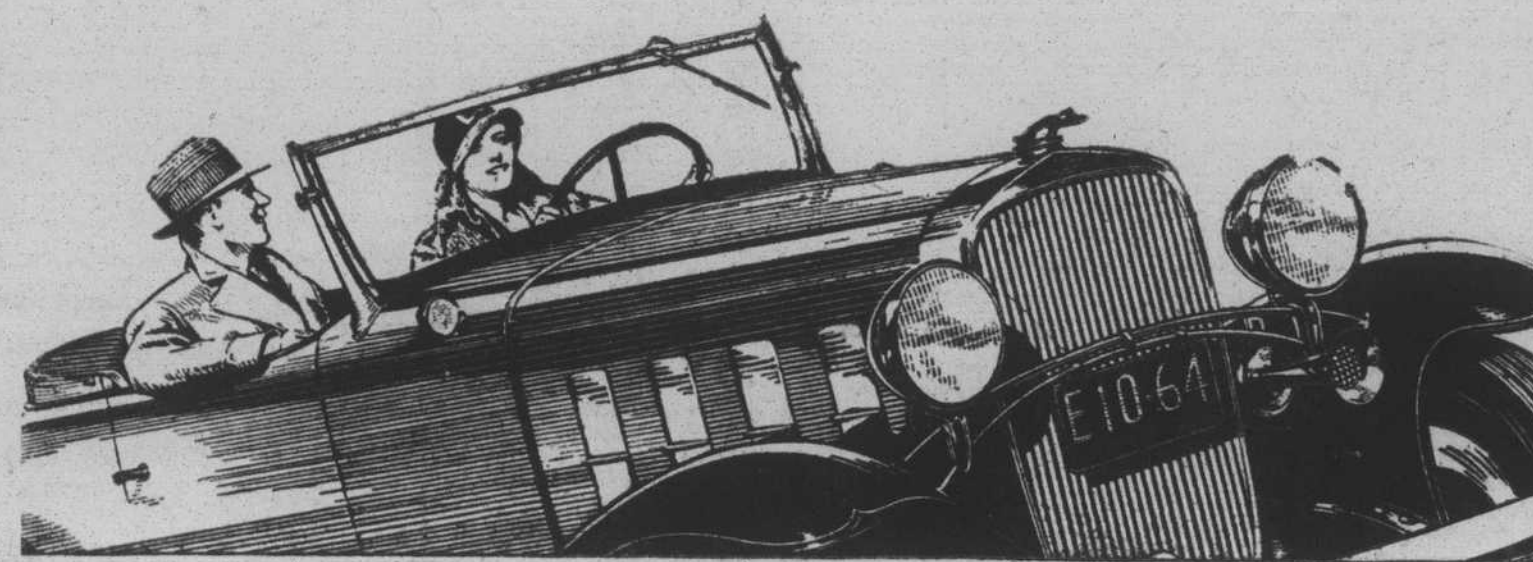
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