

Around Our TOWN

OR Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

SHELBY SHORTS:

Until we saw the intimated monogram on his shirt we had not realized that Mayor McMurry's initials spell S A M. Give the depression credit for putting more peanut vendors on Shelby streets than ever before. Saturday more than a dozen men and boys were selling peanuts, candies, etc. Doc Dorton is getting all hot and bothered about the approaching fair, and had you realized that it's only three weeks off? Add, too, this long range guess that it'll be a whopping success. A new cafe in town, the Carolina. Now that Newt's shop has put us right on the most popular big city paper in Shelby, what's the most popular magazine? With Shelby using 828,000 gallons of water on a hot day that means you should be using 82.8 gallons each. Are you? And how? Good news, two or three building projects are now being planned in Shelby. Johnny McKnight sprouted a mustache since going to Cuba, and when he came home for a visit, taking a vacation from his Associated Press duties, his bride would not let him cut it off. Living near Shelby, we hear, is a woman older than Mrs. Mary Gantt. An idea of how people are spending only as necessity demands. Heretofore Shelby people have bought many carloads of coal during the summer in anticipation of winter, but this summer they failed to do so, some of them thinking, perhaps, that by winter the county might have to keep them warm out across from the fair grounds. This corner's discovery that women cannot wear ordinary street shoes when they play a pipe organ is being used as "strange-as-it-may-seem" news all over the country. It's peculiar how we overlook so many little things we see every day. A Shelby street scene, a little colored boy, three or four years old, on his all fours stealing puffs from a cigarette duck on the sidewalk while his older sister looks in a display window. "Red" Keel, one of the boys down in The Star shop, says he's going back to college and learn the remainder of the college yells. He left Carolina before he graduated and says that the yells were all he learned, and he'd like to know them all. That's encouraging news for dads about town who are digging down in their pockets this week to send the offspring back on the quest of a thespian. Gossip's still scarce.

START WITH "J", ALL OF THEM

We hadn't thought about it until Miss Margaret King, the young lady in the register's office, called it to our attention, but the first initial of all three new county commissioners is "J"—Joe D. Morris, Joe E. Elanton, and J. L. Herndon. And for all we know Mr. Herndon's first name may be Joe.

HERE'S ONE FOR YOU, YOU OLD TIMERS

These modern youngsters know mighty little about real riddles and catchy conundrums. Back in the old days school children had to test their brain with real puzzles. Here's an example of what some of the school books carried a score and more years ago.

When the marriage knot was tied Between my wife and me, My age was then to that of my bride As three times three to three;

But now when ten and half ten years We man and wife have been, Her age to mine exactly bears As eight is to sixteen.

Now tell, I pray, from what I've said, J What were our ages when we wed.

And if you can't figure it out, here's the answer at the book recorded it:

Thy age, when married, must have been Just forty-five, thy wife's fifteen.

TUSH, TUSH

The best comicistic joke of the past week was turned out by Dave Sink, of the Lexington Dispatch. It tells as follows about a young bridegroom who must have been a Boy Scout in his boyhood:

"A young couple, returning from their honeymoon to this city recently, had in the rear of the car a baby carriage. Nothing like looking ahead."

ANOTHER TEST

Somewhat we're strong on mental tests today, perhaps our own cranium is not clicking. Anyway, John hits a target at the rate of 7 out of 12 shots. Joe hits the target 3 out of 4 shots. After the target has been hit 32 times, how many shots has each fired?

A MARRIAGE LICENSE JUST 142 YEARS OLD

Mrs. A. G. Higgins, of Shelby, has in her possession one of the oldest documents in town. It is the marriage license issued to her great grandfather, James Boggs, in 1790, or 142 years ago. The license was issued in Iredell county by A. Sharpe, clerk of court, and at that time Iredell county was comprised of a number of other present-day counties. Other descendants of James Boggs in this section are C. S. Young, Paul, Warner and Evan Stamey, Mrs. Tom Webb, Mrs. R. R. Lackey and others. The old license reads as follows:

"To any regular licensed minister of the gospel, such as have care of souls or any Justice of the Peace of said county: Greetings: By the power and authority to me, given by an act of General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, after taking bond and security and posted in my office, I do here authorize you or either of you, to solemnize and celebrate the rites of marriage between James Boggs and Sara Wilson. And join them together in matrimony. Given under my hand at office 22 day of December 1790 & the 14th year of our Independence."

HERE 'TIS

The answer to that target riddle is 24 shots. To get it add seven-twelfths and three-fourths, multiply 32 by 12 and divide by 16.

SAYS YOU!

And Fred Morton offers this as a substitute for Abyssinia: ABCNU.

5,000 HOMES RECEIVE THE STAR Every Other Day. That Means 20,000 Intense Readers. If you have something to sell, tell these 20,000 people about it in these columns.

Double Springs News Of Interest

Cotton Opening Fast, Mr. Humphries Has Operation, Personal Mention.

(Special To The Star) Double Springs, Sept. 1.—Cotton is opening very fast. Many farmers are picking this week.

Mr. Will Humphries had his tonsils removed at the Shelby hospital Monday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Broad McSwain of Beaver Dam spent the day Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Washburn.

Little Joe Daniel Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn is improving some at the Shelby hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hawkins of Shelby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawkins.

Mrs. J. C. Greene is spending some time visiting relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. Oliver Hamrick and Miss Madeline Daves of Hollis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Summie Grayson of Shelby were week-end visitors of Mrs. Buna McSwain.

Mr. Edward Harrill of Shelby is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hamrick.

Mrs. Mary Champion spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Greene Martin and Mr. Martin in South Carolina.

Mrs. Alfred Falls, Mr. Robert Falls and Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson visited Dr. and Mrs. Dixon Falls of Woodruff, S. C. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Greene and daughter, Evelyn, spent several days last week at Bridgewater.

Mr. William Powell of Cowpens, S. C. spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Yates Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Covington of Polkville were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covington Wednesday.

Mrs. Willie Stroup and Mr. Bob Stroup of Cherryville and Mrs. Lizzie Tate of Bessemer City were spend-the-day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Wednesday.

Mrs. Rixie Harrill spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. M. Harrill and attended the W. M. U. meeting at Double Shoals.

Mr. and Mrs. Bate Blanton and family attended the Elliott reunion Saturday.

Misses Helen Collins, Alma Rae Robinson, Zon Robinson and Miss Margaret Stockton of Lattimore visited Miss Willie Falls Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Elijah Brooks of Clio, Ga. spent the week-end at home.

Motor Earnings Are Lower Past Year

Earnings reports from the leading automobile manufacturers covering operations for the first six months of 1932 are now available, and they reflect clearly the effect of general business conditions upon the automobile market. Only two companies—Nash and General Motors—were able to make a net profit for this period, while losses for the others ranged from \$144,028 in the case of Auburn to \$3,132,250 as the deficit for Hudson. In comparison with the corresponding period of 1931, Nash showed the greatest stability in earnings, the Nash 1932 half-year net income being \$534,208, representing nearly 23 per cent of the net earnings for the first six months of 1931.

Nash And General Motors Able To Show Profit, Others Reveal Losses.

General Motors reported profits of \$15,019,404 for the first six months of 1932, which is equal to a little less than 18 per cent of profits for the same period of last year. After deduction of preferred dividends, the General Motors net for the 1932 half-year was \$10,330,989, or 24 cents per share on the Common, which is 13 per cent of the earnings per share on the Common stock shown for the first six months of 1931. Nash net applicable to Common for the first six months of 1932 equalled 20 cents a share, which is approximately 23 per cent of the Nash net per share on the Common for the like period of 1931. Of the other leading automobile manufacturers reporting for the first six months of 1932, Packard showed a loss of \$2,513,127 as against a loss of \$90,120 in the same period of 1931. Studebaker's loss was \$2,401,140 as compared to a profit for the 1931 half-year of \$2,039,354. Chrysler reported a loss of \$880,433 for the first six months of 1932 as against a profit for the same period of 1931 of \$2,292,035. Graham it was in a loss of \$249,797 for the 1932 half-year as contrasted to a loss of \$83,056 in this period of 1931.

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Conversation is supposed to make people think, but its chief use is to keep most of us from thinking. The man who declines to be spared soon becomes an old bachelor, regardless of his age. Coffee imports of the United States last year totaled more than 1,741,536,000 pounds. Burke county farmers report an excellent flow of sourwood honey and are adding additional storage facilities to their hives.

Woman's Business

By GEE MCGEE

Mr. Thomas Catt, Insomnia Manufacturer.

Nobody ever has anything good to say about the poor, onery tomcat. He aint nearly so bad as he has been pictured. It is true that he is numbered amongst the leaders in the matter of disturbing the sleeper and the slumberer, but think of the junk you get rid of—throwing out the window at him.

He has never had any credit for catching rats and mice, but that's his business, catching rats and mice—and not hollering and whining as you householders might think. One single tomcat (that is he was reported as single, being a bachelor) has been known to devour as many as 2 whole rats in a month and do all of his racket-teering besides.

Give Mr. Tomcat his due: many a time he has been accused of meowing all night long. Statistics will prove that statement to be false. He never begins to raise sand until he is sure you are just about ready for the sand-man, be it 8 or 9 or 10 or 12 o'clock, and he stops just before day—in time to get home for breakfast with his own feet.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COTTON MILL, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONALTY, AND CITATION TO SHOW CAUSE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina in Bankruptcy—No. 810. In the Matter of Phenix Mills Company, Inc., Kings Mountain, N. C., Bankrupt.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by John M. Oates and wife Follie Oates, to the Commercial National Bank of High Point, North Carolina, dated April 1st 1928 and recorded in book No. 150 at page 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

family. It is estimated that during one week last summer the following articles and items were thrown at tomatoes from and by the second floor tenants alone: 8,999 pairs old shoes, 785 pieces of crockeryware, 1,876 empty fruit jars, each bearing a home-brew odor; 88 feather pillows; 77 night-shirts; 88 night-gowns; 4,865 wash bowls and pitchers, and 17 wash-stands. Pistol shots fired at these feltnes were only 56,734 during this same week—with only 2 tomatoes killed.

The tomcat is a home-loving animal in the day-time. He is usually humble and peaceable around his native hearth, and is always sleepy from sitting up nights—he lies and purrs and purrs and lies till the sun doth set, and then he takes on new life and lights out for the unlighted fences and out-houses. The average age of the average tomcat breed is unknown as the department of animal husbandry at Washington has not yet reported on this important matter, but they have been working on it only 21 years so far—and they aint had time yet.

My advice is: let the tomcat rave and roar. He's your friend after all. Were it not for him to disturb your Morpheus-ing, you might sleep too late every morning and lose your job.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of N. J. Wright, late of Cleveland County, N. C., under his will, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me personally proven or before the 15th day of July, 1932, at this office, in order that I may be able to discharge the duties of the undersigned. This August 29th, 1932.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Helen Ellis, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me personally proven or before the 15th day of August, 1932, at this office, in order that I may be able to discharge the duties of the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned on Saturday, FRANK L. HOYLE, Administrator of Helen Ellis, deceased. 6th Aug 29 1932.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by John M. Oates and wife Follie Oates, to the Commercial National Bank of High Point, North Carolina, dated April 1st 1928 and recorded in book No. 150 at page 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649,