

Around Our TOWN

OR SHELBY SIDELIGHTS
By RENN DRUM.

SHELBY SHORTS:

From J. F. B. comes this tip: "A charming young Shelby girl and a former Shelby boy, now an employe of Uncle Sam, are scheduled to get hitched soon." . . . And until this week end we did not know that a young Shelby blonde—19 is the exact age—was married recently for the second time. The data is on the marriage license record at the court house. . . . Grove Hamrick in town for the fair and a visit. . . . Some of the young men about town are becoming interested in the report that a couple of school marm's up Lattimore way are very easy on the eyes. . . . A number of Shelby people signed the petition to permit the Socialists candidates to go on the North Carolina election ticket. . . . The current Shelby high football eleven promises to give grid fans more thrills than has any local outfit in several years. The boys have scrap and should have a successful season, if they keep it up. . . . Bill Lattimore plans to go to Reno and join his brother, Charles, the bronze buster and rigid instructor. . . . The newest cigarette to win come popularity in Shelby: Three Geese. . . . And a colored girl walking along the Main Drag (that would be Lafayette street, opposite the monument, maybe) puffing a cig. . . . Bolling Springs plays Campbell college in Shelby Saturday, but the game may be switched to Friday so that local fans can witness it and then go to Charlotte Saturday for the Wake Forest-South Carolina game. . . . Drug store clerks add this bit of not very startling information about fair week: All week long, in the mornings, they did a rushing business in aspirins, bromos and other alleged kayos for hangersover. . . . Local taxi drivers cursing a blue streak because out-of-town taxis came here and snatched a part of the fair business. And we can't blame them for howling. They stay here all year and pay license when the taxi trade is just so-so, and why shouldn't they get riled when out-iders come in to share the good pickings? . . . We still think the golden pheasants in the poultry show were the most attractive of all entries and exhibitions at the fair. . . . And apparently we still have that hayseed look, a heritage of Brushy Mountain nativity, for the bloom'n' slickers tried to sell us every sucker article along the midway. . . . How bout you.

SPEAKING NAMES, OR WERE WE?

The D. A. Beam family of Shelby doesn't require much of the alphabet. All of the five boys, like their father, have "A" for the middle initial, and all the girls, like their mother, have "E" for the middle initial. Things like that interest us, so we made inquiries. Mr. Beam's "A" stands for Anthony, and one of the boys, Dennis, is also Anthony. The other A's stand for Aaron, Augustus, Aubrey and Austin. The father and the boys sign this way: D. A., John A., Dennis A., Miles A., Edwin A., and William A. The family had not noticed that all the boys had an "A" in their name until William was born, then just to keep it going they named him William Austin.

The girls are named Marie E., Dee E., and Ruth E. Their mother was Mary E.

And, incidentally, Mr. Beam in marrying twice married Mary Emma Rudasill both times. The second Mary Emma was a cousin of the first. Beat that for keeping names in the family.

THE LAWYER WHITFIELD WHO GAVE COUNTY A BELL

Some time ago "Uncle Mills" (O. C.) Sarratt, Shelby's oldest man, still pert and spry both mentally and physically for his years, if you please, dropped by to say that he had just recalled where the old court house bell came from.

It was, he said, presented to the county more than 70 years ago by one Lawyer Whitfield. Questioning about town we found that the incident was too far back in the distant past for anyone to remember very much about the donor of the bell which is still in service after heralding courts, auctions, public meetings, etc., for three score years and ten. We continued, however, to be curious about the history of Mr. Whitfield and this week there came a letter to enlighten us.

It was written by a prominent Durham citizen, a grandson of the man who gave the bell, and it reveals that the man who lived here many years ago and whose bell still attracts attention by its fine tone was a member of a very prominent family and has many distinguished descendants. The letter we believe will be of unusual interest to younger citizens as well as old-timers, and here it is:

"A few days ago my good friend, R. M. Ganit, handed me an item he had clipped from the columns of The Star relating something of the history of the court house bell at Shelby.

"Knowing that I am a grandson of George Whitfield—who donated the bell to Cleveland county, Mr. Ganit correctly assumed that the item would be of interest to me.

"George Whitfield was my maternal grandfather and, upon leaving Shelby, moved to Wilson, the county seat of Wilson county, where he formed a partnership with George Howard, Esq., later a judge of the North Carolina superior court.

"Mr. Whitfield married Louisa Wimberly, of Edgecombe county, and was the father of three daughters. One of the daughters, Mrs. Margaret W. Speight, is still living at Rocky Mount, N. C. Mrs. Speight is the widow of Dr. Richard H. Speight of Edgecombe who served several terms as a senator in the state legislature. Another daughter married Henry Groves Connor, who read law in Mr. Whitfield's office and later became a state senator, speaker of the house of representatives, judge of the superior court, associate justice of the state supreme court and judge of the United States courts for the eastern district of North Carolina. The third daughter married Weddell Hart of Tarboro.

"A number of Mr. Whitfield's grandchildren are still living in the state. Among them being Associate Justice George Whitfield Connor (a namesake) of the state supreme court, Henry Groves Connor, Jr., a leading attorney of Wilson and, for about twelve years a member of the state legislature from Wilson county, and Dr. R. D. W. Connor, of the department of history at the University of North Carolina. Another grandson, Spencer L. Hart, is connected with the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company in Chicago.

"Henry Lewis Whitfield, who visited the state a few years ago while serving as governor of Mississippi, and died before completing his term, was a nephew of George Whitfield and the late Chief Justice Whitfield, of the supreme court of Florida was a cousin.

"I'm writing this, not with the idea or for the purpose of boasting of family accomplishments; I've never gone in for that sort of thing, believing that what our ancestors might think of their descendants is vastly more important than bragging about the ancestors; but simply with the thought that some of your older citizens might be interested in something pertaining to the donor of the bell. If you should see fit to use the information for a story you will oblige me by omitting any direct reference to the source.

"I have frequently heard my mother speak of her childhood in Shelby and have cherished a desire to visit the town. My good friend Bob Coe tells me that the court house bell has a peculiar tonal quality which, he thinks, he would recognize anywhere that he might here it.

"I am very glad indeed to have the clipping about the bell and should like to meet Mr. Sarratt, who knew my grandfather."

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Death Stills The Tongue Of Famous John Sharp Williams; Served Thirty Years In Congress; Wilson Friend

Yazoo City, Miss., Oct. 3.—Former Senator John Sharp Williams, the vitriolic "Gentleman from Mississippi," who spent part of his boyhood fleeing a federal invasion of his state and most of his manhood in his country's congress, died last week.

He was 78 and was at his old plantation home near here with a group of kinsmen when the end came. He had failed last during recent months and his death was wholly unexpected.

It was the crackling, piercing voice of John Sharpe Williams—situated of Heidelberg, connoisseur of beautiful things, planter of cotton that helped awaken the South from the lethargy that almost smothered it after the War Between the States. The same voice commanded might, eloquence and stinging sarcasm as it fought the battle of Woodrow Wilson in the senate, during the trying days of the League of Nations fight. And it was same voice that told the senate after it doomed Wilson's measure: "I'd rather see a hound dog and bay at the moon from my Mississippi plantation than remain in the United States senate."

He retired from public life in 1923 and came home after devoting almost 30 years of his life to service in congress.

Senator Williams was a statesman of the old school, an aristocrat who was descended from an illustrious line of Revolutionary leaders. He was born in Memphis, July 30, 1854. His father was killed at the battle of Shiloh when the Union army marched through Tennessee. Memphis was threatened by the Union forces, so his family moved to the mother's old home in Yazoo county, Mississippi. Their Mississippi home was Cedar Grove plantation and it was there the senator died.

He had a private tutor as a boy and then studied at Kentucky Military Institute, the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., the University of Virginia and Heidelberg, Germany. He started practicing law in 1877 and the same year married Dial Werg. They had seven children.

Picked For House In 1893

Williams first was elected to the house of representatives in 1893 and served there for sixteen consecutive years. In 1907 he was unanimously reelected, but in 1908 was elected to the senate although he didn't take his seat until 1911.

While in the house he was leader of Democratic forces in the days of "Uncle Joe" Cannon. He immediately became a leader in the senate and devoted much of his time to healing the breach between the north and south. He hated sectionalism and his brilliant efforts to seal a covenant between the two sections made him a national figure.

He idolized Woodrow Wilson. His voice would crackle like a pine fire when he flayed his enemies of the war president and draw when he

His Wife's Biscuits

Diner: Waiter, these are excellent biscuits and not near as tough as my wife makes.

Waiter: Oh, sir, you forgot to remove the cellophane wrapping.

Bad Boy

Mother: Darling, did you put your tongue out to the doctor when he came, as I told you?

Jimmy: Yes, and I made faces too.

Explosion Wrecks Chicago Luncheon—Headline. Sounds as if a pineapple blew up—Arkansas Gazette.

Double Springs News Of Interest

Miss Covington Entertains. Mrs. E. R. Hamrick Seriously Ill. Daughter Born.

(Special to The Star)

Double Springs, Sept. 30.—Miss Vela Covington entertained with a very pretty party on last Saturday evening, about fifty of her friends. Games and progressive dates were enjoyed during the evening.

Friends of Mrs. E. R. Hamrick will be sorry to learn she is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Washburn announce the birth of a dainty daughter, Eunice Evelyn, Sept. 29. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Misses Annie and Mary Francis Davis and Miss Vela Covington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hamrick of Hollis.

Miss Mary Lou Lee spent last week-end with Miss Beatrice Cabanis of Zion community.

Miss Alma Gordon of Hollis spent several days last week with Miss Selma Davis.

Mr. Paul Davis spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hamrick of Hollis.

Mrs. Bud Canipe and daughter, Maude, of Lattimore, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry McSwain of Beaver Dam spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willis of Avondale spent the week-end with Mr. Willis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willis.

Miss Beatrice Johnson of Lattimore spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Eloise Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bridges had as their dinner guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Harle Wright and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bridges and children, Mr. and Mrs. Turks. Miss Mattie Lou Philbeck and Mr. Claude Webb, all of Shelby.

Turns Down Big Offer

Senator Williams was made flattering offers for lectures and stories when he retired. One group was reported to have offered him \$30,000 a year to write a weekly article on any subject. "I wouldn't be tied down to do anything once a week for anybody or for \$30,000," the senator said.

Life was kind to him after the crowd's feet gathered about his eyes and he lived in a land of plenty. One of his last public utterances was: "I'm going home to Mississippi and as night and time for bed approaches, I will listen to the general chorus of voices that man ever heard—the voices of my mocking birds."

Among his survivors are five children. Kit Williams, of Memphis, R. W. Williams, Nashville, Allison Williams, Atlanta, Mrs. Edwin R. Holmes, Yazoo City, and Mrs. Sallie Bunkley, Newport.

Republican Flays Regime Of Hoover

Chicago.—Representative Louis T. McFadden of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the house banking committee, renewed his attack on the Hoover administration with the charge that it was the policy of those in control here and abroad to "make rich America pay bankrupt Europe the cost of it war."

Addressing the Executives club at a luncheon here, McFadden said the business slump three years ago was not the normal penalty for a "reckless boom," but "the result of a comprehensive deception of the American investing public by its government." He mentioned the sale of foreign securities in this country.

Another need of the times is a distinguished service medal for heroic taxpayers.

Racing to Congress



Although much more familiar with horse races than political races, Cornelius V. (Sonny) Whitney, whose stable colors are famous throughout the world, is determined to make a good showing in his race for Congress from the Nassau Queens, N. Y., district. The young son of the distinguished Knickerbocker family is opposed by Congressman Bacon, a veteran in politics.

Hickory Firm Gets Rum Selling Rights

Raleigh.—If prohibition is repealed or modified, one Hickory firm is not going to be caught napping.

A charter authorizing the Wholesale Distributors, Inc. of Hickory, to "make, buy, sell and deal in porter, ale, lager beer and liquors of all sorts and kinds" has been granted by the secretary of state in the event of dry law changes.

The new company also plans to do a general wholesale and retail grocery business. Paid in stockholders are R. E. Ballinger, F. G. Johnson and G. B. Goode.

Questions Answers

(Our readers can get an answer to The Cleveland Star. Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Write your name and address on one side of the paper, state your question clearly and enclose 3 cent stamps for reply postage. Do not write legal medical or religious questions.)

Q How many Marx brothers are there?
A Only four appear in motion pictures, but there is a fifth brother Gummo (Milton), who formerly was in vaudeville.

Q Did Franklin D. Roosevelt nominate Alfred E. Smith in the 1924 and 1928 Democratic conventions?
A Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Alfred E. Smith at the Democratic National convention in New York in 1924 and also made the nominating speech for Governor Smith at the Houston convention in 1928.

Q What qualifications for President of the United States are named in the Constitution?
A "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to that office who shall not have attained the age of 35 years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States."

Q Which state has political divisions called parishes?
A Louisiana, where parishes are political divisions equivalent to counties in other states.

Q Where did the Lusitania sink?
A About ten miles off the Old Head of Inisle, southeast tip of Ireland.

Q Is a "shooting star" a star or a comet?
A It is a meteorite which has entered the field of the earth's gravitational attraction and by friction with the earth's atmosphere has been heated to incandescence. Most "shooting stars" never fall upon the earth because in their rapid flight through the air they are completely consumed by frictional heat. Any are dissolved into gases. Larger ones occasionally fall to earth as blackened masses of stone or metal.

Q How do the populations of Florida, New Hampshire, and North Carolina compare per square mile?
A Florida has 26.8; New Hampshire has 81.5; and North Carolina has 65.

Q What is the official spelling of Porto Rico?
A Puerto Rico.

Q How is the roaring sound produced in sea shells?
A The shells are resonators and pick up and magnify sound waves that are imperceptible to the human ear.

Q Are Norway and Sweden under one government?
A The union of Norway and Sweden was dissolved by mutual agreement, October 26, 1905, and they are now separate kingdoms.

Q When was Harvard university founded?
A In 1636.

Q How many lawyers, justices and judges are there in the United States?
A The 1890 census enumerated 160,605.

Q Voters are people who scare a politician into doing something foolish and then curse him because it wasn't wise.

That Saturday Afternoon

Here you are Pa! Some things that Ma has wanted around the place for a long time. A little fixing up here and there, to help keep the home fires burning, and the place looking better and the family equipment up to date. Our Washington Bureau has ready for you a packet of seven of its interesting and informative bulletins ready for Pa to Peruse for suggestions on the home plant. The titles are:

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