

Around Our TOWN

OR
Shelby SIDELIGHTS
By RENN DRUM.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT—

Here are some of the questions the "educated horse" of the Shelby high junior stunt night was supposed to ask and answer, but did not—
"What Shelby man speaks to more ladies each day than Clyde Hoey? Can't be done; but Paul Webb tries it.
"Does Mayor McMurry get all of the flowers he wears on his lapel at his own home? Ask his wife.
"What is the 'L' for in Supt. B. L. Smith's name? It's what he occasionally gives the students but it stands for Lee.
"Name the most popular minister in town? The one that isn't married.
"Why is Horace Grigg left-handed? Perhaps it's because he did his first courting back in horse-and-buggy days when the driver sat on the right side.
"Who is the wisest man in town? Why not ask Dr. Solomon S. Rowser?"

DOLDRUM

Perhaps an electric dollar has been proposed because it has been realized that the majority of us turn loose of a dollar as fast as we can anyway.

SHELBY SHORTS

This has been gift exchange week, clerks of local stores report. Meaning, we guess, that some of the boys made bad guesses as to size, color, etc. . . . At one of the service stations west of the city a count was kept this week of the autos with new and old tags. They averaged five old ones to one new one. . . . And amid the New Year whoopee around the court square Saturday night, we hear, there was a bit of romancing on the side. That may mean more hitchings to be reported here—and it may not; some of 'em love 'em and leave 'em. . . . Miss Jo Shaw, one of the Shelby school teachers, brought a couple of baby alligators home with her from her holiday trip to Florida. . . . Marion Nixon, who has a sister at Rutherfordton, was a blonde in her recent talkie with Will Rogers, but not so many years ago her hair was another shade. . . . How long has it been since the rough stretch of highway 20, just east of Belvedere Heights, was re-surfaced? And have you noticed its condition recently? Rougher on the north side, that's the pull side coming up the grade. . . . J. S., one of the new grooms, resembles Rex Bell, husband of Clara Bow, the "It" girl. . . . Shelby has a Colonel Marlow as well as a Major Hopper. . . . Smile of the season: as sad as Shelby school children because the holiday season was prolonged for a week. . . . College boys thumbing their way back to school, while the home town boys chuckle with the realization that the local femmes will be left to them for the time being. . . . A Pullman load of local people is being worked up for the Roosevelt inauguration in Washington, March 4. Special reduced rates and all that. One Shelby man is giving the trip to his entire family because of his joy over another Democratic president. . . . If you haven't anyone to tell about your "flu," just stop the next person you meet on the street and swap stories. . . . Jack Yates back on a visit from Dallas, Texas, and a good antidote for the pessimists about town; he's one fellow a depression plus cannot give the blues. . . . Somebody called Grady Cole's attention to these shorts, and on the air we went; o. k. Charlotte! . . . Jig-saw puzzles worrying a lot of brains about town. . . . Max Gardner, jr., is a reader of this column. His dad, he says, may get written up elsewhere, but this is his spot. . . . S-s-sh! Some of the young fellows about town have been asking the Webb theatre, we hear, for those bill posters advertising Jean Harlow in "Red Dust". . . . They oughta start a fire without a match. . . . Toy Webb, as we recall, was the only fellow who knows anything about cotton who was willing to risk a prediction two months ago that the county would make as much as 45,000 bales of cotton. . . . And this wise-crack (or is it a dirty crack?) by Forrest Crowder: "I always knew a drum would make plenty of noise on both sides, but no music". . . . What, no teachers married during the holidays? . . . Tush, tush! Says a Shelby man who has been married some several years: "Mr. Plaster may be an attraction for the girls at the Carolina theatre, but that attractive young lady in the ticket office doesn't frighten any of the men away."

A NEW ONE

From a contributor designated as "Swak" comes this chatter:
"Just a little gossip from one who knew something but couldn't hold it. . . . The midnight show was swell, except for a mixed whiff or two of perfume and Yule spirits. It was strong enough to put one fellow, P., to sleep, and was his face red when he awoke? . . . What Shelby apartment house leaves the door open all night? (Two sentences deleted here). . . . Actions speak louder than words. The blonde male mentioned by our contributor isn't so bashful between 8 and 12 p. m. . . . The young man or boy who walked four miles to his date now rides with his dad who takes him there and goes after him. . . . Who is the young lady north of town that seems to be getting quite a rush from a Duke grad of the Grover section? Time will tell or will it?"

AM SLINGS

"The old contry, 'Sam,' will now take the mike and broadcast:
"Better luck next time folks, on your discoveries—Many thanks to S. . . . How many started the New Year off with 'Dr. Bromo's' quick relief for hangovers' 'eggquintial' Spells, etc.???. . . . A few slants on the skirts and pants about town. . . . 'Switz' where's the power? Your north LaFayette blonde has been reported engaged to a popular grocery clerk. . . . Jim has taken a 'Kat' for keeps. If size has anything to do with it, he most got a kitten. . . . The popular young undertaker about town is still traveling in circles. Wonder if it isn't visions of vine-washed bungalows for two or three that has him groggy—it is a brute this time. . . . Congratulations to Mary and Lloyd, you saved your eekles well. . . . Ah! Here's a question not to be answered too loud: Who is the popular young Shelby doctor said to have recently decolored the left hand of an out of town school 'marm'? . . . If sporting goods sales continue to sparkle as they did this Christmas, Mary Ruth may become a 'Quaker'. . . . A wind just blew the report in that J. and might form a 'merger' should a certain transfer materialize. . . . Come on C. (Notice typeslinger) step on it, don't let your side kicks get the jump on you. . . . Current reports from Hewitt and Co. have it that a previous prediction of a matrimonial venture has proven to be all wet. . . . 'Sam' as well as numerous other gossipers miscalculated for once. . . . Say wise guys: are C. and M. hoarding their nickles for a rainy day or matrimonial shower? . . . H. A. says there's nothing like having some one to sit on your knee. (Attention J. S.). . . . From recent 'sniffs', etc., ice wine is the popular beverage of a Western N. Carolina school. Too much dynamite to print—but who knows the up to the minute 'holiday news' among the married sets about town? . . . Sh! Here's a little extra: There's a society queen in West Shelby who has a substantial number of followers, for the purpose of being enthroned in her sophisticated atmosphere—Ah! what a spasm!! . . . What this???. A Blessed out in the eastern part of town?"

COMPANION COLUMN—

Today—and don't miss it—The Star is presenting a new column and columnist, although the creator does not prefer that nomenclature. Anyway, we think you'll enjoy the boss' gossip under the heading "Nosing Under the News" on the brain page (that would be the editorial page to you).

Lattimore News Of Personal Items

Some Sickness In Community. People Visiting During The Holidays.

(Special to The Star.)

Lattimore, Jan. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McSwain of the Double Springs community were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Magness.

Miss Nell McCurry of Union Mills spent last week with the family of Mr. J. P. McCurry.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams and Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. E. C. Boyd, of Kentucky, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kanipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shearer and son, Charles, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Head of Cliffside.

Mr. Cyrus Hawkins of Greensboro spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Cutho Hawkins and family.

Prof. and Mrs. Glenn Stine and Glenn, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mauney of Marion, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams and Mrs. E. C. Boyd of Kentucky and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kanipe visited the Kings Mountain battle-ground Monday and enjoyed a picnic dinner. In the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gold and mother of Blacksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hamrick were the dinner guests Christmas day of Mrs. J. M. Wilson of the Zion community.

Miss Pauline Hewitt spent last week in Shelby visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Betty Washburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Washburn of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hamrick, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hamrick very graciously entertained the following: Misses Margaret Stockton, Mary Agnes Lattimore, Edith Harrill, Sara and Louise Hamrick, Katie Mae Toms and Mary Ward and Mr. T. C. Stockton Friday at a 12 o'clock dinner.

Mr. Talmage Wright of Kings Mountain spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wright.

Miss Lula McCurry spent a few days last week with Miss Bernice Tessenner of near Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Harrill and Mrs. Z. A. Harrill and son, Max, visited Mr. J. B. Harrill Christmas day in Shelby.

Miss Anna and Mr. Charlie Bridges of Conley Springs spent last week with their sister, Miss Blanche Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hamrick spent part of last week in Earl visiting relatives.

Mr. John Albert McBrayer and Mr. James Rayburn were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. Layman Martin.

The family of Mr. J. S. Blanton and Mr. Frank Bradley have been real sick with the flu but are better.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Grigg and family of New House visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Harrill Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Magness and family spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McSwain of the Double Springs community.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of Polkville visited Mr. and Mrs. June Crowder Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Magness and children, Misses Louise and Georgia and Mr. Jack Magness of near Ellenboro were the dinner guests Christmas day of Mrs. Ella Magness.

Mrs. Etta Cordell and Miss Myral Dayberry of Shelby spent Thursday night and Friday with Miss Pearl Harrill.

Prof. and Mrs. Glenn Stine and Glenn, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Berry of Hildebran Christmas day.

Answers To Star's Question Box On Page One

Below are the answers to the test questions printed on page one.

1. Peso.
2. Annuals die after one season; perennials bloom year after year.
3. A free city under the protection of the league of nations.
4. Santa Fe.
5. Ten to fourteen feet.
6. Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska.
7. "Cactus Jack."
8. Lionel Atwill.
9. Jimmy Fox with 58.
10. Opera singer.
11. No.
12. Ornithology.
13. The pope.
14. New Mexico and Arizona.
15. Richard J. Gallig.
16. Acute Laryngitis.
17. Causing or caused by putrefaction.
18. State of Washington.
19. In 1915.
20. Yes.

Henry Gaston, 4-H club boy, of Gaston county, made a net profit of \$83.88 on one-fourth of an acre of snap beans; and tomatoes which he grew as a club project this past season.

Changes In Income Tax Law For 1932; Those Subject To Pay

Mr. Shannonhouse Points Out Changes In Income Tax Laws In State and Nation.

The 72d congress has made substantial changes in the federal income tax law affecting the year 1932. Both the normal and the surtax rates have been raised, and the personal exemptions lowered. The exemption formerly allowed corporations has been abolished and the rate raised.

For the information of taxpayers, John M. Shannonhouse, local public accountant, quotes part of section 51, of the last revenue act, concerning individual returns:

(a) Requirement: The following individuals shall each make under oath a return stating specifically the items of his gross income and the deductions and credits allowed under this title:

(1) Every individual having a net income for the taxable year of \$1,000 or over, if single, or if married and not living with husband or wife;

(2) Every individual having a net income for the taxable year of \$2,500 or over, if married and living with husband or wife; and

(3) Every individual having a gross income for the taxable year of \$5,000 or over, regardless of the amount of his net income.

(b) Husband and Wife: If a husband and wife living together have an aggregate net income for the taxable year of \$2,500 or over, or an aggregate gross income for such year of \$5,000 or over

(1) Each shall make such a return, or

(2) The income of each shall be included in a single joint return, in which case the tax shall be computed on the aggregate income.

North Carolina

No changes have been made in the North Carolina income tax law since the revenue act of 1931. But, for the information of those who may not know who are required to file returns, part of the instructions on form 1-a, issued by the commissioner of revenue, is quoted:

1. Every resident having a net income during the income year in

excess of \$1,000 if single, or \$2,000 if married, will be required to file a return.

Every non-resident receiving a net income during the income year from within this state in excess of the prorata exemption as the income in this state relates to total income, will be required to file a return.

Every married woman living with her husband and having a separate and independent income is required to file a separate return.

Besides individuals, every partnership, joint stock company, association and corporation, unless specifically exempt, must file both state and federal returns.

Georgia Man Will All Belongings To 'Jehovah' In Paper

Nahunta, Ga.—A deed has been recorded at the Brantley county court house here in which W. T. Pullman converts his home into a church and bequeaths himself and the house and all he possesses to Jehovah.

The strange document reads:

"Whereas I realize that I can never pay my debts to my creator for life, health, strength and all other blessings and services, or money, I hereby convert my home into a church by gift, and hereby give, devise, bequeath, assign, sell, deed, convey, quit claim and deliver to Jehovah, the Most High God, my body and all things thereon, and therein together with any and all property that I may now possess, or may ever possess at any time, of any nature whatsoever, real or personal, whereby located for church uses and purposes forever."

The witnesses are P. O. Stokes and A. S. McQueen, the latter a notary public. The deed was recorded December 17.

The small mutual exchange operated by poultry farmers of the Valdese community in Burke county a thirty thousand dollar business during the past year.

Survey Shows Women Spend Less "On Backs" Than Many Believed

Most of Earnings of Working Girls Found to Go For Food And Shelter.

Richmond, Va.—The belief that women earning their own incomes spent the greater part of it on clothing is refuted in a study of the earnings and expenditures of a representative group of 71 employed in business and industry in Richmond. According to this study those earning the lowest incomes in the group spend slightly less than 28 per cent of their earnings for this purpose, while those making the most spend only 29.1 per cent for clothes.

Instead of spending the majority of their earnings on clothing, the women paid out more for ordinary living costs, including room, board, fuel and light than they did for any other item. It took somewhat more than 42 per cent of their wages and salaries to pay for this. But those earning the least had to pay more than half, or 52.1 per cent for the cost of bare existence. Those in the highest income bracket paid 38.2 per cent.

However, when it came to buying such articles of clothing as coats, the workers were found to have given more rein to the love of fine things than the foregoing figures might indicate. They found themselves able to pay an average of \$48.76 for their winter wraps, some of them going as high as \$100 to \$150.

Beauty treatment cost an average of \$8.84 a year. Motion pictures took \$10.77, exclusive of expenditures by escorts on this item. Sixty-six of the group were church supporters, contributing an average of \$26.07 a year to the churches. Two more, or 68, reported expenditures for education, including such items as tuition, books and periodicals. The outgo of the lowest income group for this was \$6.84 and of the highest, \$84.25.

Health expenses took an average of \$28.24. Thirty-five of the number carried life insurance and paid an average of \$29.06 for it. Only 35 of the group lived on less than their

Dolorous Dancer

Not even in the merry atmosphere of mirth and music does Buster Keaton allow any expression of what our Parisienne friends call joie de vivre to appear on his poker face. The famous, lugubrious screen comedian is shown dancing with Eileen Bramley, film actress, at the recent banquet for film folk at Agua Caliente. Maybe the band was playing a funeral dirge.



County farm agents in tobacco growing counties are now cleaning and treating tobacco seed in preparation for planting the beds.

Earnings, their average surplus being only \$48.10 a year. In the year ending at the time of the study, the clerical workers had lost an average of 10.3 days through unemployment and the factory workers an average of 39 days.

During a four-months period ending December 1, Madison Farmers a cooperative in Madison county paid to its farmer members \$1,023.57 for poultry and eggs alone in addition to handling other surplus produce.

Eases Burden of Children's COLDS

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