

March 1. He is from Shelby, N.C.

AGE NO MATTER

Mrs. Darwin Maintains She's Judge Webb's Youngest Sister

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The proper place to start this story about Mrs. Edna Webb Darwin, sister of Judge Edwin Yates Webb and aunt of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, whom she is visiting, is to tell her age and point out that she has just been elected president of the Young Women's Christian association of her adopted city, Athens, Ga. That would give readers a morsel for contemplation.

But the young lady would have none of it. She doesn't believe that any story about a lady, a young one, should begin with her age, or even mention it for that matter, as, of course, it shouldn't.

"You may say" Mrs. Darwin conceded, "that I am Judge Webb's youngest sister." The fact that he has only one sister, Mrs. Darwin, is of no importance.

Suffice it to say that Mrs. Darwin, who left Shelby 40 years ago after being born, reared and educated here, is accounted as one of the youngest persons in spirit in



MRS. DARWIN
(Photo by Willis)

Athens, Ga. where she leads an extremely active life, particularly with the young women of that city whom she has helped in countless ways.

In season and out of season, Mrs. Darwin has preached in her home city that the heart of Athens is its young girls. And Mrs. Darwin stays young by associating with them. In addition to her work with young girls, Mrs. Darwin spends a busy life in civic and religious activity.

She comes by this association with religious life naturally. For she started as organist of the First Baptist church in Shelby at the age of 13.

Particularly gifted in music, she specialized in this subject and in elocution at the old Shelby Female college. She was a day student at this institution walking from her home. And she says she gets eternally tired about the way folks depend on automobiles in this day and time.

"We never had them in the old days. And we seemed to get

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...Cherry recited statistics showing
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...tistics showing the number of
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..."North Carolina standing 10th in
...this proud accomplishment," he
...said.

"It was explained that children don't go to school for lack of incentive," Cherry continued, "because school officers with little money to care for their present pupils don't really seek out new ones; and because illiterate parents scoff at education and put their kids to work. The vicious circle is obvious: uneducated children become illiterate parents and keep their youngsters from school in turn."

As a solution to the illiteracy problem, the Governor said:

"Cooperation and a spirit of working together here in North Carolina for the solution of North Carolina's problems is the key."

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along pretty well."

After graduating from Shelby Female college she taught music in South Carolina. She married Darwin, who died 20 years ago.

...kept the fire confined to the wall of the kitchen and to the attic.

only child, now Mrs. Marion DuBose, whose husband is a professor in the University of Georgia, was born in Shelby and is here now visiting with her mother at the home of Mrs. Gardner.

As much as Mrs. Darwin loves Athens, Ga. she tells them there that she also loves Shelby. She loves to visit here and see the marvelous progress that has been made over the past four decades.

In fact, she chose a visit to Shelby this week rather than stay for the ceremony of being installed as president of the Young Women's Christian association to which she was elected.

She just couldn't pass up the dinner honoring her brother, Judge E. Y. Webb.

Because, you see, she is his youngest sister.

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