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## Assisting some 'well-heeled' politicians

In 1949, the late Craig Sheldon raised the following question in his column "Knee Deep in Fly Creek," which was published in the Fairhope Courier: "What has become of our house numbering program?" Apparently, the city council had adopted a plan but had not yet put it into action. Sheldon issued this challenge in his column: "If they will only number our homes, out of a hat, with Chinese characters upside down, or in any manner, in 1949, I, Craig T. (Turmoil) Sheldon will publicly, on Fairhope Avenue in front of the Courier office, shine the shoes of the mayor and each member of the council ... . Evidently they did — and he did. Above at lower left, Sheldon applies some "bootblack" to one official's shoes.