

TRUVY Let's just face it, Clairee. You're a woman coming to terms with her grips. You and I are in the same boat. My kids are leaving town and I've got a husband that hasn't moved from in front of the TV set in fifteen years. It's up to us to figure out why we were put on this earth. That's today's sermon. So, Shelby. Are you and Jackson going to live in West Monroe or Monroe proper?

SHELBY Monroe, of course. ~~His law practice is there.~~

CLAIREE You are so lucky, Shelby. Louisiana lawyers do well whether they want to or not.

SHELBY I don't really care. Don't get me wrong. The money's real nice...but I just like the idea of growing old with somebody. My dream is to get old and sit on the back porch covered with grandchildren and say, "No!" and "Stop that!"

TRUVY Are you going to quit nursing?

SHELBY Never! I love it. I love being around all those babies... Last week we had this poor little fellow, two and a half months premature. He looked like a big rat. I kept talking to him and holding him. But I knew he wasn't going to make it.

TRUVY That's so sad.

SHELBY It happens all the time.

M'LYNN Drum and I feel that Shelby should not work anymore after she gets married.

SHELBY I'm so anxious to discuss this topic for the nine hundredth time this week...

M'LYNN You should not be on your feet all day. You should be kinder to your circulatory system.

SHELBY (*changing subject*) Annelle? I know you're new and all, but don't let that stop you. Anytime you have anything to say, you just let 'er rip.

ANNELLE I don't have anything to say.