

Around Our Town

—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
— R. D. —

ONLY THREE years ago.
THE NEW Central church.
WAS JUST a vision.
AND THE Masonic Temple.
WAS ITSELF a dream.
AND THE Lineberger corner
ONLY A vacant plot.
AND FANNING was located
AT HIS old store site.
AND WEBB brothers were thinking
OF A new theatre house.
AND MAYOR Weathers owned
NO BIG apartment building.

AND ALONG about that time.
SWITZER'S FANCY cloth plant.
AND THE big Ora mill.
HAD NOT been heard of.
AND HONEYCUTT figured not on.
A NEW Coca-Cola Bottling factory.
AND MANY things were not.
JUST LIKE they are now.
AND PERHAPS that's evolution—
OF A little town.
INTO A bustling city
AND FOR the privilege
TO EXPRESS such a thought.
THAT SHOWS no thinking.
THERE'S LITTLE reason to say:
I THANK you.
(With apologies to John Scopes and Dayton).

Not long ago some one called the column a press-agent for Shelby, say-

ing that it was apparently devoted to the boosting and advertising of the town. And being cognizant of what happened at Dayton and what is happening in Shelby there is a fear that we're no longer being needed in that capacity. In fact, right here is where we close the muffer on some of the boosting with the fear that we'll have Shelby famous before we know it and have fate deal us on the bottom of the deck like was Nicky Gibson's fins. Yes, the man who made Dayton famous, or ridiculous, which ever you prefer to call it, instead of setting any credit for the success of his undertaking was fired, and Darrow, Scopes and Bryan stole his headlines and his job.

Up until several months ago Dayton, Tennessee, unknown then—how many Shelby people knew of the town on January 1?—had a publicity commissioner or press agent known as Nicky Gibson. Then along came the evolution trial and the leading human phonographs that evolved from the jungles and made Dayton the talk of the world over a week-end. Dayton flared in the headlines everywhere and the city fathers decided that Dayton had already received enough press-agenting and Nicky, the publicity fiend, was "canned". The funny part is that Nicky claims that the evolution trial was a part of his own scheme to bring the town publicity. He

brought it, but it came in such gobs that it soon swept beyond his control. And that's our fear about the way Shelby is growing? ? ?

"At last it has come." Mac Poston's sputtering motorcycle has been put in first class order and one of these afternoons as you step on the gas down a Shelby street, "Mac" is likely to shoot out an alley and hand you an invitation to the big informal reception that Recorder John P. Mull holds almost every morning in the court house. If you're so lucky as to receive such a select invitation just remember that you'll likely find Charlie Burris, Sheriff Logan and a group of well known officers-about-town in the receiving line. If there are refreshments you'll likely help pay for 'em.

It's a dull day, or Dr. Mitchell has ruffled the feelings of Mr. Ebeltoft, when the bookstore sage is not equal to relating a new humorous story. This week Mr. Ebeltoft was discussing absent-mindedness and took occasion to illustrate his view by telling of an incident that happened years ago to Dr. Jeter, brilliant, but absent-minded editor of a well known church magazine in Richmond, Va. Dr. Jeter in one of his off moments dropped in at the postoffice for his mail, and as it happened a new clerk was at the

window and did not know the minister's name. Upon inquiry Dr. Jeter's lower jaw dropped in amazement, but try as he could his own name would not occur to him. Leaving the postoffice he encountered a friend who held out his hand with the greeting "Good morning Dr. Jeter," and perhaps was astonished to hear the man addressed started exclaiming to himself as he rushed back in postoffice "Jeter, Jeter, Yes, that's it, Jeter."

Still it is possible to see a few spots about town that the clean-up campaign has not changed.

And making a complete circle of the town—that's going around—"Bush" Eskridge, a reader of the column, recalled an antique paragraph that referred to misspelled signs on the streets of Shelby. The recollection leading up to the announcement that one of the signs on the windows of the new Lineberger building has a misspelled word. How observant are you? Have you noticed it? As a prize for the first person discovering it perhaps Fred Culbreth will give the canary-eating cat at Gilmers.

Oscar Champion has a new suit. But Oscar reminded Julian Hord Friday that he's the kind of fellow that don't let such things go to his head and—"even if I have a new suit I'll keep on speaking to you boys."

Duke Most Valuable Citizen In State

We see where Brother Duke is fixing to give us an ice shiny, new railroad between here and Winston. Then there will be the stretching of the little electric one which we already have until it reaches down around Spartanburg and connects with the P. and N. of that territory. This will seem like a funny move to a lot of people who have sorter got accustomed to the notion that short haul railroad traffic isn't paying any more. But for us, we are banking on the idea that Mr. Duke knows fairly well what he is about and even if everybody does own a Ford or ride the buses there is still the freight to be taken care of, and this we understand is where the largest chunks of revenue come from.

Of course the road isn't going to be built just to make money, but to develop in a still more perfect fashion, all this Piedmont territory. Along with Charlotte, all the other towns around are suffering from prodigious growing pains and if North Carolina and this section of South Carolina isn't the most populous part of the world in the next hundred years it will be because the ambitions of the present generation aren't re-born in the new.

All the little towns have signed up

saying how big they are going to be in 1930. For instance, we saw a little place the other day with one reading "Forty thousand in 1930." In Charlotte Kuester had a big board put up down at the Southern station with this modest inscription, "One Hundred Thousand in 1930." If all of the towns keep up their present ambition and reach their quotas, the Carolinas will be more populous than China, the East Side of New York, or the White Chapel district of London.

Our hope now is that Mr. Duke will live to be one hundred and fifty years old and keep all his spending facilities, because it is our opinion that no state in the Union has ever at any time in its history had any one man that has been anywhere nearly as valuable to it as Mr. Duke has to the Carolinas.—Ebird's Store News

PRISONER RETURNS TO LONELY JAIL

Reidsville, July 22.—After a week's absence which followed his escape from the county jail at Yanceyville, E. H. Sadler, lone prisoner at the jail, has returned. During his absence Sadler went to see his wife who is sick at their home in Virginia, he stated. He returned after finding her health improved and gave himself up to officers to serve the remainder of his term.

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CHAS. HOEY, Popular Hudson-Essex Dealer.

The conception of the artist who sketched Chas Hoey above as a "courting man" doesn't mean that Chas. confines his "courting" to the "gals." He courts automobile prospects with the same vigor that he does his social duties and while he might be "wrapped up" at times in his social endeavors, he is always "wrapped up" in Hudson-Essex. Four years ago he took the Hudson-Essex agency and has met with remarkable success. He has a beautiful show room on S. Washington street and renders up-to-date service to owners of these well known cars. The factory has a daily out-put of 1,500 cars and many claim that they are the best cars on the market for the money. The Essex is the lowest priced six cylinder closed job in the world. Ninety seven per cent of the Hudson-Essex out-put are closed cars which indicate the rapid change in the demand of cars used for closed vehicles.

Charles is the second son of Hon. and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey. He graduated from the Shelby High School and later went to N. C. State, Raleigh. Having a decided mechanical turn his first work was as an auto mechanic. Soon he became "boss." G. C. Self is his popular office helper while J. T. McGinnis and P. E. Turner function as mechanics in a most satisfactory manner with the assistance of two "chocolate drops."

Charles always wears a happy smile, smokes a pipe like Vice President Dawes but refuses to follow Dawes in his profanity. He indulges in a hearty contagious laugh now and then and his smile always broadens when he looks up and down the avenues and sees hundreds of Hudson-Essex cars driven by satisfied users.

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