

Around Our Town

SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
By Renn Drum.

A half century ago America and a pocky part of Europe were talking Charlie Ross, one of the first wealthy children ever abducted in America.

Wednesday, Charlie Ross flashed back across the nation and Shelby was the center scene of considerable publicity.

Following the news story from Shelby that a man believed to be the long-lost Charlie Ross was living near Shelby inquiries for information began pouring into the Spring City from all sections of the country. Late Wednesday saw newspapermen and photographers in Shelby seeking the man who had wandered for 50 years in a vain attempt to establish his identity.

The man in question may be or may not be Charlie Ross. To know, however, and the newspaperman, A. D. James, who uncovered him, the town owes a debt for the widest publicity ever received.

A million dollar fortune, a man-lyth was a half century ago, was spent in the search for the missing boy. It would only be an irony of fate should the man who now lives near here prove to be the playful boy of four years, who was kidnaped from in front of his father's mansion in Germantown, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

This column has personally talked with the man in question. There is a likelihood, a strong one, that he is the missing boy, Charlie Ross or not Charlie Ross the story of the man's wandering and the ever-present doubt about his identity is one of the most fairy-like tales ever recited. That the story of his life is true there is no doubt. Somewhere, somehow he was taken from his rightful parents and in the story there is heart-aches, mystery, and almost unbelievable episodes clearly proven.

The latter part of the week will see Shelby scenes and the photo of the man scattered over the entire country. It's odd the things bumped into in this cycle of life.

This week in court a witness was called to take the stand. He didn't answer and counsel for the defense, who depended strongly upon his testimony, became nervous. The court worried along and waited a bit while the sheriff continued calling. Then they found the witness about half-way back in the court room sound asleep.

He took the stand and related his story as he tried to blink his eyes.

The odd part of the incident was that the story he told of also occurred while he was about half asleep. The witness was a prisoner at the convict camp here when it was held by Dillard Deane freed. He was half asleep while the masked men undressed Deane and he was half asleep talking about it.

Some ladies have their spring bonnets seen only on the streets and never given particular notice. Miss Any Emmanuel, Superior court stenographer, had the experience this week of having an entire court room take long inspection of her hat. In one case a witness was trying to establish the color of a pair of shoes that was connected with the case. One of the attorneys in helping him to name the color asked "Was it the color of that red ribbon on the hat?" The hat belonged to the court stenographer and today she can truthfully say that a packed court room eyed her hat intently.

We'll bet nobody can hold a candle to that candlestick in West Shelby made in 1850.

Pays the Greensboro News: "If Charlie Ross has been found, as a Shelby man thinks, it may yet be discovered who hit Billy Patterson." Yes, rabbits. The youngsters will fail to get such out of the Billy Patterson thought, but the old timers will recall many things about Billy Patterson as came back to the memory when the Charlie Ross Case was revived.

Bobby Rudasill is now engaged with the construction company developing Cleveland Springs, which assures Shelby's major resort a fullness of music.

Well, now they're beginning to announce for sheriff, which in a way is a peculiar twist of things. Ofttimes have we heard of men running from the sheriff, but not running for sheriff.

Business reigns in the poultry world today.

Shelby's 21-year-old hen is dead, perhaps one of the country's oldest fowls. Now isn't that a sob story?

The faithful, gentle old clucker became blind some weeks before her death—and a hen that has witnessed the passing of a score of years has seen enough of eggs in new mown hay and cackling chickens, or so say poultrymen.

The aged hen was the property of Miss Nora Bell Alexander and had been much exploited upon by newspapermen.

THIS ARTICLE PUTS WORLD AT FEET OF SHELBY

Unknown author tells of Glowing Virtues of Shelby and Surrounding Territory.

To Editor Star: I am sending an article on Shelby, the city of springs, which I want you to print in your paper.

I do not care to let you and the others know my name and address. Modesty forbids.

I have pride in Shelby. I want it to be as widely known as Pinehurst or Blowing Rock. I was born and reared here, and I know Shelby well enough to tell all about her. My article will electrify the town and the world, too.

Publish my article to the world and you have the world at your feet.

By a Shelby citizen.

Shelby, famous for its location, equal climate and numerous springs is the fastest growing city in the Southland. Eager to welcome, it beckons those, who would leave winter behind, and play awhile in Shelby. Those who once visit it continue to do so, bring others and ultimately settle there, building their own homes. You can work, as well as play in Shelby.

Important local industries are constantly maturing. Farms of the most productive sort mosaic the rich acreages hereabouts and this part of Western North Carolina is helping to feed the nation.

Cleveland County is where Shelby lies. Sleep, rest, work in Shelby and Cleveland County.

There is something of vital consequence, aside from vacationing it, is the substantial foundation of thrift that gives Shelby an unwa-

tering calm, very proud in her own future. She is sure to go ever forward.

Shelby has consistently encouraged developments here, until now, in the full blossom of its attractive features; it represents a self-supporting unit, with the finest highways and branches. It has impressive macadam boulevards, with ample space for pedestrian walks and two way automobile, tropic fevers and plagues are unknown.

Around Shelby there is a network of motor roads, leading to all towns, all cities and the hill country.

While still keeping its residential charm, it is fast becoming an important mercantile and manufacturing center. Shelby wants capitalists with money to invest.

The climate in Shelby is born of the true North Temperate zone. The summers are pure and cool. At frequent intervals excessive heats set in, with absolutely no danger to any one's health. It is an ideal country for unusual outings and long motor rides. There are bridlepaths for those who ride horses.

Once in Shelby, you become better acquainted with a new environment. Travel in and out of Shelby and along her spacious avenues. That's the leisurely way.

Over yonder are mountains, great or small. Shelby is snugly landlocked, protecting it from excessive and frequent snowstorms and deep ocean swells. Nowhere can be found a dryer, clearer, or more invigorating air, nor a more perfect climate, summer and winter. Shelby lies in a valley, making it possible a winter and summer resort. Spend your winters and summers in Shelby and Cleveland County.

Tourists to Shelby still find quarters, where they may be free to come and go at will. More and more Shelby is attracting people, who want a home of their own—a bungalow or a villa along some avenue dotted with stately oaks and tall shady elms.

10,000 people represent the popula-

tion of Shelby, yet Shelby is not congested. There's room for one and all. Come to Shelby and work and play.

The church goer will be highly pleased with the religious atmosphere of Shelby. We have the best ministers who equal those found in the cities.

Cleveland springs is a kin to Shelby and Cleveland County. It is known far and wide as a resort. It is fast becoming America's pleasure ground. It is a tiny village in itself. Here are mineral springs possessing valuable medical properties which are justly famed and the people have used them for generations and have been benefited or cured entirely by virtue of their operations. Come to Cleveland Springs and drink her sulphur spring. Play there, rest there.

Big Damage Suit Removed to County

On motion of J. R. Davis, attorney, for the town of Kings Mountain before the clerk of superior court in Gaston county last week the suit filed by the heirs of the late J. T. McGill against the town alleging damage to real estate to the amount of \$100,000 by the presence of a septic tank on a stream above their property, the case was removed to Cleveland county on the grounds that a town must be sued in its own county, says the Kings Mountain Herald.

THERE WILL BE crowds at the auction sale of the Jim Allen property Thursday, April 1, at 2 o'clock. Be in the crowd. It may mean money to you. Band concert, souvenirs and a really big sale of desirable property in a section where land moves fast. 3t-26c

UNION CHURCH TO GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM ON 28

The Union B. Y. P. U. has planned a public program for Sunday evening, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock.

The lesson in the quarterly will be discussed by members of the differ-

ent groups, then special songs and some talks on the subject.

We have sent out special invitations to several churches. A large crowd is expected.

Bandits are a clever lot. They can always find a place to stop their car without arousing a policeman.



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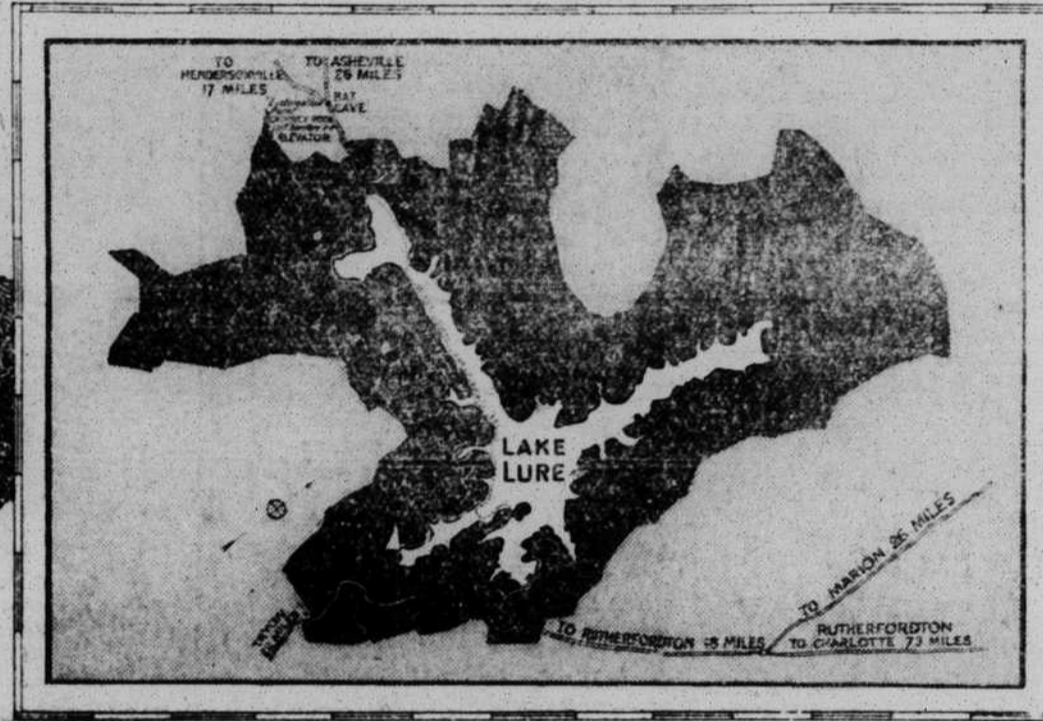
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THE fast-approaching completion of Lake Lure has caused a small "boom" in farm lands lying outside the 8,500-acre boundary of the Lake Lure-Chimney Rock estates—trading in options and sales of acreage. There must be no misunderstanding, however, as to the free use of Lake Lure. It has required upwards of \$2,500,000 to create this lake, and a million more to develop the 1,000 acres of the Luremont residence section soon to be offered to home-builders. Access to the shore line may be gained only over the company's properties, and can not be allowed free of charge except to owners of Lake Lure homesites, and guests. If undeveloped lands away from and out of sight of Lake Lure are good "buys," plots in developed sections of Lake Lure will be a better "buy." Follow the news of Lake Lure—Luremont section is being rapidly made ready for an opening sale at low figures—the date will be published soon.

Announcing Lake Lure Business Center

It was not intended to announce Lake Lure Business Center until next month. But—ground has been broken. Bridge approaches and highway are under construction. The first hotel is building. Contracts have been let for administration building and business blocks. A shopping and entertainment center will be ready before the Luremont residence section is populated.

The colorful architecture of the Northern Italian lake region has been chosen. The town faces a glorious picture.



Towering cliffs form a scenic background—an open bay is in the foreground. Bathing beaches of natural sand, piers, band stand, boat landings, dancing pavilion, cafes and hotel form a horse-shoe of diversion along a broad board-walk. Here will be the life. Luremont Section adjoins.

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