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Further Information Comes Up In Charlie Ross Affair

Another Dellinger Connected With Ross Mystery Another View Makes Him a Hale.

From the mass of information collected in The Star office, appertaining to the Charlie Ross story, since the fact was published in these pages more than a week ago, that the lost Philadelphia boy may have been found is the person of Julius Dellinger, of Denver, this state, one story stands out as pointing to the fact that Dellinger is NOT Ross.

On the other hand, there seems a thread of evidence, intangible but not to be dismissed, that is tantalizing and baffling, leading to the assumption that the lost man may after all be the lost lad.

Added to the evidence of Mr. J. Frank Gaffney, who has told of the coming of the child to Gaffney, S. C., and the suspicious his appearance created back in '74, is a statement made to The Star Tuesday by C. L. Hager, of the J. C. Penney company.

Hager comes from that part of Lincoln county in the vicinity of Denver He stated that over in that district there lived a man, who, until his death five years ago, was commonly supposed to be one of those prominently identified with the kidnaping of Charlie Ross.

"It was common talk around that neighborhood that the individual I refer to had a hand in the kidnaping of young Ross. I have heard the story dozens of times. The man has been dead five years. He has a number of sons who live in that vicinity now, and he may or may not have told them the facts. I don't know. But I am sure if he were alive today he could clear up the whole mystery."

Opposed to the theory that Dellinger is Charlie Ross, is a seemingly well authenticated story to this effect:

"That this man Dellinger—the lost one—is the victim of the sins of his father. That the father, McHale, left his wife and ran off with another woman—ostensibly the Cathcart woman—making his young four-year-old son with him.

And McHale never told the boy of the tragedy.

A letter addressed to Mr. Gaffney from a man signing himself R. T. Bartholomew, of Rocky Mount, N. C., advances this theory of the case.

"I have read in the Raleigh News and Observer what has been printed about Charlie Ross being found. I don't think you have Ross, but I almost know you have Coley Hale in your midst. In 1873, from Franklin county, near Louisburg, Hilliard Hale left his wife and baby girl, and with his little boy, Coley, left for parts unknown. It was reported he was in South Carolina.

"I have talked with his wife many times about the matter. Hale was a stout man; he has some brother living near Littleton, N. C. You can see he just put 'Mc' before his name. I thought of this so much I am writing this to try to throw light on the matter. I am 69 years old, and I was 14 or 15 when I used to talk with Mrs. Hale." Signed "R. T. Bartholomew."

That story has been repeated from a number of sources.

S. M. Blanton, of the Blanton and Wright firm, was the first to mention it to The Star. Mr. Blanton has lived in the vicinity of Denver, and is thoroughly familiar with this story, of the elopement of Hale or McHale with the Cathcart woman.

Mr. Blanton says he has learned the original Mrs. Hale ultimately went insane brooding upon the fate of her husband and child.

Mr. Blanton said Tuesday that he saw Dellinger at a camp meeting in the Denver neighborhood two years ago, and that at that time the man was making inquiry to try to determine something of his parentage.

The fact is pointed out that it is not unlikely McHale kept the facts of his elopement with the Cathcart woman a secret from the boy, which accounts for the child's ignorance and of his long search to clear up his record.

Dellinger told a representative of The Star, in reviewing the story of his life, that after he grew to young manhood and was strong, he used frequently to beat McHale severely to force him to tell who he was. But this McHale always refused to do.

According to Dellinger's story the Cathcart woman, with whom McHale is alleged to have eloped, died of a broken heart. And he said that McHale in his wandering became more and more brutal.

If the story is true—such is the aftermath of this particular crime—two women dying, one of a broken heart and the other insane—the man turned into a brute, and a boy growing to manhood and advanced into old age, forever haunted by the unanswered query as to who he was, and who were his parents, and what name he

R. R. Clark Says Publicity Helped

Local people will be interested in the following comment of R. R. Clark, contributing editor of the Greensboro News, regarding the closing of the Tony Porcelli incident:

As we get the situation from over Shelby way, concerning the incident of Tony Porcelli, everybody was found not guilty who was found. The regulators who attempted to run Tony out of town are daily denounced but could not be found after diligence, and there is "no evidence which connects or tends to connect any organization with the same." Wherefore all hands are satisfied, including the regulators, who are satisfied because they were not found. The Cleveland Star is due credit for the publicity given a disgraceful incident in its home town. The result of that publicity will be to keep one of the best communities in the state in a proper light; will help to overcome the evil reputation which the self-appointed regulators would have fastened on good people, and will exercise a healthy influence hereafter.

Highs Play Blue Ridge Thursday

Local Boys Getting In Condition Expect Good Battle With Hendersonville Team

Shelby's next baseball attraction, after the game today, will be Thursday afternoon when the Blue Ridge team of Hendersonville will meet the locals at the Shelby city park.

A great taste of the national pastime is expected. The prep school outfit was last week defeated by "Casey" Morris youngsters and they are coming with the idea of revenge. With Jack Hoyle, or Whisnant, with his books and slants, on the mound the Shelby team looks for another victory. Then with those two not in condition Morris has Peeler, Chize and a half dozen other young twirlers to bank on. However, it's hitting that the locals seem to need, and reports from the high school athletic field are to the effect that with their nerves steadied by several games the youngsters are finally getting their eyes on the horsehide in a manner that indicates by the passing of a week or so they'll be banging out doubles and triples.

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is to leave his children.

Whatever solution the case ultimately may have, and the investigation has by no means been terminated one fact is clear, and that is that the man Dellinger is entirely sincere in his effort to clear up his antecedents.

The fact has been hinted at, that he has stared this little drama in the hope of cutting in on the Ross fortune. But it is not believed such is the case. It is pointed out the man has too long prosecuted the quest for a name for himself to have an ulterior motive at this time.

The story, having its inception in The Star office, has received nationwide publicity. Innumerable letters have been received in The Star office and Mr. Gaffney from persons all over the East, seeking to throw light upon the mystery.

Numbers of pictures of Charlie Ross have been received, one of which being part of one of the original Charlie Ross posters, which were broadcast over the country at the time of the disappearance of the lad, offering a reward of \$25,000 for information as to the whereabouts of the child.

While the story of the McHale elopement with the Cathcart woman, culminating in the tragedy told above, may be found ultimately to explain the case, this newspaper will still prosecute the investigation in the belief that there may be some basis of fact for the persistent connection of the name of Dellinger with Charlie Ross.

Just what the Lincoln county people, of the Denver vicinity, knew about the presence in their midst of a man who is supposed to have kidnaped Charlie Ross, will eventually be determined.

Saves Twin



Eighteen years ago Earl E. Sundermeyer of Dayton, O., started saving twin. Today he has collected more than five miles of it, and he intends to continue the hobby. He is shown with his "thrift ball."

TRIANGULAR DEBATE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Shelby and Gastonia High School Debaters Meet Each Other in State-Wide Contest.

The preliminary round of the state-wide triangular high school debates will be staged Friday night of this week.

Shelby, Lincolnton and Gastonia were grouped together, but the Lincolnton school has dropped out and the Gastonia and local debating teams will meet each other Friday night for group honors.

Gastonia's negative, composed of James Rankin and James Marshall will appear at 7:30 Friday evening on the Central school auditorium here against Shelby's affirmative. Miss Dorothy McKnight and Vernon Grigg, Shelby's negative team, Misses Virginia Hoey and Jennie Mae Callahan, will go to Gastonia where they will meet Gastonia's affirmative. Odell Long and Miss Mary Lou Wilson.

The judges for the debate here have not as yet been selected, it being supposed that they will be from out-of-town.

The query of the state-wide debate this year is: "Resolved that North Carolina should levy a state tax on property to aid in the support of an eight months school term."

For several years debating teams from the Shelby High school have established enviable records in the triangular debates, going into the semifinals at Chapel Hill several times. Quite a crowd of school patrons and friends are expected to attend the program here Friday evening.

Suttle Purchases Old Candlestick

C. B. Suttle, of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, has purchased the antique, in the form of a candlestick, described in these pages a week ago. The purchase was made from a Mr. Howell, of this city.

According to an inscription of the relic, it was made way back in 1550, ante-dating the settlement of this city. Hence it was made abroad, and imported here, according to belief, by early settlers.

Mr. Suttle thinks so highly of the prize, that he has sent it to his sister, Mrs. J. T. Cabaniss, of Hartford, Connecticut, who will take it to an antique dealer of that city said to be the most authoritative in the United States.

"I want to have the history of the piece traced," Mr. Suttle said. "I personally believe it is authentic, and if it is, we have made a valuable find." According to Mr. Howell's description of the piece, it was brought into Cleveland county from McDowell many years ago.

Cline Locates In Doggett Garage

D. H. Cline has established himself in his new automobile quarters, in the former Doggett sales room on West Warren street. Mr. Cline has taken over the agency for the Hudson-Essex, and is preparing to put pep into his new enterprise.

The Doggetts sold to Mr. Cline all the Studebaker parts, and have announced that with the exception of the sales of the used Studebaker cars, they will no longer control the agency. It has not been determined who, if anyone will take over the Studebaker agency.

CHILD BURNED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Hokie Powell Was Visiting at Home of Lem J. Wiggins When Clothing Caught on Fire.

Hokie Powell, fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Jim Powell of the Polkville section is resting fairly well in the Shelby hospital where she is being treated for serious burns on her back, hips, and legs, sustained Sunday when her clothing caught from an open fire place. She was standing in front of the fire when she stooped to pick up something from the floor. The fire caught her dress and she rushed into the yard Mrs. Wiggins under took to tear the blazing clothing from her body and received bad burns on her hands. Dewey Wiggins, son of L. J. Wiggins picked up a pail of water and dashed it on the girl. This served to stop the flames but before the fire was out, the young lady was severely burned from her knees to her shoulder blades, the skin being blistered.

Miss Powell along with other young people had gathered at the Wiggins home for a birthday dinner, honoring Mr. Wiggins. Quite a number of young people were present at the time of the accident and were very much distressed over the unfortunate affair. The young lady is getting along as well as could be expected, however, and may be out of the hospital soon.

W. M. U. Meets With S. Shelby Church

Interesting Program is Rendered by Division 2 of the W. M. U. of K. M. Association.

A large crowd attended and a most interesting program was rendered by the Woman's Missionary union, division No. 2 of the Kings Mountain Baptist association which met with the South Shelby Baptist church Sunday March 28th at 2 p. m. The following program was carried out:

Meeting called to order by the president, Mrs. S. B. Hamrick.

Song "Send the Light." Prayer by Mrs. John Wacaster. Song, "Rescue the Perishing." Scripture lesson by Miss Eva Hopper. Report of the needs of our societies by the following churches: Boiling Springs, Mt. Sinai, New Hope, South Shelby and Zoar. Welcome address by Mrs. Fletcher Wood. Personal service by Mrs. M. A. Jolly. Standard of excellence by Mrs. John Wacaster. Special music by Eloise Pruett. "Why the Importance of Our Organizations," by Rev. J. C. Black.

Closing prayer.

The division No. 2 will meet with Boiling Springs church next time.

Do you Want to Help Destitute Man?

The Star is in receipt of a letter from a reliable lady at Toluca, revealing the destitute circumstances of an old man, the name of John Watts, 75 years of age. If you have any spare means with which to help him, send it along to Mrs. Dan Sain, R-4, Lawndale and the same will be greatly appreciated by the old man. Mr. Watts is in need of clothes, bedding and groceries. His condition is destitute and anything you feel like giving will be acceptable. His wife and son died last week. He lives three miles from Toluca at Carpenters Knob Mrs. Sain says she hears his wife had only a bag of leaves for a bed when she died. Readers of The Star will be doing a splendid act of charity to send something to Mrs. Sain at once to be given to this destitute old man.

Wants Road Paved Kings Mtn. to Grover

Kings Mountain.—Highway Commissioner A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, was the guest of honor at a Civitan luncheon here last week, and gave hope of some day having a hard surface road from Kings Mountain south to the South Carolina line at Grover, a distance of eight miles. While there was no funds available for this purpose at present, he said that North Carolina had never failed with as good or better roads than the other state had brought to the border. He gave assurance that if the next legislature makes the financial provision that is now expected, that this piece of road will be built, but no sooner than 1927, and maybe later.

Messrs. Frank Hoyle, Jr., Ed McCurry and Bill Pendleton arrive today from N. C. State college, Raleigh to spend the Easter holidays with their parents. Mr. Hoyle brings with him a friend Alex St. Armond, of Summerville, S. C. as a week-end guest.

Violin Is Valued at \$15,000



W. M. Roach, Brooklyn, Heights, Texas, is shown with his genuine Gaspard Diuffo Pruggar violin, said to be 410 years old and worth \$15,000. There are said to be but four of these instruments in existence.

North Carolina Is Entering New School Era, Allen Says

More and Better High Schools Slogan of State Superintendent Allen

With a total number of 732 white high schools and 114 negro high schools in the State, A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declares in a recent educational publication, says the News and Observer. That the development of secondary education in rural North Carolina is now entering upon a new phase.

The list of accredited high schools both white and colored, is larger now than it has ever been before in the history of education in North Carolina and the trend, according to the bulletin, indicate that by the time the next list of high schools is issued there will be a decided increase for the larger type school.

"At this time," says Mr. Allen, "it is very seldom that one finds a community that is willing to embark on the enterprise of building a high school, unless that community visualizes an accredited high school within a very few years."

Administrators of small schools, according to Mr. Allen, are beginning to realize that the small three-teacher high school runs very high in per capita cost and too low in efficiency. This, he contends is proving the incentive among educational leaders in the State to erect modern high school buildings, where the necessary room may be had for the teaching of the high school students.

Another item of considerable interest to the State, according to Mr. Allen, is the fact that the term in the accredited high school is increasing from year to year. The increasing number of accredited high schools has

made it necessary for officials in the Department of Public Instruction to revise the high school bulletin each year.

While education in North Carolina has enjoyed a wonderful growth during the past years, Mr. Allen says the most spectacular thing in North Carolina education at this time is the "wonderful growth of rural high schools which has been made possible by consolidation and transportation."

With practically every county in the State deciding that consolidation of the small rural schools into a larger type high school, where the rural child may have advantage of the same course of study that his city brother receives, the school heads are using the right kind of medicine to cure the divers ills besetting the average county in trying to finance its school system he contends.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State Inspector of high schools, who compiled the data in the largest bulletin on secondary schools, has arranged the contents in such an order that any layman can find the information he desires in a short time.

Of the 732 white high schools in the State, 442 are on the accredited list. However, some high school work is given in each of the 732 white high schools and the 114 colored high schools. Of the 114 colored high schools, 43 are accredited. Included in the list of white high schools are 680 public schools, where any white child may go, and 52 private schools, where only special students go.

Special charter, or city schools for white pupils, number 121, while the special charter negro schools total 54. There are 559 white and 29 colored rural schools. There are 31 private colored schools in the State.

Rev. C. B. Way Files Non-Suit In Salary Case Against Shelby Protestant Church

Shelby's unique suit of a former pastor suing his charge for back salary due is at an end—at least for the time being.

Word was received in Shelby Wednesday that Rev. C. B. Way, former pastor of the Shelby Methodist Protestant church, has forwarded a request to C. B. McBrayer, his local attorney, asking him to file a non-suit with Clerk of Court George P. Webb in the civil action pending against the church.

It will be remembered that Rev. Mr. Way filed suit against the church sometime back asking for salary he claimed due him. The action created considerable interest over the state and the work of the recent court regards to the case was looked forward to. However, attorneys for the church board filed a demurrer, which delayed docketing of the case with the court.

It is learned now that Rev. Mr. Way who is living in Lexington

through his attorneys there, Waiser, Waiser & Waiser, that he has forwarded the non-suit action to Attorney McBrayer here for formal filing with the court clerk.

Parties connected with the action prefer, it is said, to withhold the nature of future action in the matter.

Real Estate Sales Recently Reported

W. A. Broadway, Shelby real estate broker, reports the following sales of real estate within the past few days:

To W. M. Whitaker, of Georgia, lot on Cleveland Springs property, adjoining the Dudley holding. Consideration \$3,200. Size of lot 100x200 feet.

Sold the Mamie Roberts house and lot on Sumter street to Claude Harrill. Consideration \$3,000.

Sold to Bloom Costner, the Otis Ryster lot on Fallston road for \$950.

Schools Enter Spelling Bee

As a Unit of State and National Contest. Big Prizes Offered for Saturday April 21st.

Kids—Brush up on your spelling, for the Spelling Bee is coming.

A National Spelling bee, with 27 states entered, with big prizes to be won, is to be staged. A county winner is to be picked, then a state winner, and finally a national winner.

The Cleveland county elimination contest will be staged April seventh, when bees will be held at eleven of the county schools. In turn the winners of those contests will meet in Shelby April 21st.

Later—some time in May—the state contest will be held, and later still in June, the national contest, which will be held in Washington.

The contest will be confined to pupils of the graded schools, up to and including the eighth. The following list of schools will hold bees on April 7th, as the first elimination contest:

Holly Springs, Boiling Springs, Earl, Kings Mountain, Waco, Shelby graded schools, Lattimore, Fairview, Piedmont, St. Peters, Casar.

The county winner will be picked at the second elimination contest to be held in Shelby April 21st.

The prize for the state winner will be \$100, it is announced; second prize \$50 and the third \$25. It is understood that \$2,000 in gold will be distributed among the winners in the finals at Washington.

Cleveland County Third In Plants

In the Number of Cotton Mills County Ranks High, Gaston and Alamance Lead.

Charlotte News.

Fifty-one of the 100 counties of North Carolina have cotton mills in their midst, it is revealed in a survey of this matter, Gaston of course, taking the lead with around 100 of these establishments. Alamance comes with Gaston having two times as many as the second-place county.

In the number of mills, Cleveland comes third, Mecklenburg fourth, Cabarrus fifth, Catawba sixth and Lincoln seventh. Of the 51 counties with textile plants within their borders, Wayne comes last.

In the number of spindles there is a vast change in the ratings. Gaston holds the lead with Cabarrus second, Guilford third, Mecklenburg fourth, Richmond fifth, Rutherford sixth and Rockingham seventh. Surry county, which ranks 48th in the number of mills, ranks last in number of spindles.

Mr. McGowan Comes With Ford Co Here

Mr. E. O. McGowan has moved to Shelby from Elm City to be associated with Thad C. Ford and Earl Honeycutt in the operation of the O. E. Ford company, dealers in fertilizers, farm implements, brick, etc. Mr. McGowan married Miss Ola Ford, daughter of the late O. E. Ford, who founded the business. For a number of years they have been living at Elm City. Mr. McGowan has been an official of Hackney Brothers, manufacturers of buggies for many years, but more recently turning out automobile bodies. Mr. McGowan is a practical and likeable young man who has already many friends in Shelby and Cleveland county who will welcome him and his estimable family on their return. Then constantly growing business of the Ford company makes it necessary that another man be added to the force of salesmen.

Patterson Springs School to Close

The Patterson Springs school will close Friday, April 2, according to an announcement made by school officials.

On Thursday night, April 1, at 7:30 the closing program calls for a recitation contest and an operetta to be given by the pupils of the primary and intermediate grades. Friday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a play by the high school entitled "An Unfortunate Calamity."

Those interested in the school say that the program will prove interesting and patrons are urged to attend.

Gastonia Man Killed When Car Turns Over

Gastonia, March 29.—Lewis Featherstone, aged about 22, was almost instantly killed Sunday night on the High Shoals-Lincolnton highway, when a car in which he was driving turned over, according to word received here.