

Around Our Town

SHELBY SIDELIGHTS
By Renn Drum.

Shelby was signally honored Monday.

There were two Charlie Rosses in town. One was the much talked of Julius Dellinger, who evidence has almost proven to be the child kidnapped years ago in Philadelphia, and the other was Charlie Ross, assistant attorney general, who was here in connection with the Newton road hearing.

Neither Charlie, it is believed, knew the other was here. Although there were numerous newspapermen in town none of them happened to think of the two Rosses until after one or both of them had departed.

The attorney general attracted some interest. Shelby is small enough city that a state officer is a celebrity, but the other Charlie was a freak. Locally, as he would over, everybody was fed up in childhood on "Now don't get too far away from the house. Some one might steal you like they did Charlie Ross."

And of late weeks there has been as much in the papers about Charlie Ross as about Mussolini, Coolidge and the flight over the North Pole. So, if the assistant attorney general thought he didn't receive the proper amount of attention he shouldn't worry. Charlie Ross got it nevertheless.

And in connection with the Newton hearing it might be added that Shelby folks got about as much entertainments out of it as did Catawba visitors and others.

Quite a crowd of local folks gathered in the court house from curiosity to see such a group of big lawyers, and they got their thrill when Clyde R. Hoey finished his argument—for locally it was believed that Mr. Hoey outshone the entire gathering, and in outshining them he eclipsed some of the state's best known barristers.

For a time the meeting looked like a joint state convention of Democrats and republicans with Mike Whitener, veteran Republican statesman stamping about the floor amid Feinster, Grier, Hoey, Self and the others.

Yep, Shelby enjoys such trials. They bring in new prospects for the realty agents.

Charles Marshall in his sport column in the Gastonia Gazette was very complimentary of Shelby's end of the recent baseball performance in Gastonia. He said in part:

The baseball game played in the stadium here Friday afternoon will never be forgotten by the present generation. Kay Dixon almost had heart failure in the seventh inning when Shelby had two runners on the bags with only one out. He is living today, however, thanks to the two strike outs Mr. Jenkins did in grand style to wind up the visitors' scheduled rally.

One to nothing wins are a plenty sweet to read about the next day but to sit through one is something different. It was a pitchers' battle in this case. Peeler is one of the best hurlers ever to face Gastonia. Jenkins is better, but Peeler is herewith given all credit due him. He is good.

When a Dixon comes to Shelby the old towns gets on its ears trying to decide which of the famous family is the most brilliant. In days gone by it was Clarence. Then Frank, who has also passed away, would come along and they'd change their minds. Then Tom Dixon came through recently on his lecture tour and almost in unison the town agreed that he had no superior when it came to mentality. And now that Mrs. May Dixon Thacker has spoken more recently there are those who say she has the whole family outclassed. And there you go. If Dr. Della Dixon-Carrill should come next week the argument would bob up afresh with her champion chiming in. Anyway, there's nothing to be gained by deciding and perhaps the Dixon family doesn't relish being discussed by a small-town newspaper column, but did you know that the Dixon family is one of the few in America in which every son was carried in "Who's Who?"

A friend from out of town drops us a message saying: "We see that Shelby keeps in the limelight. First you sent a fellow up to Hendersonville to fight Jack Dempsey, and then you send representatives to the fundamentalist-modernist discussion at Charlotte. Couple 'em up with Charlie Ross and Tony Porcelli and the town has received more publicity than any other of similar size in the world since the beginning of 1926.

To which we add that perhaps the next step will be to ask the next meeting of the "Committee of One Hundred" to gather in Shelby. Yes, net-be. But Shelby, observations might show, is content enough with revivals conducted along lines not to care anything about seeing religion and the state tangled up in a bunch of monkey-shiners.

Mr. Broadhurst, of Greensboro, said correctly: "The Bible isn't such a weak thing that it needs any legislation passed to protect it." Fact is, they weathered many years before there were legislators who talked dog laws and Poole bills, for that matter long before balloon pants were worn at our

colleges. And doesn't seem damaged yet by modernists or any others.

The boys of Shelby who took part in the skating craze some months back when a skating hall was opened may perk up again and look forward to a big summer. Alfred P. Marshall, sales director of the Cleveland Springs Estates, is planning skating tournaments on at the park.

Newton's Road Case Up Here

Big Array of Attorneys Debate Highway Problem Before Judge Webb, Decision Told Up

The matter of just how State Highway 10 will pass through Catawba county as it pertains to the town of Newton still hangs fire, following the gathering of one of the state's biggest arrays of legal talent in a hearing before James L. Webb Monday afternoon.

Following the presentation of the injunction complaints by counsel for the town of Newton and the answers by highway commission counsel and the arguments of various counsel, including attorneys from other counties and cities on highway No. 10, Judge Webb deferred his decision for a consideration of one or two days.

An Important Case.

The hearing upheld its reputation of being one of the most important highway litigations the state has known being attended by scores of Catawba county citizens and by a dozen or more attorneys of counties and cities. Debate of the injunction merits waxed warm.

The decision, it is understood, to be handed down by Judge Webb, will either dissolve the restraining injunction, which prevents construction work on the proposed route, or will send the matter on to supreme court for a definite decision.

Charles M. Ross, assistant attorney general of North Carolina and attorney for the state highway commission, held in his answers and arguments that the proposed route of highway 10 through Catawba and Newton complied with the requirements of the state road laws as enacted by the assembly passing the bill for the big system of highways.

Counsel for the town of Newton contended that the proposed route did not meet the requirements, citing several instances.

Stripped of the by-play, side arguments and the minor technicalities, the case on both sides developed under three heads.

Practical Routing Outlined.

The first was that of the highway commission by Mr. Ross, who stated that the proposed routing was the most practical and did connect the county seats of Catawba and Iredell. His contention was that it did connect Statesville with Newton, because the proposed route runs through the corporate limits of Newton, although not through the heart of the town. His contention was that although that it did not pass through the center, that it did intersect with a highway that was so routed.

The plaintiff, or the town of Newton on the other hand upheld two points strongly, namely: that the common sense construction of the road law had been violated in that the proposed route did not connect the two coun-

ty seats; second, that by the proposed route the town of Newton would be irreparably damaged.

Newton counsel cited, that since highway distances are measured from centers of towns, such is the common sense plan of routing the highway, and that merely skirting the city limits to accommodate a technicality did not connect the county seats. Irreparable damage to the town would be done, they contended, because if the proposed route was constructed, it would be permanent and could not be changed, and that all traffic would not pass through the populated districts of Newton, and that through the loss of this traffic medium the town would be irreparably damaged.

Other than these points there was considerable debate over minor matters, such as defining county seat and "connection."

Answers to the complaint and the man argument here presented by Mr. Ross, although supporting affidavits were presented by A. A. Whitener and Judge W. B. Council, representing the Catawba commissioners, and by Burden Jurney and H. P. Grier, Sr., representing Statesville and Iredell county. W. C. Feinster presented the complaint for Newton and arguments were made by W. A. Self and Clyde R. Hoey. Mr. Hoey closing the case, Wilson Warlick was among assisting counsel for Newton.

Numerous highway officials were present, including Frank Page, W. C. Wilkinson, A. M. Kistler and J. B. Priddgen, district engineer and others.

Memorial at Union.

Sunday May 16th there will be the following program at Union church: 9:30 Song service led by S. A. Green, 10 Sunday school as usual, 11 sermon by pastor, 12, Decoration of graves and dinner, 2 p. m. Memorial address by L. S. Spurlin.

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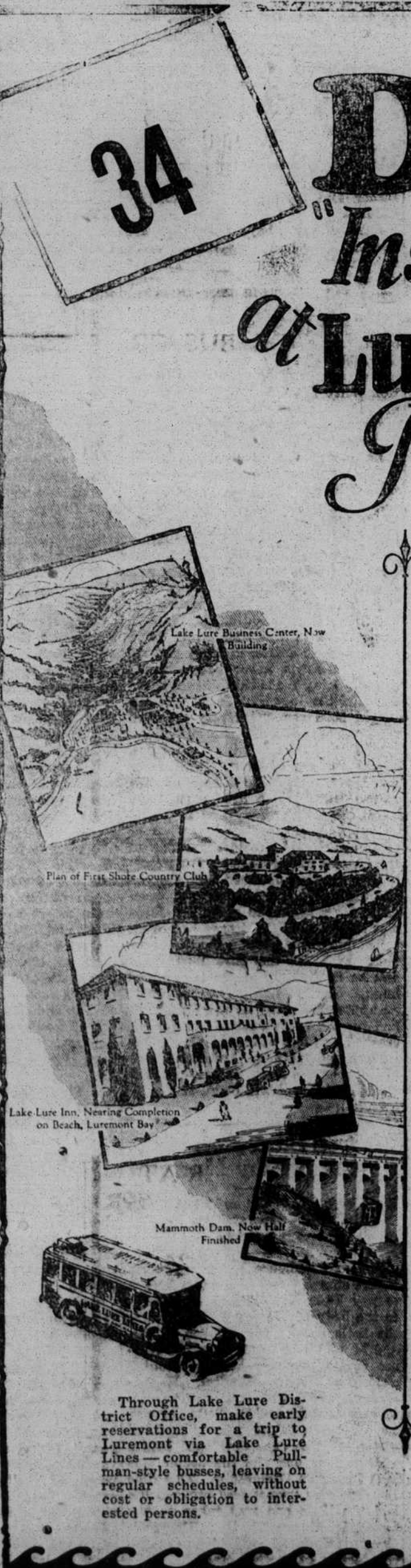
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