

Nation Awaits Final Decision In Mystery Of Charlie Ross

Conclusive Proof Seems Near In Unfolding of Mystery of 50 Years.
Investigations Started Here

The Atlanta Journal of today (Friday) carries a big double column front page spread of the Julius C. Dellinger-Charlie Ross story, with pictures, in which the statement is made that three of the five Ross relatives have already accepted Dellinger as their lost lost relative.

A mention of the narratives from Greensboro reiterates the statement Mrs. Starr, Ross's cousin has made, that she will leave that city Friday (today) with Dellinger for New York where he will be presented as Charlie Ross.

It has been reported (although no mention is made of the plan in the Journal narrative,) that Mr. Frank Gaffney, of Shelby, will be a member of the party when the start for New York is made.

The trip will be made by auto, with a brief stop-over at Roanoke, Virginia.

A dispatch, appended to the Journal story from Charlotte, indicates the turbulent state the Ross (or Dellinger) family has been through since the disclosure that the Denver man may be the long lost kidnapped boy.

Following is a section of the dispatch printed under the Charlotte date line:

Though the country at large is interestedly awaiting final developments which may establish the conclusive proof that Julius Coleman Dellinger, of Denver, N. C., is the long lost Charlie Ross, Dellinger himself declares he has no interest in the matter other than to "give his ten children their birthright."

Though practically isolated from the outside world in a small inland village, Dellinger is constantly called from his occupation as building contractor to answer long distance telephone calls. Every mail brings a fresh sheaf of letters to be read and answered.

So turbulent has his existence become since it has become known that he may be successful in proving to the relatives of Charlie Ross, who was kidnapped from millionaire parents living in Germantown, Pa., in 1874, that it seems the tranquil existence formerly led by Dellinger and his family has been broken completely.

It is reported that three of the five relatives of Ross are already of the belief that Dellinger is Ross, whose sudden disappearance as a baby resulted in a world-wide search which was first instituted by the child's parents at the cost of practically an entire fortune and later carried on by close relatives.

Though fire has destroyed the only two tintypes taken of himself when a baby, Dellinger expects to have in his possession within a few days a picture of the old Ross home in Washington lane, Germantown, which is being sent by a former neighbor of his living in Georgia.

HIGH SCHOOL HERE HAS HIGH RATING

Ranks First In Holding Students
Through Four Years In High
School, Second In Number

A recent issue of "School Facts" discloses the Shelby High school enjoys a high rating in high school attendance and record as class in Group 3 of high schools in North Carolina.

Along several lines the rating of the school here is particularly outstanding. With a senior class of 97 this year locally people began to wonder at the growth of the school, but these school facts show that the record has been maintained for some time along the same lines in proportion with the population of the town.

Only 12 per cent of the school population of the entire state is in high school, while 30 per cent of Shelby's school population is in the high school. In this Shelby ranks second in Group 3, made up of towns in the state of similar size.

The Shelby high school ranks first in holding children through the entire four years of high school.

Statistics for last year show that over one half of the students beginning in the eighth grade of the school graduated.

Figures of the seven leading schools in high school enrollment follows:

	En.	En.
Foiblesville	1178	33.1
Shelby	1430	39.3
Dunn	859	24.1
Greenville	1339	34.5
Hickory	1274	32.5
Washington	1235	31.3
Payetteville	1577	23.9

25 Homes Under Construction Here

Shelby continues to build at a pace that apparently exceeds the record year of 1925.

A survey made this week of the uptown residential sections revealed that 25 homes are now under construction, not including homes just completed or contracted. These new homes are scattered over a dozen or more streets and every section of city seems to be spreading.

The Cleveland Springs road, of recent months developed into the most sought after residential territory, leads in the number of homes now under construction with two uptown streets closely behind.

The new homes range in architecture widely, some being Spanish stucco, English Colonial brick and modern American types.

In addition to these numerous homes are being remodeled and several business buildings are under construction. Shelby's building program in 1925 ran into the millions and classed with the larger cities of the state—indications are that 1926 will rank even higher.

Springs Sales Open Tuesday

Shelby's Major Development Goes On
Market Next Week With Organized Forces Working

Shelby's second big run of real estate activity is heralded for the coming week. Cleveland Springs Estates, known as "Carolinas Most Dependable Development," goes on the public market Tuesday morning, it is announced by Alfred P. Marshall, sales director of Clearwater, Florida, and Shelby.

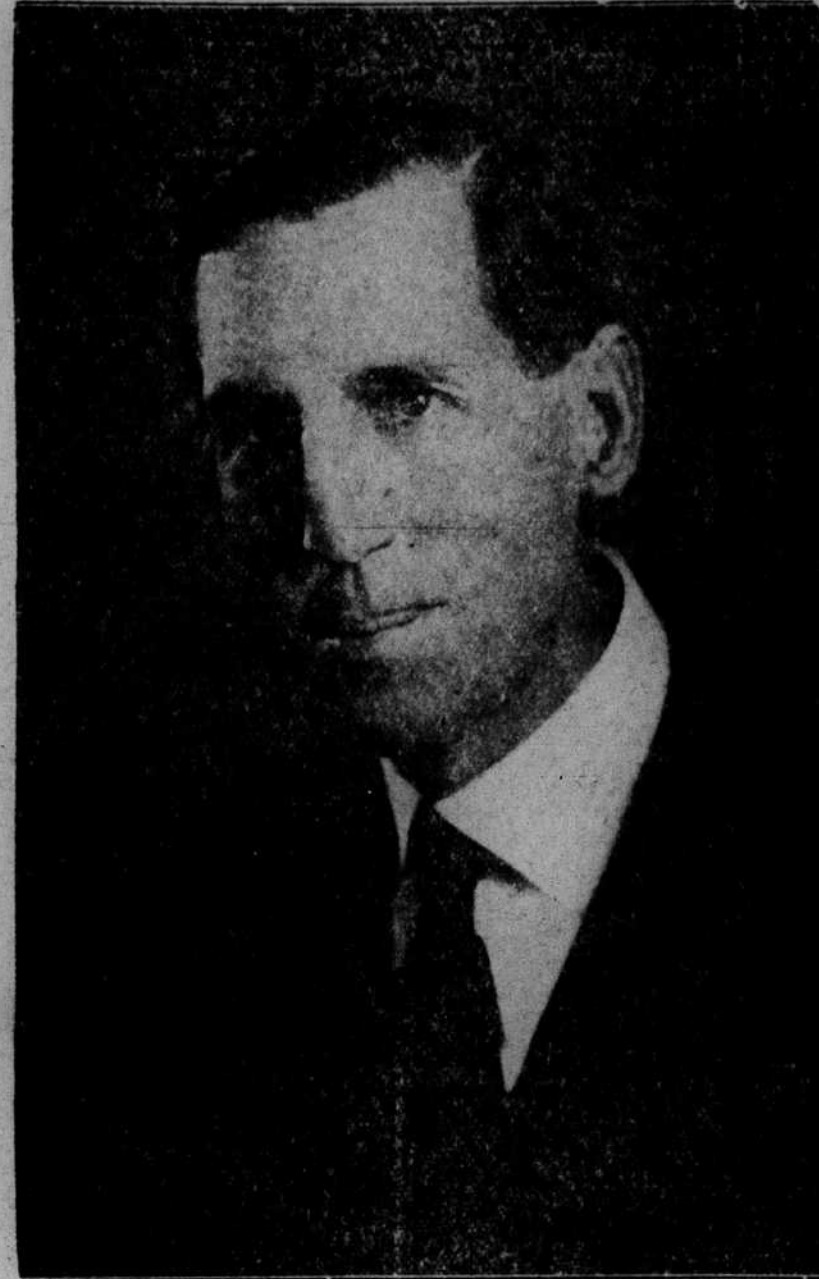
The Marshall purchased Cleveland Springs several months ago and since that time construction work, the making of the outstanding homeland in the Carolinas, has been rushed. Workmen and working machinery have dotted the hills centering about the big resort hotel and over this week-end Shelby people and those of the surrounding section will see for the first time the big development nearing completion in one unit.

Realty Banquet Held
Activity at Cleveland Springs formally got under way today at noon at a big banquet given the realty dealers of Shelby and section at the Cleveland Springs hotel by the Marshalls. Dozens of local agents together with members of the Estates organizations gathered there for the final impetus, which following the banquet sent the Estates off on a reservation sale to Shelby people.

When the property was turned over to the Marshalls by the local company holding the property it was agreed that at the completion of the development that Shelby people, whose faith made the continuance of the big resort possible, would have first chance at reserving select homesites and lots. Following this agreement a period from Friday noon until Tuesday morning, when public sales begin, was given Shelby people for the purpose of reservation. From discussion heard on the streets locally the opportunity will be taken. Several score years ago—measured better, perhaps by the century mark—legend has it that Indian hunters found deer at the forest quenching their thirst at bubbling springs in what is now known as Cleveland Springs.

That was the beginning—the first introduction of man to a health building water. The historic advance of the springs as a popular resort since that day is varied and colorful. At first it became a gathering ground for local people, a spot to spend a day's vacation in the shady nooks about the springs. Later a hotel was built, and records of Old Southern days tell of its popularity with the people of Dixie who came from far and near by horse-drawn carriages for the summer.

Then years later the present big resort hotel was built. And now modern progress steps in. The green hills, overlooking the alluring valleys and playgrounds, next week will be termed homesites. Carolinas most historic resort will become a home-land instead of just a hostelry.



DR. ZENG WALL

Pastor of First Baptist church who will do the preaching at the big tent revival which starts on S. LaFayette street Sunday evening May 23rd. Services each evening at 7:45 for the next three weeks.

ASK FOR BIDS FOR STREET WORK HERE

City To Receive Bids On Street Improvement on June 16th, Including 28,700 Yards Square

Bids are being asked by the city on 28,700 square yards of pavement surface, 7,000 cubic yards of excavation, 14,000 feet of curb and gutter, 3,300 feet of flush curb or manhole and about 1,700 feet of drain, sealed bids to be opened in the city hall on June 9th. Recently there was authorized a bond issue for \$125,000 for another street paving program and the city has move right along in order to run this work to completion this summer. Petitions signed by property owners have been received during the past few months and recently passed on, the street paving program calling for a bond issue of \$125,000.

Each bid by contractors must be accompanied by a certified check to the amount of five per cent of the bids, but this money will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders. The successful bidders will be required to give a surety bond for the faithful performance of the contract.

Whether the surface will be concrete or asphalt black top will be decided later. Bids for each class of work will be received, after which the mayor and board of aldermen will determine which class of work to adopt.

Two More Candidates Out For Office Here

Two more candidates announced themselves for office in Cleveland county this week. This brings the number up to 30 or more, but this number includes some of the candidates for township offices. This week Mr. E. A. Cline, chairman of the county board of commissioners announces his candidacy to succeed himself. Mr. Cline is one of the more thorough business men the board has ever had and his wise administration of the county's affairs has won wide praise for him.

Mr. Joe Wesson, prominent farmer of the western portion of the township, announces his candidacy for highway commission in No. 6. Mr. Wesson is a practical farmer, who is greatly interested in good roads.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Sunday school at ten o'clock. It is always worth while for us to assemble for a united study of God's word. Morning worship, eleven o'clock; subject: "The Holy Spirit." Evening worship eight o'clock; Subject: The Pentecostal Plan. You are invited to worship with us, and assured of a hearty welcome.

Says They're Going To Carolina This Summer In Crowds

Two vacationists, one from New York and the other from New Orleans, halted in Shelby Thursday to secure highway routing and moved on west.

Talking with attorney D. Z. Newton the tourists expressed its as their opinion that Western Carolina, the section from Shelby west to Asheville, would be filled with vacationists and tourists this summer. "Nearly everyone in my acquaintance up north is planning on vacationing in Carolina," one of the visitors stated.

Already numerous outside cars are coming into Shelby and many others are passing through en route to the more mountainous sections.

208 Lots To Go At Auction Saturday

The Shelby Real Estate company is planning to ring the welkin with a big auction tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at half past two o'clock, offering a big tract of property on Suttle street.

This is a Linberger-Suttle-Spangler-Palmer holding, which embraces 208 lots, all of which are announced to go under the hammer. It is said the property is being thus disposed of for the sake of division.

It is said to be rare that such a close-in subdivision is offered by the auctioneer. And because of this feature, the property is expected to be bid in a hurry.

The selling agents are making much of the statement that property held by this live-wire quartet always makes money for the purchasers. The astuteness and judgment of the Linberger-Suttle-Spangler-Palmer combination is being much emphasized.

Information Asked On Shelby Section

Numerous inquiries are coming into Shelby of recent weeks regarding summer vacation spots, realty offerings and general information about "Carolina's fastest growing town," according to the official United States Senate.

The Chamber of Commerce receives many of these inquiries, while others are directed to local people by friends and acquaintances in all sections of the country. A booklet on the Cleveland Springs Estates is ready for distribution Monday, it is understood, while a larger and more comprehensive booklet telling of Shelby will be off the press within a week or so. Local people will be permitted to use these in forwarding information to friends.

LEGION BUILDING LIKELY FOR CITY

Ex-Service Men In Meeting Discuss Preliminary Plans For Club House

A \$25,000 club house for members of the Shelby post of the American Legion seems likely by the end of the summer following a recent meeting of the ex-service men in their present club room.

At the meeting the World War veterans gathered what information possible and discussed together details of arranging for the building of their proposed club house.

The building, if erected and it seems a certainty now, will be on the plot of ground at the intersection of East Warren street and Jones place, the plot recently being secured from the county of Cleveland. The proposed site is opposite the new jail building and only two blocks from the court square on the street which Highway 20 enters the city.

Preliminary Idea
Although nothing definite can be stated as yet officials of the post say that in all likelihood the building will cost around \$25,000 and will contain combination club rooms, library including recreational facilities, drink and smoke stands. However, this is not definite.

The plan of procedure as outlined at the meeting will be to have a survey made of the plot just as soon as the deed is received and then turn the survey over to an architect for a lay-out of plans. Just when the deed will be received is not known as yet.

Appoint Trustees
At the meeting five trustees were appointed for the club, to whom the deed will be made. One trustee will serve for six years, two for four years and two for two years. They are: Sam C. Lattimore, chairman, six years; Chas. P. Roberts and Dr. J. S. Dorson, four years; Ralph Royster and Herman Eskridge, two years.

Areys Place New Oil On Market

Are Brothers put a new Texaco gas on the market Friday morning. The merits of the new fluid are told in a page ad. appearing this issue of the Star.

The product, upon which millions are said to have been spent, upon which the chemists of the company have been working for years, is said to be a triumph of refining. According to the company the answer to the new substance is a purer gasoline, nothing more; no mixture, no additions.

It is a more volatile gas, according to the announcement, vaporizes at a far lower temperature than the old gas, gives increased mileage—has in fact all the virtues of a more active and purer product.

Are Brothers, who are the Texaco distributors in this territory have been looking forward to marketing products for weeks. Finally the announcement came to clear the tanks for the new gas Friday morning.

It promises to be one of the most broadly-advertised motor fuels of the time.

CLEAN UP WEEK IS SET FOR MONDAY

Merchants and Housewives Are Asked to Co-operate in Cleaning Up Shelby.

Next week, from May 24th to May 31st has been designated as clean-up week in Shelby by the Civics department of the Woman's club. At a recent meeting of this department, Mrs. J. H. Hull was made chairman and in taking the leadership, she is very anxious that all merchants, business men and housewives, co-operate in this clean-up movement which is an annual event in Shelby.

All citizens are requested to have yard, rubbish and garbage on their premises piled up near the streets by Thursday morning May 27th, at which time the city trash-hauling wagons will call and take the same away. The motive is to have a clean town, free from flies and mosquitoes and the city is co-operating in every possible way to help the civics department in this laudable undertaking.

Merchants are again asked to pile the trash and sweepings from their store in boxes to the rear of their buildings. These containers should be closely built and carefully covered so the papers will not blow about on the streets. The littered conditions of the streets is largely due to the fact that many business houses ignore this important matter.

Women Here Are Planning To Vote

Indications are that more women in Shelby will vote in the June Primary than ever before since the advent of suffrage. Anyway, they are registering for the privilege in Shelby.

Another indications of Shelby's growth is seen in the added registration for the June primary. Registrars for the city precincts say that several hundred people, including many women, who have never registered here before are doing so. Of course, there are still quite a number of women who have never registered, but the number registering is daily increasing. No data on registration over the county could be secured as pertaining to the number of new registrations, men and women.

The registration books close Saturday, and those who have not registered either for the last election, or the one coming will not be qualified to vote June 5.

All Set For Tent Revival

One Near-Church Congregation Invited For Each Night of Next Week—Dr. Wall To Preach

Dr. Zeno Wall who is fresh from the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Texas is in fine trim for preaching every night at the three weeks revival which begins in a large tent on S. LaFayette street Sunday night. Dr. Wall enjoys evangelist work and in it he is most successful. Every sermon has an appeal, a touch that lifts the soul and he and Rev. Rush Padgett who is in charge of the revival, expect one of the greatest spiritual awakenings that Shelby has ever had. The tent has a seating capacity of 2,000 while 1,000 more can be comfortably seated outside the drop curtains but within ear-shot of the preacher on the platform. H. M. Pippin, music director of the First Baptist church is making plans to line up the best voices in Shelby and community and the purpose is to make the revival one that will appeal to all denominations.

One of the great features of the meeting will be the visitation of congregations from near-by churches. Each night the pastor and his congregation of some near-by church will be invited to come in a body and participate in the meeting. Dr. Wall does not announce his sermons in advance, but will feel his way and preach on subjects befitting the occasion. Sunday night he will launch the three weeks revival on the subject "A Great Revival." Congregations are invited to the meeting in the following order for next week when services will be held in the evenings at 7:45 promptly:

Monday night May 24th Eastside church.
Double Springs church Tuesday night May 25th.
Dover Mill church Wednesday night May 26th.
Zoar church Thursday night May 27th.
Fallston church Friday night May 28th.
Elizabeth church Saturday night May 29th.

Eskridge Store Is Broken And Robbed

Thieves Use Scantling To Knock Out Glass In Rear Door—Small Amount Missing

Using a two by four scantling to break out the glass in the rear door, a thief or thieves entered the store of Tom Eskridge, grocer, in the Royster building corner on Washington and Warren streets Wednesday night. The cash drawer and a tub of lard were found at the rear of the store and some shelf goods were missing, but Mr. Eskridge says he does not think much was taken. The cash drawer had been robbed of small change amounting to less than \$2. Mr. Eskridge has no way of knowing exactly what his loss is in stolen goods, neither has he any clue. The first intimation he had of the robbery was about 6 o'clock Thursday morning when Truelove Wray who operates a colored restaurant near-by, passed and saw the tub of lard and cash drawer in the alley. She immediately reported the find to Mr. Eskridge who reached the store and found that it had been robbed. The matter has been reported to the police who are trying to find a clue.

10 Medals For Schools Pupils

Sixty-one Girls and Thirty-six Boys in Graduating Class Here. Medals Offered.

Pupils in the Shelby city schools outstanding in certain departments will receive 10 medals, cups, or honors for the years work during the oncoming commencement.

The two outstanding honors, as has been the custom, will be that of the best all-around girl in the school. The boy so selected will receive the Washburn cup, given by Mr. Max Washburn, while the girl will receive a loving cup presented by the Cleveland Hardware Co.

To the most deserving boy and girl in the senior class will receive scholarships given by Mr. Chas. C. Blanton; the T. W. Hamrick medal will go to the best speller; the R. T. LeGrand debating medal to the best debater in the eighth and ninth grades; the Max Gardner medal to be the best junior debater; the J. R. Dover medal to the best Bible student; the Wm. Linberger medal to the student making the best scholastic improvement during the four years in high school; the Lee B. Weathers medal to the student writing the best essay.

Graduating Class.
The 97 members of the graduating class are taught by Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Gurley and Mr. Buchanan. The class is composed of 61 girls and 36 boys as follows:

Girls—Ruth Arrowood, Francis Caldwell, Margaret Allen, Adelaide Cabiness, Selma Callahan, Lallage Dover, Beryl Ford, Attie Mae Eskridge, Margaret Love Gardner, Ray Hoyle, Lois Hudson, Emily Logan, Louise Ledford, Agatha Morton, Pearl Morris, Irene McKinney, Mildred Ramsey, Susan Sellers, Clara Spurling, Margaret Williams, Catherine Wilson, Jossie Wiggins, Mattie Sue Allen, Edna Blanton, Bernice Borders, Gussie Ray Beam, Selma Boggs, Doris Byers, Myrtle Crawford, Mattie B. Crowder, Ruth Dedmon, Frances Farmer, Viola Helms, Mary Hull, Frances McMurtry, Grace Putnam, Louise Roberts, Mary Roberts, Roberta Royster, Grace Sarritt, Alice G. Wilson, Jennie Mae Callahan, Velus Costner, Katherine Dover, Ola Mae Divine, Pat Dudley, Hestia Faudel, Kate Grigg, Ruth Gladden, Virginia Hoey, Lela Hoyle, Madge Mauney, Dorothy McKnight, Lucile Morehead, Mattie Short, Olive Singleton, Elizabeth Spangler, Lula Moore Suttle, Mary J. Suttle, Charlotte S. Teider, Lilly Webber.

Boys—Kennon Blanton, Raymond Carroll, Vernon Grigg, Jack Hoyle, Alton Hopper, Charles Lattimore, Henry Lucas, Hunter McSwain, Chas. Magnus, William Putnam, Julian Thompson, Hardin Thomason, Stephen Woodson, Henry Davis, Corbett Hamrick, Roland Hamrick, William Harris, Chivous Hoyle, Whitelaw Kendall, Flay Ledford, Pressley Wilson, Gene Clendenin, Carl Anthony, Heyward Austell, J. Austell Graham, Roy Harrell, S. William Hughes, Bloomfield Kendall, Hervey Nichols, Melvin Peeler, Louis Roberts, C. H. Thompson, John Phil Wilson, Clarence Wright, Marshal Wright.

400 EXPECTED TO BANQUET TONIGHT

Four hundred plates will be served tonight in the dining room of the Cleveland Springs Hotel to the members of the six Baptist Young Peoples Unions of the First Baptist church of which Mr. Henry M. Pippin is the efficient leader. This is said to be the largest banquet ever served at Cleveland Springs hotel. Not only members of the three junior, the two immediate and the one senior organizations are invited, but the mothers and fathers of the members have been invited to sit with them and hear the speakers of the evening. Mr. Pippin, who has been the choir leader and leader of young people's work at the First Baptist church for several years has met with wonderful success in his work and the young people of this church are said to be the best organized of any church in North Carolina. The six unions have a total enrollment of 263, all intensely interested in the work.

The guests will assemble at the church at 7:45 and leave immediately in automobiles for Cleveland Springs. The banquet will be served at 8 o'clock. Speakers for the occasion are Miss Winnie Rickett, field worker of B. Y. P. U. work in North Carolina, A. V. Washburn, associated directors in the Kings Mountain association and Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church. What subjects these speakers will use, has not been announced.