

Around Our Town

WITH RENN DRUM
Shelby Sidelights

OVER in county court, recently an attorney, in representing his client, informed the court.

"When this case is called tomorrow, I'm going to insist on immediate trial."

"Sure, you may insist all you please," answered Judge Kennedy, "but, of course, I can't say now whether or not it will do you any good."

And that statement sums up in pretty good style just how Recorder Horace Kennedy, one of the state's youngest jurists, operates his court.

When Judge Kennedy was elected there were quite a number of old-timers who feared that because of his youth he might not be able to keep a steady, controlling hand on the court room procedure.

"He's capable of holding the position," they debated among themselves, "but since the majority of the attorneys who practice in the county court are older than he it may be that he will be a bit backward about expressing his own opinion in ruling, or over-ruling objections."

But so far it seems as if the old-timers underestimated the mild-mannered young fellow who holds court almost daily in Shelby.

As yet no one has handled the control lever of the court room except the youthful judge, and he has handled it in his two months in office in a manner that has the court spectators sitting up and taking an interest, so to speak.

Which doesn't mean that Judge Kennedy has been staging any grandstand play in exercising his rightful authority and maintaining the necessary dignity of the court room. Not at all. He makes his decisions and rulings, and, when necessary, calls the hand of those who overstep the bounds of propriety in a modest, but very firm manner. Those who thought at times that they detected signs of weakening in the modest, untempered rulings from the bench have found out, usually to their own embarrassment, that the rulings were just as positive and stone-wall like as if they had been shouted in angry tones.

Right after he was elected and before he took office, the new recorder in an informal speech declared that he had a sort of menu he intended to use in the court room. In other words, he had a certain fine set for each amount of whiskey or for certain specified charges, and certain road sentences

for specified convictions, the fines and sentences to be imposed on the particular charges regardless of the rank, color, or wealth of the convicted defendant. Among those who heard the statement were some who gave the youthful judge credit for his ideas as to impartiality, but meanwhile they reflected themselves that he would soon learn that a theory, built upon the optimism and fair-play spirit of youth, would crumble rapidly before the hard and material facts of the court room.

But if Judge Kennedy's theories have crumbled or if his menu has failed to serve in a single instance in the court room, we have failed to hear of such.

Somewhere just a few years back in his boyhood Recorder Kennedy must have played baseball. Anyway he is well acquainted with that old baseball slogan, "Three Strikes and Out," except that in his case it is "three times and in, or on," meaning the jail or the chain gang. Third offenders in county court have learned since 1929 started merrily upon its calendar course that they may as well get ready for 30 or 60 days away from home.

On one occasion since the new judge has been in office an attorney asked a witness on the stand, "Do you think the defendant is guilty?" or something to that effect, and at that juncture the judge interrupted with "That's my part of the thinking, Mr. Lawyer. Just let the witness tell what he knows and not what he thinks."

All of which simply reiterates

that Judge Kennedy runs his own court. County courts do not assume all the dignity, and cumbersome, and often needless formality due to the fact that the lawyers and the judge are nearly always fellow townsmen as well as fellow barristers. Which doesn't mean that Judge Kennedy is hard or over-bearing. He isn't. Not in the least. Neither does he attempt to high-hat his pals from the bench, but he does let the pals know that he must be respected, not because of himself, but with the proper respect due the bench. And, in a manner of concluding, the methods used by Judge Kennedy, who is known to nearly everybody when off the bench as "Horace," are causing a decided movement among the law violators to keep from calling in his court more than once, if possible. Of course, to some of them it isn't possible.

THREE Shelby boys travelled off in swanky style last week-end to call upon their girl friends in a neighboring town, and the downfall of their swank is too much of a good story to keep, although names are not to be mentioned.

The three young fellows, as young fellows will do, had become acquainted with three rather stylish girls of a town a goodly number of miles from Shelby. Sunday they decided to visit the girls, and they desired above all things to make a good impression. Forthwith they secured a very stately motor sedan, then meandered about and secured a colored wash boy at one of the service stations, fixed him up as a chauffeur and placed him under the steering wheel.

A few hours later they rolled into the home town of the girls, and what we mean to tell you is that they rolled in in high style. The three youths seated as dignitaries in the rear seat from which they directed the course to their chauffeur. The latter piloted the car around to the home of the girls where the boys made pop calls and arranged for dates later in the afternoon. Then they returned to the hotel, "tidied up," left their chauffeur, and drove the car around to see the girls. Of course, y'know, they couldn't be bothered with a chauffeur when out on a regular date. And so they motored, and as they motored down in the rear end of the car some of the gears began to groan and whine. Wrapped up, not necessarily interlocked bodily, in their conversation with the girls the youths paid very little attention at first to the groaning and whining of the dry gears. But soon the groaning and whining became something fierce and the three youths, traveling swanky up to that time, drove the girls to their respective residences and then visited a garage. There the temperature of their swank began to decline. The car was considerably out of fix and needed parts which could be secured only from Asheville. The boys started on home with it but got several miles out of town and the car refused to move any more. Then they began pushing back to town, and perhaps near to perspiring blood at the thought that their girls might come riding by and see them out pushing with their chauffeur. Eventually they got back to the town. It was after dark and only one garage was open. Not a single cafe was open and the boys, after their push, were hungry, and, at the same time, had very little money. After many weary hours, as they say in the movies, dawn came and a bakery opened at five o'clock and the three jaded youths, by that time minus nearly all their "dog and swank," secured some rolls to eat. A little later one of them caught a ride to Asheville to get the necessary parts for the broken car.

An hour of two later the other boys began hitch-hiking and bumming, and some time Monday they reached home resembling very little the tylish youths who left town Sunday with the view of making an impression on their girls.

In love, as well as in life, one meets with ups and downs.

REMARK by one of the young fellows rounded up as an alleged bootlegger by the undercover man who visited town recently: "You know, if a man should come in my place suffering from snake bites and with the snakes still hanging onto his flesh sucking his blood, I wouldn't so much as turn my hand to help him get a drink. I'm through with these favors for friends."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Dover M. Mull, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C. on or before February 27, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This February 27, 1929.
EMMA MULL, Administratrix of Dover M. Mull.
Jno. F. Mull, Atty.

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Prison Musician To Get A Stage Trial

Raleigh—With the consent of Governor Gardner, arrangements have been made for Paul Turner, so-called "mystery man" of the State prison, to appear at a local theater the last three days of this week for the benefit of the prison recreation fund. In recent weeks, Turner has been singing and playing the piano weekly over radio station WPTF here. He was convicted of manslaughter following an automobile accident in Hendersonville. The prisoner admits his prison name is an alias, but declines to disclose his real name or discuss his past.

Star Advertising Pays

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

Under a decree of the superior court made in special proceedings entitled "F. R. Turner and wife, Margaret Turner, petitioners, vs. May Love Turner and Laura Turner, guardian of May Love Turner," made February 26, 1929, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Cleveland county, N. C., at 12 M., on

Saturday, March 30, 1929, the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a stake on the east bank of First Broad river and in the old Kirkendall Ford road, and running thence with the meanderings of the said road and with the lands of C. O. Champion N. 71 1/2 degrees E. 5.00 chains to a cedar post; thence N. 33 deg. E. 7 1/2 chains to a cedar post; thence N. 68 1/2 deg. E. 4.50 chains to a cedar post; thence S. 63 deg. E. 10 chains

to a stake; thence S. 71 deg. E. 12.75 chains to a stake; thence S. 88 1/2 deg. E. 1.50 chains to a stone on the north side of the road; W. B. Turner's and Samuel J. Green's corner; thence with Green's line N. 28 deg. E. 26.75 chains to a stone, W. B. Turner's and Lewis Hardin's corner on Samuel J. Green's line, formerly a post oak stump; thence with Lewis Hardin's line N. 76 1/2 deg. W. 20.85 chains to a red oak stump; Turner's and Hardin's corner; thence with Lewis Hardin's line N. 52 1/2 deg. W. 43.50 chains to a stake on the east bank of First Broad river; thence down the river as it meanders the general average of which is as follows: S. 46 1/2 deg. W. 4.40 chains; S. 40 deg. W. 2.40 chains; S. 120; S. 29 1/2 deg. E. 3 chains; S. 30 1/2 deg. E. 6.50 chains; S. 32 1/2 deg. E. 5.25 chains; S. 46 1/2 deg. E. 10.25 chains; S. 29 deg. E. 3.50 chains; S. 14 1/2 deg. E. 1.50 chains; S. 23 deg. W. 3.00 chains; S. 37 1/2 deg. W. 7.00 chains; S. 28 deg. W. 2.00 chains; S. 23 deg. W. 3.00 chains;

S. 6 1/2 deg. W. 4.30 chains; S. 19 1/2 deg. E. 3.00 chains; S. 33 1/2 deg. E. 4.25 chains to the beginning, containing 165 1/2 acres, more or less. Except from the aforesaid land has been sold 5 acres known as parcel No. 1 described in book UU, page 636, of the register of deeds office for Cleveland county, N. C., also all the mineral rights in all of said lands described in the aforesaid book; same is also subject to the rights and easements contained in deeds of record in the aforesaid office in books II, page 241; MM, page 479 and YY, page 380.

Terms of sale: One-fourth (1/4) cash; balance in two equal annual installments.

This February 26, 1929.
D. Z. NEWTON, Commissioner.
Newton & Newton, Atty.

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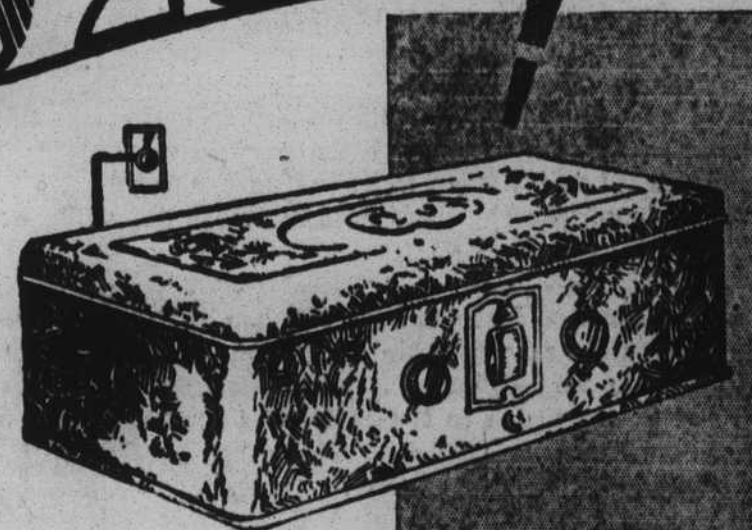
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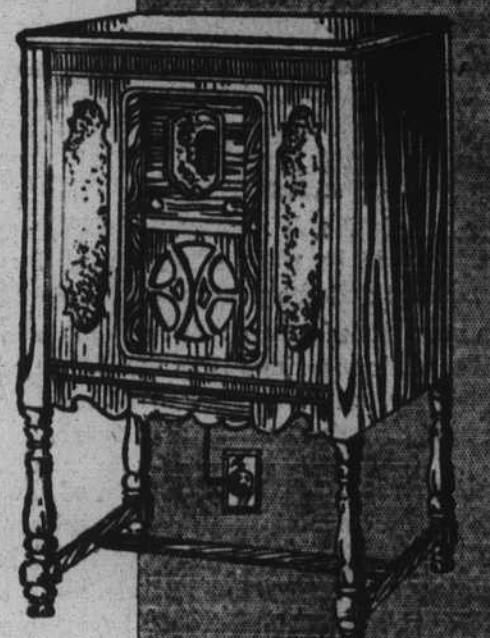
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