

Spoiling the Child

By RING LARDNER

To the Editor:

I have received a letter from she who signs herself Worried Mother, that wants information in regards to how to handle her 2 kids that seems to be kind of a wild pair and in behalf of other parents that maybe in the same pickle, it looks like I should ought to print her letter to me and my reply to same as follows:

She writes, in a kind of illiterate way:

"Dear Sir: I been informed by the authorities that you have 4 children that is probably the best behaved children this side of the reform school. Well, Mr., I haven't got only 1/2 as many children, 1 of them a boy 4 yrs. old and the other a girl, 1 and 1/2 yrs. old and I can't do anything with either 1 of them.

For inst. in the first place, the little girl won't sleep nights and crys a whole lot and also lups up more milk than we can afford to buy for her. In regards to the boy, he won't mind anything we tell him and keeps running away from home and when the neighbors' children comes over to play with him, it always winds up in a fight and he always gets the worst of it as he hasn't got no nerve, if you will pardon the slang. I enclose a plain envelope with no writing on it for reply and hope you won't fail to reply."

And then she signs her name and address which is none of our readers business.

My reply follows:

"Mrs. Angus Simpson,
436 Railroad Street,
Crestline, Ohio.

Dear old girl:
You can bet I won't fail to reply to your overtures as I always make it a pt. to answer marsh notes from fair ladies of the fair sex. I presume your note was in code, but I will reply to it on the up and up and my motto is safety 1st and then they can't nobody have a comeback.

You been well informed about the size of my family and you couldn't of come to a better man to get the desired information. Amongst my 4 children I had about the same kind of a struggle you are having with your 2, but I presume you have to give the boy the unique name of Junior and probably the little girl is called Lil.

Well, we will take up Junior. 1 of my sons about the same age had a habit of running away from home all hrs. of the day and finely along come the good old summer time and I told him he could go bare footed, then I went out on the st. and paved it for a 1/2 a mile in both directions with tacks turned bottom side up but the little devil crossed me by going through the fields and the neighbors back yds. So 1 day I got him out in the wood shed and pretended like I was splitting kindling wood and by accident the heel of my hatchet come down on 3 toes of his 1st ft. foremost and the operation was successful. Him and his parent both thought it was an accident so to say. The way it is now, his nurse who is 79 yrs. old and built in proportion, can roll after him and catch him before he gets out of the yd.

As for Junior not minding anything you say, I have a kid that was the same way until I got me a whipping post witch can be bought at a reduction in any first class post office and after about 3 lessons he begun to pay a tension. One day after I give him the works, a couple of our friends drove by in their tractor and they seen him and stopped and said:

"Hello, Stupid, are you all well?"

"No thank you, was his reply. 'I am all welts.'"

As for Junior being afraid to fight, the thing is to match him up with Maloney and let him get some courage.

Now in respects to Lil. I haven't no gals, but the same treatment ought to be good for both brands. One of my kids insisted on 5 bottles of milk a day and wouldn't take no less (Lil I conceived the idea of putting sour milk in 3 of the bottles and he wouldn't touch none but the other 2 and we made a daily savings of 60 per cent on milk alone. And when this bird wouldn't sleep at night I would first rock him to sleep with a punch in the jaw or sprinkle a little chloroform on his pillow and the first thing you know you couldn't hardly wake him up.

I also had a kid that cried a whole lot and for no reason except that he had the collect or something or was getting teeth, witch is a waste of time in the first place because they loose them all when they are about 6 or 7 and get a new string. Well, when he had cried till I couldn't stand it no more, I went out and bought a double bbl. shotgun and shot out his tear ducts.

Children is a great comfort when they are brought up right and not get too fresh and it is all in the handling.

I hope I have helped you out, dearie, and if you ever hit this old town of New York City, I wish you would call me up or give me a ring as they say, only be sure not to call up the house as the phone isn't in very good shape and pretty near nobody is liable to answer and not understand you, but give me a ring at the office and what ever information I can give you, why I am at your beckon call."

Long's Island, N. Y.
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Adrift With Humor

BOTH WAYS

Marjorie, the youngest, always had an objection ready either about going to bed at night or getting up in the morning. One night, when her mother reminded her that it was becoming bedtime, she said:

"It isn't fair. At night you tell me I'm too little to stay up, and in the morning you say that I'm too big to stay in bed."

Just as Good

Movie Star—I can never marry you, Joe, and—

He—But what?

Movie Star—If you'll come around at the studio tomorrow I'll introduce you to my double.—Everybody's Weekly.

Galley Proof

Stubbs—I flatter myself that, as the saying goes, honesty is printed on my face.

Smart—Well—er—yes, perhaps—with some allowance for typographical errors.

Comes Out Even

Husband—But why have you dated this letter the tenth when today is only the fourth.

Wife—Because I'm going to give it to you to mail, my dear.—Pele Mele, Paris.

LUCKY FOR HIM



He—It was lucky for you that I came along just as you were going to cross.

She—If you were a bit gallant, you'd say it was lucky for you.

Simple Taste

He was a hero, undismayed.
Said he, "I have a hunch
To quit the banquet and parade,
And eat a dairy lunch."

Wow!

Senior Member—Gosh, that new stenographer is temperamental.

Junior Member—What's the trouble now?

Senior Member—She wants stationery to match her rouge.

Just Getting Rough

Alice—What did he do after he called you a crazy half-wit and a sour-faced monkey?

Doris—Well, then he became insulting.

Goodness

"He is a good playwright."

"No."

"He is very successful."

"His success shows that he is not good, but wicked."

Wealth

Heck—Wouldn't you like to be rich enough to do as you please?

Peck—To be happy I'd have to be rich enough to do as my wife pleased.

ALL IN



He—Sorry I was unable to call last evening, but—er—really I was all in.

She—Yes, I heard they had every part of you in the lockup last night.

Satire

I love the man who gave advice
And made me promise to "be nice."
I love still more the honest chaff
Of one who warned me by a laugh.

Irresistible Impulse

Friend—Why do you say that they are incorrigible gamblers?

Cop—Well, while we were chasing them they were betting on which one would capture them.

DAWES' SECRETARY



Henry Dawes, twenty-three years old, a year out of college, has been chosen to be secretary to his uncle, Gen. Charles G. Dawes, United States ambassador to the Court of St. James in London. Young Dawes' home is at Columbus, Ohio.

Philip Millington of Liverpool dived 80 feet from a building into the Mersey river and rescued a drowning child.

As damages for injuries inflicted by a neighbor's rooster, Dr. Henry Brown of Newcastle, Eng., was awarded \$500.

SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me in a certain deed of trust dated May 31, 1927, and executed by Dexter Goodwin and wife, Addie Goodwin, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County in Book "GR", pages 363 and 364, default having been made in the payment of principal and interest secured thereby, and request having been made upon the trustee to foreclose by the owner of the bond, I will, on

Monday, October 21, 1929,

at the hour of 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Chatham County, Pittsboro, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash all those two certain tracts or parcels of land lying and situated in Chatham County, N. C., and more particularly described by metes and bounds and separate tracts as follows, to wit:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a stake and pointers (formerly Lydia Upchurch's corner) in Gaston Goodwin's line, running South 3 degrees W. 205 poles to a stake and pointers on the North bank of Beaver Creek, thence down the various courses of the same to a stake on the North bank of said creek at the rack log, E. W. Goodwin's corner; thence N. 1 degree East 202 poles to a stake in Alfred Lawrence's line, E. W. Goodwin's corner; thence S. 87 degrees 130 1/2 poles to a stake and the beginning, containing 163 acres and 124 poles, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at Joseph Goodwin's corner, running West to E. W. Goodwin's corner, thence in a northerly direction with E. W. Goodwin's line to W. H. Goodwin's line; thence in an Easterly direction with said W. H. Goodwin's line to O. L. Ellis's line; thence in a Southerly direction with O. L. Ellis and Gaston Goodwin's line to the first station, containing 40 acres more or less. This tract being the same conveyed to Dexter Goodwin by W. H. Goodwin, by deed recorded in office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County.

This the 14th day of September, 1929.

J. L. CROWDER, Trustee
Apex, N. C.
T. Lacy Williams, Atty.
Raleigh, N. C.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Clerk of the Superior Court in an action therein pending entitled "Chatham County vs. A. A. Johnson and wife, Etta Johnson," the undersigned will, on the

19th day of October, 1929,

at the Courthouse door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

NORTH CAROLINA:

I, G. W. Blair, sheriff of the County of Chatham, do hereby certify that the following described real estate in said County and State, to-wit: 1 town lot in Bear Creek township was, on the 3 day of October, 1927, duly sold by me, in the manner provided by law, for delinquent taxes of A. A. Johnson for the year 1925, amount to \$14.98, including interest and penalty thereon and the cost allowed by law, when and where Chatham County purchased said real estate at the price of \$14.98, he being the highest and best bidder for the same. And I further certify that unless redemption is made of said real estate in the manner provided by law, the said Chatham County shall have the right of foreclosure of this certificate of sale by civil action at the expiration of one year from the date of sale.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of October, 1927.

G. W. BLAIR,

Sheriff

TIME OF SALE: 12 o'clock, noon.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash.

This the 13th day of September, 1929.

W. P. HORTON,

Commissioner.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA:
CHATHAM COUNTY:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
D. W. SMITH

vs.
JAS. MARSH and wife,
EVALINE N. MARSH.

TO JAS. MARSH and wife, EVALINE N. MARSH, the defendants above named—GREETING:

You, Jas. Marsh and wife, Evaline N. Marsh, will take notice that the above entitled action was commenced in the superior court of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 18th day of September, 1929, by the plaintiff, D. W. Smith, for the purpose of foreclosing certificate of sale for your lands sold by G. W. Blair, sheriff of Chatham County, for delinquent taxes for the year, 1927 and 1928.

You, Jas. Marsh and wife, Evaline N. Marsh, will take further notice that you are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court for Chatham, North Carolina, at his office in Pittsboro, within 30 days from date of last publication of this notice, which date will be 17th day of October, 1929, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, which is filed in the office of the Clerk, or the relief demanded by the plaintiff will be granted.

This 18th day of September, 1929.

E. B. HATCH,

Clerk Superior Court.

R. H. DIXON, Jr.,

Atty. for plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority upon him conferred by an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County made in the special proceeding therein pending, entitled "In the matter of Pearl Windham and her husband, B. G. Windham, A. L. Womack, and others," the undersigned commissioner will on

Thursday, October 10th, 1929,

on the premises of the lands hereinafter described, at the dwelling house on said lands in which Mrs. Stella Wicker Holt, deceased, formerly resided, in Merry Oaks, North Carolina,

at 12:00 o'clock, noon, sell, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tracts of land in Cape Fear Township, Chatham County, N. C.:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a white oak, Esquire Holt corner in Willis Byrd line, running North 65 poles to a stake in Esquire Holt's line; thence West 80 poles to a stake in Willis Byrd's line; thence South 3 degrees West 65 poles to a stake; thence East 8 1/2 poles to the beginning; containing 3 1/4 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at an iron with a post oak pointer, Alfred M. Tucker's corner, and running from thence North 1 chain 50 links to a rock, John B. and S. E. Womack's corner; thence West with their line 5 chains 50 links to a rock with black jack and post oak pointers; J. B. and S. E. Womack's corner; thence North with Willis Byrd's line 6 chains 95 links to a rock with two black gum pointers, Byrd's corner; thence East with Byrd's line 5 chains 50 links to a rock with a post oak bush pointer; Byrd's corner; thence North with Willis Byrd's line 8 chains 95 links to a stake with two white oak pointers; thence South 80 degrees East with Byrd's line 12 chains 50 links to stake with pine and white oak pointers in Henderson Holt's line; thence South with Holt's line 7 chains 62 1/2 links to a stake with white oak and post oak pointers; Alfred M. Tucker's corner; thence South 56 degrees West with Tucker's line 14 chains 5 links to beginning; containing 19 1/2 acres.

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a stone in J. B. Womack's line, running with said line and A. M. Tucker's line to Tucker's corner; thence nearly North 6 poles to stone; thence West 22 1/2 poles to stone; thence East 32 poles to beginning, containing 4 acres 13 rods.

FOURTH TRACT: Beginning at a pine in R. & A. A. R. Co. line, running East with said line 12 1/2 poles to stone; thence North 13 poles to stone; thence West 12 1/2 poles to stone; thence South 13 poles to beginning; containing 1 acre.

FIFTH TRACT: Beginning at a pine in Womack and Byrd corner, thence West with said line to a stone 166 links; thence North 22 degrees West to Womack's line; thence East with said line to Womack's corner; thence South 22 degrees East to beginning; containing one-half acre.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING FROM SAID LANDS, HOWEVER, 1 1/2 acres conveyed to Pearl Windham, 1 acre conveyed to A. L. Womack, and 2,000 square feet conveyed to Board of Education heretofore.

This 9th day of September, 1929.

DANIEL L. BELL,

Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having been appointed and duly qualified as administrators of June H. Norwood, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of October, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please come forward and make settlement with the undersigned immediately.

This the 28th day of September, 1929.

A. R. NORWOOD,
F. H. NORWOOD,
R.F.D. 1, Bynum, N. C.,
Administrators

of June H. Norwood, Dec'd.

Long & Bell, Attys.

(Oct 3-Nov. 7)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by E. C. Brown and Madeline Brown, his wife, to S. C. Brawley, trustee, dated May 6, 1927, and recorded in the Registry of Chatham County in Book G. N., page 78, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein described and the holders of said indebtedness having made demand upon said trustee for foreclosure, the undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry in front of the court house door at Pittsboro, N. C., on Saturday, the

19th day of October, 1929,

at 12:00 noon,

all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Chatham county, N. C., and more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the County Highway, same being a point 710 feet from the northeast corner of May's Chapel Church lot, and running thence north 51 degrees East 2296 feet to a stake. Thence North 84 degrees West 865 feet to a stake. Thence North 5 degrees East 1000 feet to a stake. Thence South 70 degrees West 2465 feet to a stake in the county highway. Thence Southward along and with the County Highway 450 feet to a stake point and place of beginning. Same being lot No. 8 and containing 54 1/2 acres, more or less, as shown on plat of the Bland property which is situated around May's Chapel Baptist church, Chatham County, N. C., as per survey of Claude E. Womble, surveyor, October 17, 1926.

This September 17, 1929.

S. C. BRAWLEY,

Trustee

Siler & Barber,

Attorneys.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by B. B. Stinson, widower, and J. M. Stinson, widow, on the 10th day of February, 1927, and recorded in Book G. R., page 206, we will on Saturday, the

26th day of October, 1929,

12 o'clock noon

at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, N. C., Chatham County, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 90 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being just off the Goldsboro road about four miles west from the town of Goldston in Gulf Township, Chatham county, N. C., the same being bounded on the north by lands of S. J. Moffitt; on the east by S. J. Moffitt & Jeffers Creek; on the south by Indian Creek and on the west by Indian Creek and lands of J. B. Stinson.

This is the same lands which was willed to the said B. B. Stinson; J. B. Stinson and Mattie Seawell, wife of O. E. Seawell, and Mrs. J. M. Stinson by J. M. Stinson and then deeded from Mattie Seawell, wife of O. A. Seawell and husband and J. B. Stinson and wife to B. B. Stinson in 1920.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of B. B. Stinson, widower, and J. M. Stinson, widow to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust to the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This the 19th day of September, 1929.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF DURHAM

Trustee

Durham, N. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of C. G. Howard, late of Chatham County, I hereby warn all persons holding claims against said estate to present them duly verified on or before September 5, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the estate will please make early payment.

This the 5th day of September, 1929.

L. J. HARWARD,

Administrator.

V. R. Johnson, Atty.

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