

TILLEY FAMILY WAIVES HEARING

Colored Woman Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

"Aunt" Dilcy Cowles Still Active and Alert of Mind At Century

HAS DAUGHTER AGED 80 She Thinks Youngsters of Today Kick Up Their Heels Too Much

By WILLARD G. COOLE

Active in body and alert in mind "Aunt" Dilcy Cowles, an ex-slave and one of the best known colored women in Wilkes county, celebrated her hundredth birthday Thursday.

Throughout the day, hundreds of friends, both white and colored, motored out on "The Ridge" to the home of "Aunt" Dilcy's son-in-law, Bob Denny, to visit the aged woman and extend congratulations upon the day which so few people ever live to see.

Charles H. Cowles, T. S. Miller, Willard Taylor and the writer made our visit shortly before dusk. And despite a day of activity that would tire a person much younger in years, "Aunt" Dilcy greeted us with a smile and extended her hand in welcome to her guests.

It was the first time any member of our party had ever looked upon anybody who had attained the century mark. We were frankly surprised at her easy approach from an adjoining room. The cane was used ever so slightly.

Before going over to see "Aunt" Dilcy, I learned something of her history from Charles H. Cowles. "Aunt" Dilcy was the property of Captain Andrew Carson, of north Iredell, when she was a little child. Captain Carson willed her to his granddaughter, Miss Martha T. Duvall, who was only a little older than the slave girl.

It was as a companion to Miss Duvall that "Aunt" Dilcy learned those things which lifted her above the average members of her race. In fact, she was treated so well that she was a young woman before she realized she was different from the white folks, she told us Thursday.

Miss Duvall became the first wife of Calvin J. Cowles, father of Charles H. Cowles, and that was how "Aunt" Dilcy took on the Cowles name. She was one of the Cowles slaves until after the Civil War.

The oldest of "Aunt" Dilcy's seven children is "Aunt" Jane Denny, who is 80 years of age. Not older than 65 in appearance, "Aunt" Jane welcomed visitors throughout the day at the door.

Curious to learn what formula she had used to keep in good health and thus live to be 100, we asked "Aunt" Dilcy a lot of questions, all of which she answered very courteously. She is slightly deaf, but conversation with her is not particularly difficult.

Is tobacco harmful in your opinion? we asked her. She didn't know. She said she had been using snuff and occasionally chewing tobacco since she was "that" high (seven or eight) and wasn't ready to quit yet.

What about coffee? Some people think coffee is harmful. "Aunt" Dilcy had heard something about it being harmful and took to drinking tea for a few weeks, but had drifted back into an old habit. She said she still drinks three cups of black coffee each day. No sugar or cream in her coffee. She prefers it straight and unadorned.

"What's your idea of a proper diet?" I asked. "Just anything I happen to have on the table," she replied laughingly. She said she eats anything she wants and can get and had never spurned a generous helping of meats. She has never lost her appetite.

One thing "Aunt" Dilcy is convinced has added to her chances for a long life: She chews her food thoroughly, takes plenty of time to eat. Her "Master" always taught her that, she said.

And finally we asked her directly how she came to live so long. "I reckon, by tending to my own business" was her meaningful reply. "I always tried to get by on my own affairs and I didn't

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HE IS INVITED



Senator Bennett C. Clark, of Missouri, son of Champ Clark, has been invited by Senator Bailey to deliver the Jackson Day dinner address for the Young Peoples Democratic organization March 31.

Doughton Wins Fight To Take Off Check Tax

Check Tax Will Be Eliminated January 1, 1935; Also To Cut Postage

NEWSPAPERS BENEFIT

Washington, Feb. 8. — The "house ways and means committee, after weeks of juggling the figures and rates of the tax bill to give the government more income, today trimmed quite a few millions of revenue from the measure by taking the tax off bank checks and lightening the postmark for the person who sends printed matter through the mail.

Then, recalling the many disagreements in committee that had sent rates scampering first this way, then that, and had frequently upset deliberated decisions reached after days of study, leaders considered plans to bring the bill up in the house under rules that would prevent members from smashing the schedule of rates prepared by the committee.

The bill, finished late today, will be considered by the house next Wednesday.

As it stands, the treasury estimated it would yield \$235,000,000 compared with \$300,000,000 figure given out previously by committee members.

Letter Rate Up to President Repeal of the two-cent check stamp tax would be effective January 1, 1935, under the plan agreed upon today. This levy produced \$38,000,000 in the 1933 calendar year.

Lowering of postage rates on second class matter would become effective on July 1, 1934. It would reinstate those in effect prior to the 1932 act. The committee continued the present three-cent rate on first class matter for another year from June 30.

President Roosevelt was voted authority to cut the first class rate to two cents if the condition of the treasury justifies the reduction.

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Basement Local Store Remodeled

W. H. Bellman Supervising Remodeling of Spainhour-Sydnor Store

Local workmen are engaged in remodeling the basement store of Spainhour-Sydnor's under the direction of W. H. Bellman, of Richmond, Va., expert decorator. Mr. Bellman arrived this morning and the work of modernizing the basement store is already well under way. The work will require about a week.

The basement will be completely modernized, the management of Spainhour-Sydnor's stated this morning. The departments will be enlarged and other departments added.

Mr. Bellman said a color scheme of black and green will be carried out. Modern fixtures will be installed. When completed, the new basement will be something entirely new for this section.

Auxiliary and Legion Groups Now In Session

Officers' Conference Is Being Held In Statesville; Hayes To Speak

MRS. W. R. ABSHER THERE

Officers of American legion posts and American legion auxiliary units from all sections of North Carolina are in Statesville for the annual post and unit officers' conference of the North Carolina department, which opened in Statesville yesterday afternoon.

Hosts to the two-day conference are the American legion posts and auxiliary units of both Statesville and Mooresville.

The two-day session will reach its climax in a joint meeting at the courthouse this evening at 7:15 o'clock when National Commander Edward A. Hayes, of the legion, and Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr., national president of the American Legion auxiliary, will speak.

A colorful event for today will be the parade at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Ten out of town musical organizations including drum and bugle corps from High Point, Greensboro, Albemarle, Kannapolis, Charlotte and Gastonia, bands from Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Gastonia, and a flag escort from Salisbury will have part in the parade. Many local business houses and organizations will have elaborately decorated floats.

Prevette Moves Stock of Goods

To Completely Remodel Store In Which He Has Been Doing Business For 25 Years

The stock of merchandise owned by J. T. Prevette, for 28 years one of the outstanding merchants of this city and one of the best known business men of this section of the state, is being moved across the street today to the building between Belk's and Harris Bros. Department stores. J. E. Pardue, local contractor, is in charge of the removal of the shelves, fixtures, etc.

The removal of the stock of merchandise is preparatory to the complete remodeling of the store building in which Mr. Prevette has been engaged in the mercantile business for 25 years. Mr. Prevette stated this morning that he expects to spend around \$2,500 for new fixtures, decorations, display cases, in fact, everything that will be needed to make his store one of the most convenient and most complete to be found in the state.

Mr. Prevette hopes to be back in his own building by March 5th, and while his stock is located in temporary quarters all customers and friends will receive a hearty welcome. "Although laboring under conditions that are only temporary, we hope to be able to serve our customers in the very best way possible," Mr. Prevette said.

Local Girls On G. C. Honor Roll

Misses Mary Sink and Virginia Harris On List For Fall Semester

Two North Wilkesboro girls are included in the list of thirty-three Greensboro College students who attained the academic honor roll during the fall semester.

The two local girls are Miss Mary Sink, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Sink, and Miss Virginia Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harris.

In order to make the honor roll, a student must average 90 or better in their studies for the entire semester.

Clifton Postmaster

Mrs. Rena Dougherty was appointed postmaster at Clifton, Ashe county, Saturday by the post office department at Washington. She succeeds Carl S. East-ridge.

Officials Legion And Auxiliary At Conference Today



Edward Hayes, of Decatur, Ill., (top) national commander of the American Legion, and Mrs. W. H. Biester, Jr., of Philadelphia, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, are the principal speakers at the post and unit officers' conference for North Carolina, being held in Statesville today. Mrs. W. R. Absher, of this city, president of the North Carolina department of the Auxiliary, and Miss Arelia Adams, executive secretary to the department, are shown below.

Traphill Farmer Stabbed In Fight

John Harris Is Patient In Wilkes Hospital; Vernon Spicer Is In Jail

John Harris, 44, is a patient at the Wilkes Hospital with a knife wound in the abdomen and his alleged assailant, Vernon Spicer, is in the county jail at Wilkesboro as the result of an affray at Traphill Saturday.

The cause of the altercation was not learned here.

Harris was brought to the hospital and although the knife penetrated deep into the abdomen, he is expected to recover unless complications develop. Spicer was brought to the county jail yesterday by officers.

Rose's Officials Visit This City

T. B. Rose, vice president of Rose's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Stores, Inc., with headquarters at Henderson, visited the Rose's store in this city Friday. He was accompanied here by N. B. Rose, inspector of stores for Rose's chain.

Parent Education Stressed By State P. T. A. President

Mrs. J. L. Henderson Addresses Wilkesboro and Local Associations

HAS LARGE AUDIENCE

"Parent Education" was the theme of an excellent address by Mrs. J. L. Henderson, president of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, at the Founders' Day exercises of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association Thursday afternoon. The meeting was held in the city school auditorium and members of the Wilkesboro P. T. A. were special invited guests.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. G. Finley, president of the local association, who welcomed the large audience. A short business session was held and Rev. Eugene Olive then sang "Danny Boy" to open the program.

The state president was presented by Mrs. Palmer Horton, program chairman.

Mrs. Henderson recalled the history of the founding of the Parent-Teacher organization and then spoke interestingly of the need for parents to educate themselves to understand children and to train them.

Others who talked briefly at the meeting were Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Sr., who was the first president of the local P. T. A., and Mrs. W. R. Absher, president of the North Carolina department of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The local association joined in an expression of regret that Mrs. A. W. Horton, chairman of the child welfare committee, is soon to move from this city to California.

After the regular program, the social committee, of which Mrs. W. H. Clark is chairman, served refreshments consisting of coffee and cake.

Questions Asked At Lions Meeting

Class of Mrs. R. G. Finley Entertains With Song and Dance Numbers

The regular semi-weekly dinner meeting of the Lions Club was held at Hotel Wilkes Thursday evening. W. J. Bason was in charge of the program.

A delightful feature of the program was the song and dance numbers given by the class of Mrs. R. G. Finley. The members of the class present were Mary Parker Kelly, Mable Bryant, Emily McCoy, Elizabeth Cashion and Peggy Forester. Each of them gave a recitation in addition to the group song and dance numbers.

An intelligence test was also given by Mr. Bason. The test consisted of ten questions and Secretary E. A. Shook, who recorded the grades, positively refused to release the figures. Attorney B. T. Henderson made the high score, it was learned.

It is an interesting list and high school students should be able to answer at least 60 percent of them. The Journal-Patriot secured the list for publication and doubtless many readers will test their knowledge of ordinary facts. The answers to the list of questions will appear in Thursday's issue. The list follows:

1. What counties border Wilkes?
2. What counties comprise this congressional district?
3. What counties comprise judicial district?
4. What officer of the Revolutionary War recruited men from Wilkes County and where?
5. In what town and state is Daniel Boone buried?
6. What is commonly known as North Carolina's main "root"?
7. What three towns have been the capital of North Carolina?
8. What is the largest town in North Carolina not incorporated?
9. What three leading highways cross North Carolina from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Tennessee line?
10. What is North Carolina's greatest paper-producing river?

SPEAKER TONIGHT



About 40 Republicans from Wilkes will hear Harold McGugin, Kansas congressman, tonight at the annual Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro, according to Attorney J. M. Brown, secretary of the Republican county executive committee.

Believe Airport For Wilkes Will Receive Approval

Optimism Is Felt By Local Committee After Conference In Greensboro

CONFER WITH MR. KING

While no official statement has been made, the belief is expressed that the project for the construction of an airport for North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county will receive the approval of the authorities at Washington in the near future.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state CWA administrator, has already approved the project and the papers are now in Washington.

C. T. Doughton, Ralph Duncan, A. B. Johnston, Carl Coffey and N. B. Smithey, members of the local airport committee, and F. C. Forester and Walter Myers were in Greensboro Wednesday for a conference with Benjamin King, chief advisor of the aeronautics division of CWA, who told them prospects for final approval are excellent.

The D. J. Brookshire property was selected some time ago as the airport site and the city and county have already obtained an option to lease the property.

Epworth League Union In Meeting

W. G. Gabriel Is Appointed Adult Councillor; Meet Next At Friendship

W. G. Gabriel, of this city, was appointed adult councillor of the County Epworth League Union at the first regular meeting of the new organization yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The meeting was held in Wilkesboro Methodist church.

Grady Church, president, presided at the meeting. The devotional exercise was conducted by Miss Flora Bumgarner.

The principal discussion was led by Miss Louise Melville who talked on "Planning a Program of Social Development."

The next regular meeting will be held at Friendship Methodist church at Millers Creek on the second Sunday in March.

Find Life Dull

Ballarat.—In a letter written before she committed suicide, a 19-year-old girl here stated that she was taking her life because she was disappointed in love and had found life dull. She was married at 11, divorced at 13, remarried at 14. She was a widow at 16, married again at 17, at 18 her husband ran away from her.

Judge E. B. Barkley Able To Be Out Again

Friends will be pleased to learn that Judge E. B. Barkley is much improved from a recent illness and is able to be up again. He was confined to his room for some time, his physician having advised a complete rest.

They Will Await Findings Grand Jury In March

Information To That Effect Is Obtained From Reliable Sources

COURT 3 WEEKS AWAY

Solicitor Jones Says New Evidence Has Been Uncovered In Case

The five members of the Tilley family, held in jail at Wilkesboro for the alleged murder of Miss Leota Childress on December 30, will waive a preliminary hearing and await the findings of the grand jury at the next term of Superior court which convenes on March 5, it was learned from a reliable source this morning.

Eugene Trivette, of the counsel for Mrs. Luther Tilley, said he could not state positively that a hearing will not be held or that habeas corpus proceedings will not be instituted, but said an effort to obtain release of any member of the Tilley family under bond was improbable.

The March term of court is only three weeks away and the shortness of the time is believed to have been the determining factor in the decision not to go to any special trouble to secure bond.

J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, and A. T. Grant, of Mocksville, who have been employed by the Tilleys, were here over the week-end for a conference relative to the case. It is understood that they decided against a preliminary hearing for their clients.

Solicitor John R. Jones and Detective F. G. Sides stated this morning that considerable additional evidence in support of the state's case against the Tilleys had been uncovered during the past week and that when the time came, the state will be able to break the alibi offered off the record by the defendants.

The state will refute the statement by Rev. Levi McCann that he was with Luther Tilley all the time during the night the morning of the killing, Detective Sides said. This will partially destroy Luther's alibi and may lead to a complete change in the case.

Ash Girl Scores Honors At College

Miss Emily Worth To Play In Play This Week; She Is On Honor Roll

Miss Emily Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Worth, of Jefferson, is a leading student at Greensboro College, according to reports from Greensboro.

Miss Worth, who is a junior, will play a leading role in "Skidding," a three-act comedy, which will be presented by the Greensboro College players. She was also on the honor roll for the fall semester.

Frank Allen Is With Hosiery Co.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen Accepts Position With Wilkes Mills

Frank Allen, of this city, has accepted a position with the Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co., taking up his new duties today. He will be employed in the production department.

Mr. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen and since finishing high school two years ago has been employed at the Orpheum Theatre.

Will Continue C. C. C.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The war department announced today that orders providing for the continuance of the civilian conservation corps at its present strength of approximately 300,000 men have been sent out to the commanding generals of all army corps areas.

Sulphur Springs Masonic Lodge Hour Is Changed

W. E. Brewer, master of Sulphur Springs Masonic Lodge No. 560, announced this morning that the hour of the meeting has been changed 1 p. m. to 7:15 p. m. Meetings are held on Friday in each month.