

Zeb Vance Made Ardrey Assayer Charlotte Mint

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beautiful horse. I was just 18, and very fond of pretty girls. Sunday morning of the Leitch revival I drove to Providence Church to get the daughter of our minister and take her to Pineville. On arriving at her home I found that she had a date with Charlton O. Howard, so I had to go alone. To save a little time I took a short cut, going by way of the Weeks ford, of McAlpine Creek. I had always heard that the water there was shallow. A rain on the headwaters of the stream had swollen it, and overflowed it into the bottoms.

Up to that time muddy water had never stopped me, so I drove in. My horse was hardly bridled, and when I realized that he would have to swim the channel, it was too late for me to turn around. Soon I was literally in-deep water, and the danger of a catastrophe. The horse was carried down stream, and the buggy became lodged between the forks of a tree, where the water was ten or more feet deep. I cut him loose, and he swam out, leaving me with the buggy. I climbed the tree and remained there from ten a. m. to 4 p. m., when an elderly Negro, familiar with the creek bottoms, came in and took me out. The buggy, minus whip, laprobe and cushions, total value about \$25, remained in the creek until the water went down.

The news of my predicament spread, and reached home. Father rode over to see if he could be of any assistance to me, but was on the wrong side to get close enough. He asked me about my position; he wanted to know how high up the tree I was. Informed, he said: "That is all right; the water is going down, and by morning you can wade out. I am sorry I can't help you."

Thanks To Brother Leitch

That escape or misfortune sent me off to the University. After the horse got over a slight cough, and the buggy was in the carriage house, and notes made of the damage done, father advised: "Son, I think you had better go off to school. You have come pretty close to drowning one of my mules, and our horse, and you have had several fights with the field hands, so I would be glad to see you in college."

In September I left home, never to return except for brief visits.

That man Leitch may have done me a good turn without knowing it but sometimes I doubt it. I might have made a good farmer regardless of the opinions of members of my family.

September 1: "My Jersey cow, Pegram, died and I have lost two steers from the wet grass in the pasture and exposure."

September 16: "The black sow had five pigs."

September 24: "Went to Monroe to court."

December 25: "Christmas bright and beautiful but everybody gloomy over hard times and scarcity of money. The year has been one of the most remarkable; the most difficult year to farm. We have made a good corn crop and about two-thirds of a cotton crop, and at the low price of 7 cents. Everybody is in debt."

Captain Ardrey named his cows after well known persons of the section of country in which he operated. He had them registered. Among his favorites in 1891 were: A Jersey, Dora; Jersey, Queen Bess; Jersey bull, Tom Holt; Jersey, Daisy Dimple; Holstein, George Mille; Holstein cow, Laura Wadsworth; Jersey cow, Lodusa; Jersey cow, Pearl Hudson; Jersey cow, Bessie Ardrey; Jersey cow, Young Daisy; Jersey calf, Dummie; Jersey cow, Laura White; Jersey cow, Ada; Jersey bull, Sydenham, and Jersey heifer Julia Alexander.

Southern hospitality ran to turkey dinners back in the nineties. January 1, 1892, Captain Ardrey wrote in his year book: "Turkey dinner; 45 persons present, including the following named and their families: Samuel H. Elliott, Robert C. Bell, John W. Ardrey, John H. Wowie, Will Howie, Dr. T. J. Kell, James Ardrey and William Ardrey."

Pineville in the Dumps Pineville, often referred to by Captain Ardrey, had one or more very important time-supply stores in its early days. After a good crop year it flourished but after a bad one, like 1891, it suffered.

February 23, 1892, the Ardrey diary said: "At oyster dinner at Pineville."

"Pineville at a low ebb. Farmers not buying much fertilizer. Reducing crops. Hard times. Cotton only six cents. Cutting down acreage and increasing corn crop."

August 29: "The greatest political excitement since 1876. The Third Party is all the talk but it is gradually giving way."

November 2: "Mollie and I went to Charlotte. Torchlight procession. Ham of Georgia spoke. Great enthusiasm over Vance. I never saw such excitement over politics."

November 8: "National election day. The greatest excitement I ever knew. Cleveland and the whole Democratic ticket elected by a large majority."

"The majority in the county about 2,000. I was not in the contest. Four candidates for President, Cleveland, Democrat; Harrison, Republican; Bidwell, Prohibitionist, and Weaver, Third Party."

December 9: "I went to Rock Hill and Ebenezer. I had not visited the place since I went to school there 40 years ago."

December 10: "At Fort Mill. The new cotton mill about completed."

December 26: "The children had a Christmas tree at home instead of stockings—all enjoyed it—quite an improvement on the old way." "The year 1892 has been one of great peace and prosperity and happiness to us as a family and a community; no deaths, no sickness, no sorrow of any kind," the diary said. "I have been at home all the time. Made good crops (45 bales of cotton) on all my farms, and a fine crib of corn—all it would hold—about 8 bushels wheat, 90 bushels of oats, and a fine forage crop. We have had good hands—Joe Moore, Bill Green, Lon Springs, John Alexander, Green Ardrey, Will Walkup, and Will Davis. I have paid all my contracts for this year and about \$600 on last year's debts. My business is in better condition now than it has been for several years past, for all of which we are devoutly thankful

to the good and merciful Lord, the giver of all good. Never have we had a better year. We sold our cotton for from 7 1/2 to 9 3/4 cents. We did not make as much cotton as in former years but our expenses were lighter and the crops did us more good."

Catawba Frozen Over January, 1893, was very cold. On the tenth Captain Ardrey said: "The coldest weather ever felt here. The ice on the fish pond four inches thick. The Catawba river frozen over, people riding horses over it."

January 17: "I started to Raleigh Carr and to the Road Congress; there for the inauguration of Gov. Elias is a great awakening on the subject of improved roads."

January 23: "Heavy snow. Great sleigh riding. The boys driving four horses."

"25th: Jimmie hauled the preacher a load of wood."

February 8: "Cotton seed worth 35 cents."

March 11: "Mollie and I went to Charlotte to the Moody meeting. Great religious enthusiasm; large attendance. Mr. Moody is a gospel preacher, plain, simple and forceful."

March 16: "Killed our sow; she weighed 300 pounds."

May 21: "Received my appointment as assayer in charge of the United States assay office at Charlotte. I am indebted to my dear old friend, Gov. Z. B. Vance, and zealous friends, in Charlotte, namely, Robert M. Miller, John W. Miller, J. S. Spencer, Major Clem Dowd and others. Though the office came to me unsolicited it is none the less appreciated. We feel sad over leaving the neighborhood."

Becomes Boss of Assay Office. May 25: "Mr. Stuart W. Cramer, outgoing assayer, and Prof. George B. Hanna, gave me a very cordial reception. Filed my bond for ten thousand dollars with my good friends, R. M. Miller, and John W. Wadsworth, as endorsers."

"How good it is to have good friends!"

June 1: "Spent the first night in our new home. Everything comfortable and nice. Mr. Cramer had the house in good order for us. That, we appreciated so much, but we feel at a loss and very sad in leaving our good and dear old home, the home of our parents, of our birth and childhood."

"Prof. Hanna, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Williams will remain with us in the office."

For a time after going to Charlotte Captain Ardrey was not as faithful to his diary as he had been back on the farm. He was too busy at the mint and in the city. But later he resumed his detailed notations, and made them very interesting. He traveled to many mines in the South, and described the country and the people he saw. He served four years during the Cleveland second administration but went out when the Republicans elected President McKinley, and returned to his plantation and rural friends.

Experts on War Turn Out To Be False Prophets

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in the power of American industry and so strong the memory of World War production records that most of us were inclined to forget that many, many, long months are needed even to get an armament program substantially under way.

Some of these bad guesses, particularly regarding Italy, Russia, and the R.A.F., turned out better than had been expected. The others, however, have been major factors in aiding the sweep of German conquest. Fortunately, these mistakes have been large enough and costly enough to teach a measure of greater caution. They have helped convince the United States that now is the time to start saving wood and reject the predictions that everything is rosy merely because we want it to be so.

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The defendant Grover Cleveland Clark, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between said plaintiff and defendant and plaintiff have lived separate and apart for more than two years and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 17th day of November, 1941, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 12th day of September 1941. J. LESTER WOLFE, Clerk of Superior Court. Sept. 18, 2, Oct 2, 9.

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The above named defendant, Marcus Alonzo Isenhour, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff, Annie Wallace Isenhour, for the purpose of obtaining from the defendant an absolute divorce on statutory grounds. The said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before J. Lester Wolfe, Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of November, 1941, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff duly filed herein, or said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded.

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