

HARVESTING AND THE SCHOOL LAW

Farmer Admitted He Was Guilty But Not of Committing Any Crime

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James Austin is a farmer who lives in Anson county. He raises cotton, and he is also a stock man who carries on his farm a large herd of some of the best breeding cattle in the State. I fell in with him a few days ago on the train on his way to Raleigh to discuss a claim he has against the railroad for the destruction of a car of cattle he had on exhibition at the Rockingham cattle show. In our talk he told me some of the incidental troubles the farmer encounters, and one was of his experiences in violating what the school authorities insisted was the school law.

It is a story that recalls, "Shamus O'Brien" of our school readers of fifty years ago, where as the prisoner was arraigned for treason against the British government. The judge said: "Jim O'Brien, guilty or not guilty as ye please!" To which Shamus replied: "If you mean to ask me if in my life time, I am guilty of aught I look on as a crime, The answer is no." "But if you should ask me, as I think like, If in the rebellion I carried a pike, And fought for old Ireland from the first to the close, Shedding the blood of her bitterest foes, I am guilty."

Jim Austin said to the magistrate: "If I am accused of crime of any sort in any degree the answer is no, but if the charge is keeping the children out of school a few days to get the cotton in I am guilty, and there is no use to waste any time with evidence on going far into the case. We have made our crop. The country has asked the farmers to provide for the world. It is impossible to get hands to pick it. It is folly to make a crop and let it waste in the field. With my neighbors I tried to have school hours advanced to earlier in the morning so the children could come home earlier after dinner and help when the cotton is dry in the field and fit to pick. But we were told that would not do. So we arranged a plan that would do. For eight or ten days we kept the children at home to help. We saved our cotton. About thirty of us were arrested."

"I had not meant to say anything at the trial," said Mr. Austin, "but one of the teachers appeared to think 'Mr. Jim Austin' had been a sort of insurgent and ringleader and warned me up a little so I just told the magistrate that I thought a little flexibility in the administration of the school law for a few days would have served in this matter as well as a too rigid enforcement of it. And that anyway a full belly and a covered back have a place in the world as well as a full head. So he said he would fix no penalty, but we should pay the costs. We got the cotton saved and all were as happy as that unsatisfactory and illogical Scotch verdict of not guilty, but pay the costs ever allows accuser or defender to be."

Mr. Austin's story reminds me of another violation of the statutes to help a farmer. In 1866 I was a boy in a Pennsylvania village church alongside of which was a hay field where Saturday night had come too soon to get in all their hay that was down. In the middle of the sermon the preacher left the pulpit and walked to the window. He looked out a minute, then came back to his place and said: "It is told of the Master that as he plucked the corn where he walked through a field on the Sabbath day he was reproached for violating the Sabbath and he replied: 'The Sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath.'"

"Now I see a storm coming and Farmer Clarke has some hay down out there that he did not get in. Let it go out and save it for him." He said his flock out and they quickly put that hay on the wagon brought from the barn then we all went back and finished the services. And that clergyman had the biggest following in that community, for he harmonized his church. To this day I hear the older folks of that community who were children then talk with the warmest memories of Father Dutton.

Possibly the schools are also made for man and not man for the schools, and possibly Jim Austin may be right at times. At least some thirty of the Anson county farmers who were in the bunch that tried to harvest their cotton look on Austin's idea of saving the cotton after it is made as good. Possibly Austin's idea of a bunch of the highest type of cattle on his farm to help out the production may strike other folks as a good one. Probably the Jim Austins have a place on the farm that would be hard to fill with anything but their kind.

The Magnificent Destiny

The Observer yesterday referred to the magnificent destiny of the State, and it may now extend that promise to cover the South in general. A continuation of the "nonpartisan" data from The Blue Book of Southern Agriculture the following impressive de-

tail about the South of tomorrow is disclosed: The South is nearly one-third of the total area of the United States. It has a greater combination of natural advantages than any other equal area in the world. It has three-fifths of the coast line of continental United States. It produces over 60 per cent of the world's cotton.

It has the greatest natural gas fields known in the world. It has the largest sulphur deposits known in the world, producing three-fourths of the world's sulphur supply. It has practically all of the aluminum industry of the United States based on Southern raw materials. It has three-fourths of the coking coal area of the country. Its coal area is twice as great as that of Europe, including Russia; and five times as great as all of Europe excluding Russia.

It has, according to government reports, an estimated oil reserve of 55 per cent of the entire supply in this country. It has 40 per cent of the country's area. It has 55,000,000 acres of reclaimable wet land, which, when drained can be made to produce crops worth from \$2,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 a year.

It can raise the cotton and the wool with which to clothe the country and much of the world, and the livestock with which to feed the country. It is already annually shipping several hundred thousand carloads of early vegetables and fruits to Northern and Western markets.

It has nearly 60 per cent of the cotton consumption of American mills. The exports from Southern ports of 1921 were \$1,697,000,000 compared with \$356,000,000 from the entire Pacific Coast.—Charlotte Observer.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

Notice of Re-Sale of Land Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed by A. T. Lee and wife, the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of a note to the Virginia Trust Company of Richmond, Virginia, which said deed of trust is recorded in the Registry of Harnett County in Book 165 at page 497, the undersigned, the highest bidder at the Court House door in the town of Lillington on March 30th, 1922, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tract of land:

First Tract: Beginning at a birch on the N. bank of Cape Fear River; and runs N. 21 degrees E. 10 chains to a stone corner thence N. 69 degrees W. about 8 chains to a stake and pointers; thence N. 6 degrees E. 10 chains to a pine; thence N. 95 degrees W. 72 chains and 90 links to a pine stump; thence N. 88 W. about 18 chains to the old corner with Hickory and pine pointers, J. A. Vinson's corner; thence with said J. A. Vinson's line crossing the road South 26 degrees W. 98.50 chains to an oak on the bank of Cape Fear River; thence down the said bank 25 chains to the beginning, and is 192 acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at the mouth of Spring Branch, running thence up Mill Creek 7 poles to a stone on the west bank of Mill Creek just below the Great Falls; thence N. 49 degrees E. 118 poles to a stone and pointers in S. S. Bradley's line; thence N. 4 1-2 W. 32 poles to a stone said Bradley's corner; thence N. 84 W. 29 1-2 poles to a stone thence N. 53 degrees W. 49 1-2 poles to a stone and pointers said Bradley's corner in E. E. Lanier's line; thence S. 40 1-2 degrees W. 45 1-2 poles to a stake on the Mill Road, said Lanier's corner in E. M. Blanchard's line; thence as E. M. Blanchard's line along said Mill Road 101 poles to a stone pile and pointers; thence S. 41 1-3 degrees W. 29 poles to a stake; thence S. 59 1-2 degrees W. 26 poles to a stone on the Spring Branch; thence down the various courses of the same to the beginning, containing sixty two acres and 89 poles and includes the mill, etc. This February 29th, 1922. W. RANSON SANDERS, Trustee. Feb 28 Mar 7 14 21.

NORTH CAROLINA
In The Superior Court
Harnett County.
R. J. LAWRENCE

ILEY GOINS AND IDA GOINS
Notice of Sale Under Execution.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Harnett County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday the 27th day of April 1922 at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door of Harnett County, Lillington, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash in satisfaction of all the right, title and interest which the said Iley Goins and Ida Goins has in the following described real estate, to-wit: One lot of land 60 feet by 35 feet lying and being in the North Eastern part of Dunn, N. C., bounded on the north by the lands of Pearl Harris and on the South by the lands of Howard Hartfield and lying and being on King avenue according to the map of the plans of Dunn, N. C. This the 27th day of February 1922. J. W. McARTAN, Sheriff. Feb 28 March 7 14 21.

NORTH CAROLINA
In The Superior Court
Harnett County.
STEPHENS HOWARD CO.,
vs. Notice of Sale Under Execution.
G. W. TART.
By virtue of an execution directed

to me the undersigned from the Superior Court of Harnett County in the above entitled action I will on Monday the 27th day of April 1922 at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Lillington, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash in satisfaction of all the right, title and interest which the said G. W. Tart has in the following described lands to-wit: Beginning at a stake in Sawyers line and runs due South 21 chains to a stake in Blaylock's line; thence north 51 West 13.50 to a dog wood tree; thence north 1 3-4 West 14.25 chains; thence north 37 east 14.10 chains to the beginning containing 29 1-4 acres more or less. This the 27th day of February, 1922. J. W. McARTAN, Sheriff. Feb 28 March 7 14 21.

Notice of Sale
By virtue of a Decree of sale issued by the Superior Court of Harnett County on the 24th day of February, 1922, in the special proceedings entitled "Lizzie Wood, Admrx. of J. F. Wood, Decedent, against Lizzie How-ell Wood, and others," the undersigned Commissioner appointed in said Decree will on Monday, the 27th day of April 1922, sell at public auction to the bidder, for cash at the Courthouse Door in Lillington, North Carolina, the following described lands, to-wit: Beginning on the south edge of the

tract to the upper corner of the Tart tract a total distance of about 90 chains; thence as the line of the Tart tract passing his corner with the T. H. Williams tract N. 63 3-4 E. 60.50 chains to a fence post, formerly a post oak, T. H. Williams and F. J. Jeffrey's line S. 43 1-2 W. passing the T. H. Williams corner at 29.66 chains, total distance 25.50 chains to a corner of S-S of an acre T. E. Jones old J. F. Wood in the western right

of way line of the A. C. L. railroad; thence as said right of way line S. 33 3-4 W. 5.08 chains to another corner of said tract in the right of way line; thence S. 21 1-2 E. crossing the railroad and along a line of S-S acre J. F. Wood old T. F. Jones S-S chains to another corner of said tract; thence as Wood and Jones line S. 17-1-3 E. 10.95 chains to their corner in the public road; thence as the road S. 45 W. 32 chains, E. 54 3-4 W.

Wood bought of the said J. F. Wood as that line said road S. 33 3-4 W. passing the T. H. Williams corner with the line of the T. H. Williams tract N. 63 3-4 E. 60.50 chains to a corner of the said Alanzo Parrish tract in said right of way line; thence as another line of said tract N. 34 3-4 W. 19.10 chains to another corner of said tract; thence as another line of said tract N. 10 1-4 E. 23.55 chains to another corner of said tract; thence as another line of said tract S. 86 1-2 E. 25.40 chains to a stake and pointers, formerly a post oak, a corner of the M. J. McKay tract and the original Wood corner; thence as the original Wood line N. 31 1-4 E. 38 chains to a corner of the J. W. Gregory tract; thence as the line of that tract N. 75 W. 37 chains to another corner of said tract on the run of Black River; thence up the run of Black River as it meanders passing the upper corner of the Gregory tract and upper corner of the W. B. Jones


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12.97 chains and N. 27 1-2 W. 11.25 chains to the beginning, containing 555 acres, more or less. The successful bidder will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid cash, balance of the amount to be paid when sale is confirmed by the Court. This the 27th day of February, 1922. C. C. WARREN, Commissioner. Feb 28 March 7 14 21.



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