



SIGHT RESTORED AFTER 25 YEARS -- Mrs. Sara Hall, seated in chair, looks at her great granddaughter, Joyce Lynne Whitehead of Thomasville. An operation recently restored Mrs. Hall's vision after more than 25 years of almost total blindness. At the left is Mrs. H. F. Bray, with whom Mrs. Hall lives, and right is Mrs. Donald Whitehead of Thomasville, Mrs. Hall's granddaughter. Mrs. Bray is in the Overall Department.

Thanksgiving Has Special Significance For Mrs. Hall

Thanksgiving this year has a special significance for Mrs. Sara Hall of 2104 Baltimore Avenue. For the first time in more than a quarter of a century she is able to see clearly.

Forty years ago Mrs. Hall was chopping wood at her home in Stokes County. A splinter from the wood struck her in the eye. A few years later cataracts began forming in her eyes as a result of that injury and she went entirely blind in one eye 25 years ago. The cataracts spread to the other eye and her vision was impaired to the extent that she could not distinguish colors or faces.

"If the day was bright I could tell night from day," she said. "But if the day was cloudy, there was no difference to me between night and day."

Three years ago one eye was removed and recently cataracts were removed from the other eye.

When the bandages were removed from her eyes in High Point Memorial Hospital and she saw her doctor's face bending over her, the realization that she could see again was almost overwhelming.

After a few days she was fitted with cataract glasses, which will be replaced by regular lenses soon, and return to the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Bray. "Seeing the color of the rug, the bedspread on my bed, which had been a gift a few years ago, my daughter's flowers in the house," said Mrs. Hall, "was like seeing a whole new world."

A few days ago she walked alone to visit a neighbor, the first time she had ventured outside without someone leading her in 25 years. "I still haven't regained my balance perfectly," she said, "but I made it to the neighbor's house alone and it was a wonderful feeling."

During those sightless years, what was the biggest handicap, the most frustrating aspect to one who for many years had had perfect vision?

"Probably the worst sensation was the fact that I would not realize a person was close to me until he spoke," she said. "This constantly startled me."

"And I had a constant fear of falling or something falling near me."

However, now, those sightless days are behind her and, at 71 years, Mrs. Hall is viewing a remarkably changed world from the one she last looked on 25 years ago. The colors of the trees and flowers are taking first place in her "looking" now. She says she goes to her daughter's African violets "about 25 times a day" and each time remarks she had no idea they were so beautiful.



Overalls

By
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Lula Bell Shackleford and friends went to the mountains over the week end and drove up the Skyland Drive to Blowing Rock. . . Mae Rumsey and Evelyn Jones did some visiting last week. They went to see Mozelle Arney, Dora Mills and on to Edna Suits where they had dinner. They said Edna fried ham and they really did enjoy it.

Carrie Payne and husband visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Roberts, of Lynchburg, Va. . . Polly Cannon, husband and family made a trip to the mountains and reports the scenery beautiful.

Jessie and Bill Lehman also toured the mountains. . . Jessie Sparks thanks everyone for the lovely gifts she received at her stork shower.

Your reporter wishes to thank the company for the lovely watch she received Nov. 6, for being

with the company for 25 years. It has been a pleasure working with these good people and I hope to be able to work them many more years.

Donald Farlow visited the mountains and also went to Myrtle Beach. Said he had good luck this time fishing.

THE SCHOOL OF EXPERIENCE

This country boasts of its schools, colleges and universities, but there is one school in which all men must train. The head of this particular seat of learning is not referred to as dean, doctor, professor or any other dignified title. This school is taught by an old teacher, known to all as Experience, and he dispenses knowledge to his pupils on just one subject, that which his name implies. It matters not what other school a man attends or what degree he might attain, he must put in a lifetime in this tried and true old school of experience. In its classrooms and workshops, wealth or social position count for naught; the student's accomplishments depend largely upon himself.

There are two kinds of experience—personal and the experience of others—and we may

learn much from both. If we are wise we will profit by personal experience, using our past mistakes as stepping-stones to ultimate success, but it is also imperative that we consider the experiences of those round about us, judging between those that are worthless or profitable and governing ourselves accordingly. From a careful study of the history of the world and the accomplishments of great men, both past and present, it is possible for us to obtain many shining examples as to the value of the lessons taught in the school of experience. No other teacher can wield such an influence in the lives of men.

AROUND HE GOES

A tourist, visiting a county fair, stopped by a merry-go-round. Presently he noticed a miserable-looking little man seated on one of the wooden horses. But what struck him as strange was that every time the machine stopped, the little man made no attempt to get off the horse.

At length curiosity overcame the tourist, and when next the man on the horse stopped opposite him he said: "Pardon me, sir, but do you enjoy going 'round and 'round like this?"

The unhappy one grimaced. "Not a bit," he replied.

"Then why do you do it?" asked the tourist.

"The man who owns this affair owes me \$5, and this is the only way I can get it out of him," came the reply.

He who from fear does good, would do bad if he dared.



DARLING DAUGHTER — Geraldine Hodge is the daughter of Ruby Hodge of Independence.