

Merchandising

A SHORT
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STORY

By A. Subscriber

Old Josh Duncan, owner and proprietor of the only retail establishment in the little village of Hilltop Trail, sat alone on the porch of his store. He was leaning back in a rickety cane-bottomed chair laboriously perusing a letter recently received from an eastern wholesale company, and meditatively masticating an overly-large quid of "home-cured" tobacco. At intervals he raised his head and expectorated through brown stained whiskers across the intervening porch into the dusty roadway with a precision born of years of practice.

The magistrate's office across the street stood open but unoccupied, for all the visible population, except Old Josh, was at the station where it awaited the arrival of the daily half-freight and half-passenger train. It was past scheduled time, but not so late that the villagers had tired of waiting. None had straggled back to interrupt Old Josh's peace of mind and soul. And so, he sat, and having finished his letter, fell asleep in the cool shade of his store porch. His nap was interrupted suddenly. In a cloud of dust and steam, a hot over-burdened car came to a jerky halt before the store. Its sole occupant wearily alighted, drew out a handkerchief, and mopped his grimy brow.

"Howdy, stranger. My name's Duncan; an' ye're Withers, aint ye? Pull up a cheer an' rest a spell. A bit o' easy settin' 'll do ye good after ridin' that contraption 'cross th' mountain."

With an air of hesitancy, the stranger slowly crossed the porch and dropped into an inviting chair. "Er—Mr. Duncan, I was informed that—"

"Yep, got yer letter from the company yestidy sayin' as how ye was comin', but I thot ye'd take th' train stead o' drivin'. All them other drummers do—least after th' first trip, they do. Wouldn't surprise me none to see ye totin' a couple o' bags from the station on yer next trip, stead o' bringin' all them boxes an' cases like ye got thar. That's a hell-uv-a load fer one car."

"Yes, er—I do have a rather ponderous load with me. Quite a number of books in one of the cases,

and—"
"Well, ye needn't bring none o' them things out. I ain't buyin' nothin' I can't sell." He paused, chewing in silence for a moment, and then added as an after thought: "But maybe ye can make a mite o' room in one o' them big boxes fer a jug o' apple Jack I had put away fer th' feller that's been comin' up here. I cal'late ye won't mind yer trip across th' mountain after taking' a swig or two."

"Yes, er—, Mr. Duncan, perhaps not. This is a beautiful and peaceful country in which you live."

"Yep, peaceful enough, I reckon. These here revenue officers ain't so bad now as they was last fall. Once last November the sheriff had a hot time gettin' to Deacon Brown's still on Sunday mornin' in time to let 'im know they was comin'. Damn nigh caught 'em both. But they got back in town an' was both in the Meetin' House at preachin' fore the officers got back with th' still. I was settin' right agin' th' winder when they driv by. Th' Deacon was standin' thar prayin' fer th' Lord to forgive sinners when they come by." Duncan paused, then continued intently, "An' ye know, Mr. Withers, one o' them revenue men was shot dead th' next week."

He suddenly twisted his chair around so that he could get a better view of the station, and then pointed toward a gaunt figure slouched on an empty goods box.

"Thar's th' Deacon, now. He's on th' welcomin' committee to meet th' new Parson that's comin' this mornin'. Huh! That thar Parson'll think th' Deacon's a saint—an' him not knowin' all th' talk goin' round about th' Deacon an' th' widdier woman cross th' creek. My old woman said she thot some o' th' church folks ought to tell th' Deacon's wife. But I says 'no,' they'd be hell to pay if they did.' What with th' new Parson jus' comin' in it'd shore be too bad to have such a stink raised in a good church-goin' place like this."

Old Josh chuckled to himself and then turned to his new friend. "Lem'me tell ye, Mr. Withers, they's been talk about this new Parson bein' a young feller that ain't married yit; an' it's a fact, Miss Ludie, that's

livin' side o' th' parsonage, done started settin' herself up for him. Got 'er hair all frizzled, an' everythin'."

"Well," he continued. "She is a bit older than most young folks 'ud want, but she'd made th' Parson a good woman."

The newcomer half arose as if to go to his car.

"Well, now, goin' back to business, Mr. Withers, fore ye unpack, come back here an' we'll go over to th' squire's office an' have a little drink together. It'll set well when we go up to th' house to eat some vittles. Ye can tend to th' unpackin' after dinner."

"But, er—, you will have to excuse me, Mr. Duncan, I think I had better be driving on up to the parsonage."

State Fair Will Offer Club Work Premiums

Members of 4-H clubs entering exhibits at the State Fair, October 8 to 13, will run into some keen competition, says L. R. Harrill, state club leader.

But it will be well worth their while. The experience will be valuable, he pointed out, and there will also be a total of \$1,566 in prizes awarded to the winners.

Only North Carolina club members who are actively engaged in club work this year may enter exhibits. Hence, all the awards will go to boys and girls of this State.

Harrill stated that members with more than six weeks of college training or who are vocational agricultural students will not be eligible for the club judging and demonstration contests.

The 4-H calf show is expected to be the feature livestock exhibit of the fair. Harrill recalls that last year the grand champion bull and cow were selected from 4-H club entries.

Gold, silver and bronze medals have been offered by the American Jersey Cattle Club for the best showmanship. Various breed associations have also offered prizes in fitting, showing, and judging animals. The Quail Roost Farm trophy will be awarded for the best record with Guernseys this year.

Livestock, poultry and seed judging contests will be held Friday of fair week. Each county may enter one team, composed of three members.

The club girls will have a place to show various home making activities which tend to develop a richer and

Egyptian Panorama



Pictures by Globe Photos

Some Interesting Glances at a far-off Realm

(1) Meet Thoueris, a strange goddess of the ancient Egyptians, whose face embodied the features of both a crocodile and a cow and who was said to be the companion of Osiris in the underworld!

(2) World-famous are these ancient Egyptian pyramids, built six thousand years ago by proud kings. And no picture of the pyramids would be complete without a camel standing by. The Egyptian Government recently took a census of farm livestock which showed that there are 162,000 camels, 821,000 buffaloes and 741,000 donkeys at work on Egyptian farms.

(3) Out of Egypt's 347,000 square miles, 335,000 are deserts. On the remainder, many crops are grown by small farmers holding up to five acres. This picture shows some maize grown in the village of Dabba, far up the Nile. The owners of the farm used American Nitrate of Soda and wrote the distributors that it gave "A result never seen or imagined before this date" and added "This has impelled us to boast among our companions and has astonished us and upset our ideas." Southern farmers, who have also been won over by American Nitrate, can well be proud that all the world asks for the nitrate of soda produced in Dixie.

(4) This gentleman is his Royal Highness Abem Fuad who is 64 years old and has ruled the far-off kingdom since 1922 and is the ninth of his dynasty.

more satisfying rural life. Miss Ruth Current, district home agent at State College, will be in charge of the girls' exhibits.

Club members wishing to make exhibits or enter the contests may consult their farm or home agent or write the secretary of the State Fair, Raleigh, for further information, Harrill said.

NEW PLATE GLASS PLACED IN MITCHENER BUILDING

New plate glass window panes have been placed in the Mitchener store at the corner of Queen and Broad streets, formerly occupied by C. T. Hollowell's grocery store.

The windows were broken during the hurricane which struck Edenton last fall.

YADKIN COUNTY COW MAKES A NEW RECORD FOR BUTTER FAT

A pure bred Guernsey cow, Hartzell's Gertrude's Verarose, owned by M. F. Shore, of Yadkin County has just made a new state record by producing 945.6 pounds of butterfat and 16,078.5 pounds of milk in one year and becomes the new state Guernsey champion in Class "A".

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