



**PGYMY HIPPOPOTAMUS**

His name was Midget, and he was named that because he was so small. In the first place he belonged to the Pymy Hippopotamus family and they are all very small—it is a small family and the members of it are never big, as are the members of the regular Hippopotamus family.

He was very small, even for a Pymy Hippopotamus, and he was even very small for a Pymy Hippopotamus baby. That was really all he was.

He was just a baby. He could walk, of course. He was smart that way, and he could do a number of things—follow his mother around, look politely at admiring visitors and put himself to bed.

He didn't have to learn to dress and undress himself, for he wore the same little smooth suit all the time.

It was just like the costume his mother wore, except his was very much smaller. If he had worn one the size his mother wore he would have been completely lost in it.

He was such a little wee creature.

Yet he was a very healthy little fellow. And he was getting fatter every day.

His cunning little stomach was becoming so round and fat that it almost looked as though he were one of those long, filled, toy hippopotamus balloons (that shape you often see when you're picking out a toy balloon at the circus or the fair), with a little head at one end and little feet underneath the body.

A good many times each day the keeper would call to his mother and to him:

"Come, Mother, come and show the visitors your baby. Come along, Tootsie, and show Midget to them."

For Tootsie was his mother's name. And when his mother was called, she would go slowly to the end of her



Midget Never Left His Mother's Side.

enormous yard, outside of which were visitors looking at her through the wired fence.

As his mother went forward, of course he went, too. Yes, Midget never left his mother's side.

All day long and all night long they stayed together. When she got up he got up, too.

When she decided to lie down, he did the same.

Sometimes she would pet him, and often he would give her ear or her head an affectionate little tick, which was his kiss, and he would say:

"Dear Mother Hippo, I love you so much."

She looked so often at him, at his dear little body which looked like a smooth cake of chocolate, for it was much the color of chocolate, too.

And she looked at the people and went to them when the keeper called her to show off her baby, but none of them, she thought, amounted to anything.

It was her baby who counted for something. He was just so dear and so cunning and while at times he was naughty, she always loved him.

At times, of course, he thought she was pretty strict, but he always loved her.

Now, again, the keeper was calling to her:

"Tootsie, Mother, come and show them your little two-months-old son!"

"Come along, Mother, show him off!"

Slowly, down through the yard, walked Tootsie, and Midget close beside her.

Even in their walk he stopped at times to give her a little kiss upon her dear cheek and then trotted on.

Every time she looked straight at the people and opened her eyes just a little wider, it seemed; but every time she said to herself:

"None of them can be compared to my little darling for charm. He is so cunning. He is such a dear baby love."

**Afraid She Might Forget**

Mary, upon her departure for the party, was reminded to tell her hostess before leaving what a nice time she had had.

"Well, Mary," mother said, "did you thank Mrs. Jones for your good time at the party?"

"Yes, mother," was the reply. "I thanked her when I first got there, 'cause I was afraid I would forget."

**Young America**

"Wilkie!"

"Yes, mamma."

"What in the world are you pinching baby for? Let him alone!"

"Oh, I ain't doin' nothin'! We're only playing auto, and he's the born!"

**Orchard Information**

**BEING SUCCESSFUL WITH GRAPEVINES**

Practical, all grapevines are propagated from cuttings, and the process is by no means difficult. The cuttings may be made at any time before the growing season while the wood is not frozen. This can be done when the old vines are pruned. Select last year's growth of approximately the size of a lead pencil with short joints and fat buds. The cuttings should be about a foot long and will contain from three to five buds. Tie these cuttings in bundles with the buds all the same way and put them in the cellar in moist sawdust or moss, or bury them in the ground below frost until such a time in the spring as the ground can be worked. If cut some time before they are to be set in the ground the cut will callous over and induce the growth of roots. All cuts should be made with a sharp knife, and the lower cut should be about a half-inch from the bud.

Prepare the ground thoroughly and make a deep furrow. Set the cuttings in this furrow with the butt end down and five or six inches apart. One or two buds should show above the surface. The remaining ones should be underground. Fill in the soil and pack it well. Begin cultivation a few weeks after to keep down weeds and conserve moisture. Soon leaves will appear from the upper buds, while roots will spring from those that have been covered. The fact that leaves appear is not always a sign that roots have formed, for sometimes the cutting will seem to grow for a while and perish.

Cultivation should continue throughout the season. Not all the cuttings will root, but a large percentage of them will, and the shoots from a single cutting will often reach a length of eight or ten feet the first season. Such plants are ready to be set in the vineyard the following spring. When they are transplanted they should be cut back to two buds. Some of the weaker cuttings may be left in the row for another year, the small shoots they have made being cut back to two buds.

There are a few varieties that do not root well from cuttings and for these layering is necessary. But with most varieties good attention should secure at least three-fourths of the cuttings with good roots. Gooseberries and currants are propagated in much the same way, only the cuttings are shorter.

**Wound-Coverings to Be Used Following Pruning**

In the past, the painting of pruning cuts was advised much more than it is at the present time. Recent experiments do not seem to justify many of the recommendations which have been made for treating wounds, and, in fact, many of them have actually been found injurious rather than beneficial.

Wound coverings, while they may often keep out diseases, cause certain injury to the exposed surface and retard healing. This is particularly true if the wood is very green and there is some running of sap. It is much more important to have the cut properly made, so that there are no rough surfaces, and left in such a way that all water will drain off from the wound. Moreover, most wound dressings either form an imperfect cover or are effective such a short time that they do not do much good.

It has been found that ordinary spraying of the fungicidal sprays, such as lime-sulphur and bordeaux mixture, serves the purpose as a wound covering with less trouble and expense than when an actual wound paint is applied. On very large ones, however, it may be practical to apply some dressing, such as white lead paint or bordeaux paste. Another good dressing which has recently been recommended is sodium silicate, commonly known as "water-glass." This substance is not only inexpensive but is very effective due to the mechanical protection caused by sealing over the surface of the cut.

**Horticultural Notes**

Give the old strawberry bed proper working and good mulching.

Most of the old orchards which we see were not properly pruned at first, hence the winter work now necessary is much more than it otherwise might have been with reasonable early care.

Branches that are too rangy, the ones that seem bent on reaching out into the next county, ought to be cut back, the amount depending on the extreme of the ranginess.

Give the orchard and small fruit land a liberal top dressing of barnyard manure. You will be pleased with the returns.

Orchards that are located on slopes often develop gulley and wash off badly, if terracing or some other means of prevention is not provided.

The following varieties of grapes are recommended for home use and local market, in the order of maturity: Moore's Early, Lucile, Niagara, Concord, Delaware, and Ives.

**OPPOSES BONDS AND TAXES.**

Editor of The News:

In the 19th issue of the News I read Dr. Davis' letter and I will have to congratulate him. It is the most truthful letter I have seen lately. I think he told the truth about everything in the county. In the way our schools are run I am of his opinion. I think what they spend in this county for trucks and their upkeep they could have had more local schools and hired one high grade teacher for each school and saved the county lots of money by so doing. Instead of selling so many bonds over the county to be payed by the tax payers.

Now Mr. Editor I think we have got more on us than we can pay already, I know I can't pay mine until I make another crop. I have borrowed now for the last three years and have just got clear of that and I think I will not borrow any more money to pay taxes with.

Now Mr. Editor I saw in last week's News where the county commissioners are planning to spend \$700,000 on hard surfaced roads in the county. Now I notice too that they say it takes about \$25,000 a year to keep up the roads like they are, cost of machinery and all and they say if they get the hard roads the upkeep will not be near so much. Now gentlemen you know when the assessors went over this county and assessed our property they told us that it would not increase our tax over ten percent and you know that has proved a lie and this is another similar to that. You can't place any confidence in it. Now I think it is time for all to kick against the way the county commissioners have done to us. They have gone ahead and passed the \$700,000 bond issue over us without giving us thought, showing they have just stolen our rights from us. Now I think there has got to be a stop put to it now, or we are all gone. Mr. Editor I think the county officers have used the least common sense of any set of people in the world. They don't even use good judgment, did they would stop so much expense.

Now gentlemen as for our consolidated schools in this county they are a curse to the people. If we had the old way back and gave us a high grade teacher in every school it would be better for all, both pupils and parents, as it is we don't get value received for what is paid out. I think there is to much foolishness taught in our schools today, if they would teach more common sense it would be better than so much basket ball and running through the woods teaching what is so called science.

Now speaking about high tax, I talked with a man the other day who

had been to Florida to visit his son and he told me that a man could own a \$2500. farm there at a cost of \$8.00 tax on it. He said they had an income tax out there to run the county with. Now I think that would be the best plan here for if the man that had the money would pay more tax on his money it would be better for the rest. Now if this county could collect the tax on the money that is in government bonds that would help a lot to run this county in its expenses.

Now Mr. Editor I want this county to know that I am against any more bond issues. If there ain't a stop put to it I want to sell my farm. Now if there is any body in this county that wants it my property is valued at between seven and eight thousand dollars. There is forty one acres in cultivation the balance a-bout 110 acres in common woods land. If any body wants it for \$44,000 they can apply to me. I could say more but I will close.

E. L. McCain  
Newport, N. C. March 2nd.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed, executed by W. N. Dennis and wife Carrie Dennis, dated January 9th., 1922 and recorded in Book 30 at page 273, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Carteret County, and default having been made in the payment of the note mentioned in the said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the said mortgage, the undersigned mortgagee, will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court-house door of Carteret County, in the Town of Beaufort, N. C., on Monday the 6th. day of April, 1925, at the hour of 12 o'clock, M., the following described real estate, to-wit: A certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Carteret County, State aforesaid, in White Oak Township, and described and defined as follows, to-wit: It being our undivided interest in A. H. Dennis and Mary Dennis land known as Sanders Creek farm bounded as follows, on the South by Bogue Sound, on the West by Sanders Creek and heirs of George Bell and others, on the north by the Interstate Co-operation Company, on the East by Pridgen and others.

This 4th. day of March, 1925.  
Time of Sale: Monday April 6th 1925  
Place of Sale: Court-house door, Beaufort, N. C.  
Terms: Cash.

M. Leslie Davis, Attorney  
A. M. Weeks, Mortgagee.

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed executed by J. W. Guthrie and wife Addie L. Guthrie, dated November 30th., 1923, and recorded in Book 30 at page 587, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Carteret County, and default having been made in the payment of the note mentioned in the said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the said mortgage, the undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court-house door of Carteret County, in the Town of Beaufort, N. C., on Monday the 6th. day of April, 1925, at the hour of 12 o'clock, M., the following described real estate, to-wit: A certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Carteret County, State aforesaid, in White Oak Township, and described and defined as follows, to-wit: Adjoining the lands of the heirs of R. W. Smith, on the North, Dexter and Arthur Smith on the West, on the South and East by Bogue Sound, the same being the lands willed to J. W. Guthrie by his father, and the land bought of J. W. Smith by J. W. Guthrie, containing twenty acres, more or less.

This March 4th., 1925.

A. M. Weeks, Mortgagee,  
M. Leslie Davis, Attorney  
Time of Sale: Monday April 6th 1925  
Place of Sale: Court-house door, Beaufort, N. C.  
Terms: Cash  
March 26

**EXECUTORS NOTICE**

Having qualified as executor of the estate of M. C. Parker, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Ocean, N. C., on or before the 7th day of February 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of February, 1925.  
C. A. Parker and J. K. Parker,  
Executors of the estate of M. C. Parker, deceased. 3-19-25

**BAY VIEW ITEMS.**

There has been some real March weather lately but is fine now.

Reverend Mr. Walton will fill his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Otis Culpepper is very ill with the flu, but he will soon be out again.

Mr. Roy Dowdy spent Saturday night and Sunday at Newport visiting his brother Mr. Teddy Dowdy.

Miss Beatrice Belcher who has been ill with the flu seems to be improving.

Mrs. Willie Jones who has been living at Virginia for quite awhile is now at home visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Hardesty.

Mr. Tom Jones of Bay View spent Saturday night at Morehead City visiting his son.

Mr. W. H. Dowdy made a business trip to Morehead City and Beaufort Saturday.

Quite a number of people from Newport were visitors in our neighborhood Sunday.

Master Dewey Rouse son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rouse is very ill with the flu.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.**

Under and by virtue of power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by E. B. Cannon and wife, Matilda Cannon, to W. B. Rouse, Trustee, of date, February 2nd, 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Carteret County, State aforesaid, in Book No. 30, page 5, and in pursuance hereof, default having been made in the payment of the bonds secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder FOR CASH, at the Court House door in Beaufort, Carteret County, North Carolina, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1925, at 12 o'clock M., the lands described in said Deed of Trust, as follows:

"Lying and being in Newport Township and described as follows: Beginning on the Public Road leading from Newport at the Duncan line to a lightwood stake; thence eastwardly with said Duncan line to the Luther McCoy line; thence northwardly with the said McCoy line to the Public Road; thence westwardly with said Road to the beginning, containing fifty (50) acres, more or less.

This the 9th day of February, 1925  
W. B. ROUSE,  
3-5-25 Trustee.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Carteret County, To John W. Hamilton, Entry Taker for Carteret County:

The undersigned Claimant, being a citizen of Carteret County, and State of North Carolina, enters and lays claim to the following described piece of land in Morehead Township, Carteret County, North Carolina, the same being vacant and unappropriated and subject to entry, viz:

All of that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Morehead City, N. C. on the South side of Shepard Street beginning at a stake one hundred and sixty (160) feet from the northeast corner of square 99 on Tenth Street and running West fifty (50) feet along Shepard Street, thence southwardly parallel with Tenth Street to the channel or Harbor line in Bogue Sound, thence eastwardly with the various courses of said channel or Harbor line to a point 160 feet west of Tenth Street, thence northwardly parallel with the line of said Tenth Street to the beginning. The same being lots Nos. 12 and 4 in Square 99 and all lands South thereof to the said channel or Harbor line in Bogue Sound, containing by estimation, one (1) acre, more or less.

Entered the 4th day of February 1925. Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis  
Filed February 4th, 1925.  
at 10 o'clock, A. M.  
John W. Hamilton, Entry Taker  
3-5-25

**NOTICE**

Having qualified as executors of estate of J. B. Jones, deceased, late of Carteret County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th. day of Feb. 1926 or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

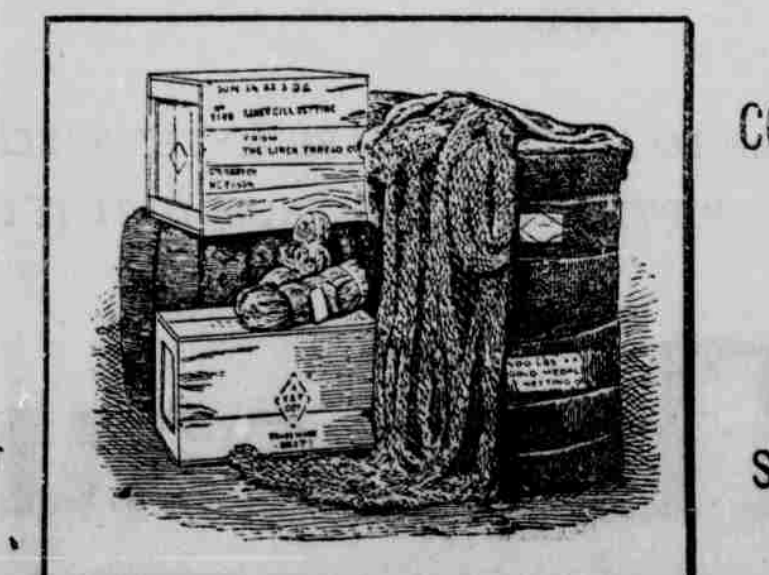
This 19th. day of Feb. 1925  
J. B. Jones Jr.  
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