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Mrs. Shugart Claims Bible Used as Argument

Writing in the Winston-Salem Journal from Yadkinville, L. J. Hampton has the following story of the affidavit made by Mrs. M. L. Shugart in the Shugart-Sprouse affair:

"He quoted the Bible" to seduce me, said Mrs. M. L. Shugart, of Center, this county, in her deposition in the case wherein Lee Sprouse, merchant of the upper part of the county is charged with assault with intent to kill upon Mote L. Shugart, husband of the woman who makes such a strange allegation in her testimony against the man who is charged with being a home-wrecker.

The Bible has been used and abused for many things, even the lawyers in the case who were present when Mrs. Shugart took the oath agreed, but it is the first time in the history of this county, it is thought, when its precepts and divine teachings were ever brought actively into play, if the allegations are true, in separating a wife from her husband or to win the alleged illicit affections of a woman who swore no man had theretofore come between her husband and herself since they were married 30 years ago.

Preliminary Waived
Sprouse, through his attorneys, H. H. Baker and W. M. Allen, of Elkin, waived preliminary trial in the criminal action in which Sprouse is charged with assaulting with a shotgun the husband of the woman who told of "hugging and kissing" parties they had clandestinely enjoyed. The case will come up for trial in superior court in Yadkin at the term scheduled to begin February 22, next.

The firm of Williams and Reavis of Yadkinville represent the prosecution in the Sprouse case. Shugart, whom Sprouse charged with hitting him with a heavy bludgeon is also under bond for his appearance on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Arrest and bail proceedings against Sprouse for \$5,000 damage resulted in the latter's arrest again. He was let out on bond of \$5,000 in that case, with Marvin Holcomb, J. Blum Long and W. L. Sprouse, a brother, as signers. Sprouse has also instituted a damage suit against Shurart for \$5,000, it is learned.

Denies His Guilt
From the cross examination conducted by Attorney Allen, of Sprouse's counsel, which the deposition records show, Sprouse will deny flatly, it is apparent, all allegations as to illicit relations between them, the cross-questions indicating Sprouse's attitude as one of friendship only for the woman in the case.

Would Quote Bible
Mrs. Shugart said Sprouse would quote portions from the Bible to her in an effort to convince her that their intimacy was not wrong; that he would throw his arms around her and kiss her; that they often met at Mrs. Helton's, sometimes when the latter's children were there and sometimes when they were not; that they hugged and kissed on the porch of her home; that the back porch was out of sight of the road; that Sprouse took a job of fixing all the locks on the doors of the Shugart home which it took him two weeks to do; that he kissed her several times in his store, etc.

Then she was asked about her husband's insurance, \$4,000, which is payable to her as beneficiary at Shugart's death. She denied that the matter of insurance was ever mentioned between herself and Sprouse, but that they had talked of the proposal to buy and sell. She denied that Sprouse had urged her to get the title to Shugart's property. She said that her husband had accused her of being intimate with other men for the past nine years, but she said that didn't mean that she had had illicit relations with any of them. The deposition named the three men about whom she was questioned. Of one it was a matter of religious belief she

said. **Husband Insane?**

Asked if she had ever tried to get her husband into an insane asylum, she admitted that she had talked to Dr. T. R. Harding about her husband's mental condition and that Sprouse, at different times, had told her that her husband "must be crazy" to treat her in the manner she said he did. Mrs. Shugart denied that they wanted to get her husband "out of the way" to get his property and insurance. She said she had always been true to her husband and while admitting that Sprouse had kissed her and hugged her at various times, she said that was as far as their intimacy went, although she at first admitted that Sprouse quoted excerpts from the Bible to seduce her and to show there was nothing wrong with their clandestine meetings.

By her own acknowledgement Mrs. Sprouse is 49 years old. She said she had been almost a confirmed invalid for the past two years but was not confined to her bed all of the time. She designated the time of her alleged intimacy with Sprouse as being between April and November of 1925. "No man ever came between me and my husband until a year ago," Mrs. Shugart solemnly affirmed.

Upon cross examination Mrs. Shugart admitted that Sprouse often came to her house after a drink of water; that most of the time some of her children were there when Sprouse came; that when they were at the home of Mrs. Helton that either the latter, some of her children or "Grandpa Cheek" were always there. She admitted, also, that she had complained to Sprouse of the way her husband treated her. It was at such times, she told, that Sprouse would put his arms around her and kiss her.

On the night of the alleged assault with a shotgun by Sprouse upon Shugart, Mrs. Shugart said she was at the home of Mrs. Helton and that the shooting appeared to be in the direction of Sprouse's store. She said she thought her husband had been at their home that night, but she didn't see him. It was at tobacco curing time, she testified, when her husband was at the barn that Sprouse would frequently make his visits to her home and to Mrs. Helton's where she met him. She would cook Sprouse's meals for him sometimes, she admitted, and would carry them over to Mrs. Helton's for him to eat. She said her husband objected to her "working" for Sprouse. Mrs. Shugart's maiden name was Cheek.

DEATHS FROM AUTOS IN 1925 WERE 21,000; 5 PER CENT INCREASE

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Accidental deaths from automobiles in automobiles in 1925 totalled 21,000, an increase of 5 per cent over 1924, the National Safety Council announced tonight in making public results of a survey based on reports from more than 90 cities.

These figures include cases of collision between a motor vehicle and railroad train or street cars.

The trend of automobile accidents during 1925 was by no means uniform over the United States, the statement points out. Some cities with previous high death rates showed substantial decreases, Los Angeles being an outstanding example of this group. The entire state of New York, according to incomplete statistics, likewise showed a large reduction, chiefly in the smaller cities and rural districts.

Twice the value of manure is obtained when spread with a spreader, to say nothing of the saving in hard, disagreeable work. The spreader puts out the manure thinly and assures an even stand of grain, says D. S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College.

PUSH CLUB WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—With the appointment of L. E. Harrell as Club Specialist for the Agricultural Extension Service of State College, more attention will now be given to work with farm boys and girls during 1926 and thereafter.

The 4-H club organization is the largest organization of young people in the United States today; but, because it deals with boys and girls out on the farms, it has not received the attention from public leaders and business organizations that some other organizations have received. It is stated by officials of the extension service that club work is peculiar because, the boys and girls who are members must engage in some productive work. Not only must they engage in this producing enterprise, but they, at the same time, are being taught the fundamentals of good farming and good home making.

According to the ideals that will be held before the club members of North Carolina, club work develops the heart, the head, the hands and the health of the individual taking part.

At the recent meeting of extension workers at State College, club work was selected as one of the main things to which attention would be devoted this year. For special emphasis, one county in each of the five districts into which extension work is divided, will be picked to develop a model club organization. For the mountain territory, Polk is the county selected; for the piedmont, Davidson; for the southeastern section, Roberson and for the north-eastern section, Pasquotank. During the last few years, this junior extension work has been allowed to lag somewhat in North Carolina but there appears renewed determination now to make it more effective than ever.

Randolph farmers did not have keys, so county agent E. S. Millaps sold over 10,000 pounds to a New York firm. This, with a previous carlot shipment made before Thanksgiving, relieved the existing surplus.

LESS COTTON MORE MONEY

HASTINGS DECLARES PRESENT FARM PRACTICE WILL BANKRUPT FARMERS

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special).—"We have again seen the result of too much cotton acreage. Strange as it may seem the more cotton we make the less money we get for what we make," declared H. G. Hastings, leading agricultural authority and chairman of the Farm and Market Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

"The only thing that saved the cotton growing farmer from outright disaster last year was the extreme heat and drought that held down the yield per acre on the more than forty million acres in cotton. There was sufficient cotton acreage planted to have made with favorable season somewhere near twenty million bales and a price of 10 cents per pound or less."

"One of the Cotton Growers' Associations recently announced that the 1925 cotton crop will sell for four hundred million dollars less than it cost to make it, making reasonable allowance for labor cost. What sort of folks are we anyhow to keep on growing at a loss? There is no profit to the farmer in planting all or nearly all cotton and buying all or nearly all the food and grain consumed by family and live stock."

"Our farm operations and our farm pocketbooks are never going to get right until we quit spreading cotton over the whole South only to draw out meat and meal and other food stuffs as well as grain, etc., from Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha at prices two to three times what cost would be if made on home acres."

"We have been trying to carry on a farm system based on a one cash crop which has impoverished every people everywhere in the world that have tried it. It is steadily impoverishing our farmers here in the South. There is only one safe farm system. That is to produce on home acres so far as possible every pound of food, grain and orange needed for family and live stock."

"A good all-year-round home vegetable garden, plenty of corn and oats orage and hay crops, to see you through without buying more, cows, pigs and chickens. All these cotton costs, afford the best of healthful living and leave the farmer owning his cotton instead of owing it at the end of the year."

MR. JOE L. VANHOY DEAD THREE VETERANS LEFT

Mr. Joe L. Vanhoy, confederate veteran, of Buck Shoals township, died Saturday morning, aged 82 years. He was buried at Mt. View church Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. W. V. Brown and Rev. Eli Hinson. He is survived by two sons, Edward and Thomas Vanhoy of Yadkin county and one sister, Mrs. Jane Ireland of Iredell county.

The death of Mr. Vanhoy leaves three confederate veterans living in Buck Shoals township, these being Mr. J. A. Hoots, R. W. Crater and D. L. Totten. The lines of the gray are thinning out.

THE BEST CURE

If you are poor—work.
If you are rich—continue to work.

If you are burdened with seemingly unfair responsibilities—work.

If you are happy—keep right on working. Idleness gives room for doubts and fears.

If disappointments come—work.
If sorrow overwhelms you, and love ones seem not true—work.

When faith falters and reason fails—just work.

When dreams are shattered and hope seems dead—work. Work as if your life were in peril. It really is.

No matter what ails you—work. Work faithfully—work with faith.

Work will cure both mental and physical afflictions.

Waldron, Ark., Jan. 22.—Three Scott county women, taking the law in their hands during the absence of most of the men who were attending court, conducted a raid on a moonshine still, seized it and turned it over to officers.

The women decided to take a look over the countryside. They found a large still ready for a run. Unable to turn it over, they punched a hole in it and emptied its contents. Then swinging the boiler over a pole they took it to town and turned it over to a deputy sheriff.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage deed executed on the 29th day of May, 1920, by D. H. Baity and wife, Jennie Baity, and recorded in Book No. 33, page No. 259, and default having been made in payment of note secured thereby, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Yadkinville, N. C., on Saturday, February 13, 1926, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon, and 2 P. M., the following described lands lying and being in Liberty Township, Yadkin County, adjoining the lands of W. H. Lynch, A. R. Key, Dr. S. A. Harding and P. H. Baity, and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at the Reed branch, running south by the brandy distillery; thence east with the public road; thence west down to Huntsville road; thence north with the Wishon line; thence west with the Wishon Spring to the beginning, containing 60 acres more or less.

This January 11, 1926.

I. A. WISHON, Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed by Israel Stinson and wife Permelia Stinson on the 25th day of May, 1921, and default having been made in payment of note of even date, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Yadkin county, on the 1st day of Feb. 1926, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m. the following described lands, lying and being in Boonville township, Yadkin county and bounded as follows: On the south by the Israel Stinson lands; on the east by Will Vestal lands; on the North by the lands of Bill Asburn and Bud Vestal; on the west by the lands of Sanford Stinson, containing seven acres, more or less and known as the Spease lands.

This Dec. 28, 1925.

B. A. VESTAL, Mortgagee.

DR. S. L. RUSSELL AND MRS. WILLIAMS MARRIED

A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Texas Williams, six miles east of Yadkinville Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Mrs. Williams became the bride of Dr. S. L. Russell of Route 2. A few intimate friends of the couple, including some of the Doctor's special friends from Yadkinville, witnessed the ceremony.

Mrs. Williams is a highly respected lady of that neighborhood, while Dr. Russell is a substantial citizen and well known physician of the county, and has served as county health officer two terms. Both have many friends throughout the county who wish them many years of happiness.

Tom Tarheel says he enjoys his work as a member of the county board of agriculture, but it made him hustle to do the things on his place that he was pushing for the county.

The intelligent use of lime will improve the soil and will help to produce better yields of legume crops in North Carolina. Magnesium limestone under tobacco makes better quality and yield of weed.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed by M. R. Welborn and wife Mary Welborn, on the 26th day of June, 1925, and recorded in Book No. 37, Page 80, record of Mortgages for Yadkin county, and default having been made in the payment of note secured thereby, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Yadkinville, N. C., on Saturday, February 6, 1926, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m., the following described real estate lying and being in Buck Shoals township, Yadkin county, North Carolina, and bounded as follows to-wit:

Beginning on a rock, M. C. Bobbins corner, on south side of sand clay road, running north 70 yards with T. C. Inscores line to a stone, thence west 70 yards to a stone, thence east with old road 70 yards to the beginning, containing one acre.

This 5th day of Jan. 1926.

M. A. PINNIX, Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed Jan. 10, 1922 by D. L. Hemric and wife Mary Hemric, and default having been made in the payment of note secured thereby, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in Yadkinville on Monday, Feb. 1, 1926, between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p. m., the following described real estate, lying and being in Deep Creek township, Yadkin county, North Carolina, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3, beginning at a stone northwest corner of Lot No. 2 in Hoots line, runs west with his line 7.44 chains to a stone in Hoots corner then south 26 degrees west 2.17 chains to stone, thence north 52 degrees west 4.85 chains to the branch, then south 57 degrees west 1 chain with branch to the crook of the branch, then north 67 degrees west with branch 9.33 chains to a maple on north side of branch, thence south 23 degrees west 3.18 chains to a pine, Johnson's corner, thence, south 67 degrees east with Johnson's line 10.28 chains to a stone Johnson's corner, thence south 7 degrees west with Johnson's line 13 chains to a poplar, Johnson's corner, then eastward down the branch as it meanders 7.80 chains to a maple on the bank of branch, then east with Pinnix line 6.94 chains to a stone, southwest corner of lot No. 2, thence north 5 degrees east 13.50 chains to a stone, the beginning corner, containing 25 and one fourth acres, more or less. Terms of sale made known on day of sale.

This Dec. 31, 1925.

AMSLIA NICKS, Mortgagee.

MRS. ELZENIA BRYANT DIED MONDAY, AT YADKIN HOME

Mrs. Elzenia Bryant, an aged and highly-esteemed woman of Yadkin county, died Monday night at her home five miles east of Jonesville, after an illness of pneumonia of only a few days duration.

She was 73 years of age, a devout Christian, having been a loyal member of the Baptist church for fifty years. She is survived by several daughters. The funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon from Fall Creek church, near Jonesville, by Rev. J. W. Bryant, interment following in the church cemetery.—Elkin Tribune.

CENTER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Holcomb and Master Odett Mabery from Winston-Salem visited Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Holcomb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Holcomb and Mrs. Frances Gross from Jonesville visited in Center Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bloom Long Sunday.

Mr. Lorris Weatherman from Winston-Salem visited Mr. Earnest Long Saturday night.

Rev. Blum Vestal and Mr. Newsum will begin a series of meetings next Sunday at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Weatherman visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sizemore Sunday afternoon.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION

In the Superior Court NORTH CAROLINA, YADKIN COUNTY.

H. F. Gray vs. S. Pardue.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Yadkin county in the above entitled action, I will on Wednesday, February 24, 1926, at 1 o'clock, p. m. at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said S. Pardue, defendant, has in the following real estate, to-wit: Adjoining the lands of T. C. Swaim, George Salmons, W. D. Royal, J. C. Pinnix and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a post oak, T. C. Swaim's corner, W. D. Royal's line, runs South on W. D. Royal and W. F. Messick line 28.34 chs to a stone, J. C. Pinnix's corner; thence West on Pinnix line 16 chs to a persimmon said Pinnix corner; thence South 52 deg. to Pinnix's line 5.25 chs to an ashe, E. C. Nick's corner; then North on Nick's line 8 chs to a stone, his corner; thence South 66 deg. West 17.85 chs on his line to a stone; then North 25 deg. West on Nick's line 10.50 chs to a stone, his corner; thence North 60 deg. West 6.93 chs on his line to a stone, his corner; thence South 66 deg. West on his line 12.30 chs to Hunting Creek at the mouth of a branch, his corner; then North 68 deg. West with the meanderings of the creek 14 chs. General Brown's corner; then North 23 deg. West 16.65 chs on his line to a persimmon-tree, bank of branch; then Southward with the meanderings of the creek, T. L. Pardue's line 11.60 chs to the mouth of branch; then up branch as it meanders 17 chs to New Chappel's line; then South 73 deg. on Chappel's and Salmons line 43.35 chs to a black oak, formerly a post oak, George Salmons corner; then North on Salmons line 12 chs to a dead white oak, T. C. Swaim's corner, then East on Swaim's line 14.25 chs to the beginning, containing 170 acres, more or less.

From the above is excepted the following boundary which has been allotted to S. Pardue as his homestead: Beginning at a post oak in Swaim's line, corner; runs South old line of W. D. Royal and W. F. Messick line 8 chs; West 10 chs to a pine stump; then North 8 chs to a white oak on the bank of the road; then with Swaim's line 10.75 chs to the beginning containing by estimation 8 1-2 acres.

This 21st day of Jan. 1926.

C. E. MOXLEY, Sheriff.