WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Pasquotank County Strong For Public Welfare Work

Welfare Officer Receives Exceptionally Fine Support From the People and Welfare Work Done in County Has High Rating With the State Board

BY NELL BATTLE LEWIS

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—Pasquotank County believes in public welfare work. Mrs. Anna E. Lewis, its County superintendent of public welfare, has converted it.

For about three and a half years, Pasquotank has been watching what its welfare officer has been doing for its unfortunate people, its dependent, neglected and delinquent children, with the result that Mrs. Lewis receives the support of her community to an extent equalled in few instances and in no case surpassed by a welfare officer in the State. In addition, the public welfare work in Pasquotank County is rated by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare as some of the best in North Carolina.

Public welfare work still is comparatively a new venture in North Carolina, with only seven years to its credit since the inauguration of the State-wide program under Governor Bickett, has had to justify itself in the eyes of people unacquainted with its aims and skeptical of its possibilities. Against many handicaps, the work of Mrs. Lewis has done this to the satisfaction of the people of her county.

County Children's Home

Upon no occasion has there been greater evidence of the popular support that the Pasquotank welfare officer can muster than in her recent successful effort to establish a detention home supplement the juvenile court in her county. To this project rallied the county commissioners of Pasquotank, the city aldermen of Elizabeth City, civic and benevolent organizations of both men and women and the congregations of a number of the churches. The home was formally opened with 11 inmates on September 2, at the little hamlet of Nixonton, former county-seat of Pasquotank County about nine miles from Elizabeth City. The institution is under the direction of its own board of which the Rev. G. F. Hill is chairman. The other members are: G. F. Seyffert, chairman of the county board of public welfare; Noah Burfoot, chairman of the board of county commissioners; Rev. S. H. Templeman, M. P. Jennings, Mrs. W. Ben Goodwin, Mrs. S. C. Newbold and Dr. M. S. Bulla. At present the home is a six months' experiment, but Elizabeth City people appear to have no doubt of its permanence.

For some time, Mrs. Lewis had been considering the establishment of such an institution. It appeared to her and to the judge of the county juvenile court to be an indispensable adjunct for this court's proper functioning. With State institutions crowded to the doors and turning away applicants for admission daily, it was absolutely essential, according to Mrs. Lewis, that some place be provided by the county for the commitment of juvenile court cases. Here was a delinquent girl for whom there was no room at Samarcand. What was to be done with her? Probation in this instance did not seem the satisfactory expedient. Should she be turned loose on the community again to repeat her offenses? There was a family of three children whose mother was so immoral that they could no longer be safely left in her custody. What disposition was to be made of them before suitable foster homes could be found? Here was a neglected feeble-minded child whom the Caswell Training School, jammed to capacity, could not receive. Where was he to go? And so it went.

Project Launched in May

This past May, Mrs. Lewis began to talk about her project of the county children's home with small groups of interested people. The idea took hold fast, and these people in turn passed it on to their organizations and churches. The result was that little more than three months later a suitable house had been rented, a capable matron employed and 11 bits of the human flotsam and jetsam that eddies about in our boasted civilization had been salvaged,—at least temporarily.

The Pasquotank Children's Home is a comfortable wooden dwelling house just on the edge of Nixonton. The county commissioners of Pasquotank, and the city aldermen and many organizations, churches and individuals of Elizabeth City contributed to its support. The house has been neatly furnished through the efforts of its interested sponsors. Its matron is Mrs. Fred A. Jones, an attractive young woman who loves children. The situation of the home is well-nigh ideal. Little River flows about 50 yards to the rear of the house, and a shallow enough nearby to afford a place for the children to wade and swim. Two acres or more of ground that surrounds the home gives plenty of room for play. Three beautiful elm trees shade the entrance, and a crepe myrtle throws its sprays of bloom against one of the windows.

Spectacular Case

Establishment of the children's home was an accomplishment by Mrs. Lewis no more substantial and considerably less spectacular than a piece of case-work she recently did in Elizabeth City when she brought to court to receive a sentence of 165 years' confinement in the State Prison a sexual pervert who had been contaminating little girls about 10 and 11 years old in the town. Twelve children were involved. The story is too nauseating to tell in detail. But due to investigation by Mrs. Lewis who quickly followed up the revolting stories she unearthed from two of the little victims, this person who had been a secret and malignant menace to the moral health of the community was apprehended, sentenced as heavily as any one has probably ever been sentenced in North Carolina, and put where he could no longer pollute innocent children. Two of the little girls he abused are now in the Pasquotank Children's Home.

Relative to this excellent piece of work, The Elizabeth City Independent, under the head of "A Woman on the Job," stated editorially: "If Mrs. Anna E. Lewis, welfare officer of Pasquotank County, had never accomplished anything else except the apprehension, conviction and life-time incarceration of E. E. Clarke, her services to this town and this county would have been of inestimable value. If Pasquotank had not had a welfare officer in the person of Mrs. Lewis, working among the under-privileged children of the town, the real facts about Clarke's abuse of young girls might not have been established and Clarke would be freely pursuing his lecherous career instead of doing time in the State Prison."

Mothers' Club

When people in Elizabeth City talk to you about Mrs. Lewis, after they have told you about the children's home and the Clarke case, they will tell you about the Mothers' Club that the county superintendent of public welfare, together with the county home demonstration agent, Miss Marcie Albertson, organized among the mill women of Bostcity. This club was started in June, 1922, with five members in an unused store, chiefly for the purpose of helping the mothers of the mill community bring up their babies better. Through its first year, the club struggled against many inconveniences, but in the spring of 1923, a move was started with the help of the county board of public welfare, the social service committee of the Elizabeth City Woman's Club and others to provide a more adequate meeting place. A five-room house, now known as the "Community House," was secured. The mill owners pay the rent of this house. It has been attractively furnished, and includes a nursery with scales and other conveniences for the babies, a kitchen and an assembly room, besides two other rooms that can be used for various purposes. As shown by her success with the Clarke case, Mrs. Lewis specializes in case-work. Her last month's report shows 66 visits made to homes needing assistance. By means of her case-work, she has been able to remove the names of numerous persons from the county poor list.

Mrs. Lewis believes that mothers can often profit by probation as much or even more than children. She believes that if a welfare officer, when forced to remove children from a mother, makes it clear to the woman that their removal is temporary and that their return to her will depend upon her proper conduct, a great deal can be accomplished. She tells of one case in which she thinks that if this method had been followed, the woman could have been saved from subsequent increased immorality. This was before the establishment of the children's home, and it was necessary to separate her from her children permanently. "If I had only had a place where I could have put those children temporarily until that woman mended her ways, I believe I could have saved her," Mrs. Lewis says. The children's home now provides such a place for temporary care, and will be used by Mrs. Lewis in cases of this kind.

Active County Board

Mrs. Lewis is fortunate in having behind her in her work one of the most active county boards of public welfare in the State. This board holds regular meetings and is thoroughly interested in all phases of the public welfare work in the county, helping the superintendent not only in any emergency that may arise, but constantly in the regular course of her work. The board of public welfare for Pasquotank County is composed of: G. F. Seyffert, chairman; Rev. S. H. Templeman, and M. P. Jennings.

In addition to the county board of public welfare, there is in Pasquotank a central welfare council composed of representatives of a number of organizations and churches. This council, which is now mainly a relief agency, does not meet regularly, but can be called together when necessary.

The success of the public welfare work in Pasquotank is not due merely to the fact that its county superintendent is a woman of initiative, firmness, good sense, and marked efficiency, but also in large measure to the fact that it has such remarkably active popular backing.

Fairest of Them All

Angeline Dorothy Grimes, four years old, was proclaimed a perfect child at a baby show held in conjunction with the Chicago Industrial Exposition. She won first prize and the title "Queen of the Nursery."

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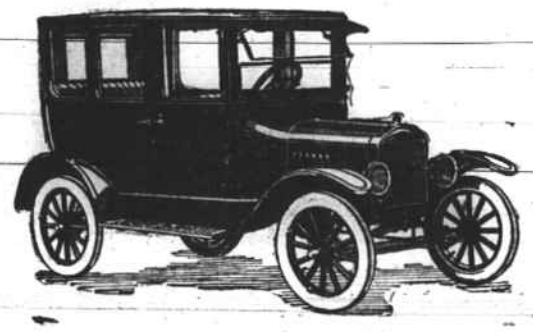

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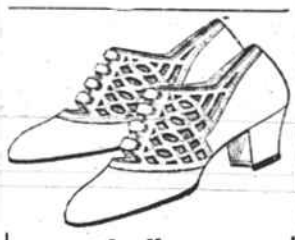

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NORTH CAROLINA,
DARE COUNTY.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK.

CARL S. PUGH,
vs.
E. R. DANIELS, R. R. TAYLOR, HATT LEWIS, EMILY SAVAGE, DORA BIDDIC C. R. PUGH.

ORDER OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of an order issued by the Clerk of Superior Court of Dare County, in the above entitled cause, I shall offer for sale at the Court House Door in Manteo, Dare County, N. C., on the 20th day of September, 1924, the following described property:

"That certain tract or parcel of land situated on Roanoke Island, Dare County, North Carolina, known as Lewis Midgett tract as surveyed and shown on plat made by J. E. Berry, surveyor, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dare County, in a case in which L. N. Midgett and others were petitioners and W. G. Melson and others were defendants, and which land was in said proceeding sold by order of said Superior Court by R. G. Cross, Commissioner, and conveyed to L. N. Midgette, C. R. Taylor, Wm. S. C. Pugh and E. R. Daniels, by deed dated December 19th, 1907, and duly registered in Dare County, in Book "L" pages 293 and 294."

TERMS CASH.

This notice dated and posted this 29th day of August, 1924.

C. R. PUGH,
Commissioner.

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NORTH CAROLINA,
CURRITUCK COUNTY.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

H. D. NEWBERN, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH H. BAKER & COMPANY, INC., Defendants.

ORDER

This cause coming on to be heard and it appearing to the Court that the plaintiff has a just and meritorious cause of action against the defendant to recover the sum of EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY FOUR CENTS, for breach of contract between the plaintiff and the defendants for the purchase and sale on joint account of Irish potatoes during June 1922, and for potatoes which the defendants sold for the plaintiff and for which it has filed account, all of which appears by the complaint now on file in my office; and further, that the defendant is a non-resident of the state and after due diligence cannot be found in the state, and that property belonging to the defendant has been attached.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant be and appear before me at my office in the Court House in Currituck County, North Carolina, on the 6th day of October, 1924, and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed in this cause.

The defendant is further notified that a warrant of attachment was issued against its property on the 11th day of Aug. 1924, which was returnable on August 30th, 1924.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order shall be published in the "Advance," a newspaper published in Pasquotank County, N. C., for four successive weeks, and that such publication shall be sufficient notice to the defendant.

BAXTER B. BELL,
Clerk Superior Court,
Currituck County, N. C.

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NOTICE
Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

On Saturday, the 13th day of September, 1924, at 10 o'clock M., the heirs at law of the late Johnnie Coppersmith, deceased, will offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described tract of land:

Bounded on the east by the heirs of the late W. G. Coppersmith, deceased, on the south by the Public Road known as the Salem Road leading from Salem Church to Edge Road, on the west by the lands of the heirs of J. T. Coppersmith, deceased, and on the north by the lands formerly belonging to Clifton Sawyer, deceased, now owned by Marvin Lister.

The place of sale will be on the lands above described.

At the same time and place the farming utensils and other personal property of the late Johnnie Coppersmith, deceased, will also be offered for sale.

Heirs at law of the said Johnnie Coppersmith, Deceased. By W. B. COPPERSMITH, Atty.

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NORTH CAROLINA
PASQUOTANK COUNTY.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK

RUTH CLARK
vs.
NOAH CLARK.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The defendant above named will hereby take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining a divorce a vinculo from said defendant, and that the said action is returnable to the Clerk of said court on the 6th day of October, 1924, at which time and place you are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint now filed in said court, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 5th day of September, 1924.

ERNEST L. SAWYER,
Clerk Superior Court.

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SALE
Of Valuable Real Property

By virtue of an order made in that Special Proceeding entitled J. M. Jennings et als, against Susan E. Russell et als; in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County, N. C., I shall on Saturday, October 11, 1924, at 12 o'clock M., at the Courthouse door of Pasquotank County, N. C., expose to sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land, viz:

Lying and being in Providence Township, Pasquotank County, N. C., and beginning at a point where Opossum Quarter Road intersects the State Highway and running thence along Opossum Quarter Road N 75 E 22 chains, thence N 73 E 2 chains, thence N 78 3-4 E 30 chains to the bridge on Opossum Quarter Road, thence along Godfrey's Lane or Road N 19 3-4 W 4 chains to another bridge, thence N 69 1-4 W 3 chains, thence N 77 W 2.50 chains, thence N 74 W 2.50 chains, thence N 46 W 1.50 chains, thence N 17 W 2 chains, thence N 64 W 2.50 chains, thence N 63 1-2 W 2.50 chains, thence N 59 1-2 W 5 chains, thence S 9 1-2 W 4.50 chains, thence S 25 1-2 W 2.50 chains, thence S 13 1-4 E 3 chains, thence S 12 W 6.89 chains, thence S 63 1-2 W 2.50 chains, thence N 69 3-4 W 2 chains, thence N 62 W 2.50 chains, thence S 62 3-4 W 16.10 chains, thence N 78 1-2 W 1 chain, thence S 45 3-4 W 5.76 chains to the State Highway, thence continuing in same course across the State Highway S 45 3-4 W 9.04 chains to the old road, Miles Whitehurst's land, thence S 61 1-4 E 2.12 chains, thence S 71 1-4 E 1.17 chains, thence N 54 E 8.50 chains to the State Highway, thence along the South side of the State Highway 1.50 chains, this description contains two tracts, the first tract known and designated as Lot No. 6 containing 61.51 acres and second tract known as Lot No. 7 and containing 2.34 acres as surveyed by W. F. Pritchard on May 16, 1923, and this description should further show that tract No. 6 leaves a distance of 4.77 chains on the State Highway, beginning at the beginning point of this description, thence Opossum Quarter Road intersects the said State Highway and running Southwardly along said State Highway on the North side thereof said distance of 4.77 chains.

Also an undivided one-third interest in and to those two tracts of swamp land described in deed from Fred Whitehurst to Joseph M. Jennings et als, both tracts of swamp land containing 40 acres, more or less.

Sept. 9, 1924.

GEORGE J. SPENCE,
Commissioner of the Court.

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NORTH CAROLINA
PASQUOTANK COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK.

W. B. LAMBERT, Petitioner,
vs.
SARAH JANE HUGHES and husband, JOHN HUGHES; ELLA DIXON and husband, THOMAS NIXON; SENA BARNARD and husband, AARON BARNARD and JESSE AGASON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The Defendant Jesse Agason, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County, to sell for partition among the tenants in common, those certain lands described in the petition in this cause belonging to the Plaintiff, and Defendant, as tenants in Common, and the said Defendant, Jesse Agason will further take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County on the 20th day of September, 1924, and answer or demur to the petition filed in said proceeding or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

This the 20th day of August, 1924.

ERNEST L. SAWYER,
Clerk of Superior Court.

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