



A DOG'S LIFE . . . Most fellows would be happy just seeing Gail Bennett occasionally. But Whitey, the pup, is doubly fortunate; not only does he share the spotlight with the lovely blonde as part of the floor show at Manhattan's famous Latin Quarter, he also travels everywhere with her, riding comfortably in a big muff.

Duplin Negro Makes Good

By EARL DEAN

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Foremost among North Carolina's pioneers in education and one of the most lovable characters Elizabeth City has ever known was Peter Weddick Moore. Born in slavery, he struggled 20 years to get an education and gave 37 years of his long and useful life helping others of his race help themselves to better living.

Today one of Eastern North Carolina's largest institutions for Negroes is a monument to his efforts and his life marked by unselfish service, patient leadership and unobtrusive modesty.

A good many years ago he told me that the guiding rule of his life had never to permit himself to do anything that would be offensive to a white person. He always had utmost confidence in an ultimate educational awakening that would prepare all men, irrespective of race, to vote intelligently upon political principles.

KKK Lynched Father

Peter Weddick Moore was the eldest of a family of five children born on a farm in Duplin County near Faison's Depot in the summer of 1858. His mother, although unable to read or write herself, was deeply religious and made every sacrifice possible to see that her children were educated. His father is said to have been the victim of a lynching by the Ku Klux Klan during the stormy Reconstruction Days for betraying the hiding place of some valuable property belonging to a family of white people in his community.

In his early teens Peter Moore attended a country school taught in Sampson County by one Burke Marable, a very brilliant Negro, who had studied in Northern Universities. He taught all subjects in all classes in a little one-room school ranging all the way from beginners to students in Latin and higher mathematics. Marable proved a very strong force in Peter's life by instilling in him a thirst for knowledge and a desire to teach others.

By the time he was 21 years of age, he too was teaching in a small school in Sampson County, 10 miles from Clinton. The school term was short so he found time to work a small patch of cotton on shares and with the money he made from his first bale entered Shaw University in Raleigh in the fall of 1880. While studying in Raleigh he worked at his studies and in a brickyard on the grounds of the school as well as in a nearby foundry operated by Joseph Seapark, a white Baptist leader in Wake County, who used the business mainly as a means of helping worthy students at Shaw University.

Headed New School

After leaving Shaw with an A. B. degree in 1887, he taught for a while in Bertie County and at Plymouth. His real life's work began,

however, when he was appointed principal of a new school for teachers in Pasquotank County. The school didn't even exist but the General Assembly of 1891 had appropriated \$900 toward it.

The school was located at Elizabeth City, where Professor Moore started in January, 1892, teaching Negro teachers how to teach school more efficiently. A small wooden building, badly in need of repair, was rented for the purpose and called the Elizabeth City State Normal School. Each year his classes grew in size until other similar buildings were occupied. There was always a constant struggle for funds sufficient to finance the rapidly growing school.

"Give the Negro youth, whom the State is educating, an opportunity to see the dignity, the utility and the beauty of educated labor," was his plea in defense of industrial education for members of his race.

Pushed Steadily Forward

Elizabeth City's generous response to Prof. Moore's modest and unobtrusive appeals for needed funds was an indication of his value to the community and the high esteem in which he was held. Under his guidance the school grew until the large and modern institution, that stands today in his memory became possible.

One of Prof. Moore's white contemporaries, Prof. S. L. Sheep, who headed the white Elizabeth City High School, is said once to have told his pupils that they all might do well to visit the city's Negro schools to see for themselves how well the students there behaved themselves. Prof. Moore always took a deep and personal interest in the Negro high school in Elizabeth City. This school, first named for Pau. Lawrence Dunbar, the Negro poet, two years before Prof. Moore died was re-named P. W. Moore High School.

In one of his annual reports to the State Board of Education Prof. Moore wrote: "After assiduous labor, our students are being convinced that the prime and ultimate aim of education rests not alone on the ability to obtain from a county examiner a certificate to teach in a public school. Certainly they are taught

down here and shown the great importance of the intellectual training for teachers. They are also taught by precept and example that it is no disgrace to work for his or her living with the hands. Our students are being taught the excellence and dignity of right living."

Dr. Moore insisted on continuing to teach long after his retirement and personally conducted courses in classroom management. He lived on the campus until he died April 19, 1934, among the people he loved and for whom he had labored so long.

At his death the mayor of Elizabeth City issued a special proclamation praising Professor Moore's good work and lamenting his passing, which was said to have been a major loss to the city. Much of the absence of serious racial friction in Elizabeth City is attributed today to the good life and strong influence of Peter Weddick Moore.

Southern Farm Market Summary

Southern grass-fed cattle prices tumbled downward this week, but scarce supplies of grain-fed cattle sold actively and generally steady in price. Most canner, cutter and common slaughter cattle were \$1 lower with better grades (grain fed) active and firm. Calves were strong to \$3 higher while stock cattle closed at 50 cents up.

Hogs, mostly 810 to 240 pound butchers Friday were up to \$31.50, an all-time high.

Proffer demand strengthened and markets were steady to firm. Only crossbred chickens showed signs of price weakness. Broiler prices ranged from 31 to 33 cents per pound.

Late July shipments of fruits and vegetables were lighter than normal shipments in the Southeast.

The anticipated let-up in tobacco deliveries to the Ga.-Fla. markets failed to materialize during the second week of sales, and gross volume exceeding 9,000,000 pounds each day. The practical top leveled off at \$62, although occasional baskets brought \$63 with the average around \$52.39.

Spot cotton prices continued to edge downward. At Friday's close, the 10-market average price for

middling 15-16 inch was 32.74 cents a pound.

1 OUT OF 3 IS 45 YEARS OLD

Scientific research has come up with a couple of new ones, to bless mankind. It reported, first, that 1 out of

North Carolina

I know a very ancient spit of land.

An old, old sea heaves hoary waves upon it; An old, old wind leaps wildly from far skies To sculpture fossil'd sand in dunes upon it.

Of late came man, the savage red-skin first Then - bold, seafaring wights whose early hope To found a nation in the wilderness

Was brought to an untimely end. There fate Was never known, but others came - again And yet again, till now the burgeoning land Fulfills the vision of the pioneers.

Yet man was not content to tread the sand Nor sail the sea. He made him fragile wings And soaring from that same stark, storied strand Proclaimed him lord of all the elements- The conqueror of water, earth and air.

I know a very ancient fertile plain.

Its fields are white with cotton in the Fall And ripe tobacco crowds tall slatted barns. In lofty spiring towers of rugged stone

The sons and daughters of a sturdy race Explore the endless reaches of the mind And seek with keen adventurous hardihood To meet the challenge of their troubled times.

I know a very ancient range of hills

Along their pine-crowned crests the southing wind Is never still. They march in serried ranks Away and yet away until the eye

Of the beholder faints and cannot reach That last blue smoky line against the sky. Immutably and ageless, awful, grand

They still the ravaged, tortured human soul And fill it with a deep serenity.

Your ancient spit of land along the sea,

Your very ancient, rich and fertile plain, Your old, old range of far-flung, wind-swept hills

Are folded in my heart, North Carolina!

-- Mrs. F. B. Lewis
La Porte, Indiana

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GROWERS LOSE MILLION DOLLARS IN BARN FIRES

Tobacco barn fires in the State last year destroyed 886 barns containing 535,327 sticks of tobacco at a loss to growers of more than a million dollars, according to R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist for the State College Extension Service.

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"Pressing" means to set iron directly down upon fabric and lift it directly upward without to and fro action. Woools must always be pressed to avoid distortion.

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