

HITCHED WIFE AND SON TO BULL PLOW

Aged Tennessee Farmer Faces Murder Charge in Death Of Wife

GREAT BIBLE READER

By ALFRED E. DOWNS

Blue Wing Community, Tenn. — Fourteen-year-old Charley Hensley slouched over the fence in front of his grandmaw's cabin today, squirted tobacco juice at a rock seven feet away, said:

"Sure, paw hitched me and maw up to a plow. He done hit all the time."

Charley referred to his stepfather, John Davis, 65, who has read the Bible through, from cover to cover 16 times, and now, in the county jail, is starting out on his seventeenth reading. His 34-year-old wife, Jodie, died of an illegal operation performed after she had pulled a plow all day in the Davis corn patch.

Since Davis was charged day before yesterday, there have been conflicting versions of circumstances in the Davis' home, and the United Press sent a correspondent into the hills today to get an authentic report.

Charley was resting himself on the picket fence. His sisters, Evelyn, 11, and Manne, 8, watched shyly from the porch, now and then throwing in a word to substantiate his story. It seemed that the Davis' were hard put when they lost their mule.

"Paw plowed me and maw for two weeks afore we got the corn patch done," Charley said. "Me and maw pulled the plow and he steered it."

"Every time we said we was hot or tired he said to keep a-goin' and he'd spell us at the pullin' in a minute. He jest never done it."

"We all was mighty 'feared of paw. He whipped me and maw and he hit sister (Evelyn) with his fist. He wass all-time a cussin' and a-carryin' on."

Charley rubbed his hand over his closely cropped head, squirted more tobacco juice, squinted at the sun.

"Effen we didn't jump when paw told us to do something, he fetched us a crack right off and made us git. He run us all off a couple of times and beat us when we come back. He said he was a-goin' to run maw off for good when she was able."

"When maw was real sick and a-cryin' for water, paw wouldn't give her none. Sister started to get her some but paw boxed her one and told her to mind her own business. Maw died the next day."

"When maw wasn't a-plowin' she was a-weavin' baskets. Paw took the baskets most of the time and sold 'em. Then he'd go off and git drunk. He'd always come home mean and a-bellerin'."

Grandmaw—aged and wrinkled Jesse Wallace, mother of Jodie—came out on the porch and said:

"I 'lows I'll rear these young'ns. And git 'em in good shape ag'in. They come here once before when their pappy run 'em out. I got 'em in good shape then but after awhile they went back again and got porely."

All the children appeared undernourished and small for their ages. They are of old stock.

"You're certainly a good tobacco chewer," said the correspondent.

The child reflected. "I chaws tolearly," he said modestly, "considerin' I been chawin since I was six."

BOONVILLE WOMAN PASSES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. G. E. Martin, about 45, died at her home at Boonville at 2:30 Wednesday morning, following an illness of four months. Mrs. Martin was the widow of G. E. Martin, who died last fall.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Troy, Glenn, Guilford, Clint, Merle, Katie Lee, Nellie Martin and Mrs. Taft Brannock, all of Boonville, and Minnie Martin, of Washington, D. C. Several brothers also survive.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from Boonville Baptist church.

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FAIRVIEW

Mrs. Everett Alberty received a telegram May 31, from her sister, Mrs. M. B. Jones of Prosser, Washington, telling of the death of her husband, Mr. Eugene Jones, who passed away May 30, at 6:15 o'clock. The funeral was held in Prosser, Washington, Tuesday, June 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Jones was reared in Surry county, on the Yaddin river, near Burch, and has many friends in this county who will be saddened to hear of his death.

Mr. J. M. Atkins does not improve very much, we are sorry to note. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Earl Nance, with his choir, will sing at Fairview Baptist church, Sunday evening, June 6. All who would like to hear him have a welcome invitation to come.

Mrs. Everett Alberty had as her Sunday dinner guests, Mrs. Nannie Snow and daughter, Miss Vertie Snow, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Poindexter and family, and Miss Victoria Halk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alberty visited their little granddaughter, Miss Ina Dean Alberty, who has been ill the past week. We are glad to know she is improving.

Rev. L. W. Burrus will preach at Fairview Baptist church the second Sunday in June at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Laura Gentry, from near Cherrylane, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Atkins, Sunday.

GOSSARD EXPERT TO BE AT SYDNOR-SPAINHOURS

Mrs. Eva Williams, a trained representative of the Gossard Company, will be at Sydnor-Spainhour Co. Friday for a special demonstration and fitting of Gossard corsets, girdles and brassieres.

All interested are extended a cordial invitation to call at the store Friday and avail themselves of this special service.

Puzzle
"I suppose," said the lady to the tram-conductor, "if I pay the fare for my dog will he be treated the same as the other passengers and be allowed to occupy a seat."
"Of course, madam," the conductor replied, politely, "he will be treated the same as other passengers and can occupy a seat, provided he does not put his feet on it."

NEARLY 600 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AID

Must Be 65 Years of Age in Order to Apply for Old-Age Assistance

\$30. MONTHLY MAXIMUM

Raleigh, June 2. — Estimates compiled by the North Carolina Board of Charities and Public Welfare indicate that approximately 586 residents of Surry county will be eligible for aid under two provisions of the state's Social Security program, which becomes effective on July 1.

A tentative survey shows that in Surry county 311 persons beyond the age of 65 years, and 275 dependent children under 16 are entitled to receive benefits enumerated in the legislation adopted by the 1937 General Assembly.

Persons desiring assistance must apply to the Surry County Board of Welfare, where they will be granted interviews and allowed to file written applications if their cases are considered worthy.

Applicants for all phases of assistance must show that they do not have sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence; "compatible with decency and health."

Those applying for Old Age Assistance must show that they are more than 65 years of age; that they are not financially able to care for themselves properly; that they are citizens of the United States; that they have lived in North Carolina for five of the last nine years; that they are not inmates of any public institution, and that they have not made a transfer or assignment of property "for the purpose of making themselves eligible for assistance."

Applicants for Aid to Dependent Children may be either the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or certain other relatives who have children in their keeping, but whose income is insufficient to care for them properly. Children receiving benefits must be less than 16 years of age, and must have been born or lived in North Carolina for at least one year prior to the filing of the application.

Financial assistance to the aged will not exceed \$30 a month. Children may receive as high as \$18 a month for the first child in a family, with a maximum of \$12 for each additional child, up to \$65 a month, for any one family.

Fire Originates In L. & L. Cafe Monday Evening

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protected her from the fire. David Brown, of Jonesville; Dick Harris and several others were said to have aided in the rescue.

Mrs. Luffman remained trapped in the burning building for perhaps 15 minutes. A Hayes & Speas ambulance was waiting outside when she was at last brought out, and rushed her immediately to the local hospital where an examination disclosed that she was suffering from shock and from the effects of inhaling smoke and fumes generated by the fire. She was not burned.

While efforts of the firemen were centered on the rescue of the woman, the flames were making rapid headway, spreading upward through a storage room and breaking into the Greenwood Service Station. Once the rescue was effected, five lines of hose were laid, and three streams were directed against the flames. Valiant work on the part of the firemen soon had the fire under control, and a short time later it had been completely extinguished.

Affected by the fire, in addition to the L. & L. Cafe and the Greenwood Service Station, was the Reece & Baker garage; the Surry Furniture Co., Davis Barber Shop and the G. and S. Plumbing Co. The entire contents of the Surry Furniture Co. were hastily moved into the street, and later were stored in the basement of the Greenwood building located on the corner of North Bridge and Market streets.

All movable equipment of Davis Barber Shop and Reece & Baker garage was also moved from the burning building. However, equipment was moved back in following the fire and business proceeded much as usual the following morning, damage having been confined mostly to water and smoke.

The Surry Furniture Co. section of the building was also undamaged save by water, and it is expected that the stock will be moved back in within a few days. Loss to the L. & L. Cafe amounted to about \$1,500, and was not covered by insurance. Loss to the building as a whole, which is owned by Andrew Greenwood, of this city, was partly covered by insurance.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Raleigh Joynes, Whitehead; Mrs. Emma Walters, State Road; Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Mountain Park; Mrs. Victoria Hanes, Jonesville; Mrs. Paul Price, Elkin; Chas. L. Haywood, III, Elkin; R. P. Barnett, Elkin; Rebecca Brown, Cycle; Mrs. Alma Duncan, Sparta; Mrs. Maude Luffman, Elkin; Phillip Mauldin, Jonesville; W. W. Collins, Elkin; James Adkins, Sparta; Doretha Chappell, Jonesville; Emma Hudspeth, Elkin.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Kim Vestal, Jonesville; James Brown, Mount Airy; Faye Elliot, Lansing; Mrs. Lula Adams, Traphill; Don Cheek, State Road; Eva Moody, State Road; Mrs. Sadie Couch, Mocksville; Mrs. Thelma Seagraves, Jonesville; Mrs. Cora Couch, Elkin; Mrs. Georgia Deatherage, Mount Airy; Lois Johnson, Dobson; H. S. Rice, Sparta; Paul Boyd, Elkin; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Jonesville; Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Mountain Park; Mary Virginia Cox, Sturgills; Raleigh Joynes, Whitehead; Doris Hanes, Jonesville; Mrs. Maude Luffman, Elkin.

In fishing for a compliment many a woman gets a whale of a lie.

MISS CLICK HONORED BY COLLEGE GROUP

Greensboro, June 2. — The Masqueraders, an exclusive dramatic group at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, recently tapped eight students as they were seated in the dining halls at dinner. Students who were tapped were then entertained at a banquet downtown. Only those students who have given excellent performances behind the footlights in Play-Liker productions are eligible for membership in the Masqueraders.

Students taken into membership are Misses Virginia Tatum, of Raleigh; Merle Leavitt, of Exeter, N. H.; Sarah Click, of Elkin; Mildred Mashburn, of Greensboro; Elaine Schmidt, of Plainfield, N. J.; Adrienne Wormser, of New York city; Leah Smirnow, of New Haven, Conn.; and B. Elizabeth Taylor, of Greensboro.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many citizens of Elkin and Jonesville who aided us in removing our stock and equipment from our quarters in the Greenwood building Monday afternoon during the fire. Your generous aid was deeply appreciated. Reece & Baker Garage, Elkin, N. C.

Taking No Chances Mother—Now Janey, be a nice girl and give your little brother part of your apple. Janey—Not me, mother. That was what my Sunday school teacher said Eve did to Adam, and you know how she's been criticized ever since.

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