

AGED EX-SLAVE TELLS OF PAST

Uncle Jeff Foster Says Happiest Days Were When He Was Made Free Man

WAS USED IN THE WAR

Feeble with the weight of years and finding it difficult to talk above a hoarse whisper, Uncle Jeff Foster, of Jonesville, aged colored ex-slave, nevertheless hobbled from his chair on the porch of a small Jonesville store one day last week and had his picture taken as a prelude to his account of his past life.

But before he would consent to delve back into a memory that covers perhaps a hundred or more years, the aged darky first had to know the history of his questioner and of his "folks," and the reason for being questioned.

"I don't know fo' sure how old I am," he answered to a question concerning his age, "but my whitefolks says I'm 102." He then went back to the days of his boyhood when he was a slave on a Wilkes county plantation, and told of the long days of work in the fields and around the home of his master, "Marse Billy Forester."

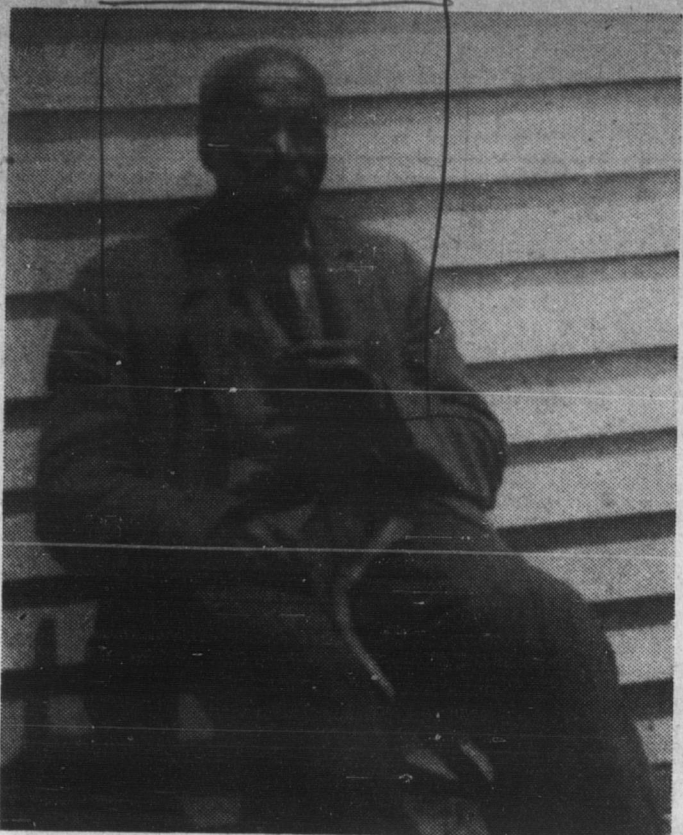
"Then come the war," he said, and off he went in attendance upon "Marse Sam Forester." His duties as body servant included looking after "Marse Sam's" horse and performing other services looking toward his master's comfort.

Uncle Jeff had some trouble with his memory, but stated that "Marse Sam" was wounded by the Yankees, and following that he, together with numerous other slaves, was set to work digging breastworks for the Confederate forces. "We dug ditches," he said, "like what was used in the last war."

Following the surrender, Uncle Jeff was free. "Were you glad to be free?" he was asked. "Would you have been glad?" he shot back at his questioner, then went on to tell how his freedom made him the happiest he'd ever been in the world.

Due to his advanced age, the old negro wasn't very clear as to his activity after the war. However, he did make it plain that he lived in Wilkes county. He said he had a little farm there

Aged Ex-Slave Tells of the Past



Uncle Jeff Foster, of Jonesville, who reckons his age to be 102 years. A young man when the Civil War began, he helped throw up breastworks for the Confederate forces.—Tribune photo.

and remained there until being burned out several years ago. He then moved to Jonesville.

Aunt Sarah Foster, his wife, well-known in Elkin, died recently. The couple were the parents of 13 children, six of whom are now living.

Scram!
Policeman: "Little boy, you're too short to ring that bell. Would you like for me to do it for you?"
Little Boy: "O, K."
Policeman: "There. And what do we do now?"
Little Boy: "Run for all you're worth."

Growing Up
Boy: "Dad, may I have a nickel?"
Father: "You're too old to be asking for nickels."
Boy: "I guess you're right; how about a quarter?"

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Mrs. Frank Freeman, teacher of home economics in the Dobson school, entertained the faculty at a buffet luncheon at noon Saturday in the economics room. The luncheon showed Mrs. Freeman's efficiency in the art of home economics training, both in culinary art and serving by her pupils.

The seventh grade exercises, promoting the grade into high school, under the training of Mr. Cox and Miss Luckey, were held in the school auditorium Friday evening. The grade salutatory was given by Bettie Folger; class history, Hubert Snow; giftorian, Wilfred Mosley; poet, Mac Ray Wall; musical reading, Mary Freeman; oration, William Hodges; will, Frances Freeman; prophecy, Eva Kidd.

Two plays were presented, "The Helpful Rations" and "Which Will You Choose?". Valetictory, by E. L. Taylor. E. L. not only made best seventh grade record in Dobson school, but best in Surry county. Presentation of awards by Mr. Cox, and of diplomas by Mr. Wolfe. A closing song concluded the program.

The senior play, entitled "June in January", a farce comedy in three acts, coached by Mrs. W. E. Hancock, was given Saturday evening. It was fun galore from start to finish, and much credit is due the seniors and Mrs. Hancock for its splendid rendition. Cast of characters: Earle Nance, Charles Dockery, Chester Blevins, Reba Fulk, Frank Marion, Kermit White, Aubrey Payne, Lula Betsy Folger, Almeda Mitchell, Jane Jarvis, Hilda Guyer, Maurice Stanley, Edith Moore and Lincoln Marsh.

The commencement sermon program was as follows: Processional, Largo; doxology; invocation, Mr. W. L. Reece; hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers"; scripture and prayer, Rev. C. W. Russell; chorus, "Vesper Hymn"; Choir; sermon, Rev. W. J. Miller; hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers"; benediction, Rev. C. W. Russell; recessional, Coronation March.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe and Miss Rosa Marshall, of Mountain Park, spent Sunday evening in Dobson attending preaching and visiting friends.

Mrs. Emma Reece Mock, Marianne Mock and Mrs. W. L. Reece attended the funeral of Mrs. Lillie Mock Martin, sister of the late G. E. Mock, in Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon.

Certmer Jackson has returned to his home here from the Statesville hospital. Friends are wishing him a lasting recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford and children, Margaret Louise and Joan, went to Charlotte Sunday, where Mrs. Crawford and children remained to visit her people for ten days.

Miss Rachel Ruth Wolfe entertained the senior class at a party in the Woman's club house Thursday evening.

PLEASANT HILL

Rev. G. W. Swiney is conducting a revival at Pleasant Hill church this week.

Miss Ann Chiseman is spending this week in this community attending the services at the church.

The Rainbow Girls quartet sang over station WMFR, Highpoint, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Settle was the Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Mozell Darnell.

J. T. Cockerham visited his son at Austin Sunday.

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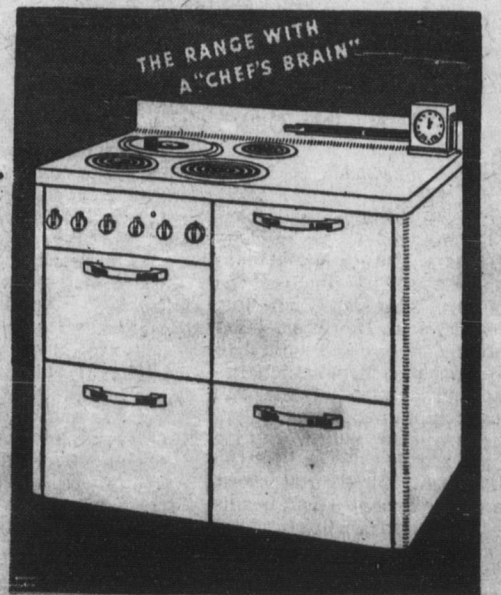
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Peoples' Column

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REVIVAL CLOSURE

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals at East Elkin Baptist church that we have been in for years, 21 additions by Baptism and several by letter, and a great host of re-consecrations.

Brother J. L. Powers, the pastor, is one of God's best, and it was one of the most gratifying experiences we ever had to work with him for he had his church in the very best condition for a revival.

He is one of the best pastors to make contact between both the church and the business world and people of every walk of life that I have ever worked with in my 27 years in the ministry, and his people and all the people of his town are wonderfully devoted to him.

The singing was most excellent under the wise leadership of Bro. Reece Masten, who manifested great ability in his place as a choir director, he so wisely arranged the singing program in all the services and we had several quartettes from neighboring churches throughout the entire meeting.

Also the ministers of the entire town and community cooperated wonderfully well in all the meetings and the kingdom cause was wonderfully built up here in the town of Elkin.

The Chatham Manufacturing company and the Elkin Furniture company and other business concerns of the town and several in-