

Hatcher Hughes, Noted Playwright And His Boyhood Days In Cleveland

(Written for The Star by M. L. White, his teacher.)

As is known and admitted by the continental reading public of North America, Cleveland county N. C. surpasses every other region in Christendom in its accumulation of freaks and celebrities. As for the freak, he is generally of the species the profane call a dandy; but he desires to shine as a very resplendent celebrity. Celebrities become such by one-tenth inspiration and nine-tenths perspiration. They are generally, not so egotistic as an honest-to-grandma celebrity. The freak rides hobbies, claims to know everything; and laughs boisterously at his own imaginary wit. His talk is mostly about himself and his relations; and he badly overworks the capital I. If he tries to perpetrate a joke, it is of a quality that any man of refinement and discernment recognizes as an egregious insult. Some men are born freaks, others acquire the condition; while others have the calamity thrust upon them. They largely compose the ranks of the untutored and unwashed that claim to be self-made. This is accepted as a fact by men of knowledge and

probity and relieves the Lord of a great responsibility. This county is infested by a numerous tribe of freaks; but they all regard themselves as celebrities except the wayward mortal whose cut decorates the beginning of this communication. Further than this indication of one of the species, no personalities shall be used to point out this teeming host.

When it comes to celebrities, Clyde Hoey and Max Gardner are two of the recognized specimens. Clyde Hoey is largely self-made; but is not always inflicting the information upon some bored listener.

But the most versatile and distinguished celebrity of Cleveland county is Tom Dixon. He is a matchless orator, a very distinguished author and playwright. As to ability, his fame is continental. The son of a popular Baptist minister of the gospel on paternal side and of a gifted Highland Scotch mother, much was expected of him by reason of heredity and endowments but he surpassed expectations even of his most sanguine friends and relatives. He had two supreme brothers and two sisters; that would have dazzled any region on this planet except Cleveland county N. C.

The next ranking celebrity is Hatcher Hughes. I suppose he has a string of college and university degrees like the tail of a comet; but he was born in a loghouse near Polkville, and was subjected to the stigma and disgrace of being my pupil in winter of 1882 at a lank university at Elliott church; but I am happy to say he survived the handicap. He had several brothers and sisters likewise under my instruction and most of them were bright, persevering and industrious. Hatcher Hughes was a quiet, good-natured and studious boy, who was gifted with the saving sense of humor. Parenthetically, let me drop the observation that one without an appreciation of humor has very little sense of any kind. Rank stupidity regards anything of a really entertaining nature as frivolous; but even mediocre talent regards humor and fiction as the best products of our language. The parents of this true, gifted celebrity were Andrew Jackson Hughes who exemplified the courage and patriotism of his illustrious namesake; and Martha Gold, a relative of several distinguished citizens; among who may be mentioned Hon. Thomas Gold, of High Point and son of the late G. F. Gold (Min), as he was generally known; also, his brother Dr. Chas. Gold of Ellenboro. Drs. Thomas, Tom and Ben Gold and their father the late Griffin Gold; all of whom made a record as doctors and surgeons.

As for "Jack" Hughes, as he was known, in 1861 the call of his country became the voice of God; and he enlisted in the company of the late intrepid Sheriff Ben Logan. This company was called the Cleveland guards; and was a force of giants. Their average height was six feet and avoirdupoise was 175 pounds. Jack Hughes went in at six feet in altitude, with a weight of 180. He owned neither land nor negroes; but resented the invasion of Dixie; and bore several serious wounds to "Fame's eternal camping ground, where Glory guards with solemn round the bivouac of the dead."

He was shot up until with most of men the skin would have been so freckled with Federal bullets the skin would not have held his principle. He set his family the example of industry, Christian character and sobriety; for he was a defender of the faith in the Missionary Baptist church and Sunday school; and was an evangel of prohibition embodying the zeal of Peter the Hermit. He could deliver a good and earnest public address for an old farmer deprived of early educational advantages; and was never a toady, a trimmer nor a time-server. He was as true to the Baptist church, the Democratic party and the cause of temperance as a knight of the days when chivalry was in flower; to his vows of knightly allegiance. The encomium applied by Napoleon the Great to Marshall Ney applied to Jack Hughes on the firing line and in ordinary walks of life and his attitude toward social customs was deserved by Jack Hughes "the bravest of the brave" as well as the aphor-

ism "an honest man is the noblest work of God."

As all well-informed know, Hatcher Hughes finished the public and high school course; after which he graduated from Wake Forest college near Raleigh. Then he stormed the works at Chapel Hill university, attained a high degree and held a chair quite a while in that eminent institution. But his motto was upward and onward; and he matriculated in Columbia university, N. Y., where he is a distinguished teacher. He wrote the brilliant novel "Hell-bent for Heaven," for which he was awarded the thousand dollar Pulitzer prize for that year. He has dramatized this superior work of fiction and it has adorned the films. So, he can divide honors with the gifted Tom Dixon as a playwright.

The parents of Hatcher Hughes have been called to their reward, old and full of days. Mention was made of the energy and industry of the late Jack Hughes, he was professor of a cane mill and could beat the man who killed himself making a superior quality of sorghum; and I tasted the vintage as a pay for tuition of the genius with the alliterative name, Hatcher Hughes.

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Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

Occasionally readers of this corner get a break. Today is one of those days. With the flu—wonder if Job had any ailment to equal it?—running up one line and down the other the colyum will be filled today by contributors.

First of all, this anonymous note: "Shelby's best looking girl drives three Buicks and her name is Charlie." Figure it out for yourself while we douse another capsule.

This from J. L. P.: "The first circular saw I remember in Shelby stood about the site of the Cleveland Cloth mill in 1876 and 1877. It was owned by Ab Green and Rev. Milt Webb, I think. I cut logs for them in August, and I can remember that all right."

Our information is that the town's first circular saw was operated by the late B. B. Babington in 1873 near the old foundry site.

Remember those perplexing questions the No. 3 school students tossed at us 'other day? Here comes some answers from E. Y. W., jr., of Atlanta, a fellow who can juggle figures and mathematical problems about with the same skill that any well-brought-up colored boy can handle a pair of dice. Says he:

"I enjoyed your capers in the last issue of The Star. I enjoyed, particularly, the one a month or so ago in which the first grade honor roll of 1912 was published. I found that I had last started off right. Let's have some more memories from the old days. I am submitting some answers to some of the questions asked by the No. 3 pupils.

Question: If a man were to die and will his three sons seventeen horses; the oldest son to receive one-half the horses, the next one-third of the horses, and the third son wanted one-ninth of the horses, how many would each receive?

Answer: Assume I am the deceased one's executor: I add my horse to the 17 making 18; the oldest son gets 1-2 equals 9; the second son gets 1-3 equals 6; the third son gets 1-9 equal 2—Total 17. Then I ride off on mine!

Question: If a man were to give you one hundred dollars and tell you to buy one hundred head of animals, consisting of hogs, cows and sheep, and you gave 50 cents each for the sheep, \$3 each for the hogs, and \$10 each for the cows, how many of each would you get for the \$100?

Answer: Let X equal number of cows; let Y equal number of hogs; let Z equal number of sheep. Then X plus Y plus Z equals 100; and 10X plus 3Y plus 1/2 Z equals 100; also 100 minus NX over 5 must be in integer (whole number). Solving these 3 equations simultaneously gives: X equals 5—number of cows—\$50; Y equals 1—number of hogs—\$3.00; Z equal 94—number of sheep—\$47.00: Total 100 head and \$100. He bought 5 cows, 1 hog and 94 sheep.

Question: If a man had \$100 to spend for a horse, saddle, and bridle and paid half as much for the saddle as for the horse, and half as much for the bridle as for the saddle, how much does he pay for each one?

Answer: (1) H equals 28, that is horse cost twice the saddle; (2) S equals 2B, that is saddle cost twice the bridle; (3) H plus S plus B equals 100, that is the 3 cost \$100. Adding (1) and (2) gives H equals 4B. Adding (1) and (3) gives 4B plus 2B plus B equals 100 or B equals 100 over 7. From (2) S equal 2B equals 200 over 7. From (1) H equals 2S equals 400 over 7. The horse cost \$400 over 7 or \$57.1428; the bridle cost \$100 over 7 or \$14.2857; the saddle cost \$200 over 7 or \$28.5714; total equals \$100.00.

Question: If Mr. Whiteside married Mr. Blackburn's sister and Mr. Blackburn married Mr. Whiteside's daughter, what relation would Mr. Whiteside's children be to Mr. Blackburn's children?

Answer: The children would be not only first cousins but would be uncles and aunts (that is, Mr. Whiteside's children would be uncles and aunts to Mr. B's, and vice versa). There are a few other minor entanglements such as half-uncles, but my advice is to avoid such a combination!

In a later issue of the colyum E. Y. W., jr., will shoot some problems back at the No. 3 boys and girls and others who may be tuned in on this wave length at that time.



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