

The Mighty Barnum

AS THE MOST FAMOUS COMMENTATORS OF RADIO RECALL HIM TODAY

Graham McNamee

TELLS ABOUT

"The Mighty Jumbo"

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SOMEbody must have said to Phineas T. Barnum 'way back—"You ought to be in Pictures." He certainly ought to be and it's a good job he's going to be, because any man who could do what he did with one elephant had a career—regardless of the rest of his stupendous showmanship.

I never beheld the great Jumbo—but the tradition of Jumbo is the elephantine elephant story. Why, the word Jumbo is part of the language—we have jumbo shrimps, jumbo peanuts. It means big. And Jumbo was big—so big in size—and sentiment—that he nearly started a war between England and America. Really.

Barnum had seen Jumbo when he was over in England touring with General Tom Thumb. Jumbo was the prize pachyderm at the Regent's Park Zoo in London, where the Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society paraded in white wigs and chased the kids away from the monkey cages. Jumbo was an unusually large elephant, and the pride of all London. Even King Edward VII had, as a child, ridden on Jumbo's spacious back. Barnum bid \$10,000 for Jumbo—and the London Zoo accepted the offer. Instantly there was terrific protest all through England. Jumbo became a National hero, and selling him to a Yankee was a national insult—equivalent to selling Nelson's Ship Victory.

There were violent protests—funds were raised to buy Barnum off—the dispute raged on both sides of the Atlantic. Of course, old Phineas T. Barnum hated that. It was more publicity than any act of his ever received. Suit was actually brought in the high courts of England to stop Barnum from getting Jumbo shipped to America. But the British courts decreed that a legal bargain had been made and that it must be lived up to. Jumbo had to go. Before he was shipped hundreds of thousands of persons crowded the Zoo to see him for the last time as they thought.

Crates of Elephant

They built a huge crate to cart Jumbo away—he was head and hips larger than the largest elephant ever before seen in captivity. But Jumbo refused to get into the crate and representatives of the animal-ercruity-prevention to society were on hand to see he was not forced into the shipping package. Barnum's agent wired him in New York that Jumbo lay on the floor of his compound and declined to go into the crate. Barnum cabled back to let Jumbo lie as long as he wished—it meant all the more publicity on both sides of the Atlantic. And it did. When, finally, Jumbo was carted away for shipment to America—thousands formed a parade.

The first six months of Jumbo in America found Barnum richer by \$300,000. The animal was a sensation. Scientists visited Jumbo to try to account for his enormous size. He could stick the nozzle of his trunk into a third story window.

I've discovered why Jumbo was so big. His favorite drink was beer. He'd guzzle it by the bucketful and never bat an ear.

Barnum let his imagination run riot with Jumbo. He trained the huge beast to make friends with and act as a protector for a dwarf

for his majesty to spend—a pretty thankless job, for the king would have it spent long before he could raise it.

Sacred White Elephant

One day, when the prime minister was at his wits' end to rake up fifty thousand dollars for his sporting monarch, Barnum's agents popped in with the dough-ray-me—and the deal was on. He got his white elephant. They couldn't get native worship-



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elephant. The pair were marvelous to behold together, and Barnum even went so far to plaster the countryside with huge lithographs of Jumbo saving the little elephant from a devastating holocaust which no fire department could recall ever having happened.

But—just as Barnum was preparing to cash in on Jumbo's enormous fame by a special tour of the British Isles, Jumbo, most likely after one bucketful of beer too many, barked into a moving freight train in Ontario and was killed.

But Barnum had learned from Jumbo that the public had a yen for big beasts. He wasn't going to get one of the biggest and most sacred beasts in the world. The Sacred White Elephant of Siam, worshipped by the Siamese. His agents were sent into Siam. There they quickly learned that it was as much as anybody's life was worth to attempt to seize a sacred white elephant, let alone to buy one and transport it abroad. But the agents were wily fellows—they had to be to work for Barnum. They discovered that the king of Siam was a gentleman who lived beyond his income, even though that was about all his subjects could dig out of their jeans. They greased their way into high councils, and finally got the premier of Siam on their side. His job was to get the dough

pers of white elephants to handle the animal, so they went and procured a few roughneck Moslems, who make it part of their religious duty to have nothing but contempt for the worshippers of white elephants.

The white elephant was smuggled out of the country disguised and under wraps—but when it arrived in America, Barnum was bitterly disappointed. It wasn't white. It was a pinkish-grey. Resourcefully, he had authorities—even the great philosopher, Louis Agassiz, assist him in letting the public know that the Siamese thought greyish-pink or pinkish-grey was white. Anyhow, the pachyderm was the real McCoy—worshipped in Bangkok. The public fell for it in large numbers, and Barnum's woes were over until some designing bloke, also in the circus business, actually produced a white elephant and displayed it. Although there's reason to suspect that that elephant had a whitewash bath every day.

Barnum, the pachyderm of show business, had a natural love of pachyderms—and, besides giving Americans a sight of the biggest beast of modern times—if Barnum's times may be considered modern in view of all that's happened since—he added that word Jumbo to the dictionary—and there it sticks.

He played basketball last year Stokes measures 6 feet in height and tips the scales at 165. His favorite food is ham and ham. Next week another Indian.

Control Animal Disease By Quarantine Method

Diseased animals should be quarantined to prevent the spread of infection, says Dr. C. D. Grinnells, in charge of dairy investigations at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Quarantine not only protects the healthy animals, he says, but it also facilitates the treatment of diseased animals.

Grinnells also warns against introducing new animals into a herd without quarantining them for a period of 30 or 40 days. If at the end of the period they are found to be free from disease, then it is considered safe to place them in the herd.

While in quarantine, the animals should be watched closely for any trace of disease. The period necessary to keep the animals under close observation varies, Grinnells says, depending upon where the new animals came from, the type of animal, and its physical condition.

Animals collected from different farms, assembled in public stock yards, and shipped long distances are dangerous sources of infection, he points out, as they are exposed to many chances for catching disease at a time when their resistance is lowered.

But animals which have been housed only short distances are also liable to become infected, while many come from herds where disease is present.

Grinnells warns in stressing the need for precaution whenever bringing new stock into a herd.

A few infected animals can spread disease through a whole herd in a few days, he adds, and it is risky to wait a day or two before putting the new stock into quarantine, even though there is no apparent indication of disease.

More Hours Increases Pay Roll For Relief

Indications are that a good pay roll will come from the ERA organization to workers in Perquimans this week. Last week, with a short week, ending on Tuesday, there was a pay roll of \$408.60, with 72 men and women employed. This week the number has been increased to some extent and more hours will be made, indicating an increase in the pay roll.

LOSES END OF THUMB

George Alexander, prominent farmer of the Chapanoke neighborhood, had the misfortune to cut off the end of the thumb of his left hand last week. The accident occurred while Mr. Alexander was working with a wood saw at his home.

SHORT APPLE CROP

Wilkes county apple growers report 50 percent of a normal crop harvested last fall but good prices throughout the winter.

This week Graham McNamee tells about "The Mighty Barnum." There are still a few more of this series of articles, and we hope you're enjoying them.

SPORTS TALK

By "Whitie"

The Perquimans boys' and girls' basketball teams are starting to practice after the Christmas holidays. Coach Hughes is putting the boys through plenty of practice in preparation for the conference games which start soon.

The Perquimans boys' team played the locals on Tuesday night in a practice game. The P. C. H. S. boys showed that they were improving fast. The Indians did some good shooting and some excellent passing during this game.

On Friday night the Perquimans girls will meet the Whaleyville team at Whaleyville. The girls are in fine shape and expect to run up a high score.

The boys' team will also clash with Whaleyville and if they play as well as they have been showing up in practice they stand a very good chance of winning.

Among the twelve Indians playing basketball this year we have some very good warriors. Let's take a look at a few of them.

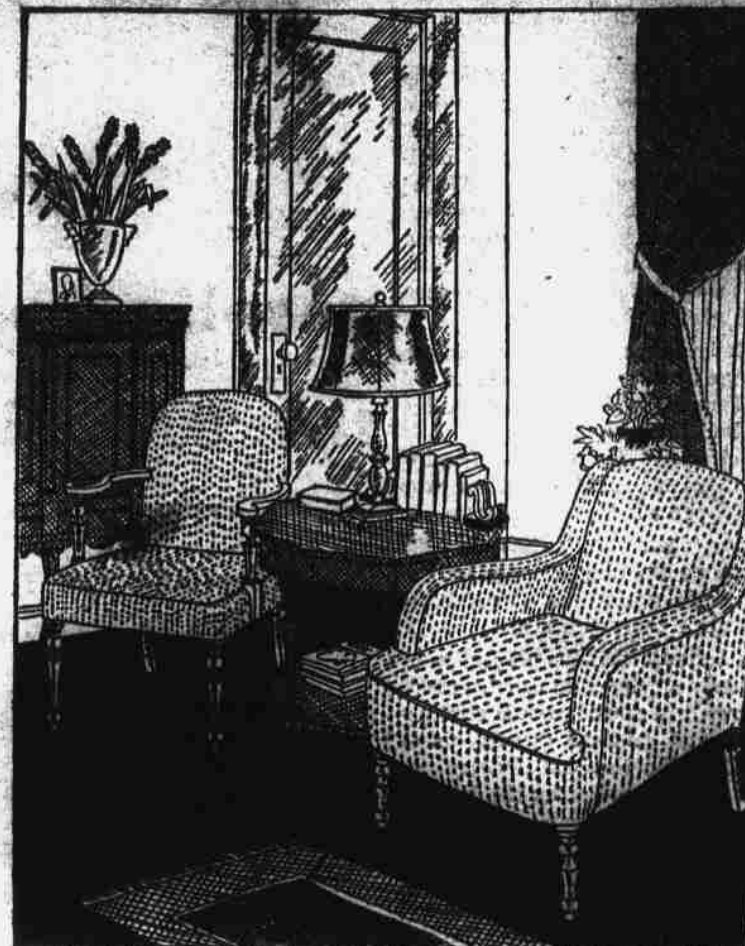
First, we will take the captain, Hoop Big Chief, Claude (Snort) Brinn. Claude plays guard and plays it well. He weighs 174 pounds and is 6 feet tall. His favorite dish is hot biscuits. Claude is very fond of music and his favorite orchestra is Little Jack Little.

Another guard who is showing up mighty well is Henry (Ladies' Man) Stokes. Henry is a junior this year.

Personals -- Society News

Making The Home More Livable

The Correct Living Room Table Lamp Does Its Share



By Jean Prentice

IT ISN'T that husband or wife is selfish—but sometimes when they settle down in their chairs beside the living room table for an hour or so of reading, one or the other unconsciously reaches out to pull the lamp closer. And their mate is left out in the dark!

We'll have to blame the lamp. For that doesn't happen to the persons who inhabit the living room sketched above. When the two chairs are occupied, and books or newspapers are opened, this lamp is as kind to the eyes of the one as to the other's, and serves each reader equally well. It "stays put" in the center of the table.

I wonder if the lamp on your living room table has the good traits of this one? Your tape measure or ruler will help tell you. Height of this lamp is from 23 to 26 inches and the bottom diameter of the shade (which, by the way, is of course open at the top) is between 16 and 18.

And how important are the height of the standard and the width of the shade, say lighting scientists! Upon them depend the proper spread and

softness of the light, so necessary to easy seeing. Too many table lamps are so small that at best they are only ornamental, and entirely inadequate for the major task of properly lighting two chairs. The lamp needed here, as illustrated above, should have several sockets since the spread of light is thus greater and the actual amount of light to the page is usually more. If there are two sockets they should hold 60 or 75-watt bulbs.

Particularly good for the table is one of the Better Sight Study and Reading Lamps, manufactured by many concerns in a wide variety of styles and bearing a tag of approval showing they have been built according to the wise specifications of the Illuminating Engineering Society, national lighting group.

Scientists have designed its lamp standard and shade of correct height and spread. The shade is white-lined, thus economically reflecting more light. A glass bowl holding a 100-watt bulb distributes soft and glareless light up and down.

Golden hours of reading beside table have a good companion in a well designed lamp like this one!

phonse Nixon and Mrs. R. R. Perry.

Banks—Sutton

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Rev. E. F. Sawyer, in Elizabeth City on Thursday, January 3, when Miss Geraldine Mae Jennings, of Chapanoke, became the bride of Mr. Buchanan Sutton Banks, of New Hope, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Sawyer and witnessed by only a few intimate friends.

Have you subscribed to the Perquimans Weekly? You could hardly better invest the amount it costs.

Clerk Of Court To Purchase Office Code

The County Commissioners decided to allow the Clerk of the Court to purchase a North Carolina Code for his office at their meeting on Monday. It developed that practically all of the counties in the State have this work, which is a necessity to the courts and the county officers, and that the one in use in Perquimans has been out of date for many years. The cost of the book is \$45.00.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Hertford Banking Co.

At Hertford, North Carolina, to the Commissioner of Banks, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1934.

Resources	
Cash, checks for clearing and transit items	\$ 16,021.80
Due from approved depository banks	74,871.03
Due from banks—not approved depositories	6,181.88
Cash items (held over 24 hours)	327.00
United States Bonds, Notes, etc.	60,000.00
North Carolina State Bonds, Notes, etc.	159,291.68
Other stocks and bonds	8,232.18
Loans and discounts—other	249,108.82
Banking house and site	10,000.00
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5,700.00
Total resources	\$ 687,028.89
Liabilities and Capital	
Demand deposits—due public officials	\$ 16,421.87
Demand deposits—due others	235,025.76
Cashiers checks, certified checks and dividend checks	10,566.78
Accrued expenses, taxes and interest	3,186.04
Time certificates of deposit—due others	8,808.83
Savings deposits—due public officials	243,692.27
Bills payable	None
Redcounts	None
Total liabilities	\$ 512,612.76
Capital stock—common	\$ 25,000.00
Capital stock—preferred 5% cumulative	25,000.00
Surplus—unappropriated	12,500.00
Undivided profits	9,807.45
Unearned discount	187.43
Reserve for depreciation fixed properties	2,100.00
Total capital	\$ 74,415.15
Total liabilities and capital	\$ 687,028.89

State of North Carolina, County of Perquimans. R. M. Riddick, Jr., Cashier; Chas. Johnson, Director, and Thomas Nixon, Director of the Hertford Banking Company, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. R. M. RIDDICK, JR., Cashier. CHAS. JOHNSON, Director. THOMAS NIXON, Director. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1935. (Seal) W. H. HARRINGTON, Notary Public. My commission expires August 20, 1935.