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COURT CROWDED TO HEAR SOUND OF DEAF MUTE

Hoped to Clear Mystery Of Wierd Moans and "Wampus"

DISAPPOINTED

Negro's Faint and Shrieking Voice Not That of "Ghost"

Two deaf mutes appearing in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday provided both pathos and humor in the unusual situation which arose as Hillary Bogue, Jr., a Negro youth, took the stand to testify against his father in a case wherein it was charged the father had assaulted his deaf and dumb son with a stick.

"Dummy" Felton, a well-known colored youth, who has become very friendly with the Bogue boy since he came to Hertford to live a few months ago, and who was sworn to interpret the testimony of the witness to the court, is not only conversant with the deaf and dumb alphabet and can read and write, but he has learned to utter sounds and to articulate a great many words so as to make himself understood in conversation. He was eloquent in pantomime and significant gesticulations as he attempted to interpret the description of the length and size of the stick with which it was charged the boy was attacked by his father.

The alleged victim of the assault, a sixteen-year-old boy, though apparently willing to exhibit scars which were alleged to have been made by his father, was either reluctant to testify against his father or was puzzled by the questions. On more than one occasion when the boy indicated "no" or "I don't know," "Dummy" was vehement in his statements, "He told me so."

The boy swore, through his interpreter, that his father had hit him with a stick and testified as to the size of the stick.

"Said it was him holler at hotel," stated "Dummy." This statement was in reference to the strange and awful cries which guests of the Hotel Hertford reported hearing one night last week. "All the time, all the time," was "Dummy's" reply to the question, how many times has his father whipped him?

The crowd of spectators in the courtroom indicated their awareness of the dramatic nature of the trial by perfect silence. As court officers endeavored to induce the Bogue boy to holler, to keep whatever noise he was capable of making, each man present seemed to hold his breath as they waited for the cry which it was thought might clear up the mystery of the strange cries which have so startled residents of Hertford in the dead hours of the night in recent weeks.

As a climax this was a distinct disappointment. The cries which have been described by Hertford folks who have had their slumbers rudely disturbed, and which have been described as moans and groans, as cries of a human being in mortal agony, in no way resembles the faint, shrill sound made by Hillary Bogue.

The defendant took the stand in his own defense, and while he admitted that he could not control his son, that he stayed out for days at a time, or returned late at night, that he had never one time whipped him.

Bogue's good reputation was set forth by J. M. White, of the White-Lassiter Lumber Company, and stood him in good stead. Mr. White stated that the man had worked for the company for more than 30 years and that he was a good and honest worker, and that he believed he took care of his family. However, Mr. White stated that he knew nothing of the man's domestic affairs, though he did not believe he could control his son and thought it would be well if the boy could be placed in an institution. The verdict was not guilty.

L. N. Hollowell Breaks New Car Sales Record

L. N. Hollowell, head of the Hollowell Chevrolet Company, one of the oldest automobile dealers in this section of the State, says his July sales of new cars was the largest that his company has had in any one month during their nine years in the Chevrolet business. Naturally, says Mr. Hollowell, he is proud of this record, since July is the first month of their tenth anniversary.

Mr. Hollowell is a constant advertiser in the Perquimans Weekly.

SIMON MAKING MORE CHANGES

Second Floor Now Being Turned Into Attractive Department for Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Extensive improvements are being made in the store of Simon's. The work of enlarging the store got under way this week, and the entire interior will be improved and remodeled.

The second floor of the building, heretofore used only as a storage for stock is to be made into an attractive ladies' ready-to-wear department, with ample space for showing the full line of dresses, suits, coats and lingerie. Mrs. Jake White's Millinery Store will also be on this floor.

The remodeling plans include dressing rooms and rest rooms.

The first floor will be devoted to men's wear and shoes.

For some time, Mr. Rutenberg says, he has been badly cramped for space, and as his business has expanded and his stock has been enlarged to meet the demands, the present quarters are entirely inadequate.

Within the next three weeks Mr. Rutenberg expects to make a trip to New York, where he will purchase a new line of fall goods.

Mr. Rutenberg's step-son, W. Alfred Williams, who has been with the Continental Insurance Co. for the past four years, has resigned his position, and will be associated with Mr. Rutenberg.

Miss Maude Pridgen Resigns As Teacher

When Perquimans County schools open on September 16 there will be at least two new teachers in the Perquimans High School.

Miss Maude Pridgen, who for six years has taught home economics, resigned this week. Miss Pridgen will teach in Hendersonville.

Miss Nancy Woods, who for a number of years taught Latin and coached girls' athletics, resigned some weeks ago and will teach in her home city of Greensboro.

Both of these vacancies are to be filled, but no announcement will be forthcoming as to this until the return from Canada of Superintendent F. T. Johnson, which will probably be the latter part of next week.

Three of the county teachers have resigned. They are Mrs. H. T. Bond, who taught at Bethel; Mrs. Wendell Mathews, who taught at Ballahack, and Miss Helen Morgan, who taught at New Hope. With the consolidation of six schools on the north side of Perquimans River, it is probable that fewer teachers will be required in the county, so that there may be no teachers employed to replace those who have resigned.

Little Boy Injured By Bicycle Rider

Clinton Trueblood, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Trueblood, of Winfall, suffered a concussion of the brain on Saturday when he was struck and knocked down by a bicycle ridden by Bob Dimmette; fourteen.

Dr. C. A. Davenport attended the child, who was reported as recovering on Wednesday.

Revival At Chappell's Hill Begins August 17

The annual revival meeting of the Chappell Hill Baptist Church will begin this year at 3 p. m., on Monday afternoon after the Third Sunday in this month. It will continue throughout the week, concluding on the Fourth Sunday afternoon, with two services each day, the hours being 3 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. The preaching will be done by Rev. Frank Cale. The music will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. T. C. Briggs. A cordial welcome is extended to the general public to attend each of these services.

Simon Stallings Is Again Selected As Keeper County Home

Simon Stallings, for more than 30 years keeper of the County Home in Perquimans, was again appointed by the Board of Commissioners, at their regular meeting on Monday, as keeper. The appointment is for one year.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Mrs. R. T. White entertained a number of her friends at dinner on Saturday evening at her home on Dobb Street. The guests included Mrs. W. C. Winslow, of Greensboro; Mrs. Claude Winslow, of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Minnie Mae Winslow, of Greensboro; J. M. Newbold, of Fayetteville; and Mrs. Charles Skinner.

AAA OFFERS NEW PAYMENT UNDER FARM PROGRAM

Planting of Soil Conservation Crops Now Extended

TWO CHANCES

Changes Enable Farmers Secure Maximum Amount

An announcement made this week by the Department of Agriculture will be of interest to Perquimans farmers, in that, two additional opportunities are given for qualifying for full payment under the soil conservation act, as a result of amendments to the original program.

The date to which soil conservation crops may be planted has been extended to September 1, and corn and other crops heretofore classed as soil depleting have been classed as soil conserving for 1936 only, because of shortage of these crops caused by drought.

The changes combined should make it easy for every farmer to obtain the maximum payments under the soil conservation act.

The announcement follows: "Attempting further to encourage the production of soil-conserving crops and to assist farmers in planting such crops on land that might otherwise be left bare this winter, the Agriculture Adjustment Administration announced today two new provisions of the 1936 agriculture conservation program for the East Central region.

"One change allows farmers to qualify land to be classified as soil conserving if seeded to soil-conserving crops up to September 1, 1936, provided no soil depleting crop is harvested from the land in 1936. This provision will enable many farmers to increase their soil building allowable and earn additional soil building payments. Also, it will afford farmers an opportunity to meet the minimum requirements for soil-conserving acreage on their farms as well as the requirements for new seedlings of soil-conserving crops in 1936.

"In addition, the classification of soil-conserving crops has been made to include sowed corn, when plowed or disced under and spring seeded small grains for 1936 only including spring oats, barley, buckwheat, and grain mixtures, grown in combination with or immediately followed by a legume. Previously these crops had been classed as soil depleting.

"The other new provision permits soil building payments to be made in connection with the seeding of perennial grasses, or growing green manure crops, within the limit of the soil building allowance for the farm, on land on which there has been failure of a legume of perennial grass crop seeded earlier in the year.

"For example, a producer who seeded a field to lespedeza or clover on which there was a failure may carry out an additional practice by seeding alfalfa or turning under a green manure crop on the same field in August or September and receive payment for both practices, within the limit of the soil building allowance."

Mrs. Emily Chappell Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Emily Anne Chappell, 93, widow of the late Thomas F. Chappell, died at her home in the Hunters Fork section of the county, early Tuesday morning. Funeral services took place at the Hunters Fork Church, with the Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth White, pastor of the Up River Friends Church, officiating, and burial took place Wednesday afternoon in the family burying ground near the home.

Surviving Mrs. Chappell are six daughters, Mrs. David F. White and Mrs. James Davis, both of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Edward Carey, of Media, Pa.; Miss Sarah Elizabeth Chappell and Mrs. R. O. Chappell, of Tyner; and Mrs. R. C. Howitt, of Elizabeth City; and one son, Jesse E. Chappell, of Tyner.

JOINT HOSTESSES ENTERTAIN LADIES OF CHAPANOKE CLUB

Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mrs. Roy Pierce and Miss Lillian Bright were joint hostesses, at the home of the former, to the ladies of the Chapanoke Home Demonstration Club on Tuesday afternoon.

The President, Miss Mildred Lewis, presided, and a very interesting program was rendered. Thirty-three members were present.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the program.

SHERMAN MARCH REMEMBERED BY UNCLE THOMPSON

Former Slave Recalls Seeing Soldiers In Greensboro

NOW ON RELIEF

Figures Age By "The Big Snow" In 1857; Now 91

He saw General Sherman's army, on its famous march to the sea, and he remembers well how the soldiers looked as they marched through the City of Greensboro, where he lived. He saw Governor Zebulon B. Vance, heard him make speeches before he was elected Governor.

Uncle Thompson Cunningham, 91 years old now and a resident of Perquimans for nearly seventy years, was a slave, owned by Milton Cunningham, of Guilford County.

No record was kept of Uncle Thompson's age, but he reckons it from "The Big Snow," which came in the year 1857. Everybody has heard of "The Big Snow," when fences were covered and the roads were not discernible and snow lay on the ground for many weeks. No other snow like that has ever fallen since. They say there were chinquapin trees in this section until that year when they were killed by the long cold spell. All the old folks referred to "The Big Snow" as the great event of that time. Few indeed remember it.

Uncle Thompson says his master died that year, in January, and then all but about half a dozen of the 75 slaves on the plantation were hired out; that is, all who were twelve years old. He lacked six months being twelve, he says, but he was hired out with the rest, living in the City of Greensboro for several years.

It was during that period that he saw Governor Vance and other Southern celebrities, and it was also during that period that he saw General Sherman's army on its famous march.

When Thompson was taken sick he was sent back to his "Old Mistress." "I fared good," said Uncle Thompson, reminiscently, "all my white folks treated me good." Asked if he had ever been whipped, he replied only once, and the man was drunk who whipped him.

Continuing, Uncle Thompson said, "Old Mistress come out and told us we were free." "It was April, I remember," he said, "and she said we could all go now, she said we were free. But we didn't leave. We stayed right on there just as long as Old Mistress farmed."

Uncle Thompson can read and write. He was taught to read by one of the men to whom he was hired, he said. "Yes, I got as fas as Baker." It will be remembered that the old "Blue Back Speller" was the book from which they learned to read on those days. "As far as Baker" was a frequent expression of the old folks and marked a definite period in the course of study.

Uncle Thompson came to Perquimans with forty other Guilford County Negroes to work on the farm of the late Thomas Skinner in Harveys Neck, in the year 1870. He never went back. He married Annie Skinner, who belonged to the Skinner family, and she has spent her entire life in the neighborhood, only leaving the county twice in her life. She went on an excursion to Norfolk "when the railroad was first built." This was in the year 1882. Once afterwards she went to Washington County to visit.

At ninety-one Uncle Thompson gets around remarkably well, but he is feeble and he is blind in one eye. His only son, who was his main support, died last year. Uncle Thompson came to town on Tuesday to get the two dollars monthly allowance which the county provides. Sometimes he gets something to eat from the relief office.

Elizabeth Darden In Radio Broadcast

In addition to the many exciting experiences of Elizabeth, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden, who accompanied her parents and her sister to the Texas Centennial, at Dallas, this summer, she had the thrill of taking part in a radio broadcast. It was at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where the Dardens stopped over for a visit to the family of Mrs. Darden's sister, Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, that Elizabeth played a piano solo as a part of a special radio program.

CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOL THIS MONTH

State School Commission Notified By Superintendent F. T. Johnson That All Is In Readiness

The contract to build the consolidated school at Winfall will probably be let the latter part of the month, as Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson, following a meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, notified the State School Commission that all was in readiness for the letting of the contract. Bids are to be advertised this week.

The deed for the land on which the school will be built was filed for record this week. The site, located on the east side of the highway between Hertford and Winfall, consists of ten acres of land, formerly a portion of the A. R. Winslow estate, and was purchased from Mrs. Cornelia Jessup.

Trial Continued By Negro's Confession

When the trial of Lloyd Felton, colored youth charged with larceny, was begun in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, the defendant plead guilty and in his confession accused Percy Davis, also colored, of participation in the theft of meat from Percy Stewart. A bench warrant was issued for Percy Davis and the trial of Overton was continued until next Tuesday.

Herbert Stewart, colored, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to 6 months on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon good behavior for two years and payment of the court costs.

J. Frank Miller, who plead guilty to the charge of reckless driving, was taxed with the court costs.

John A. Felton, colored, plead guilty to the charge of operating a car with insufficient brakes. Felton's driving license was suspended for four months and he was taxed with the costs of the court.

Baptists Meet In Hertford Sunday

According to George W. Lassiter, associational chairman, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Hertford Baptist Church, there will be held the monthly meeting of the Chowan Sunday School Convention and with it the Executive Promotion Committee of the Chowan Association, which consists of all the pastors, and one layman appointed from each church.

The speakers will be mostly for the Sunday School work, but one will direct and explain the promotion stewardship revival for the association.

Every member of the committee, and one representative from each Sunday School is urged to attend.

Mrs. Cartwright Dies In E. City Hospital

Mrs. Mary Gibson Cartwright, widow of the late William Cartwright, of this county, died in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Cartwright, who had been sick for several weeks, was carried to the hospital on Monday. Mrs. Cartwright's death is the second to occur in her immediate family within ten days. A son, LeRoy, died on Sunday, July 26.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Cartwright at Berea Disciples Church, in this county, on Thursday afternoon and interment took place in the churchyard beside her son.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, of the New Hope section, two daughters and one son.

Independent Will Be Issued As Daily Paper

A morning daily paper is shortly to make its appearance in the Albemarle. Announcement was made in edit, edited by W. O. Saunders, that last week's edition of The Independent will enter the daily field with a morning newspaper carrying full telegraphic news reports and planned to give the Elizabeth City territory a better news coverage.

"The Daily Independent will not be inclined toward personal journalism," according to the announcement, "personal journalism is for weeklies, not dailies."

It is further stated that the weekly edition of The Independent will be continued, and the personality of its distinguished editor preserved in its columns.

Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Darden and their daughter, Florence, are at Nags Head for a couple of weeks.

PERQUIMANS TAX RATE INCREASED OVER LAST YEAR

Increased Budget Calls For \$1.60 On Hundred Dollars

OLD RATE \$1.40

Property Valuation In County Higher By \$132,000

The tax rate of Perquimans County was fixed at \$1.60 by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday. This represents an increase of 20 cents over the rate last year, which was \$1.40.

The valuation of taxable property in Perquimans is set this year at \$5,287,864.00, whereas last year the valuation was \$5,155,000.00, an increase of \$132,000.00 being shown in this year's valuation, in spite of the fact that there was an estimated loss in taxes due to the live stock exemption this year of approximately half a million dollars.

The necessity to pay ten thousand dollars on the principal of the bonded indebtedness of the county, as well as that of erecting a school building at Winfall, was the chief cause of the increase in the tax rate.

In addition to this, the amount to take care of the County's portion of the expense of a home demonstration agent, and a welfare officer had to be provided.

Sixty Guests Attend Wood Family Reunion

Sixty guests attended the family reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood, at Woodland, on Sunday.

Tables were arranged on the tree shaded lawn and the dinner, which was served cafeteria style, consisted of all the reasonable good things which Perquimans County folks know how to provide.

Seven children of the couple were present, twenty-nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, in addition to other relatives.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Britt and children, Alvin, Carl, Helen, Skinner, Julian, and Bettie Lou Sutton, all of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Spivey and children, Catherine, John Edgar, Joe Seth and Donald, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Keaton and children, Ruby, Maude, Eloise and Bob of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mathews, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benton and children, Lloyd and Barbara Ann, of Old Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews and son, of Burgess; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher and son, Bobby, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood and children, Sallie B., John Elmer and George, of Woodland; Mrs. Eddie Goodman, Miss Laura Wood Goodman and Mrs. Haywood Umphlett, of New Hope; Mrs. Phillip Jackson and children, Phillip Hoggard, June and Jean, of New Hope; Mrs. J. V. Halsey and daughter, Jeannette, of Hertford; Mrs. Carrie Lee Ward, of Burgess; Mrs. George Mason; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wood and son, Bobby, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott and children, Leon, Billy, Raymond, Norwood, Carlton and Bobby, of Chapanoke.

Boy Critically Ill After Fall From Tree

Falling from a tree-top to which he had climbed at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baccus, in the Hurdletown section of Perquimans, Lindsey, nine, was seriously injured late Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. I. A. Ward, who was summoned from Hertford, found the child in such condition that he had him carried at once to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. Thursday morning it was reported at the hospital that his injuries included a fracture of the skull and a fractured arm, and that his condition was critical.

HONORED AT DINNER PARTY

Mrs. W. C. Winslow, of Greensboro, who is visiting here, was guest of honor at a delightful dinner party given on Friday evening by Mrs. F. T. Clarke at her home on Market Street.

Mrs. Clarke's guests, in addition to the honoree, were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. K. E. Newbold, Mrs. R. T. White, and Miss Emma Miller, of Portsmouth, Va.