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The Record Shows

In our opinion the suit started in Federal Court to halt construction of a union school for Negroes in this county was the most ill-advised action taken by any group of citizens in the history of this county.

It is not our purpose to argue the merits of the case, but because we strongly believe that the plaintiffs in this suit are being used as tools by other individuals, who so doubt the wisdom of the action that they will not publicly announce themselves, we want to point out some facts on the whole situation.

Racial relations in Perquimans County have always been on the highest plane, and it is our sincerest hope that they shall always remain so, but when people start squabbling among themselves, anything can happen and incidents such as this suit can be a start of strained relations that can lead to even greater misunderstandings. Let's hope this is not the case.

Like any law suit, this one concerning the construction of the union school has a number of discrepancies and for the enlightenment of both white and Negroes we give some pertinent facts as shown by the record:

For a long number of years, to our personal knowledge, the Board of Education of this county, has had worked out, a program calling for the consolidation of white and Negro schools; but due to lack of funds, since this county is among the debtor counties of the state, plans for this program, calling for equal advancement of both white and Negro schools, were shelved and it was not until this year when \$355,000 was made available from State and local funds was it possible for the Board of Education to take steps to bring this program into being.

This program was divided into five projects, first of which called for the building of the Negro school at Winfall and the second for the construction of the vocational building at the Perquimans High School. Because of disagreement between patrons of Negro schools the first project was delayed and the second project completed first, despite the fact that contracts with architects in charge of the two projects were made the same day. Costs of these two projects consumed all funds available; the union school costing \$241,000, the vocational building \$113,999, and immediately the Board of Education instigated action to provide additional funds through a special bond election. If passed, two-third of the amount raised through the sale of bonds was to be earmarked for Negro schools.

To our way of thinking the record shows that the Board of Education has been and is making every effort to provide Negro children of this county with adequate and equal facilities.

Furthermore, the record shows that the 1950 school population of this county was divided as follows, Negro, 1,279, or 54 per cent; white, 1,053, or 46 per cent; school attendance was white elementary, 95 per cent; Negro elementary, 92 per cent; white high school, 98 per cent; Negro high school, 91 per cent. The Negro schools, likewise, have a larger staff of teachers than white schools, with Negro teachers numbering 40, while white schools have but 34. As to the ability of the teachers, a number of the Negro teachers are among the highest salaried teachers in this county.

Now let's look at the question of school buses. The record shows the white schools are using 16 buses, or 69 per cent of those in the county and the Negro schools use 7 buses, or 31 per cent. With the consolidation program carried out, and the abandonment of all neighborhood Negro schools even more buses will be used to transport the Negro children to and from the consolidated schools.

A reading of the blue prints, being used in the construction of the school at Winfall will reveal to anyone that with completion of this building the students of this school will have identical courses as those offered in any school in the county.

Because we feel that a majority of the Negro school patrons of this county are not in sympathy with the action taken by these few, it is our

hope that this matter will be quickly settled and all groups will join to work together for the betterment of the county and all of its people.

BURGESS W. M. U. MEETS

The Burgess W. M. U. met Monday night with Mrs. Meador Harrell at her home at Winfall.

The meeting was opened by singing "To the Works" followed by the watchword. Mrs. Rueben Stallings led in prayer. Eighteen members and 2 visitors were present. The roll was called and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and dues collected.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Sidney Copeland and Mrs. Edgar Riddick was elected. A report was made by community missions leader. Announcement of a special stewardship program, to be given at Burgess Church Friday night, was made by Mrs. J. R. Byerly.

Mrs. Charlie Swain conducted an interesting program on "Can You Read the Bible," as follows—Hymn, "Work For the Night is Coming," devotional, by Mrs. Sidney Copeland, readings, by Mrs. Winston Lane, Mrs. J. B. Basnight and Mrs. Joseph Ayscue, Hymn, "Walking in the Sunlight," readings by Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. J. B. Perry, Mrs. William Stallings, Mrs. J. R. Byerly and Mrs. J. R. Ayscue, Hymn, "There's A Call Ringing," closing prayer by Mrs. Rueben Stallings.

The hostess served nuts, candy, home-made pound-cake and ice cream, with lead drinks.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of William H. Barber, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 6th day of September, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 6th day of September, 1950. LAURA M. BARBER, Administratrix of William H. Barber. Sept 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct 6, 13

NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 18th day of August, 1949, by W. L. Bagley and wife, Mary Elizabeth Bagley, to Chas. E. Johnson, trustee, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, North Carolina, in M. D. Book 26, page 147, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, the undersigned trustee will on the 30th day of September, 1950, at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., at the court house door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Those certain parcels of land and improvements thereon situated in the Town of Winfall, Perquimans County, North Carolina, bounded on the north by Main Street or State Highway leading from Belvidere, on the east by "White Street", on the south by Alton Moore, and on west by Grizzie Moore, and being lots 3, 4, and 5 in section "B" on plat recorded in Plat Book No. 2, page 74, Public Registry of Perquimans County, N. C.

A cash deposit of 10% will be required of the successful bidder. Dated and posted this 26th day of August, 1950.

CHARLES E. JOHNSON, Trustee. sept 8, 15, 22, 29

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

By virtue of the authority conferred by the owners, the undersigned will, on the 2nd day of October, 1950, at 11:30 A. M., at the Court House door of Perquimans County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, those two certain farms known as the "Alphonso White property", in Parkville Township, Perquimans County, N. C., bounded and described as follows, viz: First Farm:

First Tract, adjoining the lands of Nathan Ward's heirs and H. S. Eley on the east, John W. Delany on the north, the right-of-way of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, and the Parkville Road, better known as the Two Mile Desert Road, on the west, and

by the northerly, or back line, of those lots of land situated on the northerly side of the road leading from Winfall to Woodville, said lots extending from the Norfolk & Southern Railroad right-of-way to the corner of the Boswell Fork Road, and the northerly side of the V. E. P. Co., sub-station, on the south, and being a portion of that property described in deed book W. W., page 82, Public Registry of Perquimans County.

Second Tract, bounded by the lands of Alphonso White, the Eley land, now owned by Geo. Miller, and the Road leading from Winfall to Boswell Fork, containing 7 acres more or less, and known as the Sarah Scuff land. For chain of title see deed book 12, page 451, Public Registry of Perquimans County, N. C. Second Farm:

First Tract, adjoining the lands of J. L. Skinner, Francis Nixon's heirs and others, bounded as follows: on the west of Vosses Check and containing 212 1/2 acres more or less, see deed recorded in Book YY, No. 69, and deed from Dr. Jos. Parker to A. J. Brite from J. N. Whedbee, and for a more particular description of said land see deed from White's heirs to Joa. M. Cox and James Perry. For chain of title see deed book 1, page 186, Public Registry of Perquimans County, N. C.

Second Tract, beginning at the Mill Flume Bridge in the road, thence along road south 45 degrees east 52 chains to a pine in A. White's line, thence south 58 degrees west along A. White's line to Mill Pond, thence the Mill Pond to first Station, containing 43 7/10 acres. For chain of title see deed book 9, page 10, Public Registry of Perquimans County, N. C.

The right to reject any or all bids received is hereby reserved by the seller.

Dated and posted this 12th day of September, 1950. ELIJAH WHITE

By: CHAS. E. JOHNSON, Attorney. sept 22, 29

Personal To Women With Nagging Backache

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