

Day of Miracles Not Ended For Blind, It Seems

Sister Of Sparta Man In Charge Of Clinic For Blind, At Which 18 Persons Were Treated

(Mrs. Edna W. Johnson, of Greensboro, medical social worker with the State Commission for the Blind, who is mentioned in the article reprinted below from the May 24 issue of The Raleigh News and Observer as being in charge of the recent clinic for the blind, is a sister of J. K. Wagoner, Sparta.—Editor)

Miracles do happen. The most wonderful things come when they are least expected. Even sight can be restored to eyes long dark.

Ask any of the happy men and women whose eyes were treated last week at the School for the Blind by doctors provided by the State Commission for the Blind. They will tell you. They will say, "Once we were blind but now we see. Could anything more wonderful have happened to us?"

Take, for instance, the case of Mrs. A. C. McPhatter, of Bolton, who humbly thanks God because "He's made men wise enough to restore health through His power." Tears come to her once unseeing eyes as she speaks of being able to see her two children again after six years of almost total blindness, and to look from her window in the infirmary at the School for the Blind and see the green of God's trees in their spring freshness.

Mrs. McPhatter is one of 18 who received treatment at the third of the clinics conducted last week by the Commission for the

NOTICE OF RESALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK

North Carolina, Alleghany County.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Plaintiff

vs. G. L. Spurlin, et al, Defendants Under and by virtue of power vested in me as Commissioner in the above entitled matter, I will offer for sale at public auction, under order of resale in the above entitled matter, at the Court House door in Sparta on the 12th day of June, 1936, at 11:00 A. M., the following described lands:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 162 1/2 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the waters of Glade Creek, in Gap Civil Township, County of Alleghany, State of North Carolina, having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by L. E. Edwards, Surveyor, 9th Dec. 1924, and being bounded on the North by the lands of David Crouse and Wiley Edwards, on the East by John Edwards and C. W. Thompson, on the South by Lonnie Brooks and Hort Woodruff and on the West by the lands of Henry Longbottom. This being the same tract of land heretofore conveyed to said Gwyn L. Spurlin by John M. Richardson and wife, by deed, dated May 14, 1904, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alleghany County, in Book "R," page 249; by deed from Dock Edwards and wife, dated Dec. 24, 1924, recorded in said register of Deeds office in said County in Book 34, Page 131, and by deed from Emeline Spurlin, dated Dec. 29, 1924, and registered in said Register of Deeds office in Book 34, Page 132.

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R. F. CROUSE, Commissioner

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FOR DIGESTION'S SAKE — SMOKE CAMELS



KELLY PETILLO (above), Speed King, says: "Camels stimulate my digestion." Camels encourage the flow of digestive fluids... increase alkalinity.

CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS

The first was held last November, soon after the establishment of the commission, and the second in January. In addition to the white patients treated at the School for the Blind, five Negroes received medical care at St. Agnes Hospital.

Going into Counties Another clinic will be held in July, and next fall the commission plans to conduct a State-wide diagnostic clinic, with visits to each county to determine what can be done for its blind. Before the creation of the commission, there was no agency to do this work, no provision for restoring the sight of the blind through State aid.

Mrs. Edna W. Johnson, medical social worker with the commission for the Blind, was in charge of the group at the infirmary made happy by the work of the State, which employed Dr. V. M. Hicks and Dr. F. P. Powers, Raleigh specialists, to perform the operations.

"You ought to have seen them when they came in here," Mrs. Johnson said. "They were groping about, discouraged, unable to walk alone. But look at them now. They are the happiest people I've ever seen."

Mrs. Johnson, who had a day and a night nurse working under her, led the way to the oldest patient in the infirmary—76-year-old John F. Young, of Farmville. "He's a fine patient," she said, "one of the best we have."

Young's eyes were still bandaged to protect them from the light following an operation to remove a cataract. He lay perfectly still, as all patients are required to do for five days after the treatment.

"I didn't know I was going blind until seven or eight years ago," Young said, "when I was out squirreling with Ap Mewborn—everybody knows Ap. When I looked down the sights I found out that for the first time I couldn't see the squirrel."

But now he says that even with the bandages over his eyes, he can see more light with the one eye on which they operated than he could before with his eyes open to the day.

Then Mrs. Johnson led to the youngest patient in the infirmary—five-year-old Bobby Peel, of Hamlet, who had one eye removed to prevent infection of the other. Last Thanksgiving a knife was accidentally jabbed into one of his eyes. To prevent sympathetic ophthalmia—the infection of the good eye by the injured one—the operation was performed. But Bobby didn't quite understand and was afraid his visitor was a doctor. He called for his mother, Mrs. H. R. Peel, to return to his bedside and stay near him. His good eye had been affected by the other and he is still very nearsighted, though it is hoped full vision will return.

As Mrs. Johnson left the room, she explained that the Commission for the Blind plans to educate the public in the necessity for immediate treatment in case of injury, even of the slightest nature, to one or both of the eyes.

Mrs. McPhatter was chatting with Mrs. Helen Hatten, of Scotland Neck, who likewise had an operation last week. Mrs. Hatten's one eye—the other had already been removed—was still bandaged, but she said that nevertheless she was able to see a glimmer. "If God will just answer my prayers and give me eyesight enough so I won't have to be led about, I'll be thankful," she said fervently.

"I haven't seen the favor of my two children in two years," said Mrs. McPhatter, who during that time has seen only shadows. "My first thought when they took my bandages off and I could see again was to praise the Lord. My next thought was about my children—I'll see them again."

A group of men were sitting nearby. There was George Carpenter, for whom it was the third—and successful—trip to the clinic. The first two returned sight to his right eye, but still there was something wrong with his left eye—his vision was double. But now that's wholly corrected.



OMAR, W. Va. ... Edith Bradshaw (above), traveled out to California and there won the title of the National Farm Bureau's fairest farmerette at the International Exposition at San Diego.

and he has his old job waiting for him back in his home town, Mount Airy.

Carpenter was wearing the thick glasses necessary for vision after the lens have been removed from the eyes. Without glasses the patients are able to see, but a "glimmer" covers everything. The others in the group said they could see well with Carpenter's glasses, which had passed from person to person around the circle, to see if such a miracle as new sight had really happened.

Lloyd Smith, of Surry county, another member of the chatting group, was so helped by the first clinic he attended in January that he was able to plant corn this spring. He said his new vision was priceless, and Carpenter agreed. "I wouldn't take a thousand dollars for it," he said. "Money can't buy sight."

Smith, who was blind six years in his right eye and for three years in his left eye, said his vision gradually faded. Carpenter pointed out that his case was different. "Mine went almost all of a sudden," he said. "I was driving along one day and thought there was a mist on the windshield—it was early in the morning. But when I tried to wipe off the mist it didn't do any good. Then I thought it was my glasses with mist on them, but it didn't do any good to wipe them, either."

The others in the group were E. C. Ayscue, of Vance county, now able to see with one eye after three years of blindness; James McFarlane, of Raleigh, who, with sight returned through an operation, can now fill his office as secretary of the local International Association of Machinists; J. H. Cozart, of Lenoir, who even through a thick bandage can see more light than he could before an operation was performed on one of his blind eyes; Gene Mason, of Wilson, whose left eye was removed to save the other from sympathetic ophthalmia; and Luther Wilkerson, of Fuquay Springs, who had ptosis—drooping of the eyelid—so much that he was unable to see out of one eye—but his lid no longer droops and in the brief intervals when bandages are changed, he has learned that he can see again with the affected eye. None of them could have had the treatments if the State had not provided them.

There are three children whose eyes have been corrected for strabismus. Their faces beamed with the prospect of being like children with eyes not crossed.

Then there are others from over whose eyes bandages have not been removed. Patiently, they await the time when the thick wads of cotton and gauze will be taken off and they will see again if, as they fervently hope, the operations prove successful.

Perfectly still they lie, afraid that if they move they will disturb the delicate structure of their eyes. "If we feel like we want to move," one of them said, "we just think that if we lie still we may be able to see again, and then we lie stiller than ever."

Twin Oaks

Sparta P. O., June 1.—Harvey and Bower Irwin, Stratford, spent Saturday night in Winston-Salem with their brother, Charlie, who has just completed a business course at Draughn's and has accepted a position at Mayodan.

Mr. Snelson, who was operated on in an Asheville hospital for appendicitis last week, is reported to be getting along nicely. Mrs. Stella York, who has spent two weeks with her daughters in Winston-Salem, returned home Sunday.

Miss Elsie York has sufficiently recovered from an operation to enable her to return to the home of her mother, Mrs. Stella York, at Twin Oaks. She will be here for several days to receive any friends who may wish to call on her.

Miss Ruby York, who is employed in Winston-Salem, is spending a few days with relatives here.

At Zion

Piney Creek P. O., June 1.—Edison Fields, who has been in school at Elkin for some time, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fields.

Paul Allen, of Wilkesboro, was in this community recently.

John Grubb, of Nathan's Creek, visited his sister, Mrs. Elbert Asher, last week.

Vesta Pugh is spending some time with relatives in Hudson. Eula Parsons visited Mozelle Blevins Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh and daughter, Logene, and Mrs. Belle Blevins were shopping in Sparta Saturday.

Harley and Francis Ross, of Scottville, spent Wednesday with Thomas Smith.

Mrs. Cordie Cox and son, Dean, were visitors in the home of Tom LaRue recently.

Mrs. J. F. Shepherd was shopping in Sparta recently. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleary announce the recent birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clinton Halsey, Sparta, were visitors in the home of J. T. Landreth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh and Miss Ethel Pugh spent Sunday with Mrs. P. C. Edwards, Topia.

Mrs. Hallie Douglas, of Piney Creek, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pugh. Mrs. Paul Fields and daughters, Beulah Maude and Grace, visited Mrs. Mary Cox recently.

Velma Pugh, of Topia, visited Mrs. T. E. Pugh recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Cox Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Cox visited Mrs. J. F. Shepherd and Mrs. W. R. Jones Sunday.

Miss Madge Jones is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones. She has accepted a position in Boone and will begin work soon.

Carl Hampton and sons, Reid and Chap, of Stratford, were in this community recently.

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Brazil is said to be negotiating agreements with Germany and Italy without according this country "most-favored-nations" treatment. Australia is said to have applied discriminatory tariff rates against certain American goods. Particularly disturbing is the situation in North China, where the Japanese are charged with encouraging smuggling of goods into China and with practically prohibiting the Chinese government from collecting duties. This means in effect, that the trades of other nations, being forced to pay duties in China, will be unable to compete with the Japanese and will therefore lose the Chinese market. Just exactly what steps will be taken by other nations in regard to the smuggling traffic in North China, are uncertain but it is said that the recent agreement of the United States to buy silver from China is calculated to put pressure on Japan and that the probability is that Great Britain will also take action to halt the smuggling operation.

FIVE-TO-FOUR DECISION

Another five to four decision of the Supreme Court has voided the Municipal Bankruptcy Act, under which Congress two years ago authorized political sub-divisions of States to readjust their indebtedness in Federal courts. The majority held that the law invaded the rights of the States but Justices Cardozo, Brandeis, and Stone, and Chief Justice Hughes agreed that the statute had been framed with "serious regard to the structure of the Federal system."

TO APPOINT LIBERALS

By this time, it is apparent that a majority of the Court is adamant in its opposition to New Deal legislation, although three Justices have expressed their approval in twenty-two dissenting opinions. This means that there will probably be no effort to amend the Constitution. The Administration, looking at the adverse decisions as temporary obstacles, will press toward its objectives. Meanwhile, the President will fill expected vacancies in the Court with jurists holding views in accord with the "liberal" Justices. Two appointments would thus provide the majority necessary to sanction most of the upset legislation.

As a result of the Guffey decision, all thought of little NRA's in basic industries will be abandoned for the present and the activities of the National Labor Relations Board greatly restricted. Heretofore, the N. L. R. B. has assumed that companies with large interstate trade were under Federal law against unfair labor practices but the Court has made it plain that labor relations in manufac-

turing are outside the jurisdiction of Congress. The social security program is not immediately affected.

During the last month several incidents have happened tending to bring into prominence the Far East and possibilities to affect the relations of the United States and Japan. About three weeks ago, the United States called to the attention of the Japanese Government large smuggling operations from Manchuria into northern China. About a week later, upon the heels of news telling of Japan, these troop movements south of the Great Wall, the State Department reiterated its faith in anti-war treaties and observed that it expected other nations to observe them. Shortly thereafter, the Treasury's silver purchase program brought aid to the weakened Chinese currency system and made it unnecessary for the Chinese Government to accept aid from Japan. Then the President boosted the tariff on cotton textile goods affecting Japanese shipments to this country. So far, there has been no counter-movement from Japan.

With thousands of extra employees working night and day, the Government is racing to pay the bonus to approximately 4,000,000 surviving veterans just as soon after June 15th as possible. Few citizens have the faintest idea of the enormous amount of work necessary in handling the three and a half million applications, involving more than three million loans on certificates and the preparation of individual letters to the veterans, each containing the

proper number of \$50 bonds and a check for the balance due. These will be sent by registered mail and distributed through 45,000 postoffices.

SPENDING BONUS CHECKS

More than 37,000,000 bonds will be dispatched, and as they draw 3 per cent interest, some veterans will hold them until maturity, but most of the veterans will turn them into cash. To do this, the bonds must be taken to the local postmaster, who will forward to the nearest of 236 designated paying centers. By return mail will come a check for the full amount and a government check that can probably be cashed anywhere. On June 10th, Postmaster-General Farley will speak over a nation-wide radio hook-up to explain to veterans the payment plan and tell them what they will have to do for identification.

Undoubtedly, the relief problem is the major issue facing the American people. Unemployment has persisted in the face of un-

deniable improvement in business generally. There are some fears that it will be a permanent burden on the Government for number of years, and others maintain that it will be gradually lifted as the country readjusts social and economic structure.

IS IT TO BE PERMANENT?

Whether the policy of aid to the unemployed has been wisely administered is a question upon which political passions will dispute, but that some form of relief is to be continued regardless of the Party in power is hardly disputed. Moreover, general assumption is that serious disorders have been averted because the governments of the Union have made substantial contributions to it in need. To some families have taken advantage of the situation, that there have been some mistakes made and that no scheme works perfectly, is the patent observation regard to an inescapable situation.

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