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PIQUANT MEMORIES RECALL BELOVED TYRRELL TEACHER

By BLANCHE W. COHOON COLUMBIA—Since teachers and schools are paramount in the news, both at the state and local level—it brings forth recollection of one who taught in Columbia High School about the year 1915, whom I shall venture to say is most remembered by his students, and who could have—had school been then as now—caused much outside controversy as to his effectiveness as a teacher.

He was E. W. F. Cooke, Judge Cooke's son as he proudly pointed out on introduction, and who never failed to remind students of the parental honored name.

His roly-poly figure, standing about 5'6", carrying around some 225 lbs. of weight, and his ill-fitting clothes just made up the colorful character that he was. His balding sandy hair and reddish complexion seemed to frame a hint of a smile and a keen sense of humor.

Under him drawing, as we knew it, became ART, and artistic expression. When off-work his crayon or brush, which was closest at hand, began to create lovely pictures, even when drawn on the rough paper of a thick five-cent tablet. Peering over his shoulder stood children so entranced they even forgot that it was playtime—recess—and breathlessly awaited his next stroke to see what would come up next.

During school hours, he would place lemons on the pot-bellied heater for roasting. When they became hot enough, streams of juice most time would spurt in the eye of the nearest student, resulting in a chuckle from Cooke, and a mouth watering of the students as he munched on the lemons at class time.

For whispering his method of handling was effective. He took time out from his teachings to call the two engrossed in the secret conversation forward and require them to speak aloud what they were saying in private. Some of the disturbers became speechless, while others brought titters from the 40 odd number in the room. The lesson was learned however, for after two or three times up front in the beginning, whispering didn't bother Professor Cooke too much.

One incident of punishment stands out in memory. Three smaller boys were sent from a lower room to the principal. If recollection serves right, they were Edward Cahoon, Sidney McMullan and Samuel Bateman. These boys had tied themselves together with a single rope from which hung a cow bell. Smiling, Mr. Cooke said "I have heard of 'belling buzzards' but never boys". Untying the rope, he gave each a 'peach tree' switch, and told them to whip each other. Have often thought that probably was the worst punishment they had ever endured.

Possibly to test patience or reactions, he had a habit of leaning back in a swivel chair; placing his feet up on the front row seat of the

MRS. MARTHA L. REYNOLDS

COLUMBIA—Funeral Services for Mrs. Martha Louise Reynolds 78, who died at her home on Route One, at 8:15 Saturday night were held Monday at the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, of which she was a member, Monday, afternoon at 2:30 by Elder A. L. McKinney. Interment was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by five sons: William W. Reynolds, Earl and Calvin all of Columbia, Bennie of Creswell and Isaac Reynolds of Chapel Hill; two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Cahoon of Route two and Mrs. Murriel Hassell of Route One Columbia; two brothers: Jerry L. Swain and J. Phillip Swain of Route One; One sister Mrs. Ida Reynolds of Creswell; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

GUM NECK PERSONALS

Mrs. C. D. Workman and family visited in Engelhard, Barco and Coinjock.

Mrs. John Eason and son of Newport News spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weatherly.

Bobby Smith and Jack Combs of Norfolk were home with their parents for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sawyer and family of Norfolk visited here the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weatherly and family of Hickory spent the week end here.

Mrs. M. V. Cohoon, Mrs. B. G. Alexander and Kay Snell spent Friday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Everton of Norfolk spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Combs visited in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Godwin and family of Conn. are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Godwin.

Miss Nina Swindell of Edenton was here this week.

Mr. Nattie Smith, Mrs. Annie Williams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Annie Phelps, Delton Everton and son Lee all of Norfolk were here the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Snell and family spent Sunday in Manteo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smithson spent the week end in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Beulah Rose of Florida visited relatives here.

Steve Meekins of Elizabeth City visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Naomi Fulcher and children of Washington spent last week here with her mother, Mrs. M. V. Cohoon.

Miss Carol Combs has returned home from serving as page in the State Legislature Sunday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cohoon spent Sunday in Bailey.

Boys from here attending Boy Scout Camp at Camp Charles are: Mike Cohoon, Hal Cohoon and Allen Basnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and family of Buckroe Beach visited here the week end.

Mrs. Rudy Davenport and family of Portsmouth are visiting Mrs. Leona Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Barefield, Mrs. Ex Payne went to Norfolk Monday to visit Horace Barefield, in a Norfolk hospital after an ac-

cident Sunday on a dredge boat in Alligator River.

Terry Patrick of Elizabeth City visited his grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patrick of Elizabeth City visited here Sunday.

double-seat-slat desks, and refusing to move them, even when he had called on one of the young ladies in the room to fetch some object requiring her to step over his feet. Many disapproving frowns were the result, but the girls dared not to protest.

Boxes of chocolate candy, during class hours, throughout the year were consumed by the professor, who seemed to enjoy the longing look from us for just a nibble. Yet—with all this seemingly unethical behavior, we learned more English, History—next to art, his favorite—grammar and arithmetic from him than any we had the privilege and the occasion to be under.

Spelling he stressed too. He had us spell the word, define it and use in a sentence. In those days when school let out at 4 o'clock, the spelling matches were the last lesson of the day. Some sentences brought a roar of laughter from the students, which he allowed, and joined in. The one causing me the most embarrassment, but with teaching effect was with the word 'circulate'. Having spelled the word, defined it as 'moving about from place to place, the laughter provoking sentence was "I circulated on the train".

Fond memories of Professor Cooke have been, even though he told me after one of my reactions—a timid soul that I was. "That it was a mean person who cried when he was angry", and too he made me, with another, sing before the class something about "A Derby Hat" when I'd rather die than do it.

His theories have stuck with me, and have wondered about him many times—"A Salute to Him"—the best teacher I ever had.

COLUMBIA PERSONALS

Miss Dora Dean Owens of Norfolk was home with her father last week end.

Calvin Harrell of Norfolk spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harrell.

Chip Jones and Jay McClees are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Alexander at Currituck.

Jimmie Morris of Norfolk is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morris G. Pritchitt.

William R. West of Burlington visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart R. West last week end.

Mrs. Rose Frazier of Detroit, Michigan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Simmons. She was met in Norfolk by Mrs. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Everett and sons, Terry and Tommie have returned from a sight-seeing tour of Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon and Luray Caverns.

Mrs. Lem A. Cohoon left Tuesday for Charlotte to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lamb.

Mrs. Lola Norman Cooper of Newport News, spent the week end visiting relatives Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cohoon, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norman and Mrs. Sadie Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Swain and daughter, Susanne of Landis spent the week end with Mr. Swain's mother, Mrs. Mart Swain. Mrs. Swain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Snipes accompanied them.

Oscar Cumbia, Jr., the vocational instructor in Columbia High School for the past two years is leaving to work near Durham.

Mrs. Russell M. Everett and Miss Pat Everton spent the week end at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Alexander and children, Geraldine and Benjie of Norfolk spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Simmons and Miss Claeta Ainsley of Hopewell, Va. spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hoid C. Ainsley.

Miss Pat Everton left Tuesday to work in Raleigh. Mrs. R. M. Everton left Tuesday for vacation in Norfolk.

Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse attended the Postmaster's State Convention in New Bern, and was accompanied home by Mrs. Rosaline Neary of Northome, Minn.

Miss Juliet Cain of White Oak, Miss Nancy Riggsby of Durham were week end guests of Miss Gail Cohoon.

Leroy Singleton of Plymouth spent Sunday in Columbia.

John P. Alexander of Norfolk and Clarence R. Chaplin of Norfolk spent the week end at their homes here.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Shaw have returned from Fayetteville, after visiting his father who has been ill.

Ripened peach plums about the size of a golf ball grown by J. Ben Davenport, were shown in Co-

lumbia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bateman attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Jean Ray Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robbins to Dale Curtis Hoak of Elkhart, Indiana, at Ruffin, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hoak will make their home at Fayetteville, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dale Hoak and son, Robert of Elkhart, Indiana are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Pinner and son, Hal of Norfolk spent the week end with Mr. Pinner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinner.

Mrs. Lucy Felton Godwin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Godwin, Jr.

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THE WORLD OF WOOD Pilot Forest for Tomorrow's Trees. MARKETS MADE BY PUTTING WOODLANDS OF A COUNTY INTO PEAK PRODUCTION. USUALLY MEANS AS MUCH TO THAT COUNTY'S ECONOMY AS A NEW INDUSTRY! FROM VIRGINIA TO TEXAS, MORE THAN 90 PILOT FORESTS HAVE BEEN SET UP BY MEMBER MILLS OF THE SOUTHERN PULPWOOD CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION! DEMONSTRATION FORESTS ARE PERMANENT AND CONTINUING GUIDES TO PROFITABLE TREE GROWING!

THREE NEGROES BREAK JAIL IN COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA — Three Negro prisoners broke from the Tyrrell County jail Sunday night through a 15 inch square hole picked by them in the outer second story west wall.

The men Robert Konce, Cecil James Simmons, migratory workers during potato digging season and Harry Thomas Rowsom, local man, were tried, and convicted in Recorders Court Saturday morning for larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny and for several highway violations. Four of the highway charges lodged against Simmons were for those occurred during 1958, and he was sentenced to 12 months. The others were sentenced to six months, suspended on payment of fines in each count and costs. With their failure to produce bond they were put in the jail.

The discovery of their escape was made at 11 p.m. by Patrolman J. H. Withers and Police Chief J. L. Poston when they noticed that the 1940 Buick car, bearing 1956 N. J. License plates, which had been taken from the prisoners and parked at the Town Hall was missing. A check of the jail revealed the escape opening, and all three men gone.

Poston said no instrument used to pick the hole in the wall was found and he had learned that the car had been missing since 9 p.m., giving the get-away car about two hours start before the State Highway Patrol was alerted and that they must be working intermittently all day Sunday, and waited for darkness to push it through.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF "THE BANK OF MANTEO" OF MANTEO IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 10, 1959. ASSETS: 1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection \$ 640,634.59. 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 210,000.00. 3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions.. 106,000.00. 4. Other bonds, notes and debentures 409,781.25. 5. Loans and discounts 706,188.70. 6. Bank premises owned \$32,768.39, furniture and fixtures \$9,687.29 42,455.68. 7. Real estate owned other than bank premises..... 2,985.01. 8. Other assets 10,638.27. 9. TOTAL ASSETS \$2,127,678.50. LIABILITIES: 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 1,082,587.02. 14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 540,013.29. 15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 7,745.09. 16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions..... 259,130.95. 17. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) 8,807.58. 18. TOTAL DEPOSITS \$1,898,283.93. 19. Other liabilities 31,818.20. 20. TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,930,102.13. CAPITAL ACCOUNTS: 21. Capital* 50,000.00. 22. Surplus 65,000.00. 23. Undivided profits 82,576.37. 24. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 197,576.37. 25. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$2,127,678.50. *This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$50,000.00. Total deposits to the credit of the State of North Carolina or any official thereof \$78,713.96.

MEMORANDA: 31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 260,000.00. I, W. R. Pearce, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: W. R. Pearce, Cashier. H. A. Creef, Frank B. Turner, Huldah B. Turner, Directors. State of North Carolina, County of Dare, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day June, 1959 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires February 19, 1960. Dorris Alford Fry, Notary Public.

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