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SHE'S A WONDER

Blind and Deaf Girl Develops Wonderful Sense of Touch and Smell.

Reading the wireless telephone by the sense of touch is the new accomplishment of Willetta Huggins, age 16 the blind and deaf girl of Janesville, Wis. By placing her fingers on the diaphragm of the receiver, she gets the vibration of the human voice and is able to understand. She has been blind and deaf for three years. Without instruction, she has developed in that time an uncanny sense of touch that seems, in a measure, to take the place of her lost faculties.

During September, 1921, the girl discovered that by placing her finger upon the diaphragm of a telephone receiver she could read conversation. She has always had the faculty of speech. With this discovery she soon learned that she could conduct a telephone conversation almost as well as any normal child of her age. But Willetta Huggins' sense of touch was to be given a new thrill. The girl was brought to Madison, Wis., on last November 3, to visit Governor John J. Blaine. She was taken to a news-service office to ascertain if she could read the wireless telephone and a score of persons, including Maj. E. A. Fitzpatrick, secretary of the State Board of Education; Mrs. J. T. Hooper, superintendent of the blind school at Janesville; J. G. Crownhart, newspaper correspondent and wireless operator, and a score of others were asked to be present.

Arrangements were made with Prof. E. M. Terry, head of the department of physics at the University of Wisconsin, and Malcom P. Hansen, wireless operator, to send the girl a message by radio telephone. No one in the room knew what the message would be. To the amazement of the audience, the blind and deaf girl with her fingers in the two receivers was able to read this message:

"My dear Miss Huggins: I am glad to have the privilege of addressing such a remarkable girl by radio telephone. Never before have science and wonderfully developed human sense together effected such a transmission of intelligence. Goodbye. Good luck. —Malcom P. Hansen, Wireless Operator."

"He calls me 'dear Miss Huggins,'" declared the girl as the message was started and she laughed about it as if it were a slight embarrassment to be so familiarly addressed by a stranger.

When the message had first been received, Mr. Hansen repeated it, fearing that the girl had not received it the first time it was transmitted.

"He is repeating it," said Miss Huggins. "I know what he said the first time."

When the repetition of the message had been completed, after coaxing by Mrs. Hooper, she told the people present, almost word for word, what the operator had sent her.

But a still more striking demonstration of her senses of touch was to be given. After the message had been completed by the use of the regular telephone, it was transmitted to the receiving office and typewritten. Half an hour later, after many other experiments had been tried with the girl, successfully—the telling of colors by the sense of smell, and the denunciation of numerals on them—she was handed the typewritten sheet and asked if there was a message on it. She ran her hands over the typewritten wording.

"Oh! This is the same message they sent me from the university," she exclaimed.

"Willetta Huggins is a wonder," said Superintendent J. T. Hooper. "Not herself, but what she may teach to the educational world may be more wonderful than education alone. With defective sight and defective hearing, two imperfect avenues of approach to the brain, she was dull, stolid, discontented, and made no progress whatever in intellectual development. Even the work with her hands was much inferior to what it is now. When those two imperfect avenues of approach were cut off and she was forced to use the most perfect avenue of all—the sense of touch—she immediately became interested, happy, intelligent, and made very rapid progress both with her head and hands. The question arises in my mind if we are not attacking the educational problem from the wrong angle. Should not every child be made perfect in so far as possible by the physician, the nurse, and social work before being sent to the educator?" —Popular Mechanics.

MAY FACE FIRING SQUAD

Said To Have Confessed to Train Robbery in Utah.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Clyde Timmons, who according to the police, has confessed holding up a train on the Oregon Short Line Railroad near Salt Lake City, last August, may be sent back to Utah for trial and face a possible firing squad. The police were considering this move tonight after an announcement by United States Commissioner Mason that Utah statutes provide the death penalty for train robbers.

Timmons with his cousin, kidnapped Mrs. James J. Callahan, wife of the former manager of the White Sox club, and other members of an automobile party Wednesday night. After a chase Clyde Timmons was captured and Earl Timmons, the cousin, was shot and killed by a policeman. The former then confessed, according to the police, that he had participated in the Utah train robbery.

Timmons was partly identified as the bandit who last Tuesday night boarded a Baltimore and Ohio flyer as it was leaving the city and escaped after robbing several passengers.

SHOOTING IS APPROVED

Marine Postal Guard Upheld By Washington Authorities.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Approval has been given by the Postoffice Department to the report submitted by Cary W. Mays, the Marine postal guard who shot and wounded two college students near Denmark, S. C., last Saturday after they refused to leave the train on which he was stationed. Mays in his report said that in firing on the two men he was carrying out the orders he had received when assigned to the duty of guarding mails. He added that until the train arrived at the next station he did not know that the men had been struck by his shots.

Statements from postal clerks on the train declared that the men had been put off several times, but persistently returned and finally installed themselves between two mail cars ignoring warnings to leave.

Taxpayers to Meet

A call numerously signed by taxpayers of Kershaw county for a mass meeting to be held at the court house in Camden Thursday, January 5th, 1922, at eleven o'clock, has been issued setting forth that the "question of taxation is a vital one, and as the legislature will convene shortly we deem it advisable that a mass meeting be held in the court house in Camden, Thursday, January 5th, 1922, to discuss the tax problem and also the question of issuing bonds. The representatives and county commissioners are invited to attend this meeting."

It is urged that every taxpayer who can attend this meeting do so. Its purpose as we understand it is to have a friendly discussion with regard to taxes with a view of affording some relief from high rates now prevailing. Come to the meeting on the 5th.

Arrivals at the Court Inn.

The Court Inn has quite a number of guests down for the winter. Among those who have registered so far will be found Commander Geo H. Read, U. S. N.; Fred L. Coes, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Meserole, Miss M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bogart, Miss Beatrice Bogart, Miss Isabelle Lawrence, Mrs. H. W. Castler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitney Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Clark, H. B. Cornell, Gerard H. Cox, Gerard H. Cox, Jr., Carlton N. Aborn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Nisbit, Wm. B. Nisbit, Jr., Edward B. Nisbit, Miss S. F. Heath, Miss M. H. Meder, all of New York City; Mrs. J. B. Milton, Buffalo; Mrs. A. Sharp Hunter, Utica, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tins, Catskill, N. Y.; Miss H. Elizabeth Snow, Miss M. Nahrung, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huddleton, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Boston, Mass.; Mr. J. L. Terhune Mattowan, N. J.; Mrs. Sol Smith Russell, Schenectady, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erben, Radnor, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hopkins Smith, Falmouth, Maine; Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Mead, Great Barrington, Mass.; Mrs. Charles W. McKelvey, Delano McKelvey, Oyster Bay, N. Y.; Marcus H. Dall, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Garland, Wilmington, Del.; Judge and Mrs. William I. Shaffer, Chester, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richards, Portland, Maine.

Miss Sara Wade, of Augusta, Ga., was a visitor here for the holiday season and was a guest at the home of Mrs. H. L. Watkins.

NEWS OF WATEREE

Old And Young Take Part In Series of Entertainments During Holidays

The Christmas tree was in every way a success. The exercises were not only well planned, but were well executed. There were about three hundred presents delivered to the happy crowd that were assembled. Santa Claus seemed partial to the very young and the very old, giving first 235 presents to those from infancy up to and including the twelve-year-olds of both sexes. He then skipped over to the Grandmothers and Grandfathers, and made them feel young again by giving to each one of them a present. There were several in between these classes that were also remembered. Miss Annie K. Thompson, who helped very materially to make it the success it was, received a nice work basket. The Sunday School tipped old Santa off. I think he seemed to know just who had helped set up those trees and trained those boys and girls, for he remembered each of them and as a result of his thoughtfulness the following were recipients of his bounty: Messrs. J. E. Robinson, superintendent, J. F. Hopkins, assistant superintendent, Misses Helen Williams, pianist, Lottie Barnes teacher, Mary Barnes, Neely Robinson, the Pastor and several others.

We are already looking forward to the 25th of December, 1922.

Mr. Lewis Anderson was among the first to begin the celebration of Christmas, getting up about 4 a. m., he proceeded to shoot sky-rockets up the chimney. For further particulars see his son Grover.

Mr. Wesley Davis and C. R. Smith were the champion marksmen at the shooting match on Monday.

Mr. Ralph Barnes had the misfortune of having his automobile stolen a few nights ago. He parked in front of the Majestic Theatre and when he came out his machine was gone.

Miss Helen Phelps is spending some time in Florida. Here's hoping she has a good time.

We did not see a single man trying to celebrate by being full of whiskey, and we rejoice for we believe we are making progress forward and helping to hasten the coming of His Kingdom.

Mr. Paine Mr. Hallett Mr. R. I. Hallett, Mr. Robinson and Will Sanders enjoyed a hunt in Belmont Wednesday.

The oyster supper at the Club House Saturday, December 17th, for the overseers and Section men was a most delightful affair and a success in every way. Fifty plates were set and the tables were very appropriately decorated with holly and mistletoe.

A large birthday cake was presented to Mr. Hallett as it was his birthday. Following the supper cigars were passed around and with Mr. Hallett as toastmaster short talks were made by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Lewis Anderson, Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Hallett's father, Mr. R. I. Hallett, who was there as a guest. During the evening music was furnished by a six piece orchestra. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the ladies who helped make the affair so successful.

We are glad to see the scarlet fever quarantine lifted from Rev. Furcra's house. The children are now all well and out again.

Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of LeRoy Belk Post of the American Legion will be held at the office of the Williams Insurance Agency at 6:30 p. m., Friday January 6th. This is a most important meeting, and every member should make it his business to be there, and urge every other member to come.

R. M. Kennedy, Jr., Commander.

"The Super-Slacker."

Seattle, Wash.—Jealous of the "honors" bestowed on Grover C. Bergdoll, a man describing himself as P. E. Saylor, Genesee, Ida., is seeking official recognition of his self imposed title of "super-slacker of the United States." He has written Gov. Hart, Washington, asking that his name be placed at the top of the slacker list.

By moving from city to city and changing his name, the man declares he laughed at the draft. By purchasing a soldier's discharge and war medals, he adds, he has enjoyed all the glory of an A. E. F. hero. "You ought to hear me tell the girls about the battles I was in," he writes. Federal agents and American Legion men of the West are searching for him, to bestow additional honors.

CHRISTMAS AT HERMITAGE

Mill People Had a Great Holiday With Pleasant Features.

The celebration of the Christmas festivities began in the Hermitage Village on Friday afternoon, the 23rd of December with the closing of the mill at 4:30 o'clock.

At eight o'clock, Friday evening the Christmas tree given by the Mill to the people of the village brought together a large and very enthusiastic crowd in the church. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Hatfield, after which an interesting program was rendered by children from four years of age and including the older girls and boys. The droll recitations and songs were all delightfully given, and showed careful training and earnest efforts.

At the close of the program, Mr. W. T. Mattox announced to the crowd that as was customary at Christmas time a visit from Santa Claus might be expected. The hearts of the little ones were satisfied when "real true Santa Claus" with fun and merriment passed down the aisle and stood beside the tree, which stood weighted down with its glistening decorations and loads of lovely presents. There were many gifts placed on the tree by mutual friends. There was fruit candy and nuts for every family in the village. A present for each of the Sunday School scholars, and gold pins for each of the thirty babies in our midst. Mr. R. B. Pitts, the popular president of the Hermitage Mill was given a useful and substantial leather golf bag by the Overseers and office force of the mill, and Mr. Pitts graciously expressed his appreciation of their gift.

After prayer by Rev. Williams the exercises closed and all present declared this to be one of the best Christmas celebrations ever given in the village. The Christmas tree and church were tastefully decorated by Miss Simpson, Mesdames N. C. Arnett, J. D. Player, Will Loveless and others.

On Saturday evening at the Club House a Christmas tree was given by the club boys and club girls to each other. The graceful cedar tree, with its sparkling decorations of tinsel and fruit, gleamed with the light of many candles and was "a thing of beauty." Mr. Garson Lipsay, the president of the boys' club gave an interesting and appropriate talk on the happy event celebrated, and Miss Bessie Crolley, for the club girls, said a few well chosen words of welcome to the crowd gathered with them. Miss Kate Gardner read amusing original verses on each of the club boys telling real scrapes that each had gotten into, and which they thought would never come to light.

The presents given out by Messrs. Garson Lipsay, Archie Morris and Lonnie Munn were numerous and beautiful. All of the club members received gifts and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Arnett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Player were presented with handsome boxes of Columbia roses, given them by the club members. Fruits, candies and nuts were abundantly served by the club girls during the evening.

Miss Mary Simpson is spending the holidays at her home at Leslie.

Miss Nancy Jeter is at her home in Carlisle for a week.

Miss Dessie McLendon of Columbia is a guest here for the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Player, Mrs. Will Loveless, and Mr. Burns were in Columbia Friday.

On Monday, the 26th, Messrs. Welch, Floyd and others gave a fish fry about two miles up the pond and in spite of the cold day, about a hundred people gathered together for a jolly good time and to enjoy the feast of fish so well cooked by Messrs. Dodgin and Morris. The occasion proved very pleasant and all thanked the ones who gave and served the fish, corn-bread and coffee.

The mill resumed work on Tuesday morning, all feeling that the holiday season had been a time of much pleasure, and every heart was thrilled anew with, "Peace on earth, Good will to men."

Famous Marionettes To Be Seen Here.

Coming January 31st, Tony Sarg's Marionettes will give a matinee and evening performance for the benefit of the Camden Hospital. There are no Marionettes in America comparable to the Marionettes of Tony Sarg. Eye in Europe, where puppets are an older and riper pleasure of the theatre, experience and inquiry discover hardly any match to them. Watch and wait for particulars.

Miss Rhetta Nelson, of Columbia, is the guest of Miss Agnes Shannon.

SELLING WATER FOR BOOZE

White Men Serving Sixty Days On Sumter Chain Gang.

The following from the Sumter Herald may be of interest to some young fellows in Camden who just before Christmas are said to have parted with some perfectly good money in a trade for what they thought was a case of whiskey which afterwards turned out to be water, and the birds got away before the fraud was detected. The men mentioned below may be the same who played their game in Camden. The story from the Herald is as follows:

The police force of Sumter had a peculiar case Saturday, which has resulted in two young men hailing from Jacksonville, Fla., being put on the chain gang. The police had reason to think the two men who gave their names as Jack Russell and S. J. Kennedy, were selling contraband, and they were arrested and a case of stuff found in their possession. Kennedy stated that the police could not pull them for the stuff in the bottles which were labeled properly was not whiskey but was water. That they were on their way to Lanes where they are going to play a practical joke on some friends. The police found that the bottles contained water but upon further investigation also found that this case of water had been sold for whiskey, and also that they had a bottle of real whiskey with them bearing the same brand. They were tried and convicted on two counts, and will help the county chain gang in their work for 60 days.

White Men Put on Chain Gang.

Jack Russell, S. J. Kennedy and Frank E. Hill, three white men sentenced by the city court to terms at hard labor, are now wearing the stripes and shackles and are being regularly exercised in what work they are able to do on the public works of the county. Their names of Kennedy and Russell are easily connected with the bootleggers fraudulent scheme attempted in the city of Sumter only a few days ago, and for the two whiskey charges to which they both plead guilty when on trial in the city court they were each given a sixty day sentence.

Frank Hill is serving a thirty day sentence as a result of his conviction on a drunk and disorderly charge.

The precedent of working white men on the Sumter county chain gang has now been established with the putting to work of this trio. So far no provision had been made for working of white convicts. The men sleep in the county jail each night and the work done by them in the day time serves as a good health measure and toward keeping the men in good condition. Frank Hill has done time before on a gang in Florence county so the experience is not new with him.—Sumter Watchman.

Grace Church Services.

The Rev. Thomas P. Noe, Chaplain of the Church Home Orphanage at York, S. C., will conduct services in Grace Episcopal church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and preach.

There will be no early celebration of the Holy Communion but the Celebration will be at the 11 o'clock service.

The Rector Rev. F. H. Harding, who is in Baltimore, expects to return for services the following Sunday, but there will be no week day services until he returns.

All are cordially invited to services in Grace Church.

Pardons and Paroles.

Governor Cooper on Sunday granted executive clemency to thirty-one inmates of the penitentiary and chain gangs of the state. Among the number was that of J. F. Yarborough, convicted of grand larceny in Kershaw county last month and sentenced to serve six months and pay a fine of \$500, paroled upon the payment of the fine of \$500.

Operator Killed at Branchville.

Branchville, Dec. 27.—Monday night about 11:30 o'clock H. H. Cauthen of Fort Motte fell in a large hole about 10 or 12 feet deep on the side of the Southern railway track between the coal chute and water tank. Mr. Cauthen was working third "trick" operator here and went down to get some water from the flowing well. It is supposed that he walked into the hole in the dark.

This hole was dug a few weeks ago for the purpose of putting in a reserve water tank in the ground. The negro who worked on the chute heard Mr. Cauthen when he fell in and went to his assistance quickly but when they got him out he was dead.

He had several bruises across the nose and forehead. Supposition is that he was stunned or knocked unconscious when he fell in.

JOHN R. DINKINS DEAD.

Was a Well Known and Large Planter of West Waterlee Section.

Mr. John R. Dinkins, one of the best known men of the West Waterlee section of the county, died Tuesday of this week following a very short illness. Mr. Dinkins had been up and over his farm Tuesday morning when he came in about midday and laid down for a rest. All of the family was away at the time and a neighbor who dropped in for a few minutes noticed that Mr. Dinkins was feeling unwell and he was in the act of summoning medical assistance when the end came, before any of his family arrived. The cause of his death is supposed to have been heart failure. He was in Camden Saturday and apparently in good health.

Mr. Dinkins was a large planter of his section and owned one of the largest farms in one body in the county. He was well liked and highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Janie Watts, and seven children also survive. He had one sister Mrs. R. J. McIntyre, who resides in that section. He was about sixty years of age.

The funeral and interment occurred at Smyrna church near his home on Wednesday.

WAR TAX COMES OFF

Great Savings To People Who Use The Railroads

On January 1, 1922, passengers and shippers will realize a very substantial reduction in the amount paid for freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax on transportation effective on this date.

Under the provisions of the revenue law it is estimated that the elimination of this tax will result in a saving to passengers and shippers using the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of approximately \$2,200,000.00 annually. This estimate covers a saving to passengers of \$1,100,000.00 and to shippers of freight of \$1,100,000.00 based on freight and passenger revenues for the current year.

Instructions have been issued to agents and others concerned providing that no tax on freight or passenger transportation furnished on or after January 1, 1922, will be charged. Tickets for transportation may be purchased at any time during the remainder of the present year without the payment of any tax provided the transportation service is not performed until 1922.

The assessing and collection of this transportation tax for the Government has required each railroad to act as a Government tax collector and to make a strict accounting for all the money collected and turned over to the Government. No benefit whatever has accrued to the railroad companies from the collection of this tax.

Marriages.

Married on Sunday last December 25th, by Notary Public W. F. Russell, Mr. T. J. Lewis and Miss Mary Munn, both of Camden.

Mr. David Edward Baxley, a popular and esteemed young man of Bethune, S. C., and Miss Lola Huntley, a most estimable young lady of charming personality, of Angelus, S. C., were married in the parlor of the DeKalb Hotel in Camden on Wednesday afternoon last by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell. After the ceremony the young couple left immediately for Bethune where they will be at home to their friends.

On Sunday afternoon, December the 18th, 1921, at four o'clock, Miss Bessie Magnolia Hatfield became the bride of Mr. Oscar Rush Horton. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride. Rev. S. B. Hatfield, father of the bride officiating. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

Great Editor Dead.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 22.—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists, and former publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, died at a hotel early today. He was here on his annual winter visit. He had been ill six weeks, but death was unexpected.

Mr. Watterson died peacefully, retaining consciousness almost to the end and conversing during the last half hour with his wife, son and daughter. Death was due to heart failure, superinduced by lung congestion. He will be buried in Kentucky.

Miss Leta Reynolds, of Greenville, is the guest of Miss Elsie Zemp.