

LEES KEEP HILTON BOY

The Court Decides His Mother Not Best Custodian For Him

The Lees keep the custody of the Hilton boy by decree of the circuit court.

Its mother may visit it occasionally, and if and when her present marriage proves fortuitous, she may again ask for her young son, but not right now, the decree says, but she may not try to get the child within two years from now.

It was 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, when Judge Dennis announced his decision in the habeas corpus case of Mrs. Virginia Hertford, now of West Point, N. Y., against B. M. Lee and his wife of Fort Mill township, for Richmond Hobson Hilton, the little son of the late commander of the Palmetto division of the American Legion whose wife Mrs. Hertford once was.

He said he had written out his decision and opinion in long hand, but had not yet edited it and had it typed but would file it in the court records by the first of this week. It was filed yesterday.

"I have concluded that at this time it is not for the best interests of the child for the mother to take it," was the first sentence of the decision of Judge Dennis from the bench. He went on:

"Somebody said he hoped that his enemy would write a book, but in this case, it should refer to writing letters. I have read the letters in this case, and I came near coming to a conclusion right there. But after hearing the strong speech of Mr. Hildebrand, I read them again.

"When I found that this woman lived in adultery with another man while she was Hilton's wife, and during that time wrote letters so abusive of her husband, in one of them calling him a ***** I was reinforced in my conclusion."

"I want to say something for her, that nobody can question, and that is, that she loves the man she has married since and loves the child. But I can't think she is in position now to take the care of the child." Later in his decision, Judge Dennis said:

"Mrs. Hertford has affidavits substantiating that she is a perfect lady, from persons at West Point, but in her own hand she has written letters that, if they show a perfect lady, God help our womanhood!" Continuing his reasons for giving the Lees the custody of the child, the court said:

"This does not take the child away from her, because she has not had it for years. One phase of the matter that worried me is the strained relations between Mrs. Hertford and the Lees, although previously they seem to have been very affectionate.

"I shall not put anything in my order to keep her from applying for the custody of this child, whenever her home life and conditions justifies it. My order will provide that she may visit it.

"It is very distasteful to me to have to deal with other people's children, and generally we have all we can do to attend to our own, but I have

Donald Barnes Has Good School Record

Clemson College, Dec. 15.—News of unusual success of a Kershaw county boy will be of interest to his friends is given out. The Clemson College chapter of the Blue Key organization, has recently given membership to Donald Barnes, a graduate of the Camden high school in the class of 1930, and now a senior at Clemson where he will be graduated in textiles next June. This honor group is limited in membership to those men possessing unusual and superior qualities of leadership ability and who have exercised this ability in their activities.

Young Barnes is president of the Phi Psi, a national textile honorary fraternity whose membership is based upon high scholastic grades. He was one of the honor juniors to gain membership in this organization last year. He also holds membership in Sigma Epsilon, a social fraternity of which he has been a member since his sophomore year.

Donald has been both corporal and sergeant during his sophomore and junior years, respectively. His present military position is that of captain, in command of the band. He has been a band master since his first year at Clemson. His unusual musical ability has given him a position in the Jungaleer Orchestra for three years. This orchestra is Clemson's best. The members have made quite a reputation for themselves and for the school throughout the state. Young Barnes was also a member of the R. O. T. C., band and orchestra last summer at the annual R. O. T. C. encampment.

He is a member of both the regimental baseball and volley ball teams. He is also the managing editor of the Tiger, the cadet weekly paper.

Given this case my best consideration and judgment to reach this conclusion.

"So, the custody of the child will remain in the Lees for the present, as for the best interests of the child."

It was after Judge Dennis had concluded, and some intervening business of trying to set cases for trial had been disposed of, that Attorney Thomas F. McDow moved toward the bench to ask what the written opinion would say about the fitness of the Lees to bring up a child.

This was an echo of the terrific barrage of oratory Attorney McDow had laid down in the court room during arguments in the case. But the effect on Judge Dennis was indicated by his reply to the question in open court:

"I would not have given them the custody, had I not thought so." Then he added, seemingly a suggestion by contraries, that he had tried to word his opinion as gently as possible for Mrs. Hertford, under all the circumstances and record and letters in the case.

Nothing was said in open court about an appeal, which naturally would await the filing of the written decision and order of the court, but Attorney McDow has been very emphatic, since the case was submitted that if Mrs. Hertford was not given the boy, he would appeal to the supreme court.

That would be rather costly, and certainly a long drawn out proceeding, leading to a decision of the supreme court sometime next year, with the Lees keeping the boy meanwhile, and whether Mrs. Hertford will take an appeal is not of record here now.

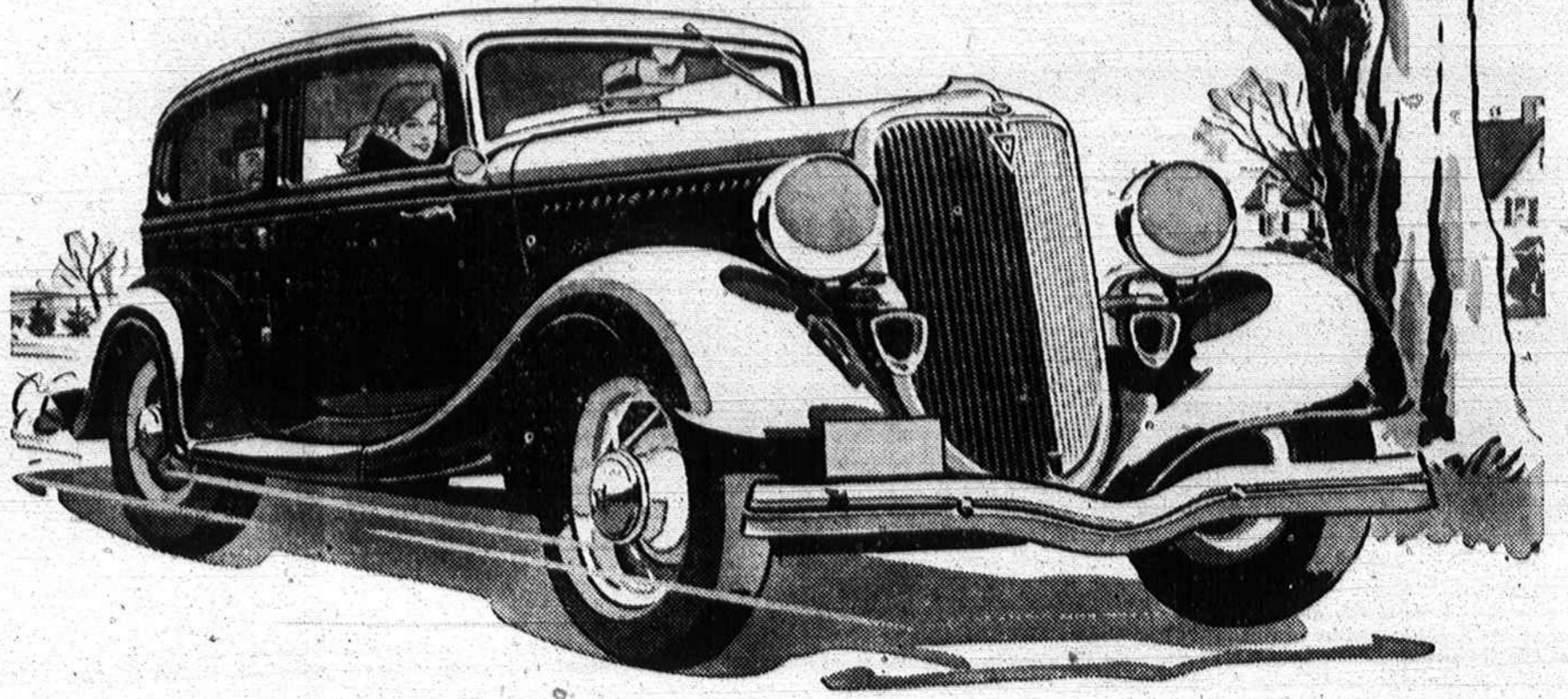
This was one of the most difficult cases for a judge to decide that ever came before a chancellor in this state. The law gives the child to the mother, unless its best interests are better conserved by giving it to another person for rearing, on account of the character, or ability, of the mother being below par sufficiently to warrant taking it from her.

"That question was not involved in this proceeding, although I think the money was a strong pull with the respondent," who is Mrs. Hertford, is a sentence in the written decree on a phase not mentioned by Judge Dennis on the bench. It followed a statement of fact, that the child is the beneficiary of \$8,000 of life insurance on its father who was drowned.

"The mother's present husband seems to be using proper assets," the written decree also says, but it is not clear that they will continue to do so, but another phase of the question. I think it would not be well to give her the custody of the child, H. H. Lee, Jr."

At the time Mrs. Hertford was taken into custody in the care of people who have had him since he was 11 months old, to whom he is devoted, and who are devoted to him. He is well cared for and is being properly brought up. It seems to me it would not be wise to turn him over to the respondent (Mrs. Hertford) to take him out of the jurisdiction of this court, at the time when the court is convinced that respondent has been guilty of all the conduct above re-

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Business on Upgrade Says Chevrolet Man

Business prospects, both local and national, are decidedly on the mend, in the opinion of D. M. Mays, local Chevrolet dealer who has just returned from Detroit, where he and other dealers from this section "pre-viewed" the new 1934 Chevrolet, soon to be announced.

Mr. Mays spent an entire day at the General Motors proving ground. There W. E. Holler, general sales manager of Chevrolet, presented the new line of cars, outlined plans and policies for the coming year, and gave every dealer present an opportunity not only to inspect each model but also to put it through its paces on the rugged hills, rough roads and 1-1/2 mile speed track which the proving ground provides.

"With cars like these new Chevrolets to sell, I'm enthusiastic about business prospects for next year," said Mr. Mays. "I went up there expecting a lot, for of course General Motors' 'knee-acting' front wheels had already been announced, with the promise that they would revolutionize the experience of riding and driving."

"I found this literally true. They told us to give her the works," to put the cars at 50 and 60, over bumps and ruts, and ordinarily take in seconds, and you, or better yet, avoid altogether. The absence of jolts, jars or shocks is simply beyond description; it must be experienced to be believed. Yet "knee-acting" is only one of a dozen major features embodied in the new Chevrolet.

"Every dealer I talked to is anxiously awaiting the public announcement, and is not at this time a fit or suitable person to have the custody of this child."

Charlotte Thompson News

"The Nativity," a beautiful Christmas Pageant, will be presented this coming Sunday at 7:30 at Beulah church by members of the congregation. All are cordially invited to be present.

The Sunday school at Mt. Olivet church will present a Christmas program and enjoy a Christmas tree on this Saturday evening at 7:30. Santa Claus has promised to be there and to see all members of the Sunday school, so don't disappoint him.

Mr. James Seagle, Presbyterian College is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seagle. James has the outstanding honor of being president of the Junior Class. Last year he was voted by his fellow students the most "likable" boy in school. The community is proud to own him.

The school holidays commenced Tuesday and will conclude at 8:15 Wednesday morning, January 3. We sincerely wish for big and little, old and young, a very merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year!

Rotary Club Notes

Rev. J. B. Coston was assigned Thursday's Rotary program but due to illness was unable to attend the meeting. However, his guest speaker, Toy T. Gregory, of Lancaster, was present and made a splendid talk on "Cooperation." He told of the great experiment now being made by President Roosevelt and said that everyone should cooperate in putting it over, for should it fail, no one knows what will follow. He said that there was three kinds of depressions—political, economical and spiritual or religious—and that the present depression had some of all three mixed in it, and that the day of individual leadership in town, counties, state and national was needed, and

a leadership that does not seek material things only but one of good citizenship as well. Mr. Gregory is one of South Carolina's promising young men, being a graduate of West Point and the Harvard Law School, and now a member of the general assembly, representing Lancaster county.

All former Rotarians are expected to attend the Rotary meeting on Thursday, December 28, and the program will be turned over to them. All visiting Rotarians in Camden are also expected. At this meeting the prize for the best program put on in 1933 will be awarded.

The following week the program will be in charge of R. B. Pitts. Mr. Ball, who recently took charge of the management of the Court Inn was introduced and made a short talk.

Karl P. Abbott was welcomed back in the club after an absence since spring. He also made a short talk.

Senator David A. Reed, Republican of Pennsylvania, declared himself ready to back President Roosevelt to the limit in any move to stabilize the dollar.

ANNUAL MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Camden Loan and Realty Company, Camden, S. C., will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 9, 1934, in the Directors room of the First National Bank at 5 o'clock.

S. W. VanLANDINGHAM, Secretary

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Camden, S. C., will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 9, 1934, in the Directors room at 4 o'clock.

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