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QUEEN ANNES JUDGE TO HELP UNRAVEL CAROLINE SCHOOL TANGLE

School Which Was Closed by School Board Has Been Reopened by Patrons. A Teacher Employed.

Judge P. B. Hopper, of Centreville, and Judge William H. Adkins, of Easton, left yesterday for Denton to hear testimony in one of the most unique school tangles ever recorded in the history of the Eastern Shore. The litigation has been in progress since last September and has consisted of a series of proceedings and counter proceedings between the residents of the Seventh District of Caroline county and the School Board of that county.

At the beginning of the school year the Board did not open Furman's Grove, the only rural school left in the Seventh district after last year's consolidations, but instead provided a wagon route to carry the pupils to Ridgely. Henry W. Benson, one of the patrons, through I. A. Goldsborough, his attorney, petitioned the Circuit Court for a mandamus to compel the Board to open the school, which had been in operation 25 years and had an average attendance of 20 last year. The court dismissed the petition. Judges Constable, Adkins and Hopper stating that it did not appear that redress had been sought from the State Board of Education, that the petitioner was entitled to relief and if relief was denied by the State Board it would then be proper to apply for the writ of mandamus.

Appealing to the State Board a hearing was given petitioner Nov. 10 at which Commissioner Seward, Superintendent Schaff and the attorneys were present. [illegible] the new consolidation law to be mandatory, and not discretionary, in its requirement as to obtaining patrons' consent in the case specified, and directing the School Board to fix the boundaries of Furman's Grove district, establish the yearly average attendance and if it proved to be 12 or more open the school and follow the provisions of the consolidation.

After the action of the State Board another petition for a mandamus was filed by Mr. Goldsborough, he taking the position that the question was not one of school districts, but of schools, and that in any view the boundaries of Furman's Grove are fixed as those of other schools in Caroline county, that after twenty seven years the patronage had long been fixed, established, and that to allow the School Commissioners to fix the boundaries in their discretion practically nullified the law. The Circuit Court took Mr. Goldsborough's view and issued the usual order.

A demurrer to this petition was argued before the court at Centreville and overruled, the School Board claiming in matters affecting administration of the public schools the State Board of Education, it was contended, is the final determining body. Then the School Board answered the petition to which a demurrer was also filed and argument had before the court at Easton Wednesday night when the attorneys were present. [illegible] was sustained [illegible] the demurrer was [illegible] [illegible] that the amended [illegible] passed at A[illegible] a phase had been given [illegible] Furman [illegible] patrons [illegible] [illegible] average [illegible] [illegible] average [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]