McCONNELL WINS JURY'S VERDICT IN LIBEL CASE

Jury Out Almost An Hour in Returning a Decision Favorable to the Davidson Faculty Member.

Dr. J. W. McConnell, of the Davidson college faculty, won the jury's verdict Tuesday in superior court here in a $12,500 libel suit preferred against him by Loan Archey after a two days' legal battle before Judge Nat A. Townsend. Archey asked damages upon the claim that letters from the Davidson man to citizens of Concord, charging him with stealing a dog, had injured his reputation and his earning power.

Appearing as counsel for Dr. McConnell were the law firms of Hartsell and Hartsell, H. S. Williams and Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte. The plaintiff was represented by Armfield, Sherrin and Barnhardt.

The suit for libel by Archey was based on several letters to men of this city from the defendant, following the disappearance of the dog from his home in Davidson on October 19, 1926. These letters were introduced into court by counsel for the plaintiff and read before the jury.

These, they charged, were of such a nature as to materially hurt the reputation of the plaintiff as well as to cause him much mental suffering. In taking the stand on his own behalf, Archey told how he had lost a position following the receiving of the letters in this city and how certain young men of the city had tormented him unmercifully by audibly barking when he passed them.

Counsel for the defense proved that in none of the letters had Dr. McConnell actually called the plaintiff a thief, that they were written solely for the sake of getting back the dog and not to damage, in any way, Archey's reputation. The defendant, in his testimony, declared that he had not meant to damage the plaintiff, that his sole purpose in writing the letters was to get his dog again and that he had only mentioned Archey because he was said to have resembled the person seen taking the dog away.

The jury's verdict was received after they had been out almost an hour following the forty-five minute charge by Judge Townsend, who briefly sketched the evidence in the case and urged the members of the jury to make their decision according to their own recollections and interpretations of what they had heard.

Deeds Recorded Here Tuesday.

The following deeds of real estate transfers in the county were recorded Tuesday at the office of the register of deeds in the court house:

S. N. Garmond to M. A. Hamilton, for $25, one lot in Block A of Midland, Cabarrus county.

W. B. Love to M. A. Hamilton, for $125, property in Midland.

C. G. Sechler to Cabarrus Lumber and Supply Company, for $100 and other valuable considerations, two lots in block A of Teetertown, Kannapolis.

G. F. Rogers to Cabarrus Lumber and Supply Company, for $10 and other valuable considerations, property in number 4 township.

Missionary Society To Meet.

The Woman's Misionary Society of Trinity Reformed Church will meet this evening at 7:30 at the church. All members are urged to came and bring thank offering box.

Guild Meeting.

The Girls' Missionary Guild of Trinity Reformed Church will meet this evening at 7:30 with Misses Evelyn and Helen Goodman on Georgia Avenue.

REACH COMPROMISE IN SUIT OF MOOSE VERSUS PEMBERTON

Defendant Pays $2,500 and Costs in Settling $15,000 Suit.—Other Cases Tried Monday.

A compromise was reached Monday in the Superior Court case of J. O. Moose, administrator of the estate of M. B. Moore, plaintiff, against Dr. W. D. Pemberton, defendant, when the latter agreed to pay the sum of $2500 in full discharge of his liability for, and on account of the matters alleged in the dispute.

The court issued judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the above mentioned sum and decreed that the defendant pay also for the cost of the action.

This compromise ended a suit for $15,000 and costs against Dr. Pemberton for bodily injuries alleged to have resulted in the death of M. B. Moore following an automobile accident at the corner of Corbin and South Union Streets on December 31, 1926.

A judgment of $700 and the cost of the action was made against the Kendall Mill., Inc., defendant, of Mecklenburg county, in favor of Miss Patti Watkins, by her next best friend, Maggie L. Jones, plaintiff. Miss Watkins, it was alleged in the complaint, received permanent bodily injuries when crushed by a large roll of cloth while an employee for the defendant on September 2, 1927.

Another judgment was given by the court in the case of the Richmond-Flowe company versus the Southern Railway Company, when the latter compromised for the sum of $26.60 and the costs of the action.

The case of the Bluefield Coal and Coke Company, plaintiff, against the Hartsell Mills, defendant, was continued to the January term of court at the request of the defendant.

CLUBS DEVOTE STUDY TO HOUSE FURNISHING IN NEW YEAR PROGRAM

Cabarrus Home Demonstration Department Completes Successful Year in November.

Extensive study will be devoted to house furnishing by the various home demonstration clubs during the new fiscal year, according to Miss Ophelia Barker, home demonstration agent of Cabarrus county.

Miss Barber said: "We plan to study house furnishing all next year and to give certificates to all club women who satisfactorily complete this unit of work at the end of the year. We plan to put on a living room contest in the spring, which will cover a period of about six months, and prizes will be awarded on the basis of the most improved living room with the least expense.

The home demonstration department has just begun its new year after a most successful program during the last twelve months. The clubs gave study to many household programs last year, including foods and nutrition, furniture repair (repainting and varnishing), and furnishing of the home.

The November report of Miss Barker follows:

Days worked 26, home visits made, 11; conferences, 52; letters written, 39; miles traveled, 768; and number of meetings held and attended, 16.

CONCORD COTTON MARKET

Cotton	.19½
Cotton seed	.60

EFIRD'S

Chatham Wool Blankets ---- $7.95

Chatham Wool Mixed Blankets $4.95

Chatham Pinehurst $3.95

Chatham Household $5.95

Chatham Khaki Woolmixed Blankets ---------- $2.69

Scotland Cotton Plaid Blankets ---------- $2.25

Feather Pillows ---------- $1.95

EFIRD'S

HEY! FANS, 2 GAMES OF BASKETBALL HERE FRIDAY; BE ON HAND

Y Cagers Play Catawba College as Final Half of the Bill.—Winecoff Meets the Spider Quintet.

The Concord Y. M. C. A. will send into the field of basketball competition the most formidable quintet in its history, if experienced players mean anything. Such former college stars as Blomfield, Morrison, Long and Davis are outstanding members of the "Y" squad from which a team will be selected to play the crack Catawba College five at the high school gymnasium Friday night.

The match with Catawba will be the final half of a twin exhibition. Winecoff's cage warriors will battle the high school quintet, beginning at 7:15 o'clock, and one hour later Catawba will take the floor against the Y team. Blomfield, former star center of the University of Missouri basketball team, is coach of the high school team, and also plays at center for the Y five.

A series of successful practice sessions finds the Y squad in the proverbial pink for the fray with Catawba. The cagers are ready for the must gruelling game, subjecting themselves to physical tests during the training period. They have "built up" their wind, putting the lungs in perfect condition to avoid exhaustion from the continuous dashing about the court.

There is no doubt in the minds of Y. M. C. A. officials about Concord boasting its best cage team in many years. They are sure of it. Blomfield will take the center position against Catawba, the elongated school teacher being just the sort of man a coach wants for the job. Blomfield has been good, but he is more than good now. His passing and foot work baffles, and he's no blind man when it comes to shooting the ball through the hoops.

Ed Morrison and Bob Dick will likely start the game as forwards. Morrison is a former Davidson college and N. C. State student. Elusive in his dribbling and accurate in his shots, Morrison is a valuable member of the squad. It is indeed a tight place when Morrison can not dribble the ball to clear quarters and then send it whirling into the basket. Bob Dick has been a Y player for several seasons, and his many years of experience makes him valuable as the other forward. Bob has a keen eye-sight, a sense of accuracy and it's seldom that he misses a shot when the ball comes into his hands.

In guards, Coach Charles C. Nixon has lots of material. Hobart Davis and Marvin Long, however, are the more promising. Davis, Nebraska star of other days, follows his man like a detective, and gives the opposing forward many other things to do besides tossing wildly at the basket. Marvin Long is a type like Davis. He follows his man. Basketball fans here will see two of the best guards in the business when Davis and Long get into action.

Other guards and forwards are splendid in their work, and no doubt will get into every game are: Tom Coltrane, Pete Lentz, Clyde Shoaf, Robert Cline, Nick Sappenfield and others.

The admission to the twin bill tomorrow night will be 25 and 50 cents.

MEASLES SCOURGE IS ON INCREASE; REPORT 100 CASES IN 2 DAYS

Majority of 56 New Cases Reported Tuesday Are in the City.—School Attendance Falls.

In the grip of a severe epidemic of measles, Cabarrus county counted 56 news cases Tuesday, bringing the total of new cases for the week to an even hundred, while a check of the last three weeks shows the development of more than 360 cases. A majority of the cases reported Tuesday exist in the city.

Because of the measles there has been a decided decrease in school attendance. Quarantine has taken from the class rooms more children than the measles, it is said. The public does not seem to grasp the severity of the scourge, and again health authorities warn parents to be exceedingly careful as to the places visited by their children.

Although the number of cases in the city has been comparatively small with the number in the rural districts up to the present, there is a general increase noted in Concord. The malady is choosing as its victims children whose ages vary between two and ten years.

At Hotel Concord Wednesday.

Among the out of town registrants at Hotel Concord Wednesday were:

W. O. Clarke, Morganton; Mrs. H. L. Bishop, Atlanta; E. W. Waterhouse, Augusta, Ga.; A. G. Moore, Greensboro; F. C. Wise, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Williams, Cambridge Springs, Pa.; J. H. Cheatham, Henderson, N. C.; W. R. Schaffner, Jr., Winston-Salem; H. H. Alpers, Atlanta; R. B. Staton, Saluda; Mrs. John Samondson and N. E. Wertz, Asheville; S. A. Freedman, Richmond; T. D. Bridges, Wake Forest; J. W. Smith, Greensboro; O. A. Lucas, Greenville; A. L. Boatwright, Richmond; Reid Cavendar, Baxter, Ga.; J. L. Spring, New York City; T. E. Wicand, Asheville; J. W. Kyle, Washington; Stanley Jenkins, Winston-Salem; J. H. Speircey, Greenville; S. R. McElroy, Greenville; W. M. Tuttle, Winston-Salem; Robert Gow, Jr., St. Louis; J. J. Bailey, E. J. Bremem and J. W. Bradley, Asheville; G. M. Ridenhour, Raleigh; J. M. Byron, Richmond; Jack Wray, Ned Wray and Bert Williams, Greenville; S. R. Rowan, Staunton, Va.; and L. F. Melvin, Wilson, N. C.

BIGGEST EVER.

Turnips as big as pumpkins, that is the way L. M. Fisher, of No. 4 township, raises them.

Three turnips, weighing twenty-two pounds, were brought to The Tribune and Times office this morning by Mr. Fisher. An average family could cook these giants and have turnips at every meal for more than a week.

KANNAPOLIS FIVE BEATS ERLANGER IN FAST GAME, 48-18

Game Interesting Despite Superiority of Y. M. C. A. Quintet.—Rollins Is Star Performer.

Playing a whirl-wind game throughout, the basketeers of the Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. easily defeated the Erlanger quintette at Kannapolis last night by 48 to 18. It was the third victory for the Towel-City boys out of four attempts and they snapped a winning streak of three straight games enjoyed by the outfit from the city made famous by B. V. D.'s.

"Country" Rollins, high school luminary last year, was the star of the game. Substituting for Smith, he dropped six shots through the basket from the field to earn high scoring honors. Gilliam and Helm also played well for the winners, the latter rousing the enthusiasm of the spectators at one stage by dribbling the entire length of the floor for the prettiest basket of the evening.

Barbee, center, was the star for Erlanger. This elongated youth was everywhere on the floor and was a tower of strength both offensively and defensively.

Though Kannapolis led at all stages, the game was fast and interesting. The end of the half showed the count 20 to 8, favoring the winners.

The line-up:

Kannapolis (48	Pos.	Erlanger (18)
Smith (8)	RF	Barnes (7)
Johnson	LF	Brown (2)
Gilliam (11)	C	Barbee (7)
Roberts	RG	Black
Melm (6)	LG	Bardon

Substitutions: Kannapolis, Rollins (12) for Smith; Miller (8) for Johnson; McCarn (2) for Gilliam; Troutman (1) for Roberts; Walter for McCarn; for Erlanger: Green (2) for Barnes; Montgomery for Green. Fouls: Kannapolis 11; Erlanger 8; referee, Stroupe.

ARCHEY TO APPEAL VERDICT IN SUIT TO SUPREME COURT

Statement by Counsel in $12,500 Libel Suit Closely Follows Verdict Favoring Dr. McConnell.

An appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina will be taken in the $12,500 libel suit of Loan Archey, plaintiff, against Dr. J. W. McConnell, member of the Davidson College faculty, defendant, according to a statement made this morning by Armfield, Sherrin and Barnhardt, counsel for the plaintiff.

Dr. McConnell won the verdict in the Cabarrus Superior Court Tuesday, following a legal battle of two days, when the jury awarded a decision of no damages. Hartsell and Hartsell, H. S. Williams and Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, were the counsel for the defendant.

Archey's suit, instigated upon the claim that letters from the Davidson man to citizens of Concord, charging him with the theft of a dog, had injured his standing in the community and hurt his earning power, is expected to reach Supreme Court in the Spring term if the appeal is granted.

Miss Cannon Complimented at Buffet Supper.

One of the most charming parties given in Concord honoring Miss Ruth Cannon was the buffet supper given by Mrs. C. F. Ritchie, Mrs. William A. Ritchie and Miss Margaret Ritchie Tuesday evening at the Ritchie home on South Union Street.

A delicious supper was served buffet fashion in the dining room. The guests then formed their places at small tables, by the means of dainty brides bearing each name.

Mrs. W. F. Cannon and Mrs. Jay Lee Cannon presided at the beautifully appointed table which presented a picture with it's color scheme of green and white attractively carried out. White snapdragons, white carnations and fern were artistically arranged in a green bowl, with green candles in green candle holders on either side. Green and white mints further carried out the color note.

Those present included Misses Cannon, Ava Carter, Alva Goswick, Ruth Crowell, Penelope Cannon, Magaret Ritchie and Annis Smoot, and Mrs. J. A. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lightsey, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lee Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Webb, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. George Means, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ritchie, Maurice Wilson, Charles Ritchie, Joe Bost, Henry Camp, Franklin Cannon, Clinton Burbridge, Milton Wilson and Wallace Morris.

Jackie Coogan Is a Millionaire.

A relatively real estate transaction at Hollywood, Calif., a few days ago, in which Jackie Coogan, the boy movie picture actor, paid $100,000 for 14 lots, was followed by the disclosure that the boy film star's realty holdings in Los Angles and Hollywood property, as well as two ranches, total 1½ million dollars.

His most valuable single holding is a $300,000 business block. In addition he owns the two ranches, a group of store buildings, a residence, a public garage and numerous improved and unimproved business corners.

POPULATION BEGINS TO ACQUIRE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TIME

Vanguard of Shoppers Start Pouring Into City.—Santa Claus Prepares For His World-wide Trip.

"Shop early!"

A timeworn expression but often unheeded suggestion is "shop early" when the season of good cheer—is just around the corner. Folks, it is surprising just how close Christmas is—fourteen shopping days away.

You can bet your grandmother's ducks that there is activity at North Pole. Santa Claus, the prince of good fellows and "blues-chaser," is making ready for his world-wide trip of happiness. The jolly, whiskered Kris Kringle is packing millions of toys into his sleigh for good little girls and boys, and Santa's assistants are busy acknowledging letters from the little folks of the universe.

The Christmas stir is not confined wholly to the castle of Santa. Right here is Concord, there is a hustle. The population is beginning to acquire the spirit of the season. Shoppers have begun their annual Christmas tours of the business section—buying gifts for mother, dad, brother, sister, and sweethearts. Godd natured shoppers, too; they do not mind the push or the occasional elbow-jab they get in the ribs. It's almost Christmas and there is no time for ill tempers.

Such mystery about the vanguard of holiday shoppers. With a twinkle of satisfaction they come out of the stores with suspicious-looking bundles and packages under their arms. Undoubtedly, a gift or gifts for some friends or loved ones. Even the messenger or "trip" boys ride through the streets with packages with the same mysterious air. They usually know what's in these packages, and are reticent, very.

The local merchants started preparing for this shopping rush long before the turkey was led to the block and his head chopped off. Shelves and counters in stores hold hundreds of beautiful and useful gifts. The display windows, attractively arranged in their Yuletide backgrounds, suggest many of the useful things to buy at Christmas time.

Now, folks, let's "shop early" for the sake of the salespeople. It's awful to be "worked to death" three days before Christmas. Most of the salespeople are so tired out when Christmas does arrive, that it's impossible for them to enjoy the day. Why not make out the list of gifts and other things which you must have for the Yuletide season and begin shopping today.

DEFENDANTS WIN VERDICT IN CIVIL SUIT YESTERDAY

Jury Decides That J. C. and A. T. Austin Made Disputed Payment of $145 on Note.

A jury's verdict was won by James C. Austin and A. T. Austin, defendants, in a suit for judgment made against them in Superior Court by J. S. Archer, plaintiff, who alleged in his complaint that the defendants owed him a balance of $309.29 on an original note of $515. His evidence showed that a sum of $250 had been paid him toward the note on December 21, 1926, and he declared that no further payments had been made.

The defendants, on the other hand declared that an additional $145 had been paid Archer on January 5, 1926 and they submitted evidence to that effect.

The jury, out but a short while, decided that the defendants were entitled to a credit of $145 as of January 5, 1926, on the note sued upon.

No other cases were completed yesterday, that of Lo'a Morton and husband, B. A. Morton, plaintiffs, versus the Franklin Cotton Mills being carried over until today. A jury's verdict is expected to be rendered early this afternoon.

Upon request by counsel for the defendants the case of Horace Mauldin, by his next best friend, L. A. Mauldin, plaintiff, against Bernard Moorehead and Mrs. Violet Moorehead, defendants, was continued to the January term of civil court.

MISS ESSIE GRIER DIED IN CHARLOTTE WEDNESDAY MORNING

Miss Grier Is Sister of Mrs. Jones Pharr of This City.—Funeral Services This Afternoon.

Ill with heart trouble since last July, her condition growing grave during the past two weeks, Miss Essie Grier, 36, sister of Mrs. Jones Pharr, of Concord, died Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock in the Charlotte Sanatorium.

Seven brothers survive her. They are: Prof. W. P. Grier, superintendent of schools in Gastonia; Boyce M. Grier, superintendent of schools in Elberton, Ga.; Joe W. Grier, of Charlotte; R. E. and O. M. Grier, of Texas; R. L. Grier, of Florida, and M. E. Grier, of Newell. Two sisters also survive. They are: Mrs. J. Roy Hutchinson, of Mecklenburg county, and Mrs. Jones Yorke Pharr.

Funeral services will be held at Back Creek Church this afternoon and will be conducted by Rev. Paul Stroup, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. N. Orr, of Gastonia.

A considerable decrease in the number of new cases of measles was noted Wednesday. Only fourteen cases were reported while during the two previous days more than 100 cases developed. Health officials hope that the end of the measle epidemic has arrived.

HEARSAY EVIDENCE IN BLAKENEY CASE AIDS THE DEFENSE

The State Supreme Court Orders New Trial in Case Growing Out of Burning of Midland Bank.

Carl T. Blakeney, convicted in Cabarrus Superior Court several months ago for "the felonious burning of a building on April 8, 1926, used at this time as the Bank of Midland," and sentenced to serve from four to five years in the State prison, gets a new trial under a decision handed down yesterday by the State Supreme court The court ruled that much of the State's case was based on hearsay evidence that should not have been allowed.

The bank was being examined by W. S. Coursey when the fire occurred. The state contended that the defendant caused the fire as a means of concealing his criminal record in conducting that bank. On the facts and the law Judge Stacy says:

"The chief question presented by the appeal is the competency of the testimony of W. S. Coursey (above set out) with respect to the defendant's alleged shortage, the concealment of which, the state contends, was the motive for burning the building and destroying the records of the bank. Upon this evidence, the state's case largely depends. That it is based in part on information obtained from the report of the state bank examiner is conceded and its incompetency, on the ground of hearsay, is not seriously questioned.

Hearsay Evidence Excluded

"As a general rule, hearsay evidence is not admissible in the trial of causes where substantiative rights are involved. State vs. Springs, 184 N. C., 768, 118 S. E., 851. Hence, the courts will not ordinarly receive the testimony of a witness as to what some other person told him, as evidence of the existence of the fact asserted. Roe vs. Journegan, 175 N. C., 261, 95 S. E., 495. 'The narration of conversations correctly is the most difficult fact of memory and expression.' Piffett's succession, 37; Lee Ann, 871. Nor will a witness be permitted to testify to facts where his knowledge thereof is derived, in whole or in part, from the unsworn statements of others. King vs. Bynum, 137 N. C., 941, 49 S. E.. 'Evidence, oral or written, is called hearsay when its probative force depends, in whole or in part, upon the competency and credibility of some person other than the witness by Eleven A. and E. (second ed.) 520.

"Speaking to the question in State vs. Lassiter, 191 N. C., 131 S. E., 577, Brogden, judge delivering the opinion of the court, said:

"'The inherent vice of hearsay testimony consists in the fact that it derives its value not from the credibility of the witness himself, but depends upon the veracity and credibility of some other person from whom the witness got his information.' This is the rule supported by all the authorities on the subject. State vs. Green, 193 N. C., 302, 132 S. E., 729.

"There are, of course, exceptions to this rule excluding hearsay evidence, such as admissions, confessions, dying declarations, declarations against interest, ancient documents, declarations concerning matters of public interest, of pedigree, of prescription, of custom, and, in some cases, of boundary, and pars res gestas, but the evidence we are now considering comes under none of them.

"True, the defendant, when he came to testify, was asked about the report of the state bank examiner, and two of the directors of the bank also gave evidence in regard to it, but this did not cure the original error, as the testimony of W. S. Coursey was the keystone in the arch of the state's case.

"For the error, as indicated, there must be a new trial."

Today's opinions are as follows:

Cromartie vs. Stone, Bladen, no error.

Fochtman vs. Greer, Ashe, no error

Cecil vs. Barbee, Guilford, affirmed.

Harrison vs. Railroad, Davidson, reversed.

Ferris, vs. Southern railroad, Mecklenburg, reversed.

Short vs. Life Insurance company, Gaston, no error.

In re will of Sugg, Mecklenburg, affirmed.

State vs. Blakney, Cabarrus, new trial.

Watts et al, vs. Lefler, Cabarrus, no error.

Aileen Mills vs. Norfolk Southern railroad, Montgomery, affirmed.

McCaskill vs. McCaskill, Montgomery, no error.

Lankey vs. Hosiery mills, Randolph, new trial.

Lentz vs. Lentz, Cabarrus, affirmed.

Buchanan vs. Coast Line, McDowell, affirmed.

Sparks vs. Sparks, Yancey, modified and affirmed.

Chapman vs. Lineberry, Alexander, affirmed.

Mrs. Ida Graham Weds in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Ida Winecoff Graham, of Concord, and Dr. E. L. Stamey, of Greensboro, were quietly married Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock in Winston-Salem. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's brother, Rev. W. W. Robbins, with Mr. Robbins officiating. A number of relatives and close friends were present.

Mrs. Stamey, who is a member of a prominent Cabarrus county family, was born and reared in No. 4 township. Her father was the late Henderson Winecoff. Mrs. Stamey has been active in church and civic affairs in Concord, and she has a wide circle of friends who regret that her marriage takes her to another city.

Dr. and Mrs. Stamey will make their home in Greensboro, where he is the physician at the Keely Institute.

The London Skating Club will round out a century of existence three years hence.

SCHOOL HEAD URGES ATTENDANCE TO ART DISPLAY IN RALEIGH

A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tells How Paintings May Be Secured.

Paintings valued at more than $300,000 and consisting of works by foremost American artists are being exhibited in the Virginia Dare Ball room at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., according to a letter received by local school officials from A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The letter, which is an appeal for teachers and school children to visit the exhibition, follows:

To the City and County Superintendents:

This letter is to inform you that, beginning with the evening of November 30th, a notable art exhibit will be held over a ten-day period in the Virginia Dar ball room at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. The collection of paintings, which are valued at more than three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000), will consist of works by foremost American artists. Several of the artists will be present to explain the pictures to the general public and to discuss various aspects of American art. The exhibition will be arranged by the Painters and Sculptors Association of New York and will be presented under the auspices of the North Carolina State Art Society working in co-operation with the art department of the Raleigh Woman's club and the various civic clubs of Raleigh. Admission to the exhibition will be free.

I sincerely hope that many teachers and school children will be able to visit Raleigh during the exhibition of the wonderful paintings which will be shown. The occasion comes as an excellent opportunity for school children to become better acquainted with some of the outstanding achievements of American artists.

Since many of the paintings may be purchased, this occasion, moreover, offers an excellent opportunity to the schools to secure some works of art. In this connection might also mention that Mrs. Verine Pendleton Arrington, of Trenton, N. C., the president of North Carolina State Art Society has made an outstanding and general offer to give to any school in North Carolina an amount of money equal to the amount of money raised by the school, the resulting fund to be used to purchase an original painting by some distinguished American artist, for the school. Mrs. Arrington's plan seeks to stimulate interest in art, to provide for stimulation, and to afford an opportunity for study and work among those students who happen to be artistically inclined. Pictures secured through Mrs. Arrington's plan are, of course, subject to approval by a duly accredited committee.

Verily truly yours,
A. T. Allen.

I don't know exactly what it is; he don't go to church much, he is a seven day absentee.

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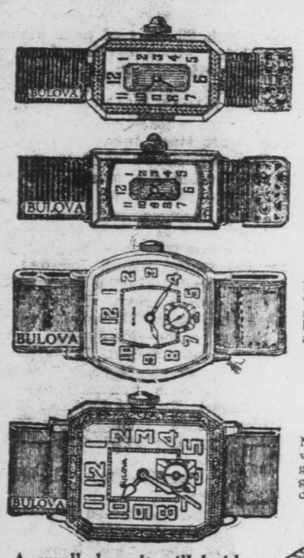

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