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JURY SAYS SET DEED ASIDE

CASE OF HENDERSON FLINCHUM AND OTHERS Suing ROBERT FLINCHUM, DECIDED IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS—OTHER ACTION FOR \$4,700 CASH MAY BE BROUGHT—CIVIL COURT STILL IN SESSION.

A deed from James Flinchum, deceased, to his son Robert Flinchum, is null and void by reason of having been obtained from the grantor when his mind was affected by old age and illness.

This verdict was handed in at civil court today by a jury after having been out with the evidence two days. The land in controversy is valued at \$5,000 and lies near Piedmont Springs.

It appeared from the evidence that the defendant Robert Flinchum had lived with his father for several years prior to to death. The plaintiffs alleged that he used undue influence to obtain from his father a deed to the tract of land of about 80 acres, and that the grantor's mind was affected with old age and illness at the time the deed was made. Other heirs, including Henderson Flinchum, Tom and William Flinchum sued to get the deed set aside.

It was reported here that at the time of his death James Flinchum who was administrator, also detains the plaintiffs from their lawful portion of the same, and action will be started for the recovery of the same by the other heirs.

Other cases disposed of by the civil court which is still in session are as follows:

W. J. Bullin vs. Martha Ann Bullin, action for divorce. Judgment for plaintiff.

Mahala Bullin vs. Odell Bullin, action for divorce. Judgment for plaintiff.

R. F. Westmoreland vs. Moir S. Martin and Martin Memorial Hospital. Non-suit.

W. D. Rothrock vs. State Planters Bank and S. Gilmer Sparger, Trustee. Consent judgment.

Cases vs. J. W. Neal, C. E. Davis et al, in Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, non-suited.

Andy Nunn vs. Everett Stanley. Trial pending.

Lula A. Martin vs. R. J. Scott, admr., of J. P. Smith, dec'd, and J. Morris Smith. Consent judgment.

W. Jack Wall vs. Nannie Bostick Wyrick Creason. Consent judgment.

"GORGEOUS" — NEW SERIAL

For exciting romance and adventure don't miss "Gorgeous," new serial which starts in the Fiction Section of the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN on April 12. Also several short stories in the Fiction Section. Tell your newsdealer to reserve your copy of the American each week.

SEVERAL DEATHS OCCUR AT KING

DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. IRA KIRBY PASSES — REMAINS OF WILBURN NEWSUM BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL — JACKIE HUNTER IS ARRESTED — OTHER NEWS OF KING.

King, April 8.—The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kirby died at their home Friday night following an attack of pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted at Trinity church just west of town Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Helsabeck and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stone are spending a fifteen days' vacation in Florida and Cuba. They expect to return by way of New Orleans.

Raymond Marion underwent a minor operation here last week. Dr. Belmont Helsabeck performed the operation.

The remains of Wilburn Newsom, aged 32, who was accidentally killed by a train at Kannapolis Sunday morning, were brought back here and the funeral service was conducted at the first Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Helsabeck, of Tobaccolville, was in charge of the service. Two sisters also survive. They are Mrs. Roy McGee, of King, and Mrs. Sam Powers, of Winston-Salem, and his mother, Mrs. Erich Spainhower, of Donnah. The deceased is survived by three small children, two boys and one girl. His grandmother, Mrs. Hester Love, also survives and several uncles and aunts.

E. M. Hauser and family, of Bethania Station, formerly of King, were visitors here Sunday.

S. P. Wright, of Troutman, visited relatives in Walnut Hills Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Michael, Moravian Missionaries, of Quinhagak, Alaska, are visiting Mrs. Michael's brother, Rev. Edward Helmich, pastor of the King Moravian church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Love, of Winston-Salem, were week-end visitors to relatives here.

Work is under way on a new addition to the dwelling of Gilmer Newsom just south of town.

Albert Sidney Boles, retired railway mail clerk, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with relatives here.

The mercury registered 22 here Friday morning. All early fruit was killed.

Elder Reed, of Walnut Cove, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

Joe Johnson, prominent planter of the Mountain View section, was here Saturday on business.

Clint Stewart, of Tobaccolville, was here Sunday shaking hands with old friends.

Prof. and Mrs. C. C. Carroll, of Mount Airy, formerly of King, were here Sunday.

Julius Alridge and Miss Sallie Mae Culler were united in the holy matrimony Saturday.

(An Editorial.)

Ignis Fatuus,

An ignis fatuus is a small, brilliant, sputtering light that moves slowly about and dances on the face of a pond. It is produced by a vapor exhaled upward from the muck. In other words, the illumination from a puff of gas. Those who follow it are said to sometimes find difficulties and danger in the swamp.

Are the enthusiasts of the Winston-Salem candidate following the perambulations of an ignis fatuus, or the gyrations of a jack o'lantern?

Dr. McDonald is smart and brilliant and exceedingly argumentative — no mistake about that. His words are honeyed, his personality is captivating especially to the ladies, he takes prisoner one's imagination. Many people consider him a great medicine man from the west. He can paint rainbows whose iris tints blind the sight of those who do not have a habit of examining chromos on the reverse side.

There is reputed to be a bag of gold at the end of all rainbows. We doubt if at the end of Dr. McDonald's rainbow a bag of gold dangles for the tax-payers of North Carolina, but there may be a bag of chestnut burrs.

Hard-headed, practical North Carolinians believe he is a wild visionary, a puffed up theorist, a groping dreamer, a jack o'lantern.

But he is dangerous. He has all the earmarks of a false prophet. His specious reasoning may naturally lead one on in the rainbow chase till the stop comes in the morass.

The Winston-Salem speech was an epic, be it known. Dynamic sentences were hurled calling for deafening huzzas. The call was obeyed always. Anon some excited guy reached up and pulled the welkin till it rang, shrieked, and squawked with sound and fury.

Such sentences as the statement involving the character of some of Winston-Salem's great citizens and the integrity of the county "machine," were received with deafening applause. The echo to this particular statement, as published by the Winston-Salem Journal, depicting the Doctor to be without the foundation of facts in his statement, was palpably embarrassing.

Nobody in North Carolina is enjoying Dr. McDonald's furor and his frantic efforts to discredit the Democratic party, so much as the Republicans. They are packing away his thunder with unctious to use against Hoey or Graham later on.

Ninety-nine out of every 100 Republicans are pro-McDonald, and why?

His picturization of the machine in the State is graphic. It is an evil, sinister, infernal contrivance to be used against honest men.

The spectacle of the Democratic party on trial is almost as thrilling as when the lines are tightly drawn on an ordinary November 1. The great "machine," which is only the great Democratic party, has survived other attacks.

Maybe it will survive this.

Washington, April 8. — The house, late this afternoon passed the tobacco states compact bill, of primary concern to the states in the flue-cured area. The bill, was approved by a vote of 189 to 117, and action is now awaited by the senate.

Washington, April 8.—The senate lobby committee scored a direct court victory over William Randolph Hearst today, and in simultaneous hearings disclosed a select group of wealthy industrialists contributing heavily to anti-new deal organizations.

BOWMAN GRAY ESTATE DID PAY

STATEMENT OF DR. McDONALD IN HIS WINSTON-SALEM SPEECH FOUND TO BE AT VARIANCE FROM THE FACTS.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald is basing his gubernatorial campaign on avowed factualities says the Greensboro News of April 7. He alone knows what he is talking about in North Carolina. Those who have run and observed state affairs for lo these many years are wrong. His statements, his figures and his analysis must be accepted for they only are the true picture of needs, conditions and solutions for the commonwealth.

It was Dr. McDonald the infallibilist who spoke at Winston-Salem several days ago and who gave, among other items, this information to his audience and to the entire voting populace of North Carolina:

The will of a respected citizen of Winston-Salem was probated in this very court house, revealing an estate which has been appraised conservatively at eleven and one-half million dollars. The name of this man did not even appear on the tax books of Forsyth county.

Opinion was immediately and generally expressed, with no denial so far as the Daily News has observed, that Dr. McDonald was talking about the late Bowman Gray. So general was the application that it found its way into the public prints. A Winston-Salem Journal reporter, referred to the Forsyth tax books, took a look for himself with the following results, as given in a front-page Journal story:

Mr. Gray's name appeared on the tax books, being listed twice jointly with Mrs. Gray.

The tax records showed the following listings for 1935:

Old Town township—Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Gray: 72 24-100 Reynolda and Brookstown roads. Valuation: \$420,580 real property; \$117,455 personal property.

The total was \$538,035, on which was paid \$2,691.17.

Winston township—Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Gray: 22 acres at Reynolda and Brookstown roads. Valuation: \$28,160 real (no personal) property.

On this a total of \$140.80 was paid.

The value of the properties listed by Mr. and Mrs. Gray was shown on the tax books as \$566,195. County taxes levied totaled \$2,830.97.

True, this is but a single item in a long McDonald catalogue, but it centers in the good doctor's home city where he should be more familiar with conditions and facts, as they are, than anywhere else in the state. A turning to the tax books himself before he made his statement would easily have avoided the misinformation. Surely the revelation which now comes to light is not representative in the least of the study and research which the candidate has done.

Father Of Fred P. Carter Dies At Mocksville

F. M. Carter died at his home at Mocksville Monday after an illness of several months. During the last few weeks his condition had become critical.

Mr. Carter was the father of Fred P. Carter, linotype operator on the Danbury Reporter. Fred received news of his father's critical condition Monday by telephone and left immediately for Mocksville. He found his parent dead when he reached his home. He had just returned from the bedside early Monday morning, and had spent the week-end with the patient.

The deceased, who was a prominent citizen and business man of Mocksville and Davie county, is survived by his wife and three sons.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held at Mocksville, attesting the high regard in which Mr. Carter was held. Attending from Danbury were N. E. Pepper and son Vance.

The interment was at Fork Baptist church cemetery, 8 miles south of Mocksville.

FRANK M. CARTER.

Mocksville, April 7.—Frank M. Carter, well known business man and church and civic leader, died Monday at his home here following illness of several weeks.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Davie county, having been born and reared in the Fork Church section, where he lived until coming to Mocksville to engage in the mercantile business several years ago. At the time of his death he was engaged in the automobile sales business here and was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school.

Surviving members of the family include his wife, Mrs. Janie Smith Carter; three sons, Hicks Carter, of Winston-Salem; Fred P. Carter, of Danbury, and Hubert Carter, of Mocksville; two brothers, DeWitte Carter, of Davie county, and Neal Carter, of Tyro; three sisters, Mrs. Lee Walser, of Winston-Salem; Miss Nora Carter, of Davie county, and Mrs. Charles Foster, of Fork church.

Funeral service was held at Fork Baptist church Wednesday morning with Revs. E. W. Turner, E. J. Harbison, June Carter and T. I. Caudell in charge. Interment was at the church cemetery.

"SONG OF SOLOMON"

First of a new series of exotic, interpretive Biblical paintings by the distinguished artist, Edmund Dulac, reproduced in FULL COLOR in the April 12 issue of the American Weekly, the magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Your local newsdealer will supply you.

E. F. Richardson of Madison, was in town today.

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