

LOCAL

Mrs. J. C. Hodges of Fayetteville, is visiting relatives here today.

Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of the State school for feeble minded, Kinston, was in Dunn yesterday afternoon.

Edwin S. Smith, an attorney of Raeford, spent Wednesday here on legal business. Mr. Smith is a native of Harnett county.

Mrs. Marvin Wade went Wednesday to Richmond, Va., to consult an eye specialist. She was accompanied by her husband.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Coltrane went yesterday to Richmond, Va., where Mrs. Coltrane will consult an eye specialist.

Mrs. M. R. Butler has been confined to her room for the past few days at her home on East Broad street.

John Butler and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Butler and Pemberton Carter of Clinton, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Powers and two sons Walter and O. M. Jr. of Fayetteville, spent the week-end with Mrs. E. J. Baggett.

W. H. Lewis of Atkinson has returned home after visiting his sister, Mrs. M. R. Butler. Mr. Atkinson is a member of the State Legislature.

The condition of Mrs. Geo. K. Grantham, who underwent an operation on Thursday of last week at St. Luke's hospital, Richmond, Va., is reported as very favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth M. Pope and daughters, Olga, Dolores and Eliza Lou, left last night for Taylorville, Ill., where they will be until after the Christmas holidays.

Bernard Baggett who has been confined to his bed for the past week as a result of being hit on the ankle with a brick at school is getting along nicely.

A fiddlers' convention will be given at the Mary Stewart school house Wednesday evening November 28th. Liberal prizes will be given to those who excel in the various events to be staged. A small admission fee will be charged.

Chief of Police B. A. Rowland has asked The Dispatch to state that all owners of bull dogs living in Dunn must either keep them confined or muzzled. Bull dogs found running at large unmuzzled will be killed, Mr. Rowland says.

Mack Lee entered a plea of guilty to the charge of being disorderly before Recorder M. M. Jernigan yesterday and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost, the defendant to appear in court twice a year and show good behavior.

"The Modern Old Maids Convention" will be presented in Benson Tuesday night in the school auditorium, by local talent of Dunn. The play was presented here a short time ago and the audience that saw it were highly pleased with the performance.

A cotton gin belonging to R. E. Lee, near Maple Grove, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The gin plant was completely destroyed.

A permit was issued this week to G. W. Butler to build a four room residence on N. Magnolia avenue at a cost of \$1,000.

Mrs. C. C. Parker has returned from Phillipsburg, Pa., where she was called several days ago on account of the serious illness of her mother. Her mother died a few days after her arrival at her bedside. Mrs. Parker's friends in Dunn extend sympathy to her in her bereavement.

F. Grover Britt secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, is attending in Wilson today meeting of the Chamber of Commerce secretaries of the State called for the purpose of discussing the freight rate question now confronting North Carolina. The various Chambers of Commerce will wage a fight against any raise in the present freight rates in the State.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian church announces a Thanksgiving Service for Sunday.

Bible School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching Sunday 11:00 a. m. Subject: "Thanksgiving A Thankful Heart"

Special music—Thanksgiving Anthem by Choir. Solo by Miss Dedson. Music directed by Mrs. Holliday and Miss Connolly. A participating service.

Preaching Sunday 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Sunday 8:30 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

A cordial invitation to these services is extended to you, come and worship with us.

REV. O. T. MATTOX, Pastor.

Only One-Half of Red Cross Quota Secured

So far only about one-half of the Red Cross membership quota of Dunn has been secured. Canvassers have been working this week and the memberships secured up to last night totaled around 250, while the quota is 500 members. The membership

drive will be continued until a house-to-house canvass of the entire town has been made. Of the number of memberships secured so far twenty-five were subscriptions each by the Goldstein Company and Fleishman Brothers Company and five by Johnson Brothers.

Some Newspaper Rules

A Texas editor recently issued the following rules which explain themselves:

"Fifty cents per line will be charged for all obituary notices of business men who get their job printing in another city; twenty-five cents per line will be charged for like notices to all business men who do not advertise, while delinquent subscribers will be charged 15 cents per line on passing out the New Jerusalem.

Advertisers and each-subscribers will receive the best space in the shop free-gratuit when they shuffle off.

Those who extend the paper no support whatsoever and go around knocking the editor or the paper, or lambasting the community and its citizens, drop banana pebbles on the sidewalk like a dime, or try to sell us a gold brick, will be given the truth, which won't look good in print when they give up the ghost.

"Better send in your orders for job printing and advertising, pay up your subscription, get to boosting this paper and its editor and speak in glowing terms of the town and its people, for an epidemic of hog cholera is said to be around in this community."

Old Lady—"Doctor, don't you think I should go to a warmer climate?"

Doctor—"Yes, ma'am, but I'm doing all I can to save you from it."

Raleigh—Losses caused by lightning resulting in fire from April to September in North Carolina amounted to \$108,850.

MR. FITZGERALD MAKES STATEMENT

Within the past few days Dunn has been the scene of several land sales. Some were conducted by Land Auction Companies and for those who desired to sell their lands only, because they wanted to make other purchases for various other reasons. These lands were subdivided into small acreage and small town lots and were divided in such a way as to bring the very best price possible and the dividing was done under the personal supervision of the owners and in each case the lands brought fabulous prices. These lands that I have in mind are the recent sales of the Morris Fleishman property and the Luther Jackson property. The other tract of land sold was that tract lying south of Dunn. In fact, adjoining the town and is divided by the Dunn-Fayetteville highway. This tract of land contains one hundred and eleven acres and did belong to the estate of T. L. Gerald, and is known throughout the four counties as the nicest farm lands to be had. As has already been said, this land, located on the south side of the town and in fact, comes right to within one block of the town streets. In fact, six or eight of these streets could have

been extended into, or through this entire farm.

This valuable farm was sold on the ninth day of November by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., for N. A. Townsend and R. L. Godwin, commissioners, for the purpose of bringing about a final settlement and division of the estate of T. L. Gerald. It is not my intention to criticize anyone for the way this property was subdivided and sold, but so many of my friends from the country were here that day and have been to see me and wanted to know why it was divided and sold in such a manner. I told them that I had nothing whatever to do with the selling of the land. Each of those men came here with the full purpose of buying from one to three acres of this valuable land, but the way it was sold they did not even have an opportunity of any part of it, and went away disappointed and with their money in their pockets. I have been told that the entire tract of land brought a few dollars over thirty-three thousand. If it brought, say thirty-three thousand dollars, it cost the heirs of the late T. L. Gerald just thirty-three hundred dollars to have it sold, and I think that thirty-three thousand is cheap and too cheap for the entire farm. I was utterly astonished when I heard about the way this land was divided and made the remark then that it would not bring within twenty thousand dollars sold this way of what it would if the streets of the town of Dunn had been run parallel with the plan of the town, then divided again making city blocks of twenty or twenty-five acres nearest the town and selling seventy-five foot lots with the privilege of taking the one adjoining or as many a side purchaser wanted at the same price. I believe that the twenty or twenty-five acres sold in this manner would have brought not less than one thousand dollars an acre. Then have divided the remaining part of this land which would have been eighty or ninety acres. By so continuing the streets into one acre tracts I am quite sure that there was and would have been enough farmers here that would have bought from one to three acre tracts, paying not less than five hundred dollars per acre, or per lot, as they would have termed it. If this land had been sold this way I am confident that it would have brought enough more to have paid for the loss in acreage resulting from giving the streets. In fact, if twenty acres had brought twenty thousand dollars, they would have had left ninety acres that would have brought thirty thousand dollars, and what man around Dunn would not give thirteen thousand dollars for ninety acres of this valuable land, almost in the thriving town of Dunn. Discount all that I have said about the twenty acres bringing twenty thousand and out that land into one acre tracts or lots and there will be a hundred people out there that will give five hundred for one acre of it, and they will buy from one to three lots each. I have enough confidence in myself to believe that I can make this land bring between forty-five and fifty thousand dollars, if sold as I have above described. It would only have to bring four hundred a lot to bring forty-four thousand dollars.

Just why this land was not sold in town lots or a part of it, is certainly

more than I can understand, but this I heard, and as I have said before, there were two commissioners and the real estate company selling it. The real estate company only got five per cent and the other five per cent went to the commissioners. I heard that the real estate company wanted to cut and divide this land in a way to make it bring the most money. In order to do so there would have been an expense. I mean a very much greater expense than the real estate company thought they ought to have to bear. They asked the commissioners to bear this expense, or a part of it, and as I have said, I only heard this and I do not positively know, but the commissioners refused to bear any part of the expense, therefore the sale went thru without much preparation to show the land off to any great advantage. If you don't believe I pay to make your streets and stake off your lots plainly and clearly so that the most stupid person can see just what he is buying, drive out and look at the division of the Morris Fleishman lots, just north of the town of Dunn, and you will see twenty five foot lots that brought any where from three hundred dollars for twenty five feet to as low as two hundred dollars. You can figure for yourself and see how much an acre of land will bring sold in twenty five foot lots running one hundred and forty feet back.

If there is such a thing possible to recall the sale of this 111 acres of land of the estate of T. L. Gerald and have a resale of it I would be glad to see it done, even though I do not share in one acre of it, or one dollar of the proceeds, and the last acres that were sold for around two hundred and sixty dollars per acre will go on the market and bring not less than four hundred dollars per acre.

There are just numbers of people around here that have five hundred to twelve hundred dollars saved up that are anxious to move into the town, or just near as they can get, that will step out there and buy a lot, and take the balance of their money get a little more and add to it and soon will see homes erected over this land and you will see the town begin to broaden out. I point to what Mr. W. A. Erwin of Durham did when every thing in this country was on the decline and money was awful hard to borrow by the best men. In fact, I was in conversation with Mr. Erwin the day before he sold his holdings just west of Dunn and what is known as the Neal Jones property and I do not believe as best I can remember that there is over forty acres. These are the holdings of the entire tract. I am not quite sure, but I think that he sold around forty acres and this forty acres brought as much, if not more, than the whole 111 acres of the T. L. Gerald estate. At the time there was then no such prosperity in this country as there is now. Everything was on the decline and people were very much depressed. As I said, Mr. Erwin was talking to me the day before and asked me just what terms I would sell it on if it were mine. I asked him on what he had decided, and he said about one half down and the balance in twelve months. I told him that it would sell better if he offered it one third down, and if it were mine I

would take one-fourth and the balance deferred payments—twelve, twenty-four and thirty-six months. Just how it was sold I do not know, but I do know that it brought a tremendous price and all concerned were satisfied, so far as the public know.

Since this sale there has been handsome homes build upon this property by those who bought at his sale. The homes are there for you to drive out and see.

I have already said that I did not see any of the proceeds. I did not see some one might say why are you interested and why should you want to have any thing to say about this sale. I do want to say this, that I think that I know more about the

estate of T. L. Gerald than any living person. I think that I know my father better than any living person and I know had this land been sold during his life time I fully believe that he would have sold it as I have outlined. Since the sale of all the property of my father has brought around seventy five thousand dollars, not even this much after the commissioners are paid their one half which will be approximately thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars and the land company gets an equal amount. But if it is possible to sell this farming land over again, I wish that it was done for this reason alone. I have a brother who has four or five children and at the present and the final

closing up of the estate there will be less than eighteen hundred dollars going to any of the heirs and my brother's part of his estate was to be handled by a guardian and was to be paid to his wife for the upkeep and educating of these little children, but as I see them the commissioners are getting by one thousand dollars more than any child will get and for this reason alone I would like to see the land sold over as I have outlined. These children are small and will cost every dollar that they can get and the small amount that will go to them will not be enough to educate even one of them, much less all four or five.

J. W. FITZGERALD, adv.

A CHOICE of Two THINGS

WHEN A PERSON decides to save money, he has generally turned the matter over in his mind and made a choice between two things. For the matter of saving comes to that.

Do you choose to spend your money as it comes, gaining nothing to show for it—or to save part of it until it has grown large enough to buy something you really want.

N. A. TOWNSEND, - - - - -
J. M. SHEERWOOD, - - - - -
J. W. DRAUGHON, - - - - -
E. B. TAYLOR, - - - - -
J. O. WARREN, Asst. Cashier



FIRST NATIONAL BANK
DUNN, N. C.

Condensed Report of the Condition of

The Commercial Bank

Dunn, North Carolina

At the close of business November 19, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$255,409.01
Liberty Bonds	50,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,201.09
Cash on hand and in other strong banks	473,721.15
	\$785,781.25

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	11,388.35
Deposits:	
Checking Deposits	\$595,151.17
Time Deposits	139,191.73
Bond Deposits	10,050.00
Total Deposits	744,392.90
	\$785,781.25

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