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"If It Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

McArtan Bond Case Is Settled in Compromise

Harnett County Treasury Gets Thirty Thousand Dollars Cash and Certificate of Deposit for \$5,000—New Amsterdam Casualty Company and Former Sheriff McArtan Jointly Settle Claim in Compromise Judgment—All Parties Satisfied and Ex-Sheriff Released from Further Liability.

The Harnett county treasury gets thirty thousand dollars in cash and a certificate of deposit for five thousand dollars out of a compromise settlement effected in Superior Court Monday when the issue between Ex-Sheriff J. W. McArtan and Harnett county, submitted to the jury without argument, was returned answered in the sum above stated. The judgment was immediately signed by Judge W. A. Devin. A certified check for \$30,000 and a cashier's check for \$5,000 were turned over with the judgment to Clerk of Court L. M. Chaffin and the certificate of deposit held against the receivers of the bank also automatically became the property of the county. Spear & Hicks, receivers of the Harnett County Trust Company, in which bank the \$5,000 was held, have \$1,500 in dividends upon the certificate of deposit which they will immediately pay into the county treasury. The receivers state that they expect the defendant bank to pay at least 50 per cent, or probably more, in which case the county of Harnett will actually get \$32,500 out of the judgment signed Monday.

New Amsterdam Casualty Company was the surety on the bond of the ex-sheriff, and suit was instituted by the county to recover \$25,453.82 alleged shortage in accounts with \$2,500 penalty for failure to comply with law in rendering accounts. The report of the special auditors employed to investigate the former sheriff's accounts for the year 1923 gave \$24,928.88 as the amount of penalties which Mr. McArtan had allowed to run against him, but the county's attorneys decided not to insist upon anything about which there might arise a technicality. The special audit was made by Goodno & Steele, public accountants of Raleigh.

Terms under which the settlement was effected were that the bonding company should pay \$25,000, Mr. McArtan should pay \$5,000, and that the certificate of deposit should be turned over to the county. All of these terms were met before the judgment was signed. It is further agreed that the New Amsterdam Casualty Company is to release Mr. McArtan from any claim it might have against him on account of the alleged default. The county of Harnett also releases the former sheriff from any further claim it might have. It is also stated that Mr. McArtan has in his hands checks to the amount of about \$15,000 which were given him by various persons in the county in settlement of their taxes but which checks were refused discount at the banks upon which they were drawn. It is stated, through other sources, than from the former sheriff's statement, but upon undoubted authority, that Mr. McArtan was given checks in proposed settlement of taxes by some of the most prominent persons in the county whose checks were not worth the paper they were written upon at the time and have never been since. Friends of the ex-sheriff have insisted all the while that the above stated circumstances was the greatest handicap under which Mr. McArtan worked while he held office.

Another reason advanced by the ex-sheriff's friends for his default was that he was such a conscientious and efficient officer that he would spend money coming to his office in the county's interest; and although he might have been at the time acting in a capacity beyond his authority, yet he acted for the welfare of the county. These expenditures, when placed before the Board of County Commissioners for approval and allowance, were refused. Thus the sheriff found himself in the position of spending money in the county's behalf and his superior executives "turning him down" on request for settlement. Friends of Mr. McArtan point out that this was extremely unfair, and that if there was misappropriation of funds, the misappropriation was in the county's interest, and none otherwise. This is no doubt true.

What procedure, if any, will be taken by Former Sheriff McArtan to realize on the worthless checks in his possession is not known. It now rests as a matter between him individually and the persons who gave

MANY CIVIL CASES DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

Unusually Heavy Docket Relieved of Much Burden—Judgments and Nonsuits Entered

Judge W. A. Devin has been making a record in civil court here this week in the disposal of cases on the docket. Starting off last week with an unusually heavy docket, and with one case taking the entire time of two days, not much progress was made during the first week of the term. But for last time the court has made good this week. About 75 per cent of the 114 cases on the docket have been disposed of, and a good many of them by trial. Nonsuit and consent judgment was entered in a good many cases; but the fact that they are finally disposed of will relieve the docket of that much encumbrance.

Universally favorable comment is the rule in regard to Judge Devin's fairness and impartiality in handing out justice in his court. The judge is very popular in Harnett, and the fact that this term ends his jurisdiction here for five years is cause for regret.

The following cases have been disposed of:

J. B. Buchanan vs. A. E. Suggs et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

E. S. Turlington & Co. vs. J. A. McLamb et al. Nonsuit.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. B. F. Langdon. Judgment for plaintiff.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. J. T. Wilson. Judgment for plaintiff.

C. W. Andrews & Bros. vs. Williams Supply Co. Nonsuit.

C. P. Godwin et al. vs. M. M. Jernigan, Admr. Judgment for plaintiff.

Ben Johnson vs. William Draughon et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

A. F. Pringle Inc. vs. Ellis Goldstein. Set for first case to be heard at February term.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. C. M. Town send et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. H. D. Rowland et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

John Anna Johnson vs. W. A. Stewart. Nonsuit.

Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association vs. Benton Matthews. Judgment for plaintiff.

Barnes & Holliday Co. vs. R. H. Strickland. Judgment for plaintiff.

Angier Bank & Trust Co. vs. T. J. Matthews. Two cases. Consent judgment in both cases for plaintiff.

Palmetto Grocery Co. vs. Fred Jernigan & Co. Judgment for plaintiff.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. C. I. Johnson. Judgment for plaintiff.

G. T. McIntyre et al. Recs. vs. J. L. Thompson Co. et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

E. F. Young, Rec. vs. Robert Beasley. Judgment for plaintiff.

Standard Sand & Gravel Corporation vs. A. W. McClay et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

Marvin Wade Co. et al. vs. S. D. Hawley et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

R. L. Godwin vs. G. M. Tilghman. Judgment for plaintiff.

First National Bank of Dunn vs. L. W. Godwin et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

Mrs. B. L. Dailey vs. Willie Pope et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

H. M. Barefoot vs. Johnson Cotton Co. Judgment for plaintiff.

Angier Investment Co. vs. E. M. Curran et al. Nonsuit.

Franklin Paint Co. vs. F. G. Shkan. Judgment for plaintiff.

National Engraving Co. vs. H. C. Lee. Judgment for plaintiff.

Barnes & Holliday Co. vs. Y. J. Altman et al. Judgment for plaintiff.

B. F. Avery & Sons vs. Butler Bros. Nonsuit.

Judgment nonsuit was taken in the following cases on the motion docket: J. K. Orr Shoe Co. vs. N. A. Bell Co.; Kline Montgomery Co. vs. Butler Bros.; three cases; Watkins-Cottrell Co. vs. Butler Bros.; Seminole Phosphate Co. vs. B. F. Jackson International Agricultural Corporation vs. T. V. Stewart, et al.; three cases; J. B. Colt Co. vs. A. B. Weaver; Keller & Meir vs. J. B. Moore; P. B. Johnson vs. Mary E. Roberts; F. W. Wagener & Co. vs. J. L. Thompson Co.; Southern Nursery Co. vs. B. F. Parker; Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co. vs. Feldman Department Store; Rouse-Hempstone & Co. vs. J. L. Thompson Co.; three cases; State ex rel County vs. J. W. McArtan et al.

E. B. Warren et al. vs. Armour Fertilizer Works. Judgment for plaintiff.

Court adjourned yesterday at noon for the term.

ROBBERS RIFLE SAFE IN ANGIER POSTOFFICE

Robbers early Monday morning forced an entrance into the Angier postoffice and blew open the safe, securing between \$400 and \$500 in stamps and about \$75 in cash. The safe was moved to the rear of the office and the heavy discharge of explosive, supposed to have been dynamite was muffled with a bundle of rags. The postoffice is situated in the main business section of town. The late hour of the robbery allowed the looters to get away without arousing anyone. Detectives are working on clues.

TRI-STATE POOL MAKES HUGE SALE

Gets \$3,542,204.50 For Fifteen Million Pounds of Tobacco Of 1925 Crop

(By S. D. Frissell)

Record sales of tobacco received from the present crop by the Tri-State pool have marked the beginning of its fourth season according to Richard R. Patterson, General Manager of the marketing association, who has just announced that exactly 15,075 hogheads, over 15,000,000 pounds, of the association's receipts of 1925 tobacco from the South Carolina belt have been sold for prices highly advantageous to the organized tobacco farmers.

Out of this season's total deliveries of 25,500,000 pounds by South Carolina members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, the R. J. Reynolds Company, Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, the Export Tobacco Company, J. P. Taylor Company and L. L. Straus Company have purchased three-fifths of all the redried stocks.

More than 1500 new members of the association in South Carolina reaped the benefits of orderly marketing by the cooperative method this year, their faith has been fully justified according to the figures at which their tobacco sold to the big customers of the Tri-State pool, these paid a total of \$3,542,204.50 for their total purchases of the cooperative weed or an average of \$23.50 per hundred pounds redried. This compares to an average price of approximately \$16 a hundred pounds paid to the farmers of South Carolina for tobacco to the auction floors.

Tobacco from the old bright belt of Virginia and North Carolina is reaching the association's markets in increasing quantities. The members of the association having largely completed their fall sewing of grain in Virginia and Western Carolina and the cotton picking in Central North Carolina, are taking full advantage of the 65 per cent advance which already compares very favorably with the prices on the auction markets and is certain to be followed by further payments, according to the management of the big cooperative.

Fully seven million pounds of dark fired Virginia tobacco were signed up last month for another five years on the new contract which calls for 75 per cent of the entire production of dark fired Virginia tobacco and for deliveries of all tobacco to the association from the lands of members from 1927 to 1931. This announcement by the organization committee of the dark fired tobacco growers was made at their meeting last week in Farmville, Virginia, and was followed by a resolution expressing satisfaction in the fact that 17 per cent of the entire dark fired Virginia crop had been pledged for another five years during the first months of a fourteen months campaign for new signers.

MODERN COTTON GROWING SHOWN IN GOVERNMENT FILM

Gone are the days of the old-time cotton planters, central character of the song and story of the old South—the master of a mammoth plantation with hundreds of darkey laborers and scores of mules at his command. In his place has come a new type of cotton grower, working his modest farm, and often the tenant, making a cotton crop on a 40-acre or a 20-acre tract. These facts are brought out in the United States Department of Agriculture educational film "Cotton—Dixie's Greatest Crop."

According to this motion picture, the modern cotton grower is "measured by his mules." He is either a "one-mule" farmer or a "two-mule" farmer, depending on the type of implements he uses in breaking the ground for and cultivating his crop, and the size of his farm can be judged by this measure. The film follows modern methods of producing cotton from the planting of the seed to the delivery of the cotton at the gin.

NEGRO WITH GUN INJURES TWO OF HIS KINSWOMEN

Hoosier McDougald Shoots Annie and Dollie McDougald, His Aunts, With .32 Calibre Pistol and Flees

Hoosier McDougald, negro man living on D. A. Patterson's place in Upper Little River township ran amuck with a .32 calibre pistol Tuesday morning and the victims of his rampage were his two aunts, Annie and Dollie McDougald. Annie McDougald was not hurt so seriously, but Dollie McDougald is in the hospital for colored people at Fayetteville suffering from a dangerous wound. A bullet entered her body through the groin and plowed its way almost to the surface of the lower part of her back. Examination by Dr. J. W. Phillips showed that she would need surgical skill to save her life.

The shooting was reported to Sheriff Fowler about noon Tuesday and he dispatched deputies to the scene in order to apprehend of possible the perpetrator of the crime. McDougald fled as soon as he had shot the women, but it is thought he will be caught because he had some money in a bank at Broadway or in Sanford and he made away in that direction immediately after the shooting.

It is not known what caused the fracas. The women while under examination here could give no reason for the man's bad acting. A bullet that lodge in the flesh of Annie McDougald was picked out by Dr. Phillips, and he stated that she was not seriously injured. The other woman, the physician explained, is in bad shape.

FREE-WILL BAPTIST PLEADS HIS CASE BUT LOSES OUT

Rev. Willie Pope of Dunn Filed His Answer to Suit on Note, But Didn't Get to Court in Time

Rev. Willie Pope, Free-Will Baptist minister of near Dunn lost his case in Superior Court here Tuesday when he failed to put in appearance as the case came on to be heard. The minister was being sued by the holder of a note which he had given to a motor car company in Wilson. Plaintiff was represented by Attorney Little of Wilson and Attorney Jernigan of Dunn.

The minister employed no lawyer to represent him, but filed his own answer in the suit. When the case was called Tuesday morning Brother Pope was not in court and Judge Devin allowed a judgment to be entered against him. Shortly afterward, however, the minister came in, and begged that the judgment be set aside and the case reopened. Judge Devin explained to him that inasmuch as he admitted executing the note no wrong could come to him. The person claimed that he should have a right to set up his evidence in the case, but the Judge overruled him. It may occur to the person that although lawyers are expensive they are indispensable.

WOOD-FREDERICK

Dunn, Nov. 22.—A surprise wedding took place Friday night at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse in Lillington when Miss Ellie Frederick and Calbie Wood, both of Dunn, were united in marriage. Rev. J. F. Menius, pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian church, officiated. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present. The bride is a native of Burlington, but has made her home here for several months. She is a graduate nurse and had been employed in the Dunn Community Hospital in that capacity. The groom is a progressive young business man of Dunn.

REV. J. F. MENIUS' FATHER DIES IN SALISBURY

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Menius and children are in Salisbury where they were called Tuesday by the serious illness of Mr. Menius' father, who died Tuesday night. Funeral will be held today.

TAXES COLLECTED

The total amount of 1925 taxes collected by H. A. Turlington, Tax Collector, Harnett County, to November 16th and paid to J. P. Bradley, County Auditor:

Anderson Creek	\$1,218.92
Averasboro	15,572.47
Barbecue	2,256.55
Black River	4,221.54
Buckhorn	3,128.55
Duke	4,745.27
Grove	10,608.41
Hector's Creek	4,042.80
Johnsonville	1,152.40
Lillington	2,897.17
Neill's Creek	4,442.81
Stewart's Creek	5,710.71
Upper Little River	9,289.54
Corporations	1.54

Total \$69,283.80
Turned over to auditor November 23—\$28,454.00, making total \$97,738.70.

COUNTY GETS IN BIGGEST CHECK EVER RECEIVED

Erwin Cotton Mills Company Hands Turlington its Voucher for \$52,253.33 For 1925 Tax Levy

Tax Collector Henry A. Turlington took in the heaviest check Monday that has ever come into the Harnett county treasury in payment of taxes. The check called for \$52,253.33 and was in payment of the 1925 tax levy on property of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company of Duke. The cotton mills company is by far the heaviest taxpayer in the county and this year's payment is by many thousands greater than any they have ever paid before. Erection of a new mill and hundreds of company dwellings in the mill town, together with the increased levy for 1925, was the cause for the company's increased payment.

The mills company's check covers levies in various townships as follows: Duke, \$51,779.08; Averasboro, \$55.15; Grove, \$367.74; Lillington, \$12.28; Stewart Creek, \$265; Upper Little River, \$36.45.

The next largest check received by the tax collector on 1925 taxes came from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company yesterday. It called for \$21,161.91.

With these two big checks in the treasury the total tax collections to date amount to about \$175,000.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME AT GREENSBORO MAKES APPEAL

This institution at Greensboro represents a high type of service devoted exclusively to the homeless children of North Carolina. We live in an era of desire to perform service of constructive type to any boy or girl so unfortunate as to be denied the care and protection of his or her own parents.

In the course of each year there are found hundreds of children who would suffer in the midst of plenty and prosperity were it not for the constant attention given by the workers for the Children's Home. Every month produces its quota of deserted children from infants to five and six years old boys and girls. All these waifs find a welcome at the receiving home in Greensboro where they are cheerfully nursed back to normal physical condition. After receiving the necessary treatment which puts them in condition for placement, these children are transferred by legal procedure to approved foster homes and in these homes they are carefully supervised until of legal age. No more worthy charity presents itself to the citizens of North Carolina for financial support.

At the holiday season an appeal is made for operating finances to carry on the work for 1926. Upon the response will depend how many children will receive the service of the Children's Home. No one is under obligations to contribute and therefore every one is appealed to. The Children's Home is undependable and receives no obligated support from the Legislature, any Church or fraternal order; therefore, the Children's Home address as their holiday appeal to every Sunday School class, fraternal order, and the citizenship of our great State of North Carolina, for a generous holiday appropriation. Let no one be entirely satisfied with their distribution of holiday charity until the needs of the Children's Home are investigated and recognized. John J. Phoenix, state superintendent, states, "No check is too small but will be appreciated and none too large but will be put to constructive use."

JUDGE DEVIN TO GIVE DECISION IN WEATHERS CASE

Two Groups of Heirs Suing for Title to Land of Family Who Were Killed at Railroad Crossing

Decision in the noted Weathers case is left to Judge W. A. Devin by virtue of an agreement of counsel here Tuesday in Superior Court when the case came on for trial. Judge Devin will give the case much consideration before he comes to a conclusion in the matter, and it will be some weeks, perhaps months, before he has thoroughly thrashed out the intricacies of the case sufficiently to hand down a decision.

John A. Weathers, his wife and adopted daughter, Erma Weathers, were killed at a railroad crossing in Fuquay on April 8th, 1923. The two elderly people died instantly and the daughter lived about three hours after the accident. J. D. Melver and L. E. Truelove filed letters of administration and brought claim against the Norfolk Southern Railroad for the wrongful killing. The claim was adjusted through a compromise and \$10,000 was paid by the railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Weathers owned 800 acres of land in Buckhorn township, their residence place. By virtue of the fact that the adopted daughter outlived them, even though a short while, she inherited the land, Sisters and half-sisters of John Weathers are suing for possession of the land, claiming that Erma Weathers was not the legally adopted daughter of John Weathers, and that they are the collateral heirs. A brother, half-brother and two half-sisters of Erma are claiming the property as her heirs. Also Erma's natural father and mother are claiming the land under the law of descent. The various claimants to the land are all parties to the suit. The land is estimated to be worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The case was submitted to Judge Devin upon an agreed statement of facts, thus avoiding the necessity of a jury trial. With the facts agreed upon, the Judge will decide the case from a standpoint of law. The various parties to the suit were represented by an array of counsel, representative talent of the local bar, of Fayetteville, Durham and Sanford. Argument in the case was heard and briefs submitted. It is expected that no matter how the case may turn in Superior Court, an appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken by the losing litigants.

MANY CRIPPLES BEING TREATED AT CLINICS

Many cripples of this county are being examined and treated at the orthopaedic clinic held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the offices of the County Health Department at Fayetteville. The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 28.

Crippled children and disabled men and women with clubbed feet, deformed backs, crippled hands, arms and legs are having their deformities corrected through the treatments afforded them free of charge by this clinic.

At the first session of this clinic 36 cripples were examined and many received treatment. At the second meeting a large number returned for further treatment and 15 new cases reported. Those who cannot be treated in the clinic but require operations are sent to Gastonia or Charlotte, where free treatment is provided indigent cripples. From this clinic two young men have already gone to Charlotte for operations. One has returned to his home and will report to the next clinic for observation.

The clinic is sponsored and supported by the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville, which brings Dr. Alonzo Myers of Charlotte, one of the leading orthopaedic surgeons of the state to Fayetteville each month for the examination and treatment of the cripples of Cumberland and adjacent counties. Every disabled resident of this county is invited to attend the clinic.

LOCAL SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY AND TOMORROW

Superintendent B. D. Egan of Lillington schools is giving holiday to all students today and tomorrow. This will afford four days of recess and allow everyone connected with the school ample time to thoroughly digest the Thanksgiving feast and collect thoughts for another try in the game of intellectual attainment.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our many thanks and appreciation to the people of the county who were so good to us with their gifts of money, clothing, etc., and the hospitality of their homes, after our home was destroyed by fire some time ago. May the giver of all perfect gifts reward each of you.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butts and family.