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Tobacco Co-ops Pay Quarter Million For Legal Services

Sensational Disclosures Expected in Dissolution Proceedings—Long List of Attorneys Given as Receiving Compensation For Services in Court Work.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Threats of sensational disclosures when the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association comes into Wake superior court next Friday to show cause why it should not be dissolved were given a greater basis of promise with the publication here today of exhibits filed in Franklin county court under order of Judge M. V. Barnhill showing the association has paid out over a quarter million dollars for legal services in four years.

During this period the association spent \$252,926.49 for legal work. It secured court judgments, compromises and collections from contract breakers amounting to \$298,256.45, of which \$45,756.29 has not yet been collected. Legal assistance employed was not confined to court work, however, the exhibits disclosed, sums being paid attorneys for representing the association before the legislature of North Carolina and Virginia.

Large Sums Paid Out

W. C. Coughenour, of Salisbury, secretary of the democratic state committee, is listed as receiving \$35,500 for representing the association before the North Carolina general assembly, while a like sum was paid Cardwell and Cardwell, of Richmond, Va., for their appearances before the taxing authorities and legislature of Virginia. Aaron Sapir, who was chief of the organization campaign in forming the association, has received \$98,000 as general counsel, while Col. W. T. Joyner, of Raleigh, son of the former superintendent of public instruction, drew in four years \$43,500 as associate counsel.

A long list of attorneys were listed in the exhibits as receiving compensation for work in trials, among them being James H. Pou, of Raleigh; Julius Brown, of Greenville; Steven Bragaw, of Washington; Kenneth C. Royal, of Goldsboro, and others. Earl J. Davis, of Detroit, Mich., was paid \$1,000 for representing the association before the federal trade commission, the government agency which recently made the report criticising practices of the association.

The exhibits, according to the Raleigh News and Observer, also show that sixteen officers of the association received in four years salaries aggregating \$576,000. At one time or another ten members of the board of directors were on the payroll, five as officers and five as employees. The aggregate amount paid them was \$202,241.67. In four years the association has paid \$50,838.08 in newspaper advertising and for publicity agents.

The largest salaries were listed as going to R. R. Patterson, who drew a total of \$108,000; Oliver J. Sands, executive manager, who drew a total of \$21,375; A. R. Breedlove, assistant manager of the leaf department \$76,916.03; C. R. Cheatham, assistant manager leaf department, \$25,000; F. D. Williams, manager of dark leaf department, \$83,333.33; T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses, \$63,300.

Directors Drew Salaries

Directors who drew salaries at one time or another as officers or employees were listed as George A. Norwood, president, J. M. Hunt, vice-president; M. G. Wilson, secretary Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former state superintendent of schools, who was employed in the field service until last May; John W. King, W. R. West, W. E. Wingfield and W. Scott Garrett.

Suit against the cooperative demanding that the association be dissolved and a receiver appointed was brought sometime ago by Col. Willie M. Person, of Franklin county, who is a member. The exhibits giving the information as to expenditures of salaries and legal service was filed by the association under order of the Judge Barnhill for use of the plaintiff at the hearing before Judge Thomas H. Neavert, set for Raleigh next Friday, at which time the association must show cause why it should not be dissolved and its affairs placed in the hands of a receiver and members released from further obligation under the five-year contract, which expires this year.

DWARF FARMER DIES IN EAST

Henry Blizzard, Small as a Child, Was Giant in Brains

Kinston, Jan. 30.—Henry Blizzard, 35, who died here recently, was a dwarf farmer, Eastern Carolina's smallest plantation manager. Blizzard was shoulder-high to a 12-year-old boy, but his exact measurements are unknown. Frequently persons visiting him were unable to locate the diminutive farmer in his grain fields. Blizzard's "plantation" was on a scale with himself. It contained only a few acres. He diversified, however, and produced numerous crops. "A little of this and a little of that," was his policy. It was a better policy, he declared, than producing a lot of tobacco and cotton and risking a market decline when a year's work had been done.

The little man was the most industrious soil tiller in the Deep Run district. Scores of his neighbors said he was an early riser and an apparently tireless worker. He was as strong as most normal men. He wore knee pants and boy's coats and caps. He never married; he had no time to give to adventures in romance, and there was no need for the services of a woman in his plans. Many interesting stories were told of Blizzard and his methods. The smallest plowman in the section often produced the tallest corn in all the countryside. Some seasons he grew no corn. When intuition told him there might be a break in prices, he omitted tobacco. He was of religious tendencies. He was popular in his neighborhood. He was a native of Jones county, but moved to Deep Run years ago. The tiny farmer had all of the appearance of a small boy wearing a perpetual smile on his face.

Chicken Owner Sues Man Who Loosed Wild Foxes

Shelby, Jan. 30.—Can a man be made to pay for the damages caused by wild foxes turned loose by him? Or can it be proven that a number of Brer foxes running wild killed certain chickens?

The two questions should cause some debate among the hunters of the county, and will also cause some discussion in court, as a suit based around the two questions has been filed.

Tuesday Horace Kennedy, acting as attorney for W. H. Warlick, of No. 10 township, filed a complaint with Recorder John P. Mull, alleging that five or six foxes were turned loose by O. V. Warlick of No. 9 township, and that since that time 200 chickens belonging to the plaintiff have been killed; that it is the information of the plaintiff that the foxes were responsible for the missing chickens, and in view thereof damages to the extent of \$200 are asked, one dollar for each missing chicken.

It is the most unique suit ever to face Recorder Mull, he says. The solution, he adds, from a survey of the complaint, will require all the wisdom of a Solomon and then some. There is nothing to cut into. The foxes, unless there are some mighty good dogs in the county, cannot be brought into court to testify, and the chickens are now nil.

The plaintiff claims that he is informed, believes and avers that the disappearance of the chickens was brought about by the foxes, and further adds that the defendant knew, or should have known, that the foxes would prove destructive.

Two Hang on One Gallows

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 29.—Willie Jones and Gervis Bloodworth were hanged on the same gallows here today for the murder of Howard F. Underwood salesman who gave the two Taylor County lads a ride in his automobile two years ago. They had confessed that they killed him while under the influence of liquor.

Various appeals had caused this to be the sixth date set for execution and when they finally went to death it was with reiteration of faith in God and the words "we are ready to go."

REPUBLICANS WILL BREAK UP "SOLID SOUTH"

G. O. P. Chairman Plans To Use Northern Settlers in Florida to Do It.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A Republican threat to break the "solid South" in the Congressional elections this fall was made today by Representative William R. Wood, of Indiana, chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign committee, on his return from a visit to Florida.

The entering wedge of Republican hope will be made this fall, according to Mr. Wood, in the first and fourth Florida districts against Representatives Drane and Sears, Democratic incumbents.

The Republicans are basing their hopes of success in Florida on the influx of Northern voters who have poured into Florida during the real estate boom of the last few years.

There are no indications that the Republicans expect to seriously contest for Florida Senatorial honors, although Sen. Duncan M. Fletcher comes up for re-election this year.

Mostly Democrats

Democratic leaders here declared that there was no reason to take seriously the threat of Mr. Wood, and expressed the belief that Florida would return a solid Democratic delegation in the elections next fall. They insist that while many Northern Republicans have settled in Florida, that the great majority of the newcomers there are Democrats, many of whom have moved into Florida from adjoining Southern states.

Another factor which would enter into the matter is the question of legal residence of many who have moved to the boom State. While a large number of persons have definitely and permanently settled in Florida within the last few years the greatest increase has been in the floating population made up of tourists and speculators who are merely visiting Florida for the climate or the present opportunity to make quick money.

Representative William J. Sears, who is one of the Democratic Congressmen Mr. Wood hopes to defeat, is well known in Raleigh. He married Miss Daisy Watson, of Raleigh, in 1901.

Both he and Drane have served in Congress for several terms. Sears was first elected to the Sixty-Fourth Congress, while Drane began his service in the Sixty-Fifth Congress.

In Heart of Boom

The first and fourth districts which Mr. Wood hopes to bring into the Republican camp are the Southern and coastal districts which have been the centers of the rapid development of tropical resorts and real estate development.

Mr. Drane represents the rapidly growing west coast, and Mr. Sears the east coast of Florida.

Mr. Wood had nothing to say about Republican possibilities in the second and third districts in northern Florida, which have retained the integrity of old Florida population.

The suggestion was made today by Democrats that Mr. Wood's threat to break the "solid South" in the Congressional elections was a case of whistling in Florida to keep his courage up in Iowa, where the corn farmers are on the verge of revolt against the administration. Mr. Wood knows that there are eleven Republican Congressmen up for re-election in Iowa alone, and the Democrats are making plans to see that some of them do not come back.

Death Due to Fall From Banisters

Henderson, Jan. 30.—Little Thurman Baker, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Baker, of this city, died last night at 10 o'clock at Mariah Parham hospital, where he was taken in mid-night following the finding of his unconscious form at the foot of the stairs on the first floor at the Clark street school. He was a pupil in the second grade.

The little boy was kept in after school hours to do some extra work, and was dismissed about 3:15, according to the school authorities, and went downstairs alone. A short while thereafter he was found lying on the first floor by John Renn, who had come to the school for his children.

Dr. H. G. Allen was immediately summoned, and rushed the boy to the hospital, where it was said everything possible was done for him.

It was said no one saw the little fellow fall, but the opinion is expressed that he was sliding down the banister railing.

McCREADY FAILS IN AIR ATTEMPT

American Fliers Forced to Land With Altitude Record

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Although Lieutenant John A. MacReady, McCook field flier was unsuccessful in his attempt to set a new world's altitude record, he did establish an American record, and in addition proved the soundness of several advanced engineering principles incorporated in his special plane.

Unofficial reading of the plane's barograph showed he went to a height of 35,900 feet. His goal was 40,000 feet or more, necessary to eclipse the mark of Calisse, French aviator who has ascended to 39,596.47 feet, the present world's record. The former record set by him was 35,230 feet.

MacReady felt no ill-effects from the flight. His oxygen supply worked perfectly in the rarified strata of air, and the swathings of clothes which he had donned kept him warm. In addition, a flexible tube had been run back from the motor's exhaust and this provided a heater in the plane's cockpit.

MacReady encountered a temperature of 62 1-2 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The ship's clock froze at an altitude of 30,000 feet and did not thaw out until the flier was well on the descent.

Among other things, the flight, MacReady said, demonstrated conclusively that pictures may be made from such great altitudes. He estimated that at his ceiling photographs showing nineteen square miles of terrain could have been obtained.

It took the flier an hour and a half to gain the ceiling and the flight was completed in exactly two hours.

Preacher Jimison Now A Lawyer

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Eighty-seven new lawyers were licensed today by the supreme court as the result of Monday's bar examination. Two others were admitted under the comity act.

Among those licensed was Tom P. Jimison, of Charlotte, former Methodist minister and chaplain of the State Labor Federation, and one-time candidate for mayor of Winston-Salem. There has been some talk of protest against Jimison because of his conviction in Charlotte police court some months ago of violating the prohibition laws. The protest failed to appear, however, and he went through with flying colors.

Another in today's list was Rex L. Farmer, of Wilson against whom a protest was filed charging that he had failed to account for \$10 collected as a fee for membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

Only one woman is among the list of licensees, Miss Daisy Strong Cooper, of Oxford, who has a LL. B. degree. Henry A. Grady, Jr., of Clinton, son of Superior Court Judge Grady was granted a license.

One hundred and seven applicants for licenses stood the examination on last Monday, but twenty failed to pass.

Confiscated Cars Bring 50 Cents Each Net

Greensboro, Feb. 1.—Sale of three whiskey automobiles by the United States government at 50 cents each net for the government was recorded in the office here today of the clerk of the Western North Carolina district. Three others were sold for net amounts of \$20.50; \$16 and \$16.10. The cars were sold because they had been used in transporting whiskey.

Storage charges helped to bring the net total for automobiles down to \$54.10, but the total sale price of all cars were \$134. Whiskey appears to have as damaging an effect on automobiles as on rum runners.

Decision Against State on A. and Y. Railroad

Charlotte, Jan. 30.—Efforts of the state of North Carolina to restrain the Southern Railroad company from any move to acquire control of the Atlantic and Yadkin Valley railroad, now in a receivership, received a setback here Thursday afternoon when federal district Judge E. Yates Webb signed an order dismissing the state's suit.

Several grounds were cited by Judge Webb in his order dismissing the states suit in equity, principal among these being lack of jurisdiction of the federal court to hear the state's action.

SAYS PROHIBITION IS JUST BEGINNING

Andrews, Dry Czar, Makes a Candid Statement—Says Good Progress Being Made

Washington, Jan. 30.—After seven years of prohibition, the federal government is just now in a position to begin real enforcement of the dry law.

In a candid statement, L. C. Andrews, dry czar, declared tonight that his new prohibition enforcement machinery, reorganized and well oiled, is ready to undertake a vigorous campaign to dry up the country.

"We are just now getting in a position to begin enforcement of the prohibition law," Andrews said. "The groundwork for real enforcement has been laid."

It was the first time since he assumed office that Andrews has thus spoken so optimistically of enforcement work. He has been quietly building up the organization that will attempt to reach every wet spot in the country.

The preliminary efforts, Andrews declared, have shown "splendid progress is being made in the wet centers."

His statement was based on reports from 23 administrators, showing what progress was accomplished during the last ten months. In many districts conditions are still far from satisfactory but on the whole Andrews is satisfied that the government is getting to the root of the bootleg evil.

Administrators have been instructed to advise the treasury at once what steps will be necessary to make additional gains and to hold the ground already captured.

In New York City, alone, the consumption of industrial alcohol has been reduced 1,000,000 gallons since the new dry machine began to function last April, Andrews said.

Results in New York led Andrews to select John A. Foster, Southern New York administrator to head a special alcohol squad which will begin soon a national campaign against diversions.

The alcohol squad will seek to reduce illegitimate consumption in the big industrial centers. Specially selected undercover men will make a campaign against conspiracies for alcohol diversion.

Reports to Andrews showed that officials of ostensibly legitimate corporations in many large cities have conspired with the bootleg trust to divert alcohol to liquor markets.

Andrews expressed satisfaction with inroads on the whiskey traffic in Ohio, Detroit, Chicago and other wet centers.

Bootleggers are using every ruse to get their wares to the consumers. Andrews obtained a quart of "scotch" sent through the mails in a paper box marked "clock, glass, breakable." Wide use is being made of the parcel post to deliver whiskey.

A joint investigation by the treasury and post office inspectors has been started to wreck the mail order bootleggers.

Andrews emphasized the necessity of co-operation by state and municipal authorities to back up the federal drive against sources of supply.

ALLIES QUIT COLOGNE; GERMANS CELEBRATE

Church Bells Ring as 'British Go to Weisbaden and French Troops Also Depart

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 30.—The last of the British troops of occupation in Cologne, intrained today for Wiesbaden, their new headquarters, and French troops evacuated Bonn. There were no untoward incidents. Duisburg and Hornberg also were evacuated.

At midnight church bells rang throughout the Rhensian region.

The movement under way today is the final act in the evacuation of the first zone specified in the Treaty of Versailles, comprising the Cologne bridgehead and the territories north of a line running along the Ruhr, then along the railway to Julich, Duren, Eurenkirchen, Rheinbach, thence along the road Rheinbach to Sinzig, and reaching the Rhine at the confluence of the Ahr.

The evacuation was started Dec. 1, authorized by the Allied Council of Ambassadors soon after the Locarno security agreement. The treaty provided that this first zone was to be evacuated five years after the treaty, but delay was caused by Germany's failure to comply with disarmament clauses.

RUSSIA WILL TRADE GEMS FOR PLOWS

Crown Jewels From Peter the Great to Nicholas II. Valued at \$264,000,000.

Moscow, Jan. 31.—Soviet Russia is ready to turn her crown jewels into American plows, tractors and machinery. Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the vast collection of gems to American and other foreign jewelers, but it is realized that private buyers can take only a negligible portion of the treasures because of their enormous value. The government, therefore, is prepared to exchange the remainder for American agricultural machinery, locomotives and other products Russia urgently needs.

"We want to turn the glitter of our twenty-five thousand diamonds into the glitter of American steel," said one high official to the correspondent of The Associated Press today. "These magnificent jewels were bought by Russia's former tyrants with the sweat, toil and trial of our peasants; we desire now to give them back to the peasants in the form of implements with which to till the soil or machinery for industries. We have already turned millions of military bayonets into plough shares; we wish now to turn the imperial jewels, which are a dead asset, into tractors."

Lacks Money

Russia makes no secret of the fact that she lacks money for equipment to reconstruct her shattered industries. Having failed to obtain loans abroad in the last eight years, she is obliged to utilize her own resources for the rehabilitation of the economic fabric. The government intended to spend the receipts from grain exports for American machinery, but despite the crop, the plan for collecting grain from the peasants was not fully realized, and orders for foreign machinery had to be curtailed.

Of Great Value

The jewels offered for sale are appraised by Russian, French and Czechoslovak gem experts variously, but the average of their estimates is \$264,000,000, about \$50,000,000 greater than Russia's debt to the United States.

Of the 406 items in the collection, 20 per cent were supplied by Peter the Great, 40 per cent by Elizabeth, Catherine the Great and Paul; 25 per cent by Alexander 1st and Nicholas 1st, 10 per cent by Alexander 2nd and Alexander 3rd, and five per cent by Nicholas 2nd.

Conspicuous among the collection are three noble crowns. The largest of these, the "Imperial Crown of all the Russias," was made for the coronation of Catherine the Great in 1762, and contains 4,956 diamonds, 75 huge pearls and many other large stones. Surmounting the crown is a superb cross of diamonds supported by an uncut ruby of 402 carats, one of the world's largest. Resembling the dome formed by the mitre, this diadem typifies the association of the sovereign with the patriarchal. The crown is valued at \$52,000,000. Other principal articles are nine emblematic globes, sceptres and chains of fine craftsmanship, containing diamonds, pearls and rubies, weighing as much as 50 carats each; 23 magnificent crosses, many stars, miscellaneous ornaments, 16 gorgeous necklaces of diamonds and pearls, 56 brooches, 10 tiaras, nine diamond-studded lockets, 29 pairs of ear rings, including one set of gigantic emeralds of 174 carats each, 42 rings, 74 pins and 19 gold snuff boxes, heavily jewelled.

Virginia Has A New Governor

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29.—Governor-Elect Harry Flood Byrd arrived here this afternoon from Winchester preparatory to taking the oath of office as governor of Virginia Monday morning. Plans for the inaugural exercises were complete today.

On arriving in the city in which he will reside for the next four years, Mr. Byrd went immediately to his suite at the Jefferson hotel. During the period of remodeling the governor's mansion, this suite will serve as temporary executive mansion.

The oath of office will be administered the incoming chief executive at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon on the south portico of the capitol. Judge Robert E. Prentiss, president of the supreme court of appeals, will administer the oath and immediately following the ceremony, Virginia's new governor will deliver his inaugural address.