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DAVIDSON WILL CASE TO OPEN IN CARTHAGE MONDAY

Impressive Array of Counsel to Appear in Fight For Statler Fortune

JUDGE PHILLIPS PRESIDES

When Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convenes in Carthage on Monday of next week, important personages from far and near will be present for the first hearing on the docket, which appears on the court calendar as "3326—In the Matter of the Will of Elva Statler Davidson, Deceased—Caveat." It is expected that the hearing will consume a week or more.

In this proceeding, relatives of the young heiress who died in Pinehurst, will seek to show that she was induced under undue influence to make the will by which the bulk of her wealth was bequeathed to her husband, H. Bradley Davidson, to whom she was married a short time before, and the propounders are expected to contend the reverse of that and to state that Davidson had nothing to do with the making of the will, which was written by W. Barton Leach of Boston, who, along with the witnesses to the will, Livingston Hall, a professor in the Harvard law school, and Victoria L. Mercer, secretary to Leach, will be here to testify.

An impressive array of counsel has been retained by both sides. The propounders will be represented by Mosley G. Boyette of Carthage; Reade and Fuller of Durham; Seawell and Chapman of Carthage, and Victor Bryant of Durham. Attorneys for the caveators are U. L. Spence of Carthage; Moot, Sprague, Marcy, Carr and Gulick of Buffalo, N. Y.; Ladd, Garono and Jaccle of Buffalo; J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, and Richardson D. Barrett of Minneapolis, Minn.

Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham will preside, and the following men have been drawn for jury service for the term: W. W. Gurney, H. C. Maness, D. E. Brown, C. C. Melton, H. C. Bullington, E. E. Moore, T. E. Short, J. G. Freeman, W. A. Lewis, W. H. Eaton, J. R. McInnis, J. S. Kanoy, Lonnie Blue, Walter Caviness, C. A. McCallum, W. C. Hannon, M. A. McNeill, A. L. Wilson, Pete Dowd, W. G. Wicker, W. M. Black, J. B. Kennedy, D. Wade Stevick and C. J. Simonds.

A. & T. College Singers Appear Here Sunday

Community Hour Takes Cognizance of Race Relations Day in Arranging Program

Colored musicians from the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina at Greensboro, will give a musical program at the Community Hour at 7:45 o'clock this Sunday night at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Bernard Lee Mason, an instructor in the college, graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, a violinist of great ability, will play a number of violin solos, and a mixed choir will sing spirituals and other selections. A pianist of distinction accompanies the group of musicians. There will be no admission charge but an offering will be taken for the Student Aid Fund of the college.

This Sunday, February 9th, is nationally observed as Race Relations Sunday. A special message for this Sunday has been sent out by the Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Jr., pastor of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, who is the president of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. His message closes with this exhortation: "On this special day let every Christian resolve to understand his black, white, red, yellow or brown neighbor in a fashion never before undertaken."

Miss Mary Johnson of Aberdeen is seriously ill at the Moore County Hospital following a stroke suffered early this week.

Reynolds Blocks Army Promotions Because Mc Closkey Not on List

Senator Hurls Bombshell in Demanding Hearing Over Fort Bragg's C. O.

Because Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer at neighboring Fort Bragg, was not among those promoted to major general, U. S. Senator "Bob" Reynolds threw a bombshell in the Senate this week by refusing confirmation for all recommendations of the Secretary of War for general rank promotions. Among those on the list, for promotion from brigadier to major general, was General McCloskey's predecessor at Fort Bragg, Henry W. Butler, brother of M. F. Butler of Pinebluff. Both General McCloskey and General Butler are well known here.

Senator Reynolds, a member of the Military Affairs committee, said he held up action on the nominations pending a hearing, since the Secretary of War, upon recommendation of General Milen Craig, chief of staff, had omitted General McCloskey in the list. This, the Senator claims, despite the fact that McCloskey had been recommended for promotion by the Promotions board. A hearing has been set for today, Friday, and Secretary of War Dern and General Craig are expected to testify. Said Senator Reynolds:

"I am not so much interested in the others as I am in General McCloskey, who, by all the rules which have governed promotions in the army in the past, should have been promoted from brigadier general to major general," said Senator Reynolds today. "I shall block confirmation of all the promotions until there can be a full and complete investigation of the matter," he added.

Senator Reynolds' efforts are being watched with close interest in both army and congressional circles. The army has always frowned on what it termed "political interference" in regard to promotions, especially those in the higher grades. The idea is supposed to be especially repugnant to General Craig, who will probably be called as a witness before the Senate committee.

Senator Within Rights

On the other hand, the Constitution says that army and navy officers shall be promoted upon nomination by the President to be confirmed with the "advice and consent of the Senate," and in times past high army officers have missed the goal owing to opposition that developed in the Senate.

Brigadier General Henry W. Butler, a native of Pinnacle, Stokes county, North Carolina, heads the list to become a major general to succeed Major General Emmett Callan of Knoxville, Tenn., who retires January 31. The careers of Generals McCloskey and Butler have run parallel since they were both "shavetails" just out of the military academy and, while Senator Reynolds has no fight to make on any one, he wants to know why the Fort Bragg commander-in-chief with a fine army record was left at the post when he was due to go higher.

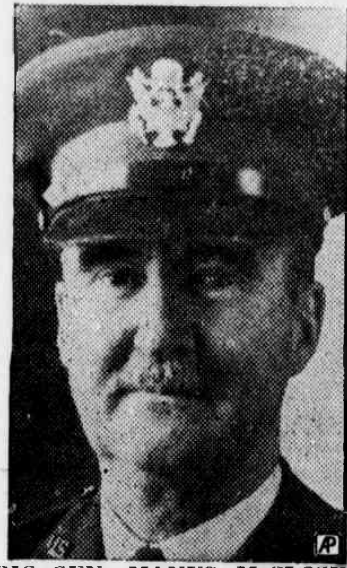
New Apparatus Tested by Fire Department

Booster Pump Capable of Throwing 500 Gallons of Water, Per Minute

During the early part of the week Chief L. V. O'Callaghan, and members of the Southern Pines Fire Company tested the latest addition to the fire fighting apparatus of the town, an America-LaFrance 150-gallon booster pump capable of throwing 500 gallons of water per minute through the standard one-and-one-half inch nozzle. With a capacity of 1,200 feet of hose, additional equipment also includes two extension ladders, scaling ladder, searchlights, hose connections, nozzles and all the newest pertaining to a superior fire machine. The old chemical tank that has served so efficiently for so many years has been sold to Biscoe.

Thirty teams have been busy on the Knollwood Airport project all week.

Overlooked



BRIG.-GEN. MANUS McCLOSKEY

APPLICATIONS FOR BONUS READY FOR SANDHILLS VETS

Legion Committees Named To Aid Applicants in Various Sections of County

Application blanks for the "Bonus Bonds" are in the hands of those listed below, who will be glad to assist veterans in properly filling them out.

To properly fill out these applications, it will be necessary for the veterans to have their discharge from the service, and their adjusted service certificate, or if they have secured a loan—the pink slip sent them when they received their check. Certain delay will result if veterans are unable to find these papers. However, assistance will be gladly given in helping to straighten out these difficulties.

The following will aid the veterans:
Southern Pines—L. L. Wooley and L. V. O'Callahan,
Aberdeen—J. Vance Rowe,
Pinehurst—John Hemmer and R. E. Wicker,
West End—J. F. Sinclair.

This service is offered by Sandhill Post of the American Legion without any charge, to all veterans, white and colored, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Legion.

The officers of the Post wish to call attention to the fact that it is necessary that the veteran bring his adjusted compensation certificate with him when he comes to fill out the application. This applies to the veteran who has NOT borrowed on his certificate. They also wish to emphasize the fact that the veteran

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Historic Month

A Little Bit of Everything in the Line of Weather Here During January

January past and gone will go down in the state as the historic month of freakish weather. From fog to rain to snow to wind was added a new low of an average temperature of 25.06, nearly 19 degrees less than the long time normal of 44.

When it snowed on Bald Head Island in the mouth of the Cape Fear River for the first time in this long history anything might have been expected, and we had it from a low of six degrees above zero on the 31st, to a high of 61 on the 18th. We also had two inches of rain, high winds, and a bright sun (thermometers exposed to its rays registered 75) on Sunday, January 19th, and four inches of snow on the 29th. The total of 6.65 inches of rainfall was 3.23 inches more than the normal average. Here are the official figures:

Long time	Max.	min.	Aver.
Average	54.6	33.2	44
1935	54.2	31.1	42.7
1936	43.19	27.02	25.06

FRANCIS DEATON DIES IN SANFORD OF HEART ATTACK

Leading Surveyor of This Section, Native of Moore County, Ill Two Weeks

A EUREKA RESIDENT

Francis Deaton, 67, original surveyor of Pinehurst for the late James Tufts, died at his home in Sanford early Monday morning from a sudden heart attack after a two weeks' illness of influenza. The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noah Deaton, he was born in Moore county and resided in the Eureka section most of his lifetime.

Surviving are his wife, three brothers, James, John and Charles Deaton, and one sister, Mrs. H. B. Wadsworth, all residing in this county. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Rogers Funeral Home in Sanford.

A civil engineer for 40 years, Mr. Deaton was generally regarded as the best informed man on land boundaries in this section. Some time ago he was seriously ill and not expected to recover. Fearing that his death was imminent Bion H. Butler, the late editor of The Pilot, wrote this obituary.

Francis Deaton has been one of the foremost surveyors of this part of North Carolina. As a boy he inclined toward work of this character, but his father rather discouraged his inclination. The young man said that he intended to be a surveyor, and at every opportunity he took up with men who were doing work of that character. He had slight chance to study in school, but what he lacked there he made up in the study of the compass and then the transit and such mathematical tables and suggestions as are to be had for engineers and surveyors and in course of time he found employment. His work was so accurate and so quickly accomplished that he found himself established as a factor in not only land surveying, but in developing engineering works.

After finding himself here he went to Florida to do engineering work with the railroads building there. Later he returned to the Sandhills in time to begin on the more precise work that has since characterized this section. He never was satisfied with a job until he could give a map that was complete in its measurements and in its closings, and he became familiar with the old lines and corners of property all over the surrounding counties. His testimony in a disputed case in court was almost the equivalent of the law, and as a witness he was rarely on the wrong side. He did much of the work in the plans and surveys of the whole Pinehurst and Knollwood country, a great deal in Southern Pines, and in all the adjacent territory.

Although not a graduate of any technical school Francis Deaton was one of the first engineers to be registered in North Carolina under the present law which establishes the status of engineers and surveyors, and his license was granted with the assurance that his ability and thoroughness left no doubt as to his right to be a registered and rated engineer. He had friends wherever he worked, for he was among the kindest and most genial of men and his work made his acquaintance wide.

JOSEPH E. SYLVESTER WEDS IN NEW YORK

Miss Frances Virginia Marx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marx, of 1175 Park avenue, New York City, and Joseph Edward Sylvester of Southern Pines, were married on Tuesday night, January 28th, in the ballroom of the Hotel Pierre in New York by Dr. Stephen S. Wise. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride attended the Dalton School. Mr. Sylvester is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and passed two years at the University of Berlin. He is a son of the late J. E. Bernstein, former president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company here, and Mrs. Bernstein.

Upper Moore County Scene of Murder of Young Girl by Alleged Jilted Suitor

Lays Down Sextant



FRANCIS DEATON

1935 SEAL SALE TOTAL OF \$1,392 BEST IN HISTORY

With County's Contribution Over \$2,000 Available To Fight Tuberculosis

MRS. CHEATHAM REPORTS

The 1935 Christmas Seal Sale for the fight against tuberculosis netted \$231 more than any previous annual sale, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, county chairman, reported this week. The total collections in the county were \$1,392, as against \$1,161 in 1934, the best previous year.

Of the total collections, the County matches dollar for dollar the 75 percent which is retained for the tuberculosis campaign in the county, or \$1,044, which means a grand total for use in the county this year of more than \$2,000. The National and State associations will receive \$348.00 of the Moore county collections.

"This generous response on the part of the public will make it possible for us to continue the elimination of tuberculosis in the county," Mrs. Cheatham said. "And most of the money can be utilized for prevention this year, from present indications. We have very few active charity cases now. The people will be interested to know that 75 percent of our cases cared for at the State Sanatorium during the past year have returned home cured. This is most gratifying."

Mrs. Cheatham spoke in high praise of the work of the colored population of the county in the Seal Sale drive. Returns were received from all but one of the colored schools, and one school, that at Taylorville outside Pinehurst, went "over the top," that is, collected more than \$25.00 and earned the ten percent bonus offered for its own school health fund.

Three white schools, Aberdeen with a collection of \$77.00, Pinehurst with \$42.64 and Southern Pines with \$25.00, also earned the bonus.

Report of Collections

The collections in the various communities as revealed by Mrs. Cheatham's report listed with the names of (Please turn to page 8)

RICHMOND PASTOR TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. C. I. Calcote of near Richmond, Va., will hold the following services in the county this Sunday, February 9th, according to an announcement made by J. R. McQueen, chairman of a pulpit committee named by these churches which are at present without a pastor: Vass, 11:15 a. m.; Union, 3:00 p. m.; Manly, 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterians in these communities are urged to hear Mr. Calcote and the public in general is invited to attend the services.

Geneva Crabtree, 22-Year Old Nurse, Shot Down With Baby in Her Arms

TOY NALL UNDER ARREST

Felled face downward to the snow-covered ground by the full load from a twelve gauge shot gun as she started around the corner of the home of her employers with their baby in her arms, Geneva Crabtree, 22-year-old Moore county girl, came to her death early Monday night in a tragedy which shocked and incensed the countryside as no other murder has. The baby was picked up bloodstained but untouched by the shot. Eight-year-old Billy Mace, brother of the baby, named Toy Nall, a white man of the Putnam section, as the slayer of the young woman.

The tragedy occurred at the Clay Moore home about six miles above Carthage on Highway 27, where Earl Mace and his family live. Mr. and Mrs. Mace are employed in the silk mill at Hemp, working from three o'clock in the afternoon until eleven at night, and about a week previous to the murder had engaged Miss Crabtree to look after their three children.

Nall, who was divorced from Beulah Stultz Nall at the December term of court, had been going with Miss Crabtree some, it is reported. Her parents objected to his attentions to her and a few days ago had ordered him away from their home. He had called on the girls at the Mace home and she is said to have told him that she could not go with him and requested him to stay away.

According to the story told by little Billy Mace just after the tragedy, Nall visited the home Monday night and wanted the girl to go off with him, which she refused to do. He said that Nall picked up his daddy's gun and took a shell from his pocket and shot her. The girl had gone outside the house carrying the baby and a flashlight and it is thought that she had started to a nearby filling station. By her side was found an ash shovel which she had probably picked up while in the house. Following the shooting, Nall got in his automobile and drove away. Billy picked up the baby and taking it and the other small child, he hurried to the filling station about a quarter of a mile away where the Moores reside and told them that Nall had killed Geneva.

Nall Is Arrested

Officers were notified and were soon at the scene. They found that the girl had been shot in the back at such close range that powder burns were evident. The load of shot tore through just under the left shoulder and came out through the middle of her chest.

Nall was located at a house near his father's home and lodged in jail Monday night. He denied doing the shooting, but admitted being at the Mace home at the time. He said that the girl had gone outside to tell him goodbye and had been shot from ambush.

Coroner D. Carl Fry called a hearing for 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the following to serve as a jury: E. R. Brown, W. L. McLean, W. L. McLean, Jr., C. F. Poteat and W. R. Kennedy, Dr. W. M. McDuffie, T. N. Slack, H. H. Grimm, Raymond Barber, J. L. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Mace and Billie Mace, J. L. Phillips and Grady Stutts were called to appear as witnesses. After hearing the testimony the jury held Nall without bail for the Superior Court.

Miss Crabtree is said to have been a nice looking girl and of good character.

Nall, who is about 30 years old, is described as being of the "dare-devil type," and he has been in trouble a number of times. He did not show any sign of being intoxicated when apprehended.

The Thistle Club weekly bridge tea was held in the Southern Pines Country Club last Saturday, with eight tables playing.