

# Buncombe Bar Association Pays Tribute To Late George Pritchard

Impressive Memorial Services were held by the Buncombe County Bar Association Monday, July 9 in the Superior Courtroom. The Memorial Committee consisted of Guy Weaver, chairman; Edwin S. Hartshorn, president; and William V. Burrough, secretary. Others were Philip C. Cooke, John M. DuBose, Charles M. Fortune, George H. Wright, James O. Israel Jr., Ellis C. Jones, and Eugene C. Ward.

A tribute to George M. Pritchard, given by Edwin L. Loftain, is as follows:

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Buncombe County Bar Association:

More than a year has passed since George M. Pritchard took his leave of this life, and nature with a carpet of green has softened the raw contrast of a new made grave. Time has transmitted the sharp pangs of grief into a dull sense of loss.

All that was mortal of our fine friend lies at rest on a green knoll in the hills above Marshall, in the County where he lived for so long and that he loved so dearly.

At this time, we are here and pause to commemorate the lives of our departed brother lawyers. To me, Mr. Chairman, you have assigned the sad but sacred duty of saying a few words about George M. Pritchard, who, on April 24, 1955, paid the debt which all must pay, soon or late.

I am frustrated by the choice of words to express our appreciation of his high character and good qualities, to enumerate the main traits which bound him to us and made him a lawyer of such note and standing to cause us to feel pride in his membership in this, our Bar Association.

George M. Pritchard was 69 years of age when he passed away. He was born at Mars Hill, Madison County, N. C., on January 4, 1886, the eldest son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. He was a distinguished son of a distinguished father — a sturdy man from sturdy stock. He was educated at the Universities of North and South Carolina. He practiced law at Greenville, South Carolina from 1908 to 1911, then returned to North Carolina, where he followed the profession until he passed away.

He was elected to Congress from the old Eleventh District, defeated the beloved Zebulon Weaver, in 1922; was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly and was at one time Solicitor of this District. He never held public office after his one term in Congress. He was his party's nominee for U. S. Senator, and as Governor. He never refused to make the personal sacrifice of allowing his name on the ticket if he thought it was in the furtherance of his party's cause.

He is survived by his widow, a son and three daughters. One of his greatest satisfactions was the fact that his four children finished the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Pritchard was a diligent student and a successful practitioner; he had implicit faith and confidence in his ability and his clients likewise had faith in him. He had few superiors in the meticulous presentation of legal questions arising in the trial of a cause in which he participated. The courts listened and gave him their undivided attention, recognizing his ability, learning and familiarity with the question under discussion.

To some of us he was more than a professional brother. He was a dear, warm and intimate friend, bound to us by ties which even death cannot break and whose death we will ever lament, and whose memory we will ever cherish.

The first 24 years of my professional life was spent in the same building with Mr. Pritchard. I cannot recall what first attracted each to the other; it could not have been politics, because he was Republican and I am a Democrat. I know that he was partisan and he knew that I was equally as partisan as he, and we let it go at that. On the stump he was a rough and tumble fighter; in a storm he was oak and stone; in the sunshine he was vine and flower.

While he could hold his own in the Courts or on the Political Platform, it was in his home where he appeared to the greatest advantage. He was a most delightful host, entertaining, interested in his guests' interest and doing everything to add to their comfort and pleasure, and to make their visit a source of delight.

It was in the field, on a hunt or on a stream fishing that I knew best. To know him and to be his friend elsewhere was a perfect delight, but to be with him as a friend out in

the open, was a benediction.

It was by the light of a dying campfire that I learned how deeply religious Mr. Pritchard was. He displayed a wonderful knowledge of the scriptures and acquaintance with classical literature. His quotations revealed the depth, breadth and scholarly attainments of the man.

It seldom happens that the deepest sentiments of the heart find fullest expression in finished phrases, for it is only the few who can impart the emotions of sincere and deep feeling.

He quoted from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, thus:

"He that tossed you down into the field, he knows about it all; He knows, He knows."

He quoted from William Cullen Bryant's TO A WATER FOWL: "He who from zone to zone guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight, In the long way that I must tread alone

will lead my steps aright."

A few weeks before the passing of our friend and brother lawyer, I spent a day hunting on his farm near Marshall. He was physically unable to go with me, so I hunted alone in the morning, came in and had lunch and a long visit with him, then hunted alone in the afternoon. That day I found more than small game; I found a man masterful in his mortal weakness, the center of his wife and children's love. He knew and said that the shadows were falling behind, but with an unflinching front, he faced the sunset. Soon thereafter, with unflinching tenderness, he took his leave of life, confident that he had done all that he could for his family and had been loyal and true to his friends. He heard the voice of God, and with simple resignation he bowed to the divine decree. He was your friend, he was my friend, and I feel keenly his passing.

## Decoration To Be Held Sunday At Meadow Fork Church

A decoration of the Meadow Fork Cemetery will be held Sunday afternoon, July 15, at 2 o'clock. Sunday School and preaching service at the Meadow Fork Baptist Church in the morning, and singing at the church following the decoration in the afternoon.

# POISON IVY MAY NOW BE LICKED

By JANIE M. RAMSEY Home Agent

## PEACHES ARE POPULAR EVERYWHERE

"Pretty as a peach" is an expression that is well founded since the peach is one of our most beautiful fruits. Peaches are the fourth most popular fresh fruit in total consumption, exceeded only by apples, bananas and oranges. These other fruits are available most of the year, hence are eaten in larger quantities. However, during the peach season fresh peaches are eaten more than the other fruits.

## HISTORY

Peaches apparently originated in Ancient China, traveled to Persia, Rome, and gradually through Western Europe to America. Peaches were first brought here in the 15th century by Spanish explorers. During the 1800's peach orchards spread throughout the South Atlantic coast and as far north as Baltimore. Peaches are now produced commercially in 36 states. North Carolina ranks about eighth in the production of peaches.

## FOOD VALUE OF PEACHES

In addition to their delicious taste and their many ways of preparation, peaches are valuable for the nutrients they supply. Yellow-fleshed peaches are a fair source of vitamins and when ripe give a fair amount of vitamin C. A half cup serving of sliced raw peaches provides about 15% of the Vitamin A and 10% of the Vitamin C needed for a physically active man. One medium-sized, 2 to 2 1/2 inch peach, has about 46 calories of energy.

## WHAT ARE OUR MOST POPULAR VARIETIES?

The Elberta is by far the most popular peach, not only in N. C., but for the country as a whole for fresh use. The Elberta makes up 40-5% of the crop in N. C. Golden Jubilee is second, Georgia Bell is third. Dixiegem, Sunhigh, Southland, Hiley, Redhaven, and Dixired are increasing in popularity. Many new varieties are being introduced which come off earlier in the year and give us a longer marketing season.

## HOW TO BUY

In buying fresh peaches from the store, look for peaches that are fairly firm; free from blemishes, have whitish or yellowish background color depending on whether a white or yellow-fleshed variety; plump and well-filled out; well-shaped. The bluish or color varies with the different varieties and is not a sign of ripeness — the yellow

The ravages of poison oak, cow hock vine and other noxious plants may be nearing an end. It is reported that the chemical Amate, known as 2-4-D-T, is the long-sought answer to poison oak, etc.

This material can be used as a spray. In using it, however, the user must be careful not to spray valuable plants and growth which he would not destroy.

Otherwise, along with killing the poison oak, and other undesirables, the user may kill everything else within drifting distance.

Considering the fact that poison oak, and similar vines, often cause discomfort and pain of considerable length and great severity, the news that they can be controlled is welcome. While we pose as no experts in this field, the report about the chemical killer is encouraging, and all those who have ever done battle with a good, strong case of poison oak will welcome their chance to get even.

An expectant mother who is uncertain about the future of her child should avail herself of competent and expert counsel and aid such as offered by the Children's Home Society of N. C., in Greensboro.

Council Bluffs, Iowa — Anticipating the usual crowd of onlookers present when construction was started on its new building here, the First Federal Savings and Loan Association distributed small cards certifying that the bearer "has been duly elected to an exclusive charter membership in the Council Bluffs chapter of the Society of Sidewalk Engineers and Superintendents of America."

## CREDITORS SHUN RE-PAYMENT

Clatskanie, Ore. — Dave Coons, 73-year-old farmer, wants to pay back some \$23,000 he owes because of business failures 20 to 30 years ago. He inserted an advertisement in a Portland newspaper, which read: "Wanted — All of my creditors from 1930 to date. I am ready to pay." So far, he hasn't received any bills.

## More Fresh Air

The Texas cowhand hadn't been feeling well and the first chance he got he went into town to see the doctor.

After giving him a thorough physical examination the doc told him, "You have a little lung congestion. Could you arrange to sleep out-of-doors?"

"Wa-al," mused the cowpoke, "I been sleepin' under the chuck wagon all summer, but I reckon I could kick a coupla spokes outa the wheels."

Passadena, Cal. — A few days before Christmas, a telephone on the desk of Police Officer Clyde Stovall rang and Theodore Ramendick reported that someone had stolen 36 cases of his frozen turkeys. During the conversation, another phone at headquarters rang and Officer John Clapp, of Los Angeles, reported he had just picked up two men in a car with 36 cases of frozen turkeys. The men were booked on suspicion of burglary.

## ADMITS DOING 94 M.P.H.

Roswell, N. M. — After paying a fine for speeding to R. Perry Bean, justice of the peace, a 74-year-old California woman asked, "Is this case closed now — I mean nothing can change your verdict?" Assured that the case was closed, the woman said, with a grin, "Well, in that case, I just want you to know that the officer who arrested me was wrong. I wasn't going 80 miles an hour; I was doing 94."

If you cannot care for the child you expect, you can be sure he will find the right home by making use of the free services offered by the Children's Home Society of N. C., in Greensboro.

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