

Tobacco Magnate Transforms Orphan's Poverty Into Riches

Duke is Dividing His Money Among His Poor Relatives And Two Little Texas Girls Are Happy.

Amid the squalor of a tiny shack on the broad plains of the Texas Panhandle, an old white-haired grandmother once told two little orphan girls the childhood story of Cinderella.

With poverty on all sides, the little girls, Essie Lee Barton, 6, and Jessie Barton, 4, never dreamed that some day they would suddenly have wealth and all that it buys thrust upon them, almost in the fairylike fashion of Cinderella.

But a wealthy uncle back in North Carolina is making the Cinderella story come true for them.

He is Buck Duke, son of Washington Duke, who made millions in tobacco. Buck Duke is a brother of J. B. Duke, who recently gave \$40,000, 000 to a North Carolina college, and is said to be as wealthy as his brother.

Recently Buck said he intended to make all his relatives rich before his death. And he has just found that the two little orphan girls out in Texas are related to him by marriage.

So he sent \$1000 to Grandma

Simpson, who cares for the children, to gather information about them and to end their poverty.

More money is promised later. Already Duke has sent \$10,000 each to R. W. and James Duke, two second cousins who have ranches at Wellington, Texas.

One grandmother of the orphans who died at Wellington several years ago, Mrs. Sally Barton, was related to Washington Duke by marriage and used to help him pick tobacco on his North Carolina plantation before he amassed his huge fortune.

When the great emigration to the west began, the Barton family and one branch of the Duke family resolved to seek their fortunes in Texas.

But while the Duke family was making millions in North Carolina, their relatives out west were having a long, hard struggle for existence. Misfortune seemed to pile on misfortune, and a few years ago the little Barton girls were left orphans.

Buck Duke has suggested that the girls be put in one of the orphan homes in North Carolina but Grandma Simpson immediately wrote she wouldn't stand for that.

"I'll raise them here in poverty and give them a schooling myself before I'll send them to a home," she says. Grandma Simpson is not the children's "grandma" but they always call her that because she has cared for them since babyhood.

Bridge Over Catawba Will Be 950 Feet Long

Contract For Structure Between Lenoir and Hickory to be Awarded Tuesday Of This Week.

According to an announcement made at the offices of the seventh district of the North Carolina State Highway commission, the contract for the 18-span 950-foot concrete bridge over the Catawba river between Lenoir and Hickory will be let August 25. Each span will be 50 feet long, and when completed this bridge will be one of the longest in that section of the country.

At the same time this contract is let a contract for 4 1-2 miles of grading will be made. Hardsurfacing contracts for this part of the road are to be signed later.

It was stated that steady progress is being made on all the projects within this district. All of highway number 60 between Winston-Salem and Yadkinville, with the exception of five miles, has been hardsurfaced, and the section between Brooks Cross Roads and the Wilkes county line on number 60 and the section on state highway 27 between the cross roads and the Iredell county line is being prepared for the oil treatment which

is to be applied in the very near future.

Twelve and one-half miles are under construction, just out from Lenoir on route 17 to Hickory, and eight and one-half miles have been completed. Between Winston-Salem and Rural Hall on project 748, two and eight-tenths miles have been hardsurfaced, and between Winston-Salem and Kernersville on project 740, four and two-tenths miles have been hardsurfaced. The highway from Pilot Mountain is finished, and the 3 1-2 mile link between Walnut Cove and Fulp is to be completed within the week.

Bulwinkle May Have Opposition Next Year

Solicitor Carpenter Of Gaston And Speaker Edgar Pharr Of Mecklenburg Are Suggested.

Possibility that Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, representative from the ninth North Carolina district in Congress, will have opposition next year, is seen in discussions in Charlotte to the effect that Solicitor John G. Carpenter, of Gastonia, may enter the race.

So far as is known Mr. Carpenter has not announced his intention to enter the race but Charlotte political

wisecracks are authority for the statement that the genial solicitor intends to offer for Congress sooner or later.

Discussions of the probability of a candidate from Mecklenburg county entering the race also have created interest in Charlotte. Speaker Edgar W. Pharr, of the state house of representatives, has been mentioned as a probable candidate but Mr. Pharr has been quoted as saying that he has no intention of entering the campaign.

Major Bulwinkle has a strong following in Mecklenburg county as well as throughout the district and many are of the opinion that he will have the field to himself next year, holding that Mr. Carpenter and others may have their eyes on the congressional post will hold off for several years to come.

Hopes For Adjustment Of Police Shake-Up

Kings Mountain Herald.

As we write this the police business in Kings Mountain still hangs fire. Before this is printed there may be a meeting of the city council to reconsider the dismissal of H. G. Ware from the force which was effected last week. But it is unlikely inasmuch as J. M. Rhea, a member of the board is out of town. There is considerable sentiment in favor of

Officer Ware. Many believe that he has not had a square deal and are anxious to see the matter re-opened. Mayor Wiley H. McGinnis was out of town last week when Mayor Pro-Tem J. M. Rhea called the meeting which resulted in the dismissal of Ware and the subsequent resignation of Chief Irvin Allen as a protest. Mayor McGinnis was much surprised to return and find that such hasty action had been taken and he decided immediately to re-open the case as soon as all the board could be brought together. Chief Allen went back to the house Wednesday morning and got his coat and pistol and agreed to help out until something could be done. This was at the request of councilmen. It is sincerely hoped that the matter will be straightened out and that both Allen and Ware will be back on duty soon.

when the officers came up on it. It was located on Leander Harrison's place, about thirty yards below his barn in a pasture. No one was at the still at the time, but Harrison was arrested shortly afterwards and placed under bond and will be given a hearing Friday. A flake stand and a half-bushel of ground malt was found in Harrison's barn and three fermenter were located upstairs in the barn. In a cane patch at the rear of the barn were found the cap and condenser. No whiskey was taken in the raid, as it was supposed that the night's run had just been disposed of. The still is possibly the largest in size and capacity of any illicit outfit ever taken in the county.

PRINCESS THEATRE TO SHOW YEAR'S GREATEST PICTURE

Colorful, fascinating and dramatically powerful is the F. B. O. production "UNTAMED YOUTH"—to be shown at the Princess theatre Thursday. From a standpoint not only of artistic excellence, but in bigness of theme, it stands quiet alone in the list of recent productions.

The cyclone scenes themselves, in which it seems that all fury has broken loose, are skillfully handled and the effect it has upon the inhabitants of a Southern village is pictured in a series of whirlwind episodes.

Record Size Still Is Taken In Rutherford

Forest City Courier.

Rural Officers O. D. Barrs and Yates Duncan captured a large steam outfit still in the Sunshine section early this week. The still, a renovated sawmill boiler, was well equipped and was capable of turning out a large quantity of whiskey. It had been in recent operation and was still hot

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REID MISENHEIMER, Who Sings and Works

Reid Misenheimer, as the cartoonist shows, is a singer, and he sings Standard Gas and Oil as well as songs. Reid is the proprietor of the Ideal Service Station on the corner of LaFayette and Sumter Streets, and his business is growing, to use a somewhat hackneyed expression, by "leaps and bounds."

Reid was born twenty-eight years ago, in Albemarle, N. C., and lived there twenty-three of those years before the inspiration struck him to move to Shelby. Prior to his change of residence, in August, 1923, he did, to use his own words, a "little bit of everything," public work included. He and his brother, W. K. Misenheimer, both came to Shelby at the same time, opening up a vulcanizing shop that soon gained a reputation around town. The first of this year, however, the brothers dissolved partnership, and Reid took charge of the Ideal Station, where he now is.

Reid is particularly proud of his auto steam laundry, the first of its kind in town, and he says that Lawrence McDowell, in charge of it, is the best in Shelby at washing cars. His equipment for cleaning and shining up autos that have become dingy and dirty, is the most modern that can be had, while George Wilson, his other assistant, is also an adept at knocking the red mud from the far corners of the fenders. Reid handles Seiberling All-Tread Tires, both in the cord and balloon models, and he has the exclusive selling rights on these tires in the Shelby territory.

Two years ago this spring, Mr. Misenheimer married Miss Verta Smith, a Shelby girl, and a short time later, his bride won a new Ford touring car in a contest put on by Gilmer's. Reid's hobby is "hard work," and although he is interested in sports of all kinds, especially baseball, he is unable to take much time off for them. But he certainly rides the other one!

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