

# SAYS HE DEPARTED WHEN READY TO GO

McGraw, Former Forest City Cop Denies Fleeing Town. Says He Was Bootlegger

Anent the recent disturbance in the police department at Forest City the following item appearing in the Charlotte News of last week should be of local interest:

Asserting that he left Forest City only when he was "plumb good and ready" and not before, Bill McCraw, erstwhile chief of police of the little mountain city, and idol of North Carolina youth, returned Saturday to Charlotte for the avowed purpose of defending his reputation before his friends.

"Say for me," he asked, "that reports that Sam Hartman and I were run out of town are not true. We had resigned two weeks before and our time was up. We left Forest City and went to Washington City for a trip. I'm back in Charlotte now with my family and Sam Hartman is with his family in Lincolnton. We received several anonymous letters from the Forest City bootleg but paid no attention to them. Hartman and I resigned from the police force because we couldn't get along with the mayor. Reports that we handled liquor and were involved in affairs with women were lies put out by the bootleggers. We made it hot for them while we were there—86 arrests in 60 days. No wonder they wanted to get rid of us."

"The uniform was mine," he said, "I burnt up a uniform while fighting fire in Forest City—one that I owned before I went there. I took this Forest City uniform to replace it. I have it now and expect to keep it."

McGraw said Saturday that he expects to remain in Charlotte and do private detective work.

# Franklin Guilty Of Killing Son-in-law

Morganton, Aug. 18.—"Guilty of manslaughter" as to Bow Franklin and "not guilty" as to Ernest Barrier was the verdict returned this afternoon about 4:30 o'clock in the Jonas Ridge homicide case, which has been on trial in Burke Superior court since Monday morning. The jury deliberated a little over an hour. Judge Harwood has not yet passed sentence on Franklin.

The dead man was a son-in-law of the defendant Franklin and the claim of the defense was that he shot in self-defense. However, the prosecution introduced evidence tending to show that had feeling had existed between the two men for some time and that threats had been made. Both Franklin and Barrier contended that the latter, who is just a boy, did not take part in the shooting.

# Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Steals Four Cars

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—William Nunn, 14-year-old boy, today told the police that he took four different Fords and left them in as many different places in sundry joy rides last night and the night before. The officers followed the boy's confession and found each machine where he had left it.

The youngster, somewhat undersize and greatly underdeveloped mentally, sells papers on the street and has generally borne a subdued look. His sudden turn for Fords was a surprise to the people of his community. Owing to his age he was sent to Mrs. T. W. Bickett, county welfare officer, who will take him in charge. He will not be tried by the Superior Court.

# PUETT LAWING LEAVES SHELBY BARBER GAME

Lincoln Co. News. Mr. Puett Lawing, who recently purchased a barber shop in Shelby has sold that business and is returning to Lincolnton to live, and is again with the barber shop he sold to Messrs. Caldwell and Blackwell on Court Square. This shop is now known as the "Cold-Black Barber shop."



The lessons of life are walking the streets of this town. One man bought every get-rich-quick chance he ever saw and got poorer every day. The happy man bought real estate.

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# Ellenboro Mourns Mrs. Jones' Death

Rutherfordton Sun. Ellenboro, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Mattie Walker Jones, wife of Mr. A. B. Jones, died at her home here early yesterday morning after an illness of three months. Burial services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Z. D. Harrill, at Bethel Baptist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Professors Owens and Blanton, of Cliffside and Caroleen, were in charge of the beautiful music.

Mrs. Jones was the youngest of eight children, all of the others being alive and present at the funeral service, except one. The deceased was 54 years of age, a faithful member of Bethel Baptist church and the Woman's Missionary society.

# Would Reduce Prices Of School Text Books

Conference of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and State Superintendent A. T. Allen on the procedure looking to reduction of North Carolina school books to the Tennessee level resulted in no statement yesterday.

The members of the school board of the state have been several times recently conferring over the price of books, which is said on the whole to be somewhat higher than the prices in Tennessee. In quite a few books the prices are the same, but according to investigations made by the State, the Tennessee people get an advantage in half their adoption.

Recently the State board has undertaken the find out the causes and bring the publishers of these text books to the Tennessee level.

# God Hears Strange Prayer When Man Is Bitten By a Snake

Newton, Aug. 20.—A few days ago Nathaniel Loudermilk, a good natured but rather Godless man of east Newton, was in his garden picking tomatoes, and suddenly he felt a stinging sensation in the calf of his right leg. When he investigated the cause of the pain he saw a monstrous snake hanging to him with his fangs caught in his trousers.

Becoming alarmed at what had happened to him, he ran quickly to the house and told his wife that he was snake bitten, and then asked her what he could do. She told him that in her opinion the first thing he ought to do was to pray. This he said he had never done, but in this instance he would try it. Whereupon he fell on his knees and said:

"Oh Lord! this is Nathaniel Loudermilk, of 371 Smyre street, Newton, N. C. I was in my garden a little while ago trying to gather a few tomatoes, and accidentally stepped on a big snake, and when I did the damnable thing bit me in the leg. Amen."

# First Bale Of Cotton Reaches Dunn Market

Dunn, Aug. 20.—The first bale of 1926 cotton offered here was brought in today by A. W. Lee, who lives three miles from Dunn in Harnett county.

The bale weighed 554 pounds, graded middling and brought 17 1/2 cents per pound. This was perhaps the first new crop bale sold in North Carolina.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we have this day qualified as Administrators of the estate of Fannie Belle Dedmon, late of Cleveland County, N. C., and all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to us properly proven for payment on or before August 14th, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This August 14th, 1926.

A. C. DEDMON, J. D. DEDMON, Administrators of Fannie Belle Dedmon, deceased. Rayburn & Hoey, Attorneys.

# The High Cost of Living.

The greatest cause of the high cost of living in the United States is the fact that we live high. We are not content to live as the people of other countries of the same classes live. Our workmen live better than do many foreign employers of labor. How many of the former ride to their offices in automobiles? Not very many, proportionately. Yet thousands upon thousands of American workmen ride to their daily toil. We are glad to see Americans of all classes "live high," but it is true that the prices paid for many articles are unduly high.—American Economist.

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# Sand Hill Peaches Will Go In Brandy

Although it is a violation of the law to distill brandy in the State and nation still it is said owing to the over-production of peaches in the Sand Hills section of the State that more than 100 car loads of this fruit will go to the manufacture of peach brandy this year, in the estimation of the State department of agriculture crop reporting service.

Reports in the sand hill section are that there is a greater demand for peaches for this purpose than ever before, and the price is declining while the quality improves. So large a quantity of the peach crop will go into this use that the department in its official estimate now carries a column "otherwise disposed of" in order to list this consumption.

Frank Parker, crop statistician, states that the growers sell peaches that are too ripe for shipment to individuals who manufacture the brandy. The buyers, he states, do not disclose what use they make of the overripe peaches, but knowledge of what they are doing is general among the growers.

To date there has been 2,040 carloads of peaches shipped by rail, 400 by truck, 200 by express and 100 "otherwise disposed of," making a total of 2,700 carloads. This is 300 greater than last year and the season still has a week to run.

# Doubling Up; Twin Man Marries a Twin

Hertford county has issued a challenge to all comers in the matter of number of twins included in the families of husband and wife who were married in Aheskie the past week by Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of the Baptist church. Mike Vinson, a prosperous planter living between Aheskie and Murfreesboro, and Miss Mary Dailey, of Aheskie, were the contracting parties and the record of their families back just one generation is a record breaker so far as records go in that part of the country.

Mr. Vinson is one of twin brothers and his wife is also one of twin sisters. Beta and Gamma Vinson, both well known business men of the town of Aheskie, are the twin sons of Mr. Vinson by a former marriage. And the two twin Vinson boys married twin sisters.

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# EXECUTORS' NOTICE

(First published in Cleveland Star, August 16, 1926.)  
Having qualified as Executors of the estate of John W. Ellis, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same itemized and verified for payment to the undersigned executors on or before the 16th day of August, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned executors.  
This 16th day of August, 1926.  
SAM A. ELLIS and JOHN M. ROBERTS, Administrators of John W. Ellis, deceased. B. O. Randall, Executor of John W. Ellis, deceased. P. Cleveland Gardner, atty.

# Expense Of Handling A Bale Of Cotton

Cost of Handling Cotton Has Been Decreased To \$5.65 A Bale

Raleigh.—The expense in handling a bale of cotton has been decreasing steadily, \$2.46 having been cut from this cost in the last four years, the present cost being only \$5.65 a bale, according to the statement of operating expenses of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association for the four year period ending July 31, 1926. This statement shows that the average cost of handling a bale of cotton in 1922-23 was \$8.11 as compared with \$5.65 at present.

The association also announces that it has reached the point where it can borrow money as cheaply from the banks as has repaid to its members loans aggregating \$148,630, from its 1922 reserve fund. This money was loaned to the association by members during the first year of its operation, and represents one per cent on the proceeds of cotton sales in 1922.

During the past season the cotton association handled 151,172 bales at a net operating and handling expense of \$910,654. Four years ago the association handled only 135,912 bales at a net cost of \$1,102,620.

It is pointed out by the association that this statement of continued and growing economy is in contrast with the allegations of excessive expenditures which featured the hearings that led to the dissolution of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

The association is generally able at the time of making the sale to secure a price sufficiently above the price at which an outside grower can sell his cotton to more than pay the operating cost of \$2.05 a bale, it is explained. The handling charges of \$3.59 a bale can be compensated for by a rising market.

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# BILIOUS ATTACKS

From Which Kentucky Man Suffered Two or Three Times a Month, Relieved by Black-Draught.

Lawrenceburg, Ky.—Mr. J. P. Nevins, a local coal dealer and farmer, about two years ago learned of the value of Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine, and now he says:

"Until then I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month. I would get nauseated. I would have dizziness and couldn't work. I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple or three times, then I would be very constipated.

"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything. "It seemed to cleanse my whole system and make me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of pep and could do twice the work."  
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# Abandon Fight For Wide-Open Sunday

Sunday Blue Laws In Asheville Unmolested. Mr. Gale and His Party Leave Town

Asheville.—Discouraged by the lack of cooperation they found in Asheville in the plan for a test of the so-called State Sunday blue laws, officials of the association opposed to the blue laws have left Asheville quietly and do not intend to press the matter further it was learned today.

No one could be found this afternoon who could give the present address of Linn A. E. Gale and others who came to Asheville enthusiastically six weeks ago to make a final test of the State statute regarding Sunday observance. A letter addressed to the hotel where these men had been stopping was returned with the information that their address was unknown.

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# Author Of "Dixie" Fond Of 'Possus

Mt. Vernon, Ohio.—There are persons here who remember the last days of Daniel Decatur Emmett, the famous composer of "Dixie," who is buried in Mountview Cemetery, near Mt. Vernon.

Emmett was eighty-nine years old when he died. He was born here in 1815 and died in his cabin, not far from his birthplace.

"I spent many an hour in Emmett's cabin," said J. W. McConkie. "How he could play the violin. He would sing by the hour, in his old age, if a fat, sleek possum were promised him at the end. He was passionately fond of the meat of that animal."

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# PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court. Before the Clerk.

W. P. Fulton, administrator of the estate of Ida Goforth, deceased, petitioner, vs. Frank Goforth and wife, Laura Goforth, Charlie Goforth and wife, Emily Goforth, Lottie Goforth, D. H. Goforth, Ruth Liggins, Jesse Dennis and husband, Dennis Preston Goforth and wife, Pearl Goforth, D. C. Goforth and wife, Ella Goforth, Earl Goforth and wife, Vena Goforth, Alma Walker and husband, R. S. Walker, Flora Goforth, Dan Miller, Joel Miller and Miller, defendants.

To Charlie Goforth, Emily Goforth, D. H. Goforth, Ruth Liggins, Jesse Dennis, Dennis Preston Goforth, Pearl Goforth, D. C. Goforth, Ella Goforth, Earl Goforth, Vena Goforth, Alma Walker, R. S. Walker, Flora Goforth, Dan Miller, Joel Miller and Miller, non-resident defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that a Special Proceeding has been begun in the Superior Court of Cleveland county, N. C., as above entitled, and that the petitioner is asking for the sale of the interest of Ida Goforth in a house and lot in the Town of Kings Mountain for the purpose of making assets to settle the indebtedness existing against said estate and that the indebtedness proven against said estate amounts to approximately \$7300.00.

You are further notified that said petition is returnable before me at my office in Shelby, N. C., on Monday, September 6th, 1926, and you will make answer to same or the petitioner will apply to the court for the relief asked for in his petition.

This August 5th, 1926.

**GEO. P. WEBB,**  
Clerk, Superior Court, Cleveland County.

Rayburn & Hoey, Attys. for Petitioner.

Emmett received inspiration for the swinging hit of Dixie while watching a group of negroes load cotton on the wharf at Memphis, Tenn., according to McConkie.

"They were humming," said McConkie, "just keeping time as they juggled the bales, and something in their attitude and song gave Emmett the inspiration for his immortal tune."

Emmett always returned to Mt. Vernon after a tour of his minstrel troupe. Once, at the height of his glory, he came back from England with \$50,000, a fabulous sum in those days.

His grave is the scene of frequent pilgrimages.

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**ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE**  
Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. B. Philbeck, deceased, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of August, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 19th day of August, 1926. **SUSAN PHILBECK,** Administratrix c. t. a. of J. B. Philbeck, deceased.

Bynum E. Weathers, Atty.

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT**  
North Carolina—Cleveland county. In the Superior Court. C. C. Hamrick, Plaintiff, vs. P. F. Grigg and Gertrude Grigg, Defendants.

The defendants in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 20th day of July, 1926, a summons in the said action was issued against P. F. Grigg, defendant by Geo. P. Webb, Clerk of the Superior Court of Cleveland County, N. C., claiming the sum of \$24,214.00 due him for money borrowed and money paid as surety, which summons is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cleveland County, N. C., on the 23rd day of August, 1926.

Said defendant will also take notice that Warrant of Attachment was issued by the said Clerk of the Superior Court on the same date against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable to said Court at the time and place named for the return of the summons-to-wit the 23rd day of August, 1926, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This July 21st, 1926. **GEO. P. WEBB,** Clerk Superior Court. D. Z. Newton, Atty.

# TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by M. P. Coley and wife, Fannie S. Coley to the undersigned trustee for H. M. Loy to secure an indebtedness therein named said deed of trust being dated Sept. 28th, 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Book 111 at page 288 and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness and being requested to sell said property I will sell at the Court House Door, Shelby, N. C., on

Saturday, September 4th, 1926, at 12 o'clock, noon, or within legal hours the following described property:

Lying and being in the Southwest square of the town of Shelby, N. C., and beginning at a Stake on the South side of New Street, Northwest corner of the Arrey Bros. lot and runs thence with New Street N. 87 W. 53 feet to a Stake, the Northeast corner of the S. M. Randall lot; thence with Randall's line S. 2 1/4 W. 116 feet to a Stake in Hamrick's line; thence with Hamrick's line S. 89 E. 53 feet to a Stake, Arrey Bros. corner; thence with Arrey's line N. 2 3/4 E. 116 feet to the Beginning and being that same lot which was conveyed to M. P. Coley by H. M. Loy and wife by deed dated Cent. 28th, 1921.

Terms of sale CASH.

**J. M. P. MULL,** Trustee.

This August 3rd, 1926.