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FEDERALSBURG BANK LOSES WRIGHT CASE

Court Holds Individual Bondsmen of Ex-Cashier Are Not Liable

OTHER CASES TRIED

The Circuit Court of Caroline county decided Tuesday that the bondsmen of John E. Wright were not responsible to the First National Bank of Federalsburg for $10,000 claimed by the bank to be due in connection with an alleged misappropriation of funds by Wright while he was cashier of the bank in 1920. The bank had sued the bondsmen.

It was claimed that the amount misused was about $110,000. About $50,000 was salvaged from assets of Wright and another $50,000 was made good by directors of the bank. It was claimed later that the savings fund had been tampered with to the amount of $8,800 and Wright was notified to make good.

Accompanied by T. Alan Goldsborough as counsel, Frank Wright, son of John E. Wright, visited the United State Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which was then bondsman for John E. Wright, and borrowed $10,000. This amount, it was claimed, was paid to the bank.

Then, it is said, the bank called on individual bondsmen of John E. Wright for $10,000. Judges Thomas J. Keating and Lewin W. Wickes decided the case in favor of the defendants. W. N. Andrews and Leroy Wallace, Cambridge, represented the Federalsburg bank.

Other cases tried this week are as follows:

State vs. Wilbert Webb, Will Pinket, 4 presentments. trial before court charged with assault and larceny, verdict guilty.

State vs. Harry N. Rickards, criminal continuance, charge manslaughter, verdict, not guilty.

State vs. T. Glen Hallowell, Edwin Nichols, prisoners arraigned separately and each pleaded not guilty, elected to be tried by his country. Motion for leave to withdraw plea. Motion granted, plea withdrawn.

State vs. Mulford Green, charge larceny, prisoner elected to be tried by his country.

State vs. Frank Bois, Solomon Ringgold, presentment, charge larceny, the prisoners arraigned separately and pleaded guilty. Verdict guilty. The judgment of the Court for Frank Bois is that he restore the property taken to the owner thereof or pay him the full value thereof and as a punishment for his offense be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of six months from this date.

The judgment of the court for Solomon Ringgold was to restore the property taken to the owner thereof or pay him the full value thereof and as a punishment for his offense be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of 10 months from this date.

State vs. Frank Crawford, presentment, charge larceny, prisoner was arraigned and plead not guilty, trial before court, verdict guilty. The judgment of the court for Frank Crawford is that he restore the property taken to the owner thereof or pay him the full value thereof and for his punishment for his offense be confined in the county jail for a period of 60 days from this date.

State vs. Liberton Turpin, Carroll T. Baily, presentment, charge larceny, prisoner arraigned separately, plead guilty. Elect to be tried by court, verdict guilty. Sentence suspended for a period of two years from this date on condition that each receive a good sound thrashing and upon payment of costs.

State vs. John Hutchins, presentment, charge larceny, prisoner arraigned and plead not guilty, elect to be tried by the court. Trial before the court, verdict not guilty.

MR. GEORGE ROBERTS

Mr. George Roberts, for 20 years a resident of Ridgely, died early Tuesday morning after a lingering illness, at the age of 62 years. He leaves, besides his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Hattie Euker of Ridgely, three children, Nettie C., Louise M. and Francis H. Roberts. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Reformed church, the pastor, Rev. George Fitz, officiatin. Interment was in Ridgely cemetery.

Those who attended the funeral from a distance were: Mr. William Euker, of Bangor, Pa.; Mr. F. H. Meredith and family, Goldsboro; Mr. Wayne Royer and family, Cordova; Mr. Boone and family, Baltimore; Mr. Henry Jopp and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henning, of Denton.

MR. J. W. GOOTEE

Mr. J. W. Gootee, of Waverly, Va., formerly of Denton, died Tuesday morning, April 14, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Rountree.

Mr. Gootee was a leading contractor and builder of this town 15 of more years ago, a number of houses remain to show his handiwork. He is survived by his wife and daughter and a daughter and son by a former marriage Mrs. Thomas Jones of Wilmington and Mr. Benjamin Gootee, of Trenton, N. J. His brother, Mr. William Gootee, of this place, died a few weeks ago.

GRAND JURY REPORT

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, state of Maryland, April Term, 1925.

The grand inquest of the State of Maryland for Caroline County having concluded its labors, most respectfully begs leave to submit its report:

After organizing by selecting John A. Hyland as secretary and Harry S. Dailey, assistant secretary, proceeded at once upon the duties imposed upon us endeavoring to perform the same in an impartial manner.

As we bring our work to a close we find we have examined 59 witnesses, found 17 presentments and brought in 15 true bills of indictment.

The committee appointed to visit the jail and bridge was composed of William E. Sylvester, William A. Mowbray, Adam Holsinger, Edward Pinkine who made the investigation and their report is attached hereto.

The committee appointed to visit the county home are J. F. Stevenson, P. Seldom Raughley, John C. Longfellow and W. W. Noble who made their report which is atached hereto.

The charge to the jury of his honor, Judge Adkins, calling our attention and especially to the violation of the automobile laws and the dangerous conditions existing when automobiles are driven by intoxicated drivers, we went thoroughly into this matter with the constables of the county and found from their evidence that whenever such violations did occur they were promptly arrested and tried before the local justices of the peace for these offenses.

His honor having called our attention also to a proposed minimum speed law of 30 miles per hour and no maximum speed limit as having been suggested by some official in the state, we hereby register our protest against any such enactment of law, whereby lives and safety of the citizens of the state would become jeopardized.

We wish to extend our gratitude to the court, clerk of the court, sheriff, state's attorney and other officers for their courtesy to our many demands.

HARRY. A. ROE, Foreman
JOHN A. HYLAND, Secretary
HARRY S. DAILEY, Asst. Sec.

Alms House Report

This committee appointed to inspect the Alms House wish to submit the following report:

We found 19 inmates there, as follows: 6 males, white, 3 females, white; 5 females, colored, 5 males, colored.

The inmates all seem to be clothed well and living under good sanitary conditions. The whole of the premises are well kept.

We found stock on the farm as follows: 4 mules, 2 horses, 4 cows, 3 yearlings, 2 calves, 1 thoroughbred male, 14 shoats, 2 brood sows, 250 chickens, 7 turkey hens, 1 gobbler. Also apparently enough grain and food for the use of the farm and 50 acres of growing wheat, looking fine. All of the buildings are in need of paint and the porch and corn crib are in need of repairs. Respectfully submitted, J. F. Stevenson, Seldon Raughley, J. C. Longfellow, William W. Noble.

Jail and Bridge Report

This committee appointed to inspect the jail and bridge wish to submit the following report:

We found 10 inmates, 7 colored and 3 whites. Most of the needed repairs for the jail have been contracted for except screens for the upper story of the prisoners' quarters which are very much needed and we recommend their purchase. The bathroom is in need of new paper. The premises are well kept and in sanitary condition. The bridge is in good condition. Respectfully submitted, W. E. Sylvester, W. A. Mowbray, Adam Holsinger, Edward Pinkine.

MR. FRANK MURPHY

The funeral of Mr. Frank Murphy, who died Saturday at his home in Chester, following a stroke of paralysis, was held Monday afternoon at 1.30 in the Holiness church, Rev. Mr. Adams officiating.

Mr. Murphy, who was about 70 years of age was a resident of the county until about a year ago, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his widow, several sisters, and a daughter.

MRS. HAROLD BROOKE

The funeral of Mrs. Harold Brooke, who died last Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butler, of Hobbs, was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Ames chapel. Interment at Denton cemetery.

CONCRETE WORK PARTLY DONE

Laying of concrete on 3d street was begun this week and half of the street is now laid. The other half is being graded and it is expected to pour it next week. The road will probably be open for traffic about May 1st.

COUNTY NURSE GIVES FINE MARCH REPORT

At the April meeting of the Public Health Committee, Dr. Jones was still unable to be present but a letter from him expressed the hope that he would be able to meet with us in May. Miss Jackson expressed a wish for a well equipped central loan closet which will be much more accessible to her. Mrs. Lapham said the Red Cross would furnish certain necessary material, if the garments and obstetrical packages could be made by the members of the club or by others interested in the work. All bills were ordered paid. Following is the nurses report:

For the month of March I made 96 visits, many of which were for instruction and nursing. One case required hypodermics and another required redressings. The tuberculosis clinics under Dr. Nicklas were held on March 10th in the morning at Denton and at Federalsburg in the afternoon. Seventeen cases were examined. At Greensboro on March 20th a baby health conference was held under Dr. J. H. M. Knox, chief of the bureau of child hygiene of Maryland at which 32 children were examined, only 9 of which were pronounced normal. Three children, one 5 years old, and a pair of twins 2 years old, had been deserted by their parents and left with a colored family where there were nine other children. The conditions in the home were appalling. The children were examined and the twins were found to be suffering from ricketts and malnutrition. They were taken by me to a hospital in Baltimore while the one 5 years old was taken to the children's home in Easton. Clothing had to be provided for them all.

I accompanied the health offieer in an inspection of a colored school where two mild cases of scarlet fever were found. Three other pupils came from a home where members of the family had the disease. Five other schools have been visited during the month.

Supplies for tuberculosis cases have been left where necessary and much follow up work done.

CAROLINE COUNTY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Illness of many school children, and many others being illegally kept out of school for work, is the cause of our unusually low attendance during the month of March.

Following is the list of schools which reached 90 per cent. in attendance for the month:

High schools; Greensboro, Federalsburg, Ridgely, Caroline, Preston.

Town schools, Ridgely primary, Greensboro elementary, Denton grammar.

Two room schools, Friendship, Hillsboro, Smithson.

Rural schools, Concord, Chestnut Grove, Hickory Hill, American Corner, Choptank, Barcus, Garey's, Hickman, Liden's.

Colored schools, John's, Jonestown, Bethel, Washington, Denton high, Mt. Zion.

Banners are awarded to Greensboro high, Ridgely primary, Friendship two-room, Concord rural, John's Colored.

COLGAIN—BUTLER

Announcement of the wedding on April 8 of Mr. J. B. Colgain, of Denton, to Mrs. Georgia Butler, of Greensboro, came as a surprise to their many friends in the county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Lynn, in Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Colgain arrived in Denton on Thursday evening. Mr. Colgain has been connected with the Nuttle Hardware Company for many years and served as town commissioner for a number of years.

Easter in Episcopal Churches

Easter services were well attended.
7 a. m., at Hillsboro.
9:30 a. m. at Greensboro.
11 a. m. at Denton.
3 p. m. at Hillsboro.
7:30 p. m. at Preston.

Easter Monday the parish elections of vestrymen were held. No changes were made, except that Mr. Scotten was elected as vestryman and treasurer of Christ Church, Denton.

Delegates were elected to the convention of the diocese to be held in Centreville May 5th, Mr. Steele from Denton, Mr. Wright alternate; Judge Goldsborough, from Greensboro, Mr. Brumbaugh, alternate; Mr. H. Lay Beaven from Hillsboro, Mr. Gale alternate.

The Hillsboro congregation again filled the rector's car with provisions of many good things to eat. This is their generous custom on donation day and it is as greatly appreciated as it is generally observed.

EASTER PAGEANT AT M. E. CHURCH

"From The Gates of His Garden," was the title of the Pageant Easter service given by the Sunday school of the M. E. church on Sunday evening. The music interspersed at the proper places in the pageant was furnished entirely by the choir with the exception of two numbers, one being sung by the tiny tots, and the other by the girls who took part in the pageant. A solo by Mr. Newman Rickards, one by Mrs. Rickards and a duet by Mrs. Duffey and Mrs. Bradley were interesting features. The principal character of the pageant, that of Easter, was taken by Miss Anna Jackson. Other characters were: Faith, Unbelief, Fear, Pleasure, Fame, Wealth, Mary Magdalene, Mary, Mother of James, Joamia, Lydia, Damarius, Priscilla, Pilgrim, Tertius, Julius, Claudia, Narcissa and the little children representing Joy. These were properly costumed, and the parts were well taken. Faith finally triumphed over the others, in the belief that Christ had risen from the empty tomb.

RECEPTION FOR M. E. PASTOR

A very enjoyable time was spent on Monday evening when the Ladies' Aid and the Ladies' Cilcle joined in giving a reception to the new minister, Rev. M. E. Wheatley, and his family. The program consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. Sherman Hignutt, vocal solo by Mrs. Mabel Duffey, Mrs. Roland Thomas and Mrs. Newman Rickards, recitations by Anna Richardson, Julia Wilson and Louise Nuttle, a reading by Mrs. Howard Sullivan, piano solo by Katherine Hirs, and violin and piano duets by Charles Rickards and Hugh Ramsdell. Rev. G. J. Hooker, as the oldest minister in town in length of service, gave the welcoming address, to which Mr. Wheatley responded in a happy manner. Cake and ice cream were served abundantly, and every one seemed to have a good time.

FOUNDATION BEING LAID FOR SCHOOL

The actual work of construction of the new Denton high school has been begun. Workmen are now laying the concrete foundation, following which the brick work will soon be started. Contractor DeShields is putting on a large force of men who will carry the work on to completion.

"THANKSGIVING ANN" TO BE SUBJECT OF SERMON

Last Sunday evening three members of the Missionary Volunteer Group of Blue Ridge College gave a splendid program in the Church of the Brethren. The program consisted mostly of music and was enjoyed by a well filled house. Miss Rebecca Swartz acted as leader for the group.

Next Saturday afternoon, April 18, 2:30 p. m., the Ladies Missionary Society of the Church of the Brethren will meet with Mrs. Longnecker. Some phase of home mission work is to be presented.

You are invited to attend our services next Sunday, both morning and evening. The morning subject will be 'Thanksgiving Ann," a story for the interest of all. S. Ira Arnold, pastor.

BISCOE—CULVER

On Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock was solemnized the wedding of Miss Ida Mae Culver and Mr. J. Dwight Biscoe, of Baltimore. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culver, and was attended by the immediate families and a few close friends, Rev. S. L. Adams performing the ceremony. The bride was attractive in a gown of cocoa canton crepe. Her attendant was Miss Anne Short, while her brother, Mr. George E. Culver, acted as best man. Miss Hannah Ellwanger rendered the wedding march.

Mrs. Biscoe was a graduate of Caroline high school class of '23. Following a summer cuorse, she accepted a position as teacher in the county, where she did excellent work the past two years. Good wishes of her many friends are hers.

Following the ceremony the happy couple left on a weddingtrip. Mrs. Briscoe returned Tuesday night and will complete her year teaching.

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT ?

During the past week all subscribers to this paper have received a receipt for one year's subscription to The Southern Planter and many have already received the first copies. We are pleased to announce to our readers that this is a gift from us to you and will not cost you anything extra. To those not subscribers to this paper, you may also receive both this paper and The Southern Planter for one year by paying the subscription price of this paper—we send you the other, Free.

LOOK AT YOURSELF

By THE CRACKER

If you are inclined indiscretions to find, don't scan with a critical eye at some wandering coot for your subject of moot, but pick yourself for the guy to be haled to your court for probation report and let other cases go by. For while you are toed to the line of your code, 'tis best you should judgment suspend, for the man you'd convict may have rules just as strict which govern the trails that he'll wend. Don't think that the trail which you tread through the vale is approved by all humans begat; for some other wight with a different light might find broken places in that. For the shade of our lights is our judgment of right and on that we're all standing pat. And so when you meet with some fellow whose feet don't navigate like your brogans, I ween you should wait ere condemning his gait until his code of ethics you've scanned, for with every man bides his own conscince to guide, and if he's not quite in your zone, before you attack, examine your tracks and see if you follow your own.

AN UNUSUAL RECORD

Mr. Dudley W. Davis, son of Mr. John D. Davis, Ridgely, has the unusual record of having attended the public elementary and high schools every day throughout the eleven-year course. For a period of three or four days he had to be taken to the school in a team, but with that exception was able to walk all the time. In addition, it is said that he has never had a physician to attend him.

After completing the course at Ridgely in good standing he entered St. John's College where he was graduated with honors. At present Mr. Davis is in the U. S. Marine Corps.

His father attribuates his being able to attend school regularly to the fact that he always took part in games and plays at school and as aresult acquired a better and stronger physical growth.

To the many children who are being dwarfed by their parents because of irregular hours for sleep and an overabundance of improper food, careless habits of occupation, etc., the above record should prove a valuable lesson.

W. C. T. U. PLANS BIG PUBLIC MEETING

At the regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. N. D. Rickards, plans were laid for a big public meeting to be held in one of the local churches on Monday evening, May 4. At this time Mrs. Mann, vice president of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. will deliver an address, and there will be special musical numbers. Every one is asked to set aside this evening for this event.

The annual election of officers also occurred at the meeting, resulting as follows: President, Miss May Fisher; vice president, Mrs. Ella Fisher; recording secretary, Mrs. G. H. Rue; assistant, Mrs. Newman Rickards; corresponding secretary, Miss Fisher; treasurer, Miss Sue Bye; superintendent of Flower Mission work, Mrs. Mable Duffey.

P. E. CONVENTION IN CENTREVILLE

The fifty-eighth convention of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Diocese of Easton will be held in Centreville May 4, 5 and 6. The services and meetings will be held in St. Paul's church. On Monday evening a banquet will be given to the men of the diocese and wil be held in the Parish House. About 100 are expected to attend. This banquet will be served by one of the women's organizations of the parish.

The regular sessions of the convention will start on Tuesday morning, May 5th, and will continue until on Wednesday. There are 41 parishes in the diocese and they will be represented by about 75 clerical and lay delegates. An interesting program is now being made and some speakers of note wil be present. The local arrangements will be in charge of St. Pauls church and committees are now being appointed and everything put in readiness to entertain the delegates. The arrangement of the program is in charge of Bishop Davenport. It has been some years since the convention of this diocese was held in Centreville and those in charge locally are preparing to make it a noteworthy occasion.

Do it now—Advertise

DATES SET FOR COUNTY MEETS

The annual field and track events which are held in the counties of the state are interesting days for the parents, teachers and scholars of the Maryland schools and the field day for each county is looked forward to each year as the one big day of the school year in athletics. Following the county meet on the Shore is the Shore meet at Washington college and then the state meet at Homewood. The list of dates for the counties in this section is as follows:

White Schools

Friday, May 15th, Caroline, at Henderson.

Wednesday, May 13th, Dorchester, at East New Market.

Monday, May 4th, Talbot at Easton.

Wednesday, May 20th, Queen Anne at Centreville.

Thursday, May 14th, Wicomico, at Salisbury.

Saturday, May 16, Eastern Shore Championship, Washington College, at Chestertown.

Friday, June 5th, State Olympics at stadium.

Saturday, June 6th, girls' meet at stadium.

Colored Schools

Saturday, May 2, Caroline.
Saturday, April 25th, Dorchester.
Friday, April 24, Queen Anne.
Monday, April 27, Wicomico
Tuesday, May 5th, Talbot.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE M. P. CHURCH

On Sunday evening the M. P. Sunday school presented their Easter service of songs and recitations. The pulpit had been beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, and they formed a lovely background for the children. The program from beginning to end was most interesting, and the children recited and sang exceedingly well.

SHAWN—SATTERFIELD

Last Saturday morning at the home of the Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of Smyrna, about 11:30 o'clock, Miss Ruth Elizabeth Satterfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Satterfield of near Denton, became the bride of Mr. Charles William Shawn, son of Judge and Mrs. W. J. Shawn of Denton.

Following the ceremony the couple drove to Atlantic City and Cape May, N. J. where they visited, returning to Denton on Monday.

Mrs. Shawn is a well known young lady in this section and was a member of the lCass of 1923 of Caroline high school and has been teaching at Adamsville for the past two winters.

Mr. Shawn graduated from the same high school in the Class of '14. He is employed in the local office of the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric Co.

Their many friends extend to them best wishes for their married life.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The Rector's Guild of Christ church held a card party in the parish house, Monday night, for the benefit of the children's home at Easton. The guests filled 13 tables, playing bridge, 500 and pitch, as they wished. After five progressions the score was totalled and after prizes were awarded to the winners, delicious sherbet and cake were served.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Abe Grimsley and the Widder Cantawk went to the parsonage to be married Wednesday, in the course of the performance Abe said he'd forgot all about the ring, but Parson Savemall said it didn't make much difference about the ring if Abe didn't forget about the fee.

Judge Applewyne allows that now as the weather has warmed up evidence claimin' that the aroma all comes from the radiator won't be allowed in his court any longer.

The last week's Screw Driver announced that the editor was in the need of kale, so Hank Alderbush took him a basket of greens the next day.

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