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PADGETT IS SUED FOR \$12,000.00

CASE TO BE HEARD IN DISTRICT COURT NEXT MONTH

Suit has been filed in the District Court against I. B. Padgett, former county treasurer of this county, and his bondsmen, for the sum of \$12,000.00, alleged to be due the county by Padgett.

The suit is the plaintiff's first amended original petition, in lieu of its original petition, which was for \$25,900.00 filed in the District Court last March, which was continued to this term and the amount reduced. The petition alleges that thru the negligence of Padgett, E. W. Fry, while county judge of this county, was enabled to secure the sums so sued for, and that the payments thus made to Fry constituted a breach of his official bond.

The suit is based on about 145 warrants, said to have been cashed by E. W. Fry, and made to fictitious persons and to others who had performed no service for the county.

The defense in their answer, which is filed with the District Clerk, deny all the allegations set up, and by way of cross-action allege that the Graham National Bank, and sureties on its bond, as county depository, would be liable to the county if any moneys have been wrongfully appropriated, since the bank was the county depository, and became responsible for the moneys wrongfully appropriated, and are bank to "pay out of Clary's funds the amounts

home checks were drawn my fund by the county Murer, to the persons named in said checks, or on their orders and genuine endorsements, and to no other persons; but that instead of doing this, these defendants charge, in the event the warrants were invalid, as alleged by plaintiff, said bank misappropriated said funds and was guilty of negligence and a breach of duty as the depository of said county in paying the moneys of said county to said Fry or to any other person not authorized to receive the same, if said Fry or other persons were not authorized to collect same."

The answer names Chas. Gay, J. W. Akin, R. J. Johnson, Cicero Smith (deceased) and S. R. Crawford as sureties for the bank from 1911 to 1913, and the above named and F. P. Burch, W. O. Clark and R. E. Lynch as sureties from 1913.

Celebrates 73rd Birthday.

Mr. J. T. Cunningham, for many years Graham's postmaster, celebrated his 73rd birthday at his home last Tuesday afternoon.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham there were present, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Cornish and daughter, Annie, Edgar Matthews and family and Ben Cunningham. An hour of social chat was enjoyed, after which delightful refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, ice tea, grape juice, and Mr. Cunningham's favorite plain cake were served.

Judge B. F. Thorp Passes to Beyond.

The entire town and community was shocked last Friday morning when it was learned that Judge B. F. Thorp was probably nearing the end of life's journey. His death occurred at the family residence about five o'clock Saturday morning.

Judge Thorp had been ill for several months, but a portion of the time he was attending the duties of his office. Though he had been suffering with a deathly malady (leakage of the heart) for some time, he, and his family and friends had hoped for a recovery. About three weeks ago he was stricken to a critical condition, but was much better within a few days. Thereafter his condition was much improved until Wednesday of last week when the malady again reached a critical stage. Throughout Thursday, Friday and Friday night physicians, relatives and attending friends did all that human hands could do to combat the disease but to no avail.

The funeral services occurred at the Baptist church about six o'clock Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted jointly by Revs. W. H. McCulloh, W. C. Childress, and F. A. Suttle.—Throckmorton Times.

Roy Barron Hurt.

Roy Barron, son of Mrs. Louisa Barron of this city, who has been living on their farm near Ivan, was seriously hurt last Friday when a young mule he was hitching to a wagon pawed him, fracturing his left shoulder blade. Mrs. Barron went with a physician to the farm and brought him to Graham. He is improving nicely, and with good luck will be able to be out in a short time.

Woman's Missionary Union.

Program of Woman's Missionary Union to be held with the Bunker church Oct. 30th, 1915. Opening hour 10 a. m.

Song—Prayer. Denying Self or Christ?—Mrs. S. R. Jeffery; Mark 8:34-38.

Enlisting the Young Ladies.—Miss Lizzie Sparks. Woman's Work.—Mrs. J. E. Dowdle.

The Importance of Reporting the Quarterly Report.—Mrs. W. T. Hightower.

Consecration.—Miss India Newman.

Answering to the Roll Call with a verse of scripture.

Music Committee.—Mrs. English, Newcastle; Miss Sybil Hunt Olney; Mrs. R. V. Tidwell, Graham; Mrs. G. B. Underwood, Loving.

A Card of Thanks.

In our anxious watching and profound sorrow we have been greatly helped and strengthened by all those who so thoughtfully shared our grief. For all those hours of watching with us, for the many expressions of sympathy and deeds of kindness from neighbors and the assistance of the entire community, we want to express our heartfelt thanks. You have cheered us in our sorrow, helped us in our trying hour of need, and made us feel anew the value of friends. May God richly reward you every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Nisbett. John Nisbett.

Community Co-Operation

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One of this county's largest bankers made the statement not long ago that "the small-town banker is in position to render his community a most valuable service if he will recognize and take advantage of the opportunity by doing his full part in community welfare work."

His statement elicited an expression from one of our small-town bankers to the effect that a large majority of small-town banks really do more to retard community welfare and development than they do to promote them. This is a most lamentable condition even if only partially correct as stated.

Many bankers consider their banks institutions for community service and conduct them accordingly. A splendid example of this class came to my attention a few days ago.

The president of a bank in a small town, when asked as to his idea concerning a bank's duties and its obligations to the community, said: "Inasmuch

as we are the largest corporation in our town we feel it our duty to take the lead in every movement for the good of the locality. We are the largest subscribers to the local chamber of commerce, civic improvement funds, etc., and never fail to have the bank represented in every local improvement campaign. We also make it a rule to take as much or more advertising space in our local papers than anyone else in the town."

He further stated that "When a small borrower needs from ten to thirty dollars for a short time we charge him the same rate per cent per annum on his loan that we would if he borrowed \$25,000 or more. We treat the small customer as liberally as the large one, thus making him feel that no advantage is being taken of him because he is poor. He will remember and appreciate this when he becomes a large customer."

FORD CUTS PRICE OF CAR Profit-Sharing Plan Discontinued—300,000 Checks for \$50 to Be Sent Buyers.

The Ford Motor Company make an important announcement in a flat reduction in the price of their car, coupled with the statement that while they guarantee against any further reduction within a year, they cannot give assurance that the price may not be advanced at any time. This is in harmony with the aggressive and yet careful policy of the Ford company, whose desire and earnest efforts are continually devoted to annual price reductions consistent with the maintenance of their established high standard of quality and efficiency and "after service."

To maintain this policy when the annual output of cars runs into hundreds of thousands, the most dependable information and reliable facts are absolutely necessary to guide the company in its efforts in controlling the costs in production, and it is but natural that a period must be reached when the cost of production will have reached its lowest limit. Therefore, the question of materials and the conditions governing manufacturing must be well in hand to safeguard the stability of the company's business.

Last year a flat reduction of \$60 in price was given and a further inducement made that, contingent upon the company selling 300,000 new Ford cars at retail during the twelve months, they would profit share with the purchasers of such cars to the extent of from \$40 to \$60 on each car. The company has sold over 300,000 new cars within the time specified, and beginning Aug. 15, profit-sharing checks of \$50 each will be mailed to the 300,000 and more buyers of Ford cars during the year ending July 31, 1915.

This profit sharing with retail purchasers was not intended by the company to be understood as having anything to do with price reduction, but was given as an evidence of good will and appreciation of the assistance such owners would give

the company in helping it to sell the 300,000 cars. This sharing of profits with retail purchasers should be further understood as being a part of the unit profit, and having nothing whatever to do with the accumulated profits of the Ford company's business; in other words, the company voluntarily shared the profits on the individual car, because the buyer of such car was expected to give assistance in helping Ford Motor Company achieve an exceedingly large number of sales. He had no right, nor has any buyer of a Ford car any right to share in the accumulated profits of the company. These accumulated profits are reserved and used by the company for the extension of its business, for the further enlargement of its powers in the production of still greater volumes annually, and as a reserve against possible future contingencies.

The \$50 profit sharing check will be mailed in August to 300,000 and more buyers of Ford cars during the past year, and is not in the nature of a bonus or price reduction, but is reciprocal evidence of good will. In the present announcement, the Ford company makes the following very frank statement: "Our plan to profit share with retail purchasers of Ford cars during 1914-15 has been most successful. We thoroughly believe in it, but realizing the uncertainty of conditions generally makes it advisable to defer any announcement of future profit sharing until a later date. We are, however, confident of our inability to reduce the costs for several months and therefore can offer no profit sharing for cars delivered during August, September and October, 1915."

Real Extravagance.

Husband—You charge me with reckless extravagance. When did I ever make a useless purchase?

Wife—Why, there's that fire extinguisher you bought a year ago; we've never used it once.—Boston Transcript.

U. C. V. Meeting.

Young County Camp No. 127 U. C. V. met in regular session at Judge Stinson's office last Saturday afternoon. Twelve members of the Camp were present. The Camp was called to order by Lieutenant A. O. Norris, after which prayer was offered by Comrade J. W. Still.

There being no special business before the Camp, a few moments were spent in general conversation, when unexpectedly Dick Williams came in with a sumptuous supply of delicious ice cream. To say the least, this was a pleasant surprise to us, and when we learned that it was our true and tried friend, Judge Stinson, who had remembered us in this manner, we were more than pleased, for the fact, that we have for years past, regarded him as one of our truest and best friends. In fact, we know that he is. A vote of thanks was tendered Judge Stinson for this kind remembrance. Tax Collector, Hy. Groves and Rev. B. F. Weir honored us with their presence and they too enjoyed ice cream with us.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to state that it is the intention of our Camp to have a picture made of the members of Fitzhugh Lee Chapter U. D. C. and have the same placed in the Confederate Veteran; and it is hoped that arrangements can be made to have the picture made soon.

Respectfully,
F. Herron, Adjt.

Baptist Missionary Society.

The kindness of Mrs. Miller sending her car with Miss Berenice, as chauffeuse, made it possible for a large number of women and children to attend the Missionary Society, which met with Mrs. Stewart Thursday afternoon.

The president being absent Miss Leah Stewart led the devotional exercises, using the 86 Psalm as the basis of her remarks.

Although the weather was oppressively warm Mrs. Roland Voulas succeeded in holding the attention of all and conducted a most interesting lesson from Deuteronomy. Mrs. Rickman's letter to the Association was read and adopted.

Mrs. McLendon's departure was noted and the Society paid many loving tributes to her for her cheerfulness, faithfulness and untiring efforts to benefit others.

Further business dispensed with, the social hour was very profitably spent in piecing a quilt. Mrs. Stewart having the pieces cut they were soon transformed by the fifteen ladies into a beautiful cover.

The Society adjourned to meet in two weeks for a missionary meeting. All are requested to be present.

Reporter.

Christian Endeavor.

Topic: "Faithfulness to Ideals." Acts 26:12-19.

Leader—Mr. H. L. Tidwell. Stability of Purpose, I. Cor. 7:20-24.—Clyde Birdwell.

Our Ambition, Rom. 1:13-17.—Fay Martin.

A Man that Succeeded. Dan. 1:8-16.—Romie Martin.

A Man that Failed. Jonah 1:1-16.—Bro. Evans.

Christ Ideal. Isa. 11:1-10.—Mary Martin.

Miscellaneous Shower.

Mrs. J. L. Flint entertained Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Jennie Bell Hunter, who is to be married to Mr. Andrew J. Bullock August 25th.

Each guest, on entering, was requested to write her name in a pretty guest book, which was presented to the bride-to-be.

Progressive games of forty-two and bunco afforded pleasure for the guests, also music by Mrs. Self.

Mrs. Fred Arnold won high score, a set of Harrison Fisher pictures, and Miss Kate Cochran, in a cut with all present, won a bottle of toilet water. The prizes were presented to the honoree.

After delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, the many pretty gifts were shown.

Many useful gifts to a bride and housekeeper were left by her friends. Those present: Misses Kate and Willie Cochran, Lena Humble, Myrtle Wallace, Annie Lewis, Kathleen and Leah Stewart, Mae Hunter and Kate Fields; Mesdames Virgil Tidwell, Fred Arnold, B. W. King, S. E. Hunter, Ben Self, J. L. Flint and the honoree.

LES HIBOUX.

Mrs. E. C. Stovall entertained the Friday Bridge Club Friday afternoon, with four tables in play.

After playing four games the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Will Norman, served an ice course. Mrs. Fred Arnold won the high score prize, a pretty piece of crochet. Mrs. Gay won the cut prize, a box of stationery.

Members present: Mesdames Parrish, Arnold, Norman, Gay, Fowler, Hutchison, Q. Stre H. Wadsworth, Criswell; Miss Bladen Garrett, Zella Allen, Othy Graham, Agnes Craig, Lian Manning. Invited guests: Misses Nelle Graham and Leah Bell.

County Judge Appointed.

Commissioners' Court met last Monday in special session and appointed A. H. Kink to fill the vacancy of the office of County Judge, caused by the death of Judge Thorp.

Mr. King is well known to the people of the county, he having served the county both as Assessor and County and District Clerk for a number of years, and having been engaged in an extensive real estate trading business here for the past four or five years.—Throckmorton Times.

Making Him Feel at Home.

"We are to entertain a distinguished Russian visitor this evening. What can I do to make him feel perfectly at home?"

"I don't know, unless when it comes time for him to go you let him out by the back door and wish him a safe retreat."—Detroit Free Press.

Two Sides.

"There are two sides to every question."

"Friend," replied Broncho Bob, "there's only two sides to a deck o' cards, a top side and a bottom side, but that ain't no call to assume that one is as good as the other."—Washington Star.

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