

SENTENCES GIVEN TWO IN BANK CASE

Miss Dula and Dantzler Given Six and Seven Year Terms In Reform- atories.

Greenwood, Dec. 15.—Miss Bernice S. Dula of Laurens, and Robert Marion Dantzler of Holly Hill, pleading guilty to "misapplication" and "conspiracy," two of six counts in an indictment charging them with embezzling approximately \$80,000 of the funds of the Palmetto Bank in Laurens, were sentenced by Judge C. C. Wyche in Federal court here today and placed in the custody of the U. S. district attorney who was instructed to lodge them in reformatories where they might receive what Judge Wyche described as "institutional care."

The sentences imposed, to take effect Wednesday, January 5, were for Dantzler a \$500 fine, two years on the "conspiracy" count and five years on the "misapplication" count, to run concurrently, and for Miss Dula, no fine, two years on the "conspiracy" count and four years on the "misapplication" count, to run concurrently.

Declaring that "this is a very sad case in which detailed comments would serve no good purpose," Judge Wyche said that he was sentencing the co-defendants to a "reformatory" rather than the penitentiary because "I think they need institutional treatment. I can't imagine two persons of common, ordinary reason doing such a thing and I think that both are entitled to treatment by psychiatrists."

The judge explained that he was imposing the heavier sentence upon Dantzler, who he said admitted receiving only approximately \$25,000 of the misappropriated funds, because "for one reason, he got most of the money, and, for another, Miss Dula has already repaid \$3,200, all she had, while he has repaid nothing."

No announcement was made of the location of the institutions where the co-defendants will be confined, that being left to the discretion of the U. S. district attorney.

Judge Wyche said that the six counts in the indictment, five of embezzlement and one of conspiracy, would have carried sentences of 27 years but "had you pleaded guilty to all counts, I would not have given you a larger sentence than I did."

"This is a very sad case," Judge Wyche remarked, "and passing judgment places a great responsibility upon me. On the one hand you have a faithful, competent and efficient bank employee, of a good family, who says that she gave most of the money to her co-defendant. On the other hand you have Mr. Dantzler, also of a good family, who is recently married."

Miss Dula voluntarily repaid \$400 and, in a suit won by the Palmetto Bank, paid another \$3,200, Judge Wyche recalled, while Dantzler has repaid nothing and "thus far there is no suit against him."

"Mr. Dantzler was a school teacher in Laurens," the judge continued, "and the facts show that he received most of the money which he squandered on automobiles and other things that are not necessary to recount. I wish I could put both of them on probation but this is not that kind of a case. I think that it is best for the two defendants to be sent to an institution. I think that would be best for them and best for law enforcement."

Judge Wyche, who said that the co-defendants had been allowed to plead guilty to only two of the six counts by agreement of the probation officer, FBI representatives, the U. S. district attorney and attorneys representing the defendants, pointed out that each would be eligible for parole after "you have served one-third of your respective sentences and I urge you to obey the laws of the institution where you are confined, submit to its authorities, and come back to take your place in society as the good citizens you both are capable of being."

As Washington Sees It THE NATIONAL SCENE.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In the background, behind much of the voting in congress these days, can be seen strong opposition by congress to a fourth term for President Roosevelt. Although the President has made no statement on the fourth term issue, it is assumed that he would accept one. If he was going to refuse it he would probably have indicated this fact before now.

The majority of congress, including many New Dealers, are known to be opposed to a fourth term—and this sentiment can be seen in the growing opposition in congress to legislation proposed by the administration. Congressmen realize that they must handle this opposition with kid gloves, for they do not want to be put in the position of interfering with the war program. Thus, although there is a good deal of congressional feeling against the work done abroad by the Office of War Information, congress continues to provide funds for that work, even though they are reduced, because military leaders have testified that the work is essential to the winning of the war.

On controversies which are purely domestic things are reaching the point where a recommendation by the administration seems to expand rather than decrease congressional opposition. Up to 1940 congress gained the reputation of being a "rubber stamp" for the President, but now it is quite the opposite.

Two of the most outstanding examples of this change are the tax bill and the farm subsidy measure. On taxes, the President, through the secretary of the treasury, asked for 10½ additional billions of taxes to be enacted this year. The house of representatives, totally disregarding the arguments of the treasury, voted taxes amounting to about one-fifth of the recommended amount and suggested that the rest be raised generally by decreasing governmental expenses.

On this subject, Representative Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee which drafted the new tax measure, said: "Too heavy a tax burden is as great a danger to the nation as too large a public debt."

The senate, although being urged by the treasury to increase taxes, is expected to follow in the footsteps of the house. In addition to the argument that cuts in government extravagance can offset the need for higher taxes, the senate also objects to the proposals of the treasury which would put most of the additional tax burden on business and business men instead of on war workers who are earning more than they ever earned before as a result of the war.

Congressional opposition to the administration is also clearly demonstrated in its action to end farm subsidies. Although it is evident that the elimination of these subsidies would increase food costs to the consumer, congress feels that strict control of food prices is useless so long as the administration continues to permit wage increases to labor. In opposing subsidies, congressmen repeatedly expressed lack of confidence in the administration of subsidies. "Neither the people nor this congress," said Representative J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, "believes that the subsidy program can be of being."

Attorneys representing the defendants declined, when invited by Judge Wyche, to comment on the facts of the case.

O. H. Doyle, U. S. district attorney, declared that "the facts have been fully reported to the court by the probation officer."

Blease of Newberry, one of the lawyers representing Dantzler, declared that "we are willing to accept the report of the probation officer and feel that it is a very fair report."

O. L. Long, of Laurens, representing Miss Dula, said that "after reading the statement of the facts before the court, we have no statement to make at this time."

be or will be efficiently or properly administered."

But behind this opposition can be seen a growing objection to providing large funds to the administration which could be used to political advantage in the presidential election in 1944.

It can be expected, from now on, that congress will show its teeth whenever legislation is proposed to give the executive department authority to distribute money domestically or to increase wages of workers.

COURT DEMANDS EARLY END OF SEABOARD CASE

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut of Baltimore has ruled that the thirteen-year-old receivership of the Seaboard Air Line railway "must now be brought to a close without much further delay," through equity proceedings if possible, otherwise through bankruptcy proceedings.

In an opinion filed in the U. S. District court here, Judge Chesnut said that counsel for the railway's recently named reorganization committee "will be expected to at once prepare and submit to the court a final order for the confirmation of Special Master Tazewell Taylor's report with certain modifications."

Judge Chesnut filed in the court here a decree approving Taylor's plan or reorganization and certain modifications recommended by a special conference committee.

In his opinion, Judge Chesnut said that "whether the final procedure is in equity or bankruptcy it will be necessary for the court to appoint a reorganization committee to carry it through. The master's report so recommends. And after conference and suggestions from parties at the last hearing, the court appoints Mr. Otis Glazebrook, Jr., of New York, as representative of the general mortgagees; Mr. Joseph France of Baltimore, as representative of the majority of the underlying bonds, and Mr. Charles Markell of Baltimore, a heretofore non-interested party, as this reorganization committee."

"The committee will also be authorized to select a competent and thoroughly experienced counsel to act for it to take prompt proceedings to carry through the plan of equity if possible. In view of the long pendency of the receivership the court will expect both the committee and its counsel to act immediately and to report to and confer from time to time with the court on the requisite procedure. If and when it develops that prompt reorganization in equity

Notes From The County Agent's Office

By C. B. CANNON, County Agent

Since December 1st, Laurens county farmers have placed orders for over 9,000 tons of agricultural limestone through the AAA. Orders before December 1, this year, were 7,621½ tons. This is proof farmers are seeing the value of limestone used by various farmers throughout the county.

A number of definite lime demonstrations have been conducted for the past three years and the information announced through newspaper articles, circular letters, office calls, and field visits by the county agent.

Under the new AAA program, just announced, limestone has been given

will not be possible, the Court will expect either the debtor or interested creditors to at once thereafter initiate proceedings under Section 77. This receivership must now be brought to a close without much further delay."

a liberal consideration. A farmer may receive approximately 1400 pounds of bulk limestone for each acre of crop land without any out-of-pocket cost for the limestone delivered to the farm where farm-yard delivery services have been established in the county.

It is suggested farmers place their orders early with the AAA office, as a large volume of limestone will be used in the state and railroad deliveries may become an important factor.

Poultry Shipment

The first poultry truck shipment for the season last week loaded 2103 pounds of poultry from 45 farmers, paying cash to the amount of \$468.86. The loading points were Laurens Bonded Warehouse, with 27 farmers selling 1330 pounds of poultry for \$296.04, and at Gray Court, with 18 farmers selling 773 pounds for \$172.82.

Due to scarcity and price of feed today, poultry raisers should cull all loafers and dispose by eating or selling on the market.

SAY, "I SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE." THANK YOU.

ADMINISTRATION CITATION FOR LETTERS

The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

By J. Hewlette Wasson, Probate Judge:

Whereas, Laurie A. Daniel and Myrtle A. Hunter made suit to me to rant them Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Carrie Aull Boozer.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said Carrie Aull Boozer, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on January 7, 1944, next, after publication hereof, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December, A. D., 1943.

J. HEWLETTE WASSON, Probate Judge.

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GREETINGS

To You, One and All!!

Expressing our appreciation of your courtesies of the past year and extending the compliments of the season, we wish you a Season of happiness, goodwill and contentment. Whatever the New Year holds for all of us, may it see the realization of your every ambition.

BUCHANAN'S

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W. A. BUCHANAN, Prop. Phone 28

GREETINGS

OF THE YULETIDE SEASON



We can think of no better way to express our appreciation for the many favors you have afforded us in the past. Since we cannot see each of you personally, this message is sent with a sincere feeling of friendliness to all. We wish you the Season's best.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May We Have the Pleasure of Serving You Often in 1944.

COPELAND'S MEAT MARKET

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Phone 46



COMPLIMENTS

Of The Season

From Your City Officials

In the four corners of the globe, men of free nations are giving their lives in battle to keep the light of freedom and the inner glow of the true Christmas spirit shining in the hearts of Christian people throughout the world. Their courage and the strength of others suffering untold tragedies in so many lands across the sea is a challenge to those of us at home . . . to keep alive the spirit of Christmas, to sacrifice cheerfully and to do our part willingly to speed the day of Victory. These things we must and we shall do, that the lights of Christmas trees may still shine, and children's voices may still sing the rich warm melodies of our traditional Christmas carols in the Yuletides of years to come.

Though this Christmas season is not a joyous one for many of us, America is still rich with the blessings of freedom, and our hearts are thankful that we may pause and glory in the significance of the Christmas story once again. We wish for each of you a measure of joy this holiday season; and for all men the reward of Peace and Victory, through work and sacrifice, in the days that are to follow.

TO THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN THE U. S. SERVICE FROM CLINTON AND THIS COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU MAY BE LOCATED, WE SEND SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES.

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