

Dismissed!

Federal Judge Throws Out Civil Rights Suit Against R-C Hospital

ELIZABETH CITY — The federal suit charging the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie with racial discrimination has been dismissed in the United States Court.

Filed last April 27 in the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of North Carolina in Elizabeth City by Douglas Hall, minor, of Ahoskie by his father and next best friend, George Hall, and John L. Scott, Negroes, the suit sought an injunction in a four-count recital of grievances in violation of the plaintiffs' Civil Rights.

Dismissal with prejudice, which prevents re-filing of the suit, was handed down September 10 by Judge John D. Larkins, Jr. However, the civil action in the U.S. Court has delayed the big hospital expansion project to the place that Hospital Administrator John Blanton admitted Thursday that "unless everything falls in line" in connection with the project, "we will be lucky if we are able to turn ground in 1966."

Plans call for the first unit of a three-unit expansion over a 15 year period, to be completed by 1969, which will mean the project will have to get under way in 1966 according to architects.

The cost of the three-story first unit initially was set at \$960,000 but suggested changes and cost increase have added another \$122,000 to put the project well beyond a million dollars.

Hill-Burton funds from the federal government are being sought to provide 55 per cent of the cost with the remainder to

be raised by the community. Recently announcement was made of approval of government money for several North Carolina hospitals whose projects were inaugurated after that of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital.

Blanton said Thursday that "we have been overlooked" with the indication this resulted from intrusion of the action for a federal injunction last April.

He expressed the hope the dismissal of the suit will result in expediting granting of the necessary federal money.

The first project will add 64 beds to 110 bed hospital but the hospital will lose 32 of the present beds, to give the institution a 140 bed status.

The second project which will see three stories added on top of the first three will bring the bed count to 200 and the third unit to go on top of the second unit to give the hospital a nine-story structure will bring the bed count to 270 — all in private rooms.

The section of the hospital currently in use will be converted to service facilities.

Federal Judge Larkins' decision on the civil rights suit reads:

Douglas Hall, a minor, by his father and next friend, George Hall; George Hall, individually, and John L. Scott, Plaintiffs

vs. The Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, a body corporate; John C. Blanton, Administrator of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital; and E. P. Brown, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital.

Defendants JUDGMENT

This action having been filed by Negro plaintiffs on April 27, 1965 seeking an injunction restraining defendants from denying, abridging,

conditioning, or limiting the full use and enjoyment of the facilities and services of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital on account of race or color, and counsel for all parties having conferred and reviewed the issues of law and fact consent to the following judgment:

(1) That the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, a body corporate, has declared that the policy and practice of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital is that all admissions of all patients, without regard to race or color, or to the hospital, are through applications from the medical staff (none of whom are employees of the hospital) for their individual patients, and all room assignments are made by the hospital in keeping with medical, surgical, treatment, and nursing needs and requirements of the patients, and in keeping with available rooms, and that affirmative actions have been taken by the Board of Trustees, the Director of the hospital, and the medical staff, to the end that these policies and practices have been carried out so that the services and facilities of the hospital are and will continue to be available to all patients, eligible for admission, without regard to race or color and without racial distinctions;

(2) That food services and eating facilities, both for patients and staff, are maintained and will continue to be maintained and operated without racial distinction or segregation;

(3) That the nurses' home and all other facilities for staff and employees are maintained and operated without racial distinction or segregation.

(4) That this action as to the defendants John C. Blanton, Administrator of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, and E. P. Brown, Sr., President of the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, be and the same is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

(5) This judgment shall be interlocutory for the period ending on the 1st day of January, 1966, and shall thereafter be final unless during said interim further proceedings, on motion for modification thereof, for good cause shown, shall be pending as of said date.

(6) That the defendants pay the cost incurred herein, in the sum of \$40.32.

This the 7th day of September, 1965.

/s/ John D. Larkins, Jr. Judge.

CONSENTED TO:

/s/ John H. Hall

/s/ J. A. Pritchett

Pritchett & Cooke

Attorneys for Defendants

/s/ Conrad O. Pearson

/s/ J. LeVonne Chambers

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Tractor Winners

Defend Titles

October 11-19

RALEIGH — District winners in the 4-H tractor driving contests are once again getting set to defend their titles at North Carolina State Fair this year when it opens for its annual run October 11-19.

Norman Cox, Route 1, Four Oaks; Eugene Blackwell, Route 4, Oxford; Larry Howell, Route 1, Como were first, second and third place winners in the northeastern district contest. They are looking forward to competing with the winners from each of the state's five other 4-H districts, with an eye on the championship.

The big contest has been set for Friday, October 15, at 10 a.m. in the State Fair Arena. Winners will receive cash prizes and trophies. Total prize money is \$150.

The standard obstacle course will be used, according to J. C. Ferguson, contest director, but will be limited to two-wheel driving events only. Entrants will be required to wear standard 4-H uniforms, helmets and "Tractor Contest" T-shirts will be furnished by State Fair.

Peace Corps To Test On October 9

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An opportunity for Roanoke-Chowan area residents to offer their abilities to the Peace Corps will come at 9 a.m., Saturday, October 9, at the Post Office buildings at Elizabeth City, Greensboro and Rocky Mount.

The opportunity is the Peace Corps Placement Test, which is not passed or failed and you can't study for it. It measures general aptitude and the ability to learn a language. If, for example, test scores indicate limited language acquiring ability, the Peace Corps tries to place the applicant in an English-speaking area. The test is used by the Peace Corps only as a tool in the matching of volunteers and jobs.

Foundation Is Expanding Its Program

CHAPEL HILL — Trustees of the Morehead Foundation at the University of North Carolina have announced expansion of the Morehead Program in North Carolina high schools and preparatory schools.

Three new districts have been added. Previously, the state was divided into seven districts. The state is now divided into 10 districts. This expansion program will send 60 award nominees to the Central Committee in Chapel Hill instead of 42.

John Motley Morehead, founder of the Morehead Foundation, made this expansion possible when he left the major part of his estate to the Foundation.

Chairman of the Morehead Selection Committee in the first district is Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount.

The First District counties with their chairmen are: Bertie, Jack H. Goldstein, Windsor; Gates, Dr. L. C. Hand, Gatesville; Hertford, Ralph L. Basnight, Ahoskie; and Northampton, Eric Norfleet, Jackson.

Nominations for Morehead Awards are to be made to the county committees by the individual schools by October 15. District interviews will be held in January and the final awards made on March 1, 1966.

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TOBACCO GRADING CONTEST—11:00 A.M.
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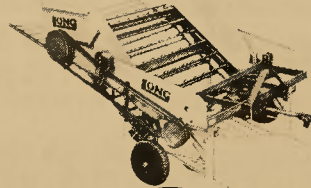
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Begin History Class WUNC-TV

GREENSBORO — Dr. Richard Bardolph, head of the history department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro is offering a credit course over WUNC-TV on "Social History of the U.S. to 1865," which began September 23.

The course, televised from the UNC-G studio from 9:30 to 10:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays will carry two semester hours graduate or advanced undergraduate credit.

Dr. Bardolph will discuss early American life, with special attention to the changing religious, intellectual, aesthetic, literary, social and economic currents, and their influence upon the shaping of American traditions.

Registration may be completed by mail or in person through the extension division of UNC-G. Teachers in the Tidewater section may see the course over Channel 2.

Baptist Women Meet Sept. 29

WINDSOR — The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Union of the West Roanoke Association will sponsor Annual Woman's Night, Wednesday, September 29 at 8 o'clock at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church near Windsor.

Featured numbers will include a dramatization of the theme, "Sharing the Light," and special music by an outstanding musical group. An invitation is extended to the ministers of the West Roanoke Association, and the public is cordially invited.

LITTER WARNING

NEW YORK (UPI)—Skaters beware! Don't litter the skating pond. Paper, candy wrappers and other items of litter carelessly tossed on the ice can easily trip skaters with resultant personal injuries, warns Keep America Beautiful.

"This is a case where every litter bit really hurts," explained the national anti-litter organization. Clearly marked litter receptacles are urged for every community skating pond and rink.



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