

\$30,000 SUIT FILED HERE LAST WEEK SUPERIOR COURT

Robert Gums Sues Gothe Godard For Alienation of Wife's Affections

An alienation suit, the plaintiff, Robert Gums, of Williams Township, asking \$30,000 actual and punitive damages, was filed here last week against Gothe Godard, also of Williams Township. Hugh G. Horton, local attorney for the plaintiff, filed the following complaint in the courthouse here last week:

"The complaint alleges that the plaintiff, Robert Gums, and Fannie Gums were married in Roanoke Rapids Halifax County, in 1911, and have been and are now residents of Martin County.

"That they lived happily together as man and wife, and but for said injuries would still continue to do so.

"That for a considerable time prior to and including Friday, June 26, 1931, the defendant, well knowing Fannie Gums to be the wife of Robert Gums, wrongfully and maliciously contriving and intending to injure this plaintiff, and for the purpose of, and in order to deprive plaintiff of the affection, society, and service of his said wife, at numerous times visited the said Fannie Gums, met her at different places and fondled and caressed her, carried on a liaison with her, obtained her affection and caused this plaintiff to lose the affection of his said wife.

"That said defendant, by his malicious, wrongful, and persuasive advice and inducements poisoned her mind against this plaintiff and alienated her affection.

"That on account of and by reason of the wrongful acts aforesaid, and on account of her relation with the said defendant, Gothe Godard, plaintiff's wife, Fannie R. Gums, has become estranged and cold and indifferent toward the plaintiff and the home that he has made for his wife and children, and his home and happiness have been destroyed.

"That she has lost her affection and companionship, which have caused him great injury, all to his damage in the sum of \$15,000.

"For a second cause of action, plaintiff alleges:

"That during the time mentioned in the first cause of action and at divers other times before the commencement of this action, said defendant did wrongfully and wickedly debauch and criminally know the said Fannie Gums, then and there still being the wife of this plaintiff, and thereby the affection of said Fannie Gums for the plaintiff was alienated and destroyed, and this plaintiff has been deprived of the comfort, society, and assistance of his said wife and he and his home have been brought into dishonor and disgrace, because of the action of conduct of the defendant as hereinbefore alleged.

"That on account of the wrongful and malicious acts, of said action in the preceding section, the defendant has been damaged in the sum of \$15,000.

"Wherefore this plaintiff prays judgment: First, for actual damage in the sum of \$20,000; Second, for punitive damage in the sum of \$10,000; for the cost of this action and such other further relief as the facts in the case may entitle the plaintiff to."

NUMBER BEARS ARE REPORTED

425-Pounder Is Killed in Creswell Community Recently

(Roanoke Beacon)

There may be a bumper crop of snakes in Washington County this season, and all that, but the reptiles have no flies on the huge crop of bears, which have become so numerous in some sections of the county that they have taken to killing hogs right under the owners' noses, according to information furnished The Beacon by Mrs. M. J. Davenport, of the Creswell community. It would seem that Mr. Bruin is running the snakes a close second at any rate.

Mrs. Davenport states that a few nights ago, a huge hog-bear came trotting out across the road, only 25 yards from Will Oliver's house, and nabbed a sow and four pigs. M. J. Davenport weighed the bear and he touched the scales for 425 pounds. The sow only weighed 350 pounds.

The bear was caught by four dogs and five young men. The hog was caught at 10 o'clock during the night, and at 11 o'clock the bear was captured.

Now, if any other county in the State can beat Washington County when it comes to the multiplicity of sow-killing bears, said counties are invited to trot out their bears and dead hogs.

Mosaic Is Disease Causing Some Damage To Tobacco

Many tobacco plants in this county and surrounding sections are starving to death and a number of fields are diseased with "mosaic," a disease common to the crop but more pronounced this year than in some time, County Agent T. B. Brandon stated yesterday following observation of the disease in several sections of the county. At first the disease baffled farmers, many of them seeing the disease damage for their first time.

The disease, a bit peculiar and not ordinarily considered very serious, is doing much damage this year, County Agent Brandon stated. More or less similar to what is commonly called wildfire, the disease burns the leaf up, and in those cases the plants are diseased with "mosaic," which is called "waterloo" or "French." It is very noticeable among the bottom leaves of the stalk, while at the top the leaves carry dark green spots and grow to a point instead of rounding out to make a full-sized leaf.

Mr. Brandon stated that he had observed a goodly number of tobacco

fields affected like that, and the only thing that can be done at the present time is to try to keep the disease from spreading to healthy plants. The agent is of the opinion that the spread of the disease can be checked by properly topping and suckering the crop. The agent advises that when tobacco is ready for topping, the grower should have one set of hands top only healthy stalks that do not show the "mosaic" disease. Do not let this set of hands touch the diseased plants. Let the other set of hands top the diseased plants. If all the plants are topped at the same time the gum or juice from the diseased plants will be rubbed on the healthy plants and the disease will be spread.

In suckering, do the same thing that is suggested for topping. Let one set of hands sucker only the healthy plants. Let another set of hands sucker only the diseased plants.

If these suggestions are followed thoroughly the spread of this disease will be checked considerably, Mr. Brandon stated.

Glorious Fourth Quiet Here; Man Drowned in Plymouth; 354 Deaths in United States

CONOHO LODGE HAS BARBECUE

Install Officers at Meeting Held In Hamilton This Morning at 10 O'clock

Following the installation of elective and appointive officers at 10:30 this morning, the Conoho lodge members of Hamilton, enjoyed a barbecue dinner with invited guests at noon today. Several members of the local lodge attended.

Elected at a meeting of the lodge there early last month, Messrs. B. M. Worsley, master; T. B. Slade, jr., senior warden; C. D. Perkins, junior warden; J. W. Hines, secretary; and J. W. Eubanks, treasurer, took office this morning with the following appointees: C. B. Savage, senior deacon; G. W. Barrett, junior deacon; R. A. Edmondson, tiler; B. B. Taylor and R. E. Downs, stewards; J. C. Ross, chaplain; and H. S. Johnson, educational secretary. Messrs. Slade, Johnson, and Hines were appointed to serve on the Oxford orphan asylum committee.

HEALTH OFFICER URGES CAUTION IN HOME CANNING

Danger in Deadly Botulism When Cold-Pack Process Is Employed

As the season for home canning is now on and probably more produce will be canned this year than any year before this in North Carolina, it is important to repeat a warning recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The Journal statement follows:

"Again attention must be directed to an outbreak of botulism from home-canned vegetables, presumably canned by the so-called cold-pack process. In this, the first outbreak to be recorded for 1931, the causative food epidemiologically was a salad made up from two glass jars of mixture of home-canned string beans, peas, and carrots. The outbreak occurred in Graton, N. D., following a party given on the night of January 29. Seventeen persons attended the party; 12 are dead, probably all who showed symptoms of botulism.

"Heretofore, home-canned string beans caused outbreaks of botulism far in excess of any other food. Home-canned string beans, even when mixed with carrots and peas, canned by the cold-pack process, are a potential menace to the health. They should always be boiled before being served. Unfortunately, many of the recipes for the home canning of vegetables antedate the present-day knowledge of botulism, and with few exceptions no effort has been made to correct them. Admittedly, it is difficult to reach those who are endangered by foods inadequately preserved in the home. Nevertheless, the public should be told with unremitting insistence that string beans and every non-acid vegetable may be rendered safe by sterilization for a sufficient time and temperature in a pressure cooker, by drying."

Because of the world-wide slump in silver, China's copper coins have so little purchasing power that they are sold in bulk to Japan, where they are melted and used in the manufacture of wire.

BUSTER ADLER LOSES LIFE IN RIVER SUNDAY

Not a Single Accident Is Reported In County Over Week-End

Three hundred and fifty-four people lost their lives in the States last Saturday and Sunday while celebrating the Glorious Fourth and taking a second holiday Sunday.

Alk over the county, accidental deaths were reported, the one resulting in the Roanoke River at Plymouth being the nearest to this point. Buster Adler, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler, of Plymouth, was dragged from the Roanoke late last Sunday afternoon. The young man, in swimming with several other companions, was dressing on a boat when he missed one of his shoes. He jumped into the water and is believed to have hit a log or some other object, the blow rendering him unconscious. His body was recovered shortly after he jumped into the stream, but efforts to restore life failed. Services were held in Plymouth this morning and burial was in the cemetery at Vanceboro.

The death was the second reported in the Roanoke during the past several days. Captain Sawyer having lost his life in the stream the Wednesday before.

This county reported no accidents or trouble; in fact, the week-end was an unusually quiet one according to reports received here from several sections of the county. No arrests were made by town or county officers, and no automobile wrecks were reported. Officers described the period as one of the quietest observed here in some time.

Saturday was just another business day here and Sunday and Monday were marked for their quietness. A goodly number went to the near-by beaches, but a majority of local people rested at home.

While all sections of the country were represented in the casualty list, midwestern States led in fatalities. Eighty-six people lost their lives in that section, 35 by drowning, 30 in automobile accidents and 16 from excessive heat.

At 270 lives the nation counted the cost of its 155th Independence Day celebration. With all sections of the country sharing in the price of the annual independence observance, the highest loss of recent years was reached.

Fireworks, once the major cause for fatalities on the holiday, this year accounted for only six lives; two in the Midatlantic, one each in the Midwest, the Southwest, South and New England. But the injured from explosives totaled at least 368.

The fakes and rivers exacted the grimmest reckoning. Though much of the country was free on the Fourth from the severe heat wave which last week counted its victims at nearly 1,300 dead, it was warm enough that rivers and lakes were thronged. One hundred and nine lives were lost in drownings. The Pacific Coast reported 27 of this number, 17 occurring at Los Angeles alone, where a surging rip tide swept over crowded beaches. Four men drowned in Lake Michigan near Gary, Ind., in an attempt to rescue a youth caught in a vicious undertow. The youth was saved by lifeguardsmen.

The jammed highways of the nation took 96 lives in automobile accidents as compared with 81 last year. Air-

AMERICA'S PLAN TO HELP WORLD GETS APPROVAL

President Announces That Agreement Is Reached With France

America's plan to help the world by helping Germany has been accepted at last by all the important creditor governments, according to information released in Washington, D. C. last night. Reports released last night in connection with the debt holiday read: "President Hoover announced tonight that his proposal for a one-year suspension of war debts and reparation payments has been accepted in principle by all the important creditor governments.

To all intents, the proposal, which may make history, went into moral effect when the President, standing with his right hand thrust in his trousers pocket, read his announcement to newspapermen.

This plan is effective as of July 1. Details remain to be worked out.

A committee of experts, with an American observer, will settle these details. They will be instructed, as the President had insisted, to reach their agreement within the spirit of the President's plan.

This spirit, briefly, is to give Germany a real one-year holiday from her staggering reparations burden. Behind this idea is that by saving Germany from her imminent financial collapse, and in turn by relieving European governments generally of war debt payments for one year, the world may be helped out of its economic depression.

For sixteen days the President has worked, to the exclusion of nearly all other business, on his debt plan. The end came suddenly, after a series of conferences in Paris, with Secretary of Treasury Andrew W. Mellon as chief American negotiator. There was a series of telephone conversations between Mellon and the White House also.

The result was the dispatch of a French note which, the President said, accepted his plan in principle.

There was compromise on both sides. France has receded from her original stand materially. The President was willing to offer every possible concession, desiring to make the debt holiday a friendly one and realizing the sacrifices France was forced to make. He insisted only that the debt and reparations holiday should be a real one, and this point, his announcement indicated he had won.

The President's announcement to newspapermen summarized the situation. The terms of the French acceptance, he said, were subject to approval of other interested governments. He does not expect any difficulties as to this, it was indicated.

Germany, as expected, will make some payments in reparations in kind. The President's only concern in this matter was to insure that these payments, which are under current contracts that could not well be suspended or cancelled, were not large enough to deprive Germany of a substantial amount of the reparations she normally pays.

The President pointed out that altogether \$800,000,000 is involved in his suspension plan. The sum sounds large. In terms of world trade, it is insignificant. But it means, from what has developed since Mr. Hoover first announced his plan, a new era in Europe.

No one in authority here believes that the debt and reparations structure can return exactly to its status of a month ago.

On the surface, however, the plan is a simple one, filled as it is with technical details. The President's original proposal, made 16 days ago on June 20, began:

"The American government proposes the postponement during one year of all payments on intergovernmental debts, reparations, and relief debts, both principal and interest, of course not including obligations of governments held by private parties. Subject to confirmation by Congress the American government will postpone all payments upon the debts of foreign governments to the American government payable during the fiscal year beginning July 1 next (last Wednesday), conditional on a like postponement for one year of all payments on intergovernmental debts owing the important creditor powers."

plane fatalities, however, increased to eight—three in the Midatlantic, the same number in the Midwest and two in the Mountain States.

In New York extra police were called out Sunday night to handle the crowds, estimated at more than 2,000 people, who jammed railroad terminals, ferry and excursion boat piers and important subway points in making their way home after the two-day holiday.

The corn and vegetable crops of Buncombe county have been seriously damaged by lack of rainfall this spring.

Martin County Farmers Start Harvesting Tobacco This Week

ASHLEY WYNN, OF EVERETTS, DIES SATURDAY

Victim of Paralysis Stroke Suffered Several Days Previously

Ashley Wynn, prominent planter of Everetts, died at his home there early last Saturday morning, following a stroke of paralysis suffered several days before while fishing in Washington County. Pneumonia, developing shortly after he was stricken with paralysis, was given as the cause of his death. He never regained consciousness following the stroke, with the exception of one or two times when he apparently was able to recognize members of the family but could not speak.

Apparently in good health, Mr. Wynn with a friend left home early Friday morning, June 26, for Conahy Creek, Washington County, to fish. They had been there a very short while when Mr. Wynn was stricken. He was removed to his home, where his condition gradually became worse.

The son of the late Tom Wynn and wife, Mary Mobley Wynn, he was born at the old home one mile from Everetts about 50 years ago. Twenty-eight years ago he was married to Miss Minnie Leggett, who, with three children, Misses Mae Dell, of Plymouth, Beatrice, of Everetts, and one son, Ashley D. Wynn, also of Everetts, survives. He also leaves one brother, Mr. Joe Wynn, of Everetts. About 15 years ago he and his family moved to Everetts, where they have since made their home. He continued his farming operations after changing his residence.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Sullivan, of Wilson, and Rev. R. A. Phillips, of Everetts. Burial was in the family cemetery on the home farm.

ENTER DENIAL OF INCEST CHARGE

J. T. Sarvis and Daughter Are Jailed Here Early Monday Morning

J. T. Sarvis and his daughter, Sinora Sarvis, 16, were placed in jail here early Monday morning on a charge of incest.

The Sarvis family live on the Leggett farm just out of town. Sarvis runs a little store and filling station at the edge of town and sleeps in the store at night. The complaint was made by people living in the neighborhood who had observed that the girl had been spending nights in the store with her father.

Justice John L. Hassell required a \$750 bond of Sarvis and \$250 for his daughter, releasing her later, however, without bond.

Sarvis, 45 years old, has a big family. Sinora was 16 years old last October. Both Sarvis and his daughter frankly state that she spent two nights at the store, but that there was nothing improper whatever about it. The man says it is nothing more than the result of some trouble he had with one of the people who live near his store, and that they have hatched up this groundless charge as a matter of persecution. The mother of the girl also says that there was nothing improper and no wrong was done.

The Sarvis family are rather nomadic in their habits. Sarvis was born in Robeson County, the mother in Edgecombe County, the girl, Sinora, in Virginia. They have lived in Enfield, Whitakers, Williams Township, Poplar Point, and several other places within the last few years.

Unknown Person Cuts Mrs. A. L. Roebuck's Auto Tires

Going to the garage of Mrs. A. L. Roebuck on East Main Street here last night, a miscreant cut all four tires on the widow's car to pieces. The tires, almost new, were completely ruined, the evil-doer failing to touch the spare tire resting on the rack at the rear of the car.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, a son, reporting the incident, was at a loss to assign any cause for the common act.

Cotton Blossoms and Boll Weevil Common in County

W. H. Rogers, colored farmer of Bear Grass Township, reported the third cotton blossom of the season last Friday. He also reported that the boll weevil was working in his cotton field, and it now looks as if Rogers is going to lose his 800 pounds of fertilizer used under each acre of his cotton.

HEAT RELIEVED BY HEAVY RAINS

Thermometer Immediately Starts Climbing Again; Crops Improved

Heavy rains were welcomed through out this and surrounding sections last Saturday and Sunday, but Monday the mercury had regained its high position and last night and a greater part of today, the people in this section continued to swelter under the heat. Last night was referred to as one of the hottest of the year, being about equal to Wednesday night of last week.

A shower of optimism followed the rains, farmers stating that crops had been bettered by many thousands of dollars in Martin County alone. Thunder showers are predicted for this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon.

PROPERTY OFF TEN PER CENT IN BEAR GRASS

Decrease There Brings the Total Loss in County Up To \$560,881

Bear Grass Township, turning in its property listings last week, reported a real and personal property loss of \$113,373, bringing the loss in six townships, Jamesville, Cross Roads, Poplar Point, Grifins, Williams, and Bear Grass Townships up to \$560,881.

Real-Estate values in Bear Grass dropped from \$626,318 in 1930 to \$501,126 this year, a decrease of a little over 10 per cent. Personal values dropped from \$175,381 in 1930 to \$127,200, a decrease of approximately 27.3 per cent.

Although six of the ten townships have completed and filed their listings, several of the larger districts have yet to turn in their lists and when they do the valuation losses are expected to mount higher and higher.

SAFEST TRAVEL ON RAILROADS

Seven Out of 700 Million Passengers Were Killed On Roads in 1930

More than 700 million passengers were carried an average distance of 38.1 miles by the railroads of the United States during 1930, statistics recently released show. Of this number only 7 were fatally injured by train accidents.

In other words, the chance of receiving a fatal injury from a train accident while a train passenger during 1930 was less than 1 to 100,000,000. Or, a train with one passenger would have to travel 8,749 years at 50 miles an hour before the passenger's beneficiaries could cash his fatal accident policy.

This remarkable 1930 safety record has been brought about by the railroads through improved equipment and its more perfect maintenance, installation of heavier rail, improved safety devices, and operating methods, and, most important, through the continuous concerted efforts of all railroad officials and employees to promote safety in every conceivable way.

A bronze plaque, presented each year by the National Safety Council as a reward in the employee casualty contest, was won in 1930 by the Atlantic Coast Line with the phenomenal record of only 1.66 accidents per 1,000,000 man-hours of work. This record has never been equalled, and is 82 per cent lower than the average of all railroads in the group.

Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse Hires Auctioneer for Season

Mr. Dick Thompson, of Greenville, an auctioneer of 15 years' experience, will be the auctioneer at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse the coming season. Mr. Thompson is not only considered one of the finest auctioneers in the business, but he is a good mixer and a fine judge of tobacco. Mr. Thompson married in a prominent family just 15 miles from Williamston, a Miss Cooper, daughter of Mr. R. A. Cooper of Old Ford.

John Edmond and Not John Edmondson Has Court Case

In reporting the proceedings of the county recorder's court last Friday, The Enterprise carried the case charging John Edmondson with being drunk and disorderly. The name should have been John Edmond. We gladly make the correction.

OTHER CROPS TO GET LITTLE CARE IN NEXT 6 WEEKS

Condition Is Generally Reported As Poor Through Out County

Martin County farmers started harvesting their 1931 tobacco crop yesterday, but it will be the latter part of this week or the first of next before the work is fully under way, it is believed. During the next six weeks the farmers will experience a trying schedule in handling their crops, for night and day many of them will carry on their labors. Other crops, as a whole, become secondary for the farmers will find it necessary to top, sucker, worm, prime, house, and cure their tobacco, leaving very little time for them to give to other crops.

Conflicting reports have been received in connection with the size and quality of the crop this year. A small acreage decrease is admitted in this county, and up until last Saturday a marked decrease in poundage was predicted. A heavy rain falling late Saturday and during Sunday altered the condition of the crop, and now a greater poundage is expected. The season is said to have been too late to help the quality of the crop, and first primings, in many instances, will be unusually sorry, reliable reports received here today indicate.

The crop, as a whole, in this county is generally poor, a few farmers reporting their best crops in several years, while the majority state the conditions of their fields as fair or poor.

STATE'S DEFICIT FIXED AT \$2,230,064

Brought About by Failure To Realize Estimates Of Revenue

Raleigh, July 6.—North Carolina ended the 1929-31 biennium June 30 with a general fund deficit of \$2,230,064, it was announced at the Governor's office this afternoon.

Total general fund collections for the 1929-31 biennium were \$33,266,664 as compared with expenditures of \$35,496,728.

However, the State spent less each year of the biennium than was appropriated by the 1929 General Assembly.

More than \$3,500,000 was saved during the two years, the 1929 Assembly having appropriated \$19,333,825 for 1929-30 when actual expenditures were \$17,587,413.

"The deficit is brought about entirely by the failure to realize estimates of revenue and due, of course, to the distressful economic and business conditions," a formal statement said.

Robt. Everett, Jr. Receiving Treatment In A Hospital

Little Robert Everett was removed to a Washington hospital yesterday for ear treatment. The little fellow had been camping at Camp Leach, on the Pamlico, when one of his ears started giving him trouble. An operation is pending the outcome of treatment, it was learned at the hospital last night.

County Commissioners In Regular Meeting Today

Meeting here today in regular session, the Martin County Board of Commissioners up until noon had officially passed on but a very few matters. Several new names were added to the county poor list, it was stated following adjournment for lunch. A representative of the new State road system is appearing before the county authorities this afternoon, but the nature of his mission could not be learned in time for publication today.

No Session of Recorder's Court Held Here Today

Due to the absence of Judge J. W. Bailey, no session of the county recorder's court is being held here today. The next session will be held Tuesday, July 14.

Very few new cases had been filed for trial in the court up until noon today, it was learned in the office of Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel this morning.

Chilean (South America) miners obtain coal from under the Pacific Ocean by the use of shafts which start from the shore, and in place are 1,300 feet below the water. Geologists say that coal deposits extend 31 miles from the Chilean coast.