

ENTERS SUIT FOR \$10,000 RESULT OF FATAL ACCIDENT

Donnel Gilliam Defendant In Damage Suit Brought By Jno. E. Manning

John E. Manning, Williams Township farmer, this week filed suit against Donnel Gilliam, superior court solicitor, for \$10,000 damages alleged to have resulted when Manning's wife was fatally injured in an automobile accident at Holy Springs church last January 5. Struck by the solicitor's car as she walked across the highway, Mrs. Claudia Manning died in a Tarboro hospital three days later.

The complaint filed by Attorney B. A. Critcher alleges that the woman "got off the hard surface and on the shoulder, and the approaching car, instead of continuing on the hard surface or turning to the left, suddenly turned off the highway to the right and ran into and over plaintiff's deceased, which caused her death."

"That defendant was driving his car at a fast, reckless, dangerous and unlawful rate of speed, namely, a speed of about 55 miles per hour."

The accident took place about 5:30, or just about dark, the complaint further alleging that the car did not have its lights on and that the plaintiff's deceased wife did not see the approaching machine after looking in both directions before starting across the road.

Solicitor Gilliam, completely unnerved following the accident, was forced to his bed, but made every arrangement for the care and treatment of the accident victim.

Lloyd Cowin Dies at Home in Bear Grass

Lloyd Cowin, young farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home there early Wednesday morning following an illness of only a few days. Although running a temperature of more than 103 degrees last Saturday, the young man continued up and visited in Williamston that day. Pneumonia developed last Tuesday and the end came the following morning.

The son of Bunn O. Cowin and the late Emily Elizabeth Cowin, he was born in Bear Grass 31 years ago. He lived and farmed there all his life. Mrs. Cowin, Miss Magdalene Bullock before marriage, survives with two small children. He also leaves one brother, Wilbur Cowin, of Pine-town, and three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Bullock and Misses Blanche and Verna Cowin, all of near Williamston.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff conducted the last rites at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the home.

Young Cowin's death was the third in the family in recent weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rogerson having died less than a month ago.

Small Boy Badly Hurt in Accident

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Warren was critically injured in a freak accident at a filling station near their home a short distance out of Windsor on the Aulander Road the early part of this week. Last reports stated that the child was getting along as well as could be expected, but that recovery was uncertain.

A gas tank, buried in the ground, exploded and broke through several inches of concrete. The boy, standing over the tank, was thrown through the roof of the station and sustained severe burns on the face and hands and suffered bruises on the body.

The child's father is a former Martin County man, and lived in the Robersonville section before moving to Bertie several years ago.

Negro Goes To Roads For Failure To Pay Dog Tax

Jesse Staton, colored man living in the upper part of the county, recently started serving a 30-day road sentence for failing to pay taxes on his dog for the year 1934. It is one of the few cases—if not the only one—of its kind on record in this county.

Staton was tried by Justice Hines in Oak City last November and was directed to pay the tax, cost and fine, a total of \$18.85, or go to the roads. Apparently Staton did not pay the cost, for he recently started his road sentence.

County Commissioners To Go Begging for Place To Meet

Martin County's commissioners are almost certain to continue to play the role of the unwanted orphan when they meet here next Monday with the recently appointed tax-list takers and assessors to complete plans for a revaluation of real properties in the 10 townships. The March term of superior court gets underway that day and the room the commissioners expressly built for themselves not so long ago will be taken by the grand jury. That right is as good as conceded the group that has the power of indictment and prestige when it comes to making recommendations.

There will be around 40 people present for the meeting, and it now looks as if Chairman Pope will have to call the group in session out on the lawn or in the jail or on the roof top. The auditorium in the new agricultural building is nearing completion, and it may be possible for the tax boys to get some nail kegs and hold their pow-wow there.

Rev. C. H. Dickey Dies After Lengthy Illness

Funeral Being Held Today at Home of Parents in Murphy

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for operating another cooperative poultry car in the county next week, beginning in Jamestown on Tuesday. The same schedule followed in handling the previous loadings will be in effect, County Agent T. B. Brandon announced.

Prices are some stronger than they were when the second car was operated last month. Patronage received next week will largely determine the schedule for additional loadings in the county this season.

FEW CASES TRIED IN LONG SESSION COURT MONDAY

Five Cases Disposed of by Judge Peel, With Senator Coburn Prosecuting

The county recorder's court was in a long session Tuesday, but handled comparatively few cases. Judge H. O. Peel was on the bench and attorney R. L. Coburn prosecuted the docket of five cases.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost and on condition that the defendant make arrangements to take care of his two children in the case charging William Arthur Parker with abandonment and non-support.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging C. S. Vanlandingham with reckless driving.

C. S. Corey failed to answer when called in the case charging him with reckless driving.

Ab Roberson was found not guilty of drunken automobile driving, as charged, but he was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Judge Peel fining him \$10 and the costs.

The case charging J. T. Sills with failure to pay dog tax was remanded to a justice court.

No sessions of Judge Peel's court will be held during the next two weeks, as the superior court will be in session.

Walter Halberstadt Is New U. S. Commissioner

Recently appointed United States Commissioner, Walter Halberstadt, local man, this week missed trying the first case to originate in this section following his commission by Judge I. M. Meekins. Mr. Halberstadt ordered record sheets necessary in the work, but they did not arrive until Wednesday, and the case had to be handled on Tuesday. The Federal agents carried their prisoners to a United States commissioner in a near-by town.

Two Stills Captured by Officers During Week

Raiding recently in Cross Roads and Griffins Townships, County Officers Roebuck and Roebuck and Peel destroyed two stills and poured out nearly 2,000 gallons of beer. The Cross Roads plant was not in operation, the officers turning out the beer and confiscating the 60-gallon capacity copper kettle.

A colored man was busily firing the 100-gallon capacity steam plant in Griffins, but he laid down his work and picked up his feet in one big hurry to escape. Twelve gallons of liquor and approximately 1,000 gallons of beer were poured out at the plant.

ORGANIZE LIONS CLUB AT MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT

D. V. Clayton To Head New Civic Club; Other Officers Elected

The Lions Club of Williamston, newest civic organization in this community, was organized last night when 35 members and guests met for dinner at the woman's club building. The club will be chartered by Lions International, the largest association of business men's civic service clubs in America, and the official presentation of the charter will take place on April 9 at a gala affair, at which time many Lions and guests will come here from neighboring clubs.

D. V. Clayton, cashier of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., was elected King Lion to serve as president during the first term, and W. I. Skinner was elected secretary-treasurer. Other officers and directors were elected as follows:

First vice president, J. H. Edwards; second vice president, D. E. Darden; third vice president, C. A. Plyler; lion twister (fun officer) Eugene Rice; lion tamer, Herbert Taylor; directors for two years, H. L. Barnhill and W. H. Carstarphen; directors for one year, J. S. Livengood and K. P. Lindsay.

Larry Slater, representative of the international organization, of Chicago, presided at the dinner and directed the election of officers. Mrs. Slater, who accompanied her husband here, acted as temporary secretary. He pointed out that the Lions Club is a booster club, non-sectarian, non-secret and non-political, and is interested in promoting the civic and business welfare of the community. There are 2,800 Lions clubs in eight countries and the U. S. possessions, according to Mr. Slater.

The Williamston Lions Club was sponsored by the Washington club, and a delegation of 10 Washington Lions attended the meeting last night. Rev. W. D. McInnis, president of the Washington club, spoke briefly congratulating the new club on its fine personnel and urged the club to undertake a program of unselfish activities.

Lion Bill Rogers, of Wilson, lieutenant governor of the North Carolina district, brought official greetings to the club from the district and spoke enthusiastically of the work being done by Lions throughout the state.

The Columbia club was represented by Lion President Floyd Cohoon, secretary C. C. Lupton, and Vice President White. President Cahoon spoke for the Columbia delegation. The club will meet again next Friday evening, March 19.

Charter members are Eugene Rice, C. A. Plyler, W. I. Skinner, R. Edwin Peele, Coy D. Lamm, H. L. Barnhill, C. U. Rogers, C. P. Whedbee, D. V. Clayton, J. S. Livengood, Herbert O. Peele, John A. Manning, James E. Griffin, D. E. Darden, E. R. Froneberger, Herbert Taylor, D. G. Modlin. Several new members will be added at next week's meeting.

Plan To Start Seine Fishing Next Week

Arrangements are still going forward for starting seine fishing operations on the Roanoke at Jamesville next Monday, reports direct from the battery today in the Martin County town stated. Operator C. C. Fleming has the huge net already for its first dip of the season which is getting underway more than a month ahead of the starting schedule last year. The fishermen in the lower part of the county, near Plymouth, are scheduled to start operations next Monday also.

Fair-sized catches are being reported by fishermen using dip and drift nets and machines. The herring are selling seven for a quarter here today. A few shad are also being taken from the river and they are commanding fancy prices.

Nathaniel Coltrain Still In Critical Condition

Nathaniel Coltrain, the young man who suffered three breaks in his back when his truck was hit by an A. C. L. freight train at a grade crossing near Gardner's creek last Saturday, is getting along as well as could be expected, according to last reports received from his bedside in a Washington hospital.

His head and feet said to be hanging off the sides of his bed that his back might be supported, the boy is thought to have little chance of recovery.

Three Schools Hold Saturday Sessions To Regain Lost Time

Forced to close by bad roads during recent weeks, several schools are holding sessions on Saturday to make up for some of the lost time. Hamilton, Oak City and Hassell, after holding classes six days each week, are now back on a normal schedule. Bear Grass will hold classes tomorrow to make up the one day lost. Jamestown, trying to complete its work and close on time, will continue to hold classes on Saturday during the next several weeks. Farm Life is also making up for some of the time lost.

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