



Residence of E. B. Culbreth on West Divine Street. Pittman & Hairr, Contractor.

**SAMPSON COUNTY  
CASE INVOLVED**

**Clerk W. F. Seasons Present-  
ed Grand Jury For  
Pension Fraud**

According to The Sampson Democrat, the grand jury before which the case was made a presentation to the Court W. F. Seasons for fraud in securing the payment of pension vouchers issued to the names of dead pensioners and in procuring the proceeds to his personal use. The Democrat of last week contains a long story relative to the charges which lead to the presentation. The Democrat says:

"As presentations are not public property and may not be published, it was generally known for two or three days that a definite presentation had been made, but it was thought, on the contrary, that only certain facts had been accumulated and the data left with Solicitor Powers for use in formulating charges for the grand jury. But it developed later that a definite and complete presentation had been made to the grand jury, himself, and that Clerk Seasons a copy, when it is his duty to turn over to the grand jury. The presentation, made by one who has read it to contain vigorous language, far-reaching in its import.

"The investigation was definitely set afoot when Judge Grady, the first day of court, wrote State Auditor Irvin and Treasurer Lacy to bring to him a certified copy of the list of those in whose name pension checks had been paid and the cancelled checks for Sampson pensioners for the year since, and including 1918."

**Seasons Not Worried**  
The Democrat says that Clerk Seasons is not worrying over the presentation, but is taking things in his usual easy and comfortable way."



The Z. V. Snipes Residence on West Pope Street. Pittman & Hairr, Contractors.

says the Clinton paper. "He is said to have gone fox hunting with the Solicitor, and, possibly, the foreman of the grand jury, one night last week, was over at the big singing bee at Auryville Sunday, singing tenor with the Old Swamp choir, and is said to be fox hunting the very evening this story is written."

While all the facts have not come out the Democrat cites several cases which seem to show guilt on the part of somebody and it is believed that when all the facts are known they will show that there are a score or more instances of money being collected after pensioners had died. One specific case which the Democrat says the clerk will find hard to explain is that of the pension of David Williford. Mr. Williford has been dead three or four years, according to the information of the Clinton paper. In the batch of paid checks carried to Clinton was one bearing date of June 16, 1923.

It was endorsed thus:  
"DAVID WILLIFORD.  
"His X Mark  
"W. F. Seasons  
"C. S. C., Witness."

The Democrat says that Dan R. Lee, of Mingo township, discovered that D. M. Williford also of Mingo township had been getting the checks made out in favor of his dead father. Editor Peterson tells of a visit to his office of D. M. Williford and says:

"The writer then asked him point blank if he had received any checks in his father's name since his death. He evaded the general question, but stated that he had not taken the last check that of June 15, 1923. He said that he was in the Clerk's office getting the checks for those in his community to whom he usually carried them, and when the Clerk came to his father's (the David Williford) check the clerk asked him how long his father had been dead, and he would better leave that one and he did leave it."

This was the check already men-

tioned as having been paid and hearing no endorsement save that of Seasons.

No presentation against Williford has been made, at least, if it has been made, the Democrat had not heard of it. It says that a previous grand jury had called in Lee and examined him and then called for Clerk Seasons who is said to have "smoothed the matter over."

**Others Involved**  
D. R. Lee of Mingo township turned up much of the information on the strength of which the inquiry was ordered. The Democrat says:

Mr. Lee stated, that Max F. C. Smith, of his township, had been since relieving her husband's pension since his death (presumably, in ignorance of the fact that she had no right to receive it longer), and that when no one brought it to her after June 15, last, some member of the family came to the Clerk's office and inquired about it. The inquiry was made of Miss Parker, the deputy clerk, and she consulted the books to see whether there had been such a check or voucher, and, if so, what had been done with it. Finding the record, she innocently told the representative of Mrs. Smith that "it had been given Mr. S. D. Hawley the same day he got the W. D. Hawley check." That let the cat out of the bag, for W. D. Hawley had been dead nearly four years but nothing would have come of it probably, if D. R. Lee had not come into knowledge of this fact.

"But to continue. The Smiths, after the information was received that Mr. S. D. Hawley had got the Smith check, went to Mr. Hawley and demanded it. Now, here comes a difference in understanding or statement of two parties. Mrs. Smith's son-in-law, who was with Mr. Lee,

stated that Mr. Hawley said he had turned the check over to Mr. D. M. Williford, administrator of the estate of F. C. Smith, the deceased pensioner, and that when he went to Mr. Williford about it that gentleman not only failed to give it to him, but said that S. D. Hawley had as much right to the check as Mrs. Smith had.

"Finding no comfort and getting no cash from either of these men, the Smiths again came to Clerk Seasons, and he gave them his own personal check for the June payment and said that he would get his money back from Hawley or Williford."

Practically all the cotton crop in this section has been harvested and many of the farmers have already cut their stalks, with the hope of destroying a part of next year's boll weevil crop.

Do you have headache?  
Are you nervous?  
Eyes itchy and burn?  
Is your vision bad?  
Do letters get together when you read?  
I make a specialty of these cases. Look for my eye over the street opposite Fleishman's stores. My office at the head of the steps.  
**DR. PAUL A. STEWART**  
Eye-Sight Specialist  
Dunn, N. C.

**SUES PHYSICIAN  
FOR ABDUCTION**

**Parents of 16-Year-Old Girl  
Claim Damages to Sun  
of \$25,000**

Dr. O. Clyde Page, formerly of Morleyville but now practicing medicine in Virginia, has been sued for \$25,000 by Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Chapman, who alleged that the defendant has broken up their home by carrying away their 16-year-old daughter, Foy Chappell. An attachment was filed in this county court by Dr. Page has been taken in another suit filed by S. D. Kelly on the same date aggregating \$1,000.

The complaint in the Chappell suit filed in Wake county superior court alleges that while the Chappells were tenants of Dr. Page in 1922:

"The defendant, being then a married man of mature years, did unlawfully, maliciously, willfully and with evil intent, contrive, scheme, and plan to win the confidence, love and affection of the said Foy Chappell and by artifice, trickery and stratagem did wickedly, maliciously and designedly destroy the peace and har-

mony of the infant."  
The complaint further alleges that in order to escape from Dr. Page, the Chappells removed to Raleigh with their daughter but that the doctor persisted in his attentions and persuaded Miss Chappell to leave her home and go with the defendant on October 5, 1922.—Raleigh News and Observer.

While some quick growth is developing, including will help more than the usual amount of the stable manure is not available for making it, take two tea-spoonfuls of either sulphate of ammonia or nitrate of soda and dissolve in a gallon of water. Water the plants with this and watch 'em grow.—A. N. Yen, in The Progress-

five Farmer.  
Charlotte—Building permits amounting to \$77,000 issued in first three days in October.

**COTTON**  
Cotton is advancing to new high levels. It is too valuable to hold at home uninsured against fire and damage. Consign your cotton to us. We will make liberal advances against your shipments and hold or sell as desired.  
**SAVANNAH COTTON FACTORAGE CO.**  
Savannah, Ga.

**CAR LOAD OF APPLES**  
FOR SALE IN ANY QUANTITY  
For Eating, Cooking and Canning  
Opposite A. C. L. Station

**AUCTION SALE**  
OF  
**Valuable Farm and Personal Property**

On Thursday, November 15th, at 10:00 A. M., I will sell at public auction my farm, consisting of 135 acres, 35 cleared, four miles east of Dunn.

At the same time I will sell my personal property, consisting of horses, cows, hogs, chickens, turkeys, wagons, buggies, farming utensils, one new Ford touring car and forty barrels of corn.

**THIS FARM IS IN HIGH STATE OF CULTIVATION**  
And produces good crops of corn, cotton, tobacco and all other crops suited to this section.

**TWO ACRE ORCHARD JUST BEGINNING TO BEAR**  
Remember day and hour of sale and be on hand.

**H. T. Hodges**  
DUNN, N. C., ROUTE NO. 5

**PLUS - VALUE RUNS**

Satisfactory appearance must be pleasing in appearance and give long service. You may choose the design and color to meet your requirements from the many styles we are offering. We guarantee satisfaction with the service you receive from your purchase.

**Pianos and Victrolas**

We have just received a shipment of Guitars, Mandolins and Violins. If you are going to buy any one of these, come and look ours over, they will please you.

**VICTROLAS**  
We have them in many beautiful designs and we handle the latest records — come in and hear them.

**Butler Bros.**  
DUNN, N. C.

**Metropolitan Opera House, Dunn, N. C. : One Night Only : Thursday, November 15**

**WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:**

"Just Married" is one of the brightest and most intensely interesting amusing farces of the day. It is happily played and contains countless laughs. Jules Hurlig and the Shuberts have provided men and women who can, and do, give it just the sort of performance it should have.—Douglas Gordon, in Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"Just Married" abounds in fun and is without suggestive situations. It is a very clever, highly entertaining comedy that makes the walkin ring with joy.—Joseph Leslie, in Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

"Just Married" is good fun, and complete relaxation, one of those papaceas for the so-called tired business man. The cast is very good.—Helen De Motte, in Richmond News Leader.

"Just Married" is a decided triumph. The whole play is well presented and well worth seeing. This is a new, clean, amusing kind with a laugh in every line.—Tom Hull, in Norfolk, (Va.) Post.

"Just Married," a honeymoon farce comedy presented at the Academy last evening by a real Shubert cast, is the best play seen in Norfolk this season.—E. M. Holmes in Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

JULES HURTIG WITH MESSRS SHUBERT PRESENTS

The HONEYMOON FARCE

AROUND THE WORLD TOUR

**JUST MARRIED**

BY ADELAIDE MATTHEWS AND ANNA NICHOLS STAGED BY J. CLIFFORD AND CLIFFORD STURGE.

THE LAST WORD IN LAUGHS!

**TO MY PATRONS:**

Dunn is to be favored with Jules Hurlig and Messrs. Shubert production of the "Just Married" which enjoyed a two year run at the comedy, Shubert and Nora Bayes theatres, New York; six months at the La Salle Theatre, Chicago; Four Months at the Adelphi Theatre in Philadelphia, and which recently closed five capacity months of business at the Plymouth theatre in Boston.

"Just Married" is a honeymoon farce comedy in three acts and was written by Adelaide Matthews and Anna Nichols, authors of "Nightie Night," "Scrambled Wives" and "Abie's Irish Rose," Jules Hurlig and Messrs. Shubert are sending "Just Married" to the Opera House, Dunn, with a Broadway cast and the same identical production as was seen in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia.

**NOTE THE FACT:**

There is only one company in "Just Married" and it comes here intact, and Dunn is one of the cities fortunate enough to be included in the around the world tour.

Yours truly,  
**MANAGER EARL BAREFOOT.**

**NOTHING LIKE IT EVER ON THE STAGE**

**PRICES: BEST RESERVED SEATS \$2.00 PLUS TAX MAIL AND PHONE ORDERS RESERVED SEATS NOW READY AT WILSON AND LEE'S**