

WRECK VICTIMS AWARDED \$27,100

SENSATIONAL SUIT ABSORBS FOUR DAYS

IS THIRD LARGEST VERDICT

In History of County Damage Suits—Shows Negligence

The third largest verdict ever rendered in a damage suit in Halifax County was given Saturday night in the case of Mary V. Moore and Frank Moore, plaintiffs, against the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.

Mrs. Moore was awarded \$12,100 for the loss of her husband, J. R. Moore, killed in a railroad accident near here on January 24, 1929, and Frank Moore, son of the deceased, was awarded \$15,000 damages for injuries received in the same accident.

In addition, the New Bakery was awarded \$800 for a truck in which the two men were riding, which was demolished when struck by the train.

The case consumed all of four days, the jury receiving the case after four full days of testimony at 6:30 Saturday afternoon and returning two hours later with the verdict outlined above. More than sixty witnesses were heard, among them the entire train crew of Northbound No. 34 on the date of the accident and a half dozen expert witnesses of several railroad companies.

The Moores were represented by Parker and Allsbrook of this city and Saunders & Hutton of Suffolk. The New Bakery was represented by Kelly Jenkins of this city. Dunn and Johnson of Enfield represented the railroad company.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs sought to prove negligence on the part of the railroad by showing failure to give proper warning signals at a crossing and an unsafe crossing caused by obstructions. The defendants tried to prove due caution and the utter impossibility of stopping a train traveling 60 miles an hour on down grade in less than 200 yards or thereabouts.

The accident occurred on January 24 of last year at a neighborhood crossing known as Grizzard's crossing near Pleasant Hill. The two men were delivering bakery products in the truck of the New Bakery of this city. They left Garysburg and were proceeding toward Pleasant Hill. Frank Moore was driving the truck.

They left the main road and started over the crossing. Due, according to testimony, to obstructions at the crossing, the truck stalled on the crossing. Several times the driver stepped on the starter.

Running sixty miles an hour on a straightaway track, No. 36 was bearing down on the stalled car. Plaintiff testimony was that no whistle was blown, no bell rung, no brakes applied. It is claimed that the truck was only on the track 15 seconds before being struck by the train. It was estimated the train was a half mile away when the truck stopped on the rails.

Mr. Moore did not see the train until it was about 200 feet away. He screamed and jumped from the truck into the path of the engine just before it struck the truck on his side. His body was hurled through the air for 150 feet, and was horribly mutilated. Death was instantaneous.

The son, beneath the driver's seat had no time to escape. Paralyzed by the oncoming certain death, with only a second's warning, he was doomed to a horrible experience. The rushing engine caught the truck in the center, doubled it up and swept on for a thousand feet with the crumpled truck dragging the ties beneath the front wheels and the cowcatcher.

And in the truck, caught under the steering wheel and encompassed in the crumpled body, was Frank Moore. He was carried for a thousand feet beneath the engine. Both his legs were broken, a finger was permanently injured and his body was cut and mangled. But he was conscious. (Continued on back page)

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

By OLD TIMER.

OUR OLDEST ROAD IS TO BE RE-OPENED.

There remain a few old timers who remember the old road. The man who married the first white girl to move to Roanoke Rapids remembers and maybe "Captain Billy" has the facts well in mind—and there are, perhaps, one or two others, but they certainly can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The road leading to the new bridge, now being built across the Roanoke River, is not a new road—there was once an old road in the same place.

The machinery for the first mill in Roanoke Rapids was hauled over this road. The mill was then the United Industrial Company, and now the Roanoke Fibre Board Company. The machinery was unloaded from freight cars at Weldon and then loaded on flat boats and ferried up the Old Canal to a point where the Highway Bridge crosses the canal, then unloaded and hauled, rolled and skidded up to the mill.

To the west of the road are the remains of the Old Brick Yard—when once it closed it never re-opened. Years ago to Town's slogan was not "We need a hotel," but "We need some-one to re-open a good brickyard,"—but for thirty years this someone was not found, regardless of the fact that the clay was of the best. At this brickyard were made the brick used in the construction of the United Industrial Company's mill. The lower canal ended at the back door of the mill, at that time, so the haul of the mill was short and labor was cheap.

Getting back on the road again, it was once a place to take a Sunday afternoon walk with your best girl. The trees on both sides, overhead, shook hands and the path was cool and pleasant. In springtime here were to be found the first white lilies popping up out of the ground and thru the leaves and underbrush. Once in awhile a rattle was killed, but the road was used too much to make it comfortable for these creeping creatures.

At the end of the road, on the hill, lived old Joe and Lucy, two negroes, who lived, washed, cooked, raised hogs and chickens. These two negroes and the ones who had a log shack on the spot where Mrs. B. Marks now makes her home had the distinctive honor of "living near town," for at that time negroes, in general, were not allowed in town after sundown. At that time there were no homes on Roanoke Avenue, and beyond Third Street, to the South, was considered "in the country." The only building between the Town Pump and Roanoke Junction was the Patterson Store Company at Rosemary.

Old Joe and Lucy served as shock absorbers for the "upper ten." If unexpected company came for a visit and a meal, Lucy always had the extra chicken to sell. Joe was always ready to chop wood during a rain, a snow storm—or because the regular wood-chopper failed to appear. For a very small tip Old Joe kept you supplied with wet goods from the Town Dispensary, he was often seen carrying a burlap bag over his back in which were two dozen bottles of beer!

The old road was an interesting spot—we are glad it can't tell all it knows! We hope no more Indian graves will be disturbed and that the bridge and new road will last forever.

Man Killed By Train

Kings Mountain.—Romah H. Morrow, 56 year old white man, was found dead on the Southern railway tracks near the Dilling Mills in Kings Mountain Saturday morning. It was thought he sat down on the end of the cross ties and fell asleep.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Men of the Church of the Presbyterian Church, to have been held this Friday night, has been postponed until next Friday night, October 24.

WELDON NAMED AS SEAT

Of Proposed Consolidation of Halifax and Northampton

(Special To The Herald)

Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Sentiment toward consolidating several North Carolina counties, two small, a large and a small, or three small counties for a reduction to 70 or 75 counties in the State, has come to the point that some of the State officials have been asked to work out suggested combinations, as suitable according to kinds and interests of people, lack of natural barriers such as mountains, ranges or sounds and rivers, locations of county seats and other factors.

Excellent roads and automobiles, except in isolated cases, have brought the people closer together, so even with suggested combinations no citizen would be more than two hours from his county seat. One official, not wishing his name announced, because of objection to the plan from county seats or counties, that will or might lose their identity, has worked out a set of combinations and given probable county seats, along with populations, property valuations and school population of the proposed combinations. His plan follows:

Mountain area: Cherokee and Clay, Murphy as county seat; Macon and Jackson, Sylvia as seat; Graham and Swain, Bryson City as seat; Henderson and Transylvania, Hendersonville as seat; Rutherford and Polk, Rutherfordton as seat; Mitchell and Yancey, Burnsville as seat; Allegheny and Ashe, Jefferson as seat.

Piedmont section: Iredell and Alexander, Statesville as seat; Surry and Yadkin, Dobson as seat; Forsyth and Stokes, Winston-Salem as seat; Orange and Alamance, Burlington as seat; Caswell and Person, Roxboro as seat.

Central section: Scotland and Hoke, Laurinburg as seat; Moore and Lee, Carthage as seat; Wilson and Greene, Wilson as seat; Nash and Edgecombe, Rocky Mount as seat; Vance and Warren, Henderson as seat; Halifax and Northampton, Weldon as seat.

Coastal area: Currituck, Camden and Pasquotank, Elizabeth City as seat; Gates, Perquimans and Chowan, Edenton as seat; Hertford and Bertie, Ahoskie or Aulander as seat; Martin and Pitt, Greenville as seat; Washington and Tyrrel, Plymouth as seat; Craven and Pamlico, New Bern as seat; Lenoir and Jones, Kinston as seat; New Hanover and Brunswick, Wilmington as seat.

This plan would leave 7 counties for the State, 46 of the present counties remaining undisturbed, and 34 combined with one or more others to form 26 new counties.

Any such plan would be expected to meet with strenuous opposition from the citizens of the counties to be absorbed.

Fiddlers Convention

An old time fiddlers convention will be held at Aurelian Springs school on Friday night, October 24. The program will start at 8 o'clock. Cash prizes will be given for the best in the following classes: harp solo, banjo solo, guitar solo, negro stunt, fiddlers solo, whistler's duet, dog dance, string band, quartet, instrumental duet.

VIVIAN LOUISE HOLLEMAN

Vivian Louise Holleman, seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holleman, 904 Cedar Street, died last Thursday from ileocolitis. Funeral services were held Friday at Roanoke Rapids cemetery with Rev. J. E. Kirk officiating.

Mrs. J. W. Ross and Miss Carrie Faulkner were joint hostesses to the Faulkner's Bridge Club Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ross. Three tables for players were arranged in the living room and an interesting game was enjoyed. Miss Margaret Clark won high score and was awarded a bracelet. A salad course was served at the conclusion of the game. Those playing, Misses Martha Craddock, Hart Sheridan, Ada Edwards, Vernie Eddins, Maud Hunter, Emma Davis, Virginia Blount, Julia Blount, Frances McClary, Elizabeth Tate and Margaret Clark.

FAIR DRAWS BIG CROWDS AFTER RAIN

First Day Is Blank But Record Crowds Turn Out Yesterday

The seventh annual Halifax County Fair opened Tuesday morning with a drizzling rain to make the first day races and free exhibits impossible but sunshine Wednesday brought out a large crowd, while today's crowd will probably break all attendance records.

A parade and band concert by Victor's band of New York was held on Wednesday in Weldon, Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids. Marshals and ladies on horseback rode the principal streets.

Secretary Joyner believes he has the biggest fair of his career. The farm, poultry, live stock, school and community exhibits are more numerous than ever, probably due to the large amount of premiums offered.

Hundreds witnessed the football game yesterday afternoon between Weldon and Scotland Neck, while a huge crowd is expected to see the game Friday afternoon between Roanoke Rapids and Greenville.

The free acts and fireworks in front of the grandstand are of greater variety than ever before, while the horse races are attracting big crowds of racing fans. These races which were postponed on account of rain the first day will be run in addition to the regular card on later afternoons.

The midway is much larger than before. Glick's Shows, here for the first time, have made a hit with amusement seekers because of the great number of rides and shows. These shows usually make only the large fairs and it is unusual for a fair of this size to boast of such a big midway.

The fair continues every afternoon and evening until Saturday night.

Wm. H. Deberry Dies at 71 After Paralytic Stroke

William H. Deberry, 71, died Monday at the local hospital after suffering a stroke from which he failed to recover. He was ill for only a few days. Until a few weeks ago he had been employed for many years by the Rosemary Manufacturing Co.

Funeral services were held at the home on Roanoke Avenue opposite Rosemary Park, and burial was in the Davis Cemetery in Northampton County. Mr. Deberry came here from Northampton County about fifteen years ago.

Surviving are several sons and daughters. James Ed Deberry, George Deberry, Mark Deberry, Pitt Deberry, and Everett Deberry. Pallbearers at the funeral were J. T. Garner, W. J. Hasty, F. A. Kidd, W. J. Pulley, O. D. Winstead and R. H. Newton.

Deer Hunters Return In 'Disgusted Mood'

Messrs Frank Nash, Dave Brayman, John Matthews, J. N. Bynum, Jess Dobbins and J. L. Cobb returned this week from a deer hunting trip near Lewistown. They hunted all week-end according to reports, without sighting a deer until finally the beaters started a fine looking buck. He headed straight for Mr. Cobb and passed within fifteen feet of the hunter who unloaded both barrels at the approaching animal. He missed. That was the only deer seen. The party returned without any venison and Mr. Cobb was minus his shirt-tail. It was the best way one of the indignant party could find to express his sentiments.

HANGING OUT THE WASH

Hanging Out The Wash will be presented at the High School at 8 p. m. Friday, October 24, by St. Mary's Guild of All Saints Episcopal Church. Admission will be twenty-five and ten cents.

ROSEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Oaks, superintendent of the Weldon Schools will preach at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift will preach at 7 p. m. His subject will be "Sham." Special music by the choir.

500 ATTEND BAPTIST MEETING

Roanoke Association Brings 500 Delegates And Ministers Here

Five hundred delegates and ministers from sixty-six Baptist churches in seven Eastern Carolina counties attended the 23rd annual meeting of the Roanoke Baptist Association here on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Moderator John T. Coley of Rocky Mount presided at the conference which opened Tuesday morning at the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church. J. R. Allsbrook, local attorney, gave the address of welcome to a crowded auditorium. The response was by Mr. W. J. Bone after which new pastors and visitors were presented.

The W. M. U. Report was given by Mrs. E. Bruce Beasley, followed by an address by Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh. The Associational sermon was preached by Rev. A. Paul Bagby.

Lunch was served Tuesday noon in the basement of the church to more than 340 persons. Those on the afternoon program included Leslie Newman, C. H. Dickey on Religious Literature, Ford A. Burns on State Missions, John W. House on Foreign Missions, and C. E. Madry, secretary of State missions, giving the missionary address. Special music for all services was furnished by a combined choir of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Baptist churches.

Tuesday evening saw the devotionals led by Rev. A. P. Mustian of the local church, reports by Messrs C. R. Daniel, R. D. Covington and T. E. Walters and the address of the evening by Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, president of Wake Forest College.

Wednesday was given over to much business with report of the executive committee and talks on B. Y. P. U., Laymen's Work, Ministerial Relief, and Sunday School Work, by Reverends R. N. Childress, L. T. Vaughan, J. W. Kinchebe, W. A. Bulluck and T. A. Avera. The conference adjourned at noon yesterday.

Credit Association Is Being Formed Here

Plans are under way for the organization of a retail merchant's Credit Association in the Twin Cities. As soon as contracts are signed and the work under way, a full account of the purposes of the organization and the way it will be worked will be made public.

It is reported that more than half the retail stores doing a credit business have been signed up to date. The organization has been talked of for several years but this is the first time any actual work has been done of the project.

New Road Rapidly Nearing Completion

Work is progressing at a rapid rate of speed on the new road to the new bridge. The preliminary work on this side has been completed, while on the other side of the river, begun first, the big fill is nearing completion. Good weather and continued low water has also aided the bridge contractor to speed work with most of the false work finished and concrete ready to be poured in the first piers.

Squirrel Season

Squirrel season officially opened in North Carolina Wednesday, and local hunters did not fail to take advantage of the opportunity to roam the woods in hunt of game. A group composed of Sam Young, M. R. Hedgepeth, Lofton Moody, F. M. Coburn, and Ed Woodruff, of Roanoke Rapids, and Clarence Grimmer, of Rosemary, enjoyed the opening of the season by hunting near Williamson, N. C.

NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK

This is National Pharmacy Week and Twin City Druggists are showing their alertness by fixing special windows and doing special advertising for the occasion. We call your attention to their joint message in the advertising columns of this issue.

It is said that Chicago will spend 33 million dollars on its centennial world's fair in 1932.

SOLUTION OF THE FARM PROBLEM

AT AURELIAN SPRINGS



E. K. VEACH
Agricultural Teacher

Mother Attends Burial Of Suffocated Child And Flees Country

Mary Lavinia Rook, colored, went to her child's funeral and has not returned. Officials who gave her permission to attend the funeral before starting a 30 day sentence in jail are well satisfied with results.

The negro woman has long been a source of trouble to local officers and to the Weldon officials, causing much disturbance at times in the thickly settled colored section of the latter city.

Recently, officers were called to her house to find her seven months old child was dead. The coroner's verdict was that the child died of suffocation. The mother had put the baby to bed with another woman. Late in the night, she returned drunk and it is assumed that the baby was smothered to death between the two bodies.

There was no evidence to charge manslaughter so a fine of \$10 and a sentence of 30 days was imposed by Magistrate Carter of Weldon, on a charge of drunkenness. The woman was permitted to leave and attend the child's funeral. She kept going and the officers hope she will never stop.

65 At High School P. T. A. Meeting

The first meeting of the High School Parent-Teacher Association for this year was held at the High School last Thursday afternoon with 65 members present. This was an unusually large number for the first meeting and was very encouraging to the new officers. Mrs. J. E. Kirk presided. Supt. C. W. Davis spoke on "What Has The School A Right To Expect From The Parents," which was followed by a talk from Mrs. J. N. Bynum on "What The Parents Expect of the School." Miss Clara Hearne spoke on "Some Objects of Elementary Education." A social hour followed the program.

'Arrest Man With 3 Pints At Fair Grounds

K. G. Gay, of Roanoke Rapids, more familiarly known as Kennel Gay, is an inmate of the Halifax county jail as the result of attending the Halifax County Fair, in session this week, with contrabrand whiskey in his possession.

Tuesday night, the first night of the fair, Gay went to the fair grounds while there he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff G. F. Gray and three pints of liquor were found in his possession. Wednesday Gay was arraigned before Magistrate R. L. Martin and in default of a \$200 bond was placed in the Halifax County jail to await the next meeting of the grand jury, when he will explain why he attended the fair with unlawful liquor.

SAFETY FIRST COMING

"Safety First" is the title of a three act comedy which will be presented in the auditorium at the Roanoke Rapids High School, Tuesday night, October 28. An excellent cast has been selected from local talent and rehearsals are being held regularly.

ANSWER IS FOUND AT HOME

We are Convinced Country's Largest Industry Is Safe

(By Carroll Wilson)

All I know about farming is what I read in the newspapers and when we received an invitation from E. K. Veach, agricultural teacher at Aurelian Springs, to come out and see his class of boys in action, we decided this was a chance to find out first hand about crop rotation, surplus, cooperative buying and selling, the ills of the farmer, and a hundred other things which we read every day in the papers and promptly forgot.

In company with Alfred Nicodemus Martin, we journeyed out to Aurelian Springs Tuesday. Say, folks, there is a spot in Halifax County to be proud of. We don't know whether the community made the school or the school made the community, but its a darned good job that one of the two has done.

Nicely painted home, attractive yards, chickens galore, livestock, well kept fields, waterproof barns, and a wonderful school building to top it all. And the people out there are in keeping with their homes and school buildings.

Mr. Matthews, the principal and Mr. Veach were there to meet us and in a jiffy had lined up a snappy looking bunch of young fellows in the agricultural room. We just sat around and talked. We would ask a question and no sooner out than answered by some live-wire farmer. Those boys know more about downright, practical, old-fashioned dirt farming right now than some older farmers will ever know. And they know plenty about some of these so-called new-fangled ideas, too.

We've been kinda worried about the future of this farming industry. You know, where were we townfolks going to get our eggs, butter, vegetables; where industry is to get its corn, grain, tobacco, cotton and all; where this great class, larger than any other in the world, is to get the money to buy from us townfolks. There's been so much talk about the plight of the farmer, low crop prices, etc., that it has the best heads in Washington worried sick. No one denies we face a national crisis. Nobody has found a solution to the problem. That is, not until Tuesday. Because now, we know that the future of farming is safe. And here's the answer.

The salvation of the farmer lies in the hands of the coming generation. In firm, stable, competent, well-trained hands.

We asked them some pretty mean questions and here is what we received in reply. Most of the older boys are going to be farmers. That's the first thing that worried us. The migration from farm to city has been tremendous in the past few years. Were these fine young fellows being trained up in the proper way, only later to seek their fortunes in mill or city office? No. These boys know exactly what the farmer faces today, but they have faith in themselves and in the future of their natural calling. You could see it in their eyes.

In some way out there at Aurelian Springs, there have been instilled an interest in and a love of nature and the things of the farm. They seem to sense the needs and possibilities of rural life with an intelligent understanding of their surroundings. They are being taught Nature's processes and have found it fascinating stuff. Get 'em to talking sometime. You'll get what we mean.

There are more than forty boys in that class of Vocational Agriculture. It sounds like a big name—but it appears to be working plenty of magic. One of the boys told it was the only class of its kind in the county. We need more, then. They are making real business men out of those farmers.

Leo Pittard told us about his peanuts. He has been specializing in peanuts. (Continued on back page)