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Robert L. Chesson Wins Suit Against Plymouth Concern

Edenton Man Awarded \$2,668 For Breach of Contract

NOTE APPEAL

Trial Consumes Four Days of December Term of Court

What appeared to be a very brief term of Superior Court last week developed into an all week session, with Judge C. Everett Thompson returning from Elizabeth City Saturday to complete all details of the term.

Quickly disposing of the criminal docket Monday, the suit of Robert L. Chesson against the Kieckhoffer Container Company of Plymouth was taken up Tuesday and consumed the remainder of the week.

Mr. Chesson was suing the pulp mill for \$11,000 for breach of contract and following the testimony of a long list of witnesses and the deliberation of a jury for about 10 hours, Mr. Chesson was awarded a verdict in his favor with the amount of his damages to be paid by the Plymouth concern set at \$2,668.27.

The case was vigorously prosecuted by John Hall and Henry LeRoy of Elizabeth City, while counsel for the defendant corporation were W. D. Pruden and Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth.

Chesson claimed that a verbal contract was made between him and a representative of the pulp mill to furnish pulp wood and that the latter agreed to furnish equipment and advance money for the payroll which was subsequently to be deducted from the price paid for pulpwood. On the strength of this contract Chesson bought a quantity of wood on lands owned by former Judge Walter Small. However, according to the plaintiff, the pulp mill refused to accept wood shipped by him thereby causing a financial loss in that he entered into an agreement to pay \$1700 for the standing timber.

Counsel for the defendant endeavored to show that a contract was not entered into and following the verdict argued with Judge Thompson to set it aside on the grounds that the pulp wood was not delivered and therefore their client would be paying for something which they had not received. The judge, however, refused to interfere with the verdict returned after the jury deliberated for so long a time and as a result Messrs. Pruden and Norman appealed to the Supreme Court.

Twilight Service At Baptist Church On Christmas Day

Choir Will Present Musical Program at 5 O'clock

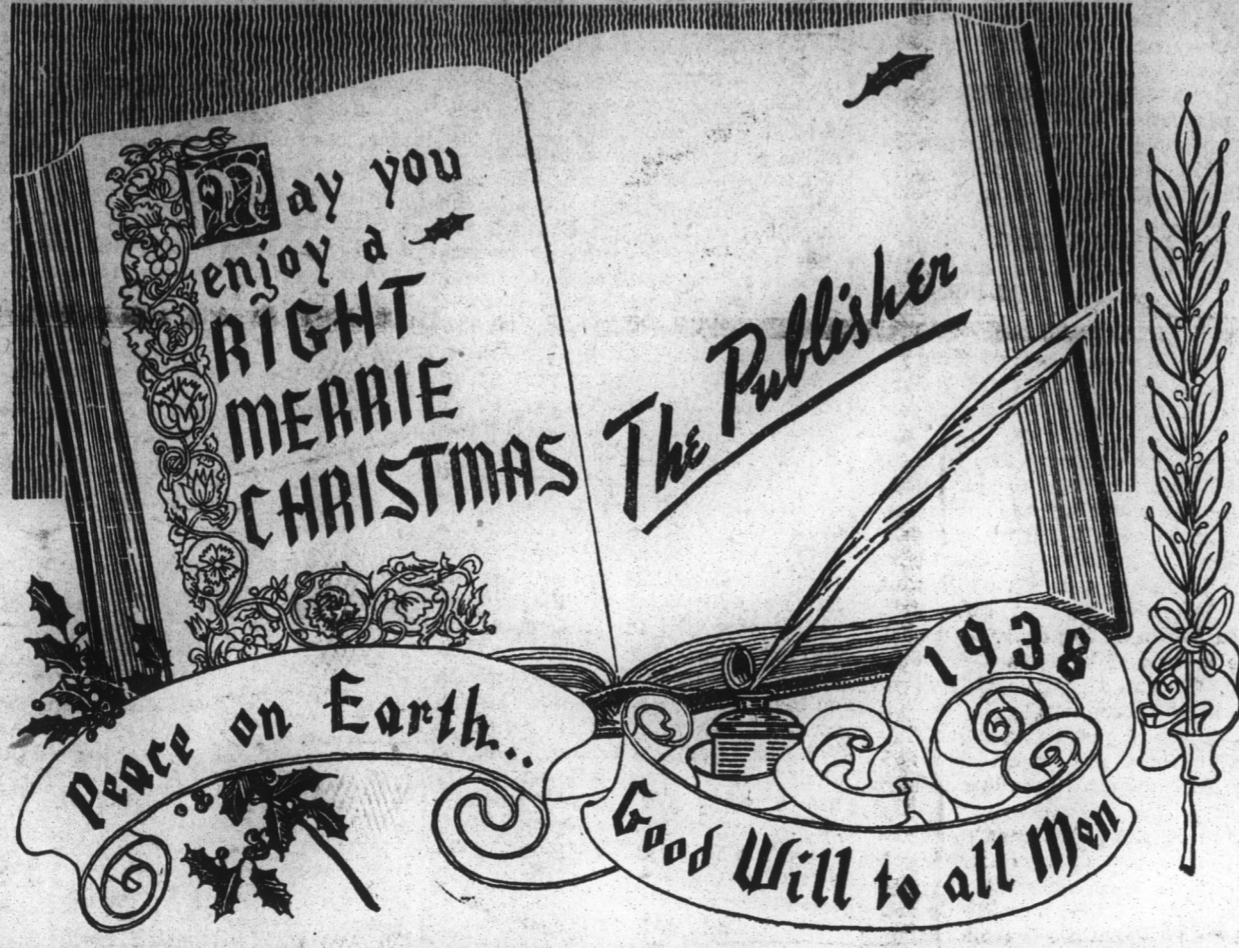
Featuring the Christmas season will be a twilight service at the Baptist Church at 5 o'clock Christmas afternoon. This service will be given by the Baptist Choir composed of 12 voices, under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Hughes and Miss Agnes Chapell, organist.

The church will be decorated in evergreen, candles and the like with the same lights and candles furnishing the only illumination.

Included in the service will be favorite Christmas songs, the program being as follows:

"O Come All Ye Faithful," choir; "Ye Came Upon a Midnight Clear," congregation; Prayer; "O Holy Night," women's voices; "The New Born King," choir; Scripture, Mr. Wells; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," congregation; "The First Christmas Morn," choir; "Silent Night," Mrs. Hughes and Male choir; "Joy to the World," congregation; Benediction, Mr. Wells.

Members of the choir are: Mrs. M. Hughes, Miss Margaret Hollowell, Mrs. Bunch, Mrs. S. C. Mills, Mrs. Edna Goodwin, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Wallace Jones, all of Edenton; Leary and Hubert Elton; Wallace Jones, John M. Gurney Hobbs, basses. Musical service will be held Sunday morning, but the evening service will be held in lieu of the twilight.



Masons Elect New Officers For 1939

J. Rodney Byrum New Master of Unanimity Lodge

At the meeting Thursday night of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., officers for the year 1939 were elected. The election resulted in the following selections: Master, J. Rodney Byrum; senior warden, C. W. Sawyer; junior warden, B. F. Britton; treasurer, C. H. Wood; secretary, J. Edwin Buflap.

Mr. Byrum as incoming master replaces E. T. Rawlinson.

These officers, together with those appointed by the new master, will be installed at the meeting Thursday, December 30.

Many Turned Away At First Musical In Hertford Sunday

Perquimans School Unable to Accommodate All Who Came

1,500 ATTEND

Next Affair Scheduled For Edenton Early In Spring

As had been predicted, the auditorium at the Perquimans County High School in Hertford was unable to accommodate the huge crowd which assembled Sunday afternoon to hear the first program held by the Albemarle Music Festival Association. It was estimated that 1500 people came to hear the program, which was scheduled to begin at 3:30 o'clock. As early as 2 o'clock some had taken their seats in the auditorium and by the time the music began many were unable to get in the building and spent the afternoon elsewhere.

About 230 participated on the program all of whom were seated on the large stage in the auditorium. F. T. Johnson, superintendent of Perquimans schools made a fitting address of welcome and expressed his firm belief that interest in music is growing in the Albemarle. Rev. D. M. Sharpe made the invocation. A very delightful program was rendered, which included for the most part reasonable numbers thus affording an appropriate send off for the Christmas holidays.

Elizabeth City led in the number of participants with 40 in the glee club and 45 in the band. Edenton had 80 participants, while Pasquotank County. (Continued on Page Five)

Free Oyster Roast

As a gesture of appreciation for their faithful service, Town Council will stage an oyster roast next Tuesday night for all town employees. The affair will be held at the power plant beginning at 6:30 o'clock, and every town employee is requested to be present as a guest of Town Council.

Check Forger Held For Superior Court

J. B. Thomas of Near Bath Passes Checks On Windsor Man

J. B. Thomas, who gave his name as S. B. Jones, was held for the April term of Superior Court Tuesday when he was given a preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court charged with forging the name of W. T. Tadlock, of Windsor. He was later released under \$500 bond.

Thomas, who was identified by O. M. Elliott and Ralph Parrish, bought merchandise at both stores, payment for which he offered a check at the J. H. Holmes Co. store for \$42 and at the Parrish store for \$34. Becoming suspicious when it was learned that Thomas presented two checks, Mr. Tadlock was reached on the phone and asked if he had issued checks in the amounts. Mr. Tadlock denied writing the checks and after a search for Thomas, who lives near Bath, he was arrested by highway patrolmen as he returned from a hunting trip near Belhaven.

Free Show At Taylor Thursday To Assist In Helping Needy

At 11 o'clock Thursday morning a free show will be given at the Taylor Theatre, the only requirement being for everyone attending to bring some gift to be given to the unfortunate of the community. The picture selected for this show is "Little Orphan Annie," which is very appropriate for the occasion and will especially delight the youngsters.

Manager Earnhardt requests that no perishable goods be brought as a gift. What is brought to the theatre will be turned over to the Red Cross to be distributed among the needy.

Creswell Man Loses His Driving License

Eddie Hare, of the Creswell section, lost his driving license for 12 months and was fined \$50 and costs in Recorder's Court Tuesday upon being found guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Hare was arrested about a week ago when he turned his car up the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks while intoxicated.

Vesper Services At M. E. Church Sunday

Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach a Christmas sermon at the morning hour Sunday morning. At this service special music will be rendered by the junior choir.

At 7 o'clock at night a vesper service will be held beginning at 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend both of these services.

Christmas Services At St. Paul's Church

Christmas services at St. Paul's Church will be a midnight service on Christmas eve, and at 11 a. m. on Christmas Day.

Those who will send decorations for Christmas are asked to get them in today (Thursday). The committee will decorate the church on Friday morning, starting at 10 o'clock.

Stage All Set For Christmas Dance

Huge Crowd Expected At Armory Monday Night

All preparations have been completed for the big Christmas dance to be held in the Armory Monday night, which is expected to draw the largest dance crowd in recent years. Music for the dance will be furnished by Hal Thurston and his swing orchestra from Rocky Mount.

Sponsored by the American Legion and directed by W. P. (Spec) Jones, the affair has been widely advertised and according to announced intentions from many out-of-town the spacious armory will be well filled with dance lovers.

Many advance tickets, on sale at local drug stores at a saving of 50 cents, have been sold, assuring a large attendance of local people. Dancing will begin at 9:30 and continue until 2 o'clock.

Grand Jury Finds Very Few Faults In Chowan County

Recommends Screening Of Windows at Both Graded Schools

That Chowan County's affairs are being conducted in a satisfactory manner was reflected by the few faults found last week by the grand jury for the December term of Superior Court. The jurors reported that the county jail was in good condition and at the time of inspection there were two white and two colored prisoners. The offices in the Court House, too, were found to be in good order and with sufficient equipment.

In investigating the Clerk of Court's office, it was found that Chas. F. Russell and R. W. Stokely, administrators of the estate of J. R. Stokely, had not filed a statement of final settlement of said estate.

Several minor defects were found on some of the school buses, and the jury continued the recommendation of previous juries that State Patrolman George I. Dail inspect all school buses each month.

A recommendation was also included in the report that windows be screened at both white and colored graded schools of Edenton and also Chowan High School toilet windows.

It was also reported that two of the previous County Home inmates are living in quarters that are not as sanitary as they should be kept.

Ernest W. Lee Again Operating Bridge Inn

Ernest W. Lee, who formerly operated Bridge End Service Station, near Chowan River Bridge, but for the past several months has been located beyond the Midway on the Windsor highway, is again in charge of the Bridge End station, resuming control last week.

Already many of his former customers have visited him, and in the near future he will construct convenient arrangements to serve barbecue and oysters in every form.

Mayor McMullan Signs WPA Project For Athletic Center On Old Fair Grounds

Reappointed



Her many Chowan County friends will be delighted to know that Mrs. J. B. Spillman has been re-appointed by Governor Hoey as vice chairman of the State Unemployment Commission. Mrs. Spillman's term is for a period of six years and carries with it an annual salary of \$5,000. Only last week Mrs. Spillman was the principal speaker at Chowan Woman's Club Incoming Day activities.

Century Mark

"Aunt Lizzie" Bunch, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Ida Reed, at Center Hill, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Christmas Day. "Aunt" Lizzie has been blind for sometime, but invariably recognizes her friends by their voice. She has been poorly for sometime now and has grown very thin.

Red Men Elect New Group Of Officers

J. Craig Haste Selected As Sachem For Next Six Months

New officers for Chowan Tribe of Red Men were elected at the meeting held Monday night, when the following were chosen:

J. C. Haste, sachem; Ernest W. Lee, senior sagamore; Lloyd C. Bunch, junior sagamore; W. C. Hollowell, prophet; Raleigh Hollowell, chief of reports; A. S. Hollowell, collector of wampum; W. J. Daniels, keeper of wampum.

These officers, together with the appointive officers, will be installed at the meeting held January 2 by Oscar Brown, deputy great sachem.

Twilight Carol Service At Center Hill Dec. 25

A twilight carol service will be given at Center Hill Methodist Church on Christmas Day. The service is sponsored by Willie Monds, superintendent and teacher of the children's division. This is a gift service to the people of the community, everyone of whom is cordially invited to attend.

Meeting Of Red Men Called Off Monday

Due to next Monday being generally observed as a holiday, Chowan Tribe of Red Men have postponed the regular meeting for that night. The next meeting will be held on January 2, at which time the newly-elected officers will be installed.

Dead Line

All those who expect to compete in the Christmas decoration contest must have their display ready by Thursday night, according to Mayor J. H. McMullan. Much favorable comment has been heard about decorations in general in Edenton this year and all residences as well as business houses should look their best by Thursday night.

The Garden Club will judge the various displays and name the winners.

E. & W. Board Appropriate Town's Share, \$1,313

NEW LOCATION

Work Expected to Begin on Major Improvement By January 2

One of the most outstanding improvements in the way of beautification in Edenton was assured Tuesday morning when Mayor J. H. McMullan, in behalf of the Town of Edenton, signed a WPA project for the erection of an athletic center on Hicks Field.

The improvement calls for the removal of the present unsightly grandstand and half-torn down fence around the baseball park and in its place will be erected a substantial grandstand and bleachers as well as a modern and sturdily constructed fence.

Present at the meeting Tuesday was R. B. Riddick from the Windsor WPA office, who explained various problems which were not altogether clear to the sponsors. Previously Town Council approved the project providing the E. & W. Board would furnish the sponsor's share of the expenditure. The E. & W. Board subsequently agreed to appropriate this amount which is \$1313. The project, according to tentative plans, calls for the grading of a new baseball diamond with a grandstand seating about nearby. The park will also include a football field with bleachers seating in the neighborhood of 1500 people.

The project was signed for the employment of 20 WPA workers, who are expected to begin grading about January 2. The exact location of the stadium on the plot of town-owned property has not yet been determined, but more than likely will be along one of the streets adjoining the grounds.

Meeting Of Rotary Called Off Today

Members of Club Contribute Price of Meal To Stocking Fund

As is customary during the week preceding Christmas, there will be no meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club today. Instead, every Rotarian is expected to pay the usual 50 cents charged for the meal which will be turned over to the Stocking Fund for the purchase of presents for needy children in the community.

At last week's meeting the Rotarians were treated to a splendid address by Rev. W. C. Benson. Mr. Benson very ably spoke about the principles of Rotary, other civic groups, fraternal orders and the church as well. While many of them carry out the ritualistic part of their work to perfection, he said, yet from a study of present day conditions in the world at large, it is high time for a revival in all groups to the end that the tenets of each organization is made paramount among the individual members.

Masonic Meeting Is Called Off Tonight

Due to quite a few of the members being employed at nights during the holiday season, the regular Masonic meeting has been called off tonight by the master of Unanimity Lodge, E. T. Rawlinson.

The meeting of the lodge will be held next week, however, when new officers will be installed and a new year's activities begun.

Bicyclist Run Down On Suffolk Highway

Hubert Godley, 16-year-old white boy, of the Hancock Station neighborhood, narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday night when he was run down while riding a bicycle on the highway. The boy had no light on his wheel and was struck by Clayton Roberts, a colored man.

The boy was rendered unconscious for some time, but is rapidly recovering from his injuries, which for the most part are bruises.