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Chowan Negro Enters Suit Against Prison Camp Guard Who Shot Him By Mistake

John Johnson Asking \$4,500 Damages From C. A. Cooke

SHOT IN BACK Injured By Guard During Search for Escaped Convicts

Suit in the amount of \$4,500 was instituted late Saturday afternoon in Chowan Superior Court against C. A. Cooke, a guard at the Woodville Prison Camp. The suit was made by John Johnson, a Chowan Negro, who was shot by Cooke on July 14 during a widespread search for three escaped convicts.

In the complaint Johnson contends that he and a companion were walking on the highway conducting themselves in a peaceable and lawful manner in the rightful use of the highway and the defendant suddenly and without provocation or cause of any kind whatever unlawfully, wilfully, wantonly, maliciously and feloniously assaulted the plaintiff with a deadly weapon, to wit, a shot gun, with intent to kill.

Johnson further contends that he was shot with small shot in the rump, thigh and legs, inflicting injuries which were serious, painful and permanent, necessitating being taken to a hospital for treatment, and where it is still impossible to determine the extent of injuries. He is asking \$3,000 for compensatory damages and \$1,500 in punitive and exemplary damages.

The Negro is represented by Herbert Leary.

Johnson was shot by Cooke when the Negro and his companion were mistaken for two or three escaped convicts on the Mexico Road, when the convicts were reported to be in the neighborhood. The convicts, however, were captured a few days later on the Hayes farm here.

Trustees Of School Will Meet Tonight

Band Appropriation of \$900 Will Be Up For Discussion

A meeting of the trustees of the Edenton school administrative unit will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the school building. One of the items to be discussed will be matching the \$900 appropriation made by Town Council for placing C. L. McCullers, band director, on a permanent salary for one year.

It is understood that a group of band enthusiasts will also attend the meeting ready to present the merits of the movement to put Mr. McCullers on a salary rather than collect tuition from band members.

Currituck Man New Deputy U. S. Marshal

W. S. Worthy, of Washington, N. C., this week announced that W. C. Flora, of Currituck County has been recommended as deputy U. S. marshal to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Whit Wright, of Hertford.

Mr. Flora is well-known to many Edenton citizens.

Annual Fire Drill To Be Held Tonight

All members of the Edenton Fire Department are urged to meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the fire station. Fire Chief R. K. Hall announced that the annual fire drill will be held at that time and every member of the Company is especially urged to be present.

Mrs. W. B. Shepard Replaces Mrs. Holton As Edenton Teacher

Mrs. W. B. Shepard will be a new member of the Edenton school faculty this year. She was appointed when Mrs. David Holton resigned as teacher of the sixth grade.

Mrs. Shepard will teach the third graders, Mrs. M. A. Hughes, who was formerly a third grade teacher, taking over the sixth grade.

Chief Executive Of Virginia Will Visit In Edenton Today

Gov. James H. Price Desires to See Local Historical Shrines

LUNCH AT HOTEL

Eight Virginians Will Compose Party of Sightseers

Edenton will be signally honored today (Thursday) when Governor James H. Price, of Virginia, will unofficially visit the town to see the historical points of interest. The Virginia chief executive's intention of paying the town a visit was made known Tuesday afternoon when I. O. Hill, of Suffolk, Va., called Richard D. Dixon over the telephone requesting him to contact Mayor J. H. McMullan in order to arrange a luncheon for eight Virginia visitors with Mr. McMullan and Mr. Dixon as their guests. The luncheon will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Governor Price is vacationing at Virginia Beach, and included in his party will be Mr. Hill, Mayor Jack Nurney, of Suffolk and Brownrigg Dixon, also of Suffolk.

In honor of the Virginia Governor, North Carolina's chief executive, Clyde R. Hoey, has been requested to send a representative to meet and greet Governor Price.

It will be remembered that Governor Price was an especially invited guest at the opening and dedication of the Albemarle Sound bridge, but was unable to attend the celebration, and therefore conveyed his felicitations through Colonel E. E. Holland, who represented him.

The tentative program as arranged to entertain the visitors is as follows:

11:00 A. M.—Arrival of the Governor's party at Hotel Joseph Hewes. Met there by committee of Edenton men, J. W. Davis, chairman.

11:00-1:00—Visit Court House and Green area.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

2:00-2:30 P. M.—Visit to "Hayes".

2:30-3:00 P. M.—Visit Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library. Met there by committee of Edenton ladies, Mrs. S. M. McMullan, chairman.

3:00-3:30 P. M.—Visit St. Paul's Church.

3:30-4:00 P. M.—Visit Beverly Hall, old State Bank.

4:00 P. M.—Boat trip on Bay.

Edenton Is Paired With Scotland Neck In Play-off Series

Winner of Five Game Series Will Play For Championship

Edenton's Albemarle League baseball team has been paired with Scotland Neck in the play-off series to determine the two teams who will fight it out for the league championship. The play-off series consists of five games, and at the same time Plymouth and Perrytown will be trying to eliminate each other for the right to play either Edenton or Scotland Neck for the title.

Edenton played in Scotland Neck Wednesday, the second game of the series scheduled to be played in Edenton on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday the two teams will again play in Scotland Neck.

Manager Floyd Cayton says his team is in the best of condition and is hopeful that his club will make a clean sweep of three games with Scotland Neck, thus giving them an opportunity to play in the championship series.

Severn Man Teacher Of Industrial Classes

John A. Holmes, superintendent of the Edenton school, has announced that Ralph W. Britt has been secured to teach in the industrial department, added this year to the school's curriculum. Mr. Britt hails from Severn, N. C., and is a graduate of State College, which institution highly recommended him.

The industrial department will include mechanical drawing and woodwork, these two classes to be taught in the basement of the new auditorium, where class rooms will be fitted up.

Road To Bridge Is Opened For Traffic Friday Afternoon

Attractive Signs at Intersection Directs Motorists to Edenton

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Sign and Highway Delights Merchants and Citizens

Edenton citizens were delighted Friday when at 2 o'clock, the new road was opened through the Moran field connecting Edenton by a splendid highway with the Albemarle Sound bridge road. Of course many have traveled over the greater portion of the road for a couple of weeks by rounding the curve at Moran's corner, but there is considerable satisfaction now that the spur into Edenton is completed. All that remains to be done is finish the shoulders before the road will be accepted by the State.

Adding to the delight of the local merchants and citizens is the attractive sign at the intersection of the new road and the bridge road. The sign is 16x45 feet, beautifully painted and equipped with flood lights so that it can easily be seen at night. At the very top of the sign on a large arrow is lettered "5 miles to Edenton," while directly below the sign reads:

Historic Edenton
Trade Center
Shortest Route North
Welcome

Many have already driven out on the new road to view the sign, and it is the general impression that it will attract many motorists through Edenton who otherwise would have continued on the bridge road to Route 17.

Despite the sign at Broad and Church Streets which reads "Nine miles to bridge," the actual distance, as measured by a number of local motorists, is only 5.1 miles.

September Term Of Court Convenes Monday, Sept. 11th

Judge Q. K. Nimock of Fayetteville Will Preside at Sessions

Richard D. Dixon, clerk of Superior Court, has released the calendar for the September term of Chowan Superior Court, which convenes here on Monday, September 11. Presiding at this term of court will be Judge Q. K. Nimock, Jr., of Fayetteville. Judge Nimock went on the bench on January 1, 1939, and replaces Judge N. A. Sinclair, who has been coming to Edenton for 15 years.

The docket is as follows:

Monday, September 11
Criminal Cases
Nixon vs. Nixon

Tuesday, September 12
Jackson vs. Perry
Romanus vs. Habit et al
Globe Brewing Co. vs. Habit et al
Southern Dairies vs. Sutton's Drug Store

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Warner vs. Edenton Ice Co.
Hudson vs. Edenton Ice Co.

Wednesday, September 13
American Brewing Co. vs. Habit et al
Felton vs. Hollowell
Ward vs. Baker et al

Parker vs. Parker
Fletcher Oil etc. Co. vs. Edenton City School Administrative Unit
Ward vs. Roses Stores, et al.

Thursday, September 14
Francis vs. Smith
Leary vs. Perkinson, et al
Motions and Divorce cases will be heard at the convenience of the court.

Frank Gray Ends Life At Hobbsville Home

Frank Gray, of Hobbsville, on Wednesday afternoon ended his life by slashing his throat with a razor. The deed was committed at his home at Hobbsville, and ill health was given as a reason. He died before a doctor could reach him.

Mr. Gray was the father of former representative of Gates County Claude Gray.

Town Council Puts Stamp Of Approval On Budget For '39-40 At Special Meeting

Paid Up

John A. Holmes on Monday received from the government the final payment as its full amount of the \$31,500 PWA grant for building the new Edenton school auditorium and making other necessary improvements and repairs to the building.

The final check was for \$7,000 and Mr. Holmes immediately wrote checks for the balance due various contractors who did work on the building, the major portion going to H. F. Mitchell, of Burlington.

Lions Club Secures \$242 As Share In Amusement Week

Club Eager to Support Staging Huge Peanut Festival

At Monday night's meeting of the Edenton Lions Club a report was made regarding the week of amusement sponsored by the club. Despite the fact that unfavorable weather prevailed most of the week, the club's share of the profits netted \$242 as the result of the appearance here of the Crescent Amusement Company. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Graham Byrum, Hector Lupton and Jimmy Partin, who were complimented for the success of the show.

This amount will be used by the club in its work among blind and crippled children's cases in the county.

At Monday's meeting, the idea of staging a mammoth peanut festival was also brought up. This matter was discussed by the Chamber of Commerce about a year ago, but no definite action was taken because it was considered too late at the time it was mentioned to arrange a creditable celebration.

The Lions are eager to support the festival if proper interest and cooperation is offered, and it was decided to appoint a committee to appear before the Rotary Club today as well as the Chamber of Commerce in order to determine if there is a desire to stage the festival.

New Home Economics Teacher Begins Work

Miss Josephine Grant, of Garysburg, N. C., has arrived to assume her responsibilities as teacher of Vocational Home Economics in the Edenton High School. Miss Grant has just returned from Chapel Hill, where she attended the Vocational Home Economics conference held there last week.

The conference, conducted by the State Supervisors of Home Economics, Miss Catherine T. Dennis and Miss Virginia Ward, was one of inspirational and educational value. The morning sessions were devoted to a program of work for Home Economics teachers and each teacher was urged to plan her program at the beginning of the year. The afternoon programs were planned to include a number of outside speakers who contributed information of interest to the vocational teachers.

Prior to the opening of school Miss Grant will visit in the homes of Home Economics students, open the Home Economics department and organize her work for the coming year.

C. Of C. Canvassers Asked Report Tonight

With reports incomplete in the drive for membership in the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, a meeting has been called at 6 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at the Municipal Building to check up on results of the canvassing committee.

All members of this committee are urged to complete their canvass and be prepared to submit a full report at the meeting tonight.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. and A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Figures Are Shaved to Keep Tax Rate at \$1.00 For Year

MAY BE INSPECTED Order Application Made For WPA Project For New Storm Sewer

At a special meeting late last week, held in the office of Dr. L. P. Williams, chairman of the Finance Committee, Town Council officially approved the budget for the fiscal year. The budget at a previous meeting was thoroughly gone over, and practically agreed upon except for the fact of shaving off \$500 to keep it within the \$1.00 tax rate. This was done by the finance committee, composed of Dr. Williams, W. M. Wilkins and J. Edwin Buffal, which met with the approval of Council.

The estimated receipts for the year 1939-40 were placed at \$34,596.15 estimated expenditures or \$333.85 estimated receipts over estimated expenses. Departing from the usual custom of calculating a tax income from the property valuation of \$2,900,009 and figuring a certain amount from back taxes collected, the finance committee eliminated the income from back taxes collected which is hoped to entirely or at least partially offset the deficit of uncollected taxes for the year.

The estimated operating expenses for the year 1939-40 are as follows:

Administrative	3,311.50
Police Department	5,305.55
Fire Department	3,540.07
Health Department	545.00
Street Department	14,894.10
Other Expenses	7,000.00
Total	\$34,596.15

The entire budget for the year is \$1,192.26 over what was actually spent last year, that amount being (Continued On Page Four)

Edenton Band Goes To Camp Leach For Week On Monday

Daily Schedule Insures Profitable Week's Outing

Edenton's High School Band will leave Monday morning for Camp Leach, near Washington, N. C., for their annual week's camping trip. Director C. L. McCullers has sent a circular letter to members and parents of band members urging them to take advantage of the encampment both for the recreational advantages as well as the valuable practice and instruction which will be afforded during the week.

Three competent instructors have been secured for the week to assist with the music phase of the camp, and two swimming instructors and life guards will be on hand to have charge of the group while in bathing.

Assisting Mr. McCullers with the band will be W. T. Hearne, of the Henderson band, Beverly Burrage, of the Tarboro band, and James H. McCallum, of Colerain. Melvin Layton will have charge of swimming and will supervise all sports while in camp.

The group will be chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spores, Mrs. Tom Cross and other parents of band members. Mrs. G. L. McCullers will be matron of cottages and girls during the week.

Mr. McCullers has asked all who go on the trip to take along music books, stands and folios, a blanket, two single bed sheets, pillow and case, tooth brush, soap, towels, handkerchiefs, band uniform, one extra pair of white trousers, one white shirt, bathing suit and other personal effects as may be needed.

The rent of the camp will be \$100 for the week, each member being required to pay \$7. On this account, Mr. McCullers urges every member of the band to make the trip so that it will not be necessary to raise the individual amount.

Each member of the outfit has been furnished with a daily schedule while in camp, which insures a very pleasant and profitable outing for those who attend.