

ONE OF LARGEST CIVIL ACTIONS IN THIS COUNTY INSTITUTED SATURDAY

SWIFT & CO. IS DEFENDANT IN SUIT FILED HERE

ATTORNEYS FOR MISS ISABELLE YOUNG OF DUNN INSTITUTE \$56,500-ACTION FOR HURTS SUSTAINED IN COLLISION

What is believed to be the largest civil action ever instituted in Harnett Superior Court was filed last Saturday when Attorneys J. E. Young of Dunn and Nell Salmon of Lillington, representing Miss Isabelle Young of Dunn, started suit to recover from Swift & Company \$56,500, the extent to which Miss Young alleges she was damaged last fall in a collision with one of the meat packing firm's trucks.

Although several \$50,000 suits have been filed in this county and one \$51,000-action—the action brought by Commissioner L. R. Byrd against Woodmen of the World for injuries to his son in an initiation ritual, the Young case is the first to ask for compensation amounting to \$56,500.

The action on which the suit is based occurred last November at Laurel Creek Bridge, which is on highway 421 about 35 miles this side of Wilmington. The car Miss Young was driving, a new Buick, was side-swiped by a truck belonging to Swift & Company and sent scuttling over a fill or embankment.

In the complaint, attorneys for the well-known Dunn woman allege that the accident resulted from careless operation of the truck, which was driven by Howard Miller. Miss Young claims that she was on the right side of the road, proceeding slowly (the car was brand new, with less than 1,000 miles showing on the speedometer) when the truck passed her and pulled over too sharply, smashing into her automobile and sending it off the highway.

As a result of the wreck, Miss Young remained in James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, for nine weeks. For the first week she was unconscious and for three or four weeks thereafter she was semiconscious. Her injuries consisted of a fractured skull and injuries about her arms and ankles that necessitated grafting and left deep scars. Miss Young was in a plaster cast for nine months.

The sum Miss Young is seeking to recover is divided into three sections. She is seeking the amount of the hospital bill, incurred as a result of the wreck, which amounted to \$5,600. She is asking \$1,000 for the new car, which was totally demolished and \$50,000 for injuries and damages to her.

No answer to the complaint has yet been filed by Swift and Company, a nation-wide company.

NEW BEAVER DAM SCHOOL FINISHED

Building, Constructed To Replace One Burned Early This Fall, Completed Last Week

The new Beaver Dam School for Negroes, built to replace the building which was burned in September on the night before the school was to commence work for the fall term, was completed last week and is now occupied by the students, who have been using a nearby church for classrooms.

School authorities expressed the belief that the building was set fire to by some member of the community who became angered during the summer about a contemplated change in the faculty's personnel. The debate between two factions waned strong.

In an attempt to lead to the arrest of the incendiary, the Board of Education offered a \$100-reward but no trace of the criminal, if there was one, or clues as to his identity were discovered.

The only money the county had with which to construct the building was the insurance, \$4750. This was not sufficient to equip the school as it should be and to finish the interior. Enough desks and make-shift supplies were brought in from other schools, however, to tide the Beaver Dam pupils through this year and funds will be included in next year's budget for the purchases.

A. Y. Hair of Fuquay Springs constructed the building.

Heads Drive



DUNCAN WILSON

Duncan C. Wilson of Dunn will have charge of the parties which will be held late in January to commemorate President Roosevelt's birthday and to raise funds to assist in the nation-wide fight against infantile paralysis.

TOWN OF ANGIER DONATED LEASE FOR PUBLIC PARK

J. C. WILLIAMS POND PLACE GIVEN BY DURHAM & SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND CARY LUMBER CO. JOINTLY FOR PURPOSE

For the purpose of allowing the town of Angier to construct a public park, the Durham & Southern Railway Company and Cary Lumber Company jointly have decided their 99-year lease on the old J. C. Williams pond property to the town.

Angier officials have already signified their intention of utilizing the property for the purpose mentioned by starting negotiations for WPA participation in the project. The pond will be drained and work begun on the park as soon as practicable.

The town council of Angier has adopted resolutions of acceptance and thanks for the generosity of the railroad and lumber company. When the Durham & Southern Railroad extended its lines south to reach Angier, the young town was named in honor of Angier Duke, promoter of the road. The lumber company acquired considerable acreage in timber lands and operated extensively in that area in years gone by.

The lease was acquired by the railroad and lumber company in 1901. Attorney Henry C. Strickland states that the town council of Angier has adopted measures to insure the beautification of the park, and that assurances of WPA aid lends strength to the belief that the project will be hastened to completion within a short time.

This is another of the forward-looking moves made by Angier since the installation of modern facilities for an adequate water supply. Other projects, it is understood, will follow soon.

Frequent reports have been received of aerial raids on bootleggers in western and southern Harnett township which have resulted in the capture and confiscation of several stills. These reports connected these raids with Sheriff W. E. Salmon's office but The News learned Tuesday that they are conducted independently and are in no way associated with activities of the local department.

According to accounts of these raids, a plane swoops low over a swamp or spot in which officers believe bootleggers are at work. An automobile-load of officers follows as nearly as possible the route the plane is taking until they are directly under it. An observer in the ship spots stills and with an amplifying system guides the ground-crew to the site.

Planes directing the raids in this county are a part of the U. S. Army's fleet. On the side of one of them was written "U. S. Coast Guard."

WILSON HEADS DRIVE TO SWELL PARALYSIS FUND

DUNN ATTORNEY APPOINTED HARNETT CHAIRMAN FOR SPONSORING BALLS ON PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrating Christmas is the upmost thought in the minds of Harnett citizens but already preparations are underway for the parties and dances which will be held on or near President Roosevelt's birthday—January 30th—as a part of the nation-wide campaign to raise funds for combating infantile paralysis.

Duncan C. Wilson, Dunn attorney and judge of the Recorder's Court, last week accepted appointment to head the work in Harnett county and Tommy Harrell of Dunn and James Hockaday of Lillington were appointed to make arrangements for the balls in their communities.

While detailed plans for the parties honoring President Roosevelt's birthday are still in the embryonic stage, Chairman Wilson has stated that at least two dances will be conducted in this county—in Dunn and in Lillington—and chances are that some sort of celebration will be sponsored in other communities.

Regardless of whether more dances are conducted in more than two communities, Chairman Wilson is anxious that they be county-wide events, rather than confined to the limits of a town or township, and sub-chairmen for localities will be appointed at a later date.

Especially in Lillington has the dance given on President Roosevelt's birthday become an event looked forward to by younger persons, especially. More than anything else it has become a sort of "home-coming" (Continued on page eight)

CAR RECOVERED IN BUIE'S CREEK

Automobile Stolen Wednesday Night From Erwin Worker Found Thursday By John W. Gregory

A Ford coach, stolen in Erwin Wednesday night while its owner was working in the Erwin mills, was recovered late Thursday afternoon when John W. Gregory, of Buie's Creek reported to officers a car had been standing in a road near his home all day.

Mr. Gregory, who came to the sheriff's office here to report a car had been abandoned near his house, gave officers the license number and a description of the automobile. A telephone call to State Patrol headquarters in Raleigh elicited the information that the car had been stolen from J. M. McLamb of Dunn, route 5.

An investigation into the car-theft revealed that McLamb worked on the late-shift in the Erwin mills and that on the night his car was stolen several other automobiles had been tampered with. A car belonging to A. L. Oldham, one of the mill foremen, showed signs that someone had been trying to steal it.

Mr. Gregory said that the car was near his house early Thursday morning. He paid little attention to it, however, because he thought it belonged to hunters. His curiosity and suspicion were aroused when he fell to hear gun-shots in the woods nearby. Toward night-fall, he decided that the car had been stolen and made his report to officers. The car was undamaged.

Federal Officers Leading Air Raids On Bootleggers

These drives on distillers in Harnett county were directed by Federal officers and it is presumed they were sponsored by the Cumberland Alcoholic Beverage Control Board but this could not be verified.

Week before last, eight or 10 stills were spotted by the aerial observer and again last week the plane was zooming low over swamps, and creeks where loggers are most likely to set up a plant. Exactly how many men and stills were captured was not known here as the prisoners were cited to court in Fayetteville and Federal officers confiscated the stills.

Although Sheriff Salmon and his crew of deputies haven't yet taken to planes to spot bootleggers, they have been making life miserable for those in Harnett who persist in manufacturing whiskey by destroying stills almost as soon as they are installed and prepared for the run. Several have been taken in recent weeks and two "giants" were destroyed Friday.

Another indictment for growers (Continued on page eight)

Dis-spirited

A "spirited" Christmas for many innibbers was destroyed last Friday morning when a corps of deputies from the sheriff's office seized and confiscated two huge stills and 38 barrels of beer in the Beaver Dam section of Stewart's Creek.

The largest of the two held approximately 350 gallons and the second was a 250-gallon capacity. Neither was in operation, but all signs showed that the owners were rapidly getting ready "for a run."

Those who have some knowledge of whiskey-making say that one barrel of beer usually distills from five to seven gallons of liquor. With this as a guide, it is estimated the raid destroyed more than 250 gallons of whiskey that would have been in circulation about Christmastime.

Officers in the raid were Deputies Ken Matthews, Fletcher Bethune, L. D. Hubbard and Claude Avery.

REWARD WILL BE GIVEN GROWERS WHO FOLLOW AAA

SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROVIDES PAYMENTS TO TOBACCO PRODUCERS FOR CONFINING CROP TO ALLOTMENT

Although compulsory crop control as applied to tobacco was voted down in the December 10th referendum, the soil conservation program was not affected and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is attempting to hold down the tobacco crop by encouraging producers to qualify for AAA payments by confining their 1939 plantings to the number of acres recently allotted by the county committee.

Just as it was in 1937, the program for tobacco producers is optional but a concerted effort will be made by agricultural leaders to acquaint growers with benefits they will receive by complying with soil conservation requirements.

Because the special election called to determine whether compulsory control of tobacco would be abandoned or continued into 1939 was voted down, many growers gained the impression that all bans were removed and that next year's tobacco crop was removed from all AAA activities.

The referendum nullified the acreage quotas recently allocated by the county committee but the acreage allotments will still be in effect and will be used as a guide in determining whether or not the grower is eligible for soil conservation payment. Those who confine their 1939 crop to the acreage allotted will be rewarded with AAA checks.

A further attempt to encourage compliance with soil conservation standards may arise as a result of the contemplated move to ask Congress to increase the scale followed in making out the checks.

Under the present schedule, tobacco growers who comply with the program in 1939 will receive between \$7.50 and \$9.50 per acre for keeping their crop within the acreage allotted. Growers are paid 8 cents a pound on the adjusted normal marketings—this figure ranges from 200 to 1000 pounds in Harnett county—and from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for soil-building practices on each unit. A farmer who has an adjusted normal marketing (average production over a period of years) of 1000 pounds will receive \$9.50 per acre if he does not exceed his allotment and if he plants in soil-conserving crops the acres taken from soil-depleting crops.

Another inducement for growers (Continued on page eight)

Shop Early

In Harnett county December is the most popular month for marriages and more ceremonies are performed on or near Christmas Day than at any other period of the year.

Regardless of the reason—whether it be a natural result of hearts overflowing with love for fellow men or women or whether it be because Christmas is a convenient time to be married—Mrs. Inez Harrington, Register of Deeds, and her deputy, Miss Elsie Baggett, are urging prospective bridegrooms to secure their licenses before Saturday, Christmas Eve.

The office will be closed from Friday through Monday and those who fail to get their license by tomorrow (Friday) may have to wait until Tuesday or go elsewhere to be married.

STEWART GIVES DETAILS FATAL ANGIER WRECK

RECOVERING AT HOME OF AUNT NEAR WILLOW SPRINGS, YOUTH SAYS GIRL DRIVING CAR WHEN IT CRASHED

Wayne Stewart, sole survivor of the one-car smash-up which 10 days ago snuffed out the life of Lizzie Rambau near Angier, Monday morning told Coroner J. Melvin McLea and Deputy Sheriff Ken Matuor, that the girl was driving the automobile when it struck a telephone pole and overturned several times.

Stewart, a 21-year-old youth, was quizzed at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Maud Stewart, with whom he lives and where he is now recovering from injuries he sustained in the wreck which killed his companion, Mrs. Stewart's home is between Angier and Willow Springs and the girl who was fatally injured lived south of Angier, within one mile of the spot where the accident occurred.

Questioning Stewart was the first opportunity officers have had to delve into circumstances surrounding the girl's death. Although the Rambau girl lived for an hour or longer after the mishap—she died in Dr. C. R. Young's office in Angier, she was unable to give any details as she regained consciousness only long enough to murmur her name to the attending physician.

Stewart, unconscious, was picked up after the wreck and rushed to a Raleigh hospital where he remained in a comatose state until the following day. Reports from his bedside, stated that he was at the point of death but as soon as he regained consciousness he was permitted to return to the home of his aunt. (Continued on page eight)

LADIES HONORED BY ROTARY CLUB

Christmas Dinner Given Thursday Night At Teachers; Musicians Render Excellent Program

Members of the Lillington Rotary Club ushered in the Christmas season last Thursday night by entertaining Rotary-Annis with an elaborate dinner and musical program in the dining room at the teachers' college.

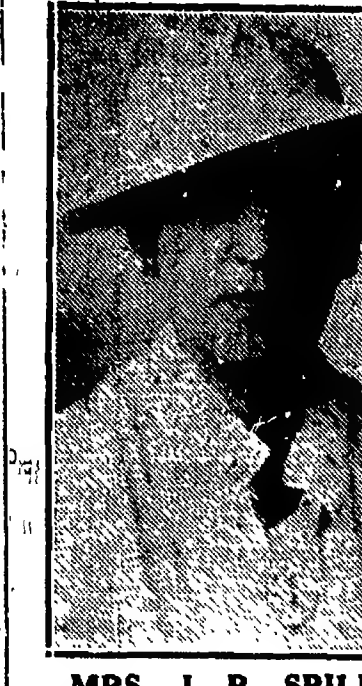
The dining room was appropriately decorated for the occasion and favors for both the ladies, and gentlemen served as place-marks. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Patron-Teacher Association, President Stedman, McLean, extended greetings to the visitors, and then turned the meeting over to Joe Jourlay. Before presenting the entertainers, Joe mentioned that the club provides Christmas gifts and food for one of the families listed in The News. His motion was seconded and adopted.

In introducing his program, Joe explained that too often talented artists are invited from outside communities when just as capable performers can be secured in this section. Little Cliff Ammons, Jr., son of Rotarian and Mrs. C. R. Ammons, sang a Christmas carol. Mrs. Wellie Sutton and B. F. Williams of Angier were next on the program, singing several carols. Mr. Williams, who has an excellent voice, rendered several solos. Mrs. Caviness Brown served as accompanist. The entertainers were greeted with several rounds of applause and many fine comments were heard.

The Club will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Hotel Lillington.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY

Reappointed



MRS. J. B. SPILMAN

Governor Hoey last week reappointed Mrs. J. B. Spilman a member of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission for a term of six years. Mrs. Spilman springboarded from the State Democratic vice-chairmanship into the position.

OFFICER GIVES RESULTS FIRST MARKET SURVEY

HALF OF STORES IN COUNTY SELLING FRESH MEAT GIVEN SANITARY RATING OF BETWEEN 80 AND 90

On completion of his first inspection of all meat markets in Harnett county following the preliminary tour to acquaint merchants and butchers with details of the sanitation law, Sanitarian K. W. Ballentine last week made public the sanitary scores which had been given each market.

Of the more than 40 stores and markets graded, one-fourth were in the highest group, with scores of 90 or more. Half of the markets were in the middle class, which includes those rated between 80 and 90 and the remaining one-fourth fell in the group which were graded between 70 and 80.

Since Ballentine's preliminary inspection early this fall, notable improvements have been made in practically all of the markets and the merchants and butchers have been cooperating, almost to a man, to comply with the law. Many of those in the lower groups fell under 80 because of some relatively unimportant defect and Ballentine's next inspection will probably show the majority of Harnett's meat-sellers in the group graded 90 or above.

The rules and regulations governing sanitation of meat markets with which Harnett butchers were unfamiliar before Ballentine started the inspection are so minute and (Continued on page eight)

News Office Closed

In order that all who help to publish The News may have the privilege of enjoying the Christmas holidays, this office will be closed from Thursday night till next Tuesday morning.

The next issue of The News, on December 29th, closing the year's publications, will appear as usual next week.

DOZEN FAMILIES PRESENTED LAST WEEK ARE TAKEN

GIFTS AND FOOD WILL BE GIVEN ALL CASES ON LIST FURNISHED THE NEWS BY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The first cooperative movement by The News and Harnett's Department of Welfare to provide a bit of Christmas for a group of poverty-stricken families, was assured of success Tuesday when the last of 12 cases published in last week's paper was asked for and assigned.

As a matter of fact, the initial project was more than a success because Miss Lillie Davis, welfare superintendent, had to add an extra family to the list to take care of all the requests received. Not only was another case added but donations received for some of the families were large enough to allow Miss Davis to purchase fruit and candies and distribute them among persons in almost as strained circumstances as those who appeared on the list.

Scoutmaster Johnny Blackmon and his Lillington Troop also assisted by rounding up toys which had been discarded and needed repairing and mending them for distribution among children in the poverty-stricken families. The Scouts also asked for one of the cases as their Christmas project.

Following are the cases and the organizations or individuals to whom each was assigned:

- Case 1—Man (mentally and physically incapacitated), wife and two children. Taken by The News.
- Case 2—Widow and six children. Taken by Joel Layton, Jr., Lillington.
- Case 3—Husband and wife, unable to work. Taken by Rotary Club, Lillington.
- Case 4—Woman and two small boys. Taken by Lillington Scouts.
- Case 5—Wife and seven children. American Legion Auxiliary, Lillington Post.
- Case 6—Man, wife and four children. Business Women's Circle, Lillington.
- Case 7—Negro widow and seven children. Men's Bible Class, Lillington Methodist Church.
- Case 8—Husband, wife and six children. Sunday School of Antioch Baptist Church.
- Case 9—Man and three small children. Men's Bible Class Lillington Presbyterian Church.
- Case 10—Man and five small children. Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church.
- Case 11—Man and woman, invalids, and six small children. H. S. Freeman, Lillington.
- Case 12—Woman and five children. Men's Bible Class Lillington Baptist Church.
- Case 13—Mother and three children. Employees Lillington Post-office.

DANIEL C. DAVIS BURIED MONDAY

Final Rites For Lillington Business Man, Who Succumbed Sunday, Conducted At Antioch Church

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Antioch Baptist Church for Daniel C. Davis, well-known Lillington business man, who succumbed Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Parker near Lillington. He was 49 years old.

Mr. Davis had been ill for several days and his condition became critical Sunday. Preparations were being made to remove him to a hospital when he passed away.

Mr. Davis, a son of the late Elias and Mary Campbell Davis, was a member of a prominent Harnett county family. Since moving to Lillington several years ago, he had been proprietor and manager of the Central Service Station. He also owned several farms in the sections surrounding Lillington. The esteem with which he and members of his family are held was evidenced by the number of persons who attended the funeral.

Surviving Mr. Davis are two brothers, Caviness Davis of Bunn level, route 1, and Ernest Davis of Roxboro; two sisters, Mrs. Morrison McCormick and Miss Eliza Davis of the Flat Branch Community.

1938 Will Show First Drop In Road Fatalities In Six Years

For the first time in six years, there probably will be a decrease this year in the total number of persons who were killed on North Carolina highways. Not since 1932 has there been a decrease; each year has seen a larger number of lives snuffed out in road accidents than did its predecessor.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the State Safety Division, reported recently that 835 persons had been killed in automobile accidents through November, compared with 899 by the same time last year and a total of 1,123 in all of 1937. For North Carolina to reach last year's total, a phenomenal number of fatalities would have to occur, 138, and Hocutt has appealed to motorists to be cautious during the closing days of the year so that the State might close the year with a better

December "than we have ever had." The sharp drop in accident deaths is attributed to increased "safety consciousness," an intensive safety campaign, vigilance of State patrolmen and motorists' cooperation in enforcing laws and rules of safe driving.

Seventy-nine persons were killed in November, 114 in October, and 112 in November, 1937. Last month's total was the lowest for November since 1932, when there were only 65. The total for all of 1932 was 674.

1938's record was made despite increases in gasoline consumption and the number of automobiles. Apparently, the most dangerous time, place and condition during the month were Sunday at dusk on a straight stretch of highway in a rural section.