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Judge Devin Sets Jury Verdict Aside

Jury Renders Both a Positive and a Negative Verdict in Ejectment Case—Failed to Pay Attention to Judge's Charge—Other Cases.

Judge W. A. Devin, presiding at the civil term of Superior court being held here this week, ordered the verdict of the jury set aside in the ejectment proceedings case of Olin Locklear vs. Rittie Locklear tried yesterday. "Gentlemen I wish you would pay attention to my charge," said the judge as he read the decision. "Your verdict contains a positive and a negative answer, which makes the verdict incorrect."

Olin Locklear claimed that Rittie Locklear was a tenant on his farm and that she was holding off by refusing to move after having been duly notified. Rittie claimed that she was the owner of the land and that she lived on her own place. The verdict was that the defendant did not own the land and was a tenant, but that she was not holding off by refusing to move. For the verdict to be correct it would have read that Rittie Locklear was a tenant and that she was holding off by refusing to move, or vice versa.

Other cases have been disposed of as follows:

John T. McNeill, Receiver, vs. Jno. F. McNair et al.; judgment for the plaintiff.

Elizabeth Doares vs. Jesse D. Doares; divorce granted.

Thomas Barnes vs. Anvaline Barnes; divorce granted.

Janie-Kate Thompson vs. Wm. H. Thompson; divorce granted.

Swift & Co. vs. W. O. Edmund; plaintiff taxed with costs.

Barber-Paschal Lumber Co. et al. vs. E. W. McLellan; injunction continued.

Ada. H. West, Adm., vs. Nannie McArthur and C. W. McArthur; judgment for plaintiff.

A. R. Bullock, Receiver, vs. Oscar Moore, Sarah Moore and J. C. Inman; judgment for plaintiff.

American Agricultural Chemical Co. vs. Andrew Watts and Edith Watts; judgment for plaintiff.

S. E. Chandler vs. Mary S. Phillips and B. W. Phillips; judgment for plaintiff.

Glennie Jones vs. Janie Jones; divorce granted.

R. C. Everett vs. D. L. Broom; judgment for plaintiff.

MR. BARTON LOSES TWO TOES IN STREAM ROLLER MACHINERY

Engineer's Foot Got Caught When Reluctant Machinery Started.

A very painful and more or less serious accident occurred Tuesday afternoon on Third street when Mr. W. H. Barton got his foot caught in the machinery of the steam roller, losing two toes and badly lacerating his foot.

Mr. Barton was pushing down on a half disc-like piece of iron attached to one of the driving rods in an effort to start the machinery while the throttle was partly open. When the machinery started it caught the engineer's foot, completely cutting off his shoe and two toes. There was no one right near the machine when the accident happened, but a man several yards away noticed that something had gone wrong, and went to the assistance of Mr. Barton, who answered, the question relative to his being hurt, "O! I just got a couple of toes cut off, is all". He was carried to a local hospital, where medical attention was given.

CARLYLE COACH TURNED OVER NEAR OIL MILL THIS P. M.

Injuries Sustained by Misses Hazel and Lillian Carlyle Thought to be Slight.

A near serious accident occurred this afternoon at 2 o'clock near the oil mill on highway No. 23 when a Hudson coach driven by Miss Hazel Carlyle left the hard surface and ran into a ditch several feet deep, hitting the opposite bank and turning on its side. Miss Hazel and her sister, little Miss Lillian Carlyle, were slightly injured. The other occupants, Mr. Bernard Redmond and a Jones boy, were not injured. The ladies were rushed to Baker's hospital, where medical attention was given, the results of which showed that they suffered a severe shock and several bruises with some internal injuries, the extent of which cannot yet be determined. The coach was very badly damaged.

Mr. K. M. Biggs, who has been ill at his home on Pine street for several days, is again able to be out.

Mr. H. Barnes of Proctorville was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. J. M. Wilson of Howellsville was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Huggins Released Under \$5,000 Bond

One of Men Held as Accomplice in Killing of E. R. Shepherd Makes Bond for Appearance at July Court—Wild Rumors.

F. M. Huggins, held as an accomplice in the killing of E. R. Shepherd since the coroner's jury rendered its verdict Tuesday evening of last week, was released from jail Monday night on \$5,000 bond, signed by Mr. T. C. Barnes of Lumberton, for his appearance at the July term of criminal court. Order for his release was made by Judge W. A. Devin, presiding at Robeson Superior court, upon recommendation of Solicitor T. A. McNeill.

The jury found that E. R. Shepherd, who mysteriously disappeared from Lumberton on April 11th 1922, came to his death from pistol shots at the hands of Luke Britt, aided and abetted by Dock Rozier, colored, and F. M. Huggins. Elza Brown, held as a material witness, later released under \$500 bond, as has been stated in The Robesonian. Britt was not admitted to bail, and Rozier has not made bond.

Many wild rumors have been circulated. One was to the effect that Rozier had confessed to helping bury Shepherd. Another had it that it was in evidence at the coroner's inquest that Huggins and Rozier held Shepherd while Britt shot him. All the important evidence brought out before the coroner's jury has been published in The Robesonian and if anything further has come to light the officers are keeping it quiet.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR VETERANS TO REUNION

Each Confederate Veteran Who Goes to New Orleans Will be Allowed \$25 by County Commissioners—A Light Day With Board.

Each Confederate veteran of Robeson county who attends the reunion at New Orleans, La., this year will be allowed \$25 for expenses by an order passed by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday.

An order was passed by the board transferring \$10,000 from the salary fund to the general county fund.

The regular monthly allowance of Malcom Hunt was increased from \$3 to \$5 and the following were added to the regular pauper list: Elijah Jones, \$4; Pink Carter, \$5; Catherine Hunt, \$4; Ella Goins, \$4; Lloyd Phillips, \$5.

Regular monthly statements were filed by the Bank of Maxton, county treasurer, R. E. Lewis, sheriff, Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Jno. W. Ward, chairman, C. B. Townsend, Rory McNair, John G. Hughes and W. J. Council.

List of bills ordered paid will be published in next issue.

ATTENTION EX-SERVICE MEN

Tonight is Time for Regular Meeting—Radio Outfit is Being Installed Temporarily.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Don't forget that tonight is the time for regular meeting of Lumberton Post American Legion. If you are a member of this post you are expected to be there; if you are an ex-service man, you are invited to be there and become a member.

There is being a radio outfit with a loud speaker temporarily installed in the American Legion hall today and it is earnestly requested that as many of the ex-service men as can possibly do so will come out and hear the concert. It may be that after hearing the concert the Legion will take some steps towards the advisability of purchasing this or some other radio outfit to be permanently installed in the Legion hall. We will also take up the question of buying a piano for the Legion.

W. B. IVEY, Commander.

Free Dental Clinic in Howellsville.

A free dental clinic will be held in Howellsville township next week for the school children between the ages of 6 and 12 with State Dentist O. P. Smith in charge. The first work will be done Monday at Smith's school.

Mr. W. M. Best is assembling material for erection of a residence on a lot belonging to him on 13th street.

Mr. D. Barrington of Maxton, R. 5, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Negro Died in Officer's Car Just After His Arrest

Lonnie Thompson, "Conjure Doctor", Died of Heart Failure in Rural Policeman Carper's Auto Near Raynham.—Officer Had Arrested Him as Nuisance and for Mal-Practice.

Lonnie Thompson, colored, died of heart failure near Raynham yesterday morning while he was sitting in Rural Policeman Carper's car a few minutes after the officer had arrested him on charges of being a nuisance and practicing medicine without the necessary permit.

A complaint was made to the officer regarding the conduct of Thompson, who had posed in that community as a "conjure doctor", whereupon the officer arrested him, and told him to get in his car, while he stepped off a few yards to speak to another man, with whom he had business. Upon returning to the car the policeman found his prisoner a corpse.

A phone message to the coroner and sheriff from the officer who had left his car with the dead man in it while he went seven miles to Rowland to a telephone, stated that the coroner was wanted to hold an inquest over the body, the officer not being instructed to deliver the prisoner "dead or alive". The coroner and sheriff were soon on the scene and a jury heard the evidence, after which they returned a verdict that the deceased had come to his death from natural causes. The remains were carried to his home on Mr. C. M. Townsend's farm.

Initial Shipment of Hogs From Robeson This Month

If Marketing is Successful the Victory Will be Won—Agricultural Society Members and Commissioners Guests at Green Valley Dairy—Farm Demonstrator Dukes Makes Encouraging Report.

The regular monthly meeting of the Robeson County Agricultural Society was held Monday at the Green Valley farm dairy, of which Mr. E. L. Mamilton is proprietor.

Inspection was made by members of the society and the board of county commissioners, who were guests of the society, which disclosed the following: 60 pigs, 12 sows, 2 boars, 45 cows, 100 hens, 10 acres of vetch and oats, 5 acres of strawberries, 3 acres of lettuce, 4 self-feeders, 12 farrowing houses, a large well-kept dairy barn, milking barn, milk room complete with every modern equipment for sanitation; and genuine Southern hospitality.

During the inspection, County Farm Demonstrator O. O. Dukes reported that he had secured for the farmers of the county 6210 pounds of lespedeza seed and 2240 pounds of carpet grass, for planting during the month of March; that throughout the county there are now 45 farrowing houses, 27 self feeders, and two car loads of hogs, averaging approximately 200 pounds, ready for shipment.

The initial shipment of hogs from Robeson county, according to Mr. Dukes, will be made during this month, when the two car loads he mentioned in his report will be shipped. The cost of raising these hogs is very little and if the marketing of the hogs is successful the victory will be won, the present market price for hogs on foot being in excess of the cost of production.

Much interest is being taken in the agricultural society and practically every township in the county was represented Monday.

—Maybe The Robesonian ought not to tell on him, since he is shy about letting the paper know about himself, but Mr. Z. V. Wilson, son of Mr. J. M. Wilson of Howellsville township, in a recent inter-collegiate debate at the state university at Chapel Hill, where he is a student, the biggest debate of the season, with many young men taking part, won second place, no mean honor in such a contest with debaters from All Over.

EVERY ONE

who reads this is invited to the First Baptist Church next Sunday morning to hear a sermon on "The Greatest Industry in the World".

And to come again in the evening to hear a sermon on "Jephthah, The Superstitious Vow; Ruth, The Religious Vow".

This is the fourth in the series of character-sermons. Interest in them is increasing. Come!

Sam Harris Fined \$200 and Costs in Shooting Scrape

Fine Pays Hospital Bill of Jim McDowell, Who Came Near Losing Leg—Shooting Followed All-Night Gambling Game.

Sam Harris colored, who shot and wounded Jim McDowell, also colored, Sunday morning, February 11th, as the result of a quarrel following a gambling game that lasted all night, was allowed to pay a fine of \$200 and cost in recorder's court a few days ago. The \$200 collected as a fine was ordered by the court to be used in defraying the hospital bill of McDowell, who has practically recovered from his wound.

At one time physicians attending McDowell were of the opinion that it would be necessary to amputate the leg of the wounded negro in order to save his life, but this was averted after long treatment.

Others arrested at the time of the shooting were tried before Recorder Ivey and taxed heavily, account of which was made in a recent issue of The Robesonian.

Parkton Letter

Residence Destroyed by Fire—New Presbyterian Pastor Arrives—"Some" Chicken Man—Gardening Time—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, March 5.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. H. Proctor of Varina visited at the home of Mr. Proctor's son, Mr. D. C. Proctor, last week. Mr. W. W. H. Proctor had lived 20 years a widower and on Feb. 21 married Miss Leona Motts of Richmond, Va. The happy couple while on their visit received many congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marsh returned home last Tuesday from Tampa, Fla., where they spent several months visiting relatives. They report a splendid time.

Saturday morning about 11 o'clock the house occupied by Mr. Vance Paul, half mile from town, owned by Mr. D. W. Marsh, was completely destroyed by fire, caused by defective stove flue. The fire made rapid headway and only a part of Mr. Paul's belongings were saved. He lost at least \$300 worth of groceries as he had just the day before the fire placed a fresh supply of groceries in his commissary and most all of it was burned. Mr. Paul did not carry any insurance while Mr. Marsh carried some insurance on the building, but not half the value of the house, as it was a splendid building and would cost several thousand dollars to replace.

Mr. Paul and family moved today to town and are occupying the Mrs. A. A. McDonald residence on Railroad street.

Rev. V. C. Smith arrived Saturday evening and preached at the Presbyterian church here last night to a large congregation, preaching a most able and helpful sermon. The Presbyterians of our town have been without a pastor for some time, but now they can get busy. Mr. Smith is much enthused over his field of labor and he insists the stores all to close during the hour for union prayer-meeting and if not he would make investigation. The writer has always insisted on the business men attending the union prayer meetings. If the stores would all close one hour the attendance would be much larger, as so many people who ought to attend these prayer services hang around and gossip.

The basket-ball girls and the second team of boys went up to Rockfish this afternoon and played the Rockfish school teams, and it is reported that our locals won both games, while the boys had a close game, 9 to 10. Last week the Rockfish boys came down and played the second team here. The game was too one-sided and was won by our locals easily. William Blount for the locals, lead, making 18 points. Messrs. Jas. A. Johnson and J. Browne Evans of St. Paul were in town briefly today.

On a recent visit to Lumberton it was our privilege to visit Mr. James McNeill and family and to see the most and prettiest Rhode Island Red chickens we ever saw. He has thousands of baby chicks and five incubators running, and every three weeks turns out one thousand more biddies. He is some birdman.

This is the main week for gardeners to get busy. So many men depend on their good wives to look after the garden. It's a man's job and you men get on the job.

Friday night Clyde Council, the radio operator, gave his first public entertainment. He has opened up over the Thompson building. He is prepared to interest the public and it is just wonderful how plain you can

Negro Warned To Move Away

Letter Signed "44 Blood" Said to Have Caused Negro to Disappear from Tenant House He Had Just Moved Into Near Laurel Institute.

By W. H. M. Brown
Buie, March 6.—A letter is said to have been found on the premises of Mr. W. R. McNeill, at one of his tenant houses, about 1 1/4 miles from Buie, near Laurel Institute. It was said to have been addressed to a colored man who had recently moved there from Georgia and was living in the house. The letter is said to have asked the negro to make his disappearance or move out within 3 days, and was signed "44 Blood." And in accord with the request the negro got out.

There is no explanation probably further concerning the above, unless the following is the reason why the negro was asked to get out: it is a settlement entirely of Indian people right where he lived, and they have there school there, and it is probable that the one or ones that put the letter on the porch, or wherever it was found by the negro did not want them living in that settlement.

Now we are just giving our opinion concerning this, and also probably of others, while we do not know the particulars, and are making no accusation against any certain ones.

St. Paul News

Influenza Returns—Splendid Local Talent Minstrel Show—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, March 6.—The flu seems to be with us again. May it soon take its flight to pastures new. Mr. Max H. Shubert is just out from a few days' slight attack, and Mr. W. A. Nutting went to bed yesterday with what is also reported as influenza. Mrs. Nutting had just returned from a visit to her mother at Thomasville, arriving here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Oliver is home again after a pleasant visit among relatives in the Bennett vicinity.

Mr. A. R. McEachern was away a few days last week, looking after business interests, arriving in town Saturday morning.

Mrs. Ryan McBryde and children of Raeford spent Saturday and Sunday guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. I. Grantham.

Friends are glad to greet Miss Martha Cameron again after an absence of a few months, which she spent at her home at Union Springs, Ala. She was St. Paul's very efficient milliner during the fall season.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Degruy of Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, have been guests the past few days of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Odom. Mrs. Degruy is remembered by friends here as Beatrice Odom. Her husband having a 20-days' furlough, part of the time will be spent among her people here. He is an army officer. They were married in January, as we previously reported.

Miss Helen Oliver was a week-end guest of her people at Marietta.

Friends of Mr. Robert Lancaster, of Grantham Drug Co., are glad to see him out again following a few days' attack of influenza.

Dr. J. F. Nash left Saturday night for New York to be gone several days.

A splendid local-talent minstrel was given in the high school auditorium Friday evening of last week, under the auspices of the American Legion, which was quite the hit of the season. A full house greeted the comedians and tremendous applause was heard on every hand, every member of the cast swinging thru his part with perfect smoothness, and not only do a few of the so-called "leadin' characters" deserve praise, but the entire bunch. The play abounded in mirth and amusing stunts, and rich and rare were the jokes "pulled off" at the expense of local characters. Somewhere between \$75 and 80 was realized, which goes to the American Legion and auxiliary. A very worthy cause, surely. There is talk of taking the minstrel to some of the neighboring towns, so possibly those who failed to see it here may avail themselves of this opportunity.

Regular meeting Lumberton chapter No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held at the Masonic hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as important business will be transacted.

hear a man preach in Pittsburgh, Pa., or New York, or most anywhere.

The barefoot school children of today are the real signals of good old spring-time once more.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 30 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Born yesterday at the Thompson hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson of Lumberton R. 4, twin girls.

—Mrs. Stinson Powell was able to return home Tuesday from the Thompson hospital, where she underwent a slight operation several days ago.

—Among notaries public commissioned by Governor Morrison Monday were: J. Browne Evans, St. Paul; C. R. Taylor, Lumberton; N. G. Wilson-Bladenboro.

—Mrs. Robt. Belch, who moved recently to Laurinburg with her husband, has opened a millinery and ladies, ready-to-wear shop there under the name of "The Style Shop."

—Three men failed to catch Seaboard passenger train No. 14 yesterday morning on account of the fact that this train left the station at exactly 9:45, the fixed schedule, but which it has not done for some time in the past.

—A wreck on the Seaboard near Bladenboro Monday afternoon in which several freight cars were derailed and badly damaged, caused the passenger train which leaves here at 2:50 p. m. to be several hours late. Likewise was the 6 o'clock train for Charlotte delayed.

—Mr. S. Wayne Caldwell of Charlotte is spending a few days here at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Caldwell, who has been confined to her room for several days on account of illness. Her condition is reported as much improved.

—A long-needed improvement has at last been made in the Seaboard passenger station, a telephone having been installed on the first of the month. Heretofore any business or information wanted had to be made through the freight office. The number of the newly installed phone is 3-W.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Halbert Archibald Thompson and Ina Rochelle Bracey; James Ray Cay and Alice Stanton. During the month of February Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd issued only 11 license for marriage, four of which were for white, two Indian, and five colored.

—Mrs. Walter Young and baby girl, Mary Gertrude, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young, at 307 Chestnut street will go to Washington, D. C., Saturday night. Mr. Walter Young is a son of Mr. Frank Young and Mrs. Young was Miss Mary Hall of Cheltenham England. They will live in Washington.

—Reported for The Robesonian: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green and Master Jimmy Green spent Sunday with Mr. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green. Mrs. Harry Green and Jimmy left Tuesday night with Mrs. Green's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston of Raeford for Datona, Fla., where they will spend several weeks making the trip in Mr. Johnston's Marmon.

—Mr. Everett Davis, who lives on Saddle Tree, brought to town Tuesday some cabbage-collards, the prettiest and most dressed-up thing in the way of collar you ever saw. Your collar is usually plain as an old shoe and doesn't care who knows it; it makes no pretensions, knowing that it is chock full of solid worth; but with loss of none of its solid merits this cabbage-collard is more pleasant to behold than its plainer and more unpretentious cousin.

—Senator and Mrs. L. R. Varser and daughter, Miss Lily Snead, returned Tuesday evening from Raleigh, where they lived at the Yarrowbough hotel during the session of the General Assembly, in the labors of which Senator Varser took a leading part, and the Senate of which thrust upon Miss Lily Snead the honor of being the first lady Senate page in the world. Senator Varser left yesterday morning for Jacksonville to attend Onslow court.

Bills for Private Walks and Driveways

Collection is now being made for private walks and driveways. Please be ready to pay these bills on call.

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