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CHATHAM SUPERIOR COURT ENDS

Adjourned Saturday--- Jury Returns Verdict of \$20,000 in Seaboard Case---Judge Continues Signing Judgment to the May Term

The March term of Superior Court, which was in session here last week, adjourned Saturday afternoon.

The last case tried was that of E. E. Walden, administrator of Ivan Thomas, deceased, vs Seaboard Air Line Railway Company and John Barton Payne, Director General of the Federal Railroad Administration. This was an action for damages for the death of Ivan Thomas, which it was alleged was caused by the negligence of the railroad company. The plaintiff was suing for \$60,000, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendants for \$20,000. Judge Lyon, however, did not sign the judgment in this case, but continued the matter of whether he should sign it or not until the May term of Court.

The evidence showed that Thomas met his death on the morning of December 15th, 1919, as the result of a collision between the automobile he was driving and the Pittsboro train on the crossing of the Capital Highway over the Pittsboro branch of the Seaboard railroad track at Moncure. John Brady, one of the witnesses for the plaintiff, testified that he saw Thomas before he drove on the crossing; that he, Thomas, was looking straight ahead and that he did not look to see if a train was coming; that he drove on the crossing and that the front wheels of his car just got over the first rail when the automobile stopped; that Thomas was working with the spark or gasoline levers on his steering wheel; and that about that time the Pittsboro train, going from Pittsboro to Moncure, struck the car. The train dragged the car something like 30 feet below the crossing, when it stopped. Thomas was found lying on the ground between the crossing and the automobile. The young man was so badly injured by the wheels of the automobile dragging him along as it was being carried down the track by the train that he died in a very short time. The evidence showed that the crossing was in a bad condition; but that Thomas passed over it three or four times a day; there was also evidence to show that the wheels of the automobile did not reach the bad place in the crossing before it stopped. All the evidence pointed out that the view of the railroad track was unobstructed for a considerable distance. The witnesses also testified that the engine of the train was running backwards at the time of the accident.

Capt. J. F. Alston, engineer of the train, stated that he saw Thomas coming along the road toward the crossing some time before he got there; that he thought he was going to stop; that when he saw Thomas was going to try to cross in front of the train, he threw on the emergency brakes and reversed his engine, and endeavored in every way possible to stop the train in time to avoid the accident, but that he was unable to do so. There was evidence to show that the whistle was blown for the crossing at the regular place and that the bell was rung at the time of and before the collision.

The trial of this case was commenced Thursday afternoon; it was submitted to the jury Saturday morning and they returned their verdict about 12:30. The jury found that the death of Thomas was caused by the negligence of the railroad company, that he did not in any way contribute to his own injury and death, and that his administrator should recover \$20,000 from the defendants as damages.

Another personal injury case was that of Oates vs Glover. The evidence in this case showed that Glover, a negro, hit Oates over the head with a stick of wood on account of a dispute that arose between them concerning some wood. The defendant claimed that he acted in self defense. The jury awarded Oates \$750 as damages.

L. C. Ellington vs. Fred A. Badders was an action to recover damages for the wrongful sale of an engine, which belonged to the plaintiff, by the defendant. The jury returned a verdict of \$25.00 in favor of the plaintiff.

Richard Brewer vs. Thomas Moore was an action to establish a parol trust in regard to a tract of land. The plaintiff alleged that this land was purchased by the defendant with the understanding that it was being bought for him, Brewer, and was to be conveyed to him when he was able to pay for it. The defendant denied this and alleged that he bought the land for himself. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

An order was made in the case of W. G. Fields vs Howard White making additional persons parties defendant. This case was set peremptorily for trial on Thursday of the May term.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

M L Harris vs. John B. Clark judgment for the plaintiff.

Jane Peoples vs. Sarah Harris, continued.

L. N. Womble vs. C. B. Phillips, continued.

C. R. McHaney et al vs. John Mitchell et al, continued.

Children's Service

The Little Helpers of the Junior Auxiliary will have children's services next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church. Among the exercises there will be a play, "The Gift of Self," an allegory. All are invited, especially the school. Part of the offering will go toward the school to be built in Liberia in memory of Mrs. W. A. Hoke.

Town Meeting

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Pittsboro at the Auditorium Friday night, April 1st, after the debate, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro in the coming election. All citizens are urged to attend this meeting. B. NOOE, Mayor.

An unusual thing occurred here last week. All of the regular crew of the Pittsboro Railroad were off from train duty attending court as witnesses.

WASTING GOOD LIQUOR

Sheriff Blair and Deputy Nooe Get a Prize Still

Sunday morning while the citizens of Pittsboro were quietly worshipping in the Methodist Church here at the 7 o'clock services, Sheriff Walker Blair and Deputy Sheriff Fred Nooe were busy breaking up a whiskey still in the Gorgas woods about where Rocky River empties into Deep River. Everything to make a complete still was captured. Among the articles brought back to town was a 65-gallon copper still, two caps, two worms and even a funnel for pouring liquor. Ten gallons of whiskey, the kind of liquor "that used to make father sick," were found. The whiskey and measuring pots were found under a brush heap and the whiskey poured out. An old darkey standing near, watching the pouring process, asked the Sheriff: "Fore God, boss, let me have one mo' drink of dat lick-er." He was not arrested.

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday was one of the prettiest Easter days that we have had in years. The warm, sunshiny Spring day, made everything and everybody feel glad. Pretty flowers in town and country, the women bedecked in their airy spring suits (they've almost quit wearing hats. And right here we would like to ask a question. Why is it that women wear low-neck dresses, cutoff at bottom and top with sleeves off above the elbows, hats off, and in summer wear heavy furs over their shoulders?), men in their new suits, and little children happy in the pretty dresses they wore.

The day passed off very quiet. Easter services were held in the churches morning, afternoon and night. At the Baptist Church there was preaching at 11 a. m. and at the Episcopal Church at 7:30 p. m. Early morning services were held at the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock and at 8 o'clock especially for men, and also at 7:45 at night. And so the day passed.

Monday was another pretty day and a holiday and crowds of young and old people took advantage of the bright, warm sunshine and hid themselves off to the woods and rivers to enjoy the day in picnicing. Some went to Buckhorn where they enjoyed the day in eating and boat riding. Others went up on Rocky River, some went to Raleigh to see the races while others stayed at home.

Thus ended the Easter holiday.

Clean-Up Week

This is clean-up week in Pittsboro. Have you moved all of those old tin cans, scraps of paper and all the trash, which has accumulated there during the winter months, from your back yard? Or did you only clean-up your front yard and leave the rest alone? Some people keep the front of the house clean, but the kitchen never gets attention.

And while our citizens are cleaning up their premises, why not use a little whitewash on the fences and trees? It would make everything look so clean and nice. And when all this is done, let's keep it clean and save doctor's bills the coming summer.

SEVENTY YEARS OLD, NEVER WORE GLASSES

Mr. Tom M. Bolling, who lives at Moncure, is quite a remarkable man. He was in The Record office Tuesday and spent a while chatting. Mr. Bolling, who is past 70 years of age, although he looks younger, told The Record that he never owned a pair of glasses nor wore a pair, and could read print as good as he could 40 years ago, and proved it by picking up a paper and reading some of it.

Mr. Bolling said that he voted at the first fall election after he was 21 years of age, and has never missed voting at a general election, and always voted the straight Democratic ticket.

He further stated that he and a certain doctor, who lives near Moncure, are the only two of the original Ku Klux of this County now living in his section.

COUNTRY THAT RIVALS CHINA

The following letter written by Commander J. J. London from Alexandria, Egypt, will be of interest to our readers:

"To think I am at last in Egypt. Though my cruises have taken me practically over the whole world, I have never before been to this country, and hence I've felt that I have missed the most interesting country of all, from the tourist point of view. The only country that rivals Egypt in antiquities is China but it has little preserved for the sight-seer to see except its Great Wall. On the other hand, Egypt is filled with interesting works of art, and thousands of monuments still stand to attest the power and glory of the ancient Egyptian Kings. Though Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt some 1300 years before Christ, yet Egypt was then an old empire, authentic records having been preserved dating 3400 years B. C.

"I have been reading up on the history of ancient Egypt and have been posting myself concerning the wonders I am to see. We arrived here February 25 from Constantinople and I am leaving today (February 28) for a three days trip to Cairo, the ancient capital of Egypt. It is a 4-hour train journey from Alexandria. One hundred and fifty of my sailors went there on a two-story excursion the 26th and the same number leaves tomorrow. We will all, of course, ride camels, visit the Pyramids, have our pictures taken beside the great Sphinx, etc., and to think that Herodotus, the Greek historian, did all of this, except the picture part, 460 B. C. and wrote at length about it. The Pyramids were then some 2000 years old. His description is so minute that he gives the number of radishes, onion and roots of garlic which the army of 100,000 men consumed during the 20 years occupied in building the Great Pyramid. His statement is based, however, on what a guide told him, which was probably an invention of the guide. However, more of the Pyramids when I get to them.

"Alexandria itself is a very ancient city, having been founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B. C. Few interesting structures remain, however, for the interest of sight-seers. The famous Alexandrian library was burned in Caesar's time."

Watch your label.

MOVING PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT

Chatham County is keeping up with the procession in most everything these days, especially education. The Public school Extension Service of this County will present an educational moving picture program at the auditorium here next Thursday night, April 7, together with an entertaining program.

Now get busy, you people, and help make this work a success. Your presence is needed. The admission is only 10 cents.

This picture program is under the direction of Miss Lucy H. Lawley, Director of Public School Extension, and she is going to give you a first class entertainment.

Miss Lawley will also exhibit these pictures at Ore Hill, Monday, April 4, Bonlee, Tuesday, April 5, Goldon, Wednesday, April 6, Silk Hope, Friday, April 8.

Debate Friday Night

The Pittsboro High School will debate the Siler City High School here Friday night, April 1st, at the School Auditorium. At the same time Pittsboro and Siler City will debate at Siler City.

The query for discussion is "Resolved, that the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industry."

The Pittsboro team will uphold the affirmative side of this query here and the negative at Siler City. The debaters here will be Archie Ray and William Hunt, representing Pittsboro, and Frank Paschal and Milton Small, representing Siler City. The speakers representing Pittsboro at Siler City will be Graham Connell and Thomas Morgan.

This debate is a part of the State wide high school triangular debate in which 225 high schools will participate. If Pittsboro, or Siler City, wins both sides of this query the debaters from that place will go to Chapel Hill to contest for the State championship and the Aycock Memorial Cup.

Marriage Licenses

There have been five marriage licenses issued in this County to couples since the new marriage law went into effect, two of them being white and three colored.

License was issued Monday to Frank M. Farrell, son of Walter Farrell, of the Hanks' Chapel community, who was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Teague, daughter of J. F. Teague, of the same neighborhood, at the home of the bride, Rev. Mr. Carden officiating.

License was also issued to Wm. O. Carter and Miss Ethel Cheek, both of Siler City.

In this connection the Register of Deeds wishes the doctors of the County to apply to him for certificates as some of them sent in are filled out wrong.

Miss Lawley in Chatham

Miss Lucy Lawley, community service director in this county, is inaugurating the work in Chatham county, being for the present at Pittsboro. In Miss Lawley's absence, Mr. Isaac Powell, who operates the motion picture machine, has charge of the program in Johnston county. Miss Lawley spent the week-end here. —Smithfield Herald.

Charlotte will vote on \$2,000,000 bond issue for road bonds.

BENNETT ITEMS

School Exhibition at Pleasant Grove a Grand Success

The school exhibition at Pleasant Grove, two miles from Bennett, Saturday, was a grand success. The attendance was estimated at 1,500 to 2,000. Many Record readers were seen there, among them Eli B. Brewer and James Gilliland. Pleasant Grove is the home of Rev. George Underwood, formerly of or near Pittsboro. Of all this section Rev. Underwood has the banner County home. Thirty level, fertile acres, well divided in cleared and wood, fine young bearing orchard, and all needed outbuildings. Rev. Mr. Underwood is 68 or more, and has spent his life in Moore, Chatham, Lee and Randolph Counties, earnestly and faithfully preaching the Gospel, and now preaches at the Grove and at Bennett, besides two other charges.

It is befitting his age and grand calling that he now dwells where he "can see the flowers and spreading trees, and hear the wild birds singing."

The Female Single Blessedness Society, of Bennett, will give a play at the school house Saturday night, April 2nd, for the benefit of the school.

Mr. Bennie H. Presnell ran his Studebaker into Deputy Lon Owen's Ford on Main street in Bennett Saturday last badly wrecking both cars, but seriously injuring no one.

There are three women candidates out for Town Commissioners at the coming primary—Mrs. Flora Ward, Mrs. Effie Yow and Mrs. A. B. Denson.

The candidates for Marshal are: Lon Owen and Wm. Moffitt.

For Mayor: W. C. Brewer and W. S. Gardner. Party lines are not drawn and nomination at the primary is equivalent to an election. D.

JENKINS SLATED FOR COLLECTOR

The Republican State Executive Committee, in session at Greensboro last week, in making their slate for political appointments by President Harding in this State, named J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City, for appointment as Collector of internal revenue for the Eastern district. His appointment is conditioned upon North Carolina being divided into two districts. If the State remains as one district, then John Motley Morehead is to decide whether Jenkins or Gilliam Grissom, who is slated for appointment as collector of the Western district, will be recommended to President Harding for this office.

Evans Personals

Misses Beatrice Straughan and Murhl Cabe and Mr. Frank Wall, of Raleigh, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Straughan.

Miss Myrner Straughan, of Raleigh, is spending some time with her parents.

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Chatham during the year of 1919 and 1920 are as follows: For the year 1919 7,077 bales ginned and for 1920 7,698 bales. Lee County 1919, 7,037; 1920, 7,516. Moore, 1919, 3,472; 1920, 4,164.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Claude Knight, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is now well on the road to recovery.