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Directed Verdict Is In Favor Of Hamilton

Three Issues Submitted to the Jury By Judge Moore Decided In Favor of Defendant. The Next Case To Be Tried Is That of The County Against W. L. Stancil and G. W. Huntley.

The trial of the first of the county cases, Carteret county against Luther Hamilton, was taken up Wednesday morning and despite prediction of counsel for the defense that it would require only an hour or so to finish, it has been in progress now for the better part of two days. Court opened a little before 10 o'clock, a jury selected from a venire of 36 Pitt county citizens was soon selected, one being excused by the plaintiff's counsel and one by that of the defense and another by the Judge, and this was followed by the reading of the complaints and answers which took considerable time. Despite the rather warm and humid weather the court room has been pretty well filled with spectators ever since the trial began.

The special term of court began here Monday morning, but owing to the fact that no jurors had been summoned to appear, court was not in session long. Captain Rodman Guion of counsel for the plaintiff offered a motion to change the calendar so that the case against Hamilton would be tried last and the other cases tried as they appeared on the calendar. This motion was resisted by J. F. Duncan for the defense and Judge Clayton Moore ruled that the cases would be tried in the order in which they appeared on the calendar. The matter of getting juries for the trials was then taken up and it was ordered by the court that 36 men be summoned for the Hamilton case, 36 for the Stancil-Huntley case and 50 men for the Simmons Construction Corporation and other cases. The Hamilton jurors were subpoenaed for Wednesday, the others for Thursday and Monday. Court recessed then until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

In the Hamilton case the contention of the plaintiff is that Mr. Hamilton, who was County Attorney from December 1924 to December 1928, has not settled in full for certain delinquent taxes which he collected. It is claimed by Mr. Hamilton that he has settled. It is claimed by the defendant that the Board of County Commissioners allowed him as compensation all penalties on these delinquent taxes. The county's attorneys contend that if the board made any such agreement, which does not appear on the minutes, that it was illegal to do so. Mr. Hamilton also claims that the county owes him several thousand dollars which he offers as an offset to the county's claim. The county claims that the defendant owes an amount slightly in excess of \$13,000 which he denies. Judge Moore took the view that the board did have the right to make a contract with Mr. Hamilton such as he claimed, and several times intimated that he would not permit the action. He decided to read over certain parts of the evidence Wednesday night and decide the matter Thursday.

The case came to an end this afternoon at about four o'clock when the jury brought in a verdict directed by the Judge on three issues all of which were in Mr. Hamilton's favor. The attorneys did not make any argument to the jury. The day was spent in the examination of witnesses, Mr. Hamilton in particular, and a long number of conferences and discussions between the lawyers. The attorneys for the county gave notice of an appeal to Supreme court.

Eight Men Convicted On Conspiracy Charge

BREVARD, Aug. 15.—Eight former bankers and former public officials were convicted here today of conspiracy to defraud Transylvania county of \$100,000 to aid the now defunct Brevard Banking Company. Judge J. H. Hoyle Sink imposed sentences of two to five years in prison and a \$5000 fine upon Thomas H. Shipman, president of the bank; J. Pickelsimer and C. R. McNeely, former county commissioners, and Ralph R. Fisher, former county attorney, four of the convicted men. Another Joseph S. Silverstein, vice-president of the bank, was fined \$5000. The others, A. M. White, S. R. Owen and W. L. Talley, former commissioners, were fine \$1000 each. The five men former commission-

Bathers Have Trouble At Wrightsville Beach

WILMINGTON, Aug. 19.—One death and several near-drownings resulted from strong outward tow that apparently affected both the principal bathing beaches near Wilmington late Tuesday afternoon. D. T. Cronly, prominent Wilmingtonian, was taken dead from the surf at Wrightsville Beach. Seven others were pulled from the surf at Wrightsville. At Carolina Beach six persons were pulled out. There were no reports of bathers in distress at other nearby beaches. Cronly either drowned or died of a heart attack, three physicians who examined him said. Swimming with Mrs. W. H. Howard, wife of the general passenger agent of Atlantic Coast Line, near the Carolina Yacht club, he was swept with Mrs. Howard out beyond their depth and called for help. Jack Pool of Wilmington and John Marshall of the Star news staff went to the rescue. Pool arrived first and when Marshall reached the others he found all three in distress. Pool and Marshall, however, pulled Mrs. Howard to shore after several attempts to breast the tow, and when other swimmers went to the rescue of Cronly, they found him floating face downward. Due to the fact that he made no struggle and did not call for help it was considered possible that a heart attack combined with drowning may have been the cause of death. None of the other near victims were in serious condition.

Indians Attack Man Inflicting Bad Wounds

LUMBERTON, Aug. 17.—O. L. Hinson, chief mechanic at the plant of the Butters Lumber company at Butters, Bladen county, lies in the Baker sanitarium here in a serious condition, a bullet wound in his pelvis, as a result of a brutal attack made upon him early this morning by unknown Indians. Mr. Hinson had gone into Big Swamp eastern edge of Robeson county, to feed some hogs. One was missing, and seeing a brown object on a railway trestle not far away, he concluded the hog had been killed by a train and went to investigate. Instead of the hog, he found two bags. Opening them he saw a number of articles of merchandise on the ground below him. At that moment he noticed an Indian fanning. Starting away, Mr. Hinson was called to and asked to stop. An Indian with a pistol ran up, threatened to kill him, shot one bullet in him, another between his legs, and placing the barrel of the firearm at his chest, snapped the trigger several times. Mr. Hinson protested all the time, hands up, telling the man he would not betray his find. Ammunition out, the assailant called to his companion to bring him more cartridges. Mr. Hinson was backing toward the swamp's edge all the time and his calls for help brought people living in the edge of Robeson. He was brought here, where an operation was performed. His condition tonight is improved.

Robeson officers have been searching the swamp all day, but have made no arrests. Hinson says he can identify the men, both of whom were Indians, also were found guilty of misapplication of funds, but judgment was suspended on this count upon payment of costs.

Costs in the conspiracy count are to be apportioned among all eight of the men, while the misapplication charge costs are to be divided among the commissioners.

Appeals Taken. Appeals from the sentences were taken and, with the exception of one \$200 bond, appearance bonds now in effect were continued until the case finally is disposed of.

Fisher, Owen, Talley and White are under bonds of \$500 each, while bonds for the others are \$1000 each.

The eight men were alleged to have engineered the sale of \$100,000 county note and deposited the proceeds in the Brevard Bank to aid the institution just before it failed last fall.

REVOLT IN CUBA GETTING SERIOUS

Several Battles Impending—Government Refuses To Give Out News.

HAVANA, Aug. 19.—Authoritative news of the Cuban revolt was effectively bottled up by government censorship today but reports indicated decisive battles were brewing in several provinces.

A rebel expedition comprising 500 men and scores of machine guns landed at Gibrari in upper Oriente from the German vessel Frederick II. The palace admitted unofficially that the report was true but said the force was surrounded by federal troops.

Another expeditionary force was reported to have landed on the upper Santa Clara coast and rebels were said to have derailed the Fomento-Trinidad train south of Santa Clara. The government dispatched 200 more soldiers to Santa Clara to form lines with the detachment there against rebels concentrating near Trinidad.

Army headquarters announced that Col. Aurelio Hevia, his son and two other rebel leaders were captured in a drug store in Colon, Matanzas province.

President Gerardo Machado remained in Santa Clara, attempting to quell the movement, but little news of his success reached here.

Fear that the insurrection might spread to Havana led the government to take stringent precautions.

Ten armored trucks remained in front of police headquarters at all hours for possible emergencies. The house to house search for arms and ammunition was suspended, it was learned, after the government found that great quantities were stored in well-barricaded dwellings.

William Fischer, former American and naturalized citizen of Cuba, was said by the palace to have surrendered in Santa Clara after leading insurgent forces that destroyed \$15,000 worth of property belonging to Senator Carlos Machado, brother of the president. He will join the political prisoners in Cabana fortress.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Police court Friday afternoon had about the usual run of business. Six cases were tried and one or two continued.

Bert Lloyd submitted to the charge of drunkenness and was fined \$1 and costs.

George Pulford plead guilty to having been drunk and was fined \$1 and costs.

Moses Fisher, colored, denied that he was drunk, but three witnesses said he was not able to navigate under his own power and he was given a fine of 2.50 and costs or ten days on the street for force.

Linn Thomas charged with driving too fast, plead not guilty and was acquitted.

Charlie Phillips, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Will Allen, colored, of Morehead City, charged with fighting had several witnesses who testified to his innocence and so he went free.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Otis E. Meekins and Daisy Hall, Morehead City.

Guion Hill, Williston, and Gertrude Gillikin, Beaufort.

Russell Smith, Philadelphia, and Thelma Mason, Atlantic.

LINDBERGHS MAKE FORCED LANDING IN DANGEROUS WATERS TO AVOID FOG

NEMURO, Japan, Aug. 19.—Faced with thick fog ahead or the choice of alighting in waters noted for their treacherous currents, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh chose the latter and tonight were fogged in their plane on the sheltered side of Ketoi island after two forced landings in their flight from Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, to Nemuro.

The Lindberghs left Petropavlovsk where they were delayed two and a half days by poor weather, and within a few minutes were forced down by motor trouble at Avatcha bay this morning.

Two hours later they resumed their scheduled 879 mile hop and made good time over the Kurile islands when fog forced them down late in the afternoon for the second time, with their hop about half completed.

Despite knowledge of the hazardous currents near Ketoi in the Kurile archipelago the fliers radioed "No" assistance would be needed unless some emergency arose. Japanese officials took the precaution, however, of directing two nearby ships,

PLAN TO REDUCE COTTON SURPLUS

Plant No Cotton Next Year Louisiana Governor Suggests.

ATLANTA (Aug. 19.—The South looked to several sources today hoping that from one of them might be developed a way out of its cotton surplus dilemma.

Chief interest centered about the possibilities of the meeting called for Friday at New Orleans by Governor Huey P. Long of Louisiana, who is seeking to bring about a cotton-growing holiday in 1932.

Last night Governor Long announced that he would the South accept his plan, he should ask the federal government to enlist interest of foreign cotton growing countries in an acreage regulation plan for world stabilization of price similar to the Chadbourne sugar plan.

From Georgia U. S. Senator George has issued a suggestion that a six-cent per pound payment for cotton be made at once by the federal farm board with an additional six cents next year if farmers agree not to plant cotton in 1932.

He urged, likewise, a special session of congress unless the farm board act immediately.

The farm board has made the suggestion that southern farmers plow under every third row of cotton to cut this year's predicted crop of 15,000,000 bales. But neither this suggestion nor that of Governor Bilbo of Mississippi to leave a third of the cotton unpicked has attracted any widespread support.

Commissioner of Agriculture Eugene Talmadge of Georgia has proposed that farmers pick their cotton but hold it and cottonseed off the market. Governor Murray of Oklahoma has suggested as a solution that only the best bolls be picked and ginned.

One other suggestion has been that the state take over the 1931 crop at a fixed price.

Congressman Charles R. Crisp of Georgia yesterday issued a statement in which he said he was considering introduction of a bill this fall to abolish the farm board and provide that cotton and wheat it now has on hand to be held until the price of cotton goes to 12 cents a pound and that of wheat to 80 cents a bushel.

ADDITIONAL CONCRETE ROAD IS MADE READY

NEW BERN, Aug. 19.—With only a short link of the old brick road still used as a detour, practically the whole new highway through Rhems has been opened to traffic and the entire road will be opened this week.

The new route cuts out many curves and railroad crossings of the former narrow brick road, which had been down for about 15 years. It is expected that the route will attract many more tourists next fall and winter, en route to and from Florida.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. A. Wilcox Assignee, to Mrs. Nannie Fodrie, 49 acres, Newport Township. Consideration \$1500.

Leon A. Mann Trustee to Duffy Wade, 2 acres Morehead Township. Consideration \$1.00.

Richardson Realty Inc., to E. G. Hornbeck, et al. 50 acres Smyrna Township. Consideration \$10.0.

North Carolina's Crops This Year Are Excellent

Large Crops of Corn, Wheat, Potatoes and Other Food Crops. Tobacco and Cotton Acreage Were Reduced This Year.

SCHOOLS OPEN UP SEPTEMBER 14TH

Eight Months Term This Year; Teachers Have Been Elected.

The fall session of the Beaufort Graded Schools for the 1931-32 term will begin Monday, September 14th. The school term this year will be eight months instead of nine as it formerly was. R. L. Fritz, Superintendent of the school for several years was re-elected to that position several months ago and will be in charge of the school. Teachers for the term have been elected and are as follows:

Primary teachers: Mrs. N. H. Russell, Beaufort, N. C., first grade; Miss Myrtle Lytle, Old Fort, N. C., first grade; Miss Helen Proctor, Davidson, N. C., second grade; Miss Annie B. Daughtry, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., second grade.

Grammar Grade teachers: Mrs. John Brooks, Beaufort, N. C., third grade; Miss Evelyn Hart, Greenville, N. C., third grade; Miss Lessie Arrington, Beaufort, N. C., fourth grade; Miss Jeannette Ernst, Chapel Hill, N. C., fourth grade; Miss Esther McNeill, Lumberton, N. C., fifth grade; Miss Mamie Wolfe, eBeaufort, N. C., fifth grade; Mrs. Harry Freeman, Morehead City, N. C., sixth grade; Miss Lucy Bowers, Heath Springs, S. C., seventh grade.

High school teachers: Harold Webb, Morehead City, N. C., French and English; George Hamer, McColl, S. C., science; Miss Varena Way, Beaufort, N. C., mathematics; Miss Emily Loftin, Beaufort, N. C., history and English; Miss Lena Duncan, Beaufort, N. C., history and Latin. Piano teacher not yet employed.

Colored Teachers

Elementary teachers: Ethel L. Bryant, Mrs. Nettie Tate, Mrs. Olive Davis, Mabel A. Lewis, Gertrude Taylor, Dorothy Johnson, Mary A. Daly. High School teachers: Lincoln R. Best, Marion Spurlock, Hermon Fields.

HIGHWAY GUARD RAIL SAVES LIFE OF WAYNE COUNTY MAN

GOLDSBORO, Aug. 18.—The life of M. B. Davis, farmer who lives near Crescent Lake five miles south of Goldsboro, was saved a few nights ago only by the iron rail along the side of the high embankment of the overhead bridge north of Goldsboro when forced off the highway by a big hauling truck. In order to avoid collision with the truck, Mr. Davis drove into the rail, tearing down a side of his car. The strong iron fence did not give way, or the car would have lunged over the 20-foot embankment and perhaps 10 more feet into the railroad cut. The driver of the truck continued on his way.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Friday, Aug. 21.	Low Tide
1:56 a. m.		7:46 a. m.
2:40 p. m.		8:05 p. m.
	Saturday, Aug. 22.	
3:05 a. m.		8:57 a. m.
3:47 p. m.		10:00 p. m.
	Sunday, Aug. 23.	
4:11 a. m.		10:00 a. m.
4:50 p. m.		10:45 p. m.
	Monday, Aug. 24.	
5:09 a. m.		11:09 a. m.
5:44 p. m.		11:42 p. m.
	Tuesday, Aug. 25.	
6:01 a. m.		12:01 a. m.
6:31 p. m.		11:55 p. m.
	Wednesday, Aug. 26.	
6:47 a. m.		12:43 a. m.
7:12 p. m.		12:43 p. m.
	Thursday, Aug. 27.	
7:30 a. m.		1:20 a. m.
7:30 p. m.		1:24 p. m.

BY M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, Aug. 17. — While the Federal Farm Board's proposal for the cotton farmers to plow up every third row has been receiving varied comments from Southern Governors, ranging from Governor Gardner's suggestion that the board and all other holders of cotton destroy one-third of it, to that of another that every third member of the board be shot, North Carolina has been going about raising the biggest food and feed crop in its history.

This State, based on the August 1 condition of the crops, as ascertained by the Federal-State crop reporting service, will produce this year more than seven million bushels of corn more, nearly two million more of wheat, nearly two millions more of white and two and a half million more of sweet potatoes, while each of the three main fruit crops, apples, peaches and pears, are almost twice as large as last year.

The application is that even if the main cash crops, tobacco cotton and peanuts, bring little, the people of the State will have to spend much less for food and feed, and can "live at home" much more comfortably this winter than they did last winter. They will at least have food.

The crop report of August 1st shows an increase of food and feed products of the big items, as compared with last year, in bushels generally, in tons for hay and gallons for sorghum syrup, as follows:

	1931	1930
Wheat	6,180,000	4,288,000
Corn	59,198,000	51,865,000
Oats	8,181,000	6,521,000
Barley	1,352,000	924,000
Rye	1,443,000	1,068,000
Buckwheat	200,000	120,000
Potatoes, I.	10,544,000	8,590,000
Potatoes S.	12,075,000	9,505,000
Apples	5,329,000	2,555,000
Peaches	2,988,000	1,800,000
Pears	289,000	115,000
Sorghum		
Syrup	1,900,000	1,230,000
Tame hay	990,000	748,000
Wild hay	51,000	46,000
Alfalfa	26,000	18,000

Tobacco acreage is off 7 per cent and the estimated production of 11 per cent. A poor stand with average production in peanuts is indicated.

Anyway, North Carolina didn't plant that third row in cotton this year, having reduced the acreage 23 per cent in two years, Governor Gardner told the Federal Farm Board in particular and the world in general. The proposal is unjust and impractical, he warned, saying it is unfair to make the already depressed cotton growers bear all the brunt, when holders of last year's crop will benefit if one-third of the growing crop is destroyed. He suggests that the board and all other holders destroy one-third of the holdings as they have asked the growers to do. Which he knows they will not do.

S. Clay Williams, president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., suggests a plan which he admits is impractical, but not as much as the Farm Board's proposal. It is this: That the Farm Board take over one-half of the growing crop, store it, pay insurance and hold it for a certain price, say 12 cents, or some other figure; let the growers dispose of the remainder of the crop as best they can then refrain altogether from growing cotton next year. By this, he says, the growers could get a good price for the cotton held, and take a vacation next year "with pay."

Mr. Williams, in a recent radio talk from Raleigh, also had comments to make relative to tobacco, in which he is most interested. Two or three times he mentioned closer contact and more cooperation between manufacturer and growers of tobacco in raising the types for which the manufacturer has built up a market, the kinds needed for the products. Mother Nature and the desire of the average grower to get a few pounds more often play havoc with efforts to produce certain kinds of tobacco, however, he realizes.

It is admitted that the average grower knows the kinds of tobaccos wanted by the manufacturers, what types bring him the best returns. So, cooperation in this respect really resolves itself into the grower raising, as near as possible, the types the manufacturers want, and giving some attention to grading, rather than depending on hit or miss methods. He

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