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RECORDER TRIES FAMILY QUARREL

Three Loquacious Women Witness Testify Concerning Brother and Sister Affray

Religious views, divine revelations, prolific talking and testimony concerning certain profane and vulgar language—all this and more entered into the trial of Burnette Willis, young Broad Creek man, when he was arraigned for trial Tuesday morning in Recorder's Court charged with assault on Madeline Willis and assault and battery on her husband, Franklin Willis. Franklin and Burnette are brothers and judging from the testimony Judge M. Leslie Davis said that it looked to him like it was an affray in which they all participated and were perhaps therefore equally guilty.

Witnesses testified that Franklin and Madeline Willis occupy the ground floor of the Willis homestead and Burnette Willis, a single man, lives in the upper story. Thursday before last Burnette went home and found the door buttoned about supper time. He knocked and the door was not immediately opened, so he endeavored to enter by force and succeeded. Franklin and Madeline Willis resented the nature of the entry and a sort of free-for-all ensued, during which various and sundry threats were made on both sides, profanity and vulgarity indulged in generally, and an iron pot and dilapidated sewing machine thrown down the stairway.

Woodard Willis, thirteen-year-old orphaned brother of the men, who looked not more than half that age, testified that he had slept upstairs with Burnette prior to the free-for-all, but since that time he had spent his slumber hours down with Franklin and Madeline, because he was afraid that if he went to sleep within reach of Burnette that the latter would throw him downstairs and kill him.

It is doubtful if any three witnesses ever appeared in one case here that were any more loquacious than were Mrs. Madeline Willis, Mrs. Viola Dixon and Mrs. Hettie W. Adams, the latter two being sisters of the defendant and appeared for him. Neither one of the sisters were present during the entirety of the affray, but Mrs. Dixon showed up at the conclusion. She endeavored to testify dogmatically to what she neither saw nor heard, but principally to what the Dicty revealed to her as a result of prayerful communion with Him. Solicitor Phillips tried time and again to cross examine the witness, but about all he was able to learn was the witness' religious views, and so forth.

Owing to the complexity of the case and the seeming guilt of both the defendant and the prosecuting witness, Judge Davis was moved to leniency when he passed sentence on the defendant whom he found guilty of assault and battery on Franklin Willis but dismissed the charge of assault on Madeline Willis. The defendant had pleaded not guilty through his attorney C. R. Wheatly, at the beginning of the trial. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs if the defendant fails to pay the costs within a reasonable length of time or is not of good behavior during the next twelve months, he will have to serve a 30 day jail sentence and work at the county home. An appeal was noted and bond was set at \$50.

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BAND TO PLAY AT BETTIE

The King's Band of Antioch Church, Craven County, will play for two services in Welcome Home Church, at Bettie, Sunday. Rev. Luke Wetherington will preach morning and evening.

The Kings Band consists of ten instruments, seven of which are saxophones. The band plays only for church and religious entertainments.

HUNTING LICENSES NECESSARY

Persons who are hunting without license had better stop it according to information furnished a reporter for the News by County Game Warden Blacky Pond. Mr. Pond says that he picked up several last week who had failed to comply with the law and that he prefers not to give people trouble but that he will undertake to perform his duty as Game Warden. He hopes all who wish to hunt will get their licenses at once. There are fifteen different places in the county where licenses can be had.

Death Comes to Flying Bird in Unique Manner

You have probably heard of birds being killed with sticks, sling-shots, stones, arrows, bullets, automobiles and airplanes—but killing a bird with ones own head seems to be a rather unique and un-heard-of means of "bringing home the bacon."

Recently Jack Sewell and Guy Dickinson, both of this community, and Dave Morris, of New Bern, were driving between that city and Vanceboro. The Ford touring car was being driven between forty and forty-five miles an hour. Mr. Sewell was riding on the right hand side of the frontseat of the car and was turned facing the left talking with his companions.

Bam ! ! !
It was as if Max Schmeling had delivered one of his haymakers on Mr. Sewell's right cheek; and the blow was so stinging that it made the landscape reel before the man's eyes. His companions heard the terrific noise and saw the reaction on the part of Mr. Sewell, so they stopped to see what the trouble was.

Having partially recovered by this time, Mr. Sewell told the men that something had struck him quite a painful blow on the cheek. One of the men looked in the bottom of the car and saw a large quail, which had its breast crushed in by the impact. Later the quail was weighed and it tipped the scales at one-half pound. The bird was given to Mrs. Morris, who greatly enjoyed the delicacy. Shortly after the flying bird struck Mr. Sewell, the man's cheek had swollen until it looked as if he was suffering from a bad case of mumps.

Quail have short wings and only fly short distances, but they travel at a terrific rate of speed when they do move.

REGISTRATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

Books Open Saturday, Close October 29; Some Changes in Candidates

Arrangements for the coming election are now very nearly completed by the County Board of Elections. Chairman D. E. Langdale was out yesterday delivering the registration books to the various pollholders and other details have been attended to.

The registration books open on Saturday October 8 and close on Saturday October 29. The registrars are required to be at the various polling places all day on these four Saturdays. They may register a vote however any day during that period. Saturday November 5 is "Challenge Day" on which the names of illegal voters may be challenged.

There have been a few changes in the candidates for county offices. The list as finally revised is as follows:

Democratic—
For State Senate—E. W. Summersill, L. I. Moore.
For House of Representatives—Luther Hamilton.
For Register of Deeds—Irvine W. Davis.
For Sheriff—Elbert M. Chadwick.
For Coroner—George W. Dill.
For Surveyor—Elijah D. Hardesty.
For Board of County Commissioners—Martin Guthrie, W. P. Smith, W. Z. McCabe, Edward Fulcher, W. M. Webb.
Republican—
For House of Representatives—W. B. Everett.
For Register of Deeds—Waddell Pridden.
For Sheriff—W. Iredell Salter.
For Coroner—L. J. Noe, Sr.
For Surveyor—Geo. D. Styrion.
For Board of County Commissioners—Alonzo M. Garner, Willie F. Willis, O. B. Willis, C. T. Jarvis, N. H. Russell.

CITY BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY NIGHT

The board of town commissioners held a short meeting Monday night at the city hall. There was considerable discussion of the budget and city finances. The question of fixing the poll tax rate was discussed but no final decision was reached about it. The board adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor and at that time will make a decision about the poll tax so that the collection of taxes can proceed. Present at the meeting were Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, King and Rumley, City Attorney G. W. Duncan and City Clerk T. M. Thomas Jr.

CAUSE OF GRATITUDE

An automobile load of tourists always makes us feel glad that we didn't have to pack the luggage.—Tolendo Blade.

MAKING SURVEY OF ALL ROADS

Getting Information For Meeting of General Assembly

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
RALEIGH, Oct. 4.—State highway engineers, divisional and district, will begin at once a survey of State, county and municipal roads and streets in every incorporated city and town in North Carolina to determine the mileage, types and conditions of all thoroughfares for the information of the 1933 General Assembly meeting in January, Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State Highway Commission, has announced.

The survey is in anticipation of the proposal of the North Carolina Municipal Association to ask the General Assembly to have the State maintain all roads in incorporated towns and cities of more than 2500 population and take over completely all in towns of less than that number of inhabitants. The cities and towns now maintain all highways within their limits, and, and the State highway commission builds and maintains routes passing through all unincorporated communities.

"The survey will provide an intelligent way to ascertain just what the problem really is," said Chairman Jeffress. "We want to find out what it involves and have the information ready for the General Assembly if it wants it. We know the question will be brought before it." Chairman Jeffress said the commission already has some information, but the survey will make it complete, the data to be collected involving the following items:

1. Mileage and condition by types of State routes transverse municipal.
2. Mileage and condition by types of county highways traversing municipalities.
3. Mileage by types of all other roads and streets in the corporate limits.
4. Cost of maintenance by types year for the past two fiscal years.
5. Total bonded indebtedness for streets.
6. Total uncollected street assessments.
7. Sinking funds on hand applicable to street bonds.
8. Compilation of maps showing State and county routes in municipalities.
9. The 1930 census of municipalities.
10. Estimated cost of bringing up to standard, State roads in municipalities.
11. Estimated cost of bringing up to standard, county roads and streets.
12. Classification of present maintenance on the thoroughfares. (good fair or poor).

Chairman Jeffress estimates the survey will take a month or more.

SMALL CYCLONE LAST NIGHT DID A LITTLE DAMAGE

There was a heavy rainfall here last night and for a time there was a pretty stiff wind. At about 9:30 a small twister struck on the lower part of Front street and did some damage. Several window panes were broken in the front part of Captain Vernon Styrion's home and some porch chairs belonging to several families along there were damaged. A skiff was blown from the water into the street in front of the Styrion home and was afterwards run over by an automobile and badly damaged.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

The News is informed that the office of the Carteret County Board of Education will be closed to the public Wednesdays of each week so that sufficient time, free from interviews and interruptions, may be provided with periodic regularity whereby the manifold phases of the work of the county superintendent can be kept strictly up to date. Such a procedure is recognized as wisely necessary in view of the fact that the county superintendent is now called upon to perform duties performed until recently by three full time officers—Mrs. Salisbury as welfare officer, Miss Margaret Gustin as elementary supervisor, and those of county superintendent. With increasing hard times the duties in each one of these fields have multiplied in number and difficulty. In addition to the above duties, the county superintendent has had to qualify as treasurer of the state and county school funds, and has had to give much of his time recently to highway employment and activities looking toward relief through a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The county superintendent will

RELIEF WORK MEETING HELD

School Principals Will Assist In Making Survey of County

On the call of County Superintendent J. G. Allen, the principals of the rural schools of Carteret County and the superintendents of the Beaufort and Morehead City Schools met in the courthouse Saturday morning, October 1st, at ten o'clock, to organize for the surveys necessary to be done in connection with the application pending for Carteret County in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the relief of suffering during the approaching winter months. The plan was expalined by Mr. Allen and each of the principals urged to get in touch with every organization of any kind attempting charity in any amount and to assist the officials of these various organizations in filing correct reports, on the basis of which the likelihood of adequate relief for the this county will be greatly enhanced.

This service by the principals, while not in their direct line of duty, will prove a most valuable one and further demonstrate the willingness and ability of the school people to be of service to the community and to the county outside of the school room.

Mr. Allen took up with the principals further detailed instructions as to supplies, reports, pay rolls, transportation, and the perfection of the organizations of the county.

A committee consisting of Miss Lydia Willis of the Newport School, Mrs. J. I. Mason of the Atlantic School, and Miss Nellie Lewis of the Beaufort School, met at the request of Supt. Allen and formulated a plan for the equitable distribution of the instructional supplies now on hand in the county office and the placing of an order for such additional necessary instructional supplies as the appropriation for this purpose will permit. These young women did a good job for which Mr. Allen wishes to express his thanks. These supplies may be had by the principals of the several schools, or their representatives, Wednesday through Saturday of this week or thereafter.

A meeting of the janitors of the schools having steam heated plants was held in the office of the county superintendent at one o'clock, at which time the importance of their work was stressed and special instructions given for the performance of their duties. Those present were: Don Lilly of Newport; W. B. Murrill and son, William, of Camp Glenn; and Lonnie Willis, of Smyrna. Mr. Allen believes that these men will render a measure of service beyond the meager salary each received and commensurate with their opportunity for rendering humanitarian service peculiar to their work whereby they can minister to the health, comfort, education and general well-being of the children of their respective schools.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lillie Maie Midyette to Llewellyn Phillips, 1 lot M. City, for \$10.
J. A. Hornaday Trustee to Gurney P. Hood, Com. of Banks, 2 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$1.

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Oyster Season Opens Earlier

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Oct. 4.—Piping hot stews, crisply fried, or raw oysters from North Carolina grounds will be on the menu of the State 15 days earlier than the schedule opening of the season this year as a result of a recent action by Ford S. Worthy, chairman of the committee on commercial fisheries of the Board of Conservation and Development, and Capt. John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner, Capt. Nelson announced today.

Originally scheduled to open on October 15, the Tar Heel oyster season began October 1 under authority of the conservation board as exercised through the two fisheries officials at the request of oyster men. Oyster seasons in a number of other states it was pointed out, opened earlier.

Captain Nelson reported a slump in oyster production last year largely because of the lack of markets, but indications at this time are reported to be for a better season.

For the biennium, 1930-32, the fisheries commissioner reported an output of 526,062 bushels of the bivalves in North Carolina, a decrease in production of 266,642 bushels from the 792,704 bushels for the previous biennium.

Although North Carolina's natural oyster beds have held up longer than those of many other States, Captain Nelson and other conservation officials are urging the development of private cultivation of oysters in order to bring into productivity thousands of acres of bottoms capable of growing a good quality of the mollusk and to prepare for possible future exhaustion of natural beds.

As an inducement to encourage the development of oyster farming, the Board of Conservation and Development has authorized the leasing of bottoms rent free for a period of three years. The fisheries commissioner reveals that numerous inquiries regarding leases have been received by his office at Morehead City during the last several months.

SEVERAL CASES TRIED IN CITY POLICE COURT

A talking match between two colored women in Police Court Friday afternoon entertained the spectators and others but did not get the women out of the clutches of the law. They were Florence Fisher and Liddie Washington and they were both convicted of disorderly conduct and given the privilege of paying \$5 each of working 10 days on the streets. The evidence showed that two of their daughters had some sort of difficulty and the two mothers took up the quarrel on their own account. However later the Mayor decided to remit Liddie Washington's fine.

Charlie Henderson, colored, charged with assaulting Fred Davis, also colored, was convicted and given a sentence of 10 days or \$5.00.

Fred Davis, for disorderly conduct, drew a sentence of 5 days or the privilege of paying \$2.50.

Earl Willis of Morehead City, a young white man, submitted to a charge of fast driving on the streets and was given the privilege of paying \$5 or doing 10 days and was warned that the next offense would be a \$25 fine.

There were several other cases set for trial but as witnesses were absent were continued until next Friday.

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Births in Carteret during the month of August exceeded deaths by 21. Morehead City took the lead with 12 births and 7 deaths. These figures were furnished by the State Board of Health. The record for the county follows:

Towns	Deaths	Births	Still Births
Beaufort	1	4	
M. City	7	12	1
Newport		1	
Townships—			
Beaufort	1	3	
Cedar Is.		1	
Harkers Is.	1	1	
Harlowe		1	
Hunting Quarter-Davis	0	0	
Hunting Quarter-Stacy	0	0	
Sea Level	0	0	
Hunting Quarter-Atlantic	0	0	
Marshallberg	0	1	
Merrimon	1		
Newport	1	3	
Portsmouth	0	0	
Smyrna	0	2	
Straits	1	3	
White Oak		2	
	13	34	1

AU MOBILE TAX REVENUE IS LESS AN LAST YEAR

About 50,000 Who Paid Last Year Have No Cars Now

GAS REVENUE LESS ALSO

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Oct. 3.—The average North Carolinian paid \$14.0349 for his automobile license tag this year, making a total of \$5,285,080.93 so far for plates this calendar year, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell's report shows.

Also, 49,159 North Carolinians had automobile licenses last year who do not have them this year, accounting for a decrease in revenue because of fewer cars of \$689,941.64 from last year. The 1941 act, changing the method of computing the tax from horsepower to weight of car, resulted in loss of \$188,561.20 to the State in revenue—a loss which is gain to individuals—Mrs. Maxwell has figured. The total revenue shortage this year is \$878,502.84, a drop from the \$6,163,583.77 of last year to \$5,285,080.93 this year.

For the three months of this fiscal year, the automobile revenues decreased \$627,706.73, or from \$4,360,068.55 for the first three months of last year to \$3,732,271.82 for the same period this year. Gasoline taxes decreased more than half a million dollars, license fees \$114,000 and total fees \$8,500 in that period. More than half of the decrease was in September collections.

General fund revenue collections for the first three months of the fiscal year half a million dollars, or to \$4,185,330.64 from \$3,678,427.61 for the same period last year. The increase is accounted for almost entirely through the collection of franchise taxes in September this year that were collected in October last year. The taxes amounted to \$878,954.04 last month as compared with only \$290,782.50 in September, 1931, franchise taxes reaching \$605,477.00, as compared with \$377,711.69 in September of last year, license taxes increased to \$107,319 from \$95,789, income taxes increased to \$145,126 from \$126,066 and inheritance taxes decreased to \$21,031 in September just past, from \$31,215 in September, 1931.

Income taxes due March 15 and deferred were paid in September to the amount of \$221,670.25, while \$95,344.00 was collected in September on incomes on which the tax was due March 15, 1931, Commissioner Maxwell reports. The new law permits deferring payment of part of the tax due in March until September, or for six months, by paying the interest on deferred payments.

Tobacco Prices Better
Tobacco prices in the new bright belt area, in which warehouses opened last week, continued to be good on most grades of tobacco, as compared with last year's prices and as has been the case on earlier markets opening. The old bright belt warehouse, located generally in the piedmont section, open this week.

While tobacco prices do not compare (Continued on page nine)

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	Low Tide
Friday, Oct. 7	
1:42 a. m.	7:29 a. m.
2:24 p. m.	8:41 p. m.
Saturday, Oct. 8	
2:56 a. m.	8:48 a. m.
3:38 p. m.	9:47 p. m.
Sunday, Oct. 9	
4:01 a. m.	10: a. m.
4:33 p. m.	10:41 p. m.
Monday, Oct. 9	
4:57 a. m.	11:01 a. m.
5:25 p. m.	11:01 p. m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11	
5:56 a. m.	11:26 a. m.
6:09 p. m.	11:53 p. m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12	
6:29 a. m.	12:06 a. m.
6:50 p. m.	12:36 p. m.
Thursday, Oct. 13	
7:08 a. m.	12:41 a. m.
7:27 p. m.	1:16 p. m.