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Chaos Reigns In Sapiro's Damage Suit

Ford Counsel Claims That Woman Member of Jury Talked Too Freely

ASKS JUDGE FOR NON-SUIT

Detroit, Mich., April 19.—Chaos took possession of Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford today and shrouded its status after next Thursday in extreme uncertainty.

Court was adjourned until then upon the plea of counsel for the automobile manufacturer that their leader, Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, would be unable to appear before that time because of illness and with the request was coupled the formal serving of notice that the alleged official misconduct of a woman juror would be the ground for a motion for a mistrial.

Sapiro's chief counsel, William Henry Gallagher, countered with assertions that Ford detectives had meddled with the jurors, that the defense's case had collapsed and that the Ford attorneys had disregarded propriety in conferring privately with Judge Fred M. Raymond but did not renew his motion for a mistrial made and denied several days ago.

3 Persons Killed When Tornado Hits On Oklahoma Farm

Fort Smith, Ark., April 18.—Three persons, members of the family of Carl Buchanan, were killed and another injured in a tornado which struck at Bokoshe, Okla., twenty five miles southeast of Fort Smith early today.

Buchanan, his wife and an infant were crushed to death and W. C. Buchanan, a son, injured when the Buchanan home was blown away. The injured boy was brought to a hospital here. His skull was fractured and he may die.

The home of Ed Wood also was damaged and Mrs. Wood injured.

Arkama, Okla., two and a half miles southwest of Fort Smith, also felt the storm. Several houses were damaged but no one was injured.

Community Meeting

A community meeting was held at Bethel Hill High School last Monday night. On this occasion the Woman's Club presented a nice collection of books to the school library, which completed the number required to make it a standard High School library.

Mr. Wehrenberg, in a very appropriate manner, accepted the books on behalf of the school and following this an impromptu program of readings and recitations was given by members of the faculty and students. Delightful music of stringed instruments, with piano accompaniment, was also rendered by school talent, making it a very pleasant meeting.

Mr. Cole Goes With Chevrolet

Mr. Clyde Cole, who has been connected with the Crowell Auto Company for quite a while, changed base last week and is now with the Stewart-Bradsher Motor Co. in the capacity of salesman, and will be glad to demonstrate to all of his friends the many good qualities of the Chevrolet.

Services At St. Mark's

Rev. Sidney Bost of Durham will conduct a mission at St. Mark's Episcopal Church beginning May 2, and lasting through the week. Services will be held every evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bost is a fine speaker, and every one is cordially invited to come out and hear him.

Two Day To Marry

This play will be presented at Prospect Hill Friday night, April 22, 8 p. m., for the benefit of Salem Church. This is the same play that was given at Bushy Fork last Friday night, and has proven to be a good play.

Notice

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Church will hold their annual spring sale of children's clothes and toy articles Saturday, April 30.

Sheriff 56 Years



P. H. Boisseau of Danville, Va., claims the record for sheriffship, having been in office 56 years. He was deputy from 1871 to 1888, and sheriff ever since. He is a direct descendant of a Jamestown colony settler.

Plans For Big School Closing

Roxboro High School is planning for the biggest commencement in the history of the schools of Roxboro. The dates will be May 27th to 30th, inclusive. Mark these dates on your calendar, and make your plans now to attend all of these exercises.

On Friday night, May 27th, the senior play will be given. On Saturday night, the 28th, the annual reading and declamation contests will take place. At eleven o'clock on Sunday morning, May 29th, the commencement sermon will be preached. On Monday night, the 30th, the graduating exercises will be held at which time the literary address will be delivered. The best musical talent of the entire community will be enlisted to furnish music for commencement.

We are planning to have all of our commencement exercises this year in the splendid auditorium of our new high school building. The main floor has been completely seated, and we now have nine hundred and thirteen up-to-date opera chairs installed. Stage curtains and fixtures will also be installed before commencement. Additional information will be given in subsequent issues of our local paper.

A. B. STALVEY, Supt.

Jackets Open Season With Slugfest

The Bethel Hill Yellow Jackets opened their baseball season with heavy slugging and therefore landing their first victory from Turbeville High by the heavy score of 25 to 4. Every one seemed to have the knack of clouting the old pill only to see it rise and float away into the stratosphere thus making a merry opening and a good send off for the first game.

The visitors have a good record having won the championship of Halifax County, Virginia, in High School base ball in past seasons but seemed to be unable to strike their regular stride in Friday's game. Bethel Hill will play the Turbeville High at Turbeville, Va., on next Friday the 22.

Umpires—Woody and Satterfield.

Notice of Tax Listing

Notice is given that the Tax Lister for the Town of Roxboro will be found at the Courthouse in Roxboro on and after May 1, 1927, for the purpose of listing real and personal property within said town. All persons owning property subject to taxation are required to list it. This applies to all tax payers, both in the old corporate limits and in the new.

R. P. BURNS, Mayor.

Cake Sale

Get your cakes Saturday from Carolina Power & Light Company's store from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. This sale is for the benefit of the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church. Your patronage is solicited and will be appreciated.

Brunswick Stew

The ladies of the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist Church will serve Brunswick stew on the court house square next Tuesday. Every one is invited to take dinner with these ladies on that date—Tuesday of court.

Big Hailstorm Near Asheville Does Damage

High Winds and Virtual Cloud-bursts Accompany Storm And Cripple Plants

LANDSLIDE AT MARSHALL

Asheville, April 18.—Two of the most terrific hail storms ever known to have visited this section in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of Buncombe county visited widely separated sections of the country here this afternoon and with high wind and virtual cloudbursts played havoc with the crops and trees, crippled telephone service and power plants, and inundated one section of the county with the highest waters that have been known since the flood of 1916.

At Buena Vista, hail stones piled up like snow, ripping limbs and foliage from trees as they fell and in many places buried themselves several inches in the ground. This storm was only about two miles wide and went across a section less than 10 miles long.

North of Asheville at the forks of Ivy, two storms swept down from opposing mountains and brought wind and hail and an unprecedented flood of water as they met. The Ivy rose almost 10 feet in the space of an hour. Lightning crippled the Ivy plants of the Carolina Power company, and the flood rose and swept into the power house.

North of Marshall the terrific downpour caused a landslide which for a space of half a mile buried the Southern railway tracks in from six to 18 feet of rock and clay. Crows were put to work immediately to dig the tracks and service is expected to be resumed before morning.

Union Services

The churches of Roxboro will all unite in a union service which will last one week or more. The preliminary services will begin on May 30th, when cottage prayer meetings will begin, and on June 5, Dr. Mangum of Oxford will arrive, and do the preaching. The following committees have been appointed, and it is earnestly desired that they get busy and have everything in readiness for the services:

- House Committee:** J. S. Harvey, Chairman; J. J. Winstead, W. C. Bullock.
- Music Committee:** Mrs. J. A. Long, Chairman; Mrs. E. E. Bradsher, Mrs. Carrie Bradsher.
- Finance Committee:** H. L. Crowell, Chairman; W. R. Hambrick, W. R. Woody, Tom Leigh.
- Prayer Meeting Committee:** W. A. Sergeant, Chairman; R. L. Wilburn, W. L. King.
- Publicity Committee:** J. W. Noell, Chairman; S. G. Winstead, Miss Hattie Burchell.
- Usher Committee:** M. W. Satterfield, Chairman; R. P. Burns, L. T. Bowles.
- Parting Committee:** O. B. McBrooin, Chairman; J. H. Whitt, R. A. Bullock.

Notice To Tax Payers

There was enacted at the past Legislature an Act entitled New County Tax Law, which makes it imperative that the Sheriff shall on the first Monday in May furnish the Board of County Commissioners a full and complete itemized statement of all uncollected taxes for the current tax years, and the County Commissioners shall thereupon order sale of all lands for taxes where the taxes have not been paid. This is a law. We are compelled to enforce. The Commissioners have no discretion. The law requires them on the first Monday in May to order a sale of the land of all delinquent tax payers, the sale to be had on the first Monday in June.

N. V. BROOKS, Sheriff.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45. H. L. Crowell, Supt. Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon by pastor. Sunday school at Mitchell's Chapel at 2 p. m. Service at Rougemont at 7:30 p. m.

Please note that there will be no service at Bushy Fork school on Sunday afternoon, because there will be a day of good service at Lee Chapel, held by the State Sunday School Association.

P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

Ten Thousand Persons Are Homeless In Terrible Floods

Thousands of Acres Swamped; Efforts to strengthen Mississippi Levees

HEAVY DAMAGES FEARED

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Great levees along the lower Mississippi basin are being strengthened frantically as a record tide pressed with immeasurable weight against earthen walls which defend vast lowland areas against the rampant flood.

As many as 10,000 persons, driven from their homes by backwaters or overflow from many tributaries of the great stream were under the care of national, state and community agencies of relief today. Other thousands were moving from the valley in fear that floods might break through at any hour.

Many Washed Out. Refuge and relief camps at Hickman, Ky., under direction of the Red Cross officials and state authorities are sheltering nearly 2,000 homeless in churches, barns, railroad cars and tents. Public kitchens are serving the needy with food.

Relieved by the break in the levee at Dorena, Mo., the Hickman area showed a slight decline in the flood stage and observers thought another protecting levee would hold.

The Weather Bureau at Memphis forecasts a stage of forty-six feet by Saturday. The highest stage on record 48.5 was in 1913, when disaster followed the southward movement of the giant river.

Sale of \$30,000 Person County Notes

After the expiration of five days immediately following April 20, 1927, the date of the publication of this notice, the Board of Commissioners of Person County will dispose of private negotiation notes of said County aggregating not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) issued in anticipation of the receipt of revenue, bearing interest at a rate not in excess of six per centum per annum, payable six months after date or less, the exact time of maturity to be fixed by the terms of the notes. Proposals should be made to the undersigned, naming the rate of interest, and stating the denominations desired.

A. C. GENTRY, Chairman Board of Commissioners of Person County.

Longhurst Council Holds Interesting Meet.

Longhurst Council No. 570 at Jalong, held one of the most interesting meetings Saturday night that we have witnessed in a long time. Rev. N. J. Todd, E. C. Gunter and others made inspiring speeches. Mr. Todd's subject was "Paying the price," giving a wonderful talk in regard to the duties of members of Fraternities. Mr. E. C. Gunter, of Durham, used for his subject, "What the Jr. Order is, and has meant to civilization and especially to our nation, and what the order stands for in regard to our public school system." Mr. George P. Cole spoke on the work of the Longhurst Council and its progress. Rev. J. C. McGregor was master of ceremonies and music was furnished by the Person County quartet. The meeting was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10:00 a. m., R. L. Wilburn, Supt. Preaching 11:00 a. m., subject: "The Ultimate Victory." Preaching 7:30 p. m., subject: "The Wonder Of The Gospel."

B. Y. P. U's 6:30 p. m. General B. Y. P. U. 7:15 p. m. Dr. H. M. Beam, director. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12.

A special welcome is extended to all.

W. F. WEST, Pastor.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mrs. Roy E. Wrenn delightfully entertained her Sunday School class at her home on route 1 on Easter Monday, afternoon with an egg hunt. This was very much enjoyed by every one present.

Mr. H. W. Sergeant, a student in Weaversville College, near Asheville, N. C., spent the Easter holidays here with the home folks.

Peaches Browning Loses a Lawsuit

Chicago, April 19.—Frances "Peaches" Browning who recently lost a husband and a lawsuit, today lost an argument. A traffic officer arrested Al Mann, son of Fred Mann, at whose cabaret "Peaches" is dancing, for speeding while the girl was riding with him. She argued so vociferously about her companion's arrest that the officer also arrested her on a charge of disorderly conduct. She furnished \$500 bond.

Roxboro Ready For Field Day

The merchants are behind this day of fun for the children and they have given liberally and want all to have lots of fun. The events will begin promptly at 10 a. m. All that intend to enter must be on time. Each school will give an approved list to the officials so that all records can be kept in order. None whose name does not appear on the list will enter ground free. There will be a ball game in the afternoon. Come on and all and bring some one with you. Let's see what school in the county has the best boys and girls.

COMMITTEE.

Al Smith Answers Religious Issue Without Equivocation

The tenor of the reply Al Smith would make to the Marshall letter suggesting that religious loyalty to the Catholic Church might prove inconsistent with political loyalty to Constitution of the United States was a foregone conclusion. Now that the reply has come, however, it is worthy of a man aspiring to the Presidency. With admirable directness its salient points are included in these few concise paragraphs.

I believe in the worship of God according to the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic church. I recognize no power in the institution of my church to interfere with the operations of the Constitution of the United States or the enforcements of the law of the land.

I believe in absolute freedom of conscience for all men and in equality of all churches, all sects, and all beliefs before the law as a matter of right and not as a matter of favor.

I believe in the absolute separation of Church and State and in the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

I believe that no tribunal of any church has any power to make any decree of any force in the law of the land other than to establish the status of its own communicants within its own church.

That is a credo with which no American can take issue without himself being laid open to the very suspicion of disloyalty with which it has been sought to discredit Al Smith.—Raleigh Times.

Mass-Meeting

The citizens of the town are hereby called to meet in the court house at 8 p. m., on Tuesday, April 26th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Board of Commissioners and Mayor of Roxboro, for the next two years. Done by order of the Board of Commissioners.

R. P. BURNS, Mayor.

Business School Has Vacation

The Georgia-Carolina business school closed a very successful term here on April 6th, and the following students graduated and were given their diplomas: Misses Florence Clayton, Emily Moore, Alma Cash, Mrs. Willie Carver and Mess. Jerry Dixon, Jr., Marvin Eanes, Edgar Slaughter and Bryant Cash.

Birth

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chambers, on Easter morning, a fine baby girl, Pattie Royster Chambers. Mother and child getting along fine.

Convict Four Of Murder Of Lee Sheriff

Sentenced to Twenty Years for Manslaughter; Robbins Gets Ten Years

HARRISON TAKES APPEAL

Sanford, April 17.—Verdict for second degree murder for Bud Davis and Tom McAvanee and a verdict of manslaughter asking the mercy of the court for Macon Harrison and Parker Robbins were returned in Lee superior court early this morning.

Judge N. A. Sinclair sentenced the defendants, convicted of slaying Sheriff James L. Turner, during a raid on a still near here on January 30 last, as follows:

Davis and McAvanee 30 years at hard labor in state's prison.

Harrison 20 years.

Robbins not less than 10 nor more than 15 years in prison.

Harrison, through counsel, gave notice of appeal.

The other three men intimated through counsel they would not appeal.

Trustees Elect Superintendent.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Roxboro Graded Schools last Wednesday afternoon Mr. G. C. Davidson, of Henderson was elected Superintendent, and will take charge of this work at the close of the present session. It will be remembered that at a previous meeting Prof. Stalvey, who has served the schools in this capacity so long and so well, declined to allow his name to be presented for re-election.

Mr. Davidson, who was present, made a very decided impression on the board, and they consider themselves fortunate in being able to get a man so well prepared for this position. He has been supervisor of the Henderson and Vance County schools, and comes highly recommended.

Spring Time

That man or woman, boy or girl, must have developed some abnormal condition in his or her nature or allowed his very soul and life to become shrivelled and twisted, if he or she does not appreciate the great reality that Glorious Spring is here, after wrestling in the cold clutches of an icy winter for several months. The advent of the Crocus, the Butter cup and the Violet, together with the shrill call of the frog are all tokens that verify and establish for good, the season's own true greetings.

The sweet scented Honey-suckle, as it beats its dew laden petals against your windowpane is but another call to be up and out in the great open and join your voice with the Crickets chirp and gently cast your hook in the old mill pond and watch the hungry nibble of your first catch of the season.

Does not all these things arouse in you that spirit of buoyancy and youth; does it not carry you back to those days of long ago, when you teased your mother to let you rid your feet of your tiresome winter shoes and you could feel the cool rough sand as it found its way between your toes? My, but those were wonderful days and they are here again, so let us revive in our lives and minds the spirit of Spring time and thus help to ward off those marks and lines that come in our faces, that tell us we are one year older.

In The Hospital

Mess. Eugene Thomas, Robert Harris and Van W. Stephens were carried to the hospital from Roxboro Monday. Harris and Stephens are victims of appendicitis and both underwent successful operations, while it has not been fully determined what Mr. Thomas' trouble is. Their friends are wishing for each of them a speedy recovery.

Easter Egg Hunt At Mitchell Chapel

Mitchell Chapel Sunday School held their annual Easter egg hunt Monday at 2:30 p. m. in the grove near the school. Mrs. C. O. Crowell and Mrs. Tom Wrenn and others hid the eggs while the children were entertained at Mrs. Wrenn's house. The children then hunted the eggs and all had a great time. The whole afternoon was one of fun.