



JURY VERDICT IN BIG SUIT VOIDED BY JUDGE MOORE

Brief Argument Precedes Action Last Saturday Morning

Considered contrary to the greater weight of the evidence, the verdict rendered in the \$65,000 damage suits against J. Lloyd Corey was set aside by Judge Clayton Moore in open court last Saturday morning, giving the suits the same status they held before the case was called more than one week ago, and rendering worthless the trial that lasted for nearly four days in the Martin County Superior court.

The motion to set the verdict aside was granted with little comment from either the plaintiff or defense counsel, Judge Moore reading the following order: "Upon rendition of verdict by jury, plaintiffs, in open court, made motion to set the verdict aside. The court, in its discretion, sets all issues rendered in both cases aside on account of the verdict being, in the court's discretion, against the greater weight of the evidence."

The \$50,000 suit brought by H. F. Leavister, administrator, was combined with that for \$15,000 brought by Roy Andrews, administrator. The jury found the defendant's agent, Ollie Page, negligent and awarded each of the plaintiffs \$200, a verdict generally considered inconsistent with the findings in the first issue.

As far as it could be learned, the verdict was the first to be set aside by a superior court judge in this county since Judge N. A. Sinclair threw out the findings of the jury in the Smithwicks Creek church case several years ago.

It isn't likely that the damage suits will be scheduled for trial before next fall or winter.

"Jimmy" Sells Cafe; To Go To New York

James Pappas, for eight years owner and operator of the Williamston Cafe, sold his business this week to Gus Rigas and Pete Levantes and plans to retire. Mr. and Mrs. Pappas and son leave the latter part of this week for New York, where they will spend several months.

The new cafe owners have been in this country for some time, spending the past seven or eight years operating a business in Wilson.

Making his plans to leave, Pappas stated that Williamston was the best town he had ever lived in, that he regretted leaving.

Regular Meet of Woman's Club To Be Held Thursday

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Woman's Club will be held Thursday afternoon, April 4, at 3:30 o'clock in the club rooms. Several matters of importance will be discussed and a large attendance is urgently requested.

Colored Boy Critically Hurt By Explosion of Dynamite

Thomas Goss, 17-year-old colored boy, was critically injured at noon today in a dynamite explosion on the Staton farm near here. Suffering internal injuries the boy is not expected to recover. Thinking the fuse had broken, Goss reached the stump just as the charge exploded, blowing him into the air several feet.

Poultry Shipment To Be Made From County Next Week

Second and Probably Last Cooperative Loading Is Scheduled

A second and probably the last shipment of poultry from the county this season will be made next week, County Agent T. B. Brandon said today. Prices for loading next week had not been confirmed today, but it is believed that the trend is upward with no change expected in the 15-cent price for colored hens.

The car will be operated on a similar schedule to the one in March, starting in Jamesville Tuesday, Williamston Wednesday, Robersonville Thursday, and Oak City Friday.

A large loading next week will increase the prospects for more advantageous loadings next season, as the dealers will recognize the value of this section as a source for chickens.

The loadings last month bringing to the farmers more than \$4,000, averaged about 4 cents above the season's prices in this section, Agent Brandon reported.

To Introduce Bill Which Will Require Districting County for Commissioners

In an effort to effect equal representation on the Martin County Board of Commissioners, the board yesterday asked that the legislature district the county, providing for the pairing of the ten townships and the selection of one commissioner from each of the resulting five territories. No opposition was heard to the movement, and it is likely that in the next primary the voters will have to support a candidate, whether they want to or not.

The county was divided into districts several years ago for the nomination and election of county commissioners, but the system was said to have proved unsatisfactory and the law was repealed. Regardless of its bad features, the proposed law will insure equal representation, and that is what the present board of commissioners consider necessary.

The proposed districting bill will likely find its way into the legislative hopper, this week.

Town Board Orders Election on May 7th

TOBACCO CHECKS

Arrangements are being completed today for mailing out more than 1,000 tobacco parity checks to farmers in this county, the cash outlay amounting to about \$128,000. Cards are being placed in the mails today, advising the owners to call for the checks. Farmers are urged to await direct notice from the office of the county agent before calling for their parity payments.

Checks for those farmers who delayed in turning in their marketing cards have not arrived at this time, but they are expected within the next few weeks, it is understood.

CANNOT SECURE SEED LOANS AND INCREASE CROPS

Will Be Made Only To Farmers Cooperating in AAA Program

Emergency crop and feed loans are being made available to North Carolina farmers again this year, according to information received by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

These loans, handled through the Farm Credit Administration, are intended for those farmers who cannot obtain from other sources the loans or credit needed to buy seed, fertilizer and feed.

The dean pointed out that the loans will be extended only to farmers who are either cooperating directly with the crop adjustment programs or else are not planning to increase their 1935 production in any way detrimental to the success of the programs.

As far as it could be learned here today, arrangements for advancing loans in this county have not been completed. However, it is believed the loans will be available within the next three or four days.

Growers wishing to obtain loans may file their applications with the county crop loan committees. Security for the loans will consist of a first lien on the crops to be raised or the livestock to be fed, Dean Schaub said. The maximum amount of an individual loan will be \$500, and the minimum \$10. However, no loan will be greater than the amount actually needed to buy seed, fertilizer or feed.

The feed loans will be limited to \$10 a head per month for horses and mules during the period when feed must be purchased. Likewise, the amount for other stock has been fixed at \$4.50 a head per month for cattle, 50 cents for sheep, 35 cents for goats, \$1 for hogs.

Those who borrow \$100 or less will receive their loan in one payment. Farmers who get more will receive the money in several installments as required to meet their expenses for seed, feed and fertilizer.

Prisoner Brought Here From Norfolk

Walter M. Jones, alleged to have passed several forged checks and to have procured an automobile under false pretense, was returned to this county from Norfolk late last Friday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Officer Allsbrooks and Patrolman Hunt. The prisoner failed in a desperate attempt to prevent his removal to this state and county, and the officers feared that habeas corpus proceedings would be encountered before they could get out of the Virginia city with their man. Latest information from the courthouse today stated that Jones had not asked for a hearing, that Sheriff C. B. Roebuck had assured him no just as soon as a formal demand was made.

FINAL RITES HELD YESTERDAY FOR MR. A. W. BAILEY

Leading Farmer of Bear Grass Died Sunday After Lengthy Illness

A. W. Bailey, well-known farmer of this county, died at his home in Bear Grass Township shortly after the noon hour Sunday, following a long period of declining health. He suffered a stroke of paralysis more than a year ago, and while he was able to be up much of the time after that his health gradually failed him. He was critically ill for about one week preceding his death.

Born in Bear Grass 69 years ago, Mr. Bailey, favorably known as "Buck," lived and farmed there all his life. He lived close to the soil, and few men worked harder than he did to make his life's work successful. Recognition was given him by the state for his farm work, and while he interested himself in the doctrines of the Primitive Baptist church and the welfare of his community he found his greatest satisfaction in tilling the soil, and meeting his obligations to his fellowman with whatever earnings he made.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Melissa Mizelle, who survives with six sons and three daughters. Their names are: Dennis Bailey, of Greenville; Jesse Bailey, of Beaufort County; Seth, Opehus, Lester and Warner Bailey, all of this county; and Mrs. W. M. Cratt and Miss Martha Bailey, of Williamston R. F. D. 2; and Mrs. Alligood Warren, of Greenville R. F. D. One son, Luther, Luther Bailey, was killed in action during the World War. He also leaves one brother, James Bailey, and three sisters, Mrs. Bill Coltrane and Mrs. Sarah Rogers, of this county; and Mrs. Rogers, of Beaufort County.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Myers. Burial was in the family plot at the old home place in Bear Grass Township.

Jamesville Lumber Plant Stops Work On Account Strike

Due To Reduction of Wage From 24 to 12-1-2 Cents; Code Expires

Their wages reduced from 24 cents to a low 12-1-2 cents, a large number of workers quit the Foreman and Blades lumber plant in Jamesville yesterday, the strike stopping operations in the log-woods for the day. The mill continued in operation, but was forced to stop this morning by a break down which will likely hold the plant idle until next week. A few workers went into the woods this morning, but the extent and outcome of the strike could not be learned today.

Their code expiring a few days ago, the lumbermen's association is said to have effected drastic reductions in wage scales. The association had, prior to that time, complied with the code requirements, paying a minimum wage of 24 cents an hour for the eight-hour day. Outside of the association, operators are claimed to have paid low wages by one way or another, and those concerns operating under the code were placed at a disadvantage in competing in the markets. The Jamesville plant had adhered strictly to the terms of the code until yesterday, it was said.

In going off the code, the plant will return to a 55-hour week. The wage drop is a drastic one, and is considered unjustifiable by many, according to reports heard here.

Fellowship Given To Cecil G. Taylor

Professor Cecil G. Taylor, instructor in the French department in the University of North Carolina, has been awarded one of the American Field Service Fellowships offered by the Institute of International Education in New York. The fellowship affords a year's research and study in France.

This is one of three of these fellowships given in the whole country this year, and is the second time that one has been granted a candidate from this University.

Mr. Taylor is the son of Mrs. Laura Taylor and the late Henry D. Taylor. He was regarded as one of the best French pupils ever graduated from the local high school. He completed his A. B. degree at the University of North Carolina in 1929 and received his A. M. in 1930 there. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree next June.

Commissioners Delay Action On Employing Health Nurse

Local Baseball Enthusiasts Apply for Membership in Coastal Plain League

Preliminary arrangements for organized baseball here the coming season were considered at a meeting of 20 or more followers of the sport in the office of Leslie T. Fowden last Friday evening. Formal application, backed by a deposit of \$110, was prepared and forwarded to officers of the Coastal Plain League asking admittance in that association this year. The application will be considered at a meeting of the officials of the several teams the latter part of this week, it was learned.

Messrs. V. J. Spivey, R. H. Good-

moon, and L. T. Fowden were named at the meeting here last week to attend a meeting of the Coastal Plain group in Ayden, when the application will be considered and other arrangements for play are to be discussed.

Eight applications for berths in the league have been filed, including teams from Goldsboro, New Bern, Snow Hill, Kinston, Greenville, Tarboro, Ayden, and Williamston.

A straight season is played in the Coastal Plain, the four top teams entering the series at the end of the season.

23 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Is Largest Number Issued In March During Past Five Years

The issuance of marriage licenses in this county last month was the largest for any March in five years or more, Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger issuing 23 licenses, 9 to white and 15 to colored couples, during the period.

Licenses were issued to the following couples:

White.
Francis M. Barnes, of Williamston, and Lucille Allen, of Clayton.
Earl F. Bailey, of Pitt County, and Ellen Williams, of Williamston.

Colored.
John Roberson and Annie Mae Jenkins, both of Williamston.
Alton Pitt and Calara Council, both of Martin County.

Joshua Rascoe, Bertie County, and Maggie Elborn, Williamston.
Freeman J. Bazemore, Windsor, and Ina Mae Catanch, Martin County.

Will Roberson and Roxie Tremble, both of Martin County.
Odell Slade and Mary Della Patterson, both of Martin County.

Edward F. Long, of Halifax County, and Leo Purvis, of Martin County.
Clarence E. Butler and Mabel Clara Manning, both of Robersonville.

Woodrow Burnett and Lonnie Davis, both of Martin County.
Walter Salsbury, of Robersonville, and Connie Mae Rhodes, of Williamston.

Frank Johnson and Anna Jones, both of Robersonville.
Jesse James and Jessie Everett, both of Martin County.

Philmon Boston and Annie James, both of Jamesville.
Joseph David Peel, jr., and Maggie Ward, both of Williamston.

Horace Byrd and Hallie Askew, both of Bertie County.

Work Is Started on New Lumber Plant

Arrangements completed, preliminary operations were started this morning by Messrs. Saunders and Cox for locating a lumber mill near the river here. It will be several days and longer before much can be done in constructing the plant, but it is understood the owners plan to start regular operations about the first of July.

The Atlantic Coast Line is moving dirt here today for the siding, and present indications are that the project will be rushed to completion.

Mr. Saunders, partner in the firm, was here this morning handling matters in connection with the new project.

New Registration for Jamesville Advocated

Provisions were made in a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Representative Horton last week for a new registration and election at Jamesville. While it is generally understood that the present authorities have the power to order a new registration and election, the bill was apparently created to revamp the government of the town.

The bill names L. W. Mizelle, C. B. Martin, and Charles Davenport as officials for handling the registration and election.

Roanoke River Continues To Rise At This Point

Overflowing the banks here yesterday, the Roanoke River continues to rise, reports at noon today indicating a crest of about 12 feet, or 18 inches over the bank, would be reached tomorrow or Thursday. Heavy rains in the Roanoke basin over the weekend are expected to hold the river around 11 or 12 feet for several days.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO HELP IN ANOTHER PLAN

Full-Time Officer May Direct Work in Three-County Set-Up

Interest Is Growing

Action on an appeal for the employment of a health nurse in this county was delayed yesterday by the county commissioners, pending the completion of plans for a three-county health set-up. Dr. J. H. Saunders, county physician, explaining that a representative of the State Board of Health would meet with the Martin County Board of Health the latter part of this month to outline what is considered a more logical program for increasing the public health facilities. Parent-Teacher associations from three towns and others appeared before the commissioners yesterday and ably supported the plans for increased health facilities for the public in this county.

Stating that the parents are very much in earnest in providing better health facilities for the county school children, Mrs. E. F. Massey, representing the Williamston parent-teacher association, explained that the money for such services would be well spent. Professors R. I. Leake and M. M. Everett pointed out the need for checking epidemics that have only recently proved very costly in this county. Mrs. V. A. Ward, representing the Robersonville parent-teacher group, Mrs. M. M. Everett, speaking for the Robersonville Woman's Club, Mr. J. N. Hopkins, Everett's parent-teacher organization, and Professor D. N. Hix, of Williamston, all heartily endorsed the movement. The interest of those appearing before the commissioners clearly supports the belief that a vast majority of the people in the county would support any action on the part of the commissioners in providing better public health facilities and services.

In asking the commissioners to postpone action on the matter until their next meeting, Dr. J. H. Saunders explained that Dr. Fox would return to the county the 30th of this month and meet with the board of health to fully investigate a three-county public health set-up. The three-county plan, as it is understood at this time, provides the services of an all-time health officer for three counties, and the services of a health nurse, secretary and sanitary inspector in each of the three counties. This plan is partly supported by the state, and aid from the Federal government is expected, limiting the cost to the county to about \$4,000, it is estimated. Accurate figures will be available following Dr. Fox's visit the latter part of this month.

If the three-county set-up will take over the vaccinations, the county will save approximately \$1,400 annually, the last anti-typhoid-lever campaign costing the county approximately \$4,000, and that was money well spent, the county health officer explained following the meeting with the commissioners.

The proposed health movement is gaining added interest rapidly, and it is believed that the commissioners will seriously consider the matter at their next meeting.

Guaranty Bank Will Open Branch Here Tomorrow Morning

Assistant To Cashier A. G. Small Had Not Been Named Today

Plans were announced complete today by Cashier A. G. Small for the formal opening of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company here tomorrow morning. Several officials from the parent institution in Greenville are planning to come here for the day, Mr. Small said.

An assistant for the branch here had not been announced today, Mr. Small explaining that he would be aided during the first few days by an employee from the Greenville bank.

A native of South Carolina, but for about 20 years a resident of this state, Mr. Small was, up until his appointment as cashier of the local bank, connected with the State Banking Department. Mrs. Small and two daughters are now at home in Raleigh, but they plan to move here just as soon as a home can be found, Mr. Small said this morning.

Local People To Attend Meeting in Rocky Mount

Many members of the local Missionary society of the Christian church are planning to attend a State meeting of that group in Rocky Mount tomorrow. Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the local church, will address the one-day meeting, it was announced.

Kiwanians Hold Regular Meeting Here Tomorrow

The regular meeting of the local Kiwanis club will be held in the Woman's Club rooms tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock, President Edwin F. Moseley announced today.