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Widowed Mother Is Allowed \$3 A Week For Death Of Son

Attorney's Fee, Witnesses Fee And Undertaker's Bill To Come Out Of Allowance

The handsome sum of \$3 a week was the value placed upon the life of a human being by Judge E. V. Parker in a United States Employees' Compensation Court held here yesterday morning, the amount being subject to a \$75 attorney's fee, witnesses fees and an undertaker's bill in the sum of \$95. The cost of an autopsy performed by experts and defense witnesses' fees are not chargeable to the widowed mother's weekly pittance.

The amount is the maximum allowed by statute, it is understood. The case was based on the accidental drowning of Eddie Moore, 20-year-old Negro at the Foreman-Blades lumber mill at Jamesville on last January 30. His body was found on March 30. His employees notified insurance company representatives, and pathologists were called in to make an autopsy. The cost of the autopsy was not revealed. Insurance lawyers followed the case up, making visits here and in the county to gather evidence in building up a defense.

At the hearing yesterday it was established by the drowned man's mother, Lena Moore Northern, that he had given her five or six dollars each week, helped feed and clothe three minor children, and was recognized as head of the home for the widowed mother and three minor children. The identity of the body was established by Coroner S. R. Biggs and other witnesses. The claim of dependency was supported by the testimony offered by several witnesses for the plaintiff.

That the son apparently did not do all it was possible for him to do for his mother and brothers was established by the defense. It was pointed out that Moore had an old worn-out car, that he purchased 10 to 15 gallons of gasoline about every two weeks, and bought cool drinks, cakes and the like, and that he spent from \$40 to \$50 a year for dress-up clothes. The defense built its case around that evidence.

While no claim of dependency was advanced for the children, it was clearly pointed out in the evidence that the three youths were dependent upon their mother or someone.

Judge Parker, acting as arbiter, approved the fee of the plaintiff's attorney at \$75, and allowed \$200 for burial expenses. While it is not likely that the plaintiff's witnesses will file for fees, they are entitled to some remuneration if they demand it.

If the plaintiff, Lena Moore Northern, lives long enough she will have drawn \$7,500 from the insurance company at the rate of \$3 each week less the attorney's fee and \$95 burial expense. If she dies next week the payments stop. The plaintiff is now 53 years old, and if the debt created by the death of her own flesh and blood is paid in full she will have to live to the ripe old age of 103 years—and they seldom live that long in these parts.

Men of Many Races Are At Fort Bragg

Men from every one of the forty-eight states and of many races may be found among the 53,400 soldiers now stationed at Fort Bragg. Last Friday 10 Chinese Selective Service trainees from New York's Chinatown district were added to this cosmopolitan group. They were recently inducted in the Army and sent here from the Recruit Reception Center at Fort Dix, N. J. Eight of the Chinese trainees were formerly laundrymen and two were waiters in Chinese restaurants. The majority of them speak no English but a Chinese has been assigned to act as interpreter for the group. Following six weeks of basic military training with the 67th Q. M. Battalion, the newly inducted laundrymen will be assigned to duty in Fort Bragg's new \$500,000 Post Laundry now under construction, which is scheduled to be opened by the Quartermaster soon. The new trainees are Privates Moe Foo, Hom G. Hom, Hung K. Lee, Poong Leong, Wah C. Moy, Fong W. Chin, Yip H. Kow, Shirk Yuen Lee, Law Lok and Joe Yee.

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Toledo, Ohio. — National Cotton Week, May 16-24, will be a period of celebration for cotton farmers in Sunflower county, Mississippi. A company in Toledo has just signed contracts for 11,000 tons of cotton stalks to be used in the manufacture of cellulose. Long a complete waste, the cotton stalks will afford the Mississippi farmers an added income of \$80,000. Farmers are paid \$7.50 a ton for baled stalks delivered to gins. The average stalk yield per acre in Sunflower County is two tons, with the cost of gathering and hauling running about \$3 per ton.

Martin Red Cross Expected To Go Into Production Soon

The Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross is expected to launch its production unit "very soon," according to Field Representative Leo Wilhelm who made a brief stop here this week. Stating that orders for millions of yards of cloth and material had taxed the mills to capacity, Mr. Wilhelm explained that the distribution of goods is being stepped up and that all production units would be equipped within the near future. Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman of the production unit in this chapter, states that she and her forces are ready for action. Charged with multitudinous duties the Red Cross is rapidly speeding up its machinery for handling ever-increasing needs of the Army and those relating to war itself. Following a survey made several months ago of the capacity of established firms to meet estimated needs, the Red Cross immediately set up equipment for making forty million bandages. Mr. Wilhelm said, adding that the task will have been completed by next September. It is admitted that many of the bandages are being stored in this country just in case we are drawn into war. Commenting on the aid offered by the Red Cross, Mr. Wilhelm said that up until just a short time ago, 910 consignments had moved out in 367 boats, that out of that number only 11 of the ships had been sunk. The transportation, recognized as fairly safe under existing conditions, is becoming acute, however, the Red Cross representative explaining that material offered by his organization was taken only to fill out cargoes mainly made up of arms and munitions.

County Liquor Sales Showing Large Gain

Following the issuance of his own proclamation, Mayor J. L. Hassell started the clean-up week movement by dragging out his shovel and rake and cleaning up around his main street office. He made a neat job of it, but there is some evidence that he piled the trash back of the office out of sight of the public. The clean-up movement is gaining momentum, and bringing out new recruits. The Julius Peels with Mr. Peel, pushing the lawn mower, have whitewashed the trees around their Smithwick Street home and brightened the neighborhood. In other areas there's a lot of trash waiting to be moved.

Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Seven Cases In Recorders Court

Increased Activity On Farms Reflected In Decrease In Court Actions. Busily engaged by rushing work on the farms, the rural population for the most part left the smart town set to hold the spotlight in the county court last Monday. The summer slump in court activities is already manifested in the reduced number of cases scheduled for trial in the county tribunal, and an additional increase is to be expected as the nights grow shorter and farm work calls for more time and energy. The town population can be depended upon, however, to keep the court going.

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April Was Month Of Diseases Here

Public health in Martin County last month was attacked by nearly all of the communicable diseases of a minor nature. There were 73 cases of contagious diseases reported to the health office, and it is fairly certain that hardly half of the actual cases were reported. According to one report, there were three kinds of measles — German, measles, red measles and walking measles, the children continuing to run at large with the latter kind. Following is a review of the cases: Five chickenpox, two in Jamesville and three in Williamston; one diphtheria in Williamston; 32 German measles, 22 in Williamston, four in Jamesville, 12 in Robersonville, 2 in Oak City, and one in Hamilton; measles, 19 in Robersonville, one each in Hassell and Parmele. Most of the measles cases were among the white population. There was one scarlet fever case in Robersonville, and 14 whopping cough cases, nine in Williamston, four in Robersonville, and one in Gold Point.

Higher Loans For Major Crops Given Approval by House

Measure Would Give Farmers Cost Price for Products Including Tobacco

The fall market price outlook was brightened considerably this week when the National House of Representatives approved higher loans for major farm crops, including tobacco. In addition to approving higher loans, the House also provided "stiff" penalties in those cases where production exceeded marketing quotas. The Senate passed the bill Wednesday by a vote of 75 to 2. The President's signature is now needed to make the bill become law.

Agriculture department officials had estimated that the higher loans would increase food costs to consumers by 10 to 20 per cent, but Edward A. O'Neal, American Farm Bureau president, denied these contentions. He said that "the increased cost to the consumer would be of very little consequence" and estimated that pork would go up 5 per cent, bread one-sixth cent a loaf and cotton 1.6 to 1.8 per cent.

By a roll call vote of 275 to 63, the House approved and sent to the Senate a compromise bill to require the government to make loans of 85 per cent of parity on the five crops. Farm members said that if a farmer chose to put his crop in the new loan program at 85 per cent of parity, his soil conservation benefits and cash parity payments would result in an approximate yield of full parity—a goal which has not been reached in many years. (Parity prices are those which would give farmers purchasing power, in terms of other commodities, equal to that of 1909-1914.)

The legislation would require loans as follows: Wheat, 96.22 cents a bushel; corn, 69.87 cents; cotton, 13.49 cents a pound; flue-cured tobacco, 19 cents a pound; rice, \$1.96. Current market prices are approximately as follows: wheat, \$1; corn, 77 cents; cotton, 12.30 cents. With prices rising—and certain to rise still more when the price-pegging loan program becomes effective as the crops are marketed—predictions were made in the House that small quantities of all commodities actually would be placed in the loan because they could move more easily in the markets.

Although it was assumed in both the Senate and House that President Roosevelt would sign the new legislation.

Nation Will Observe Cotton Week In Big Way Starting Today

Important Movement Has A Meaning For Millions in The United States

Starting the observance of cotton week in a big way today, the nation an economic meaning for millions of people especially in the South. Advanced by the National Cotton Council, the movement is drawing support from tens of thousands of retailers throughout the land. In Williamston and Martin County, merchants are cooperating in the movement by offering special bargains in cotton goods.

Indications are that Cotton Week this year will be the greatest single cotton merchandising event ever staged. At no time in the past have we seen such enthusiastic and whole-hearted response from both individuals and organizations as is manifest this year.

Originated fourteen years ago, National Cotton Week is sponsored by the Cotton-Textile Institute, the National Cotton Council, and the Cotton Consumption Council. It is estimated that approximately 150,000 retail stores will participate in the 1941 event.

Grocers as well as drygoods firms, ready-to-wear shops, and drug stores are cooperating in local Cotton Week plans. It is pointed out that grocery stores stock such cottonseed food products as shortening, margarine, salad dressings and mayonnaise. Many staple groceries are packed in cotton bags.

National Cotton Week is not designed wholly to aid the ten million persons directly dependent upon cotton for a living, but to aid the direct consumer as well. At no other time in the year will so many cotton articles be available at such attractive prices.

COMMENCEMENT

The Union Daily Vacation Bible School, closing a two-weeks course today, will hold its commencement program in the Baptist Church tonight at 8 o'clock. Musical numbers, Scripture verses from memory and readings will feature the program, it was announced. Handicraft, made by the student lads, will be displayed. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Highway Authorities Inspect River Road

Contractors Plan To Use Additional Equipment On Fill

Not Expected That Route Will Be Opened To Traffic Before Next Tuesday

It was reliably learned here this week that the contractors building the dirt fill across the Roanoke River low grounds at this point are planning to place additional equipment into use on the project next week. According to the report, the company will place in operation a mechanical shovel in addition to the elevating grader now in use, that possibly 20 or 25 and possibly more trucks would be running next week.

High-ranking highway officials, including Commissioner Carroll Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids; Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise, of Raleigh and District Engineer J. C. Gardner, of Tarboro, inspected the project this week and expressed a keen and kindly interest in having the road completed as early as possible. It was explained by the officials, however, that the contractors were well within the time limit, that much had been done. Local people, learning of the official visits, were much impressed with the interest shown in the project by Mr. Wilson and the high-ranking engineers, and they were assured that everything possible would be done to rush the project to completion.

It has been pointed out that the work on the fill has progressed as rapidly as possible by the local forces of the contracting firm with the available equipment. Reports stating that certain conditions necessitated a change in the date for completing the project from 90 to 150 working days have not been explained in detail. The original time limit has expired and an extension was granted possibly because the dirt requirements were found to be greater than those originally estimated.

The contracting organization was disrupted temporarily, at least last Wednesday when Superintendent Bob Rice broke his leg while working around a machine used in dynamiting the fill. Arrington Gupton, time- and bookkeeper and who was supposed to leave this week to volunteer his services in the Army, is acting in Mr. Rice's place. Reports state that the superintendent is getting along very well in his apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Melson on East Main Street.

With added equipment scheduled to be placed in operation next week, it is believed work on the project can be completed within the next three or four weeks. Bids for surfacing the road will be received by the commission in Raleigh next Thursday, reports stating that the surfacing work will be started soon after the dirt fill is completed.

Encountering many difficulties, experts will hardly complete the dynamiting of the fill before next Tuesday, meaning that all traffic over the route will be blocked until then. Up until this morning approximately 300 feet of the fill had been dynamited, leaving about 350 feet to be handled before the route can be reopened 24 hours daily to limited traffic. It was first estimated that the special work designed to settle the dirt in a soft spot and make a solid foundation for the road, could be completed in about four days.

No official statement has been released, but it is understood that plans are going forward for widening the bridge and draw span across the river here. Preliminary surveys have been made, and details are being determined by the commission at its office in Raleigh. The contractors are building up the approaches today and traffic will likely start moving over the first of the four new bridges on the route within the next few days.

Small Crowd Hears Singing Class Here

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, making its annual visit and offering a very entertaining program, was heard by a very small number in the high school auditorium here last Tuesday night. Other than a dozen or two adults, the audience was made up principally of children. No admission was asked, and the free-will offering amounted to only \$20. Skewerkey Lodge Masons, sponsoring the visit of the little singers, added \$60 to the public offering.

Associate Manager S. F. Paul and Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson who has had a prominent part in training the youthful singers and moulding the character of hundreds of little orphaned tots over a long period of years, accompanied the class here this week. The program, well prepared and precisely executed, was greatly enjoyed by both old and young.

War Takes Serious Turn In Near East For Great Britain

Closer French Collaboration With Germany Disheartening To Democratic World

While the Rudolf Hess escapade still has no definite meaning, certainly as far as the general public can learn, the war is rapidly taking a serious turn in the Near East. German infiltration into Syria and Iraq is going forward rapidly to threaten Britain's oil supply there, and France, beaten into submission and betrayed apparently by some of her leaders, is collaborating with Germany in the move. Turkey has been warned by Hitler that it is time to line up with Germany, and it is possible that Russia's Stalin is moving closer to the Axis. A sad state of affairs exist in the war-torn countries where the issues are fact being drawn to a head.

Admiral Darlan, anti British, is believed to have led France into Germany's grip this week following a conference with Hitler. Working for closer collaboration, Hitler possibly will release between one and one-half to two million French prisoners of war and reduce the cost of the German occupation of France to a few million dollars a day. France has been paying at the rate of about two billion dollars a year to Germany for police services, or about as much in ten weeks as Germany paid for the French occupation of Germany following the first world war.

It is not known, but as a result of the conference the French Navy remnants may go to Germany and Weygand's 50,000 soldiers in Syria may aid the Germans in their drive against Iraq. French planes are said to have escorted German bombers to Iraq yesterday. The British RAF has been instructed to attack the movement, and in this country, President Roosevelt, appealing to the French people, has taken steps to prevent sabotage on French ships, including the Normandie.

Hitler yesterday told his people that they could expect startling developments soon, but what Hitler will tell them remains a guarded secret.

There has been little activity in the air during recent days, and there is a lull on the general war front as far as actual fighting is concerned. The visit of Rudolf Hess, high-ranking German official, to Britain continues to border on the mysterious side of events chronicled in this baffling war. England's Labor Leader Bevin declares that Hitler knew of Hess' trip beforehand, that Hess was not to be trusted. It is possible that Hess went to England with a peace offer and met with an accident. Others still declare that all's not well made Germany and Hess was fleeing for his life. It is now generally admitted that Hess will tell no vital German secrets that will materially aid Britain.

New developments are believed to be in the making in connection with the Hess case, late reports stating that one of his associates in Germany had been arrested by the Gestapo and that possibly a round-up of others would follow. The arrest was denied by the Germans, but a later report indicated that all was not well inside the Nazi domain. Late reports state that the British are taking the offensive on several fronts.

Four Volunteers Leave For Army

Four county young men, volunteering their services, left this morning for posts in the Army at Fort Bragg. They were Thomas Whittington Crockett, Albert Earl Lewis, Billy John Davis and Hubert Dossy Griffin. The group was one of the first made up entirely of volunteers to leave here in recent weeks. Next Thursday ten colored boys leave for Fort Bragg. Quotas heretofore have been filled by colored boys who volunteered their services, but the draft board had to dig into the regular draft list to get right of the ten men Isaac Cornelius Sutton and Thomas Ryan volunteered. William Degraffenreid is the first colored man in the county to be drafted. The names of the other draftees scheduled to leave next week are, Francis Lacious Thomas, Louis Embor Ruffin, Ephraim Eugene Singleton, William Henry Boston, Thomas Edward, Wesley James and George Henry Forrest.

Progress Is Made On Street Projects

Preliminary work for surfacing several local streets is progressing rapidly this week, one report stating that the foundations will be made ready for the rock and tar surface by the latter part of next week. It is now expected that the street project will be completed by the early part of June. Preliminary work on a deep well was started Wednesday by the Lane-Atlantic Company. Drilling operations will get underway about the middle of next week.



Chas. H. Jenkins, popular head of the Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company here and in other towns in this section of eastern Carolina, was recently appointed to membership on the Board of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Raise Total Of \$79 Here In Movement For Cancer Control

Liberal Response Given Campaign Handled by Junior Woman's Club

Under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's Club, with Mrs. A. H. Brown as chairman, the woman's field army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer collected a total of \$79.12 in Williamston last month. Enlistment officers who aided Mrs. Brown were Mesdames J. C. Cooke, D. R. Davis, Hoke Robertson, W. R. Glover, Urban Rogers, Robert E. Manning, A. J. Manning, Jr., E. Thayer Walker, C. H. Godwin, Jr., George Whitehurst and J. M. Ward and Misses Edna Barnhill, Sara Cone, Rebecca Knight, Mary Taylor and Mary Whitley.

Contributions of \$1.00 were given by Mesdames Joel Muse, J. A. Eason, N. C. Green, J. D. Biggs, Wheeler Martin, S. C. Griffin, J. E. King, C. B. Clark, Jr., George Harrison, Albie Robertson and C. C. Parker, Abner H. Brown, Fred Wise, David N. Hix, E. Thayer Walker, Charlie Bowers, D. R. Davis, Ray Goodman, Kim Saunders, Paul Simpson, Garland Coltrain, Garland Woolard, Pete Fowden, Misses Rebecca Knight, Mary W. Taylor and Lora Sleeper; Economy Auto, Clark's Pharmacy; Enterprise, B. S. Courtney, Margolis Bros., E and W Grocery, Martin-Elhott, Farmers Supply, Williamston Motor, Roanoke Chevrolet, Dixie Motors and Chas. H. Jenkins.

Other contributions were given by Mesdames W. R. Glover, Lawrence Lindsley, W. C. Manning, Jr., Whit Saunders, C. O. Moore, Julian Harrell, S. R. Woodford, Kim Saunders, Earl Wynne, John Cooke, Mary Andrews, P. B. Cone, L. B. Wynne, E. S. Peel, C. B. Clark, D. R. Davis, C. A. Harrison, Sadie Pelee, Johnny Enright, John A. Manning, W. H. Coburn, W. E. Warren, Bill Harrison, J. W. Hardy, J. L. Swain, Edwin Tracey, Hoke Robertson, Francis Manning, Claude Leggett, Dewey Hayman, B. W. Nash, W. L. Howell, Frank Margolis, Titus Critcher, J. Sam Getzinger, C. H. Godwin, Jr., Ed Stevenson, J. W. Williams, H. O. Pelee, H. R. Williams, Edwin Holding, M. B. Dunn, Sam Edwards, C. H. Godwin, Asa Crawford, Vernon Bunting, Daisy Pope, Frank Weston, Noah Hardison, Jack Daniel, Robert Manning, Leona Robertson, Velma Bailey, Brewer, W. M. Baker, Marion Cobb, Joe Glenn, Jessup Harrison, David Modlin, Jack Gray, L. G. Taylor, W. H. Williams, N. E. Bowen, Eloise Bennett, J. V. Champion, Dean Speight, Linwood Pate, D. M. Robertson, Louise Coker, Frank Weaver, H. M. Burras, W. J. Smith, Misses Jane Freeman, Sara Cone.

BANK HOLIDAY

The two local banks will observe next Tuesday, May 20th, as an holiday in commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Mecklenburg. Beginning the following day, Wednesday, May 21st, the banking institution along with others in the State will curtail their business hours, remaining open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. including Saturdays. The cooperation of the public is cordially solicited in helping the institutions comply with the wage-hour regulations.