

Citation of Contempt Discharged By Judge

Jamesville Case Might Be Carried To Supreme Court

Judge Frizzelle Rules That
November Court Consent
Judge Is Worthless

After being carried into the courts on four different occasions since last October, the hot Jamesville election case is now right back where it started as a result of a ruling handed down by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle in the Greene County Courthouse at Snow Hill early last Saturday afternoon, leaving L. W. Hardison, L. H. Hardison and James W. Long holding tight to the reins of the town's municipal government.

While the plaintiffs are said to be considering an appeal to the North Carolina State Supreme Court, no action has been taken in that direction. The plaintiffs, listed as A. Corey and others, find that the case could not be considered by the high court before September and that a decision hardly would be handed down weeks or months later or possibly not over a month or two before time for a regular election. Win or lose, there's little to be gained in a trip to the high court in so far as the present controversy is concerned, one of the plaintiffs said, adding that possibly a ruling by the high court might establish a precedent to be followed in the future.

After hearing the complaint and answer during the course of about thirty minutes, Judge Frizzelle announced his ruling, offering no comment and making no suggestions other than that he would allow the case to go on up.

In the signed order, the jurist, just out of a lengthy hearing involving several hundred thousand dollars, ruled that the consent judgment signed by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in the Martin County Superior Court last November was null and void, that there was no authority invested in the court to order a special election for the Town of Jamesville to be held on January 2, 1952, and that the failure of the defendants to deliver the books and papers in their possession, was done in good faith and that such failure was not due to any willful, corrupt or contemptuous disregard of or disobedience to the order of the court. The jurist then ordered and decreed that the citation and rule for contempt issued against the defendants be discharged.

The defense, represented by Attorneys R. H. Cowen and Albion Dunn, maintained that the law provided for municipal elections only in odd years, and went on to declare there were irregularities such as absentee voting in the primary. Counsel referred to a 1951 law governing elections in the town. Plaintiffs, represented by Attorney E. S. Peel, maintained that a provision had been made in the town charter as recorded

Several Fined In The Federal Court

Several Martin County persons, charged with violating the liquor laws, were fined in federal court held at Washington Monday.

Lonnie Rogers, colored, was given his freedom when the court ruled that evidence against him warranted a directed verdict of not guilty. Rogers' companions, Chas. Smith and Irvin James, were given suspended prison sentences, Smith five and James eighteen months. Smith was fined \$250 and James lost his Ford pick-up truck, the court withholding a fine possibly because the defendant was the father of eleven children.

Reuben Rogers, Chas. Whichard and Jesse Gardner were each given prison sentences, suspended upon the payment of \$250 fines each. Judge Don Gillam first placed a \$500 fine on Rogers, but reports reaching here said the amount was halved.

TRANSPLANTING

Farmer Toba Bowen, starting last Thursday, has transplanted about three acres of tobacco. He is believed the first in this county and area to start the task this season, but thousands of others are making ready for the task, and by next week, weather conditions being favorable, a large majority of the farmers in this county will have started transplanting their crops.

Mr. Bowen's crop in Cross Roads Township is looking fairly well, and the prospect for the crop generally is encouraging at this time in the county.

Red Cross Drive Over The Top In County's Chapter

Chairmen Skinner and Austin Grateful for Splendid Cooperation

The annual Red Cross Drive in this, the Martin County Chapter, went over the \$4,200.00 quota last week-end when the Dixie Peanut Company added \$25 to the special gift fund. Chairman W. Iverson Skinner and Co-Chairman Pete Austin were quick to express their appreciation to all those who made contributions and to those who worked so diligently and faithfully in the business sections, residential and rural areas throughout the five districts comprising the chapter.

With a goal of \$4,200, the drive last week-end, had climbed to \$4,201.43 with one small area—Smithwick's—to report.

Reviewing the drive up to that time, the chairmen listed the following receipts, by groups or districts:

Williamston special gifts, \$2,097.69; Williamston residential, including individual employees, \$720.24; Jamesville Township, \$301.00; Williams, \$100; Griffins, \$225; Bear Grass, \$192.37; Colored school districts: Rodgers, \$45.69; Biggs, \$65; Dardens, \$57.60; Burroughs, \$33.35; Williams Lower, \$51.65; Williamston, \$274.14; Jamesville, \$37.70.

Individual donations, not previously reported, follow:

Williamston Colored School District
Mrs. Ella M. Ormond, canvasser: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ormond, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mason, \$1.

Mrs. Cleo A. Tyner, canvasser: J. M. Tyner, \$1.50; Mrs. A. T. Manson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wallace, \$1; Mrs. Virginia Lloyd, \$1.

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Damage Suits In Superior Court

Three damage suits, growing out of two automobile accidents and asking a combined sum of about \$6,500, were filed in the Martin County Superior Court last week. The cases have not been calendared and it isn't likely they'll be called before June or September.

Nun C. Everett, Robersonville man who was injured in wreck at the intersection of Highways 17 and 64 in Williamston last December 15, is asking \$974 damages in his case against George James Owens.

Mary Wiggins, in a suit against Wilbur Cannon, is asking \$5,000, alleged damages resulting in an accident on the McCaskey Road near Williamston March 7. In her complaint the plaintiff says she suffered crushed bones in a leg and other bodily injuries, that she was a patient in the hospital for about a month and continues in bed, adding that her injuries are of a permanent nature. James Wiggins, in a suit against the same defendant, is asking \$450 damages alleged to have resulted in the same accident.

Wins Top Honors At Fat Stock Show



Johnnie Griffin, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Griffin of Cross Roads, and a member of the Everetts 4-H Club, walked away with top honors at the ninth annual Martin County Fat Stock Show held recently in Williamston. Holding to his Black Angus, Johnnie sold the prize entry for \$405, and declared a handsome profit on the operation. The grand champion calf was purchased by Roanoke Lockers and the Roanoke Chevrolet Company of Williamston.—(Royal Studio photograph).

Minor Wrecks On County Highways

No one was reported hurt and property damage was limited in two or three minor accidents on Martin County highways during the week-end.

Losing control of James Everett's 1950 Ford, Lonnie Everett, colored, of Oak City Route 1, ditched or swamped it at Ballard's Bridge in Poplar Point at 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning. The machine went wild and turned over. Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Naron estimated the damage at \$175.

At 6:00 o'clock last Friday evening, Milford Holliday was driving a farm tractor with trailer attached on Highway 125 near Mill Branch, not far from Williamston, when the trailer tongue broke and the trailer swerved and tore into a 1950 Oldsmobile driven by Linwood O. Boyd of Hamilton. No one was hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$200 by Cpl. M. C. Byrum who made the investigation.

A 1935 model Oldsmobile, badly worn and battered, was found ditched and abandoned on the Bear Grass Road near the Biggs schoolhouse at 10:00 o'clock Sunday night. The owner has not been found. The car is believed to have been bought in Norfolk by Murray Norman, 502 Pendleton Street, Berkeley, Va. Investigating the accident, Cpl. M. C. Byrum said clothing and other articles were found in the abandoned car.

Parked near his tobacco bed in a field, a 1946 Ford caught fire and was almost destroyed in the Leggett Mill section of Bear Grass Township early Friday evening. The car belonged to Delmus Leggett, and is believed to have caught fire from a short circuit in the wiring.

Even though there were a few wrecks, the accident trend was downward during the period.

District Bar Group To Meet In Rocky Mount

The second judicial district bar association will hold its annual meeting at the Benvenue County Club, Rocky Mount, on Friday afternoon of this week at 5:00 o'clock, it was announced today by I. D. Thorp, president.

Composed of the counties of Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Martin and Washington, the association will hear Honorable Leland McKeithan, president of the State association.

Firemen Are Called Out Here Early This Morning

Fire, starting along a fence dividing the Ward Coal and Wood Company's plant and Whitley's lumber mill, did no damage at 12:15 o'clock this morning. Called there, volunteer firemen had the fire out in a few minutes.

ROUND-UP

There was little activity reported on the crime front in this county last week-end, the sheriff's office stating that only four persons were arrested and jailed during the period, one was booked for breaking and entering-larceny, public drunkenness, drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. All four were colored males, their ages ranging from 25 to 45 years.

Woods Fire Burns Leaf Plant Beds

Fire, starting from a new-ground trash pile on the H. A. Bowen farm near Williamston last Friday about noon, burned Farmer Mack Bowen's plant beds, wrecked a goodly acreage of timber and threatened several buildings, including the Bethany Holiness Church.

Williamston's fire-fighting equipment was dispatched to the church area and neighbors joined in to check the fire.

His beds destroyed, Mr. Mack Bowen is out looking for plants. Any farmers who have a surplus of plants are asked to lend Farmer Bowen a hand in getting his crop transplanted. He lives on the old Garrett Road between the Prison Camp Road and the Washington Highway near the Bethany Holiness Church.

Attends Symposium In Bowman-Gray Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Victor Brown spent Thursday in Winston-Salem where Dr. Brown attended an annual symposium of the alumni of the Wake Forest Medical School at the new Bowman-Gray Hospital. Mrs. Brown attended a meeting of the Auxiliary Association of which she is a member. In commenting on the size of the new Bowman-Gray Hospital Dr. Brown stated that it was tremendous and probably larger in floor space than even Duke Hospital in Durham.

Local Boy Stationed With Ryukyus Command

With U. S. Forces on Okinawa—First Lt. Lawrence G. Lindsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lindsley, 318 Church St., Williamston, N. C., recently arrived on Okinawa for duty with the Ryukyus Command.

He is assigned as Headquarters Battery commander in the 705th Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion.

A graduate of Denver University, Lindsley served during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater. He first entered the Army in January 1942 and was recalled to active duty in May 1951.

Patrol Opening Rookie School

Col. James R. Smith, commanding officer of the State Highway Patrol said today that a training school for rookie patrolmen will get under way June 1 at the Patrol Barracks in Chapel Hill.

Graduates of the school will fill approximately 30 vacancies now existing in the Highway Patrol.

Col. Smith said that applicants must be citizens of the United States; be between 21 and 31 years old; weigh at least 160 pounds; be of good moral character and have no criminal record; have a high school education or its equivalent; and have no relative now employed by the Highway Patrol.

Starting salary for trainees accepted by the Patrol will be \$2,688 a year.

Calling For Bids On Road Project

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has called for bids on road projects in 37 counties, including about six miles in this county. The projects cover about 300 miles of roads marked for improvement, mostly black top.

The project proposed in this county starts at a point about one-quarter mile from Bear Grass on the Bear Grass-Everetts Road and runs about three miles to the Roebuck fork or Lum Gurganus' station. The other part of the project starts at Fulford's station in Beaufort County on the Bear Grass-Stokes Highway and soon enters this county, connecting with the other part of the project at Gurganus' store and continuing to connect with the Prison Camp or old Williamston-Greenville Road at Cross Roads Church.

The project is to be financed mainly from bond money. The bids are to be opened next Tuesday for review by the commission on May 1.

Engineers Will Meet In Wilson Tomorrow

Th East Carolina Engineers Club will entertain their ladies at their annual "Ladies Night" banquet in Wilson tomorrow night.

The principal speaker at the banquet, to be held at the Cherry Hotel at 7:30 PM, will be Mr. Silas Lucas of Wilson. Mr. Lucas, attorney and former solicitor of the general county court of Wilson County, has been entertaining civic, professional and fraternal organizations with his wit and humor for the past twenty years. His topic at this meeting will be "Our Quadrennial Convulsions".

Several members from the Williamston Chapter of the Club are expected to attend the meeting.

Four Contests Lined Up For Primary Election In County

Announce Pre-School Clinic Schedules In This County

Beginning next Monday, representatives of the Martin County Health Department will conduct a series of pre-school clinics in this county. Whenever possible, mothers are asked to accompany their children to the clinics, the doctor explaining that a personal contact can accomplish more than a letter. Parents are asked to submit cards, showing their children have been vaccinated.

The schedule in the white schools follows:

April 28, Farm Life, 10 a. m. and Hassell, 2 p. m.; April 29 and 30, Williamston, 9:30 o'clock each morning; May 1, Robersonville, 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.; May

2, Oak City, 10 a. m., and Hamilton, 2 p. m.; May 5, Jamesville, 10 a. m., and Everetts, 2 p. m.; May 6, Bear Grass, 10 a. m.

The schedule in the colored schools follows:

May 7 and 8, Williamston, 9:30 a. m.; May 9, Robersonville, 10 a. m. and Everetts, 2 p. m.; May 12, Parmele, 10 a. m., and Hamilton, 2 p. m.; May 13, Oak City, 10 a. m.; May 14, Jamesville, 10 a. m.; May 15, Williams, 9 a. m.; May 16, Dardens, 10 a. m., and Burroughs, 2 p. m.; May 20, Biggs, 10 a. m.; May 21, Rodgers, 10 a. m., and Salsbury, 2 p. m.; May 22, Smithwick's, 10 a. m., and Spring Green, 2 p. m.

Twenty File For Offices in County Before Deadline

Contest for Commissioner, Education Board, Judge And Representative

Before the filing deadline last Saturday evening at 6:00 o'clock twenty candidates got their names into the county political pot, but only four contests developed, one for the North Carolina State House of Representatives, another for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, another for county commissioner from the Griffins-Bear Grass District, and still another for the three seats on the Martin County Board of Education.

The other candidates, including H. G. Horton for State Senator from this, the second senatorial district; R. H. Smith for treasurer; J. Sam Gensinger for register of deeds; Clarence W. Griffin for county solicitor; J. H. Edwards, C. O. Martin, H. L. Roebuck and H. S. Johnson, Jr., and O. B. Roberson for surveyor, filed and without opposition were declared the party nominees. Their names will not appear on the primary ballot May 31.

With only two contests definitely scheduled up until late Friday, increased activity picked up during the day Saturday, the big surprise coming when four candidates filed for the three places on the Martin County Board of Education. Despite the increased activity at the last minute, county politics is expected to attract no great interest between now and during the May 31 primary, and, so far, State politics has created comparatively little interest in this immediate area.

A three-way race developed Saturday for representative in the General Assembly when E. G. Anderson of Robersonville and Elmer Modlin of RFD 1, Jamesville, filed. A Corey having officially placed his name on the books earlier.

J. S. Ayers of RFD 1, Oak City, a former resident of Everetts and Williamston, filed to challenge R. T. Johnson's seat on the Martin County Recorder's Court bench.

A third contest centers around the county commissioner for the Griffins-Bear Grass District where Jimmy C. Gurkin of Griffins is contesting the seat of W. M. Harrison of Bear Grass.

With three places open on the Board of Education and two of the old members, Geo. C. Griffin and J. D. Woolard, retiring, four candidates moved in to bid for the three seats. Cecil B. Powell filed of RFD 1, Robersonville, to succeed himself, and C. Urban Rogers of Williamston, Mrs. Frances Roberson Lawton of Robersonville, and LeRoy Harrison of Bear Grass entered the race for the first time. Mr. Harrison, well known Bear Grass business man, filed only after it was pointed out that his services were badly needed and that he could help his county. He was the last to get his name on the books before the filing deadline at 6:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

There was a little ripple on the county's political sub-division front when Harry C. Jones filed

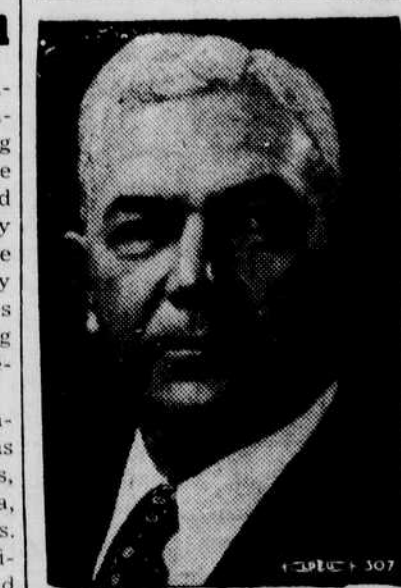
Painfully Injured In Fall From Ladder Monday

Mr. Arthur C. Harrison was painfully but believed not seriously injured in a fall at his home in Bear Grass yesterday morning. Painting his house, Mr. Harrison fell when the ladder slipped and suffered a broken right arm and severe bruises about the head and body. He is recovering in a local hospital.

Jamesville Merchants To Observe Half Holiday

Beginning this week, Jamesville merchants will observe each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months as a half holiday. It was announced this morning.

SPEAKING TO CLUB



Judge Hubert Olive, candidate for Governor, is addressing a regular meeting of the Rotary Club here today. Arriving here late last night, Mr. Olive is doing a bit of effective campaigning on the grass roots level today. He is leaving this afternoon for Elizabeth City.

Native Of County Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Beulah Roberson Edwards, a native of this county, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Saturday night. Funeral services were conducted at the home in Snow Hill Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. D. Young, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church in Snow Hill. Interment was in the Snow Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards, daughter of the late Luke L. and Nettie Green Roberson, was born near Williamston 62 years ago. At an early age she was married to Ade M. Edwards and spent most of her early life in this county, moving to Parmele and making her home there for some time before her marriage to E. E. Edwards and locating in Snow Hill about thirty years ago. Following the death of Mr. Edwards in 1939, she had served Greene County as its register of deeds and was held in high esteem in her adopted community.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John Hardy and Mrs. Tommie Cameron; one son, Edgar E. Edwards, Jr., all of Snow Hill; one sister, Mrs. B. F. Manning of Robersonville; two brothers, W. K. Roberson of Richmond, Va., and S. L. Roberson of Roanoke Rapids; and two grandchildren.

Dead Pigs Sacked And Dumped Into Pasture

Two dead pigs, weighing about 50 pounds each, were sacked and dumped into Farmer R. H. Hardison's pasture in Williams Township sometime last week. The find was reported Friday, and the sheriff's office is puzzled to determine why anyone would go to the trouble to sack the pigs and throw them into another farmer's pasture.

It is possible that the owner was too lazy to bury the pigs and just dumped them off his hands.