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BOTH MR. RUSSELL AND MRS. RUSSELL WISH TO APPEAR IN PROPER LIGHT

Lawyer Insists That Publication of Article Puts Him at a Disadvantage; Mrs. Russell Thinks Damages Due Her by Mr. Russell Because of Allegations Made by Mr. Russell in Complaint Against Capt. Midgett

Nothing so sensational in many a day, as the suit in which Lawyer D. L. Russell alleges that Capt. Thomas Midgett, 33 years old, took his wife away from him, has popped up in Dare County court. Lawyer Russell, whose specialty is bringing suits against people for alleged damages, and who to date, has created some ill-will for himself, on the part of the defendants, wants this newspaper to refrain from comment on the case. In fact he has written a letter to the paper, which we are glad to give space to.

At the same time, Mrs. Russell expressed herself as much hurt by the allegations made by Mr. Russell in the complaint served upon Capt. Midgett, and says her husband has reflected upon her good character, and severely injured her and caused her great worry.

Mr. Russell's letter, which we cheerfully give space for, is as follows:

D. L. RUSSELL
Attorney at Law
MANTEO, N. C.
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January 20th
Editor of the Dare
County Times.

I was very much shocked and surprised at the article appearing in the last issue of your paper commenting on the suit I brought against Capt. Thomas P. Midgett. I kindly ask you hereafter to please refrain from commenting on the merits of the casemas I am afraid that your article has already made it impossible for me to obtain a fair and impartial trial in Dare County and I feel that any judge holding court here will remove the case to another county for trial.

Upon reading that article I please do not hereafter comment on the merits of the case either for me or against me, or either for Cap. Tom or against him. This case will not be tried in the newspapers but in the courthouse somewhere in this district and then the public will know the truth of matter. This letter is written without any malice or illwill toward you but in fairness and in justice to myself.

Very truly yours,
D. L. RUSSELL.

It is hard for me to think that you really meant to disparage my case, but in view of the matter and view of my friends it certainly had that effect.

Note: The editorial reply to the above is that this paper doesn't seek to try the case through the papers. We do not believe anyone will deny that this case is extremely sensational not only in nature, but because of the prominence of the principals. Certainly no newspaper would overlook it as an item of news, and the interpretations of many of its features doesn't mean we have any prejudices.

So in order to be fair, and in view of Mrs. Russell's claim that she has been damaged by the treatment of Mr. Russell, and that she is much hurt, and ill as the result of the suit, which is being chewed over by gossips, we are willing to set forth some of the claims she makes.

Mrs. Russell tells this newspaper that up and until after the time Mr. Russell left home, there had been no complaint whatever about Capt. Midgett's visits to the house. She said the two old men were buddies. She says Mr. Russell brought Capt. Midgett to the home and demanded, that she, over her urgent protest, take on the responsibility of nurse, and dress Capt. Midgett's sores, and instructed her to get all she could out of him. She says later her daughter came to the home to live, and she being a nurse, agreed to help Capt. Midgett; that he paid her in small amounts of money for her work, which was well earned, and that Mr. Russell told her daughter to get all the money she could from the old Captain.

As proof of the good companionship existing between the two old men, it was Capt. Midgett who bonded Mr. Russell out of jail, when a highway patrolman arrested them one Sunday afternoon near Port Raleigh and charged them

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NORTH CAROLINA JOINS "MARCH OF DIMES"



Washington—Citizens of North Carolina are enthusiastically behind the March of Dimes drive in the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. Under Secretary of the Treasury John W. Hanes, (right), tells George E. Allen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

GRAPE GROWERS IN TYRRELL MAY SIGN CONTRACTS

Chaplin Brothers of Columbia Representing Garrett & Co., Inc.

Chaplin Brothers in Columbia are again representing Garrett & Company, Inc., in signing contracts for grape growers in Tyrrell County. By the terms of the contract growers agree to plant a minimum of two acres according to instructions of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and to deliver the crop to the Garrett Co. at a guaranteed amount equivalent to \$1.00 per 60 pound bushel.

Those interested in learning the terms of the contract or in contracting acreage may secure information at Chaplin Brothers store.

Mrs. R. E. Tunnell had as guests for the week end Miss Mary Wilson of Belhaven and Mrs. Dewey Topping of Pantego.

HYDE COUNTY MOURNS PASSING OF REGISTER OF DEEDS R. O. PAYNE

Succumbs at Age of 49 in Washington Hospital of Angina Pectoris

Funeral services were conducted from Providence Methodist church at Swan Quarter at 2:30 Saturday afternoon for Ronald O. Payne, register of deeds and one of the best known men in Hyde County, who died at Fowle Memorial hospital in Washington, N. C., Friday night at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Payne was taken to the hospital Wednesday night and was thought to have suffered an attack of angina pectoris. He was 49 years of age.

Born at Gulrock, the son of Mrs. Adeline Payne and the late M. S. Payne, Mr. Payne had spent his life in Hyde County, being engaged in farming until 1934 when he entered politics and was elected register of deeds. He had served two two-year terms and was elected in 1938 for a third term, a four-year term. He was also formerly associated with the New Holland activities at Lake Mattamuskeet.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ida Pugh; two sons, Holland and George Payne of Swan Quarter; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Davis of Elizabeth City; his mother, Mrs. Adeline Payne of Gulrock; and five sisters, Mrs. Addie Gibbs, Mrs. Joe Pugh of Gulrock, Mrs. J. J. White of Belhaven, Mrs. Tom Credle of Swan Quarter, and Mrs. Mollie Casons of Lenoir.

All county offices were closed during the funeral in respect to Mr. Payne.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES BID SPEAK IN HYDE

Asked to See Road and School Needs Firsthand; Committee Named

Hyde County commissioners this week appointed a twenty-member committee to greet gubernatorial candidates who have been invited to speak in the county before the primary and to take charge of showing them the needs of the county, with particular emphasis on roads.

Already acceptances of the invitations extended have been received from Candidates A. J. Maxwell and J. Melville Broughton. Candidates Wilkins P. Horton and Lee Gravelly have not been heard from since the invitations were sent.

In a letter to all the candidates by county School Superintendent P. G. Gallop it was pointed out that for years Hyde County has been lost to North Carolina. Mr. Gallop's letter invited the attention of the candidates to the school and road needs of Hyde County with their expressions invited as to remedies in order that the people may have something tangible on which to base their vote in the May 25 Primary.

The letter pointed out that Hyde County has poor roads—"dusty and the worst dust in the state in dry weather, and muddy with the worst mud in the state in wet weather." The embarrassment caused by the outmoded school buildings with no indoor toilets or running water was also pointed out in the letter of invitation to the candidates to speak in the county before the primary.

CRESWELL PTA IN JANUARY MEET

The Creswell PTA met in the school auditorium Thursday evening for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. E. S. Woodley presided at the business session. The resignation of Mrs. W. W. Bateman as Publicity Chairman was accepted with regrets and Miss Mary Foy Peterson was appointed to succeed her.

WPA BEGINS WORK ON TYRRELL BUS GARAGE

Construction work on a new Tyrrell County school bus garage 116 by 50 feet was started Thursday of last week by the WPA, with 12 men working on the project. The building is to be of galvanized frame construction and will meet state requirements thus enabling the county to secure grants of tools and equipment from the state.

NO PROBABLE CAUSE FOUND IN SLADESVILLE BUS CONSPIRACY

State Bureau of Investigation officers failed to tender convincing evidence in a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace C. J. Cahoon at Swan Quarter Saturday morning, and no probable cause was found against the three Sladesville men charged with conspiracy to confiscate state property.

GOING TO BEAR DOWN ON DEALERS IN BEER

Raleigh—Investigators for the beer industry will visit every North Carolina county during 1940 to make certain that retail beer dealers conduct reputable places of business.

FAIRFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB HAS MEETING

Mrs. Isabelle Cartwright was hostess to the Fairfield Woman's Club Thursday afternoon in the absence of her sister, Miss Robena Midyette.

WHEELER, HULL COMING

Chapel Hill—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Democrat, and Secretary of State Cordell Hull have agreed to address the Carolina Political Union during the coming spring.

SUGGESTS FUTURE OF TYRRELL DEPENDS UPON AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH

Writer Competing For Prize Offered by Tribune Says Progress Depends Upon Cooperation, and Concessions to Systematic and Scientific Farming; Cites Grape and Blackberry Possibilities

FISHERMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER LAKE MATTAMUSKEET

Rod and Reelers Didn't Wait Long After Gunners Left to Take Over Popular Place

Fishermen moved in on Lake Mattamuskeet almost as soon as the duck and geese season closed December 23, and have been making good catches according to J. D. Chalk, state game and inland fisheries commissioner. One recent party of three on the 50,000 acre lake reported catches of 52 crappie and 22 bass, weighing from one and a half to four pounds, Clark said.

Arrangements for fishing Mattamuskeet are the same as before, because of a continuation of an agreement between the department of conservation and development and the U. S. biological survey.

A special fishing privilege fee of 60 cents applies daily and fishermen must have a guide or a guide's licensed boat. All guides are licensed and listed with Oscar Chadwick, chief game protector at New Holland.

Minimum lengths are 10 inches for bass, six inches for perch, with daily bag limits of 8 bass and 25 perch. There are no restrictions for blackfish, carp and other coarse fish.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. NELLIE GODFREY

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Godfrey, 33, were conducted from the home in the Creeks section of Tyrrell County Tuesday of last week by the Rev. Cecil Alexander. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Godfrey, a native of Tyrrell County and the wife of Wallace Godfrey, died Tuesday morning after an illness of several years.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Audrey Mae and Willie Lee Godfrey; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Hassell; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Bunch of Chowan County, and Miss Iris Mae Bunch of Tyrrell County; and two brothers, Ruben Hassell of Washington County and Iredell Hassell of Tyrrell County.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON I WENT TO THE BANKS, WHICH IS REACHED BY THE OREGON INLET FERRY, OPERATED BY CAPT. TOBY TILLET. I TRAVELLED IN AN OLD MODEL A FORD, WHICH IS THE FINEST THING YET FOR DRIVING IN THE DEEP TRACKS OF THE SEASHORE. IT WAS LATE BUT THE EVENING WAS WARM, AND ABOUT SUPPER TIME I ROUNDED UP JUST IN TIME AT THE HOME OF FRANK MEEKINS OF RODANTHE, WHERE I FOUND HIM SITTING DOWN TO A NICE WARM SUPPER AND WITH ALACRITY ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO JOIN HIM.

After supper we talked awhile, and then I drove down to Waves, the newest postoffice in the state, and the most eastern settlement in North Carolina. I stopped while at Asa Gray's store, which is one of the finest on the coast. About nine o'clock I drove down to the home of Lafayette Douglas. We talked awhile, and smoked awhile, and then I spent the night in one of his feather beds.

The next morning, after breakfast I became acquainted with his young grandson, seven months old. Mr. Douglas has a brother named Robinson Douglas, who is cook at Chicamomico Coast Guard Station. His daughter, Catherine, married Milton Robinson of Alabama. Their baby is named Douglas Robinson.

I couldn't get away from Salvo without a visit at the home of two exceptionally faithful friends, L. C. Gray and L. Y. Gray and then I drove on to Avon, and Big Kinnakeet where I stopped at the store of an old friend, O. G. Gray, who is a leading citizen and a good merchant. Among the old familiar faces were Joe Mary Williams, Shank Meekins, and good old Uncle Mitchu Gray.

In the afternoon I went to Cape Hatteras, and spent some time at the store of H. J. Gray. Mrs. Gray was busy running the store, and

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It has been a long time since I wrote this column. I have not had time. It is an enjoyable process when one has time to set down in black and white something he thinks about that he thinks might be of interest to others. If he has nothing of interest to say, why should he say it?

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