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Verdict of \$7,500 Is Given by Jury in Suit Over Auto Accident

William A. Jackson Winner In Action Against Beaufort Bottling Works

A verdict was returned in Washington County Superior Court here late Wednesday giving William A. Jackson a total of \$7,500 in damages from the Beaufort Bottling Works, of Washington, as the result of injuries sustained by Jackson in an automobile accident last year.

Attorney John B. Rodman Thursday asked Judge Walter L. Bone to set the verdict aside, and at the time of going to press the ruling of Judge Bone on the motion had not been made.

Jackson lost an arm and suffered other injuries as the result of the accident. This verdict is reported by court attaches to be one of the largest ever returned in this county as the result of a wreck.

Dr. J. M. Phelps was awarded a fee of \$10 as expert witness for his testimony to the grand jury when the jurors returned "not a true bill" on the indictment sought against R. G. Hutcheson, who was riding in an automobile when three men were killed in this county about the first of December. It is understood that a relative of one of the victims had the grand jury review the circumstances leading up to the triple killing.

The case of Clara Hedgepeth vs. Home Security Life Insurance Co. was settled by consent for \$149.76.

The court held that Cleveland Cratch was "holding over" after his term had expired" on the premises of W. W. Ange, Jr. The controversy was over the L. T. Weede house on Jefferson Street. Ange contended that he was renting the house from the owner and had ordered Cratch to vacate his part of the house. Cratch remained on the premises, claiming that he was an equal renter from the owner with Mr. Ange. Cratch was ordered by the court to vacate the premises at once in favor of Ange.

Two divorces were granted: Virgie Hooker Thompson from Lloyd C. Thompson and Elwood Davenport from Pauline Davenport.

No Arrests Yet for Old License Users

Twenty days on the highways looking for drivers without their 1938 license plates have failed to reveal a single person violating the law in this respect, according to Patrolman Tom Brown.

"Looks like the people have begun to understand that they must have these tags and are getting them before the time limit expires," says the patrolman.

He has been "bearing down" on those who have faulty brakes, defective lights and drivers who pass school buses while they are loading or unloading children.

Strict enforcement of these laws are needed for the public's protection, according to the officer.

Seek Richmond Cedar Works Reorganization

Action Would Mean Payment of \$6,400 In Taxes To County

Washington County stands to collect about \$6,526.49 in back taxes if the petition filed in the United States District Court in Richmond, Va., recently asking for a reorganization under the bankruptcy act of the Richmond Cedar Works is allowed. This amount represents an accumulation of taxes over a period of five years on forest land owned by the company in this county.

The petition sets out that the company, which has extensive holdings in Washington County, and which is now operating under a receivership set up in 1932, must be organized unless it is to be liquidated at considerable sacrifice of property values.

The petitioners claim that the company is unable to meet all its obligations, that it has defaulted on bond interest and principal, and also is deficient on taxes.

It is set forth that \$2,600,111.09 is due and payable on principal and interest on bonds of the concern, thru a decree on October 19, 1936, of the United States Court of the Eastern District.

The petitioners propose that the cash in the hands of the trustees of

Class To Sell Rat Poison To Buy Shop Equipment

Faced with a new workshop with insufficient equipment the boys of the vocational agriculture class of the Plymouth High School are going to undertake the sale of rat poison in order to make money enough to bring the shop up to standard, according to Instructor W. D. Starr.

This poison is recommended by Department of Agriculture authorities and sells at 50 cents a package. Each package contains three kinds of bait with which the poison has been already mixed. The preparation causes the rats to die of dilation of the heart and usually under outbuildings.

where the odor will not be unduly offensive, it was said.

Orders may be given to Mr. Starr or to the students. If desired, the members of the class will distribute the poison about the premises of the purchaser. Ridding the premises of the rodents will effect a sizeable saving in the property and products they otherwise destroy. It was pointed out that the preparation was not harmful to chickens, dogs, cats, or other animals.

Orders should be given immediately, and no orders will be received after Friday, January 28.

Trying to Get Edward O'Neal to Speak Here

HEALTH ASSISTANT

Dr. S. V. Lewis district health officer today stated that he had secured Dr. Nathan P. Fitts as assistant health officer, to be located in Swan Quarter.

Dr. Fitts is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, served his internship at the hospital division of the Medical College, served three years in the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg, Va., and did general practice two and a half years in Strasburg, Va.

Dr. Fitts is a native of North Carolina and comes to the department well recommended. He recently completed the course in public health at the University of North Carolina.

County Acreage in May Peas Will Be Smaller This Year

Less Than 40 Per Cent of Seed Used Last Year Will Be Planted

Less than 40 per cent of the number of bags of May peas planted last year will be planted in Washington County this season, according to W. Tom Freeman, who has traveled extensively over the county recently observing farm conditions.

So far about 125 bags have been secured to be used for planting purposes. Last year there were about 560 bags sold in the county. Each bag will plant about an acre and a quarter.

The small acreage to be planted this year is forecast on account of the ruinous prices they brought last season, at one time going for \$1.25 a basket delivered in New York.

E. S. Blount, Plymouth, has a number of bags for sale, and the following will either plant or sell the number bags opposite their names: J. E. Phelps, Roper, 60; W. T. Freeman, 25; E. G. Arps, 20; R. W. Johnston, 10.

President of Farm Bureau May Talk At Meeting Friday

E. F. Arnold, State Secretary, Will Speak; Farmers Are Urged To Attend

If present plans work out, the principal speaker for the monthly meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau, to be held in the agriculture building here Friday night, will be Edward A. O'Neal, of Washington, D. C., president of the American Farm Bureau.

Farm Agent W. V. Hays and W. Dewey Phelps, county bureau president, learned that Mr. O'Neal will be in Windsor Thursday afternoon of this week, and they are trying to prevail upon him to come here and talk to county farmers at the meeting Friday night.

If they are successful, farmers here can hear at first hand from the head of the leading farm organization in the nation what is being done in their behalf in Washington, and will hear a comprehensive outline of present farm prospects.

At the time of going to press, no definite word as to Mr. O'Neal's acceptance or rejection of the invitation had been received.

Definitely on the program for the meeting Friday night will be E. F. Arnold, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, who will present farm matters from a state standpoint, and outline the objectives of the organization.

President Phelps urges all farmers to attend, as Mr. Hays will be present to give information to those who wish advice on planting their crops this year in cooperation with the new farm program.

Indications now are that a large number of farmers, members and non-members of the bureau, will attend the meeting here Friday night.

65 Attend Supper Staged Thursday By Local Groups

Only Five From Out of County at Lions Club-Merchants Association Affair

Although there were only 5 out-of-county present, the supper given by the Lions Club and the Merchants Association last Thursday was said by officials to have been a success, as there were about 65 present.

There was no set program or principal speaker, but Judge W. L. Bone, of Nashville, was present and was recognized by President T. L. Bray, of the Lions, and President L. S. Thompson, of the Merchants Association who presided jointly.

Attorney W. L. Whitley introduced the visitors, including H. T. Davenport, Tyrrell county commissioner; C. W. Tatem, president of the Southern Albemarle Association; C. Earl Cahoon, member of the Tyrrell County Board of Education; and Joe Cahoon.

Included on the program were short talks by Z. V. Norman and C. L. Bailey, attorneys; and T. C. Burgess, secretary and treasurer of the merchants' association, who made a report of the activities of the organization since it was organized about six months ago.

Gilmer Ayers Opens Market In Store of J. R. Campbell

Gilmer Ayers, for years connected with grocery stores and markets in Plymouth, this week opened a market and delicatessen in J. R. Campbell's store, where he will be glad to serve his friends and customers.

Mr. Ayers succeeds J. H. Jackson as market operator in Campbell's store. Mr. Jackson has moved farther down the street.

Number Workmen Laid Off as Plants Curtail Operations

Unemployment Increasing as Industries Begin To Feel Effects of Recession

Several of the industries in the Plymouth area are operating at present with a reduced number of employees as a result of the recession in business, which has brought about a curtailment in the number of orders.

The North Carolina Pulp Company has had to lay off 125 or more men within the last several days in an effort to curtail operating expenses at the local plant. It is thought that some of them will be called back to their jobs as production increases, but it was indicated that many of them were not expected to be recalled any time within the near future. It is understood that about 350 are now employed at the plant.

Last year at this time there were 400 men employed at the Plymouth Box & Panel Company. This week it is operating on a reduced schedule with only about 250 working there daily.

The local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company continues with the usual 40, not including the office and woods force. Any reduction that has been made in this plant has been in the woods department.

There were reports last week that this plant might be closed and the work done in other plants of the corporation. A representative was here, but so far nothing has been done in the matter.

The Horton Lumber Company continues operating with their usual number of men. About 20 are employed there steadily.

Despite existing conditions, it is generally believed business will begin to improve shortly and that there will be a gradual industrial growth here during the next few years.

Soft and Oily Hogs Reduce Returns To Farmers of County

Brought 1 1-2 Cents Pound Less Last Shipment, Says County Agent Hays

"Soft and oily hogs can be avoided," says Farm Agent W. V. Hays in reminding producers of the county that there is a heavy penalty on this type of hogs and that the buyers always deduct enough to take care of any losses they may sustain in this respect.

"All hogs are sold on a hard basis, and the farmer selling his hogs guarantees them to be hard. But in the last shipment of three cars there were 40 oily hogs in the lot. Oily hogs are now bringing 1 1-2 cents less than god hogs, and soft hogs bring 75 cents under good hogs.

"The highest bidder always gets the hogs, and they are shipped to him. The association draws a draft for the amount billed, less 2 cents per pound. This 2 cents is paid after the hogs are killed and chilled for a certain length of time, if they cut hard.

"A few times we have been penalized for soft and oily hogs in a shipment when there was a question as to the number of hogs charged to us, but many times I know of soft hogs being sold to some packer and no mention made of this.

"Soft and oily hogs can be avoided. There is a question in my mind as to whether it would be profitable or not, since pigs must be taken out of the soybean fields weighing not over 100 pounds and fed corn until they reach a weight of 185 to 200 pounds before we have any assurance that these pigs will kill hard.

"The price of corn and the cost of producing corn is the biggest factor in profitable pork production. The man who buys hogs and corn to feed out is a speculator, but more often than not this same man makes more profit than the man who grows either the corn or the hogs.

"With a good system of swine management it is possible to utilize waste soybeans and peanuts left in the field and at the same time sell hard hogs.

"Pigs born in August and September will have ample time to glean the fields and be taken out weighing not under 100 pounds about the first of the year and finished on corn for selling about the first to the middle of April.

"This plan, if followed, will prove profitable over any number of years," concluded Mr. Hays.

Farmers Using Meat Curing Service to Good Effect Now

Craven farmers are using the new meat curing service of the Federated Exchange abattoir at New Bern to good effect with over 40,000 lbs. of meat now in cure.

Breach of Promise Suit Is Voided by Wedding Saturday

Mrs. Mae Simmons and Julius F. Snell Are Married in Ceremony Here

The \$40,000 breach of promise suit started about two weeks ago in Tyrrell County Superior Court by Mrs. Mae Simmons against Julius F. Snell was settled by Magistrate John W. Darden here Saturday night when the couple was married.

Both parties are prominent in the Creswell section of Washington County, and they came to Plymouth for the license and, instead of returning to their community, the wedding was held in the register of deeds office.

Mr. Snell averred that it was always his intention to marry Mrs. Simmons, but that they had a misunderstanding and Mrs. Simmons came to Plymouth and secured the services of Attorney Z. V. Norman in bringing the suit, probably the first of its kind in the history of the county.

It developed in an inquiry as to the cause of the action that as soon as the misunderstanding between Mr. Snell and Mrs. Simmons was cleared up, they began to go forward immediately with plans for the wedding.

The marriage here Saturday night brings to a fulfillment the promise of Mr. Snell, and the suit, of course, will be voided.

Mrs. Snell gave her age to the register of deeds as 45 and Mr. Snell said his age was 63.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday for John D. Phelps, 83

Well-Known Farmer of Roper Cross Roads Section Died Sunday Night

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Saints Delight Christian church for John D. Phelps, 83, well-known farmer of the Roper Cross Roads section of Washington County, who died Sunday night at 10:45.

The Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the church. Infirmities of old age and complications are reported to have caused his death.

Mr. Phelps first married Miss Molly Gurkin, to which union two children were born. His second marriage to Miss William Anne Sennett was solemnized about 52 years ago.

Mr. Phelps was a staunch and consistent member of Saints Delight church and was proud that during his whole life he had never been a witness nor had a case in any court.

Surviving are a widow and the following children: Joe Phelps, Hertford; John E. Phelps, Roper; V. L. Phelps, Norfolk; W. W. Phelps, M. S. Phelps, Mrs. W. A. Everett, Mackeys; Miss Martha E. and Noah D. Phelps, who lived with their parents.

P. M. Arps Wins Trip To New York by Ticket Sales

Sales of tickets at the local bus station showed the greatest increase in percentage of receipts of any other station operated by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation during the year 1937, and as a result, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Arps will make a five-day trip to New York at the expense of the company. The company will pay for all traveling and other expenses while in New York.

Mr. Arps said today that he was not sure when he would avail himself of the opportunity but appreciated the fact that this station had made such a showing.

Important Leaders' School To Be Held Here Friday

By Frances M. Darden
All of the house furnishings leaders are urged to attend the first leaders' school held this year, Friday, January 21, at 1:30 p. m.

The major project studied this year by the home demonstration clubs is house furnishings. Different phases of the work will be studied each month. Three leaders' schools will be held by the specialists from Raleigh, and it is important that the leaders attend each of the meetings.

Miss Mammie Whisnant will have charge of the demonstration given Friday, 21st, in the agriculture building. The club women are very much interested in the new project this year and all are invited to attend.

Bleaching Unit at Pulp Plant Here Considered

400 ACRES CUCUMBERS

Contracts have been signed for the 400 acres of cucumbers that have been allotted for the Plymouth plant this season, according to P. H. Roberts, Jr., manager of the local unit of the C. C. Lang Company.

However, Mr. Roberts explained that a request for an extended allotment had been made to headquarters, and that if there were a few more who wanted contracts to plant, they should see him at once.

Prominent Creswell Man Died Sunday After Brief Illness

Adasco Sexton Holmes, 39, Victim of Pneumonia; Funeral Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Adasco Sexton Holmes, 39, well-known Creswell citizen, who died Sunday morning at his home after an illness of only five days. Pneumonia was given as the cause of his death.

The last rites were held in Christ Episcopal Church, with the Rev. John W. Hardy, rector, officiating assisted by the Rev. L. B. Bennett, of the Christian church.

Interment took place in St. David's cemetery near Creswell. A large floral offering evidenced the esteem in which the deceased was held by those who knew him.

A life-long resident of Creswell, Mr. Holmes graduated from the Creswell High School and attended State College. For some years he was associated with his father, T. C. Holmes in the operation of a lumber mill, several farms and a mercantile business.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Town Board of Aldermen at Creswell and a vestryman of St. David's Episcopal church near Creswell.

Surviving is a widow, Mrs. Josephine Evans Holmes; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Holmes, all of Creswell; and one sister, Mrs. Benjamin Brock, of Stoneville.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McIntyre, Washington, D. C.; W. E. Evans, Baltimore; Mrs. L. C. Moltz, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. J. D. Wodley, Tarboro; Mrs. Raymond Wilson and son and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wilson, Wilsons Mills; Mrs. H. H. Phelps, John Phelps, Mrs. H. B. Byrd, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Litchfield, Emporia, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Vann, Benson; Mrs. Roland Cooper, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sexton and family, Winston; J. A. Sexton, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holmes and daughter, Edenton; Mrs. T. M. L. Brock and Miss Ikie Brock, Richlands; Mrs. John Jacobs, Tarboro.

Officials Refuse To Confirm Rumors of Action This Week

Official Statement May Be Made Later; Would Aid Local Unemployed

Unofficial reports are circulating here to the effect that executives of the Kieckhefer Container Company and the James Stewart Company were to confer here this week on the proposed construction of a bleaching plant for the North Carolina Pulp Company. Officials of both the concerns involved refused to make any announcement as to their plans in this connection.

It is understood the meeting was first called for early in the month, but postponed until Tuesday of this week. Whether or not the meeting was held could not be authoritatively learned.

It has been said that the proposed new building would cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000, and that Paul Kiser, who succeeded W. J. Meyer as head of the James Stewart Company forces here, would be in charge of the construction work.

O. H. Cox, new manager of the local pulp plant, would not disclose any information about the matter, but did imply that there would probably be an official statement later.

It is pointed out that if such a unit should be built here, it would add to the number of employees needed to operate the plant, as well as give jobs to many in the construction work.

From time to time it has been reported that if the addition to the plant was decided upon, more houses would be built in the village near here.

W. L. Inskip, who was with the James Stewart Company and in charge of the housing project, is expected back from his wedding trip in February, and it is believed that when he returns work will either start on the addition to the plant or on the building of more houses in the village.

Local Scouts Plan Court of Honor

Five members of the Plymouth Boy Scout troop will be elevated to the rank of star scouts at a court of honor to be held within the next week or two. The boys have already completed their tests and are entitled to the honor.

At present there are 23 scouts enrolled in the local troop, with about 18 active, and from this latter group will be taken those who deserve their merit badges. Six scouts do not have uniforms.

Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor and Assistant Scoutmaster Albion Papeau attended a meeting of the Eastern Carolina Council held in Washington, N. C., Thursday.

Meeting Is Held at Wenona Thursday To Discuss Matter

Officials of counties, towns and the State Highway Commission gathered at the Blackland Experiment Station in Wenona Thursday to discuss ways and means of securing the surfacing of Turnpike Road, from Highway 97 to Pantego.

A highway engineer was expected to be present, as well as a member from the boards of commissioners of Washington, Tyrrell and Beaufort Counties, Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth, and Mayor Hines, of Belhaven.

Other representative citizens, including John W. Darden, were expected to attend. J. L. Rea, Jr., assistant manager in charge of the best farm, was to serve as host for the group.

The meeting was scheduled for 11 o'clock Thursday. Rain had caused the roads to be muddy and slippery, and it was not learned what action was taken.

Paving of Turnpike to Pantego Being Sought

Young Man Injured Saturday in Wreck

Wilbur Blount, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount, of Roper, sustained an injured shoulder and his car was badly damaged Saturday morning when he crashed into a steel cable supporting a power line post.

The machine was making a curve when a tire blew out, causing him to lose control of the vehicle. It left the road, crashed into the cable and then into a post, throwing him against the steering wheel and instrument panel.

It was first thought that he had been seriously injured.

Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach at 11 o'clock on "This Thing Called Sin." At 7:30 p. m., he will have as his subject, "Looking for Jesus."

At 6:30 p. m., there will be a service for young people from 10 to 18 years of age. All the young people of the town are invited to come to this service. Plans will be discussed concerning a worship service by the young people for young people. The program will last until 7:45.

At 3 o'clock Mr. Thrift will preach at Chapel Hill schoolhouse.