



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Bell-Simmons Law Suit Appears To Have Headed For Long Session

by PAUL BARWICK
It was rumored around Kenansville Wednesday afternoon and night that attorneys for Mrs. Dora Betty Bell in the \$50,000 law suit against Leroy Simmons had offered to compromise the suit for \$1,500.
Simmons, who was contacted late Wednesday night, said he had been approached and told that the plaintiff would accept \$1,500 as a compromise. He said, however, that he "will not compromise the issue" and will let it go to the jury.
At press time, attorneys for the plaintiff could not be contacted for a statement. They were in the court room.
It now appears that the case will definitely extend into next week.
Mrs. Bell, who is suing Simmons for \$50,000 for damages for allegedly giving slanderous and defamatory remarks to reporters Paul Barwick and Charles Clay, has denied on the witness stand that she ever told Simmons, the three-man investigating committee from the Farm Bureau composed of Taft Herring, Eugene Carlton and Arthur Whitfield, and Sheriff Ralph Miller that her desk drawer in the ASC office had been broken into and that Farm Bureau records were missing.
At press time Mrs. Bell was still on the stand.
In the original story, which

appeared in the News and Observer and Duplin Times on October 13, 1955, it was said by Simmons that he went to the ASC office to check with Mrs. Bell, who was secretary-treasurer of the Duplin Farm Bureau, as to why Home Demonstration women in the County had not been paid for helping with the Farm Bureau drive and why there were so few persons at the kick-off meeting in Kenansville. When he arrived there, Simmons said, he was advised for the first time that the records of the Farm Bureau were missing and that accounted for the women not being paid and the few people at the kick-off meeting.
A committee was named by Simmons Farm Bureau president (committee named above) to check into the matter. They found probably case and turned the matter over the Sheriff Miller, who also investigated the matter.
At the time the Farm Bureau records were missing, Mrs. Bell was serving in the dual capacity as ASC office manager in Duplin and Farm Bureau Secretary-Treasurer.
There is not way of telling just when the trial will end. It could be that it will end suddenly or that it will go on for several days.
The Judge trying the case is Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEET OCTOBER 7-8

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern Baptist Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday (October 7-8) at the Rose Hill Baptist Church. The sessions will be from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each day hundreds of Messengers, Program Personalities and visitors are expected.
Mr. Clarence Ship of Clinton is Moderator of the Association and will preside over the meetings. Rev. E. B. Hager of Warsaw is the Clerk and Rev. U. A. McManus of Warsaw is the Associational Missionary.
Speakers on the program from outside the Association include Dr. Pope A. Duncan and Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, Rev. James A. Potter and Dr.

NOTICE

To all jurors who were summoned for duty October 6 by order of the Judge of Superior Court, you are hereby notified not to come for jury duty on Monday October 6. You are to appear here for jury duty, Wednesday, October 8 at 10 A. M. This applies to all witnesses grand jurors, highway patrolmen, all law enforcement officers and all people who are summoned to appear before the Grand Jury.

Several In Hospital From Week End Wrecks In Duplin

At least four wrecks occurred in Duplin during the week end. There was one fatality, that of Charlie Stokes negro of Wallace who died of injuries sustained when he lost control of a 1949 Ford convertible and ran into a concrete bridge on N. C. 11 Saturday afternoon.
Saturday evening about 7 o'clock a 1955 Chevrolet, driven by Paul Arthur Gelbhaar of Watha with six passengers, wrecked, injuring 5 of the occupants. The wreck was on N. C. 41 three miles east of Wallace. The car skidded on the wet pavement, ran off the road on the left side and rolled 81 feet. Injured in the wreck were Jessie Thomas Rivenbark of Wallace Rt. 2, Norma Harrell, Wallace Rt. 2, Ralph Rogers, Wallace Rt. 2, Eugene Hines, Wallace and Joseph J. Cavanaugh. All were brought to Duplin General Hospital. Cavanaugh was treated and released.
Saturday night about 11:15 a pick up truck driven by Paul Williams of Abertson was whipped into a ditch by strong winds. Williams suffered slight chest injuries. He is at Duplin General.
Mrs. Doris Benson was also hospitalized for slight injury caused in a wreck Saturday morning. From reports, her car apparently skidded on the wet pavement causing her to lose control of the vehicle. Reports are she is recuperating nicely and should be leaving Duplin General Hospital within a few days.
Damage to the car was extensive.

W.S.C.S. District Meet October 7 At Goldsboro

The Snow Hill Sub-district of the W. S. C. S. of the Goldsboro District will meet at the Yelverton Methodist Church on October 7, 1958. The Yelverton Methodist Church is at Faro, near Zureka, just in the edge of Wayne County.
Registration will begin at 9:30 A. M. and the meeting will start at 10:00 A. M.
Mrs. S. B. Boyd will speak on "Fifth Assembly at St. Louis Missouri." The main speaker will be Mr. Terry Sandford, Board of Trustees of the Methodist College, Fayetteville.
An afternoon study course of "Isaiah, Speaks" will be given for those societies desiring to stay for the course. Each society must have at least five present at the Study Course in order to receive credit.

Patients At Duplin General

The following patients were admitted to Duplin General Hospital during the past week.
Kenansville: Rosetta Elizabeth Cooper (c) David Allen Cooper (nb) (c) Roy B. Sitterson (c) Doris Mercer Benson Wilma Myers Houston George William Gresham James Stephen Murphy Eugene Pearson Best Rose Hill David Carlton Murray Frank Wells James Adrian Graham (c) Donna Kay Turner Ella Mae Henderson Magnolia Vonnice Lee Melvin Chinquapin Virgil Batts (c) Elton Dean Byrd Warsaw Grace Christine Howard Baby Boy Howard Louzell Morrissey (c) Janice Smith (c) Watha Paul Arthur Gelbhaar Albertson Paul Winston Williams Wallace Sam Faison (c) Charlie Stokes (c) Eugene Hines Jessie Thomas Rivenbark Norwood Charles Harrell Dawson Jordan (c) Adrian Frank Powell, Jr. Beulaville Marjorie Murphy Dixon James Edwin Dixon, Jr. Jackie Lanier Robert Ferris Blizzard James Gray Parker (c) Turkey Bernard Carlton (c) Calypso Pauline King Faison Roberta Moore (c) Baby Boy Moore (c) Shirley Rene Davis (c) Baby Boy Davis (c) Teachey Gladys Pickett (c) Baby Boy Pickett (c)

UNION REVIVAL PLANNED BY WARSAW CHURCHES OCT. 12-18

A United Preaching Mission will be held in Warsaw during the week of October 12th through October 18th, with the Warsaw Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches participating.
"These services are open to all who desire to know God and hear his word in the fellowship of other Christians as we strive to work together for Christ during these troubled times." Allen Draughon, Jr., Chairman of Warsaw's United Preaching Mission asserted.
Services will begin each night at 7:45 o'clock during this special series of meetings, and will be held two nights at each church participating.
On Sunday and Monday nights, October 12th and 13th, services will be held at the Warsaw Baptist Church.
On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, October 14th and 15th, services will be held at the Warsaw Presbyterian Church.
On Thursday and Saturday nights, October 16th and 17th, services will be held at the Warsaw Methodist Church.
"Please note the absence of a service on Friday night, October 17, as this conflicts with already scheduled high school events."
"Music will be rendered by the combined choirs of the three churches."
The Rev. Norman Flowers, pastor of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church, the Rev. D. E. Parker, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, and the Rev. Ted Wilson, pastor of the Warsaw Methodist Church, will bring the messages but will preach in churches other than their own during this special observance.
"Ushers will be mixed from all the churches participating as the Christian people of Warsaw endeavor to work together for that which is right," Mr. Draughon asserted.
The spokesman added, "Everyone is prayerfully invited to attend each of these services and is urged to bring someone with them. We should all be reminded that there is no one in our place if we fail to attend — for to God — the life of each of us is the most important."

DUPLIN GETS \$48,138.81 FROM POWELL FUND

Checks totaling \$48,138.81 were mailed by the State Highway Commission on October 1 to the 6 eligible municipalities of Duplin County participating in allocation of Powell Bill Funds.
The Powell Bill, passed by the General Assembly in 1951, authorizes the setting aside of 1/2 cent from the regular 6c tax on each gallon of gasoline, in an effort to aid municipalities in the maintenance of non-system streets. All Powell Bill funds are allocated in cash to active incorporated towns which are eligible and qualified for improvements on their non-highway system streets.
Allocation of the Powell Bill funds is made proportionately to the eligible municipalities, half on the basis of population and half on the basis of relative non-system mileage.

Registrants Inducted In September

The following registrants were inducted from Duplin County in September 1958:
Adron Durant Moore Donald Brooks Cates James Thomas Carter, Jr. Dan Carol Wallace
The October call is for 7 men to be delivered on 20 October 1958. 15 men will be forwarded for Armed Forces Physical Examination in 20 October also.
Registrant in a class available for service are urged to furnish birth certificates for their children as failure to do so will subject them to induction as delinquents.

Cong. Barden To Speak Democratic Rally - 3rd. District

The Third District Congressional Democratic Rally will be at the Courthouse in Goldsboro, N. C., on Wednesday, October 8, 1958 at 8:00 o'clock, P. M.
Hon. Graham A. Barden, our Congressman, will be at the Rally. You are cordially invited to attend.

Ensign Ellis Brinson Vestal, USNR
Ensign Vestal reported to San Diego, California for active duty July 24 and is now aboard ship USS CACAPON based at Long Beach California, assigned to the Pacific Area. He is Assistant Executive officer and assistant communications officer.
Vestal is son of Ellis V. and Lorena B. Vestal of Kenansville, a graduate of the Kenansville High School in 1954. While in high school in Kenansville he was a member of Duplin County Champion Basketball Team of 1954, a former Boy Scout, 4-H Club member, High School Glee Club and F. F. A. He graduated from North Carolina State College in June of 1956 in Agricultural Economics (Farm Management).

Duplin Business Firms Hosts; Duplin C. D. Clubs Progress Reports Given

The Army in Warsaw on last Thursday night was a scene of about 350 people gathered together in the interest of Duplin's Community Development Program, their theme being "County Progress through Community Development by All Working Together". The objectives of the program are Increased Farm Income Converted To Improved Living.
Hosts for the occasion were Branch Banking & Trust Company Faison, Wallace, and Warsaw; Cooperative Savings and Loan Association Wallace; Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company, Beulaville, Kenansville and Rose Hill; Kenansville Production Credit Association, Kenansville. They served a delicious barbecue chicken supper, to the sponsors and agricultural workers.
The interest in the Community Clubs of the County was shown very vividly last Thursday night when each of the eleven clubs gave their progress reports. In the year 1958 when the annual dinner was observed there were only five clubs organized, this year there are eleven.
Duplin's organized communities are competing for 1300 in prize money offered under the county development program. These clubs will also represent Duplin in the SE-N.C. Development Association's Community Development Contest. The community judged the most outstanding in Duplin will compete with winners from other counties.
The group was welcomed by E. C. Thompson of Branch Banking and Trust Company which was responded to by Mrs. J. B. Stroud of the Kenola Community Club. Mr. Phillip Kretsch of Waccamaw

Bank and Trust Company of Kenansville presented the sponsors. All of the Agricultural workers were recognized but the highlight of the evening was the report given by each of the Community clubs. PLEASANT GROVE with Elmo Blizzard, President reported a Civil Defense program, a Garbage Disposal system and General Agricultural Reports.
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Helene Scares But Was Kind

Hurricane Helene proved to be less of a monster than she was heralded, leaving extensive minor damage but little major destruction, Red Cross surveys Sunday revealed.
Survey teams checking coastal and adjoining counties of the Carolinas from Charleston north to Elizabeth City report a total of only 3 dwelling destroyed, 54 major damage, but more than 3,000 with some degree of minor damage, mostly roof damage. High water damage or destroyed piers in several locations, and 10 public buildings mostly in beach areas, were badly damaged or destroyed and 45 have minor damage. Thirty farm buildings have some degree of damage, 10 are destroyed.
Hurricane Helene, with winds up to 125 miles per hour, forced evacuation of most beaches from Charleston to the Outer Banks. More than 9,000 refugees from beaches and low-lying areas flocked to 79 shelters and feeding stations set up by the Red Cross, with particularly heavy sheltering in the Southport, Wilmington and (slowly) county areas. Most shelter staffs included nurses or first aid rs. Red Cross nurses reported 8 persons hospitalized in Onslow and Craven counties; the toll of storm injured was light, not more than a dozen, records indicate.
At the height of the emergency the Red Cross had dispatched more than 40 disaster and field staff to the threatened communities to help chapters provide mass shelter, and food and nursing care for evacuees coming in from danger spots. A staff of caseworkers and building advisors are working with local chapters this week in family assistance.
Reports from Beach Property owners around Duplin County are that the damage was not too great but for loss of shingles damages to windows and screens. However some lost the entire roofs of their cottages.



CUTS PRICE - Henry Covington, right, State College extension Sweet Potato Specialist, points out to John Glover, Agriculture Engineer, how a small scratch on a sweet potato can result in the farmer getting a lower price for his potatoes. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)

Sweet Potato Price Lowered By Scratches

by Paul Barwick
It's sweet potato digging time once again.
Farmers throughout Eastern North Carolina are beginning to make plans to harvest their sweet potato crop and send it to market or store it for home use. The important thing now is to get the crop in before a killing frost comes one night and hits the sweet potato crop a severe blow.
Henry Covington, N. C. State College Sweet Potato specialist, says that farmers should keep in mind that sweet potatoes never mature and that they should be dug when there is the highest percentage of U. S. No. 1 potatoes in the field.
In order to determine this, it is best to take representative samples at several places in the field before beginning digging. "It usually takes about four and one-half months for the sweet potatoes to reach a U. S. No. 1 size," Covington said.
At a demonstration at Magnolia, he pointed out that it is absolutely wrong for farmers to "help row" sweet potatoes when harvesting. Any bruise will show up and the market price will be decreased. He also stressed the importance of having a full pack in order to keep the potatoes from rubbing each other in transit to market.
"When you harvest sweet potatoes you should wear gloves and place each potato in the basket — not throw it or drop it in the basket Covington said. "Finger nail scratches will show up and down go the prices."
Farmers who are growing sweet potatoes for market should

Mrs. Johnson Urges Women of Duplin Attend Hospital Auxiliary Meet

The Auxiliary of Duplin General Hospital recently had its first fall call meeting for the purpose of appointing committees and making plans for the year's work.

The general meeting has been called for October 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Educational Building in Kenansville Baptist Church. Every woman in Duplin County is a potential member and is urged to attend this meeting, at which time projects for the coming year will be adopted and further officers appointed.
Mrs. Hugh Johnson of Rose Hill has been elected president for the coming year and urges each woman in the county to come out to the October 10 meeting.

Briefs

Youth For Christ Rally
A Youth For Christ rally will be held on Saturday night, October 4 at 7:30 P. M. at the Sactra Free Will Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited.
Runner-up In Contest
Melvin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Williams of near Pink Hill, was runner-up in the News and Observer High School writing contest and his story will appear in the News and Observer, Sunday issue. Melvin is a Junior in the B. F. Grady High School.

HALLSVILLE HOMECOMING
Homecoming will be held at Hallsville Presbyterian Church, Sunday, October 5.
Rev. Samuel Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Thomas of route 2 Pink Hill, will be guest speaker.
Mr. Gene Davis, supply minister for Grove and Hallsville Presbyterian Church, will attend. (continued on back)

Mrs. Teachey Elected President New H. D. Club

A new Home Demonstration Club has been organized in Albertson Township. Twenty-three members met for the first meeting held in the club building, to discuss Home Demonstration Club work. It was pointed out that the leaders of the clubs would be responsible for six remonstrations during the year and the County Agents for six. Mrs. Graham Teachey was elected president, Mrs. Faison Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Ambrose Smith, secretary and Mrs. M. B. Holt, treasurer. The club will meet each Tuesday after the first Sunday every month.

Dr. B. Frank Hall Speaker At Warsaw

Dr. Frank Hall of Pearall Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, spoke to the Warsaw Rotary club on the subject "The Great Problem Facing The American People Today". He stated there must be a recognition of our interdependence with people of all nationalities and races and with this in mind we must: (1) be apostles of basic American Freedom which is the right of every man to express his convictions, (2) maintain lines of communication even with those we oppose, (3) re-assert in our own minds

the orderly process of law. The Club met on Thursday, September 25, with president J. J. Armstrong presiding. There were 25 members present. Latch Bet-hume of Clinton, Walter Bray of Kingston, Bill Patterson and S. M. Davis of Mt. Olive and Judge Grady Mercer of Kenansville were guest of the club for the day.
Birthday gifts were presented to Bill Sheffield and Avon Sharp and anniversary gifts to Ed Strickland. Finn Lee was welcomed back to the club after a leave of absence.

TIMES SPORTS By Joe Costin

Bill Taylor's Tigers Travel To Burgaw Friday Night Wallace-Rose Hill Downs James Kenan, 19-0

The Bulldogs of Wallace-Rose Hill defeated the James Kenan Tigers 19-0 last Friday night in a non-conference game. The Bulldogs are members of the Coastal Plain Class A-A-C Conference. Wallace - Rose Hill plays the Dunn Green Waves this Friday night in Dunn.
Coach Bill Taylor's fighting and determined Tigers fought an extremely excellent Bulldog team on even terms most of the first half last Friday night before bowing to the undefeated Bulldogs. Wallace - Rose Hill was only able to muster two drives and short ones at that in the first half with the Tigers stopping one of them on the 20 deep in Kenan territory. In the first quarter the Bulldogs were forced to kick on Kenan's 48-yard line. The ball traveled down to about the Tiger eight where it was fumbled and Big Mac Horrell punted on it. Two plays later Quarterback Leroy Maready sneaked it over for the score. Horrell's kick was wide and Wallace - Rose Hill lead at the quarter 6-0. Late in the same pe-



"Biggun" looks good in James Kenan defeat. Shannon Brown, a steady demon on defense for the Tigers in the loss to Wallace - Rose Hill 19 - 0 in last Friday nights game.
riod the Tigers fighting desperate to get back the tally marched deep into Bulldog territory but the big Wallace - Rose Hill line stopped the drive short of a TD.
About the middle of the second quarter Fullback Roy Cavanaugh raced around his own right end 45-yards to score but a penalty nullified the score and the Bulldogs lead at half time. Continued on back

Chinquapin P. T. A. Meets Monday

The Chinquapin Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the School Auditorium on Monday evening, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. H. W. Colwell of Wallace has been invited to speak to the group on Civil Defense. All parents are urged to be present.