

# State Supreme Court Rules In Favor of Beaufort Mother

The State Supreme Court ruled Wednesday in favor of Mrs. John James, Beaufort, who sought custody of her 16-year-old twins, Carolyn Ann and Robert Joel Pretlow.

The court said that Mrs. Carolyn Pretlow James should have custody of the children but that they should be allowed to remain with Mrs. Ruth Raines Pretlow to finish the current school year at Wilmington's New Hanover High School.

The mother and the twins' father, James Paddison Pretlow, were divorced in April 1944. Following the divorce, the mother married John James Jr., now a Beaufort lawyer, and Pretlow married Ruth Raines.

Pretlow was killed in an automobile wreck last Aug. 16. During the last few years of his life, the custody of the twins had been divided between their parents.

Last Aug. 12, four days before Pretlow's death, the father, the twins' mother and their stepfather agreed the children should live with their father and stepmother during the 1954-55 school year.

After the father's death, however, the question of custody came before the courts.

In Carteret Superior Court last August, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn was told that the twins loved their mother and stepmother equally but wanted to live with their stepmother so that they could complete their studies at New Hanover High.

The judge awarded custody to the stepmother with the stipulation that the children should be permitted to visit their mother, Mrs. James, in Beaufort on weekends and during vacation periods. The mother appealed.

Associate Justice R. Hunt Parker, author of the Supreme Court opinion, wrote the law was on the mother's side.

"Courts should never lightly disregard the legal rights of parents, or a surviving parent," he said, "nor should their natural and emotional ties with their children be overlooked."

"The wishes of a child of sufficient age to exercise discretion in choosing a custodian is entitled to considerable weight when a contest is between parents, but it is not controlling. Where the contest is between a parent and one not connected by blood to the

child, the desire of the child will not ordinarily prevail over the natural right of the parent, unless essential to the child's welfare."

He pointed out that since the current school year is almost over, the children should not be required to move now. The section of Judge Burgwyn's order granting the stepmother custody for the 1954-55 school year, therefore, was affirmed.

The remainder of the order was modified by striking out the section awarding her custody beyond the school year.

## Virginians Play Today at Lejeune

Baseball fans of this area have an opportunity of seeing a Class Triple A ballclub in action today and tomorrow at Camp Lejeune as the Richmond Virginians of the International League finish off their spring training with games against the Marines today and tomorrow.

The International League opens next Tuesday and the Virginians will be going through their final paces, preparatory to opening against Montreal.

Among former big leaguers to be seen in action with the Virginians are Ken Heintzelman, Bill Voiselle, Ebba St. Claire, Bob Habenicht, Jack Thompson, Vern Bickford, Irv Medlinger, Damon Phillips, Ken Chapman, Mary Rackley, Dick Starr, Neal Watlington, Tommy Fine, Mario Picone, and Ken Wood.

Manager of the Virginians is Luke Appling, former all-star shortstop of the Chicago White Sox.

## Scoutmaster Speaks To Rotary Club Tuesday

Scoutmaster Charles Hassell gave the annual report on the Boy Scouts at the meeting of the Beaufort Rotary Club Tuesday night at the Inlet Inn.

All phases of Scouting were covered in the report by Scoutmaster Hassell. New committees for the Scouts for the coming year were appointed.

## Judge Orders Driver to Pay \$100 Fine, Costs

Ralph Coleman Steele was fined \$100 and costs when he pleaded guilty to driving drunk, hit and run and doing property damage in the amount of \$16. He appeared before Judge L. R. Morris in County Recorder's Court Tuesday morning.

Fines and costs were levied against the following for speeding: William Ransom Alphin, \$100; Harold Albert Gregory, \$10; William Washington O'Steen, \$50; Richard M. McGuire, \$25; James Fritz, \$35; Richard Gary Burger, \$10 and Ronald E. Nail, \$10.

Grayson Crews Collins was fined \$100 and costs when he was found guilty of careless and reckless driving, and for the same offense Grover Clyde Faulk was fined \$50 and costs in lieu of a 60-day road sentence.

Costs Paid  
Costs were assessed in the following cases: J. J. Griffin, malicious prosecution; John Thomas Cozzens, careless and reckless driving, and Makenly Gordon Salter, speeding and having an improper muffler.

Half costs were assessed in the following cases: Midge Norman Jackson charged with having expired Texas plates; and William W. Ashworth found guilty of improper registration.

The following forfeited bonds: James Laughinghouse, charged with no operator's license, and Kendall Price Hatch, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign.

Cases Dismissed  
Cases against the following were dismissed: Jack Rogers Davis, charged with driving drunk, and Charles L. West, charged with failing to comply with a court order.

The charge against Carlton C. Covert, of failure to comply with a court order, was left open for future prosecution.

Cases were continued against the following: William Clifton Rose, George Williamson, Edmund Plymouth Smith, Donald Kibler, Ned Nighines, Helen Marie Brady, William L. Brady and Frank White Prince.

## Dune at Ocracoke Was Scene of Sunrise Service

Sunrise service at Ocracoke was inspiring and beautiful. Meeting at the Methodist Church at 5:15 a.m. a good-sized group of people drove out to the further sand dune near the Atlantic Beach, where a cross had been erected.

Gathering around the cross, the group waited for the morning sun to rise out of the beautiful blue ocean. It was a perfect morning and a perfect sunrise.

The Rev. W. R. Hale and The Rev. Walter Whitaker led in prayer and testimony. Familiar hymns were sung by members of the choir and congregations of the Methodist Church and the Assembly of God Church.

## Norfolk Firm Bids Low On Loading Ramp Job

Norfolk, Va.—The Navy announced today that McLean Contracting Co. of Norfolk was low bidder at \$396,500 on constructing fleet facilities at Morehead City.

Engineering plans and specifications were drawn by L. E. Wooten and Co. of Raleigh.

The facilities, which will service Marine Corps units at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, will include the erection of loading ramps for Naval landing craft (LSTs) on the island between Beaufort and Morehead City.

The entire project will cost an estimated \$710,000.

## Newsman First Adult Degree Winner at Wichita

Wichita, Kas. (AP)—The first student to complete degree requirements in Wichita University's college of adult education was a veteran newsman—Ernest A. Warden.

He's been majoring in economics and minoring in Journalism while attending night classes since 1947. Meantime, he covered regular runs and wrote features for The Wichita Beacon, won repeated election as Justice of the Peace, wrote four books on crime and divorce, and did free-lance writing.

Work for his AB degree started with 41 hours of credit at Columbia University, New York City, in 1922-24.

No Court Tuesday  
There was no session of Beaufort Recorder's Court this week because Judge Earl Mason was in Florida.

Meetings Cancelled  
The Newport Rotary Club and the County Medical Society did not meet Monday night because of the Easter Monday holiday.

## New Color Comics Appear Today

Today's paper carries the first of the new color comics featuring the popular favorites of young and old — Popeye, The Katzenjammer Kids, Mickey Mouse, Uncle Remus, Maggie and Jiggs, Blondie, Flash Gordon, The Lone Ranger and Henry.

THE NEWS-TIMES welcomes this opportunity, in accordance with its continuing policy, to bring readers nothing but the best.

## Chamber Manager Sends Pledge Cards Out

J. A. DuBois, manager of the Sea Level Chamber of Commerce, in a letter this week pointed out that the new chamber of commerce year starts today, April 15.

Enclosed in the letter was a pledge card which Mr. DuBois requested be signed and returned as soon as possible so that new directors will know how to plan their budget for 1955-56.

The letter points out that contributions to the chamber are considered a business expense and therefore are income tax deductible.

## Port Calendar

Marine Dow-Chem — Left today for Freeport, Texas, with a cargo of glycol.

Esso Everett—Will arrive here Monday night or Tuesday morning from Baton Rouge, La., with a cargo of gasoline.

## RUPTURE-EASER



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April 12 — There were around 100 attending the annual sunrise service at the Sound View Free Will Baptist Church Sunday morning. The choir sang two beautiful anthems entitled "Before the Dawn" and "Easter Dawn." The pastor, the Rev. C. B. Hansley, delivered the message.

Among the visitors at the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Slaughter, Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Farmer Jr., Snow Hill, Miss Claudette Slaughter, Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Max Loulies, Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Slaughter, Newport.

The Rev. C. B. Hansley and family spent the day with Mr. Guy

Garner and family of Newport Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Farmer Jr. spent last weekend with his mother, Mrs. Juanita Farmer. Miss Ada Pickett of Tabor City is visiting Mrs. Minnie Elliot and son, Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Page visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Page Sunday.

Those of the community who are on the sick list are Mr. Herbert Page, Mr. Clifton Ward, and Mrs. Lester Hall. We all wish them a speedy recovery.

Miss Kay Slaughter, Mrs. Wayne West, Mr. Douglas Elliot, and Mrs. Amphie Lewis, visited Mrs. Lester Hall Saturday afternoon.

The Junior League Class had a league social at Miss Evelyn West's home Saturday afternoon. The Men's Brotherhood met at the church last Friday night.

Mr. Leonard Parker, Mr. Dewitt Page, Mr. Allen Hewitt, Miss Inez Slaughter, Miss Christine Slaugh-

ter, and Miss Kay Slaughter spent Sunday afternoon together. There was a good attendance at the pre-Easter Prayer Services at Sound View Church last week. Those leading the services were Mrs. Mildred Hanley, Mrs. Dot West, Mrs. Pauline Snipes, Mrs. Amphie Lewis, and Mrs. Geraldine Lewis.

Youth Meeting  
The Sound View Youth Auxiliary met at the church last Monday night. The meeting was called to order by the president, Kay Slaughter. The group sang, "Do Lord" and "The Fire Song."

Scripture was read from Romans by Kay Slaughter and prayer was led by Douglas Elliot. The theme for the program was, "That we might live unto Christ as Missionaries." Dewitt Page, Lois Taylor, Douglas Elliot, and Brenda Long, read topics that pertained to the theme.

There were 12 members present with \$2.25 collection. Miss Gracie Martin was a visitor.

## Shots

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who will give the shots. Volunteers from PTA's will assist. The county health department states that a child who has had polio is not necessarily immune. There are several strains of polio and a child who has been ill with one type may be susceptible to others. The vaccine provides protection against all types.

The report given by Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. at the University of Michigan Tuesday said the vaccine is 89 to 90 per cent effective. This means that in MOST cases, it prevents polio. Dr. Salk expressed the belief that further research will make it 100 per cent effective.

An announcement from Dr. Luther Fulcher, county health officer, stating whether two or three shots will be given in Carteret schools this spring, is expected next week.

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	Pint — Reg. 59c Rexall <b>Petro Fol</b> - - - - - 2 for 60c	Pint — Reg. 79c <b>Mouth Wash</b> - - - - - 2 for 80c
	6 oz. — Reg. 75c Rexall <b>Hygenic Powder</b> - - - - 2 for 76c	Ass. Colors — Reg. \$1.50 <b>Ladies' Print Scuffs</b> - - 2 prs. \$1.51
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	Rubber, Safe Colors — Reg. 49c <b>Child's Squeeze Toys</b> - - 2 for 50c	Men's and Ladies' Reg. \$1.00 <b>Plastic Billfolds</b> - - - - 2 for \$1.01
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