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Drainage District Suits Referred With May Settlement a Possibility

After more than an hour of arguments between opposing attorneys four suits brought by Jones County Drainage District No. 1 were referred to New Bern Attorney Lawrence Stith who was asked to bend every effort to complete his recommendations to the May term of Jones County Superior Court.

The suits are for assessments due against the lands of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Emerson (\$377.80), Mrs. Della Zimmerman Proctor (\$657.22), Lynn C. Ferrell (335.08) and Mr. and Mrs. Mallard Waller (\$263.98).

The matter has been pending since August 1953 and Greenville Attorney Frank M. Wooten insisted that the defendants had failed to exercise their right to complain when they were given notice of these assessments and, hence, now "had no day in court".

Naturally, the battery of lawyers representing these defendants took an opposite view. They included John G. Dawson, George B. Greene, Jesse A. Jones and W. A. Allen Jr., all of Kinston.

Presiding Judge J. Paul Frizzelle taking into consideration the bulky documentation connected with the litigation accepted the defense view that the cases were perfect for referral.

Wooten's objection to referral were based upon the basis of further delaying the matter and paying the principal and interest on the bonds of the district which are now in default.

When Judge Frizzelle reminded that even if the cases were heard at this January term it would be impossible to get them before the Supreme Court before its fall term, so that delaying the matter to Referee Stith would not actually be a delay, since the Judge declared that it seems fairly obvious that the case is bound to go to the Supreme Court, no matter which way it is decided in Superior

Little Accomplished in Special Jones County Court Term

When the principal reason for a special term of Jones County Superior Court was delayed until May the net results of this scheduled week of court included two compromise settlements of suits brought to break wills which involved property in the county.

A suit brought by sisters of the late Taft Pollock who had willed his property to his widow ended with the property remaining in the hands of his widow and attorneys for the caveators receiving \$500 fees.

In the other matter lands of the late John M. Dixon which had been willed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton Bynum of Kinston (Mrs. Bynum was a niece) remained in exactly that status although the suit brought by numerous other relatives sought to take the farm from the Bynums and distribute it among the caveators. The farm is in the Pleasant Hill section and includes some 147 acres of cleared and wooded land.

Otis Banks Named Sudan Potentate

Eastern North Carolina Shriners elected Otis M. Banks potentate of Sudan Temple Thursday, and he became the first native New Bernian ever to head the 41 year-old temple there. He succeeds Dr. Ralph L. Fike of Wilson.

Banks, now a resident of Cary, is executive secretary of the State Highway Employees Association.

More than half the temple's 6,400

Court.

The reference to Attorney Stith was classified as compulsory, which retains for each side the right of appeal, whereas under a consent reference right to appeal would be vacated.

Maysville Methodists Plan Revival Services for March

The Official Board of the Methodist Church met on Sunday evening after the service to plan for the revival to be held in March, as a part of the Conference Evangelistic Mission of the North Carolina Conference.

The pastor, R. F. Moore, proposed a plan of organization and visitation that will enlist every officer of the church, and acquaint every member with the program.

Stewards will visit every home for a session of Bible reading and prayer prior to the revival.

The Rev. K. J. Wilson, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, Durham, has already been secured as evangelist.

Other business of the board concerned improvements to the church plant, the installation of floodlights donated by the MYF, and a definite decision to begin raising funds for the new educational unit.

Japanese Couple to Speak Sunday Before Trenton Methodists

The Methodist Church is very fortunate to have as guest speakers this Sunday, January 26th, the Rev. and Mrs. Isaya Tanaka. The Reverend Tanaka is an ordained

minister of the N. C. Conference and will speak at the morning worship service.

Mrs. Tanaka will wear her native dress of Japan during Sunday School and talk and sing to the children, and during the church service, she will render a solo in Japanese, "The 23rd Psalm".

Following the service, all are invited to bring a covered dish and have lunch in the assembly hall. Visitors are very welcome both to the service and to the lunch.

Jones Central To Host New Coastal Plains Tournament

Jones Central High School will play host to three schools for a basketball tournament of the new Coastal Plains Conference District II (AA) Composed of Jones Central Morehead City, Pamlico County, and Wallace-Rose Hill.

Mr. J. W. Allen, principal of Jones Central High School and newly elected president of the conference, has announced that the four-team tournament for the boys teams will be held the last week in February. The winner will enter

Trenton All-Stars Lose to New Bern But Have Good Time

At the All-Star game in New Bern last week, Trenton was defeated by a score of 40-29, but the game was enjoyed by spectators from New Bern and Trenton.

High scorer from Trenton was Dorothy Jones, and other points made in the game were by Nell Meadows with 2; Marie Mercer with 5; Betty Bell with 4; Bobbie Rouse with 4. Leading guards were Macy Mallard, Lottie Carroll, Doris Spivey with Marie Thomas and Doris Wright as substitutes.

The all-stars will play the sewing room from New Bern Monday, January 27th at the recreation building in New Bern at 7:30.

Fire Chief Note

The Trenton Fire Department wishes to announce that any property owner who has vacant lots that are fire hazards and need to be burned off, in Trenton, should contact Fire Chief Thomas Stille. Stille will make arrangements to have them burned before the spring months.

membership were in attendance Thursday at the annual business meeting, opening of the new temple addition, and initiation of new Shriners.

Other officers elected were Clyde G. McAuley, Rocky Mount, chief rabban; Otis G. Sawyer, Durham, assistant rabban; Horace T. King, Wilmington, high priest and prophet; W. A. Prince, Goldsboro, oriental guide; I. V. Stephens, New Bern, treasurer; and Lester H. Gillikin, New Bern, recorder.

Wallace Resigns

Kinston Attorney Fitzhugh Wallace has tendered his resignation as North Carolina Counsel for the United States Brewers Foundation effective February 28, 1958. Wallace, has served in that capacity for the past eight years. He gave his principal reason for resigning the increased demands of both travel and time which this work was forcing upon him.

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Negro Marine Lenoir's First 1958 Highway Fatality

Lenoir County's first highway fatality of 1958 came at 2:10 a. m. last Saturday morning, January 18, 14 miles south of Kinston on US 258 when a 1956 Ford travelling southwardly at an apparent high rate of speed went out of control on the curve entering the Jones-town community skidded 139 yards, clipped off a utilities pole, rolled over four times and pinned Corporal Nathaniel Catledge of Camp Lejeune under the roof of the up-turned car.

Sgt. Clarence Hudson, owner and driver of the car, was indicted by Investigating Patrolman S. H. Newman on charges of manslaughter and reckless driving.

Other passengers in the car included Reginald Black with a broken back, Robert Taylor with a broken thigh bone and Andrew J. Williams with bruises and abra-

sions. Hudson suffered chest injuries and other bruises and minor abrasions.

The five men, all negro marines, were returning to Camp Lejeune from a visit to Wilson when the car left the road on its right side, traveled for some distance before coming back to the paved road, where it began a flat skid that lasted 139 yards and until it clipped off the utilities pole.

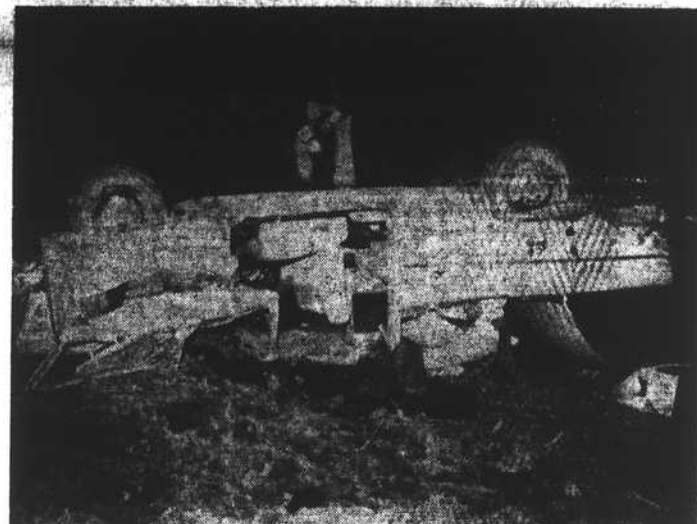
Hudson said he was blinded by lights of an oncoming car, causing him to run off the road and he repeatedly insisted that he was driving between 50 and 55 miles per hour.

Catledge was killed instantly by massive head and chest injuries. The first highway death of 1957 took place on January 20th, two days later than this 1958 first auto fatality for Lenoir County.



Above an ambulance attendant and Highway Patrolman, S. H. Newman lift the mangled body of Corporal Nathaniel Catledge onto

a stretcher shortly after his death in an accident at 2:10 a. m. Saturday in the Jonestown Community south of Kinston on the Richlands Highway.



Above a wrecking truck attendant attaches a cable to the car in which Lenoir County's first highway fatality of 1958 was riding

shortly before his death. The dead man's body is under the car as pictured above, and could not be removed until after the car had been pulled away.



This picture shows the splintered utilities pole which was struck by the death car after it had skidded

out of control for 139 yards. The car continued for another 35 yards after clipping off the pole to where it is shown in the other picture.

is now composed of four teams but it hopes to attract several other schools of comparative size.

The basketball tournament to be held in February brings several

teams with excellent season records. Wallace-Rose Hill has not been defeated this season and Jones Central has lost only one game.