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Hertford Man Sues Standard Oil Of N. J.

John Pitt Seeks \$100,000 Damages For Injuries

TWO SUITS

Transferred From Hertford to United States District Court

John Pitt, of Hertford, has instituted damage suits against the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, for one hundred thousand dollars, one suit for fifty thousand for actual damages alleged to have been sustained when the plaintiff operated a service station in Hertford and handled the Standard Oil Company's products exclusively, and one for fifty thousand for punitive damages.

The suits which were at first instituted in Perquimans Superior Court, were shortly thereafter transferred to the United States District Court at Elizabeth City.

The complaints allege that Mr. Pitt lost the use of his arms and legs and "has become practically totally and permanently blind in one eye," and that the other eye has been impaired; that he has been rendered incapable of doing any type of work because of injuries resulting from handling the Company's products. Lead derivatives in the Company's products, listed as Esso, Esolene and others, resulted in lead poisoning, the complaints allege.

It is charged that the Standard Oil Company had exclusive knowledge of the dangers of its products and did not instruct Mr. Pitt in the careful handling necessary for protection against injury.

Governor Ehringhaus Greeted In Hertford

The Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of North Carolina, and distinguished son of the Albemarle, who was in Hertford on Wednesday, was very cordially greeted by many of his old friends who in former years were more or less closely associated with the Governor when he practiced law in Elizabeth City and was a frequent visitor to Hertford. Attorney Ehringhaus generally appeared at every term of Perquimans Superior Court in the old days, and always when any case of particular importance was taken up.

The Governor was a witness Wednesday in a hearing from Carteret County held here before Attorney J. D. Grimes, of Washington, N. C., Referee, at which hearing a number of out-of-town lawyers were present.

Methodist Ladies Plan Unique Supper

Something unique in the way of church suppers is the one being given on Thursday night of next week by the ladies of the Della Shamburger Missionary Society of the Hertford M. E. Church. The supper, which is a chicken salad plate, will be delivered anywhere in town from the home of Mrs. Charlie Skinner. The ladies figure that as Thursday night is cook's night off in most of the homes of the town, there will be considerable calls for suppers to be delivered.

MRS. J. L. LEGGETT SPENDS SEVERAL DAYS AT HOME

Mrs. J. L. Leggett, who is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Ursula Carter, at Pentress, Va., was at home for several days recently, returning to Pentress this week. Mrs. Leggett's son, Lanier Leggett, of Elizabeth City, spent Sunday here with his mother.

Mrs. Leggett plans to return to Hertford and open her house some time in the early spring.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. C. O. White, who lives near Hertford on the Burgess road, returned Monday from a three-weeks' stay at the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where she underwent an operation. Mrs. White's condition is reported as satisfactory.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kornegay, at their home at Burgaw, on Saturday, January 15, 1936, a daughter. Mrs. Kornegay was the former Miss Ruth Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Winslow, of Hertford.

Perquimans Girls Take Second Game From E. City Team

With a score more than double that of their opponents, the girls' basketball team of the Perquimans High School took their second game from Elizabeth City on the local court on Tuesday night, the final score being 62 to 30.

In the first half the line-up was as follows: Forwards, Blanche Chappell, Margaret Tadlock and Elizabeth Trueblood; guards, Syble Lamb, Louise Delaney and Sara Ward. These played a good game but were outclassed.

In the last minute of the first quarter the score was 14 to 6 for Elizabeth City. At this time the line-up was changed to the regular team, minus Prue Newby, and the game really started.

Edith Everett was changed from her position as guard to that of forward and played a wonderful game.

Although Perquimans took the lead and kept it in the second and third quarters, the score was still too close for comfort, being 26 to 23 for Perquimans.

In the last minute of the third quarter Prue Newby, who has been out of practice for more than a week with a sprained back, went in for Everett, who took Lamb's place as guard. In the last nine minutes of the game Newby scored 26 points and the game was over.

Newby was high scorer, with 26 points to her credit, and Nowell was second, with 16 points.

These scores were made possible by the wonderful floor work and co-operation of Mabel Spivey and the guards.

A fair crowd of fans witnessed the game.

In the game between Elizabeth City and P. C. H. S. boys which followed the girls' game, the Elizabeth City boys were victorious, the score being 13 to 23.

Durants Neck Club Meets At New Hope

The Durants Neck Woman's Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Gregory in New Hope, with eight members present.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson was appointed food leader, and Mrs. L. R. Webb, garden leader.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, home agent, distributed various recipes and meal planning guides, and made a very interesting and helpful talk on "An Adequate Food Supply." She also gave the history of coffee and showed the coffee bean in its various stages as she explained and demonstrated the art of coffee-making.

Delicious refreshments, with the coffee, were served by the hostess. Those present were: Mrs. L. R. Webb, Mrs. Earl Perry, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Mrs. T. A. Hurdle, Mrs. C. E. Sutton, Mrs. J. H. Gregory, Miss Gladys Hamrick and Miss Rebecca Webb.

Ray Perry Breaks Arm Riding Horse

Ray, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Perry, had the misfortune to break an arm when he fell off a horse he was riding at the home of his parents on Monday. Ray was brought to Hertford, where the injured arm received attention, and his condition is reported as satisfactory.

Dr. T. A. Cox Receives Letter From President

Dr. T. A. Cox, who sent a congratulatory wire to President Roosevelt upon the occasion of his message to Congress, was much gratified to receive a personal acknowledgment from the President last week. Dr. Cox is a great admirer of President Roosevelt and he treasures the letter which expressed appreciation of Dr. Cox's words of approval.

MISS EVANS IN HOSPITAL

Miss Esther Evans, English teacher in the Perquimans High School, is a patient at the Protestant Hospital, in Norfolk, Va., where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Miss Evans' condition is reported as satisfactory.

Mrs. W. H. Pitt, a former teacher in the high school, is teaching for Miss Evans during her illness.

FARMERS HOPING GET SUBSTITUTE FOR A A A PLAN

L. W. Anderson Keeps In Close Touch With Situation

ANXIOUS

Leaders Concentrate on Plan of Major Crop Control

There seems to be little doubt but that some simplified but more or less ambitious farm measure will pass Congress at this season. Farm leaders throughout the country are concentrating on some immediate plan to provide for government control of major crops.

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent, who has kept in close touch with the situation through the Extension Department of State College and other sources since the collapse of the AAA program, stated this week that he felt reasonably certain that there would be a crop control system in operation in time to permit of cotton and peanuts being included in the program for this year, but that there was little hope that potatoes could be included, as planting time is so close.

A great many of the farmers of Perquimans, said Mr. Anderson, have asked him for information on the subject and have expressed the hope that a crop control program will be put into effect in time for this year's planting.

Four days after the Supreme Court announced the AAA unconstitutional more than a hundred farm leaders from various parts of the country assembled at Washington and conferred with Secretary Wallace. The administration had no monopoly on plans, however, as farm organization in many parts of the country throughout the Nation had suggestions for workable plans.

That the new plan will embrace the soil conservation idea and will be worked in connection therewith, is generally believed, although no definite plan has been made public as yet. A bill which is being prepared will probably be introduced in Congress within the next few days.

Former Resident Buys Dry Cleaning Plant

Mrs. Lena Gregory, former Hertford resident, who for the past year has been living in Norfolk, Va., has moved back to Hertford and has purchased the dry cleaning establishment formerly operated by Cecil Winslow.

The new business, with which will be associated Mrs. Gregory's two sons, Tim and Noah, will be under the personal management of Mrs. Gregory and will be known as Gregory's Cleaning Works.

The family has rented apartments in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buck, on Church Street.

Morgan Buying New Furniture

More and finer furniture will make its appearance shortly in the store of W. M. Morgan as a result of the visit of Mr. Morgan and L. L. Winslow to the High Point Furniture Exhibition this week.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Winslow spent several days this week at the semi-annual affair at High Point, and will return the latter part of the week. Mr. Morgan stated before leaving that he expected to replenish his stock while in High Point, shipment of his purchases to be made immediately.

Unemployed Urged Register On Fridays

A representative from the Edenton district, of the N. C. State Employment Service, will be in the Court House at Hertford, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M., on Friday, of each week, until further notice for the taking of registrations and looking after other business of the Employment Service. All unemployed residents of Perquimans County should see this representative at the above designated time and place.

HEYWOOD BUTLER BETTER

Heywood Butler, who underwent an operation at a Norfolk hospital on Thursday morning, is convalescing satisfactorily. Mr. Butler's father, the Rev. A. A. Butler, spent several days in Norfolk, Va., following the operation.

QUARTERLY MEET OF CLUB WOMEN NEXT SATURDAY

Raleigh Nutritionist Be Special Speaker For Occasion

AT 10:30 O'CLOCK

Meeting Expected to Attract Many to Community House

Miss Sallie Brooks, of Raleigh, Assistant Nutritionist, who is connected with the Extension Department of State College, will be the special guest speaker at the regular quarterly meeting of the Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs to be held in Hertford on Saturday.

The meeting will convene at 10:30 o'clock at the Community House, with Mrs. M. T. Griffin, of Bethel, Federation president, presiding.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon, of Hertford, who is chairman of the national organization of Better Homes in America, will make the address of welcome, after the devotional exercises which will be conducted by the women of the Whiteston Home Demonstration Club.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, will introduce the speaker, Miss Brooks, who will have a message of special interest to the women on this occasion. Miss Brooks has had a great deal of experience in home demonstration work and is prepared to impart information which will be of help to home makers.

A special feature of the meeting will be community singing under the lead of Miss Kate M. Blanchard.

The meeting will conclude with lunch, which will be carried by the women attending the meeting, and which will be served buffet style.

These meetings have been well attended in the past and have been occasions of great pleasure. It is the aim of Miss Hamrick and of the leaders of the various clubs throughout the county to have a fuller attendance than ever before, and all club women, and any others interested, will be given a very cordial welcome.

Beech Spring Club Holds Regular Meet

The Woman's Club of Beech Spring community held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday at the Beech Spring school building with three members present. Two new members were added to the roll and one visitor was present.

Miss Gladys Hamrick demonstration agent, gave out several pamphlets on coffee.

Garden and food leaders were appointed for this year: Mrs. D. J. Rogerson was appointed garden leader, and Mrs. A. E. Layden, food leader.

The refreshment committee, Mrs. Beecher Stallings and Mrs. A. E. Layden, served delicious sandwiches and coffee.

The demonstration for next month will be nice cooking, and the meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, with Mrs. Claude Perry.

Those present were: Mesdames W. O. Hunter, J. F. Winslow, J. A. Madre, A. E. Layden, Beecher Stallings, Vernon Winslow, Tom Madre, Claude Perry, D. J. Rogerson and Jarvis Forehand; Misses Callie Stallings, Stella Rogerson, and Mary Davis; and Mrs. T. W. Nixon.

Harry McMullan Born In Hertford

The friends of Harry McMullan, whose appointment as Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina, was announced in Monday's daily papers, were somewhat chagrined that Mr. McMullan's birthplace was given as Hertford County. The error arose, of course, from the fact that Mr. McMullan's birthplace was the Town of Hertford. That the Town of Hertford is not the county seat of Hertford County obviously is confusing to many persons in the State.

Harry McMullan, a son of the late Dr. J. H. and Mrs. McMullan, was born in Hertford, Perquimans County.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Withrow, at the Protestant Hospital, in Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday, January 21, a daughter. Mrs. Withrow was the former Miss Minnie Mac Newbold, of Hertford.

Walter Edwards Acts As Court's Prosecutor

ROTARY DISTRICT MEET MAY 19-20

Approximately 1000 Rotarians and Wives From 50 Clubs in State Expected to Attend

Hertford Rotarians are informed that plans are well under way for the annual conference of the 57th District of Rotary International to be held in Winston-Salem on May 19 and 20, when approximately a thousand Rotarians and their wives from the fifty clubs in the district are expected to attend the two-day gathering.

Cleveland Thayer, District Governor, of Asheville, will preside over the sessions. Charles J. Phillips, of Greensboro, will be in charge of the program, which is described as "different, interesting and entertaining." The convention last year was held in Raleigh.

J. C. Blanchard Lucky To Escape Injury In Recent Wind Storm

J. C. Blanchard, prominent Hertford merchant, probably missed more narrowly than did any one else in this vicinity serious bodily harm in the severe wind storm which struck Hertford on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Blanchard backed his car from the garage of his home on Front Street at the moment that a huge limb from an old elm fell against a telephone pole, both the tree limb and the pole crashing to the ground within a few inches of the car.

Nobody was hurt in Perquimans, so far as has been learned, but roofs were torn from barns, big trees were uprooted and limbs of trees were twisted off.

The pleasure boat owned by the J. C. Blanchard family, which was moored back of the home, was blown across the river and sunk, and other small craft on the shore was blown from their moorings.

The wind, which rose in the early afternoon, followed a heavy rain in the morning, and continued until nightfall, when the mercury fell with surprising rapidity, dropping to 26 before Monday morning.

Ladies' Aid Society Of Meadow Grove Meets

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Meadow Grove Christian Church met on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe White. The president, Mrs. S. G. Chappell, called the meeting to order, and "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung. After the Scripture reading, prayer was offered by Mrs. J. R. Chappell. Mrs. Joe White and Mrs. I. D. Chappell gave appropriate New Year's readings. New officers for the year were elected.

The secretary gave a full report of last year's work, and it met with hearty approval from the members. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. I. Chappell.

The hostess served ambrosia and cake to the following: Mrs. J. R. Chappell, Mrs. W. P. Chappell, Mrs. Ida Edwards, Mrs. J. I. Chappell, Mrs. T. D. Chappell, Mrs. S. G. Chappell and Miss Gladys Chappell.

Baptist Ladies Have Silver Tea Program

The silver tea given at the home of Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood on Friday afternoon by the ladies of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church was a very delightful affair and was well attended.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson rendered several beautiful piano selections and also sang two numbers. Mrs. H. C. Stokes and Mrs. W. E. White entertained with humorous readings.

Sandwiches, wafers and tea, followed by mints, were served by a group of young girls.

U. D. C. Honor Lee And Jackson

There was an interesting meeting of the Skinner-Jones Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. M. Riddick, with Mrs. Riddick and Mrs. C. V. Williford as joint hostesses.

A Lee and Jackson program was the feature of the meeting, with all the assembly taking part. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Judge Shaw Rules That Oakey Exceeded His Authority

CASE ARGUED

Edwards Faces Contempt of Court Charge On February 4

Walter G. Edwards, prosecuting attorney in Perquimans County Recorder's Court, who was indefinitely forbidden on November 19th by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., to appear in court as prosecutor, as a result of his appearance in court on previous occasions in an intoxicated condition, and who was automatically re-instated in office by the judgment of Superior Court Judge Thomas J. Shaw, before whom the matter was argued last week, was notified by Judge Oakey in open court on Tuesday morning to appear on February 4th in Recorder's Court and show cause why he should not be found in contempt of court.

On November 19th Judge Oakey read an order in open court which set forth that, whereas Walter G. Edwards had appeared in court on November 12th in an advanced state of intoxication, his condition becoming such that it was necessary to adjourn court before the business of the session was finished, setting forth that he had on a number of previous occasions appeared in court in a like condition, he was indefinitely forbidden to act as prosecutor in said court.

At this time Mr. Edwards, through his attorney, J. R. Edwards, of Greenville, gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court. The matter was later taken up with the Board of Commissioners, which body appointed Silas M. Wheelbee, former prosecutor, to act as prosecuting attorney pending the hearing of the matter in Superior Court.

Hon. Hallet S. Ward, of Washington, argued the matter before Judge Shaw during last week's term of Superior Court held here, after which Judge Shaw remanded the matter to the Recorder's Court, the judgment rendered by Judge Shaw reading as follows:

"This cause coming on to be heard upon the appeal of W. G. Edwards from the judgment of Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Judge of Recorder's Court of Perquimans County, adjudging said W. G. Edwards guilty of contempt of court, and fixing punishment by adjudging that said W. G. Edwards be indefinitely suspended from acting as prosecuting attorney in said Recorder's Court, and being heard, and it appearing to the Court from the judgment in this cause that the said Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Judge, adjudged said W. G. Edwards guilty of contempt of court for acts committed at a prior term of court, to-wit, on November 12th, and dates prior thereto, and the judgment being rendered on November 19th, without giving said W. G. Edwards notice to appear and show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt; and it further appearing to the Court that the judgment indefinitely suspending said W. G. Edwards from appearing as Prosecuting Attorney is erroneous in that it exceeds the punishment prescribed by statute, and is not in accord therewith:

"It is, therefore, ordered and decreed that this matter be hereby remanded to the Judge of the Recorder's Court of Perquimans County, to the end that he proceed therewith in accordance with the statutes governing such proceedings."

Mr. Edwards appeared in court on Tuesday, carrying into court the warrants of cases to come up for trial, and took his place at the Prosecutor's desk. Immediately upon the opening of court, Judge Oakey read the judgment of the Superior Court, following which he gave Mr. Edwards notice to appear on February 4th and show cause why he should not be found in contempt of court.

Mr. Edwards immediately left the court room, but was called back by Judge Oakey, who told the prosecutor that he understood from the Superior Court judgment that he was still in office, whereupon Mr. Edwards proceeded to try the docket. This was the first time Mr. Edwards had served as prosecuting attorney since November 12th, although he has appeared in court regularly each week and tendered his services, requesting the court to find as a fact that he was not at this time intoxicated. On each such occasion the motion was denied.