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## COUNTY LOANS TO HIGHWAY BOARD MAY BE ILLEGAL

Test Case Taken To Supreme Court. Many Counties Are Affected

CARTERET GETS \$26,251.05

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, June 8.—In a week marked by the absence of Governor McLean who went to New York to sign bonds of the State, the question of the validity of county loans to the State Highway Commission was presented to the Supreme Court, Raleigh bade farewell for the summer months to its hosts of college students, with regret the city saw one of its leading police officials shoot and killed a prominent lawyer of Smithfield on nothing more than suspicion of carrying liquor and the passing of Colonel Bennehan Cameron was mourned. During the week also the balance of the equalization fund for education was divided among the counties. The Tobacco co-ops re-elected their directors. A negro was electrocuted for murder, Billy Sunday spoke in the Capital City and Raleigh contributed a portion of the \$35,000 fund for relief of the sufferers from the mine disaster near Sandford the last week in May.

### Test County Loans

The test case brought before Judge Frank Daniels in Wake county Superior Court and appealed and argued before the Supreme Court Saturday is of vital importance in the road building plans of the State. For five years the State Highway Commission has followed the practice of borrowing from the counties money to construct roads where those counties were unwilling to await their apportionment of the State funds. The plan has been to repay the counties as the State money for road buildings in the county from which the loan was obtained was available. Attorney General Brummitt held that this was illegal and the case has been appealed from a similar decision made by Judge Frank Daniels. The test case is brought from Johnson county to restrain the county from turning over to the State half a million dollars for road building as a loan. The Supreme Court decision is expected before adjournment for summer. Already the State Highway commission has borrowed more than ten million dollars in this manner so that the decision is of vital importance to the Commission. Mr. Brummitt has stated however that his decision will not have any effect on such special loans as that for the bridge over Cape Fear at Wilmington or the Chowan River as these were authorized by legislative enactment.

The city was stirred last week when Jesse Wyatt, chief of detectives of Raleigh saw an automobile on a nearby highway and suspected that it might contain rum runners. He said that he summoned it to halt, the order was disobeyed and he fired. Stephen S. Holt, prominent lawyer of Smithfield was in the car and was instantly killed. A search failed to reveal any liquor and the men in the car said Wyatt did not order them to halt. Wyatt was in civilian clothes. He was immediately indicted for murder and will be tried at a special term of court in Raleigh in June 22.

### School Money Divided

The balance of the equalization fund for school aid was apportioned during the week. Among the counties to benefit in the division of the balance of \$335,000 were the following: Beaufort, \$6,798.65; Caldwell, \$23,682.19; Carteret, \$26,251.05; Chatham, \$28,506.90; Duplin, \$15,492.29; Franklin, \$28,347.14; Haywood, \$17,750; Henderson, \$21,244.93; Hertford, \$14,560.36; Johnston, \$17,500; Robeson, \$10,853.77; Sampson, \$40,372.84; Transylvania, \$16,895.86; and Warren, \$22,070.93.

Raleigh saw with regret during the week its hosts of young people leave the city for the summer months. The closing of St. Mary's, Meredith

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## FOUR-H CLUBS MEET FOR COLLEGE COURSE

Raleigh, N. C. June.—State College will be host from July 6 to 11 to approximately 600 club boys and girls from those counties of North Carolina having farm and home agents now at work. The occasion will be the annual short course, plans for which are being arranged by J. M. Gray, state agent in charge of farm demonstration work, and Miss Maude Wallace, assistant state home demonstration agent.

While the complete program for the short course has not yet been announced, it is stated that recreation and entertainment as well as instruction and the exchange of ideas will form an important part of the course. Last year some three hundred girls and over fifty boys took part in the short course. This year it is expected that as many boys as girls will be present. The home and farm agents have been at work on the matter for sometime and various civic agencies and business organizations have interested themselves in helping the boys and girls to attend.

This annual gathering in one of the gala events of club life in North Carolina. The agents select those young people to attend who have made real progress in club work during the year and who are fitted to become leaders in the club movement on their return home.

"We assure the boys and girls of a real treat when they come to the College this year," says J. M. Gray. "For the boys there will be some work on new features with crops, livestock, poultry. The boys will be given an opportunity to run tractors and plows, to study the best producing cows and prize-winning hogs as well as to have lots of fun swimming in the new gym pool, playing baseball and other games."

## TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE GIVEN TO CONVICT GUARDS

ROCKY MOUNT, June 8.—Sentences of 20 years each were given to W. C. Guley and R. V. Tyler, foreman and guard, respectively, on the Rocky Mount road district, by Judge N. A. Sinclair, in Edgecombe county court at Tarboro late today when they submitted to manslaughter as an outgrowth of the death of Joe Armstrong, negro convict, who died Thursday within 30 minutes after he had been whipped and otherwise punished by the two men.

The trial of the case offered one of the most striking instances of speedy justice in the annals of the county. A grand jury summoned by special order of Judge Sinclair, this morning returned true bills against the men, who had previously blamed for the negro's death by a coroner's jury, and at the same time launched a sweeping and virulent investigation, upon the jurist's instructions, into conditions at the camp to which Guley and Tyler were attached.

The actual trial of the two men was taken up about the middle of the afternoon, and they entered a plea of submission to manslaughter charges, Judge Sinclair heard the evidence, which was primarily the same as that given at the coroner's inquest when witnesses testified that Guley and Tyler had beat the negro with both a whip and a stick, hitched his body heavily shackled, to a pair of mules and dragged it about 75 yards and then one of the men struck him with his fist when he failed to get up as ordered.

After hearing the evidence Judge Sinclair, immediately passed sentence giving each of the defendants 20 years, the maximum for manslaughter. In commenting on the case the jurist declared that the crime sounded almost like second degree murder, and then gave them the maximum allowed by the law to the charge to which they submitted.

## POLICE COURT ITEMS

Most of the cases in Mayor Thomas court Monday were continued to Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Three were disposed of however. They were Bate Pigott drunk and disorderly, sentence \$50 fine or 30 days on streets. Harry Davis, having liquor in his possession was bound over to Superior court. Ben Debix riding a bicycle on sidewalk, was fined \$5 and costs.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY

Twelve Members In Graduating Class. Excellent Address By Dr. Mosher

The 1924-25 term of the Beaufort Public School came to an end last Friday evening with the exercises of the graduating class. The teachers have gone to their homes and the pupils are now enjoying their vacation. A crowd that packed the auditorium to overflow was present and despite the hot weather evidently enjoyed the program and gave it liberal applause.

The salutatory was made by Miss Eleanor Ramsey in well chosen phrases after which a trio was sung by Misses Kathleen Skarren, Eleanor Ramsey and Oleta Barber. The presentation of the key to the junior class was done by Edward Piver and received by Guy Hudgins. The gift to the school was by Luther Perry. Superintendent Pittman then introduced the speaker of the evening Dr. E. R. Mosher of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Mosher's subject was "Progressivism in Education." He traced the history of education in the United States, showing how at first the right of suffrage was given to only a few people. Lack of education unites people to vote intelligently said the speaker and the success of a democracy rests upon the intelligence of the masses. He showed what great progress had been made in the public schools in recent years and said that this must continue. We must have plenty of good buildings, better teachers and longer terms which calls for considerable money. He said it is much cheaper to support schools by the taxation method than by any other.

At the conclusion of Dr. Mosher's address Superintendent Pittman presented diplomas to the graduates and also made other awards. Seventh grade certificates from the county superintendent were also given to a number of students. Dorsey Martin made a short speech of appreciation and expressing the thanks of the class to the superintendent, the members of the faculty, the board of trustees and to all citizens who had supported the school. The class song was then sung and the school session had passed into history. The graduates were Oleta Barber, Lydia Parkin, Luther Perry, Edward Piver, Dorsey Martin, Eleanor Ramsey, Margaret Ramsey, Elizabeth Rumley, Sarah Rumley, Emma Taylor, Kathleen Skarren, Mildred Whitehurst.

## HEN ADOPTS KITTENS

Two little kittens looking for a warm place to sleep during the cool nights lately found it under a mother hen who found no objection to them. The hen, owned by Mrs. Elzie Rhue, was engaged in the commendable task of trying to hatch out a brood of chicks when the kittens found her and applied for sleeping quarters. They are still on friendly terms.

## A NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED TO GO IN FISH BUSINESS

A new fish company has been organized in Beaufort. A charter has been granted by the Secretary of State to the Atlantic Fisheries Corporation of Beaufort and it has the authority to catch and dispose of fish and all water products. The company is authorized to issue \$100,000 worth of stock and W. B. Blades of New Bern, W. A. Mace and J. F. Duncan of Beaufort are the incorporators. The new company has bought the Chadwick factory at Lenoxville and will go into the fish scrap and oil business.

## VETERANS HAVE GOOD TIME

Confederate veterans who attended the reunion in Wilson last week report that it was about the best event of the kind that they had ever attended. The people of Wilson did everything they could for the veterans and in fact were lavish in their hospitality. Mr. N. F. Carrow was the only veteran present from Beaufort. Mr. Joe R. Gaskill of Sea Level was there and also veterans Bell, Kornegay and Lockhart of Morehead City.

## BERRY GROWING IS NOW ASSURED

Enough Members Secured For Strawberry Association To Make It A Certainly

It now seems practically certain that Carteret county will be included in the list of strawberry shipping counties next year and for many years thereafter. The effort which County Agent Hugh Overstreet has been making to get producers interested in growing berries has met with enough success to make the venture a sure thing. The berries will be grown mainly in Beaufort township but a few in other parts of the county are going to try it also.

Three meetings of the farmers and others have been held this week in the interest of the berry movement. They were at lower North River school house, Wire Grass school and at Straits. The meetings took place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and there was a pretty good attendance at each place and much interest manifested. County Agent Overstreet was in charge of the meetings. At the North River meeting Messrs G. W. Huntly, Sam Morgan and W. G. Mebane of Beaufort were present and spoke in favor of giving berry growing a trial. Messrs Morgan and Mebane also accompanied Mr. Overstreet to Wire Grass and Mr. J. A. Hornaday Jr. and Mr. Mebane went with him to Straits. Mr. U. E. Swann, who was unable to attend the meetings on account of illness in his family sent a letter in which he heartily endorsed the plan.

In order to raise berries profitably on a commercial scale County Agent Overstreet showed that it was necessary to secure enough acreage to make car load shipments. It is also necessary to organize an association to market them. The purpose of the meetings has been to get enough acreage pledged to make car load shipments a certainty and also to organize a local association. In addition to members already secured Mr. Overstreet will see others this week and invite them to join. Plants will be ordered as soon as conditions are favorable for planting. The Chamber of Commerce of Beaufort has endorsed the strawberry growing scheme and has offered prizes amounting to \$150 for the three best crops.

## SCHOOL OF MENHADEN COME INTO HARBOR

Fishing has always been a very speculative business, you never know where you are going to find them or whether you will find them at all or not. It is not often that the fish hunt up the fishermen though as a school of menhaden seemed to do this morning.

While the C. P. Dey fish boat Wyona was lying at her wharf this morning getting ready to go out, a school of fat backs appeared in the harbor about one hundred yards from the boat. Captain Lewis promptly ordered his crew into the purse boats and in a few minutes the school of fish was surrounded. Unfortunately though the net broke and most of the menhaden escaped, although about eight thousand were caught and put aboard the vessel. A good sized crowd collected on the wharves to watch the fishermen at work.

## WARFARE ON TEREDOS IS MAKING PROGRESS

As a result of efforts of the U. S. War Department chemists it seems that considerable progress is being made in the effort to stop the ravages of the teredo worm. This insect does tremendous damage to boats and wharves and any woodwork that he comes in contact with. Three years ago several chemists from arsenals at Edgewood, Maryland came to Beaufort and began experiments which have met with considerable success. Pieces of wood were treated with various chemicals and the worms allowed to do their worst on them. It has been found out that certain chemicals are very effective in resisting the ravages of the teredos and it is hoped that these

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE, M. V. BARNHILL, JUDGE PRESIDING

We, the Grand Jury for the June Term of Superior Court 1925 of Carteret County, North Carolina, beg leave to make the following report: We have acted on all bills of indictments presented to us according to our best judgment.

We have made presentments of all cases of lawlessness that have been brought to our attention.

We have visited the various county offices and find them well kept, but recommend that there be two book cases purchased and placed in the office of the Register of Deeds, and some books need rebinding.

We visited the jail, and keeper's house, and found all including the premises, in a clean and sanitary condition, and the prisoners well fed and cared for. We recommend that a storage house 10 x 12 feet be built for the keeper of the jail.

We visited the County Home and found that well kept, and the inmates well cared for. We recommend the kitchen have a coat of paint after the wall has been repaired, and a window cut through and put in the end of same.

We wish to thank the Judge Presiding for the many favors extended to us in our work, and especially for the able charge delivered. We wish to extend our thanks to the various officers for their help.

Very respectfully,  
C. C. GUTHRIE, Foreman.

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY EVENING

The closing exercises of St. Paul's School took place Monday night in the school auditorium with a large crowd present.

The address to the graduating class was made by Reverend H. de C. Mazzyck and was forcible appeal to the students to live for the higher and better things in life.

The annual sermon to the graduates was delivered in St. Paul's church Sunday morning at the regular hour of service by the Reverend Mr. Wilcox of Atlanta, Ga. A large congregation was present. Mr. Wilcox's text was a part of the first verse in the Bible, "In the beginning God." His sermon set forth the necessity of Divine guidance in all the relations of life. The sermon was a very striking and interesting discourse.

The members of the graduating class this year were Olive Carawan, Allie Harrell, Sterling Chadwick, William Robinson, Samuel Way. The program of Monday evening's exercises was as follows:

### Part I

School Song—School.  
Salutatory—Allie Harrell.  
Piano Solo, Concert Polonaise—Engleman—Anna Skarren.  
Commencement Address—Rev. H. de C. Mazzyck.  
Valedictory—Olive Carawan.  
Piano Duet, Comrades in Arms—Haynes—Mildred Salter and Anna Skarren.

Presentation of Certificates, Promotions and Rewards.  
Presentation of Diplomas—Rev. C. P. Wilcox.  
Gloria in Excelsis—School.

### Part II

Operetta, The Flower Nymph's Surprise—Fifth and Sixth Grades.

### Part III

Operetta, Bonnybell—Seventh Grade.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Only two marriage licenses have been issued since June 1st according to the records of Register of Deeds. Jno. W. Hamilton, they were to Stacy B. Murphy Davis and Hilda C. Whitehurst.

John Brackfield and Mildred L. Stanly Newport

preparations will be made on a commercial scale in order that those who wish may use them. Dr. H. W. Walker of Edgewood and Mr. Thos. McCabe also of Edgewood arrived here today for the purpose of inspecting again the treated samples of wood, and hope to be able to make a favorable report on the progress of the work.

## CRIMINAL DOCKET HAS FULL SWAY

Large Number of Cases On Trial This Week. Tick Cases Friday

A large crowd of defendants, witnesses and spectators were on hand Monday when Superior Court opened at nine thirty for a two weeks criminal and civil term. So far the criminal docket has had full sway and although Judge Barnhill and Solicitor Jesse Davis have made every effort to clear the docket a number of cases remain for trial. The tick eradication cases were taken up Monday and with one exception were continued until Friday morning. The only case tried was that against G. W. Huntly for failure to dip a horse and a mule. The case went to the jury and Mr. Huntley was acquitted. There are about forty of these cases set for trial.

Judge Barnhill's charge to the grand jury consumed about one hour and was comprehensive discourse on the functions of the grand jury and the laws. He referred to the cattle dipping law which he said is a good thing but many people do not realize the benefits and think it is an interference with their personal liberty. He said the people who violated the game, fish and automobile laws thought only of their own pleasure and interests and were therefore selfish. Liquor peddlers he said, are in it for the money only and do not care about the consequences to others. Citizens ought to stop buying it. There is frequently drinking among sixteen year old youths. The grand jury should do its duty in this matter as in all other law violations. C. C. Guthrie of Beaufort was made foreman of the grand jury and D. J. Godwin was appointed special officer in charge of the jury.

A considerable number of cases have been disposed of by submission or jury trial and sentences have been imposed on the guilty. John Bunyan Congleton who appealed recently from a thirty day sentence in the Mayor's court was tried yesterday afternoon. He conducted his own case, examined witnesses, went on the stand himself and wound up with an appeal to the jury which afforded much entertainment to the crowd in the court room. Solicitor Davis declined to speak against John but the jury was hardhearted and brought in a verdict of guilty of drunkenness. The Judge then gave him the same sentence that Mayor Thomas had previously imposed on him.

Other cases disposed of this week are as follows:

Arthur Smith and Ellis Smith, violating prohibition law, put under \$200 bond to show good behavior and pay costs in case.

Louis Lefkowitz and Louis Katzin were convicted of unlawful possession of whiskey. Lefkowitz was sentenced to pay a fine of \$350 and costs, Katzin to pay \$250 and costs.

James Hester entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of violating the prohibition law and was given 18 months on the roads which was afterwards changed to 12 months.

Berkley Willis, assault with deadly weapon, \$50 fine or 3 months on roads, capias to issue if he violates law again.

John E. Griffin violating prohibition law, convicted, boat forfeited 6 months on roads if found in county after June 15th.

William Sparrow violating prohibition law, four months on roads.

Ike Dudley violating prohibition law, \$150 fine or four months on roads.

Ike Frazier, \$100 fine or 4 months.

James O. Harris, assault, judgment suspended payment of costs.

Ira Hamilton injury to personal property, auto collision, \$50 and costs.

Dave Smith abandonment, prayer for judgment continued, must pay costs.

Tom Noe forcible trespass, nolo proessed.

George Norcom, assault with deadly weapon, nolo proessed.

Wallace Guthrie assault, tried, jury acquitted.

Will Mason assault, nolo proessed.

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