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PASS MEASURE TO REDISTRICT STATE

Will Create Four Additional Judicial Districts; Senate Passes Bill Reducing Personal Property Tax Exemption.

YET TO PASS THE HOUSE

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, February 16.—The fight over redistricting the State. Discussion of the "evolution" bar measure, the forward march along legislative paths of the \$20,000,000 bond issue for roads bill, together with a companion measure to increase the gasoline tax from three to four cents a gallon, decision of the House committee not to recommend the establishment of a state constabulary, and various other matters of more or less importance occupied the time of the General Assembly during the past week.

The road bonds issue measure passed in the Senate on all readings. A companion measure introduced by Sams, of Forsyth, who also introduced the bond bill, provides for revision of the regulations having to do with control of the highway fund for an increase in gasoline tax from three to four cents to finance the new road bond issue. Passage of similar measures in the House is expected without any difficulty, thus carrying out Governor McLean's plans in this particular with any change.

"Evolution" was discussed at length before committee last week and finally a vote revealed that the education committee was deadlocked 16 to 16. Representative "Tohe" Connor stepped into the breach with a negative vote, he being chairman of the committee. The bill was thus sent back to the House with an unfavorable report. Its proponents, who aver that evolution should be taboo in the schools of North Carolina, entered a minority report, and the measure will have a special hearing on this report tomorrow (Tuesday) night at eight o'clock, when the subject will be up on the floor of the House.

Redistricting the State was provided for in a measure finally passed by the House creating four additional judicial districts with judges and solicitors. The bill when first introduced provided for seven new districts, but was killed by the House on its second reading. Representative "Pete" Murphy of Rowan succeeded in getting a motion to reconsider the vote by which the original bill failed adopted against it was that of economy, the House it was amended to provide four instead of seven additional districts and passed by a safe majority. Chief among the arguments presented against it was that of economy, it being averred that the extra districts will increase the cost of the State government by more than \$50,000 a year. Its proponents argued that the condition of the dockets in various counties made an increase a necessity.

The proposal to establish a State constabulary was made by Representative Wade who introduced a bill in line with recommendations of the social committee which investigated this subject. An unfavorable report on the bill was returned but it will be up again on a minority report. However, the House does not appear to think well of the proposition and will more than likely sustain the majority report.

A sales tax, independent of the revenue bill was sent up in the House by Madison, of Jackson, on Saturday who would tax cigars, cigarettes, candies, cosmetics and other minor purchases. The bill providing what are commonly termed "nuisance" taxes, went to the finance committee. It is well named in the opinion of a formidable group of legislators and others.

The Senate passed a bill which reduced the personal property tax exemption from \$300 to \$50, over the protest of many senators. It is predicted this bill will have a hard road in the House which probably show greater consideration for the "ability and nine".

Financial legislation is expected to (Continued on page four)

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The third mass meeting to consider plans for the Eastern Carolina Exposition is called by the mayor for tomorrow night at the court house at eight o'clock. The Queen to represent Smithfield will be voted for by popular vote. Be on hand to work for your candidate. Other plans for the Exposition will be discussed at this meeting.

RURAL COMMUNITY LAUNCHES PLANS

Meadow Organizes To Put On Improvement Program; Farmers Buy Fertilizers Cooperatively.

MOVIES THURSDAY NIGHT

The enterprising people of Meadow township have launched a movement which will undoubtedly result into a splendid development of that section when it shall have been fully worked out. They have organized themselves into a real and active community.

The community idea is not a fad. It has been tried in other rural sections of the State and its achievements along lines of country life development have been almost phenomenal. The people of the Meadow community held their first meeting on the night of February 12th. The main feature of the evening was a moving picture entertainment. The meeting place was the school annex, and the attendance was large enough to fill two class rooms too full for comfortable standing room.

Mr. W. V. Blackburn presided over the meeting and in a short talk he outlined some of the work of the organization. The community program will call for several committees; one on health, one on public welfare, one on entertainments, one on law enforcement, and one on farm and home demonstration work. Dr. C. C. Massey, County Health Officer, and Mr. H. V. Rose, Superintendent Public Welfare, were present and stated how the committees of the community organizations could co-operate with their departments.

The Meadow district, after going down twice in defeat, carried during the month of December, 1924, a \$85,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a modern brick building. It is hoped that this building will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of next school term. The Meadow farmers have purchased their fertilizers collectively for the ensuing season and by buying in car lots, they have already saved enough to pay their school bond taxes for the year.

MR. WRIGHT SANDERS DEAD

News reached here Sunday of the death of Mr. Wright Sanders who died at his home in Kinston. Mr. Sanders had been in declining health for a number of years. He was about seventy-three years of age. The funeral was held in Kinston yesterday. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. J. W. Wellons, of this city, and Mrs. Wellons, her son, Mr. B. F. Wellons, of Charlotte, and daughter, Miss Nell Wellons, attended the funeral.

Faithful Colored Woman Dies

"Aunt" Cornelia Murphy, a well known colored woman of this city, died Friday night about one o'clock. Aunt Cornelia had worked for many white people in this city and was respected for her good qualities.

WHIRLWIND DOES

DAMAGE IN CITY

Sunday about one o'clock a whirlwind that passed down North Third street for several blocks did some little damage. A piano box was picked up and carried a distance of twenty or thirty feet. Mr. H. B. Marrow's automobile was parked in the driveway at his home and the wind lifted the top off. Some out buildings belonging to Mr. R. O. Cotter were unroofed.

FOUR DAY SESSION RECORDER'S COURT

Cotton Buyer of Princeton Sued By Defunct Bank For Embezzlement and False Pretense

NUMBER OTHER CASES

Recorder's Court consumed the greater part of last week being in session Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Saturday, a case of special interest was tried, that of the State vs. Paul Armstrong, a cotton buyer of Princeton. Mr. Armstrong was charged with embezzlement and false pretense, and the court found probable cause in both charges and bound him over to Superior Court. The Merchants and Farmers Bank of Princeton, which was closed recently, entered the suit against Armstrong. It was claimed that the bank had an arrangement with the defendant to furnish the money to buy cotton, the cotton to be sold and the money received for it turned over to the bank. For two shipments the defendant was charged with not having turned the money over as per agreement. The defendant claimed that the money used was a short time loan. Armstrong was placed under a thousand dollar bond on each charge for his appearance in Superior Court.

Another case of local interest was the state vs. Raymond Stephenson, of this city, who was charged with knocking down a colored woman sometime ago with his automobile. The colored woman, Millie Sanders, was injured and was taken to the hospital. The court found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to pay the costs. The defendant took an appeal.

Other cases disposed of last week were as follows:

State vs. Mary Langston, charged with assault. Not guilty.

State vs. Jake Johnson and Chester Pollard, keeping a disorderly house. Both defendants guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Jack Scott, concealed weapon and assault. Guilty on both charges. The defendant was sentenced to twelve months on roads.

State vs. Willie Hayes and C. R. Adams, affray. Both guilty. C. R. Adams fined \$150 and one half costs. Willie Hayes fined \$25 and one half costs. Judgment suspended on payment of fines and costs.

State vs. Jesse Holt, seduction. Probable cause found. Bound over to Superior Court.

State vs. Oscar Mial, larceny. Guilty; 4 months and pay costs.

State vs. J. G. Barbour, assault, cursing on public highway and trespass. Guilty on all charges; \$25 and costs on assault charge; \$10 and costs on cursing charge. Prayer for judgment continued two years on trespass charge.

State vs. P. T. Dawson, assault. Guilty. Defendant was required to pay damages, \$25 and costs.

State vs. Coy C. Campbell, assault. Guilty; Fifteen months and costs.

Four Weeks of Court For Johnston County

Johnston County Superior Court convened here yesterday, and for four weeks consecutively court will be in session. For two weeks the regular February term of Civil court will be held, after which will follow a special term for criminal cases. The regular March term will convene on March 9. Judge W. M. Bond, of Edenton, is presiding.

Pictures Please Large Crowd

"Wonderlands in America", a series of pictures thrown on the screen, at the court house Thursday evening pleased quite a large crowd. Scenes in the western part of the United States were explained by Mr. Buck, who with his wife, made the pictures while on an automobile tour through the west. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Senior Class of the High School.

Floyd Collins Is Found Dead In Cave Tomb

Body Found at 2:45 O'clock Monday Afternoon After Rescuers Had Toiled Underground For Past Three Weeks

Is Found Dead



The above is a picture of Floyd Collins, made during one of his previous explorations.

Official Announcement Coming From Below Tells World News Of End Of Long And Heartbreaking Search

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 16.—Floyd Collins was reached, found dead at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon after rescuers had penetrated into what they believed was the original Sand Cave cavern, where Floyd Collins was caught, an official announcement said.

No medical examination was made as it was impossible for a physician to reach the victim. H. T. Carmichael was the first man to go to Collins. He said that apparently he was dead.

The announcement of the finding of Collins was made by Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, geologist of the University of Kentucky.

Preparations were made immediately for Major Moss and Captain Francis, medical officers of the 149th Infantry, Bowling Green, and Dr. William Hazlett, Chicago, to go to Collins.

Cave City, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Floyd Collins was trapped in Sand Cave at 10 o'clock Friday morning, January 30, by the fall of a boulder upon his foot. His plight remained undiscovered for twenty-four hours, until Saturday. Jewell Estis, a youthful neighbor of Collins, chanced to hear his cries for help. Then began strenuous attempts at rescue, employing the efforts of scientific, medical and mechanical skill, as well as human brain, brawn and endurance. Collins was exploring the tunnel of an old cavern, the front part of which had collapsed several years ago, forming the ravine which leads up to the limestone ledge in which the mouth of Sand Cave is located. The boulder fell and trapped him as he was making his way out. Once previously he had been trapped for several hours by a cave-in during one of his explorations.

Brothers of Floyd Collins, aided by neighbors and friends, immediately upon learning of his predicament, began efforts to extricate him and to provide him some comfort in his cold, dark prison. Food and blankets were taken into him; an electric light bulb was placed about his neck, both to give light and heat.

But each time any appreciable headway was made in attempts to release him, a cave-in or rock slide would impede progress. Finally, late Wednesday night, a cave-in completely closed the narrow passageway, the only known means of ingress to his prison.

Collins was fed for the last time Wednesday night, February 4. Early the next day a rescue party heard for the last time his cries from behind the barrier which balked their efforts at rescue.

Finally, state officials ordered halt efforts to reach him through the tunnel as too dangerous and the shaft rescue plan was started last Friday. In spite of lack of proper tools and materials, the work progressed unceasingly.

Collins, a native of the cave country, had spent his life as a guide and explorer of the caves that honeycomb the hills of Barren county.

A few years ago he was imprisoned by a falling boulder and was held captive for forty-eight hours. This accident occurred in Crystal Cave, which he is credited with discovering and which he owned jointly with his father.

INFECTED COWS KILLED

Dr. W. M. Fancher, government veterinarian, who is testing all cattle in Johnston County for tuberculosis, found fourteen cows in a herd of 26 belonging to Mr. F. K. Broadhurst, to be infected with this disease. Dr. Fancher was assisted by Dr. Rosser Lane, the local veterinarian, the test being started on February 3 and completed on February 6. Mr. Broadhurst has had his cows tested from time to time and about a year ago found some of them to be infected. Since that time he has sold no milk. The infected cows have now been killed, nine of them being registered thoroughbreds. Mr. Broadhurst will receive from the government about a thousand dollars for his loss. The cows ranged in age from nine months old to nine years old.

A cow belonging to Mr. John A. Johnson was also tested last week and was found to be infected. The cow was killed at once.

Cooper Brothers Found Guilty

Charged with violation of the national banking laws W. B. Cooper, former lieutenant governor and brother, T. E. Cooper, were found guilty by the court in session at Wilmington last week. W. B. Cooper being sentenced to eighteen months in Atlanta prison on each of four counts and T. E. Cooper being sentenced to four years on each of the four counts. The sentences were directed by court to run concurrently, which would mean that the two defendants would serve eighteen months and three years respectively. A new trial was denied but notice of appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals was given. W. B. Cooper was released under \$25,000 bond, but Thomas E. Cooper was refused bond until his case had been formally appealed. Later report states that on Wednesday of this week Thomas E. Cooper will withdraw his appeal and leave for Atlanta to serve his two year sentence.

Dies With Money On Person In 18 Places

Goldsboro, Feb. 14.—Miss Martha Creech, 72 years of age, was found dead in her bed today at the home of Mrs. J. V. Howell, 307 St. Claire street, where she had been employed for two years. Money was found on her person in eighteen different places, a twenty-dollar gold piece in one, 158 one-dollar bills in another, six two-dollar bills in another, 25 five-dollar bills in another, 9 ten-dollar bills in another, and 3 twenty-dollar bills in another.

The money was sewed securely in different parts of a garment which she had worn night and day and the total sum found was \$442.

Her lifeless body was discovered early in the morning when the family started an investigation caused by her non-appearance at work. Miss Creech had been a resident of this city for fifteen years, and leaves to survive her loss her nephews, Jim and Will Creech, of Johnston county, and her niece, Mrs. Berry Langston, of the Stephen Mill neighborhood. The remains will be laid to rest in Vinson's burying grounds Sunday afternoon.

Killed Two Large Hogs

Mr. J. Mang Wood, of Benson, Route 2, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Wood recently killed two hogs that tipped the scale at 1,458 pounds. The heavier hog was two years old and weighed 870 pounds. Both were Poland-Chinas.

There's many a lurch 'twixt the gal and the church.

SMITHFIELD WINS FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Smithfield lads are still holding their own! Last Friday night, in a hard fought game at the Banner Warehouse, the local team defeated the Sanford quint with a score of 30 to 16. Both teams played well, although the game was a somewhat listless affair in the first half. Neither team was sure of winning until the last quarter when the local quint staged a great spurt and put the game on ice. Several times during the first half Smithfield had the lead, but each time Sanford would rally and catch up with her.

Both teams played a clean straight game throughout. The splendid cooperation of all our boys practically won the victory. One foul was chalked up against the team. Stephenson was high-scorer for Smithfield, making 12 points. Williamson and Breeley each scored 6 points for their team.

At the end of the first half the score was tied, 10 to 10. Both teams played a faster game in the last half. During the last half Smithfield gradually drew away from her opponent and during the first few minutes of play in the last quarter they put the game on ice by chalking up six field goals.

This was the first game of the championship series and it is to be expected that Smithfield will climb up another notch here next Friday night when they meet either Dunn or Fayetteville.

Line-up and summary:

SANFORD 16 SMITHFIELD 30
Francis.....R. F.....Kirkman, J.
Williamson.....L. F.....Stephenson
Breeley.....C.....Caudill
Gregson.....R. G.....Kirkman
Stout.....L. G.....Adams

Small Blazes Cause Damage

Three times in about a week the fire department has been called upon to extinguish fires in the business section of town. The third fire was discovered Friday morning about seven o'clock in Woodall's Inc., store. Mr. H. C. Woodall discovered smoke in the store when he went down to open up. He turned in the alarm and a blaze between the ceiling and roof was discovered near the chimney. Chemicals were used to put out the fire which did little damage. The chemicals damaged some goods in the store, the total loss being around eight or nine hundred dollars. It is thought a defective flue caused the fire.