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## The Ham-Ramsey Evangelistic Campaign Opens Tonight at 7:45

### ALL IN READINESS FOR BIG REVIVAL

Evangelist Ham To Preach First Sermon Tonight; Towns Invited In Delegations

#### PRELIMINARY SERVICES

After three years of earnest and importunate endeavor on the part of the Christian forces of this city to secure an engagement from Evangelist Ham, and following several weeks of intensive preparation, all is now in readiness for the opening of the campaign at the warehouse tabernacle tonight. Earl S. Rodgers, private secretary to the evangelist, and pianist for the campaign, has been in the city since Tuesday, superintending the final arrangements for the meeting and expresses himself as delighted with the arrangements and the prospects for a great campaign. Several weeks ago, Mr. Rodgers spent a few days in the city, supervising the rearrangement of the warehouse, which is now thoroughly equipped as a religious tabernacle, and in setting in motion the machinery of advance organization. The finishing touches have been placed upon the organization this week and everything is in readiness for the coming of the evangelist and Mr. Ramsey, the choir leader for the campaign.

On Wednesday night, Mr. Rodgers and the local pastors conducted a union dedicatory service at the tabernacle which was participated in by several laymen from other towns, who told of the great work of Evangelist Ham in their midst.

On Thursday night, Mr. Rodgers met and organized the large corps of ushers which will handle the crowds during the meeting and also organized and drilled the chorus choir on some of the choruses which will feature the opening service tonight.

Comfortable seats for in excess of 4,000 people have been provided at the Warehouse, an excellent speaker's platform is strategically located so that all can see the speaker and hear him. An elevated choir platform, with tiered seats, is located just behind the speaker, and a large concert grand piano will be installed in the building for Mr. Rodgers' use in accompanying the large chorus. The skylights of the building have been shaded, the windows in the side-walls removed, and electric ceiling fans have been installed throughout the building to insure the comfort of the great crowds which are expected to attend the services. A nursery has also been provided in the annex, which will be under the supervision of capable women from the various churches in order that mothers may leave their small babies and avoid the embarrassment of having them disturb the services. An inquiry room and a book room are also accessory features to the tabernacle arrangement. The building has been brilliantly lighted with strategically located circuits of high-power electric bulbs, and the public is assured that no feature will be missing which will contribute to their comfort and convenience in attending the services. Hundreds of visitors are expected in the city for the opening services Sunday and special delegations will be in attendance throughout the meeting, according to Mr. Rodgers, who states that he is in receipt of letters from all over Eastern North Carolina to the effect that large numbers of people are making their plans to "take in" the Smithfield meeting with considerable regularity.

In addition to the delegations from other towns and cities where the evangelistic party have held campaigns, the first two weeks of the campaign will be featured by delegations from the towns and communities of Johnston County. Judge F. H. Brooks is chairman of a committee which is endeavoring to work up these special delegations and he has announced the program for the delegations as follows, each community having been assigned a special night at the tabernacle.

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### Rev. Mordecai Fowler Ham



A Characteristic Pose of The Noted Kentucky Evangelist, Who Opens a Five Weeks Campaign In Smithfield Tonight

The following excerpt from a letter to the Burlington Daily Times states the impression made by the great evangelist upon Rev. Martin W. Buck, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, and will be of interest in view of Mr. Ham's coming campaign here. Dr. Buck's letter was in part as follows:

"First of all Mr. Ham has impressed me as a genial, kindly, courteous Christian gentleman. This is the outstanding impression on first acquaintance and it grows as one comes to know him. As an evangelist his preaching is sane, serious and scriptural. He is not professional in manner, never employs language or illustrations that could offend the most fastidious taste. He is without vulgar mannerisms and does not attempt to 'play to the galleries,' yet there are flashes of wit, bursts of good humor, spontaneous acting, oratorical periods that thrill and sometimes he moves his hearers to profound depths of emotion, so that the multitudes flock to hear in ever increasing numbers. I cherish the memory of having heard D. L. Moody and sitting under his preaching during his famous World's Fair Campaign in Chicago in 1893. I have been associated, as a member of the executive committee, with R. A. Tory, Gypsy Smith, Sr., and J. Wilbur Chapman, in great campaigns, and I feel justified in saying that Ham is as scriptural as Moody, as logical as Tory, and winsomely persuasive as Gypsy Smith, Sr., and as graciously tender as Chapman.

"Furthermore he does not spare himself in any manner. One marvels that flesh and bone can endure under the continual strain that he is constantly putting forth. Few can appreciate what it means to speak to such vast multitudes day after day, but in addition he speaks in shops, mills, on the streets, at social functions and wherever opportunity offers, five, six, seven and even more services in one day. Then he is always in the inquiry room where he seems to be at his very best, not merely speaking to the large numbers gathered there with marvelous helpfulness, but dealing with individual cases and showing them the way of salvation and often being the very last to leave the place. Surely he is a marvel in self-giving, not afraid to 'spend and be spent' in the service of his Lord. He stands out as the most wonderful soul-winner that I have known."

### CO. COMMISSIONERS SPEND A BUSY DAY

Hear Reports of Various County Officials and Pass On Numerous Bills Presented

The board of County Commissioners met in regular session here on Monday and disposed of numerous items of business, including reports from various county officers, the hearing of members of the Hospital Committee which led to the subscription of \$8,000 toward the building of that institution and the payment of numerous and sundry bills.

Dr. C. C. Massey, County Health Officer, was the first county official to appear before the board, whose favorable report was ordered approved. Upon recommendation of Dr. Massey, Luther Futch was excused from paying poll tax on account of disability.

The report of the County Treasurer G. T. Scott was approved, and it was ordered that he be empowered to look after the various road funds of the county and see that the proper amount of sinking fund be set aside. The report of J. Ira Lee was approved for record in the amount of \$4,611.61, fees received in the month of

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### LARGE CROWD AT S. S. HOLTS FUNERAL

Johnston County Bar Association Attends In a Body To Pay Final Tribute

#### WAS BRILLIANT LAWYER

The funeral of Mr. S. S. Holt, who was shot and killed Monday afternoon by a Raleigh officer on the Garner road was held Tuesday afternoon, a vast throng of people from various parts of Eastern North Carolina being present to pay a last tribute to his remains.

Rev. Walter B. Clark, rector of the Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church. During the service Mrs. John White Ives rendered an appropriate solo. At the conclusion of the last song, a number of young girls bearing flower designs, formed an aisle to the awaiting automobiles, and the family led the way to the last resting place in the old city cemetery. Marching silently two and two, the members of the Johnston County Bar Association wended their way to the city of

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## Paving Program Gets Under Way

### RALEIGH OFFICER OUT UNDER BOND

Grand Jury Returns True Bill of Murder and Wyatt's Bond Is Fixed at \$10,000

#### TRY CASE SPECIAL TERM

The Wake County grand jury on Tuesday returned a true bill of murder against Jesse Wyatt, plainclothes man of the Raleigh police force, who shot and killed Stephen S. Holt as he was returning to this city Monday afternoon after attending Federal court in Raleigh. The mayor of Raleigh has stated that the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Holt will be the subject of a thorough investigation by the Raleigh commissioners. Solicitor Evans has announced that he has no intention of pressing charges of first degree murder and the bond of the defendant was fixed at \$10,000. Wyatt was released from the state's prison as soon as the bond was signed. He had been taken to the state's prison late Monday night because of rumors of a mob going to Raleigh from this city.

The case will probably be tried at a special term of court which was called Tuesday by Governor McLean to convene in Raleigh June 22, under Judge Daniels.

The bullet which killed Mr. Holt was extracted Tuesday morning and will probably be used as evidence. It is an ordinary lead bullet from a .32 caliber pistol and is flattened to the size of a quarter. Friends of Mr. Holt believe that the bullet was flattened by striking Mr. Holt's jaw after passing through his head. They think that if the bullet had been flattened by hitting the hard-surfaced road that it would have left a much larger wound. The wound has been described as about the size of a lead pencil.

Solomon Daughtry, J. M. Woodard, Lonnie Lynch and Robert Webb, occupants of the automobile just behind the one in which Mr. Holt met his death, were called as witnesses before the grand jury. It is understood that they testified that Wyatt leveled his pistol at the departing car instead of at the pavement, as was claimed by the officer.

### Help the Coal Mine Sufferers

The people of the State have been called upon by Governor McLean to assist in giving relief to the families of the miners in the great coal mine disaster at Coal Clenn, near Sanford, when the lives of 53 miners were taken by the explosion and fire in the mine. The Governor has appointed committees in each county of the State, asking for contributions for the relief of these families. I have been appointed Chairman for this county and any contribution to this cause will be greatly appreciated. Any money sent me will be transmitted to Mr. J. W. Cunningham, Treasurer, at Sanford, and due credit will be given 'thru the columns of The Herald. I trust that each town and community will have some one to take charge of these contributions and remit the same to me. I would suggest that the Sunday Schools in the county take up a collection at the first opportunity for these stricken families.

I trust that this cause will appeal to the hearts of the people of Johnston County, and they will open their pocket books and make a liberal contribution to these stricken families. F. H. BROOKS.

### THIRTY THREE GET THEIR DIPLOMAS

Prof. C. C. Cunningham of State College Delivers Address; Worth Boyette Wins Edwin Smith Pou Medal

#### CLASS DAY EXERCISES

Tuesday evening marked the close of the commencement exercises of the graded school here and thirty-three graduates of the high school department as follows received their diplomas: Carlton Adams, Julius Marvin Adams, Sarah Adams, Benjamin Baker, Maude Blackman, Sam Booker, Worth Boyette, John Caudill, Lily Daughtry, Leo Ennis, Rose Grantham, Nolia Gurley, Edna Hildebrand, James Hill, Myra Hill, Arah Hooks, Marjorie Johnston, Mattie Lassiter, Willard Lawrence, Eli Lee, Nell Meacham, Carrie Parrish, Pauline Rand, Lucy Rhodes, Henry Royall, Millard Stallings, Lawrence Stancil, Irene Page Stevens, William Edwin Turnage, Thomas Watson, Juanita Woody and Carrie Young.

Applause greeted these young graduates as they took their places upon the rostrum and was only stilled when Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, pronounced the invocation. The salutatory address was made by Miss Leo Ennis, who gave a cordial welcome to those who had assembled for the exercises.

Supt. T. H. Franks then introduced the speaker for the evening, Prof. C. C. Cunningham, of State College. Professor Cunningham is at the head of the department of Public Speaking.

His address was a real address. He used as his theme: "The Power of Having a Purpose in Life," which he presented in a most interesting way. His remarks were interspersed throughout with literary gems from classic writers.

Following the address, Mr. A. M. Noble, on behalf of the school board presented the diplomas to the graduates, preceding the presentation with an appropriate talk. Mr. George Y. Ragsdale was then called upon to deliver the Edwin Smith Pou Medal, given by Congressman E. W. Pou in memory of his son, who gave his life in the World War, to the graduate each year who has made the highest scholastic marks over a period of four years in high school. This honor came to Dunham Worth Boyette this year, and immediately after receiving the medal, he delivered the valedictory address. Mr. Boyette is the son of Mrs. G. H. Langston. Mr. Ragsdale, in presenting this coveted prize, gave due praise to the winner, stating that he was a true son of his father, the late Dunham Boyette, one of the pioneers of the tobacco industry of Smithfield.

On Monday evening the senior class presented their Class Day exercises in a rather unique form. The program was carried out in the form of a play. Act I was a class meeting the last of the year, and the last will and testament and the gifts that are usually presented were cleverly introduced. Mr. Worth Boyette, president of the class presided; Miss Irene Page Stevens was Testator; and Miss Carrie Young was Giftorian. The class song, which was composed by Ben Baker, was a part of the program.

Act II pictured the futures of the class members. All wanted Success, but when Labor first offered to help them attain it they were not willing to accept Labor as a leader. In the end, however, Labor was appreciated, which transferred her into Victory. Each member of the class then received a badge of triumph.

A feature of the program Monday evening was the reading of the honor rolls, and the awarding of prizes, these being published on another page.

Choir practice will be held at the Presbyterian church this evening at seven o'clock. During the Ham-Ramsey meeting it will be held every Friday evening at seven o'clock instead of 7:45. A full attendance is urged.

#### Presbyterian Church

Services at Smithfield Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Ideal Minister." Sunday school at 9:50 a. m.