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NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Johnston County Test Case Regarding Loan For State Highway Now In Supreme Court

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(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 bid farewell for the summer months to its hosts of college students, with regret the city saw one of its leading police officials shoot and kill a prominent lawyer of Smithfield on nothing more than the 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 Sanford the last week in May.

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 roadbuilding in the county from which the loan was obtained was available. Attorney General Brummitt held that this was illegal and the case has appealed from a similar decision made by Judge Frank Daniels. The test case is brought from Johnston 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 the 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 on June 22.

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 \$10,843.77; Sampson \$40,372.84; Transylvania \$16,895.86; and Warren \$22,970.93.

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 and Peace took away several hundred girls, and State College which closed this week took away the young men. It has been a most successful year for all the educational institutions located in Raleigh. All the institutions have expanded their facilities and in-

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Carolina Mine Hero



Howard Butler of Connock, N. C. single-handed made a vain effort to save 60 fellow workmen in a mine there when three terrific explosions wrecked the works.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR S. S. HOLT

Johnston County Bar Association Meets and Adopts Suitable Resolutions of Respect

Members of the Johnston County Bar Association and friends from neighboring counties in an assembly at the court house here yesterday afternoon commemorated the life and death of one of the most prominent members of the bar, and voices in unmistakable language the sentiment which prevails against the manner in which he came to his untimely end. The meeting was called to order by President G. A. Martin, who called on Mr. F. H. Brooks to make the opening prayer. In beautiful language God's blessings were invoked upon the aged mother, the wife and children, the brothers and sisters, and sorrowing relatives of the departed member.

President Martin spoke feelingly of Mr. Holt, and denounced his killing by officer Wyatt. Col. Ed S. Abell in a touching manner paid tribute to the life of Mr. Holt and in his denunciation of the manner in which he lost his life, stated that in his opinion J. Winder Bryan, chief of Raleigh police, could be jointly indicted with Wyatt for this unjustified murder. Mr. Abell read a letter from Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, in which he lamented the untimely tragic death of his much loved and devoted friend. He stated that it was on motion of Mr. Holt that he was unanimously admitted as an honorary member of the Smithfield bar. Hon. Edw. W. Fou paid a loving tribute to the memory of his friend, and Mr. Ed F. Ward read resolutions from the Mecklenburg bar. Col. Albert M. Cox, of Raleigh, was present, representing the Wake County Bar Association, and delivered a special message of condolence from Judge Frank A. Daniels. The Wake County court adjourned yesterday out of memory for Stephen S. Holt. Others who made appropriate remarks on this occasion included J. D. Parker, who stated that his first acquaintance with "Steve" Holt was in 1889 at Davis and Burlington school; R. L. Godwin of Dunn; J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh; C. V. Batts, of Raleigh; J. M.

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127 Year Old Negro Dead

Jane Holder passed away on June 6. According to the best information that can be collected she was 127 years old. She said that she was fourteen years old at the outbreak of the war of 1812, and was a slave of Josiah Holder, who represented Johnston County at the state legislature for two terms. She said that she saw Henry Clay once and could recall his appearance. She could also remember several incidents that happened during the early history of America.

She was highly respected by all who knew her and was very active until her death.

SINGING SOCIETY TO BE AT BENSON

Tri-County Singing Society To Hold Annual Convention On Fourth Sunday; Thirteen Choirs Expected

M. F. HAM TO SPEAK

Benson, June 5.—Plans are under way for a big day in Benson on the Fourth Sunday in June when the Tri-County Singing Society holds its regular annual convention.

All members of the Society will be present, and so far half a dozen visiting choirs have sent word that they will also be on hand to join in the exercises.

Rev. Mr. Ham who will be conducting a revival at Smithfield, will deliver the annual address before the singers and the congregation. He is known all over the South, and attracts almost as much attention as Billy Sunday. His address will take place right around 11 o'clock.

The convention will be held in the usual place—in the grove on East Main street.

Mr. S. P. Honeycutt is president of the Society, J. B. Benton, secretary, Alonzo Parrish, W. H. Slocumb and Henry Shaw constitute the program committee together with the president and secretary.

Dr. Oliver, Ira B. Raynor, and A. B. Hudson, together with the president and secretary constitute the Arrangement Committee.

Following is the list of present members of the Society which choirs will be on hand together with a number of visiting choirs.

Johnston County

Johnston Union—R. E. Thomas, Wilson's Mills, R. F. D.

Corinth—C. B. Thomas, Smithfield, R. F. D.

Elevation—Hector Creech, Benson, R. F. D.

Tees Chapel—Henry Royal, Smithfield.

Benson Grove—C. P. Stewart, Benson, R. F. D.

Beulah—J. M. Stencil, Kenly.

Banners Chapel—Matthew Raynor, Benson, R. F. D.

Cumberland County

Person Street—E. C. Harris, Fayetteville.

Purdum Choir—Albertus Jackson, Fayetteville.

Harnett County

Duke—J. M. Core, Duke.

Hodge's Chapel—Clemson Miller, Benson, R. F. D.

Sampson County

Clement—John Matthews, Autreyville.

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Shortage in Register of Deeds Office Placed at Over \$12,000

Death List Reaches the 300

Mark From Severe Heat Wave

Chicago, June 6.—Old Sol, who for a week has done his best to convert territory from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Seaboard into a furnace, today found some active competition when Jupiter Pluvius took a hand in moderating temperatures.

The East, however, continued to swelter in the grip of torrid temperatures and the death list from the heat for the country passed the 300 mark during the day.

While rains moderated temperatures slightly in some sections, there was little prospect tonight for any great or immediate relief from the hot weather.

Revival Meeting Gets Under Way

Mr. Ham Preaches First Sermon Sunday Afternoon; Draws Larger Crowd Sunday Night

TWO SERVICES EACH DAY

The Ham-Ramsey meeting is now under way, Evangelist M. F. Ham preaching his first sermon Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Preliminary services were held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, in which Earl S. Rodgers and W. J. Ramsey took the lead.

The service Wednesday evening, conducted by Mr. Rodgers was in the nature of a testimony and prayer meeting. On Thursday evening, the choir was organized and the ushers drilled in how to handle the big crowds which are expected to fill the immense warehouse Tabernacle. Seats have already been arranged for four thousand, and even a larger crowd can be accommodated on short notice.

A delegation from Burlington held complete sway at the meeting on Friday evening. Mr. Ramsey was in charge and called upon Editor A. J. Crowson of The Burlington News to make the first talk. Mr. Crowson pictured somewhat the things in store for Smithfield as a result of the Ham-Ramsey revival. Mr. Williamson, who has large cotton mill interests in Burlington, also testified telling how the revival was still in progress, having touched mill districts and towns near by Burlington.

A young boy who completed high school this spring spoke with conviction of what the revival had meant to him. He was "cheer leader" of his class, and now he means to lead some cheers for God. Among others from Burlington who spoke were Charlie Sharp, insurance man, Homer Andrews, druggist, and M. T. Jeffries. With the Burlington delegation was Henry Jenkins of Durham who was converted through his mother's prayers and Mr. Ham's preaching, after having been in jail. He is now preparing for the ministry.

These preliminary services have meant a great deal in Smithfield, already, but it took the evangelist himself to bring out the larger crowds. Fully a thousand people, or more, were in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon to hear Mr. Ham preach his first sermon. He chose as his subject: "The Foundations of Christianity." He first took up the great historical facts of Christianity: the virgin birth of Jesus, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus, the last fact including the ascension, the sitting of Jesus on the right hand of God, and of interceding with God for the people of the world. Mr. Ham stated that if one doubted the virgin birth of Jesus, he might just as well doubt all of Christianity for taking away the belief in the virgin birth knocks the props from under the very foundation of Christianity. He said that there are those who would destroy the belief in the virgin birth, in the death of Jesus for the sins of the world and in the resurrection, but all the preaching that he will do during the campaign here will be based on these

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Firms Close For Revival Services

At the Sunday evening service Mr. Ham suggested that it would be a fine thing for the business houses to close during the morning service each day from ten to eleven. He wondered how many firms would be there with their entire force this morning, having voluntarily closed their doors. The suggestion has taken hold. The following firms have taken the initiative and during the hours mentioned may be found at the Tabernacle.

TURNAGE & TALTON
 AUSTIN-STEPHENSON CO.
 THE SMITHFIELD HERALD.
 COATES HARDWARE CO.
 CRUMPLER-JONES FUR CO.
 COTTER-UNDERWOOD CO.
 JORDAN-EDMUNDSON CO.
 F. H. BROOKS

GREENVILLE GETS CAR. EXPOSITION

Kinston, June 6.—Greenville was unanimously awarded the 1926 Eastern Carolina Exposition at the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Greenville citizens met every requirement of the directors, which consisted of a cash donation of \$1,000.00, a suitable warehouse, electric current free and moral support. E. G. Flanagan, chairman of the local committee that handled the matter for Greenville, in the invitation to hold the 1926 Show in Greenville, said: "To show our good faith, I am enclosing a gift to the Association of \$1,000.00, and also guarantee you warehouse accommodations and free electric current for the week of the Exposition. Greenville stands as a unit to give you moral support for success of your Exposition. If you desire to come to Greenville, we welcome you and will do our best to make your Exposition one of the best you have had since the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has been in existence."

With this kind of support, the fourth annual Exposition bids fair to be a great success. Greenville's location, her good roads leading out in every direction, her hospitable people, will make her an ideal place to hold the 1926 show.

65 Deaths From Heat

Philadelphia, June 7.—The torrid wave which has held Philadelphia in its grip for a week today exacted a toll of 65 deaths, directly or indirectly attributed to the heat. Scores of prostrations were reported. The maximum temperatures here was 98. Other points in the state reported temperatures of 100 or more.

It was estimated that 50,000 persons slept in Fairmont Park last night. Since the start of the record breaking hot wave last Monday, a total of 105 deaths attributed to the heat, have been reported in this city.

Finance Committee Makes Official Statement Regarding Deficit In Books of W. T. Adams

FIGURES BASED ON AUDIT

The Finance Committee, duly appointed and qualified for the county of Johnston and composed of Sam H. Massey, R. D. Langdon and Joel A. Johnson, make public officially the deficit found in the office of register of deeds during the administration of W. T. Adams. Their statement is based upon an audit of the books covering a period of four years, made by A. M. Pullen Co., and the shortage amounts to \$12,259.70, exclusive of interest.

The undersigned Finance Committee, duly appointed and qualified for the County of Johnston, report as follows:

That on June 1st, 1925, Mr. W. T. Adams having been duly notified, and being present, the committee using the audit as made by A. M. Pullen & Company, public accountants, as the basis for this report, a copy of which audit is on file in the office of the Register of Deeds, and hereby referred to find as follows:

1. The Six Hundred Dollar loan, made by the County Commissioners, out of the county funds, to S. J. Kirby, former county agent, was repaid to W. T. Adams, Clerk of the Board. Mr. Adams admitted that Seventy-five Dollars of this amount had not been paid over to the First & Citizens National Bank, financial agent of the county, and the committee find that he is due to the general county fund the sum of Seventy-five Dollars, with interest on Fifty Dollars from October 6, 1921, and interest on Twenty-five Dollars from December 8th, 1921.

2. During the terms of office of W. T. Adams, as register of deeds, covering the period from December 1, 1920, to November 30, 1924, inclusive he collected in fees, as said official, \$23,743.75. The difference between this amount and the amount as contained in the report of the auditors is an item of \$23.70 for services as Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, which was paid to Sam T. Honeycutt, former Register of Deeds, for services for the month of November, 1920, which should be deducted from the amount as shown by the auditors. With the exception of this item, Mr. Adams admits that the report of Pullen & Company is correct.

3. The committee further find that the said Register of Deeds paid over to the First & Citizens National Bank Smithfield, N. C., as financial agent, for Salary Funds, the following amounts:

Date	For Month of	Amount
1-25-21	December 1920	\$ 599.25
3-30-21	For Month of January 1921	755.35
12-5-21	For Months of Feb., Mar., and Apr., 1921	2,227.35
5-6-22	For Months of May through September, 1921	1,466.15
2-3-23	For Months of Oct. 1921 through March 1922	3,604.60
11-29-24	Unknown Period	2,906.35
		\$11,559.05

These credits leave a balance of fees due in the sum of \$12,184.70.

The total amount due by said W. T. Adams is the amount due the salary fund—\$12,184.70
 Balance on Kirby loan, due county— 75.00

Grand total due exclusive of interest— \$12,259.70

Interest to be added as follows:
 On \$599.25 from Jan. 6, 1921, to Jan. 25, 1921—
 On \$755.35 from Feb. 6, 1921 to Mch. 30, 1921—
 On \$808.35 from Mch. 6, 1921, to Dec. 5, 1921—
 On \$784.55 from Apr. 6, 1921, to

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