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NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Executive Budget System Becomes a Law On July 1; Questionnaires Sent To Girls Working For State

HOME-COMING WEEK

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, June 22.—Preparation for the State to go on the Executive Budget System, discussion of the prison system of the State, restricting regulation issued by the Corporation Commission under the Blue Sky law, the proclamation for "Homecoming Week" issued by the Governor, preparation for the State Judicial Conference, new regulations for bus lines and a host of lesser events constitute the week's news of the Capital City. Not the least important of the happenings was the intense heat of the week which hovered between 95 and 100 degrees several days and was finally broken by rains on Thursday of almost cloudburst volume.

The Executive Budget System becomes the law on July first and Governor McLean has been busy lining up the departments and institutions on the administration of the new fiscal policy. Under it all will be held strictly to the line in expenditures for permanent improvements and maintenance and Mr. McLean will check personally the administration of the law.

In line with the announced intention of readjusting salaries of the department clerks another "searching" questionnaire was sent out by the Salary and Wage Commission this week to the girls working for the State. Such intimate details as rent, how many in the room, how much for amusements, how many use the same bath you use, how much contributed to the church and other similar questions were asked, all with the purported intention of setting up an equitable scale of wages." A decided reaction against the scheme has been the immediate result of the work of the Salary and Wage Commission.

The prison system of the State will be thoroughly investigated by an expert representative of the Welfare commission and the State Board of Health working in cooperation. This is the result of recent happenings at the Rocky Mount road district camp where one prisoner was beaten to death.

Governor McLean issued a proclamation calling on all North Carolinians residing in other states to visit the State during the month of October and specifically designated the third week in October as "homecoming week" and urged all relatives of those who have adopted the State "to come and see us", and those North Carolinians away from home to return for the occasion.

Foreign corporations seeking to sell their stock in North Carolina will have to pass strict examination of the Corporation commission, declares I. M. Bailey, attorney for the Commission. Mr. Bailey also has issued a statement to the effect that banks dealing in securities must register their salesmen under the Blue Sky law as stock salesmen and must meet the regulations applying to stock salesmen.

Chief Justice Stacy will open the Judicial Conference this week of all members of the bench in the State. The keynote address will be made by the Chief Justice.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore has been re-elected president, John T. Thorne of Rocky Mount, vice-president; U. C. Blalock, general manager secretary and treasurer; assistant secretary and office manager, F. B. Webster, and assistant treasurer C. E. Stewart of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association.

The Corporation Commission is exercising every precaution in the supervision of the Capital Issues law which defines securities bordering on questionable contracts, and warns against "foreign concerns" seeking to dispose of properties on the installment plan. A late decision subjects the "Holly Hill Grove and Fruit Company of Davenport, Fla., to the provisions of the North Carolina

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Report Early Cotton Bloom

Mr. B. F. Barbour, who lives on the land of Mr. J. E. Lassiter, near Four Oaks, reported a cotton bloom on Saturday, June 20. That is the first cotton bloom we have heard of this season.

Yesterday morning Mr. Robert Barbour, who lives on Route One, brought another cotton bloom to this office. He was one of the first in the county last year to report a bloom. June 20 is early for cotton blooms in this section, but they are usually plentiful by July 4.

BENSON TO BUILD BRICK TOWN HALL

Scout Troop Is Organized Sponsored By Kiwanis Club; New Pastor of Presbyterian Church Arrives

NUMBER SOCIAL EVENTS

Benson, June 22.—Benson is to have a new town hall. Mr. C. C. Hook, Charlotte architect, is drawing the plans and expects to have them completed in a short time. The structure will be two stories high, and will contain offices for the town officials, the court room and jail. It will be of limestone and tapestry brick with concrete floors.

A number of friends here attended the funeral of Dr. R. C. Spence near Kipling Friday afternoon. Dr. Spence is a sister of Mrs. Alonzo Parrish of this city. He died in Dallas, Texas, following an operation. The Shriners from Benson acted as pall bearers.

The Flapper Grandmother that was staged in Benson, under the auspices of the Entre Nous Club Friday night was a great success. It was the best musical play that has ever been given here. The leading characters were Dr. F. L. Perkins, Mr. W. R. Strickland, Laurie Caveanaugh, Henry Shaw, and Misses Mary Lee, Ethel Hall, Blanche Martin, Mrs. Talmadge Lucas, Miss Wilhelmina Utley, pianist.

Miss Vallie Hill entertained the Dainty Dames Club with a porch party on Friday afternoon at from five to seven o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. B. Rose. Garden flowers were attractively used for decorating. Rook was played at four tables. Score pads and favors were in keeping with the season. Miss Blanche Martin won the prize for making the highest score and was presented a bottle of perfume. Miss Nita Turlington won the booby prize, a deck of Rook cards. The hostess served a salad course followed by an ice course, mints and salted peanuts. Present beside the club members were Mesdames A. S. Oliver, J. H. Rose, E. M. Hall of Zebulon, I. P. Roberts of Raleigh, W. T. Martin, Paul Lee, Miss Morris and Mrs. Hugh Flowers.

The members of the Kiwanis club and their families enjoyed a delightful picnic at Stewart's Pond Tuesday evening. All the young boys of the town were invited guests. The object of the picnic was to discuss a Boy Scout organization. President A. S. Oliver presided over the meeting. Scout executive, W. W. Rivers, of Goldsboro, was present and discussed what such an organization would mean to the boys of Benson. After which, a Scout troop was organized.

W. O. Rackley has moved to his new store across the street from where he has been in business here for several years and carries a full line of shoes and men's furnishings. The Place Cafe, the newest one in Benson, was opened the 19th. It is under the management of Messrs. Sam Young and Walter Anderson. They are located in Boone's new store across the street from the theater.

Rev. Johnnie Johnson, of Rex, has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church for the summer months. Mr. Johnson is a student at Richmond seminary. He comes to this charge very highly recommended.

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W. RANSOM SANDERS TO GO TO RALEIGH

Has Been Awarded Ford Agency In That City; W. M. Sanders Buys Interest In Local Ford Company

D. W. PARRISH TO BENSON

The exclusive Ford agency for Raleigh has been given to Mr. W. Ransom Sanders of this city, according to information given out here yesterday. This new firm was opened up in Raleigh yesterday, June 22, and will be known as the Sanders Motor Company. Mr. Sanders has been one of the owners of the Sanders Motor Company of this city and at Benson, since these businesses were opened several years ago. He has sold his interest in the firm here to his brother, Mr. W. M. Sanders, and Mr. T. C. Young, who also owes an interest in the firm, will be the manager. Henceforth, this firm will be known as the Young Motor Company, instead of Sanders Motor Company. Until a few weeks ago Mr. D. W. Parrish was part owner of the Sanders Motor Company, but he has recently bought the Benson agency and the firm there will be known as the Parrish Motor Company instead of the Sanders Motor Company. All these new firms were opened yesterday.

The Ford agency in Raleigh has been held by Mr. C. H. Rawls of the Rawls Motor Company. According to the News and Observer the transfer was reported in Raleigh last week. Mr. Rawls went to Detroit to confer with executives of the Ford Motor Company and to Charlotte to confer with officials at divisional headquarters. That paper stated that Mr. Rawls was not expected to take the cancellation of his contract without a fight. The contract was awarded Mr. Sanders on Saturday.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BUSY BEE CAFE AND GARAGE

During an electric storm here Thursday afternoon lightning struck the electric sign at the old Busy Bee cafe stand and knocked it down. During the same storm lightning struck the county garage. It ran into the building on the wires and burned a cloth hanging over the electric switch. No one was hurt at either place.

BROUGHT BACK TO JAIL

Walter Evans, who escaped from jail last January, was arrested on Pamlico Sound in the eastern part of the State Friday. Sheriff J. P. Parker was notified and Evans was brought to Smithfield Saturday and lodged in jail.

TO HARD-SURFACE DUNN-BENSON ROAD

Contract is soon to be let for hard-surfacing the highway between Dunn and Benson, a link of route No. 22 and of the proposed Carolinas-Florida Short Route, according to information given Eugene Lee, secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, by State highway officials. Mr. Lee made this monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening. According to the information given Mr. Lee, the work will be completed before winter.—Dunn Dispatch.

Operation of Slot Machines Unlawful

I desire to call the attention of the people of Johnston County to the fact that a number of persons have complained to me that various slot machines are being operated in Johnston County in violation of law.

Chapter 138 Public Laws, 1923, makes it unlawful to have a machine that does not produce for or give to the person operating, playing or patronizing same, the same return in market value for each and every operation. The



Mrs. H. W. Wade, formerly of New Orleans, is now in New York from the Philippines to champion a million dollar drive for the leper colony in the islands. Her husband, Dr. Wade, is acting chief there.

MAYORS COURT HAS A BUSY SUNDAY

Sunday was an unusually busy day in the Mayor's court, four cases coming up for trial before Mayor Naron.

Saturday night just about the time the Ham-Ramsey service was dismissed, an automobile parked on Third street near Gregory's Five and Ten cent store, attracted the attention of the passers-by when it was learned that it was a "liquor car." According to our information when the car stopped there, two women and J. T. Starling were the passengers. There were evidences that the women had been drinking and an officer had been called. Chief Cable was soon on the scene, and made a search of the car. Two bottles of whiskey and a loaded pistol were found. The women were taken to jail but Starling was released upon giving bond for his appearance in Recorder's court to answer the charge of transporting whiskey and carrying a concealed weapon.

Starling is a constructive engineer of Raleigh. The women were Mrs. Mattie Barber, and her sister, Mrs. Royall. Both are said to be divorced women. When the women were tried Sunday, one of them was released without fine, the other fined \$10.00 and costs because of her attitude during trial, cursing etc.

The women and Starling came to Smithfield from Raleigh on their way to spend Sunday near Pine Level where they had formerly lived. The other case tried Sunday was that of John Beasley who was placed in the lock up Saturday for being drunk and disorderly in the Sanitary Barber Shop. He was fined \$10.50.

An evangelical church is a church on ice; an evangelistic church is a church on fire.

The only way to keep the seeds of sin from bringing a harvest, is to keep digging them up and confess them.

J. P. PARKER,
 Sheriff Johnston County.

Near 10,000 People Heard Evangelist Ham Sunday

Gleaned

—from—
 MR. HAM'S SERMONS

All affliction, all trouble, can be traced to sin.

The hand of God is only hindered by sin.

You'll either confess your sins or condemn God.

Some of you never know you have sinned until afflictions come; you live so far away from God.

There never has been a sin yet that will not be punished.

Anything that is of God cannot be stopped.

The safest person on earth is a disciple of Jesus Christ.

There ought not to be a single person in your jail; and there would not be if Christian people were on the job.

A copper is a mighty religious coin; it goes to church and Sunday school much oftener than the dollar.

It will pay Tarheel farmers to begin the raising of horse and mule colts, thinks Prof. R. S. Curtis, who finds a great reduction in the number of such work animals now being reared.

Whenever God makes a preacher, he is a brand new thing; whenever man makes one, he is a copy of someone else. There has never been but one Martin Luther; but one John Calvin, one Knox, one John Wesley, one Billy Sunday.

All truths are dogmatic. All scientists are dogmatic; a druggist must be dogmatic; I want a doctor who knows his business—in other words, is dogmatic; and above all, I want a preacher who is dogmatic, for theological truth is dogmatic.

You had better be careful about how you try to justify and excuse a thing that God's messenger condemns. When you justify and excuse a thing that God has condemned you are guilty of high treason.

I challenge any farmer in Johnston county to try the Lord and bring into his house tithes of what he makes and see if he can't tell where his crops stop and his neighbor's begins. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

I'll tell you what Johnston County needs—you people of Johnston County need a real case of old-fashioned Holy-Ghost religion.

We get honey today without a bee; we get butter that never had anything to do with a cow; we get olive oil out of our cotton patches; and we have Christians who are without Christ.

War, famine, pestilence, drought come because folks do not confess their sins. If God's people would turn to God and confess their sins, devastation by the boll weevil could be averted.

Taking God's name in vain is the greatest sin. It is a greater sin than breaking all the other six commandments in regard to man's relation to his fellowmen—greater than murder, theft, adultery, covetousness, etc., because it is a direct sin against God while the others are sins against man.

How many of us turn God's holy day into a holiday!

Ku Klux Present Purse of \$100 To the Preacher at the Sunday Night Service

DELEGATIONS PRESENT

Nearly ten thousand people heard Evangelist M. F. Ham in his three sermons here Sunday. At eleven o'clock he spoke to a large number of young girls and young women. In the afternoon at three o'clock he delivered a powerful sermon on "The Trial and Crucifixion of Christ from a Legal Standpoint." At night his subject was "Sowing and Reaping."

At the evening service an interesting feature was the singing of the choirs from Johnson Union, Tee's Chapel and Corinth churches, directed by Mr. Bob Thomas. Another feature of the night service was the presentation to Evangelist Ham of one hundred dollars by the Johnston County Ku Klux Klan. Just as Mr. Ramsey had started the collection pans around, a score or more of white-robed figures entered the hall and marched down the three aisles, taking their places around the platform. The procession was led by Mrs. Amanda Rose Wilson, of Mississippi, Imperial Representative of the woman's branch of the Ku Klux Klan, who made the presentation speech. By the time these figures had advanced half way the auditorium, Mr. Ramsey led the congregation in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". As soon as the offering was delivered Mr. Ham led in prayer and as the Kluckers left the building, the choir sang "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The Sunday services were characterized by delegations from the various places of North Carolina where Mr. Ham has held revivals. Goldsboro, Burlington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Greenville, Elizabeth City, Durham, Henderson, Wilson and New Bern were all represented. Cities as far south as Birmingham Ala., and as far north as New York State were represented.

On Saturday night Rev. M. Ham spoke to fully 3,500 people on the subject "The Christian Home." Many have commented upon this sermon as one of the best that he has delivered since coming to Smithfield. "To some," said Mr. Ham, "the home means very little; to others it comes next to the church." He told the story of how Henry W. Grady was in an humble home of the south when the father in that home gathered his family around him for the reading of God's Word, singing His praises, and prayer. After this incident, Mr. Grady was impressed that the foundation of our republic is not the income.

The home was the first institution ever organized on this earth, and he pointed out that if the ills of society are to be cured the cure must start in the homes. Some have said that we need education, better schools. If education had been the remedy, the World War would not have occurred. Some say we need larger churches, institutional churches. Some say we need better legislation, better laws. All these things are good, but they are dependent after all upon training in the homes.

Corruptness, said the preacher, comes from the home; wholesomeness also comes from the home. For five hundred years after the founding of Rome there is no record of a single divorce. After the home began to deteriorate, divorces began to increase. A harmonious home is founded upon the marriage relation. "Be ye not unequally yoked together," quoted Mr. Ham, and he recited the duties of the husband to the wife, of the wife to the husband, of the parents to the children, and of the children to the parents.

On Saturday afternoon five or six hundred people gathered on the court house lawn and heard the evangelist speak for thirty minutes or more. At the close of the service a number of young boys made professions.

This week will be a busy one for

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