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Major Topics In State's Capital

Investigation at Morganton State Hospital; Talk of Flaws in County Finance Act; Veteran's Loan Act Valid

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, April 11.—Investigation of the charges of filthiness and neglect at the Morganton State Hospital, talk of flaws in the county finance act which some thought might necessitate an extra session of the General Assembly, the action of the Supreme Court declaring valid the provisions of the Veteran's Loan Act, the meeting of the new County Government commission to discuss plans for making up the county budgets and the decision of the State Highway Commission to take over additional miles of roads for improvement and maintenance may be considered among major topics discussed in official circles during the week. Governor McLean and State Treasurer Lacy put the "finishing touch" on the recent issue of State bonds and returned from New York early in the week.

Attorney General Brummitt began on Wednesday the investigation authorized by the General Assembly of the charges of mistreatment of H. B. Williams, of Beaufort county, while a patient at the State Hospital at Morganton on request of the Williams family. Revolting conditions in the quarters occupied by Williams were pictured by his wife, who boldly charged that her husband had been murdered by the institution. She and other witnesses testified that he had gone there a sound man physically and came away in a horrible condition, dying shortly after reaching home. The management of the hospital and a number of assistants who testified denied the charges of gross neglect and mistreatment, testifying that Williams was placed in the ward with other patients with like afflictions, his trouble being characterized as senile dementia which necessitated segregation from those otherwise afflicted. Supt. MacCampbell stressed the need for more money with which to employ additional assistants relating that there were about 40 patients in the ward with Williams who were being looked after by three day and one night attendants, because they had no funds with which to employ a greater number.

Chester B. Masslich, New York lawyer and bond attorney for the state, has found apparent flaws in the wording of the 1927 county finance act and suggests an injunction to prevent printing and publishing of the public laws by the Secretary of the State. The suggestion of Mr. Masslich started talk of an extra session of the General Assembly to remedy the defects. This idea found few adherents and a conference of State officials with Governor McLean on his return from New York voted to have the constitutionality of the act determined in the usual way, through a test case, which will be brought when some county attempts to sell bonds under the act.

The test case brought against the Veteran's Loan Act to settle the allegations of paternalism, extravagance and class legislation has been settled by the Supreme Court favorable to the "boys" and

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A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Jack Mann recognized his name last issue.
Today's tantalizer:
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The Old Uriah Baucomb Place



This untenanted, dilapidated house located on Highway Number 10 in Clayton Township, which was burned a few days ago, has an historical interest for Johnstonians. It was at this place that Daniel Webster in May 1847, while enroute from Raleigh to Wilmington, left his carriage and entered the field where some hands were plowing and examined the plows expressing his surprise that farmers here still retained such primitive implements as the old rutter and darger plows. In an issue of the Herald of May 11, 1893, the late W. M. Sanders told the story of Webster's visit to this section, telling that his party, which included W. R. Gales, Editor of the Raleigh Register, organ of the Whig Party of the State, dined in Smithfield at the old Hotel Tel-fair.

Great River Is Mayor Proclaims On A Rampage Special Campaign

Fear of Breaks in Levees of the Mississippi Disappear As Waters Begin To Recede

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 10.—Flood conditions at Columbus, Ky., and Burks Landing, Miss., where levee breaks on the Mississippi River have appeared imminent for several days, were considerably relieved today, according to information reaching here.

The river was reported falling at Columbus, where a break in the municipal levee has been expected momentarily since the flood stage was reached early last week. Only a skeleton levee, undermined through half its thickness, has held the waters for more than a week. The river is above the town there at its present stage.

RIVER WHIPPED.
Unless the river shows an unprecedented rise, the weak place in the private levee at Burks Landing will hold, according to W. L. Head, of the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee District, at Clarksdale. "We believe we have the old stream whipped," he said tonight.

Major John C. H. Lee, in charge of the United States engineers in the third river district, with headquarters at Vicksburg, Miss., arrived in Memphis tonight from Little Rock, Ark., by airplane. He has made a plane inspection of the Arkansas Tributaries to the Mississippi in his district. He issued a statement that the government levees in the third district would hold.

The rains in the Ohio basin during the past few days will only bring the river back to its crest, if any change is caused, in the opinion of meteorologists. Falling water was reported at several points in the upper high water districts tonight.—Associated Press.

FIND LOST DIAMOND IN CHICKEN'S GIZZARD

GREENVILLE, Apr. 7.—Scratching away in the dirt on the farm of R. L. Smith, a few miles from Greenville, a year old chicken deposited in his craw a diamond valued at several hundred dollars which had been lost by Mrs. Smith about three years ago. Knowledge of the unusual gastronomic feat was not divulged, however, until yesterday when the precious stone was found in the chicken's gizzard by a young lady who was preparing the fowl for cooking. This was the third time that this particular stone had been lost, but each time it has been returned in some unexpected manner.

A railway superintendent ordered that all accidents must be reported immediately. Recently he received a wire: "Man fell from platform in front of moving train. Will wire details later."

Five minutes ticked by, then came another telegram: "Everything O. K. Nobody hurt. Engine was going backward."

Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

More Than Dozen Criminal Cases Disposed of in Last Week's Court

Recorder's Court was in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, the following cases coming up for trial:

Bernice Thomas was in court for operating a car while under the influence of whiskey. He entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to jail for a term of 60 days to be worked on the roads of Johnston County. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost, and on condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in the next twelve months.

Hayden Drake entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging assault. Prayer for judgement was continued for two years upon the payment of \$20 to the prosecuting witness and the payment of cost.

Purdo Lucas was charged with assault with deadly weapon and intent to kill and resisting officer. He was bound over to Superior Court on the charge of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was found guilty of resisting officer and was sentenced to jail for a term of 60 days to be worked on the county roads. He was also taxed with the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$100 fine and the cost.

John Holmes was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and was sent to the county roads for 30 days. He was also required to pay the cost. John Holmes was also found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to the county roads for six months and taxed with the cost. The road sentence in this case is to begin at the expiration of the sentence in the first case.

Doon Allen was given one week to pay a fine of \$25 and cost for violating the prohibition laws.

The state failed to convict Alex Byrd, who was charged with larceny.

Clair Williams plead guilty of operating a slot machine. Judgement was suspended for term of two years upon the payment of the cost and upon condition that he does not allow any gambling device in or on his premises in the next two years.

M. P. Sullivan entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging disposing of crops without paying rents. Prayer for judgement was continued for a term of two years upon the payment of the cost.

C. R. Adams entered a plea of nol contendere to a charge of assault. Prayer for judgement was

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AMERICAN LEGION TO TAKE LEAD IN CAMPAIGN

Simultaneous with a proclamation by the mayor of this city comes the announcement that the American Legion will join forces and probably take the lead in making the fire prevention clean-up campaign in this city a real success. The Legion has always evinced a civic interest in Smithfield, and it is worthy of commendation that this organization means to make the campaign this year more worth while than usual.

Baptist To Hold Mission School

Dr. J. W. Lowe, Missionary To China, Will Be One Of Principal Speakers

A school of missions will be held in the Baptist church here beginning next Sunday and continuing through the week following, with two sessions a day. This course aims to offer an opportunity, not only to the people of Smithfield, but to all the church people within reach of Smithfield, to enjoy a course of great educational and inspirational value.

Three main speakers are on the program, the leading one being Dr. J. W. Lowe, one of the outstanding missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has spent a long period in China. He is expected to speak next Sunday morning and night, and each night during the week. Sunday afternoon at three o'clock Mrs. H. M. Finch, of Doeky Mount, widely known in this section of the state as a speaker of unusual ability, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting, which will offer attractive musical numbers.

During the week, Miss Gertrude Mattison, field worker in the Johnston Association for the Woman's Missionary Union, will teach three courses afternoon and evening, assisted by Mrs. S. L. Morgan. The courses are: 1. In the Manual of the W. M. U.; 2. The Y. W. A. book on China, Missionary Glimpses; 3. A course for the Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliaries, using Brain's Missionary Stories. Mrs. H. H. Radford and Miss Lolly Williams will conduct a story hour several afternoons for the children of the Sunbeams.

American Legion Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion will be held Wednesday evening at the courthouse at 7:45 o'clock. Legionnaires are urged to attend. Another silver loving cup is said to be in the air.

Fighting Ships In Chinese Waters

Shanghai Now Has Biggest Array Of Alien Ships Of Any Port In World

SHANGHAI, China, April 10.—China's troubles have brought together in Chinese waters the greatest international naval concentration ever seen in the orient for the protection of foreign lives and interests.

Shanghai presents today a greater array of foreign fighting craft, flying the flags of eight non-Chinese nations, than any other port in the world. There are 172 fighting ships in Chinese waters besides 300 odd naval auxiliaries such as transports, colliers, tugs and similar vessels.

The nations represented by this great armada are the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands. In command are eight admirals, three Americans, three British, one Japanese and one French.

Admiral Clarence S. Williams, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, is the senior officer of the fleet. The other American admirals are Rear Admiral Henry H. Hough, commanding the Yangtze patrol, and Rear Admiral John R. Blakely, commanding the third light cruiser division consisting of the Richmond, Marblehead and Cincinnati.

The British admirals are Vice Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Rear Admiral W. H. P. Boyd and Rear Admiral John E. Cameron, Rear Admiral Araki is in command of the Japanese forces and Rear Admiral Basiere of the French forces.

The lineup of the fighting ships is as follows: Great Britain, 76; Japan, 49; United States, 30; France, 10; Italy, 4; Spain, 1; Portugal, 1; Netherlands, 1.

Forty-five of these vessels are concentrated at Shanghai where all eight nations are represented; forty-six are patrolling the Yangtze river and the remainder are standing by at coast ports, including a British concentration of 14 ships at Hongkong or on mobile duty.

The great armada of foreign ships does not include any capital vessels, but contain some of the world's most modern and efficient light cruisers, notably the American third light cruiser division under Rear Admiral Blakely.

The British first and fifth cruiser squadrons, totaling 13 vessels, are modern, speedy and heavily gunned ships, of the Hawkins, Vice Admiral Tyrwhitt's flag ship, and the Forbisher, which is at Hongkong.—Associated Press.

Command of U. S. Forces in China



Here are the commanders given full authority to protect U. S. citizens and property in China. Above, Rear Admiral C. S. Williams, in command of all U. S. Naval forces. Below, General Smedley D. Butler, arriving at Shanghai to take charge of the Marines.

City's New Fire Truck Arrives

Official Tests Will Be Made This Week; Fire Department Now Equipped For Almost Any Fire

The new Seagraves fire truck purchased by the town of Smithfield some time ago has arrived in the city, and official tests will be made during the next four or five days. The truck at present is under the supervision of J. D. Jolly, of Columbus, Ohio, factory representative. He will have charge of the truck until the State Insurance Department has time to inspect and accept it. Then it will be formally turned over to the city.

The new truck makes Smithfield's fire department second to none. It will now be able to fight a fire of almost any magnitude. The new truck carries a centrifugal pump, which pumps a thousand gallons of water a minute. The new truck cost \$12,500.

Those who have charge of the fire apparatus are: W. H. Lassiter, fire commissioner; Bernice L. Jones, fire chief; S. E. Hogwood, chief operator, who has charge of the trucks.

N. C. HAS BLUE LAWS, TOO

North Carolina just simply will not let her sister state on the South get ahead of her in any way. Just at the time when Governor Richardson, of South Carolina, is putting his state on the map through the rigid enforcement of the "blue laws," lo, and behold, somebody up at Raleigh scratches around among the rubbish and finds an old dusty statute which says that the commonwealth also has "blue Sunday laws." So if Governor McLean will just sit down on the lid like the governor of South Carolina did, this state will quit inviting the fellows from South Carolina up for Sunday golf.—Stanley News-Herald.

\$1,140 to \$1,180 a year.
74 Attorneys, at \$1,860 to \$5,200 a year.

Copies of the examination announcements and application blanks may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this or any other city. The examination announcements give detailed information regarding the scope of the examinations and the requirements for entrance thereto.

Baptist Churches To Hold Rallies

Inspirational Meeting To Be Held at Selma, Kenly, Pisgah, Four Oaks and Clayton

By REV. R. L. SHIRLEY.

The Executive Board of the Johnston Association is planning for a great week following Easter Sunday. Through the courtesy of the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., and Rev. S. L. Morgan, the chairman of the executive committee, those in charge of the rallies have been able to secure the services of Dr. John W. Lowe, of China, for a full week. Dr. Lowe is a man of pleasing personality and a speaker of rare ability. He is not only a great student but a man of great heart power. He will be the principal speaker at the four rallies to be held at Pisgah, April 18, at Selma, April 19, at Kenly, April 20, at Four Oaks, April 21, and at Clayton, April 22. These meetings will begin promptly at 10:00 a. m. and will continue to 3:00 p. m. with a short intermission during the noon hour at which time a light lunch will be served.

The program will consist of congregational singing led by Mr. H. B. Smith, recently of Annapolis, Md., who will also render special music including solos played on an ordinary handsaw; devotional services conducted by the pastors; the organized work among the women by Miss Gertrude Mattison, W. M. U. Leader of the association; a special message at 11:15 each morning by a selected speaker; lunch hour at noon followed at one o'clock by a sacred song service and special music; then an inspirational address on "Twenty Years in China" by Dr. J. W. Lowe.

Let every Christian in each community plan now to attend the meeting nearest him. Every Baptist pastor is urged to be present and is earnestly requested to see that there shall be representatives from every church in the association. Let no one imagine that these meetings are mere make-shifts for they will be epoch-making in the lives of all who attend. "Let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" and receive the inspiration that will send us back to our churches to do a greater work for our Master.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT PINE LEVEL CHURCH

The revival services which began at Pine Level last Sunday will continue through Friday night, April 15. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Shirley, is preaching at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. each day. Large congregations are in attendance upon the services. Rev. S. H. Styron and the Freewill church out of courtesy to the pastor and his people called off their service on Sunday night and came in great numbers. Mr. H. B. Smith, recently of Annapolis, Md., is leading the song service. He is a fine leader, an excellent soloist and in addition he plays solos on an ordinary handsaw. He is a very fine helper. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services is extended.

Baptist Choir Practice.
The director of the Easter music at the Baptist church requests a full practice on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. M. A. Wallace at eight o'clock.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—

"Hit lak ded co-whop man is a tryin' ter advatiz Mista Fode."

SEND IN YOUR VOTE NOW FOR THE FIVE MASTER FARMERS IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

For the past three years State College has been awarding at commencement a certificate of meritorious Service to one or more farmers. These men are usually nominated through the County Farm Agent, Johnston County, though one of the best farming counties in the state and nation, has no farm agent. Johnston County has some splendid farmers who ought to be considered in this connection, and The Herald would like to have the names of such persons, which would be turned over to State College authorities who have the matter in charge. Therefore we are asking all readers of the Smithfield Herald to send in their vote this week for the Master Farmer in this County. Think over the farmers you know and test them by the following considerations, and then mail the ballot at once.

1. The man must be a bona fide farmer and must have been successful in some line of farming.
2. He must have taken a leading part in doing something to aid the people of the community and state to a fuller and more fruitful life on the farm.
3. He must be of good moral character.

USE THIS BALLOT

My vote for five Johnston Master Farmers is as follows:

(1) Name Address

(2) Name Address

(3) Name Address

(4) Name Address

(5) Name Address

My name is Address

HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL TO MEET

Next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock the County Council of Home Demonstration work will meet in its newly renovated room in the basement of the courthouse. A full attendance is desired.

Without a doubt, some of these pretty flappers look good enough to eat—and sometimes they will.