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State Board Not To Cut Johnston Equalizing Fund

County Board Rescinds \$32,000 of \$52,700 Cut and State Board Accepts.

The State Board of Equalization, after an all day hearing late yesterday afternoon unanimously passed a resolution against any cut in Johnston county's allotment of \$111,000 from the State fund. The resolution followed a full hearing of the complaint of the Johnston County Board of Education that the budget approved by the Johnston County Commissioners would not permit the "business-like, economical and efficient operation" of the schools of the county. It also followed the adoption of the commissioners of the original budget to the extent of \$569,300 as compared with their own previous figures of \$538,500 and the board of education's figures of \$590,250.

Opening of the eight month school terms in Johnston County has already been deferred from October 6 to October 20 and there was no assurance yesterday that the controversy is at an end, as Superintendent of Schools H. B. Marrow and Norman Sheppard, attorney for the board of education, both declared that they did not think it possible to operate the schools on the revised figures and that an appeal to the clerk of the Superior court and hence to the courts was likely.

Not Get Together

However, the board of education, which some months ago voted to have no lawsuit and to abide any decision the board of commissioners might make as to the amount, has yet to meet and consider the matter. The resolution of the State Board of Equalization dealt only with the total sum of the budget approved by the County Commissioners, but it was passed only after the commissioners had been forced to substitute cuts of specific items for a general cut of like amount, which would have left the application discretionary with the board of education.

Hearing Prolonged

The hearing was dragged out by many hours because of the reluctance of the board of commissioners to reduce specific items and that course was only taken after J. T. Edgerton, the chairman, had been placed on the stand and asked whether or not he approved each specific item under the heading "current expenses other than teachers' salaries," to which the blanket reduction was confined.

The State Board of Equalization then took its third recess for a conference of the commissioners and the result was the paring of such items by \$16,700, the two local boards having previously agreed to a reduction of \$4,200 by eliminating several teachers asked by the local board of education but not approved by the State Board of Equalization.

This was the only agreement reached, but the two boards were only \$8,000 apart at the end, the board of education having announced earlier during the quest for a compromise that they would agree to \$577,000 and nothing less.

Two Warm Tiffs

The meeting was so largely attended as to cause adjournment to the State Capitol, but the move afterward was rescinded because of the inability of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, who has recently been ill, to climb the steps in the Capitol. It was featured by two warm tiffs between members of the board and James R. Raynor, prominent Johnston County Republican and attorney for the board of commissioners.

Repeatedly during the hearing and at its conclusion, J. D. Parker, former Assistant United States Attorney, who appeared yesterday as special counsel for the commissioners, was commended for his fairness.

"If the county commissioners had had Mr. Parker to advise them, they would never have gotten into this mess," bluntly declared Miss Kelly after Mr. Parker admitted that both boards had failed to conform to the law, the Board of Education in failing to list its excess requests over the allowances of the State Board of Equalization and the County Board of Commissioners in failing to specify its objections to the budget.

"That is a reflection on me and I resent it," asserted Mr. Raynor, who then declared a settlement would have been reached much earlier if Miss Kelly had not "buted in."

This statement referred to a de-

Mailing of Tax Notices to Start Off This Week

Smithfield, Oct. 22.—The preparation of the tax notices had been delayed until this week, awaiting the special tax rates of the various school districts of the county which the county superintendent of schools is required to furnish to board of county commissioners on or before the first day of August in each year.

The county auditor has been very much inconvenienced and delayed in starting this work because of the fact that he had been unable to get from superintendent H. B. Marrow a statement of these special tax rates. Not a single township could he get rates for until this week, and he probably would not have had any of these rates before the election but for the fact that the board of county commissioners were about to start mandamus proceedings in an effort to force Mr. Marrow to furnish these rates.

In the meantime the Democratic speakers have been telling the tax payers that the Republicans were holding back these notices because they knew the taxes were going to be higher, when as a matter of fact everybody in the county will get the benefit of the cut of 20 cents on the \$100.00 worth of property on the county-wide rate and the people of the county will pay between \$80,000.00 and \$100,000.00 less tax in 1930 than they paid in 1929.

The mailing out of the tax notices is expected to start about Friday of this week.

If any township in the county pays more taxes this year than in 1929 it will be because of some special tax over which the county commissioners have no control.

laration of Miss Kelly's that "this board could budget \$30,000 as easily as \$1,000" when Mr. A. McL. Graham, delegated by the Board of Equalization to conduct its inquiry asked if a settlement could not be made on the first offer of Mr. Parker, to add \$25,000 to the amount approved by the commissioners.

The second tiff with Mr. Raynor came from F. S. Spruill, the member of the board whose district includes Johnston county.

Mr. Raynor charges that the commissioners had been kept in ignorance of necessary data.

"You don't know what you are talking about," asserted Mr. Spruill. "This board has sent everything to the board of commissioners that it has sent to the board of education."

In making a revised budget to meet the commissioners' \$52,000 cut, the Board of Education had eliminated 84 of the county's 433 teachers, that action giving rise to a lawsuit now pending in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Parker made it clear that his board approved all items for teachers and approval was finally substituted for failure to approve or disapprove the items for rural supervision and teachers' supplies, the only exception being the seven teachers included by the county board of education and not by the State board, which the former agreed to waive.

Debt service items were also approved.

The controversy came over miscellaneous items for which the law fixes a minimum of 10 per cent of teachers' salaries, amounting in the case of Johnston county to \$27,000. Told by State Superintendent A. T. Allen that the average for the State is 20 per cent, the commissioners agreed to that figure but insisted that the individual items were matters for the board of education and not for them.

The board of commissioners maintained this attitude for several hours, even after Mr. Parker had recommended to it the \$577,000 compromise offer of the board of education.

However, when forced to specify the board reduced the items for coal from \$9,500 to \$6,500; for janitors from \$9,100 to \$6,000; for repairs from \$5,000 to \$3,000; for clerical help for the superintendent from \$3,200 to \$1,200; for the superintendent's traveling expenses from \$300 to \$150, and made similar reductions in several other small items.

Mr. Parker stated the new budget can be raised without increasing the one dollar tax rate already levied for schools in the county.—News and Observer, Oct. 16th.

Congressman Pou Kiwanis Speaker

Congressman Edward W. Pou was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis Club last week. He spoke on "How America Can Keep Out of the Next World War." The speaker seemed to think that there will be another world war, basing his conclusions on the fact that he had heard from some sources that the Germans and Italians had set apart great areas of territory for the sole purpose of manufacturing poison gases. Mr. Pou said he believed that the influenza epidemic was a result of German poison chemicals.

The speaker said: "The way to keep out of another world war is to be friends to other nations. We cannot slap other nations in the face and expect them to be our friends." He also stated that the American tariff policy has made an enemy of every nation under the sun. He then stated that the way of the next war is by way of a big navy and that we should have a navy not equal, but superior to any other navy in the world.

Following the address of Congressman Pou, Program Chairman H. H. Lowry called on Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Selma Methodist Church, for a few remarks. Mr. Sharpe stated that his life is dedicated to the cause of peace in the world. The peace that we seek must be based on the ideal of a world brotherhood of mankind, an ideal set forth and championed by Jesus Christ, the great Prince of Peace. "This peace," said the speaker, "can come only by a mutual understanding between the nations of the world."

Harvard Deficit Set At \$176,624

Auditor Gives Final Figures on Shortage of Late Durham Official.

Durham, Oct. 20.—As the climax of an investigation which has been in progress since the latter part of April, L. F. Delamar, auditor, today submitted a detailed report to the Durham County Commissioners, showing a total shortage of \$176,624 in the books of the late Sheriff John F. Harward.

Of this amount \$140,892 represents unaccounted for funds in the 1929 tax books. The audit goes back to 1923, over which period of time the bonding company is partially responsible for the loss, but it has not yet been determined to what extent.

R. P. Reade, county attorney, is making a study of the report in order to ascertain the amount for which the bonding company is liable.

According to the report, the shortage the previous year. The majority of the fake receipts were signed by J. J. Thaxton, deputy collector, who is now charged with misbehavior while in office, and embezzlement. J. M. O'Brian, also a deputy under Sheriff Harward, is indicted on a charge of misbehavior while in office. The sheriff was bonded in the amount of \$55,000 each year.

Democratic Clerk Of Court In Guilford County Short \$55,000

Investigation Shows Vouchers in Name of Dead People Cashed—'Great Majority' Found to Be Deceased, Says Solicitor.

(Greensboro Daily News) "Investigations made by Mr. Carter as to Confederate pension checks handed by Mason W. Gant, former clerk of Guilford Superior court, indicate an apparent shortage in excess of \$55,000," State Auditor Baxter Durham informed a Daily News reporter yesterday.

Solicitor J. F. Spruill, of Lexington said that "the great majority of pensioners whose names appear as payees on the check totaling more than \$55,000 are deceased, either deceased Confederate veterans or deceased widows of Confederate veterans. In the cases the evidence is designed to show that the names of pensioners were endorsed by Mason W. Gant and the signatures attested by Mason W. Gant—in the manner in which certain Lemuel S. Dixon Confederate pension checks were handled as heretofore indicated."

New Registration Called In 3 Townships In Co.—Selma One

New Registration Means that Everybody Must Register Anew, Regardless to Former Elections.

The registration books are now open and will remain open until Saturday, October 25th, 1930. A new registration has been called for Smithfield, Selma and Banner townships and everybody in these townships will have to register in order to vote in the November election regardless of the fact that you may have been voting in either of these townships in the past. A new registration means that everybody must register anew. We are printing below the list of registrars for the different townships in the county:

Wilson's Mills, N. R. Wilson. Clayton, J. M. Turley. Cleveland, Seba R. Johnson. Pleasant Grove, H. C. Hicks. Elevation, W. L. Massengill. West Banner, Jim Poole. East Banner, W. H. Strickland. Meadow, J. Mang Wood. Bentonville, L. G. Westbrook. Ingrams, S. M. Boyette. Boon Hill, W. J. Woodard. Micro, J. A. Peele. Pine Level, C. H. Brown. Beulah, A. G. Moore. Wilders, Marvin Price. O'Neals, S. B. Strickland. Selma, W. L. Etheredge. East Smithfield, Tom Stallings. West Smithfield, W. D. Avera.

PRINCETON

Bill Stevens of Duke University was at home last week-end, the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Stevens.

John Vernon Woodard of U. N. C. was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Woodard last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Massey and children of Greenville visited in town Sunday. Mrs. Massey and children are visiting Mr. J. W. Odom and Mrs. Calvin Gurley this week.

Misses Bruce Brewer and Smithie Lee, student nurses at the Johnston County Hospital, were the guests of Miss Brewer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brewer, last week-end.

Mrs. L. A. Rainey and children of Goldsboro were visitors in town Sunday.

L. D. Mitchell and C. S. Peele attended the State Fair at Raleigh last Wednesday.

Mrs. Betty Pittman of Cradock—Portsmouth, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annah Peele.

Raymond Snipes, an English instructor in the Snow Hill High School, was at home last week-end. D. C. Massey made a business trip to Salisbury last week-end.

Helen Raines visited in Brogden last week-end.

Ed Peele visited friends in Zebulon Tuesday night and attended the State Fair in Raleigh.

Friends of Miss Annie Capps of Bucklesberry will be sorry to learn that she died at her home early Monday morning, after many months illness.

Everyone was very glad to know that school opened Monday morning. We are glad to welcome the old teachers back again and hope that the new ones will like us well enough to want to come back another year.

Friends of Mrs. W. Brock of Bucklesberry will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill at her home. We wish that she will soon be well again.

The host of friends of N. C. Holt, who has been very ill at his home, will be glad to learn that he is very much better.

Mrs. N. C. Holt entertained the Princeton Bridge Club at her beautiful home Wednesday afternoon.

Election Official Is Held To Grand Jury

High Point, Oct. 22.—The Republicans won the first round in what may be a long legal bout at a hearing held this afternoon in High Point municipal court, when Judge Lewis Teague held that the prosecution had offered enough testimony for holding Grover Kerr, Democratic registrar, for the Superior court grand jury, on a charge of infractions of the state election law. Bond of \$300 was furnished.

Mrs. J. W. Odom, Of Princeton, Dead

Princeton Mourns Death of Beloved Woman — Funeral Held Friday Afternoon and Interment is Made in Fremont Cemetery.

Princeton, Oct. 20. — Thursday night, Oct. 9, at 10:30 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Odom, aged 63, died at her home near here. Though she was confined to her home for ten months, disease did destroy the charm of her lovely disposition nor the unselfish solicitude that she had for her loved ones. She will be missed greatly by a host of friends as well as relatives. Her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Gurley of Newport News, Va., stayed with her all the while she was ill, and Mrs. Gurley will especially feel the loss of her mother.

Everything that friends, relatives, or physicians could do to comfort Mrs. Odom was done during her illness. In the early summer she was taken to a hospital in Wilson; not getting any better, she was brought home. Then several weeks later Mrs. Odom was taken to the Johnston County Hospital. Being too weak to undergo an operation and growing weaker all the time, she was brought home again.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the Baptist church here of which the deceased was a member. Rev. W. O. Andrews, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. A. C. Turner, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment was made in the Fremont Cemetery. Pall bearers were: her two sons, Hal Odom of Pine Level, and John Odom of near Princeton, and her four nephews of Fremont, Frank, Ed, June, and Braxton Smith.

Mrs. Odom, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, was born in Fremont, March 20, 1866. She was twice married. The first time to David Rhodes of Duplin county, who preceded her to the grave several years ago. Her second marriage was to J. Will Odom, and to this union four children were born: Hal B. Odom, Pine Level; Mrs. W. Calvin Gurley, Newport News, Va.; Mrs. J. A. Massey, Greenville; and John S. Odom, Princeton.

She is survived by her second husband, her four children, and several grandchildren.

SELMA MILL VILLAGE NEWS

(By MRS. W. G. STEPHENSON)

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Starling and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mooneyham attended a reunion Sunday of their father Mr. Whitley. Miss Myrtle Jones, Mr. Roscoe Jones and Mr. Earl Penry of Smithfield visited Miss Ila Mae Rafor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Grice visited their son Mr. Frank Grice near Moore's School house Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Stephenson is visiting her sister Mrs. J. H. Wheeler of Tarboro.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Mattie Price is on the sick list this week but hope she will be out again soon.

Mrs. Miriam Eason and Mr. Clyde Glenn of Durham attended a Big Dinner in Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Polie Pool and children were visitors in Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kessy Daughtry and Henry Daughtry, Mr. George Daughtry and also Miss Minnie Bailey were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Daughtry Saturday afternoon.

FAVOR WEIGHT BASIS FOR AUTO LICENSING

Asheville, Oct. 22.—The state department of revenue will recommend to the 1931 general assembly that state automobile licenses be determined on a weight basis rather than horsepower, it was announced by Sprague Silver, of Raleigh, director of the motor vehicle bureau, department of revenue.

Mr. Silver arrived in the city today from Raleigh to attend the conference of motor vehicle commissioners opening at the eGorge Vanderbilt hotel tomorrow. While the scale of weights has not been fixed, Director Silver said the department would recommend a minimum license of \$11 as compared with \$12.50 now. The maximum license under the proposed change would be several dollars less than the present maximum fee of \$40.

Republican Speaking Appointments

The following is a list of Republican speaking appointments for the dates and places named:

October 24th, Pine Level High School, Mr. Raynor.

October 25th, Kenly, street, 3 P. M., Mr. Raynor.

October 27th, Sandy Ridge Clayton Township, Mr. Alford and Edgerton.

Oct. 27th, Corinth Holder High School, Mr. Raynor.

Oct. 28, Stancil Chapell, Mr. Alford.

Oct. 29, Benson High School, Mr. Raynor.

Oct. 31, Smithfield, Court House, Mr. Raynor.

KENLY

(By MELBA WATSON)

The B. Y. P. U. met Sunday night at six thirty o'clock at the Missionary Baptist church for the purpose of organizing. The meeting was called together by Mrs. Robert Nixon. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. B. Carroll Stinson; vice-president—Miss Irene Edgerton; secretary—Mrs. James Allen Hodge; treasury—Jelmas Lassiter; group captains—Guy Edgerton and James Watson. About twenty people were present at this meeting and each one is invited to return to the meeting next Sunday night, and all new members and visitors will be heartily welcomed.

The many friends of Mr. Monroe Godwin of near Kenly will be sorry to learn that his condition is but little improved. Mr. Godwin had a stroke of paralysis nearly four weeks ago and has been confined to his bed since that time.

Mrs. Polly Ricks died at her home last Friday morning about eleven o'clock. Funeral service was conducted at the home on Saturday afternoon at two thirty o'clock by Rev. Worley of Selma, pastor of Kenly F. W. B. church, and Rev. Landrum, pastor of the Kenly Presbyterian church. The remains were taken to the Buckhorn cemetery for burial.

Kenly school year began Monday morning, October 22, with an enrollment much larger than in past years. Many visitors were present and welcomed at the school on this day. Professor G. T. Whitley made a talk explaining the delay in commencing school and other important points. Also a member of the school board, Lawyer P. D. Grady made an interesting talk, welcoming the teachers, both old and new ones, back to Kenly school. The new teachers for the year are as follows: Miss Mildred Carmichael of Dillon, S. C.; Miss Lillian Williams of Kinston; Mrs. Uzzle of Wilson's Mills; Miss Mattie Vine Mayo of Greenville; Miss Hazel Brown of Selma; and Miss Kelly of Cleveland, N. C.

Miss Katherine Alford, a member of Macesfield school faculty, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Alford.

Mr. Guy Alford of Raleigh was a week-end guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Alford.

Miss Elsie Grady left Sunday for Wilson's Mills where she will teach school this year.

Messrs. W. T. Kirby, Dallas and Ransom Johnson attended the State Fair at Raleigh last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Gaskill of Selma spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hooks.

Miss Grace Watson of this city, along with the teachers of the Kenly school faculty attended the Johnston County Teachers' meetings at Smithfield Saturday morning. Miss Watson who is 1st grade teacher at Glendale school this year, also attended the teachers meeting at Glendale Saturday afternoon.

Mr. L. C. Wilkinson, Jr., of the University of N. C., Chapel Hill, spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson, Sr.

A group of Kenly people attended the church at the F. W. B. church of Greenville Sunday. Rev. Minoc Godwin of this section conducted this service. Those who attended were Mr. R. L. Pittman, Rachel Perkins, Misses Glennie and Estelle Pittman who spent the remainder of the day with Mr. and Mrs. Hardee of Greenville; and Misses Eva and Claree took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Waters also of Greenville.