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OUR BONDED DEBT.

The University News Letter published at the University of North Carolina, has a lengthy article the past issue in regard to our bonded indebtedness, from which we take the following paragraph:

"The state bonds issued by North Carolina up to January 1 are sixty-nine million dollars all told ,or nearly twenty-seven dollars per inhabitant.

The state bonded debt is right around half of what we have invested privately in automobiles alone. And the per capita burden of bonded debt is just a little more than half the cost of a set of Ford tires.

The interest on the bonded debt of the state is \$2,800,000 a year, which is about a dollar per inhabitant, and a dollar is just about the cost of five gallons of gasoline.

We buy cars and tires and gaso line and never think about bankrptcy. but when we talk about state bonds we think about nothing else but bank-

The state is far likelier to be bankrupted by private automobiles than by public bonds."

Well, brother, we have slightly a different view than that you have ex- county agrees with the recent grand public improvement. We want them shape. more of them, but your figures are confined solely to the automobile owning class-the richer folks.

There are numbers of folks in the state of North Carolina that do not not favored so much as to own an ox. There are people in every coun- to keep up, even if it cost more, it ty that do not buy gasoline; many of them, in season, stamp the breast of old mother earth with bare feet, and or is right. The people of Chatham ship of automobiles, because those possessing them usually pay the percourse ,but some.

The editor of this paper is opposed to the issuance of bonds in whole sale lots without a voice from the folks back home. Let's vote on these things. Inform the people what they are for—the folks who pay, and if they seal an approval well and good but railroading them will bring us t a deep cut at a dangerous crossing and the collision will be told in bor car letters by the press of North Car-

WATTS PLAYED THE MAN.

If we mistake not the good Book has something to say like "quit you like men." Taking it for granted that it does, we highly commend revenue commissioner A. D. Watts for his act in sending in his resignaton to the governor and taking the blame full upon himself for the sins he had committed against government, himself and society.

There has been too much shielding and "passing the buck" in North Car olina for the good of the democrati party or organized government. I can be found in the cities, in the re motest villages and the smallest ham let in the state, and if Watt's ex-should revolutionize matters, then we will have a forgiving spirit for his indecency, provided, of course, he sins

Of course A. D. Watts will be fined a small sum on a charge of aidi and abetting in prostitution, wherea he was caught red handed in his ow apartment with a negro woman, the woman being in a nude state, as we' as himself. Our idea of his crime i much greater than that for which he

All goes to show that down at the capital of North Carolina the weak are weak, the strong are strong. I' we mistake not a man from Chathan county some few months ago, wa caught in a much less compromisir attitude, than was Watts. The young man is a member of a mighty good family at that. But what was the result? He was locked up, allowed to plead guilty and pay a fine.

If there is a law for fornication and adultery, prostitution, and immora-conduct, then Mr. Watts is just as guilty and more so in the eyes of the general public because he held a state office, enjoyed the privileges of a state officer and should have set the pace for those who look to lead ers for example.

Some cases the Ku Klux can handl

pretty well anyway.

WHAT IS THE EXCUSE NOW?

There is not a business or organi zation in North Carolina that does not employ the most efficient help to carry on its affairs; no other kind can fill the bill. Yet there is a move ment on foot to create new judicia districts, cut the solicitors to a sal ary, not in keeping with the wor'they do in some districts, and force the courts to use incompetent lawyers to fill these offices.

In some districts, it is true, the solicitor gets a small income from his fees. He gets all he works for ?Why

rob Peter to pay Paul?
The idea set forth to pay a soliciter \$3,500 to \$4,000 dollars a year. The office in our judicial district

would not be taken by any lawyer in the district. They are too capable, they could make more elsewhere in Flu on The Route—Visitors in and the ordinary pursuit of their pro-

Let well enough alone, folks, we are doing mighty well .

BENNETT ON A BIG BOOM.

Neighbors at Bennett. Bennett, Jan. 29.—Bennett is on a Mrs. J. H. Watkins, of Bear Creek, boom again—the two planing mills Rt. 2, Mrs. W. H. Stone, of Siler are running in full blast; everybody City, Rt. 4, and Mrs. H. A. Brooks, is busy; merchants seem to be in of Bonlee. good heart; the B. & W. Ry., reports nett this month than they have any month in over two years.

Not but very little sickness in town Not but very little sickness in town to report at this writing. Mr. C. R. Salem recently to take treatment Scotten and wife, Mr. Frank Brain, from Dr. Capps: W. F. Norwood, J Mr. M. C. Yow, have been confined to their homes with bad colds.

Mrs. Ella Brady, three miles west burial at Pleasant Grove Christian B. Beal during the week-end.

church will be conducted today. Mr. J. H. Scott, who holds a position with Pennsylvania Lumber Co.,

folks for the week-end. the Baptist church Sunday night, them a pleasant sail thru life. Kidd is supply pastor of this church.

The Baptist church has extended a call to Rev. Victor L. Andrewed a

call to Rev. Victor L. Andrews, who now holds churches at Louisville, Ky., where he accepted after completing his studies at the Baptist school at that place. Rev. Andrews' father and mother died recently and his intentions is to return here. The county and the Association will be fortunate to get him back, and it is hoped that a sufficient number of churches will secure his services in order to insure his remaining in the county.

Mr .Hampton Bray has been confined to his bed for two weeks with col dand pneumonia, and it is now reported that he has meningitis. Mr. Bray lives one and a half miles from Bennett.

The people in this end of the pressed. In the outset let us state jury recommendation, that some steps that we are not opposed to bonds for be taken to put our roads in bettef

we need them, and we must have It is bad that after we spend so much money to build these roads to let them go to the bad. Just about first, second and third months is as as well left them like they were be- follows: fore they were improved. Our opinion is that if we had an extra man own automobiles, some of them are or two on the road, so that one man who has it all won't have too much

are less fortunate in many respects, should support the home paper, for but they are included in this per many times it boosts the town and many times it boosts the town and capita announcement to which you re- business for its interest. In behalf fer. Generally they are the class that of our little village, we thank the first pay their tax, and we agree with papers for what they have printed you that the state is for more likely for us, and we should feel proud that to become bankrupt from the owner- our county has two papers to keep

alty on al ltax collections; not all of to be pleased with our county officers Monday, January 22. doing, to make our county and people his death. They are Dallas, Joe, Dan as good and a little better than oth-

> Brewer, who has been sick over a month with pneumonia and other ailments, is reported better.

Mr. J. R. Peace has just completed his new home. It is a 16 room bunga-low. He has also had it painted. Our new postmaster, Mr. Bean,

recently installed some lock boxes at the postoffice, which is very convenient. Hurrah for Bennett.

It is rumored again by one of the B. & W. Ry., officials that the Company expects to extend the road out rom Bennett in the near future. BEN-NET.

DR. FARTHING SEES US MOVE.

We regret that we have no space pounds. to publish an entire letter from Dr. Misses pleasantly remembered here. Next nie Drake. eek it will be too late.

He says he is very much interest- Durham Saturday to the bedside of d in Pittsboro and her people and her cousin who is very sick. f the marked progress we are making, and in reference to the issuing of REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSED. onds for the new sechool, he says t is the only way. Even in a city like /ilmington, where there is much ache necessity for it.

Around The Community.

Bear Creek, Rt. 2, Jan. 29.-Mrs. Sarah Campbell, wife of the late an enrollment of twenty-two, a Thomas Campbell, died at the home average attendance of twenty. of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Watkins, last week. Mrs. Campbell had been Local and Personal Items From Our in failing health for sometime. She is survived by one son and three daughters—E. T. ("Feller") Campbell,

A good many have the flu on the they hauled more freight out of Ben-route, among them being W. H. Murnett this month than they have any ray, A. F. Willett, J. W. Fields, J. W. Griswold, J. E. Rives and others. J. Cheek, T. B. Wilkerson, Mrs. J. H. Snipes and T. H. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holt, of Salisof Bennett, died Saturday night. The bury were visitors in the home of T. A. J. Barker, J. A. Moody, of Rt. 2, were visitors in Sanford Saturday.

Mr. James W. Cheek, of Bear Creek, Greensboro, was a visitor to home and Miss Ella Brafford, daughter of J. E. Brafford, of Goldston, Rt. 1, Rev. J. C. Kidd filled his pulpit at were married Sunday. We wish for

BATTLE SCHOOL NEWS.

Pittsboro, Rt. 2, Jan. 29.—The following are the names of those that were present every day during the second and third months of Battle school:

First grade-Geneva Clark. Second grade-Charm Clark and Cleveland Campbell. Fourth grade-Edward B. Perry,

Fifth grade—Edna Cooper, Farthing Clark and Colene Campbell. Seventh grade-J. Voliner Clark. For the third month the honor

Elmer Cooper, Ruth and Myrtle Wom-

ble and Lynn Johnson.

rades were: First grade-Geneva Clark. Second grade—Charm Clark. Third grade—Howard Johnson. Fourth grade-Elmer Cooper, At-

as Cooper and Edward B. Perry. Fifth grade—Edna Cooper. The average attendance for the

First month-56.3. Second month-51.3. Third month-49.

OLD CHATHAM CITIZEN DEAD.

New Hill, Rt .2, Jan. 29.-Mr. Jim Jones, one of the oldest citizens of Chatham county, passed away Sunday evening, January 21, at the age of 84 years. Death had been expected for several weeks.

Mr. Jones leaves to mourn his loss, four sons and one daughter. His wife preceded him to the great beyond several years ago. He was laid to rest at

and county papers, and let us uphold and support the good work they are lived with their father at the time of

and Calvin and Tilitha ... The little blind girl of Mr. Guy Our father has gone to the land of

bright dawn, And is dwelling with the angels pure and fair;

'Twill be rapture untold when his face we behold, Free from every trace of grief and care.

NEW HILL PERSONAL NOTES.

A. T. W.

New Hill. Rt. 2, Jan. 29.-Miss Frizell Copeland spent last week in Apex with her sister, Mrs. Charlie

Bryan. Mr. J. L. Goodwin killed the largest hog that has been killed in this community this season, weighing 685

Misses Velera and Bland Sturdivant were week-end guests of Miss Swan-Mrs. J. C. Lassiter was called to

The registration bzooks closed last umulated wealth, they use the same ple in Pittsboro for the vote on Feb. eans to get money for similiar pur- ruary 10th, on the issuing of bonds poses. He wants us to have the very for the erection of a new school build- signed by decree of the superior court ing. There are 166 names, in the school district, on the books and it is hoped that all of them will take is the control of Chatham county, in an action there in pending, entitled "M.M.Fox, administrator vs Sallie Headen and others," est school building possible and urges ing. There are 166 names, in the Profit by reading the ads in this the opportunity to vote their approval of the bonds.

THIRD MONTH HANKS SCHOOL.

Pittsboro, Rt. 1, Jan. 29.—Allow us space for third month report of Hanks

Chapel school. The month ended on Jan. 26th with an enrollment of twenty-two, and an The following made perfect attend-

ance for the month: Mae White, Lemmie Holland, Moffit Bland, Floyd White, Catherine Farrell, Clayton Farrell, Johnnie Burke, Roland White and Talmadge Farrell.

The school has been lucky so far to escape the flu epidemic.



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of F. H. Broadwell, deceased, late of Chatham county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 1st day of January, 1924, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement.

This 1st day of January, 1923.
Feb 9 R. C. BROADWELL,
Apex, Rt. 1, N C. Administrator Administrator.

MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND.

Pursuant to the provisions of a mortgage deed executed by Genna Lanier and Hinton Gunter to A. N. Johnson Co., on the 19th day of July, 1921, and registered in the office of the register of deeds of Chatham county, inBook FZ at Page 92 default having been made in the payment of the note therein set forth, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction, for cash, in the town of Pittsboro, North Carolina, at the courthouse door on the 27th day of February, 1923,

at 12 o'clock noon, the following property:

The home place of Genna Lanier and Hinton Gunter in Cape Fear township, Chatham county, Carolina, and known as the G. F. Drake Home Place and containing 10 acres more or less, and bounded as follows:

On the east by B. M. McIver, on the north by W. A. Lawrence and on the west and south by the lands of the Carolina Power and Light Com-pany—conveyed by the said Genna Lanier and Hinton Gunter to satisfy the debt and interest provided for in said mortgage.

This January 18th, 1923.
A. N. JOHNSON CO.,
B.RAY OLIVE, Mortgage Mortgagee. Attorney, Fuquay Springs, N. C. Feb. 15-p.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of C. T. Goodwin, de-ceased, late of Chatham county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 30th day of Dec., 1923, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. Al persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement. G. D. GOODWIN. Apex, Rt. 3, N. C. Administrator.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powe! of sale conferred upon the underthe undersigned commissioner will on

the undersigned commissioner will on Saturday, the 24th day of February, 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described lot or parcel of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the town of Siler City, and being more fully described and defined as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corne of lot number eleven on the east side of main street and running about north with said street forty feet to a stake, thence nearly east seventyfive feet to a stake, thence nearly south forty feet to a line of lot number eleven, thence nearly west with line of lot number eleven seventy-five feet to the beginning, and being the southwest part of lot num-ber ten of the plat of the town of Siler City, North Carolina. Same being the property known as the old "Grit Office."

The sale will be held on the prem-

This the 22nd day of Jan. 1923. WADE BARBER, Commissioner: Siler & Barber, Feb22-4t-5 Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of D. H. Stanley, deceased, late of Chatham county, North Caroina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 29th day of January, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make prompt settlement.

This 29th day of January, 1923. M. M. FOX, Mch 8-6tH-c.

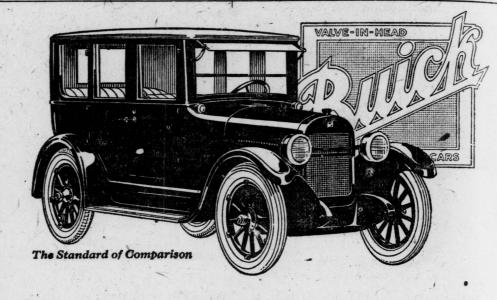
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find room to name them all. We will report them as they recover.

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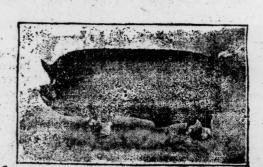
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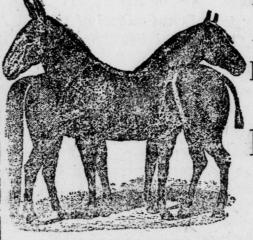
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11:00 A. M.

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