

ROAD BILL PASSES LITTLE CHANGED BY BIG MAJORITY

Vote Stands 102 To 11 On
Final House Reading

WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE PRESIDES AT VOTING

Templeton Amendment Is Defeated—Tumult Of Shouting Greets Victory Of Connor - Bowie - Doughton \$50,000,000 Road Bond Bill—Now Before Senate.

(News & Observer.)
Half the 22 members of the opposition to the Doughton-Connor-Bowie road bill surrendered when the measure came to its final vote in the House at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, and only 11 adverse votes were cast against the 102 polled in favor of the measure. Matthews of Hertie and Fountain of Edgecombe, two of those who fought the bill stoutly for it on its final reading, but Barnes of Hertford and Quikel of Lincoln stood out to the end.

History was made in the last half hour of the session at which the measure was passed on its final reading. Speaker Grier surrendered the presiding officer's chair and gavel to Representative Eum Clement, the only woman member of the General Assembly. Representatives Doughton and McEee conducted her to the dais, and it was she who put the question, and it was she who declared the 102 to 11 vote on the bill, ordered it engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Jubilant rejoicing throughout the House among the few score faithful spectators who lingered long past the lunch hour to see the measure pass its final consideration at the hands of the House. The tumult of applause greeted the announcement of the vote was but the continuation of the demonstration that followed the calling of the roll, bursting into an uproar when Mr. Matthews announced that although the bill did not yet meet his full approval, he was unwilling to be recorded against a measure that was headed in the right direction.

Other matters kept the House from the measure for more than two hours after adjourning, and it was past 11 o'clock when the bill was passed across the reading clerk's desk, and was promptly killed, save some few agreed upon generally before hand. Only one serious effort was made toward altering the provisions of the measure and that came from Templeton of Wake.

Power to Governor
The Wake member wanted to take the authority to make final decision on all matters pertaining to road building from the chairman of the Highway Commission and the membership of the commission and place it in the hands of the Governor. He spoke at some length in championship of his amendment, declaring that the Governor ought to be given power as an accompaniment to his duties. "It is what he asked for in his message and I think we ought to give it to (Continued on page 6.)

Woman's Club Show Will Be Big Event

Five Minstrel Talent Found Among
Young Women of Dunn—
Stage Attraction March 4

Rapidly are Dunn theatregoers learning of the vast amount of theatrical talent which has been hidden in the depths of this little city and when the curtain goes up at the Metropolitan Opera House on the night of March 4th on the big super-production, the Woman's Club Minstrel, the House will no doubt be packed from pit to dome.

The proceeds of the performance will go towards helping to pay for the playground equipment at the school, and the splendid women who form the most progressive organization in the community hope that the response will be excellent. The performance itself bids fair to be the best local talent show ever staged in Dunn and will run two hours, during which time a big minstrel first part with its funny end men (?), its popular songs and brand new jokes and six vaudeville specialties will delight the attendants. The women behind the scenes of comedy are the Misses Iva and Westray Battle, Jella Howard Reams, Margaret Wade, Janie Jackson and Lennie Gainey.

Amongst the vaudeville numbers are some worthy of spots on a big time program. A quartette will be heard in classy harmony selections, the Shrines orchestra will interrelate a number of musical gems and soloists will be heard in special features, the animated song sheet, one of the biggest of novelties will form a beautiful setting for twelve beautiful girls. "Deep C." Green will be heard in his own original monologue entitled, "Get Away Dinea," there will be special singing and dancing acts and the diaphanous comedian, Mr. Charles Baker will be heard in a black face monologue which is said to rival anything Al Fields has ever attempted.

The United States produces more copper than all other nations combined.

The permanent snow fields of Alaska are less than one per cent of Alaska's total area.

Newspaper Man Made Receiver For Stallion

Franklin Brooks Will Go To California To Take Charge of Valuable Animal

New York, Feb. 16.—Franklin Brooks, formerly a Manila newspaper man, today was appointed by Supreme Court Justice Ford receiver for the \$250,000 stallion Friar Frock. Brooks was directed to proceed to the breeding farm of John H. Roser at Santa Rosa, Cal., where the stallion is quartered, and see that the animal is safely delivered to the stock farm of John E. Madden near Lexington, Ky., as ordered recently by Justice Ford in deciding a dispute between the two horsemen.

CONVICT FUTRELLE IN WILSON COURT

Jury Out Two Hours Before
Returning Verdict of Guilt
Of Attempt To Lynch

Wilson, Feb. 16.—The trial of H. B. Futrelle, alleged leader of the mob that stormed the courthouse at Goldsboro on the night of December 3, 1920, went to the jury at 10 o'clock this afternoon and in two hours the minute a verdict of "guilty with prayer for mercy" was returned.

The first poll of the jury was 10 to 2 for conviction, it is understood, and it was generally believed a mistrial would be the result. Judge Calvert will not pronounce sentence until next Friday at the request of Attorney W. W. Pierce, leading counsel for the defense, in order that character witnesses from Wayne county may have an opportunity to say something in behalf of the prisoner.

In the meantime Futrelle's bond was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and he was ordered to remain in the custody of the sheriff of Wilson county until it is given.

When sentence is pronounced counsel for Futrelle will give notice of appeal. Futrelle was on trial for leading the mob that stormed the courthouse at Goldsboro in an endeavor to wrest from the law five negroes, who were to be tried for murder. The three negroes who are under indictment are: "Red" Simpson, C. H. Thompson and Davis Wiggins who was not tried until the May term of Wilson Superior court.

The case of the State against Howard and Will Bethea, colored, for killing James Ruffin on June 5, 1920, is now in progress.

M. B. FUTRELLE UNABLE TO GIVE BOND AND IS IN JAIL

Wilson, Feb. 17.—For failure to furnish \$5,000 bond which was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000, H. B. Futrelle the Goldsboro mob leader, is behind Wilson jail bars. Sentence will be passed on him Friday afternoon, and it is generally believed here that notwithstanding a plea for mercy entered that Judge Calvert will make an example of him with the hope of breaking up the mob spirit.

Another Warning From The Durham Ku Klux?

Warning Presumably From The
Klan. He Issues Hot Reply

Durham, Feb. 15.—W. F. Walker, of Efland, in a communication to a Durham newspaper, made public here today, reveals what is apparently another warning of the Durham Klan of the Ku Klux Klan, advising Walker to "go straight." The warning and Walker's reply, follow:

(Copy)
Durham Ku Klux Klan.
Mr. W. F. Walker, Efland, N. C.
Dear Sir: I am all reports it seems that you are the leader of the boys of the Klan and your gambling and drinking must find it a pleasure to do this.

Teach the boys better, set an example for them by going straight. This is the first warning, there is no second.

Yours for law and order,
KU — KLUX

"With reference to the above, it is the opinion of myself and my friends that the Durham Ku Klux Klan is laboring under a misapprehension in accusing me as above stated. We are at a loss to know why this accusation has been made. If the writer of the above will kindly come out in the open like a man and handle the matter in a lawful way I have no fear of the consequences. I would suggest that you investigate more fully before trying to tell me what to do.

(Signed) "W. F. WALKER."
"An ex-service man who did his bit trying to make the world safe for democracy."

The United States has gained in wealth by fifty billion dollars since 1914.

Specialists of the Department of Agriculture examined more than 22,000,000 cattle during 1920.

Holliday Calls Meet Of Implement Dealers

Southern Hardware Merchants Hold
Annual Convention in Richmond
Next Month

The annual convention of the Southern Implement Dealers Association has been called by President McD. Holliday, of Dunn, for March 8, 9, 10, and 11, Murphy hotel, Richmond, Grant, Rice, editor, Dr. W. H. Taylor, soil experts and several other speakers of a national reputation among dealers in farm implements will be among those who are to deliver addresses before the convention.

This meeting according to Mr. Holliday, will be the most important held by the association since its organization. "With Southern farmers still suffering from the effects of low priced cotton," he said, "the association must frame some policy through which it can be of real help to them."

MRS. VARNER ENDS COURT TESTIMONY

Counsel For Husband Refuse
To Cross-Examine Woman
When She Finishes

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—Establishing a precedent, counsel for defense in trial of Mrs. Varner, who is seeking to secure reasonable subsistence from her husband, H. B. Varner, of Lexington, refused to cross-examine Mrs. Varner when Federal court re-convened today.

Concluding her testimony begun late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Varner said she felt that "reasonable subsistence" would be \$5,000 a year and should be allowed her from her husband's estate whose income, she declared, was between \$1,200 and \$1,500 a week.

Testimony in support of Mrs. Varner's denial of intimate relations with Baxter McRary, a negro, was introduced immediately after Mrs. Varner testified. Anna Miller, negro servant for 20 years of the Varners, followed the plaintiff and was on the stand for one hour and thirty-five minutes, making a poor witness. A deposition, making a ju ou ou deposition from E. Baxter McRary, followed. Beginning with a cool and clear air, Anna Miller answered important questions with comparative ease, but became rattled and

She said she had been a servant for Mr. and Mrs. Varner for almost 20 years and had slept in their house in Lexington at the head of stairs on the second floor; that Baxter McRary, a mulatto, would often come to Varner's home to see either her or Mr. Varner; that McRary had sold land for her (negress) during the past year and that she and McRary would come to see her and spend usually two hours at a time and they would talk about religious matters. She often cooked for McRary after his wife died and at the request of Mr. Varner, she said.

She explained that she and McRary had been lifelong friends and that in addition to talking religious matters over with him they would discuss their childhood days.

Most of the statements made by Anna Miller corroborated in substance, the testimony yesterday of Mrs. Varner until counsel for the defense fired a volley of questions at her and she became confused.

Asked about the night of August 9, when McRary was alleged to have been found under Varner's house about 1 o'clock, she stated that she was there and witnessed most of the happenings with the exception of alleged finding of McRary.

In a deposition which was taken in a hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently, it was stated that McRary was 61 years of age; that he was at time deposition was taken, sick in bed and seriously ill, being unable to attend court in North Carolina; that he had always lived in North Carolina; that he had known Mr. and Mrs. Varner for 20 years; that he was friendly with them both, as a white man and colored man are friends; that Varner had once asked him to make an address in his theatre in Lexington; that Varner had sent him his picture which was exhibited at the reading and postal cards; that Varner allowed him to hunt with his gun; that Varner often asked him to write articles for his newspaper, the Lexington Dispatch; that he was accustomed to going to Varner's home to see Anna Miller, or Mr. Varner, at request of either; that he spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Varner and they spoke to him in public as other persons did, as "good morning, Baxter."

When asked if he had ever had illicit relations with Mrs. Varner, deposition read:
"Before God; no, never."

FARMERS' BULLETINS USED IN SCHOOLS

Rapid developments in agriculture are resulting in the use of Farmers' Bulletins of the United States Department of Agriculture for classroom use in schools. Especially the formation of live-stock clubs among school children has occasioned a demand for information not yet covered by suitable textbooks. Farmers' Bulletin No. 1135, "The Beef Calf, Its Growth and Development," is now being used in the regular beef-production course in Georgia and W. Virginia. The same bulletin is used in instruction of beef calf club members. In West Virginia it is used also in the regular farmers' correspondence and short courses over the State.

Loaded Heavily With Amendments Fordney Tariff Passes Senate

Four Republicans Vote In Opposition While Nine Democrats Support It

Washington, Feb. 16.—Loaded down with more than a score of amendments, the Fordney emergency tariff bill tonight passed the senate. The vote was 43 to 30 and the measure was immediately sent to conference.

Action on the bill, designed and pushed through the house as an aid to the farmer, came after a protracted session during which four Republican senators broke away from their party alignment and two of those, Edge of New Jersey, and Moses, of New Hampshire, bitterly assailed the measure and its Republican supporters. Likewise, solidarity of the Democratic ranks could not be maintained being recorded in favor of the bill.

The broadside by Mr. Moses temporarily unsettled the Republican program, so much so that three amendments offered by Senator Lodge for the majority leader, were killed. From the time the vote was called on the Lodge amendments, all of which had to do with protection for manufactured products of wool, the senate rode rough-shod over all changes proffered. But it already had accepted no change from the form in which the measure came from the house that the most ardent supporters predicted trouble in getting an agreement with the house.

The following senators were appointed as the conference committee to attempt to iron out the differences with the house—Penrose, McCumber and Smoot, Republicans, and Simmons and Williams, Democrats. It is expected the committee will be able to start work with a similar committee from the house late tomorrow.

While the senate was in the throes of the heated debate on the emergency tariff, the house ways and means committee was concluding open hearings on revision of the permanent law. With that work out of the way, Chairman Fordney will leave for the senate tomorrow in conference with President-elect Harding at St. Augustine. It is understood he will ask the next chief executive for a definite expression as to his views on the legislative program outlined by Republican leaders and whether he favored immediate consideration of Congress of tariff legislation rather than action on matters of taxation.

No Agreement Entered Into To Cancel Debt

Lamont Makes Flat Denial of Mysterious Agreement to Wipe Out War Debt

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 16.—President-elect Harding today finally reviewed his cabinet decisions with the members of the War Debt Committee. The committee, which is headed by Mr. Lamont, is unable to reach an agreement on the cancellation of the allied war debt made at Versailles.

The conference with Mr. Hayes was interpreted as conclusive evidence that the Republican national chairman is to become a member of Mr. Harding's official family, is understood to have covered every feature of the cabinet situation as well as various questions of policy. The two were together for several hours and although no formal announcement followed, the president-elect said their talk omitted none of the problems facing the next administration.

Details of what happened at Versailles in regard to cancellation of the ten billion dollar war debt were given to Mr. Harding by Thomas W. Lamont, a member of the Morgan banking firm and a fiscal attaché of the peace commission. In a statement after his conference with the President-elect he made flat denial of recent reports of a mysterious agreement to wipe the war debt off the books, and said he had assured President-elect his administration would be "as free and untrammelled as air" in dealing with the question.

Treasury Department Continues Collection

Profits From Sale of Capital Assets
Still Considered Taxable
Income

A statement has been received from the Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh in which he says numerous inquiries have reached the Bureau of Internal Revenue relative to the decision of United States District Court of Connecticut in the Brewster case, in which it was held that gains and profits realized from the sale of capital assets is not taxable income. The United States Attorney for Connecticut has been authorized by law to perfect an appeal to the Supreme court of the United States for a review of the decision.

Since congress, under the provisions of the income tax Act of 1918, 1916 and 1918, has directed the taxation as income of such gains and profits, the bureau will continue to collect the tax thereon, unless and until the Supreme Court shall hold that provision of law to be unconstitutional.

The same question is involved in the Eldorado and Riveron cases which were argued in the Supreme Court some weeks ago. A decision in these cases undoubtedly will settle the question as to whether the distributive shares of the members or beneficiaries or corporations that paid salaries of \$1,000.00 or more during the year 1920 are required to file forms 1096 and 1099.

In addition to reporting the payments set forth above, every partnership personal service corporation and fiduciary must file a Form 1099 for each member of the partnership or personal service corporation or each beneficiary, showing the distributive share of the member or beneficiary whether or not actually distributed. The amounts are required to be reported on the basis of the calendar year.

Mr. Hodges Celebrates His 82nd Birthday

"Uncle" Burwell Has Big Time With
Friends and Relatives Around
Him

With about two hundred of his friends, his sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters about him Burwell Hodges, pioneer citizen of the Dunn District and one of the most vigorous of that crowd of men who helped to carve a great community out of the wilderness, yesterday celebrated his eighty-second birthday at the home of Willie Monds, about two miles from Dunn.

Although he is still suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis that occurred a few months ago, "Uncle" Burwell enjoyed the occasion immensely. He sat on the porch with his brothers George Riley and Alex and some other old cronies and watched the antics of the younger people while they swarmed about the yard, and listened to the pretty music furnished by Mrs. Russell Hodges, Miss Mamie Hodges and Miss Hattie Hester.

Rev. Angus E. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Pearl, Miss Sallie Purdie and other Dunn friends, and practically all of the Dunn kindfolk went out to pay their respects. Mr. McQueen said grace over the sumptuous birthday dinner which was sufficient to feed an army, and after dinner made a brief talk in which he dwelt upon the life of the good gentleman who has played so large a part in the development of the Dunn District.

Mr. Hodges has seven living children, forty-three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. All of these were present. His brothers and sisters were there, too. The sisters are Mrs. Major Daniel Lee, Mrs. Richard Sorrell and Mrs. Nathan McLamb.

The birthday party was held at the home of Mr. Monds for the reason that Mrs. Burwell Hodges has been bedridden from rheumatism for a number of years and has made her home there. She, herself eighty-one years old, enjoyed the occasion as much as anyone did, but was unable to leave her bed. All the visitors went in to pay their respects to her, and she knew all whom she had ever seen.

"Uncle Burwell and his folk had a fine time, and all who participated in the party are hoping that the fine old fellow will be spared to have a part in many more such occasions.

Bank at Benson Moves Into Its New Building

Farmers Commercial Bank Building
Is Four Stories and Cost \$100,000.
Four Farmers in Quindary

Benson, Feb. 15.—The Farmers Commercial bank is moving into its large, commodious building on the corner of Railroad and Main streets. This building is the property of the bank, of which M. T. Britt is president, and will cost when completed something over \$100,000. It is built of Indiana limestone and is four stories high, including the basement, which will be used for a rest room and for offices. The building contains 35 offices, besides the banking rooms and a large store room to be used by a mercantile establishment. The building will be equipped with electric elevators and every modern convenience known in town much larger than Benson. The building is beautiful in appearance and is probably the most handsome as well as the most costly building in the county.

Judging from the statements of farmers all over this section, but very little fertilizer will be sold here this spring. The farmer is in a quandary as to what to do. A number of farmers' meetings have been held here relative to the matter of just what to do about this year's crop, but so far but very little has been accomplished. The farmer feels like he will not make anything without fertilizer and the price is so high until he feels that he will make nothing by using it. Credits will be restricted this spring, so like the man of old, "he is resolving what to do."

Partnerships Required To File Reports Soon

Must Fill Out Forms 1096 and 1099
For Tax Department
By March 15

The collector of Internal Revenue has given out the following information with regard to the filing of income tax reports:

"I desire to impress upon every partnership, personal service corporation, or fiduciary, the importance of filing Forms 1096 and 1099 with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C. These forms are required to be filed in Washington on or before March 15, 1921 by any partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary that paid to any individual partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary during the year 1920, salary, wages, commissions, etc., of \$1,000.00 or more. Of course all individuals or corporations that paid salaries of \$1,000.00 or more during the year 1920 are required to file forms 1096 and 1099.

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The Forms 1099 will show payments individually, and a summary thereof should be prepared on Form 1096. The forms may be secured from the various division offices in the state or direct from my office at Raleigh.

ROUGH SEA CALLS FOR SEASONED SAILORS

Here is a letter received by a local concern.

"The world's commerce is going through the fires of hell now, but it will come out tempered as steel. The clouds are black, but thank God, there is sunshine behind them beyond these clouds. Things look pessimistic, and temporarily they are so, but again I say there is hope and prosperity ahead—prosperity of the good and the sane kind. It's a rough sea with a lot of fair weather sailors riding it; also many seasoned veterans.

"So it's time for courage, hope and the will to stand by the ship. She's a good old ship, this ship of commerce. She'll weather the storm if you will but help her. Just lean the wheel, keep her rudder straight, with her nose head on into and across these waves.

"Some will ride the storm, but that fair-weather sailor of commerce must either rise to the occasion or go down in the depths.

"Now is the test. Accept your responsibility, face your problem, take off your coat and work, yes, fight like hell, because it's a man's job and you have got to qualify to survive this a commercial storm.

"It took neither a bright man nor a courageous one to prosper during the boom just past, but you must have a backbone now; you must be a fighter.

"It's a job worth while, friend; so organize your every effort and go to it with that bulldog determination that knows no fear.

"Someone is hoping for you, have faith."

Price Readjustment Continues Downward

Ninth Successive Monthly Decline in
Dun's Index Number of
Wholesale Quotations

After nine successive months of yielding, the general level of commodity prices, as measured by Dun's Index Number of wholesale quotations, is 29.4 per cent below the high record of last May. The decline during January was slightly larger than that of December, being 6.4 per cent, as against 6.3 per cent in the earlier month, and compares with the maximum recession of 6.8 per cent in November. As a result of last month's further decline, the February 1 to 10 index number marks the lowest point reached in exactly four years, and the advance over the pre-war basis, which at one time exceeded 118 per cent, has narrowed to about 54 per cent. The index number has, therefore, lost considerably more than half the rise which occurred through the war period and afterward, and is 26 per cent under the figure of a year ago, when the price tendency was still upward. Dun's Index Number, it is important to note is based on the estimated per capita consumption of each of the many articles included in the compilation.

With the exception of meats, which remained practically stationary, all of the seven divisions into which the index number is separated were lower on February 1 than a month previous, the largest decline being one of 10.1 per cent in dairy and garden products. The recession in breadstuffs was also of sizable proportions, amounting to 5.9 per cent and the class designated as "other food" yielded 7.3 per cent. For all foodstuffs together, there was a net decline of 7.6 per cent while the clothing group receded an additional 5.9 per cent. The downward trend in metals, moreover, was sharply defined, reaching 7.4 per cent, and the miscellaneous total was lowered by 3.8 per cent. In the case of broadstuffs the index number is now at its lowest level touched since August 1, 1916.

The arrangement suggested would relieve the legislature of the burden of creating another county. It, too, would be acceptable to the more rabid Democrats who have held that the creation of Jarvis would add another Republican unit. Dunn alone has a Democratic strength sufficient to overcome such a move. The Republicans could show in the Sampson townships and the Republican vote in other of the townships that would remain in Harnett is negligible.

Dunn, however, is not concerned so much with the political aspect of the situation. Nor is it so very anxious to become a county seat that it would sacrifice the public to gratify its own ambition. The prime object of the move is to create a county that will permit full development of the Dunn District which now embraces isolated and neglected sections of four counties. From Dunn to Lillington the distance is eighteen miles by roads usually bad; to Smithfield the distance is twenty miles by rail; to Clinton the distance is thirty miles over roads which for most of the year are not roads at all.

During the last few months Dunn merchants have found it necessary to pay for road construction in surrounding counties from their own purses, and have gotten very little out of the officials of the counties.

Dunn, too, has a courthouse already built to accommodate the county courts. This will be given the new county by the town as low a price as it can legally charge—probably \$1 and other valuable considerations; the other valuable considerations being the privilege to help in the development of the now neglected rural sections.

White Man Suing For Divorce From Negress

Says While On A "Drunken Spree"
The Woman Persuaded Him To
Go North and Marry Her

Danville, Va., Feb. 16.—An action for divorce was instituted in the Corporation Court today by John F. Wells, a white man, against Lena Slade Wells, a negress. The declaration filed by Wells states that in October, 1920, while he was on a drunken spree he was persuaded by Lena Slade, both being residents of Danville for many years, to go to Philadelphia with her and be married.

They left Danville together and were actually married at Philadelphia but Wells did not realize this, he states, until he had recovered from his intoxicated condition. The declaration adds that he would not have done so had he been able to realize what he was doing. Finding out what had happened he prevailed upon his wife not to accompany him back to Danville and he came alone. Since then, he sets forth, the woman has threatened to come to Danville and live with him and he begs, on the ground of misrepresentation, to be released from wedlock. It is the first case of its kind ever recorded in the local courts.

COURT HOUSE MAY COME TO DUNN IF ASSEMBLY ACTS

Plan Vote On Removal Here
From Lillington

SOME TOWNSHIPS WILL
BE SHIFTED IN MOVE

Western Harnett To Go To
Lee; Neighboring Territory
Of Sampson And Johnston
To Come To Harnett—
Would Relieve Necessity For
Forming New County.

Although Dunn has for the time being abandoned its ten-year fight for the creation of Jarvis county with itself as the county seat, it is not improbable that an effort will be made to get this legislature to permit the voters of Harnett County to get this legislature to permit the voters of Harnett County to decide whether or not it is their wish to move the courthouse from Lillington to Dunn.

In this event it is also probable that another measure, contingent upon the success of removal advocates, will be requested to permit another election to decide as to the desirability of transferring the western Harnett townships to Lee County and some portions of Sampson and Johnston to Harnett. Such an arrangement would be satisfactory to Dunn and would at the same time relieve the situation which makes rearrangement of the surrounding country imperative if it is to be given that attention essential to its full development.

There is little doubt that the first question would be settled in Dunn's favor. One-third of the total population of Harnett County is in Avenelboro township, Dunn and Grove townships, which would vote with the metropolis, contain sufficient voters to give an overwhelming victory.

There would be practically no opposition to the second measure in this end of the territory affected. The western townships of Harnett, the eastern of Sampson and the northern of Johnston, equally unpopulated, are spirited opposition, it is believed.

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