

BONDS SOLD FOR \$31,362.00.

Commissioners Met on Monday to Receive Bids—Several Bids Were Made.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, with all members present to receive bids for the \$20,000.00 bridge bonds. After the meeting was called to order the clerk read the following bids:

Tillotson & Wolcott Co., \$362.00;
Spitzer Roick Co., Inc., \$337.50;
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$1,074.00.

Slacey and Braun, \$500.00.
The Provident Saving & Trust Co., \$322.00.

Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Henderson, \$337.00.
Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Henderson, \$600.00.

Elster Clifford & Co., \$1,362.00.

The Board of Wake County Commissioners being present the matter of the Boundary line between Franklin and Wake counties was taken up. After discussion the Board ordered that the line be recorded as ascertained by the Commissioners and Surveyors reports from both counties.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday to decide the Bond sale question and promptly all met in the office of the Register of Deeds and the following resolution offered by J. W. Winston was unanimously carried.

"That the bid of Elster Clifford and Company, of Chicago, Ill., to-wit: for \$20,000.00 of bridge bonds of the county par (100) and accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of Thirteen Hundred and Sixty-Two (\$1,362.00) and blank bonds to be furnished by purchaser free, be and the same is hereby accepted. Said bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board and attested with the corporate seal by the Clerk to the Board, and shall be delivered at some bank in Chicago, shall be dated April 1st, 1916 and shall mature April 1st, 1946, and shall be in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, and shall bear five percent per annum interest payable semi-annually, and principal and interest payable at a New York bank to be mutually agreed upon."

The Board then adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Mapleville Loses to Wake Forest.

The Mapleville basket ball quint played its hardest fought game last Saturday night with the Wake Forest Gladiators on the latter's floor. The game was hard fought from beginning to end, both sides being determined to win. The Mapleville boys kept the ball under their goal most of the time but were unable to make their shots count. Whenever the ball got under the Wake Forest goal it was almost a sure score. Few chances were missed by the Wake Forest boys. During the first half both teams were playing on the defensive, and the score ended 5 to 3 in favor of Wake Forest. The second half was some faster and the final score was 18 to 10.

A large number of Mapleville boys and girls accompanied their team to Wake Forest and kept the Gymnasium ringing with their yells. Although their team lost, the crowd reports the best trip of the season.

The stars of the game were Perry for Mapleville and Gressom for Wake Forest. All of the players did their part, but these two stand out as the stars.

The line up was as follows:
Mapleville Position Wake Forest
Harris L. F. Gressom
Ellington R. F. Thompson
Perry C. Powell
Williams R. G. Gill
Beasley L. G. Wilkerson
Field goals, Perry 2, Williams 1, Ellington 1, Gressom 3, Thompson 2, Powell 2, Wilkerson 1. Referee, Alex Hall of Wake Forest Varsity.

Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and her Alleged Accomplice Receive Clemency At Executive's Hands.

Governor Locke Craig Monday commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences imposed upon Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel P. Christy, convicted of the murder of George G. Warren, husband of the convicted woman, on August 18, 1914, at the boarding house of Mrs. Warren in Winston-Salem.

The action of Governor Craig brings to a close, as far as the state judicial and executive departments are concerned, a case which has attracted more attention throughout the coun-

try than any criminal case in the courts in many years.

The Governor's Statement. In the formal pronouncement of the granting of commutation, Governor Craig said:

"Sentence commuted to life imprisonment, March 21, 1916, the defendants, Ida Ball Warren and Samuel P. Christy, will not suffer death according to the judgment of the court, but instead thereof will be confined in the state's prison during the terms of their natural lives, to be kept in strict confinement and at hard labor.

"Reasons: The people of North Carolina in their constitution declare, 'The Governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction for all offenses (except in cases of impeachment) upon such conditions as he may think proper subject to such regulations as may be provided by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons.' The power to pardon or to commute thus conferred upon the Governor has no limitation but his own conception of duty. It is the highest and most sacred trust vested by law. It must be exercised in just and humane regard for the condemned and for the rights and welfare of society.

"When a petition for pardon or commutation is placed before the Governor he must act. He cannot avoid the responsibility. His action is in the orderly process of the administration of justice, provided in the constitution. His judgment is the final decree of the people and the law pronounced by the ultimate tribunal.

"There is no escape from the conclusion that this woman, Ida Ball Warren, is guilty of murder, deliberate and premeditated, conceived and executed in determined wickedness. The verdict of the jury is fully sustained by the evidence; the sentence of the court is fixed by the statute.

"But as the Governor of the State of North Carolina it is not my judgment that the majesty of the law demands that this woman shall be put to death. I cannot contemplate with approval that this woman, unworthy and blackened by sin though she be, shall be shrouded in the ceremonies of death, dragged along the fatal corridor and bound in the chair of death. The spy has in all countries been punished with death. Germany executed the woman spy; England did not. The action of the military governor of Belgium was condemned by the conscience of the world. The killing of this woman would send a shiver through North Carolina. Humanity does not apply to woman the inexorable law that it does man. This may arise from misconceived sentimentality; it may arise from the deep instincts of the race.

"The participation of Christy in this murder makes more difficult the question presented to me. He, too, is guilty. He bought the chloroform with which she drugged her husband. Either Christy or Stonestreet, her son-in-law, twisted a cord tightly around the husband's neck to make sure that he could never awake from the deadly sleep. The body was placed in a trunk, Christy and Stonestreet hauled it away and threw it, weighted with irons, in a deep hole of Muddy Creek. The woman conceived the design and was the directing and dominating personality of this tragedy. Since her life has been spared to her Christy, too, must escape death. This action is in accord with my conception of the just and humane administration of the law. It is recommended by many of our strongest, wisest and best people. Many good men do not approve of any commutation of the judgment of the court. The responsibility of the decision rests with me."

The Orphans.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphan's presented their concert to quite a good sized and appreciative audience at the College on Wednesday night. The children did well their parts and the occasion was much enjoyed.

Miss Cooke Entertains.

On Thursday afternoon March the sixteenth, Miss Eleanor Cooke entertained the Younger Set Book Club at her home on North Main street. The topic of study for the afternoon was the Ku Klux Klan based on the history written by Mrs. S. E. F. Rose, of Mississippi. Those who took part in the discussion were Mesdames Garland Ricks, E. T. Holden, J. A. Hodg-

es, and Miss Katie Furman, after which popular music of the "sixties" was rendered by Misses Pearl Brinson and Annie Allen. Another reminder of the olden days was the quantity of butter cups used as a decoration. After the program was concluded Miss Cooke served a two course luncheon.

The Booster and the Killer.

Nearly every town has two classes of citizens—the boosters and the killers. All the world loves the former, but even the devil shuns the latter.

Be a booster!
The town booster is known by everybody, for he is always doing and saying something to push his town and its people along. He is the man who makes the town. The killer is the one who destroys it.

Be a booster!
The booster never loses anything by his boosting. He boosts other people and other people boost him, and through this combination of boosting great things are accomplished. It is only the killer who falls of his own weight, of his own words, of his own deeds.

Be a booster!
The booster is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. He brightens everything and everybody around him. His geniality, his cheerfulness, his energy and his good deeds hope in the bosom of despair. His words and his acts aid others and ennoble himself. But the killer only kills—just kills, kills, kills!

Be a booster!
This town has many boosters, and you all know them, you admire them, you respect them. And your respect is more precious to the genuine booster than is your gold. It is only the killer who stands alone, without friends without hope for the future.

Be a booster!
There may be a killer or two in this town, but we hope not. But if there are any we hope they will be killing and go to boosting. There is no honor or profit in killing, but there is much to be gained through boosting.

Be a booster!
We need the booster—we need more boosters. But we can't exist handsomely without the killer, for the killer's principal diversion in life is to take a knock at the town, at its people, at their ways, and at everything and everybody connected therewith—except the killer.

Be a booster!
If there are any killers in this town let's convert them, so we can all be boosters. The booster is of value to every legitimate thing with which he comes in contact, while the killer is not even of value to himself.

Heaven loves a booster—and hell is full of killers.
Everybody boost!

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for March 24, 1916

Mrs. S. E. Bailey, Mr. James A. Jones, Mr. Henry C. McKnight, Mrs. Maggie Neals, Miss Eula Neal, James Perry, Miss Nicie Ruffin, Miss Mary Magorline Ruffin, (col.), Mrs. Rosabelle Ruffin, Mr. C. A. Small, Mrs. Minnie Strickland, Miss Ida Williamson, Miss Venie Wright.

Persons calling for the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Officers Make Raid.

On Saturday officers D. C. High, R. W. Hudson, and J. C. Pace, having received information that John Cannady, colored, had stored some whiskey at Rosa Malone's home on Mineral Springs street, proceeded to make investigations. They found six pints and Rosa stated that John had left it there to call for it later. The officers seized the whiskey and also the horse and buggy belonging to John and brought them over town where they expected to get John, but he received "the word" and skipped. The officers are holding the booze and horse and buggy.

We are requested to state that the school at Hickory Rock will close on March 31. There will be an entertainment at night to which the parents of pupils will be admitted free, others will pay admission.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

Capt. S. P. Boddie went to Richmond Saturday.

Mr. James A. Turner spent Monday in Washington, D. C.

Rev. J. F. Mitchiner returned Sunday from a trip to Baltimore.

Mr. J. P. Winston, of Wake county, was in Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. F. W. Wheelers returned Friday from a business trip to Baltimore.

Mr. C. B. Cheatham, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Mr. L. L. Davenport and Misses Ellis, of Nashville, were in Louisburg Friday on a short visit.

Misses Ruth Webb Noye Aycock and Messrs. W. T. Person and E. F. Thomas spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Rev. W. M. Ollmore is on a visit to Baltimore. He will return in time to conduct services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Florence May Underhill, Miss Edna Allen, Mrs. F. W. Wheelers, Mrs. S. Howell, and Mrs. M. Stamps left Tuesday for Winston-Salem to attend a meeting of the Missionary Society as delegates from the church at Louisburg.

Mrs. John Andrews Entertains.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Centerville Baptist Church held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. John Andrews Thursday afternoon.

The object of the meeting was, to get nearer to God, closer in touch with each other, and to make plans for the year's work.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercise. Song, Nearer My God to Thee was sung. The one hundred and forty-sixth Psalm was read by Miss Lottie Thompson, followed with prayer by Mrs. J. T. Neal.

After the exercise The Standard of Christianity was read and explained. Several subscriptions were taken for the Denominational Magazines, a season of prayer was planned to begin Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March at the home of Mrs. Thompson. This we are looking forward to with much pleasure and good results.

Miss Hines, the Secretary of Franklin County Union, read an interesting paper on the Training School.

Song, Helpers Are Needed, was sung. And we trust each member resolved to do more in the future to help the cause of Christ. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few."

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Miss Bertha Neal. Those present were Mrs. T. H. Thompson, Mrs. Herbert Gup-ton, Mrs. John Andrews, Miss Lottie Thompson, Misses Bertha and Annie Neal, Miss Hines and Mrs. J. T. Neal.

Commencement at Justice.

The following is the order of the closing exercises of Justice High School:

Friday night, March 24th, Exercises by Primary Grades.

Sunday night, March 26th, Sermon, By Rev. G. M. Duke.

Monday night, March 27th, Exercises by Intermediate Grades.

Tuesday night, March 28th, Public Debate. Query Resolved: "That we should have Woman Suffrage in the United States."

Wednesday March 29th, 10.00 A. M., Declaration Contest, and Literary Address, the address to be delivered by Prof. J. P. Mull, Supt. of Spring Hope Graded School.

Wednesday night, March 29th, The High School pupils will present the play: "The Thread of Destiny." This play shows some of the scenes in the South at the beginning and during the "Civil War." The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. Especially do we invite you to see the play. In it, one has the opportunity of seeing scenes of sorrow, pathos, love, faithfulness, devotion, daring, mirth and joy. An admission of 25c for grown people, and 15c for children, will be charged for seeing the play. Pupils who have attended the school this session will be admitted free of charge.

T. H. SLEDGE, Prin.

A Fellow and His Lodge.

Some people are lodge crazy and join everything in sight. They are called "joiners." Others are pessimistic and can see no good in any lodge.

But there is much good to be deri-

ved from membership in any of the legitimate lodges that flourish everywhere, provided the lodge habit is not carried to excess.

It creates a spirit of comradeship among the members that is seldom found elsewhere. If a member is in distress or difficulty, his lodge promptly comes to his relief and tides him over the rough places and into smoother waters. If he is sick, they cheer him with their presence, and watch at his bedside, and see that his family does not suffer during his incapacity. And in many other ways they are a distinct benefit to another.

The lodge is the symbol of the brotherhood of man, and its tenets are founded upon the Bible and advocate the elevation of the human race.

The fellow who identifies himself with some lodge and lives up to its teachings will be a better man and citizen for the few hours he devotes to its meetings.

Civic League.

The "Irish Tea" held at the home of Mrs. T. W. Bickett, the seventeenth of March by the Civic League, was in every particular one of the most interesting affairs yet undertaken by this organization.

The main reason of its great interest was the enthusiastic way in which the club united in giving help to the Irish babies whose fathers are at the front serving their country and whose mothers are fighting to keep sickness and suffering from their little ones. The call to us for help came directly from Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who are now in this country in the interest of Ireland's babies.

They are especially anxious to raise enough funds to enable them to reopen the "Hospital for Tubercular Babies," which has been closed since the war began. A "give what you please" offering was made during the afternoon and ten dollars was given for the cause.

Mrs. Bickett was, as usual a charming hostess.

The house had been made even more attractive by the use of greens; and hundreds of yellow spring blooms lent a radiant glow of color to the scene. The meeting was led by Mrs. W. E. White, chairman of the health department, and a splendid program was given.

Mrs. Bickett opened the exercises with a short talk on why we had met and our interest in this noble cause.

This was followed by a song on the victrola from McCormack "A Little Bit of Heaven" (Shure They Call it Ireland). Mrs. E. S. Ford's reading on the "Emerald Isle" was beautiful; and as we heard Ireland's injustices pictured we could hardly keep back the tears of regret, that such a people had known so much unnecessary suffering. "The Wearing of the Green" was sung by McCormack.

Each Irish number was given an added charm by Mrs. Bickett's interesting explanations of why the songs were written.

Mrs. Pleasants read an attractive sketch of the life of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, followed by a beautiful poem, "Tipperary is the Spring." Of course the next victrola number was "Tipperary," and no number was more enjoyed.

A paper on "The Irish Sense of Humor" was read by Mrs. Turner, and while we laughed at the many ludicrous sayings of "Pat and Mike" as given in this paper, we knew that, as Mrs. Turner said they laughed and vandered not because they were fools, but because a good laugh made hardship less bitter.

At the conclusion of this delightful and instructive program, every known variety of sandwiches, with tea and mints was served in the dining-room; which room, like the rest of the house was truly Irish, even to the portraits on the wall.

We left after lingering long to enjoy more "Irish" numbers on the victrola, feeling as if our afternoon had indeed been worth while, and with a sincere hope that our offering of thought and money would help in some small way to make Ireland's lot less bitter.

SCHOOL COLUMN.

1. The names of the Seventh Grade Graduates will appear in the Column next week. It will take me now another day to finish grading the papers.

2. The following teachers passed the Reading Circle Examination last

Saturday, and will receive certificates from the State Department of Education. A few of the teachers taking the examination had not finished reading all the books in the course and will receive their certificates when this work is completed. I have heard from some of the teachers that could not be here last Saturday and they will take the examination later. The interest that has been taken in this work is very gratifying and proves that a strong professional spirit exists among our teachers:

Marvin Keith, W. D. Loy, Val Alston, Anne McLaughan, Ethel Swindell, Mabel Stephens, Lucy Babbitt, Pauline Smith, Eugenia Boone, Eva T. Duke, Ava Crawford, Ada Vallentine, Beulah Stallings, J. G. Lee, Lillie Harper, Oma White, Maude Lancaster, Edna Cobb, W. S. Howell, Olivia Johnson, E. L. Ward, Anne Scruggs, T. H. Sledge, Lucie Jones, J. R. Hobgood, Ora Alford, Sallie Louise Macon, Doris Dickerson, Lillie Leonard, Clara Bobbitt, Belle Wright, Ruby Harris, Daisy Dean, Beatrice Yarbrough, Annie Wilder, Lucy Wiggs, Clara Long, Mrs. B. R. Moore, Elizabeth Jones, Ernestine Hayes, Susie Hayes, Mrs. W. L. Beasley, Nan Hines, Mrs. A. A. Dement, Ella Mae Nixon, Mattie Belle Alston, Annie Rowe, Lucille Ellis, Carrie Wright.

3. The Pilot people carried their election last Tuesday without trouble. This will mean more efficiency for the Pilot School next year.

4. Fill out carefully every blank in your final report.

5. If you wish to teach in the county next year file your application with me before you leave for your home. If any teacher has decided that you will not teach I will be glad if you would send me your resignation as I can then know definitely what vacancies there will be in the county. You may also send your application to the Chairman of your Board but be sure to send one to me also. The Public School Law requires in order that the Board and Supt. can both be familiar with the applications before they meet to elect the teachers. The election of teachers will take place the latter part of May or the first of June. A notice will be printed in the FRANKLIN TIMES concerning the definite dates.

6. I am proud of the following report on the Moonlight School work in the county. There were 98 enrolled and 75 of these learned to read and write. The average age of the pupils enrolled was 42. We made a good beginning this year and this work will be continued.

7. The following has come from the Pearce School in Gold Mine township:

"The Pearce School opened the first of November with 22 present. The enrollment has increased to 42. The girls and boys have taken much pride in helping the teacher to clean up the grounds and keep them in good order. Our Moonlight School began the 15th of November and continued for twelve nights. We enrolled seven, two of whom learned to read and write. We had a Fiddler's Convention December 11th and raised the sum of \$10.13 which was used in purchasing a table, chairs, blackboards, floor oil, etc. The children worked faithfully over their lessons thinking of the nice things that 'Old Santa' would soon bring them. Soon Christmas came and gave the children 19 days holiday. Our school gave a Box Party January 11th and \$23.55 was raised. This amount was used in helping to pay on our new organ. At present our attendance is not so good as a few of the children have had to work at home. We are hoping that we can have a two teacher school next term. Our school closes the 23, and in the morning there will be a public speaking and a childrens exercise at night.

May God's richest blessings rest on this school.

MRS. H. R. PARRISH, Teacher."

8. The following report has come from Oak Ridge:
"The Woman's Betterment Association at Oak Ridge was organized February 10th, 1915, with 11 members. We have raised during the past year work \$42.51. This with \$17 that had been previously raised we have bought pupils' desks, teacher's desk, lamp, bell and an axe. We also gave to the church \$7.30 one-half of the amount raised at a box party Christmas.

LUCY WIGGS.