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### **HEAR OBJEC-**TION TO BONDS

#### Commissioners Hold Meeting Monday

Quite a Good Crowd Present To Hear W. W. Neal, Hill Yarborough, W. L. Lump-kin, W. A. Jones, W. T. Moss, A. J. Joyner and others-Motion to Postpone Issuance to June 1st, Carried After Majority of Crowd Had Left

About two hundred citizens of Franklin County gathered at the Court house in Louisburg Monday at-ternoon in response to the invitation of the Board of County Commission ers to be present to present any ob jections they might have to the is-suance of \$200,000 bonds to take care of outstanding notes and, a call from Chairman W. W. Neal, of the Frank-lin County Tax Relief Association.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman W. T. Moss, of the Board of Commissioners, and the issuance of the boads and their recessions.

of the bonds and their necessity was explained by County Attorney Hill /arborough, who, after reading the formal order, stated that the notes for which the bonds were being is-sued represented a valid indebtedsued represented a valid indebtedness of the County created by the former Board on July 1st, 1930, and which was passed over to this Board, which assumed office in December following. The notes become due March 14th and had to be met. The Board had renewed \$200,000 and Laid \$30,000. Upon advice of the County Government Commission they were new trying to put the indebtedness in the shape of bonds in order to reduce the expense of renewing otes and to make the payment eas

ier to the tax payers.

During the discussions that arose it developed that the County had sevently three thousand dollars in the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and \$30,170.00 in the Citizens Bank at Franklinton when they failed and had collateral from the Farmers & Mer-chants Bank as security amounting to about \$58,000. The liquidation of the collateral security for the de-posits is now in process. It was shown that by reason of this amount being tied up in the bank failures and the slow process of tax collections, only about 43 per cent of the 1930-31 levy having been made, is responsible for the present financial situation which if not met by bonds will cause the County to default.

Chairman W. W. Neal, having gotten the floor, and having precipitated a tense situation by demanding certain exact information from County Accountant G. L. Cooke, as of that date, stated "I have given part of my life to Franklin County and by God I will give all", referring to his efforts with his association towards tax re-After giving a lot of figures he stated in effect he thought this organization was some responsible for the election of the present Board, and proceeded to criticise the Board. and proceeded to criticise the Board or that the real reason for the pres-for having re-elected the County Ac-countant without having gotten a re-port from him, and is now issuing benus for \$200,000. He thought it was the "duty of you tax payers to million dollars to one and one-half protect your homes, the dearest thing to you." He stated the Commissioners had an cutstanding tax anticipation note for \$230,000, they had col-lected \$121,048.70 and had applied only \$30,000 on the note. He told of an incident he considered unjust, wherein a negro tenant of his was told if he didn't pay his taxes then, levy would be made upon his mule, yet he (Neal) had not paid his taxes and no officer had said a word to him He said the County had on hand, according to information received from the Accountant \$29,000 in the First the Accountant \$25,000 in the First National Bank, \$16,000 in a Bank in Raleigh, \$5,000 in a bank in New York besides that tied up in the two bank failures in the County. Calling on the public "if you don't cooperate with me I can't help you," he attacked the Board of Education in that in 1926 it spent \$358,000 for schools and that the Superintendents office cost the County in one year \$10,500. He wanted to know why the County should have \$101,000 as sinking funds scattered in banks rather than use it to pay our debts instead of issuing bonds. He took the position that the Board had no right to issue bonds

with taxes uncollected.

Commissioner Jones stated that he

best we could do with the experience ment.

#### College Commencement Program

Commencement at Louisburg College, which will be held May 23-26 will include the following features. Alumnae banquet, Saturday night

May 23.

Commencement sermon at eleven o'clock, Sunday, May 24, by the Reverend R. M. North, D.D., presiding elder of the Raleigh district.

Young Women's Christian Association sermon, Sunday night, May 24, at eight o'clock, by President C. C. Alexander. This sermon is being delivered by President Alexander by Special request from the student body. special request from the student body. Class Day Exercises at five o'clock,

Monday afternoon, May 25.
School of Expression play at eight o'clock, Monday evening, May 25.
Graduating exercises and commencement address at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, May 26. This advancement address at the commencement address at the content of the commencement address at the content of the co

dress will be delivered by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Ph.D., LL.D., president emeritus of Washington and Lee University.

#### A Barbecue

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a barbecue sale on the Court house square Saturday noon, at 12 o'clock and invite everyone to enjoy a delightful barbecue dinner.

#### MASONS ATTENTION

There will be a regular communi-ation of Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. & A. M., Tuesday night May 5th at 8 o'cleck. There is some very im-portant business to be taken care of, so it is very important for each mem-ber to be present. All visiting M. M.'s are cordially invited to attend.

S. E. WILSON, M. W. H. WHITE, Secy.

we have had. People are paying their taxes each day. Times are hard. We don't know when we will get the money from the banks that have falled. We would like for every tax payer to be present at each meeting. 1 er to be present at each meeting. 1 don't like the slurs of Mr. Neal on this Board. His statements are false and untrue and I resent them." To this statement Commissioners Speed and Perry gave their approval. Representative Lumpkin responded

to calls by stating that he knew Franklin County people were as good as any people and had as high re-gard for their obligations as any. He also knew we are facing a crisis and that Franklin County is not are and that Franklin County is not un-like the larger majority of Counties of the State. He understood the note in question was issued in anticipation of taxes to pay teachers, County home, County officers and other necessary expenses. He said he knew little about the inside workings of the County Commissioners but do believe they are doing their best to give the people the best service they can. "If you had \$50,000 to pay, with only 50 cents to pay with you would be in the position the Board is in", he said. He thought it would be best, if it were costaled to position the issuence of rossible, to postpone the issuance of the bonds until June 1st with the hope of reducing the amount necessary to issue. In discussing the present depression Mr. Lumpkin told his hearers that the real reason for the pres-

million dollars. Commissioner Jones thought it best to put this indebtedness in the shape of 30 year bonds; that times may better, but issuing bonds would not increase our debt one cent. He thought Mr. Lumpkin's suggestion good, but the law require's certain details to be complied with. He attributed the cause of the present situation to the failure to collect taxes and in order to remedy this the Board and gotten the Legislature to pass a law giving them the authority to em-

ploy a tax collector.

Chairman Moss told the people that the County was \$30,000 less in debt to-day than in March. That we had just as well sit steady in the boat and hold our heads. We will not owe any more in bonds than in notes.

Chairman Neal proposed a motion

to postpone the issuance of the bonds

This motion brought on renewed discussion during which time a sug-gestion was made that an election be held to determine the wishes of the people on the issuance of the bonds. During this discussion A. J. Joyner brought applause when he stated he "didn't blame the fellow who doesn't Commissioner Jones stated that he resented Mr. Neal's statements leaving false impressions on the people and was tired of people criticising and not paying their tax and doing their part. He was interrupted by Mr. Neal who said to him "you have no right to horrow money on tax anticipation notes and use the money for other purposes."

Mr. Jones continued by stating the Commissioners "have tried to do the best we could do with the experience ment."

"didn't blame the fellow who doesn't pay his tax for objecting to anything". The suggestion of, an election never prot sufficient support to be included in the original motion when put, which a crowd that had dwindled from around two hundred to less than fifty carried by about two to one. Another motion seeking to instruct the Board as to whether to issue notes and the meeting dispersed without the usual formalities of an adjournment.

### RE - ELECT **OLD OFFICERS**

#### Memorial Services Set For May 31st

Franklin County Memorial Asto Mrs. Perry

The regular annual meeting of the Franklin County Memorial Associa-tion was held in the Board of Education rooms on Tuesdan afternoon. Al-though only a small number were present a very enthusiastic meeting was held. It was announced that the memorial services would be held this year on Sunday afternoon May 31, at 2:30 o'clock. A motion prevailed making the meeting a committee of the whole and re-elected the same offi-cers for another year. The officers elected are E.L. Best, President; A. F. Johnson, 1st vice-President and Chairman of the Arrangements Com-mittee; W. L. Lumpkin, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. S. E. Tharrington, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. B. N. Williamson, Treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Perry, Secretary; Mr. Hill Yarborough, as-sistant Chairman of Arrangements committee.

Plans were discussed for carrying out the memorial exercises this year, among which were mentioned severa interesting features.

Mrs. M. C. Wilder, Chairman of the Harris township Committee requested a change in her Committee by mak-ing Miss Ruth Strickland, Chairman and adding to the Committee Miss Mattle Wheless in the place of Miss Byron who had moved from the community. With the assurance Health and Disease, Miriam Walkin-of Mrs. Wilder that her interest and shaw Steele, Central High School, assistance would always be at the Charlotte; The Relation of Chemistry disposal of the Association and the Committee her suggestions were ces Kernodle, Greensboro High Eddonted adopted.

Upon motion the Chairman appointed E. L. Best, E. H. Malone and Hill Yarborough a Committee to draft resolutions to the local and State units American Legion Auxiliaries expressing the Association's pleasure at the possibility of Mrs. Perry becoming President of the State Unit and interest therein. The Committee submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the Franklin Coun-y Memorial Association hereby unanmously indorses Mrs. Hugh W. Perry of Louisburg, North Carolina for the next President of the State Organization, American Legion Auxil-

We know that Mrs. Perry is qualified for this position for the following rea-sons: She has served as president of the local Auxiliary for two years and four years as its secretary. In tne State Organization she has served on the Executive Board as District Committee Woman; State Prison Chairman; Second Vice-President; and at present is First Vice-President and Third Area Chairman of the organizations requiring straight thinking and expert administrative ability.

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State will be exceedingly fortunate to the city.

The subject for the evening was secure her services as President of "Plays of the Harvard 47 Workshop";

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We hereby respectfully ask that this resolution be forwarded to the proper State Authorities for their considera-

#### Fishing Season Is Closed

County Game Warden P. E. Dean, requests the TIMES to call attention to the closed season for fishing of all kinds. The fishing season will close on May 1st, (today) and will remain closed till June 10th. During this time no fishing of any kind is permit ted. Mr. Dean informs the TIMES he is going to do his best to inforce this law this season.

#### Justice Confederate Reunion

The Annual Confederate Re-union will be held at Justice at the school house on Saturday, May 9th. Special music will be given by Charlie Miller and his "Carolina Rebels". Among the speakers for the occasion, is Mr. Hill Yarborough, a very prominent and promising young attorney of Louisburg and Franklin County. Every body is invited to come and tring a picnic lunch.

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### Name Winners **Chemistry Prizes**

Seventy-Two Essays Submitted in Costest For 1931

Dr. L. F. Williams, professor of Organic Chemistry at N. C. State Col-lege, chairman for North Carolina in the High School Chemical Essay Con-test, announces the winners for North Carolina in the contest for 1931.

For eight years, the American

sociation Holds Enthusiastic Chemical Society, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan, has conducted a Prize Essay Resolutions Complimentary Contest in the high and secondary schools of the United States. These contests were financed by Mr. and Mrs. Garvan as a memorial to their daughter, Patricia.

Seventy-two essays were submitted to the committee this Spring, and from these the State committee, composed of Mrs. T. D. Jones, Durham; Dr. R. L. Felts, Durham; Prof. M.
L. Jacobs, Chapel Hill; Gen. Albert
Cox, Dr. J. H. Highsmith, and Prof.
L. G. Willis of Raleigh, selected the following as having submitted the host essays, and each will receive a prize of twenty-dollars.

The Relation of Chemistry to Health

and Disease, William Hambleton Tol-son, III, Greenville High Schoot, Greenville; The Relation of Chemis-try to the Enrichment of Life, John Adams Crowley, Jr., Central High Adams Crowley, Jr., Central High School, Charlotte; The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or to Forestry, Bayard H. Storm, Jr., Central High School, Charlotte; The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense, Jim Slay, Greenville High School, Greenville; The Relation of Chemistry to the Home, Ellen Virginia Hancock, New Bern High School, New Bern; The Relation of Chemistry to Industry, Joseph Horace, Bunn High School, Bunn, N. C.

The committee also selected the es-says submitted by the following as being worthy of honorable mention.

The Relation of Chemistry

The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease, Mirlam Walkin-shaw Steele, Central High School, ces Kernodle, Greensboro High School, Greensboro; The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or to Forestry, Julian Metz, Fayetteville, High School, Fayetteville; The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense, Grier Wallace, Jr., Central High School, Charlotte; The Relation of Chemis-try to the Home, Vivian Rhodes, Wen-cell High School, Wendell; The Relation of Chemistry to Industry, Elaine Loretta Coley, Mary Potter Memorial School, Oxford.

The prize winning essays have been entered in the National Contest. The national prizes are six four-year scholarships in any recognized col-lege or university in the United States. Each scholarship provides tuit fees and \$500.00 in cash annually.

#### Miss Yarborough Hostess

Miss Edith Yarborough was hostess to the members of the Current Literature Club Tuesday evening. This being the last meeting before the summer vacation several matters of ature Club business were discussed. An invita-tion from the Edwin Fuller Club was She is a young woman of splendid executive ability, fine personality, and las had much helpful experience in organizations requiring straight the sister Miss Letton, expressed to the club her appreciation for the many courtesies shown her while in the city.

Miss Letton gave a most interesting talk on "Who are They"; "The Bank account" by Howard Brock, was read by Mrs. Malcolm McKinne; followed by two musical selections, Funeral March of a Marinette, Gounod Melodie—T. Salome; Mrs. M. S. Davis concluding the program with a reading—Doris Holman.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. John Yarborough served a most delicious sweet course followed by cocee.

#### Franklinton Commencement

The following program has been an-counced for Franklinton Graded

Friday May 1st, 8 o'clock-Operetta. Sunday, May 3, 8 o'clock—Sermon by Dr. H. E. Myers, Duke University Monday, May 4, 8 o'clock—Recitation-Declamation Contest.

Tuesday, May 5, 8 o'clock—Senior

Wednesday, May 6, 8 o'clock— Graduation Exercises; Address by Hon. John H. Kerr. The Senior Class will leave on Mon-day, May 11, for an educational trip to Washington, D. C.
All services will be held at the

Irate Golfer-You must be the worst addie in the world. Caddie Hardly. That would be too

High School building.

#### **Funeral Services** Of Miss White

Wake Forest, April 28.—Funeral ervices for Miss Meta Ward White, who died Sunday, April 26, were held from the home at four o'clock Monday afternoon, interment following at

Fairview cemetery in Franklinton.
Miss White was seventeen years of ge at the time of her death. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. White, and two brothers, Bruce and Charles Johnson. Her life spoke icr itself, and her lovable personality and gracious ways will be carried as a sacred memory in the hearts of her ountless friends.

The service at the home was opened with the hymn, "The Strife is O'er" J A. Easley, with prayer lead by Dr. W. R. Cullom. The church choir, uncer the direction of Dr. H. M. Poteat, sang "The Homeland."

At the service at the cemetery in

Pranklinton the choir sang "Jerusalem the Golden" and "For All the Saints". Dr. Cullom read "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er" and pronounced the

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Huxton and Garland Midgette, of Jackson, W. P. Hodges, of Raleigh, Ernest Hinton, of Clayton, Thurman and Irwin Kitchen, of Wake Forest.

The many beautiful flowers were placed on the grave by ten girls, all special friends of Meta's, while the choir sang "Day is Dying in the West". These girls were Misses Annie Renn and Susie Powell, Dorothy and Mar-garet Davis, Sue Brewer, Euphemia Bryan, Marjorie McKaughan, and Octavia Seawell of Wake Forest, and Misses Sarah and Frances Vann, of Franklinton.

Among the out-of-town friends here for the service were Dr. John E. White, of Savannah, Ga., Mr. E. C. Hicks, of Wilmington, Mrs. Titden Scherer and Wallace Scherer of Bristol, Tenn., Dr. and Mrs. Battle Ho-cutt, Mrs. Carl Pridgen and Mr. Er-nest Hinton, of Clayton, Miss Sutton, Miss Lizzie Lee, Mrs. Joseph Chesh-fre, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Josiah William Bailey, Miss Julia Ferrall and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Malone and Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough of Louisburg, Miss Mary Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodard, Miss Hattie Bunn and Miss Eessie McDearman, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Paul Newton, of Spring Hope, Mrs. Fant Kelly of High Point, Mrs. T. C. Harrison of Weldon, and Miss Louise McMillan of Thomasville.

#### Strong School **Program Adopted**

Raleigh, April 25 .- The North Car olina Education association closed its annual convention here today by proposing an ambitious school program for the state.

The following objectives were unan

imously adopted:

1.—A state board of education to be appointed by the governor with overlapping terms of office for its members and vested with the duty of appointing a state superintendent of clucation.

2.-Adequate support of the constitutional six months school term, to be financed by such methods as the legislature may provide.

3.—Extension of the statewide minimum school term to eight months

4.—Full local self-government in the matter of providing increased educational opportunity over and above the state provided minimum within the limits of safety to the fi-pancial credit of the tax paying units, with local control of local funds and strict state supervision of state provided funds.

5.-Teachers' salaries which will attract to and retain in the profession the type of teacher the childhood of North Carolina deserves—salaries which will permit growth in the profession and standard of living comparable to those of members of other professions with equal training, abil-

ity and responsibility.

6.—A character development program, all-pervasive, but as definite and purposeful as possible, throughout the entire curricula and extracurricula activities of the school.

New officers were chosen today.

John L. Cook, of North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, was named president to succeed E. T. Coltrane, of Salisbury, and R. G. Fitzgerald, superintsudent of Pitt county schools, was usued vice-president to schools, was named vice-president to

#### HEARING ON BONDS

The Board of County Commissioners the Local Government Commission in Raleigh, N. C., for next Tuesday, May 5th, 1931, in the matter of the issuance of funding bonds to take up tax anticipation notes.

Tom:"I'd like to give my fiancee a surprise for her anniversary pres-ent." Jerry: "Why not tell her what

your income really is?"

## **LUXURY TAX** PLAN ADOPTED

#### House and Senate Finally Agree

Adjournment May be Taken Next Tuesday-This Action Practically Assures The Operation of the McLean Law, Relieving Property Tax for Schools

Both the House and the Senate last night adopted a conference report on the revenue bill embodying the Hinsdale so-called luxury tax on selected commodities. Spirited opposition was encountered in both the House and the Senate, but the House late last night adopted the report by a vote of 61 to 31 and the Senate, after a debate which lasted until far after midnight took the same action by a vote of 27 to 22.

The report, signed by four of the six Senate conferees and by four of the seven House conferees, contains a tax of 20 per cent on cigarettes soft drinks and a ten per cent tax on admissions to all amusements besides imposing taxes at varying rates on ammunition, playing cards, confections, malt extract, automobiles and documents.

The measure, which had three times failed in the Senate by votes of 26 to 24, was adopted in conference as a substitute for the House plan of a general sales tax of one per cent to finance the MacLean bill for the support of the six months school term when Senator Rankin joined Senators Hinsdale, Clark and Pritchett in abandoning the Senate's demand for a referendum tax in 1932. Senators Dunlap and Folger refused to sign the report and filed a minority report favoring an equalizing fund and an ad valo-

rem tax.
Only Representatives Spence, Mac-Lean, Connor and Allen signed the report on the part of the House, but it is understood that the other three will make no fight on it. When the vote was taken last night, Hood voted for the report, Cherry was in the chair and Harris was out of the Hall.

#### Can Adjourn Tuesday

The action last night makes adjournment on Tuesday possible but by no means certain. The report must pass second and third readings in the House and then go to the Senate for three constitutional readings, which cannot begin until Sat-

urday and cannot end until Tuesday.

The House has all along evidenced a majority for any measure needed to make effective the MacLean law for State support of the six months school term and last night all opposition was brushed aside, including an effort to reconsider the adoption of a rule yesterday which made the report in order.

#### Wes Ferrell Pitches A No-Hit Game

There was a rustling in base-ball's hall of fame Wednesday— they were making room for Wes-ley Cheek Ferrell, 23-year old right-handed pitcher from Guil-ford County. Ferrell pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Cleveland against St. Louis and further proved a hero by hitting a home run and double to bat in four run and double to bat in four runs. Ferrell's performance recalls the last great pitching feat by a North Carolinian—Ernest G. Shore's perfect game tossed for Boston's Red Sox against Washington June 23, 1917. Shore now resides in Winston-Salem.

Baseball fans of Louisburg and Franklinton will recall Mr. Shore as he once pitched for Franklinton in 1910.

#### At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

Following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre for week begin-ning May 4th: Monday and Tuesday, May 4th-5th

—Claudette Colbert and Fredric March in "Honor Among Lovers." Wednesday, May 6—Bargain Day -William Haines in "The Impos-

tor," also comedy and serial.

Thursday, May 7th—Charles Farrell in "Body and Soul," with Elissa Landi.

Friday, May 8th—Norma Tal-madge in "DuBarry Woman of Pas-sion," also on the stage Matinee and Night, A group of famous Radio entertainers, "The Oklahoma Cow-

boys.
Saturday, May 9th—"The Silver
Horde" with Evelyn Brent and Louis
Wolheim, also comedy and chapter
No. 4 "The Indians Are Coming."