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GRADED SCHOOL SPECIAL TAX ELECTION MAY 25TH.

Will Ask for 10 Cents Additional Special Tax-County Commissioners Fixed Date Monday-Board of Education Withdrew Petition for County-Wide Election-Was Tumultuous Meeting.

The county commissioners, the board of education, the Wadesboro Graded School Board, County Superintendent Bivens and Graded School Superintendent McIver met in the office of the county commissioners last Monday to reach a decision as to the various special tax election propositions which have been before the public for several weeks. The county commissioners were acting as umpires in the matter, so to speak, and tried to smooth things out, but the contending factions were out for each other's gore (as it appeared to an innocent bystander) and they could not get together. Each side made a proposition which the other one turned down, and then Dr. Hart, chairman of the county commissioners, made a compromise proposition, which the board of education turned down. The net result of the meeting was that an election was called for the Wadesboro Graded School district to be held on May 25th. The Board of education withdrew its petition for a countywide election, and served notice that it would demand that the county commissioners levy a tax of 8 cents for school purposes in addition to the present 27 cent tax.

(Since this report was written The M. & I. has been requested to make plain here that the county commissioners two weeks ago agreed to call the county-wide tax election, and reaffirmed their decision Monday morning. The town proposition was presented in the afternoon.)

When the county commissioners met there were two petitions before them-one made by the board of education for a county-wide election to decide whether or not to levy a special county-wide tax of 30 cents on the \$100 and 90 cents on the poll; the other by the Wadesboro Graded

ecial tax in the district of 10 cents on the \$100 and 30 cents on the poll. The commissioners were compelled by law to order both these elections if the petitions were insisted on, but it was felt that both propositions would be defeated, coming, as they would have to, so close together.

The petition of the board of education had already been presented to the board, so Mr. B. E. Bennett presented the Graded School petition. When Mr. Bennett finished Superintendent of Education Bivens stated that if the petition of the Graded School were withdrawn the board of education stood ready to guarantee to the Graded School for next year the sum of \$2,193 in addition to the amount the Graded School is now receiving. This is the amount the extra 10 and 30 cents asked for by the Graded School will bring in. The board of education agreed to guarantee this amount whether their 80 cent county-wide tax carried er not, as, if it did not carry, the county commissioners had agreed to levy an additional county wide tax of 8 cents

The Graded School men could not see their way clear to accept this proposition. The reasons they gave were that the present board of education could not pledge itself for more than one year, owing to the fact that, for one cause or another, the membership of the board might change before the year was out and there could be no certainty of what a new board would do. If the increased allowance were withdrawn after one year the Graded School would then be where they are now. Professor McIver also brought out that the Graded School had been promised \$1,500 for a building fund next year, and it never was made clear to him whether or not the board of education contemplated allowing the \$1,500 building fund in addition to the \$2,193 above mentioned. Another point the Grad-ed School men made was that if the 80 cent county-wide proposition fail-ed to carry the board of education would, when the proposed 8 cents additional tax was levied, have only \$7,-985.76 more than they have this year, and after \$2,198 of this amount had been given to Wadesboro only about \$5,800 additional would be left for all the other schools of the county, and it might appear to some that Wadesboro was 'imposing on the other

The Graded School people, having advanced the above reasons for declining to withdraw their petition, stated that they could see no reason against bolding both elections, and that they would not necessarily conflict. The board of education was afraid that the Graded School district might concentrate on carrying its election and defeat the countywide election. However, Professor McIver stated that he would vote and work for the county-wide tax, if the election were called, as well as for the district tax.

After much fruitless altercation, Dr. J. E. Hart proposed that a compromise be adopted. His proposition was that the commissioners call an election for a county-wide special tax of ten cents on the \$100 and 30 cents on the poll and that the Graded School petition be withdrawn. The chairman of the Graded School board was willing to do this but the board of education declined.

After this had been debated a while, Mr. J. P. Ratliff, chairman of the board of education, stated that the board had decided to withraw its petition, and would call on the commissioners to levy the 8 cents additional tax which the law compels the commissioners to levy when asked for by the board of education. Dr. Hart stat- 573. ed that in his opinion the commissioners should not levy the 8 cents additional until the matter had been taken to court.

The meeting broke up in a general talkfest.

The inability of the board of edu- 834. cation and the Graded School board 645. John Wright. Pee Dec. to get together is most regrettable. The members of both boards are trying to do the best they can for the schools, and if they could have got- 663. James Ratliff, Pee Dee. ten together in time it is probable 673. some working arrangement could have been made. However, the sup- 687. erintendent of education and the su- 695. perintendent of the Graded School, acting as spokesmen of their respective boards, found themselves unable 742. to reach a working basis, one of them 753. refusing to discuss the matter with the other. Such being the circumstances, no agreement was reached.

Sir Douglas Haig, in a special order of the day, addressed to "all ranks 821. James Smith. Ansonville. of the British army in France and Flanders," says:

"Three weeks ago today, the enemy began his terrific attacks against us on a 50-mile front. His objects

are to separate us from the French, to take the channel ports and to destroy the British army.

"In spite of throwing, already, 106 divisions into the battle and enduring the mose reckless sacrifice of human loos. Arthur Richardson, Ansonville, Ports 1 life, he has yet made little progress toward his goals.-

"We owe this to the determined fighting and the self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances.

"Many amongst us are tired. To week: those, I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our sup- \$425. port. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out.

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depends alike in Lilesville township; consideration, upon the conduct of each one of us at consideration, \$200. this critical moment."

CLUB MEETINGS. The following clubs will meet next

Oak Dell-Monday, 2:30 P. M. Cool. Springs-Tuesday, 2:30 P. M. Cedar Hill-Wednesday, 2:30 P. M. Burnsville-Thursday, 10:30 A. M. Flint Ridge-Thursday, 2:30 P. M. Wharf-Friday, 2:30 P. M.

South Wadesboro-Saturday, 3:00. All members of the community and gricultural clubs are requested to be

ROSALIND A. REDFEARN. Home Dem. Agent.

Mr. Adam Lockhart, chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, has ar- and many friends among the older ranged with Mr. B. R. Wall for a citizens of the county. He is sur-Liberty Loan meeting at Gum vived by two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Bog-Springs Saturday night at 8:30. Mr. gan and Miss Mary Kendall, of this T. L. Caudle will speak.

Mr. G. B. Briley is very low at his home a few miles from town.

MORE MEN TO GO TO CAMP.

45 Colored Men to Camp Grant-21 Colored Men and 11 Whites to Go to Camp Jackson.

The local exemption board has received orders to send 45 colored men of the first draft to Camp Grant, 21 Judge W. F. Harding presiding, and colored men of the second draft and 11 white men of the second draft to Camp Jackson. The board has not been notified exactly when the men are to go, but it will be some time within a week after April 26th. The board has not yet made a list of those to be called for the second draft. However, the list of the colored men to complete the first draft has been made out, and orders to report will be sent them as soon as the date they are to leave is ascertained. Fifty-five will be ordered to report, and the first 45 will be sent to Camp Grant. The men who will be ordered to report

339. Eugene Johnson. Morven. Robert Little, Morven, R. 1. Brunston Ingram, Wadesboro. Walter Crawford, Wadesboro.

James Cason, Wadesboro R. A. 1-2. Miles Patterson, Wadesboro, Route A., care C. H. Braswell. Peter Harrison Kersey, Morven,

Will Flowers, rec John Colston, Wadesboro, Wadesboro, Wades-Will Flowers, Pee Dee. 574. Thomas L. Chambers,

579. Riston Gaddy, Wadesboro, R. 2, care W. B. Teal. 617. Pearl Michael, Mt. Croghan, S C.

James Little, Wadesboro. Nollie Ingram, Wadesboro. Charlie Capel, Morven. R. 1. Hubert Evans. McFarlan. 643. John Richardson. Wadesboro.

Robert Bivens. Morven. 656. William Ledbetter, Peachland, Route 3. Charlie Gaddy, Polkton, R. 2.

Esau Bennett, Lilesville. Ress Smith. Lilesville. Thomas Chambers, Wadesboro. Ross Pratt, Morven, Route 1.

Frick Simons, Polkton. Fulton Leak. Devereaux, Ga. Will Little. Morven. Fugene Little, Wadeshoro.

James P. Caraway, Wadesboro, Route A

Claud Dargan. Wadesboro, R.

801. William Bennett, Wadesboro, R2 816. Fletcher Robinson, Badin, N. C. London, April 12.—Field Marshal 816. Fletcher Robling, Chesterfield, C., Route 1

> Tom Cason. Wadesboro, R. A. 875. Fay Bennett, Lilesville. 888. Lee Watkins, Ansonville. 907. John Bennett, Lilesville.

915. John Chambers, Wadesboro. 922. William Crowder. Peachland, R3 926. Roscoe Solomon Tanner, Wades-

Route 1.

1005. Harry Alex. Boggan, Polkton. 1006. James Oliver Dockery, Morven. 1017. Alex Milton, Chesterfield, S. C., Rounte 2.

LAND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds have been registered during the

T. D. Adams and wife to John H. Sellers; one-third interest in 74 1-2 acres on Jones creek; consideration,

W. C. Hall and wife to L. N. Templeton; lot near Morven; consideration, \$40. Roger L. Williams and wife to W.

C. Long; 9 7-10 acres in Lilesville township; consideration, \$600. Mrs. F. M. McGregor to W. M. Taft; timber on Mrs. McGregor's land

S. T. Usher and wife to W. M. Taft; timber on land in Lilesville township;

Consideration, \$200. A. M. Stack and other commisioners to J. E. Moore, 165.6 acres in Union and Anson counties; consideration, \$5,030.

MR. W. P. KENDALL DEAD.

Mr. W. K. Boggan last night received a telegram stating that Mr. Wm. P. Kendall, formerly of Anson, but who has been living in Cordele, Ga., since the 80's had died yesterday.

Mr. Kendall was a native of Anson, and lived in the county until he moved to Cordele. He has a promihent family connection in the county, county, and by three sons, Messrs. Palmer, William and Albert Kendall. His wife, who was Miss Jennie Palmer, of Statesville, also survives)

COURT IN SESSION.

Disposed Of-Civil Court Next

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases is in session this week, a number of small cases have been disposed of. Next week civil cases will be tried.

The grand jury, of which Mr. L. D. Rivers was foreman, finished its work and was discharged Tuesday. The iury found that the roof of the court house was still in bad condition and leaking. It appears that an entire building.

The following cases have been disposed of:

Will J. Ingram retailing and making liquor; not guilty on either count. Frank Moore, larceny; nol prossed vith leave.

James Bogan and Pohn Pemberton, gambling; nol prossed with leave.

W. J. McCaskill; violating tire law; \$5.00 and costs; appealed to supreme court.

AbieDunlap; assault and battery; leads guilty of simple assault; pudgment suspended on payment of costs. Ray Ratliff, ccarrying concealed weapon; \$50 and costs.

Marshal Spencer; disposing of mortgaged property; no lprossed. Brooks Bradley, Kate Marshall, fornication and adultry; nol prossed

Archie Smith; carrying concealed weapon; \$50 and costs.

with leave.

A. D. Ross; procuring labor without a license; judgo directer verdict of not guilty, as there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and directed that cash bond of \$400 be rewas arrested.

W. A. Phillips: assault with deadly weapon; pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs. This case arose from Mr. Phillips shooting at his brother-

the cost.

George Little, George Howke; rambling; Little fined \$15 and one- machine gun fire. half the costs; Howze fined \$25 and one-half the costs.

Newton fined \$15 and costs.

Arthur Sturdivant, carrying concealed weapon; 4 months on roads.

Lacy Ingram; carrying concealed weapon; \$50 and costs.

Lee Duncan; assault with deadly

Charlie Bell Kendall; felonious by the enemy. breaking; one year in jail, with privilege to be hired ont to S. M. Gaddy. Mr. Gaddy is to pay costs, and see and sufficient clothes. It will be re- cially. membered that Charlie Bell was breaking into the store of J. T.

Pinkston & Son several weeks ago. Jim Little, two cases of forgery; given six months on roads in one case and three in the other.

A. M. McLendon, selling diseased meat; \$25 and costs; addealed to supreme court.

Jim Robinson, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of not guilty directed by the court. Tom Chambers, assault with intent

to commit rape; not guilty.

JONES-BENTON.

nie Benton were married last night | The college has purged itself of him. Rev. W. H. Reddish performing the wasn't room for them and him. They and Mrs. J. H. Benton. Only a few est authorities who have ordered him relatives and close friends were pres- taken up.

many charms of disposition and char- He will be brought before Commis-acter, beloved by a wide circle of sioner Plummer Batchslor next week friends. Mr. Jones is one of the and given a hearing: prominent business men of the town, being a member of the Marsh-Jones Hardware Co. He is a son of Mr. Peter Jones, of Gulledge township, and has a numerous and prominent family connection.

They will live in Mr. Jones' house on Lee avenue.

Mrs. Hugh Harris, of Alten, Ill., is expected here next week to visit her brother, Mr. U. B. Blalock.

BATTLE STILL RAGES.

Number of Small Criminal Cases Position of British Better Than It Was Tuesday.

Out of the chaos of the tremendous ! battle along the Lys river, south and southwest of Ypres, the thunder of which may be heard 40 or 50 miles away, there have come during the past day reports which are more encouraging to the allied powers. The British not only have held all the ground which they were defending on Tuesday, but have struck back so powerfully that Meteren and part of Wytschaete were retaken and held for a time. Only after heavy attacks did new roof will have to be put on the the British retire again from the villages.

The most disturbing news has been a report from Berlin that Poelcapelle and Langemarck, north of Ypres, have been taken by the Germans and the admission from London that the British have retired from certain of their lines in the Ypres salient. The retirement here was expected, for the advance of the Germans at Neuve Eglise and Bailleul left the positions in front of Ypres open to a flank attack. It is officially stated that the retirement was orderly and it is probable that it will have more of a sentimental than a strategic effect. Just how far the British lines have been withdrawn is not known. It may be, however, that the German claim of taking Poelcapelle and Langemarck was the result of the British retirement.

Battle Intensity Deepens.

The battle, now in its ninth day, has deepened in intensity at many points along the curved front from Messines ridge to Meteren. There have been reports that the Germans have occupied the village of St. Eloi, turned to Ross. The M. & I. told which lies less than three miles south several weeks ago of the arrest of of Ypres, but these have not been Ross. There was little or no direct confirmed. It also was said that they evidence that he was trying to entice have taken positions on the south laborers out of the state before he slope of Mount Kemmel, which is their charming toilets. about two and a half miles north of Wulverghem. This, also, has not been confirmed.

On all the rest of the front from On all the rest of the front from cel steps, where she was given in m Messines ridge southward the Ger- riage by her father, and the services of the front from cel steps, where she was given in m

es of troops by the British rifle and On the southern side of the salient there have been engagements of some Charlie Miller, Ernest Newton, magnitude, especially east of Robecq,

gambling; Miller fined \$25 and costs; five miles northwest of Bethune, where the Germans were caught by the British artillery fire and scatter-

More Fighting Near Arras.

The line in front of Arras has again been the scene of fighting, but weapon; pleaded nolo contendere; here the British took the offensive judgment suspended on payment of and drove the Germans out of British trenches which had been carried

In the Picardy sector there has been lively artillery engagements between the Somme and Oise rivers, but only that Charlie Bell gets enough to eat patrol encounters are reported offi-

Further south only raiding opera tions have been going on.

WAKE FOREST STUDENT

Alleged Russian Seditionist to Face Trial, Medical Class Having Kicked-Other Arrests Expected.

Raleigh, April 13 .- Wake Forest's medical class served notice yesterday State and a graduate of Washington on its college government that it and Lee and Johns Hopkins, is a would not stand for James L. Dub. charming and courteous gentleman. rowsky, a Russian member, whose alleged seditious talk has him in bad with the United States and the am-Mr. Thomas F. Jones and Miss Con- ministration of the college affairs.

at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride, The meds let it be known that there ceremony. The home was prettily served notice that they would not decorated for the ceremony, which come to class any more. The nature was very quiet on account of the re- of the talk that got the fellow in bad cent deaths of the bride's parents, Mr. has not been learned from Wake For-

Dubrowsky came here from South Mrs. Jones is a young woman of Carolina, but little is known of him.

> character there are several candidates for trouble. The officers of the collector and the marshal are working on various rumors that will get some of the business men in Raleigh. For manifest reasons the officials do not

PRITCHETT-LEAK.

Marriage of Prominent Young People Somemnized Last Night-Re-ception by Bride's Parents.

At Calvary Episcopal church last evening at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs.

John Duncan Leak gave in marri their eldest daughter, Miss Sh Leak, to Dr. Charles Bernard Pritchett, of Danville, Virginia. The Rev. S. M. Hanff, former rector of the church, officitated, and the wedding musfc, which was very artistic, w rendered by Mrs. Sam Houston, vis remarkably gifted as an organ The chancel was exquisitely decorated with a graceful arrangement of southern smilax starred with pink roses, and wax tapers in silver and brass candelabra cast a soft glow on the wedding tableaux. Lohengrin's march was used for the procession and the bridal party was led by ushers, Messrs. Henry C. Leigh Vincent A. Salvo, of Danville. I lowing them alternately, were groomsmen, Messrs. David E. G ham, of Charlotte; Lieut. E. T. Bu of Richmond, Va.; Roderick Bedde of Birmingham, Alabama; James Leak, Jr., and R. E. Little, Jr., and the bridesmaids, Misses Eunice Pritchett, of Danville, sister of the groom, Miss Jennie Parsons, Miss Augusta Little and Miss Rosa Parsons, Mrs. T. B. Leak, dame of honor, and Miss Kate Leak, maid of honor. The bride entered with her father, and was perfectly lovely in her exquisite wedding gown of white satin, com-bined with lace and seeded with pearls. A panel embroidered with silk threads and pearls adorned the front of the costume, and a court train fell over a skirt of short length. The veil was adjusted with a coronet of orange blossoms and her gorgeous shower bouquet was of valley lilies

and orchids. The costumes worn by the bridesmaids were filmy creations of pink silk net and half veils of pink net Little French flowers were effectively used in the trimmings, and their beautiful shower boquets were of pink sweet peas and fern branches The dame of honor wore a modish toilet of pink georgette and taffeta. The maid of honor was beautifully gowned in pink satin with deep ruffles of lace. Feathery pink hats and arm bouquets of Ophelia roses completed

The groom was attended by father, Dr. Charles W. Pritchett, and the two advanced from the vestry room and met the bride at the chau-

TO STAND UNTIL DEATH
799. William R. Davis, Peachland, R3 ling; Leak fined \$25 and one half the fense. Official and semi-official dispatches have told of the frightful with lights and lavishly decorate losses inflicted on the attacking mass- with southern smilax, pink roses and the apartments and the happy couple were showered with congratulation as they stood at the head of the long receiving line in the double par'or Punch was served at two flower decked tables by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pruette and Miss Elizabeth Horne, Mrs. J. D. Horne, Mrs. J. S. Webb, Mrs. L. J. Huntley, Mrs. Clarence Burns and Miss Susan Little were in charge of the dining room, where the decora tions were very effective, and the handsome mahogany table was veiled with lace and adorned with carnations, pink wax tapers and pink roses A tempting menu, which included salted nuts and mints in the bridst

colors, was served. An unusually handsome of gifts was displayed in the living room, which was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Jas A. Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fetzer.

Others who assisted in the various apartments were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ben-nett, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coxe, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Caudle, Mr. and Mrs. EXPELLED BY COLLEGE
H. H. McLendon, Mr. and Mrs. E. N.
Baker, Mrs. W. C. Via. Mr. George
M. Bernhardt, Misses Alice Leak and
Mary Little.

The bride is universally admired and beloved for her attractive personality, and the groom, who is a prom-inent young physician in his native a visit to Washington and New York City, after which they will be at home at the Leland Hotel, in Danville. The bride wore for traveling a stylish suit of dark blue cloth with a chic hat of purple braid, gray shoes

and gloves. Many out of town guests were in attendance, including visitors from Rockingham, Charlotte, Salisbury and

other towns. MRS. RILEY DIGGS DEAD.

Mrs. Riley Diggs died last Tuesday at her home in the Cairo section, aged 65 years. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and the interment was at Shiloh. Mrs. Diggs. who was Miss Mary Hinson be her marriage, is survived by her hus-The arrest of the Russian is to be band and six children, also by two followed by others in the federal de-brothers, Messrs. H. R. and William partments here. Of one and another Hinson, of Lilesville township. Mrs. band and six children, also by two Diggs was a member of the Met church, and a most excellent Chris tian woman, whose death is keenly regretted.

Messrs. W. A. Musselwhite, E. V. announce the names, but soft talk Fenton, Walter Redfearn, Fred Teal must follow or German citizens drop and Callie Morton left last night for Cincinnati to bring back Fourd cars.