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Most Brutal Crime In History Of The County Committed Near Erect

Young White Matron Victim Of Assault By Negro—Beaten And Left For Dead.

Assailant Brazenly Confesses His Crime

Captured After Long Hunt And Taken Away For Safety— County Aroused.

Ferdie Wiley, 17-year-old negro, confessed rapist of Mrs. Lexie L. McKimmon, 33, of the Erect community, about twenty miles southeast of Asheboro, was brought to Randolph county jail yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock by Sheriff W. B. Millikan, an hour after he had been apprehended in the woods near Bennett, by a posse headed by the sheriff and composed of approximately 500 armed men, who had scoured the community in the vicinity of the scene of the crime since early Tuesday morning looking for the black. In the afternoon the negro was taken to a jail in another county for safekeeping. So brutal was the crime he committed and confessed so brazenly that feeling in the Erect community was running high, and a wave of indignation had swept over the county. No trouble was anticipated, for Randolph county people are respectful of law and order, but all concerned felt the wise course to pursue was to take the negro elsewhere to await trial.

The victim of the assault, Mrs. Lexie L. McKimmon, highly respected young married woman of Erect, lies in Memorial hospital, here, in a critical condition. She is suffering from nervous shock and from the brutal attack made on her by the negro with a chair and later with a club. Her scalp is cut into ribbons, her face is gashed, her neck blue and bruised from the severe choking which the negro gave her to render her insensible. Her skull is cracked and there is concussion of the brain. More than 150 stitches were required to close the lacerations on her head and face.

Attacked Monday Afternoon

The assault was made on Mrs. McKimmon Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock while she was alone at her home, her husband being employed at a sawmill near Seagrave, usually staying away from home the entire week. Mrs. McKimmon meanwhile staying with neighbors at night. Details of the brutal attack were not known until Tuesday morning shortly after 9 o'clock when Mrs. J. M. Asbill, neighbor woman, went to the McKimmon home to leave a basket of eggs for sale to the transient egg truck which passed there during the day. She found Mrs. McKimmon in a semi-conscious state, covered with her own blood and suffering intense pain. She was able to tell Mrs. Asbill that she had been attacked by Wiley. Mrs. Asbill notified a number of men working at a nearby mill and the sheriff and county health officer were called.

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Friends Annual Missionary Meet Here Next Week

The Annual Missionary Convention of the Friends Yearly Meeting in North Carolina will be held in Asheboro next Tuesday at ten o'clock with Miss Elizabeth Weaver, of High Point, president, presiding. Among the interesting addresses will be an illustrated address on Africa, by Miss Clara I. Cox, of High Point, Tuesday evening. Miss Evelyn Haworth, of Guilford College, will on Tuesday morning give a review of the new study book. Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes, of Greensboro, will give a series of addresses on the church and missions, and Mrs. Hinkle, also of Greensboro, will speak on the work of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Can't Release Foxes For Breeding Purposes

The law passed at the recent session of the North Carolina general assembly relating to foxes in Randolph county provided that it shall be unlawful to liberate foxes here for breeding purposes. It is not in violation of the law to release the animals in preparation for a fox race. No open season has been declared on foxes in the county; they may be killed out of season only when caught in the act of destroying domestic fowls or animals. In reality the new act provides only a slight change of the old fox law relating to Randolph.

Colored Man Jailed On Charge Of Drunkenness

Joseph Jones, colored man, was arrested in the colored section in East Asheboro Monday night charged with drunkenness and an attempted assault with a shot gun. He was placed in the Randolph county jail to sober up and await preliminary hearing. Jones is not an Asheboro man and at the time he was arrested was unable to tell where he was from.

Carolina Motorists Now Paying 5-Cent Tax On Gasoline

Probably only a few North Carolina motorists were aware of it, but last Sunday they bought their last gas in this State with the four-cent tax on it. Effective Monday the gas tax went to five cents a gallon. Had the law been in effect Sunday the extra cent tax would have piled up a sizeable amount of revenue, for the highways of North Carolina were crowded with cars—a veritable Easter parade.

For four years Tar Heels have been paying a gas tax of four cents on the gallon, the proceeds having been used for the construction of North Carolina's splendid system of highways. The last legislature added the extra cent, and there was scarcely a kick. Revenue, estimated at \$2,500,000 a year, will be produced by this extra cent tax, and this will be divided among the 100 counties in the State on basis of area and population as an aid to road maintenance.

It is estimated that Randolph county will get approximately \$40,000 of this amount each year; the amount, of course, should get larger each year as more cars are operated.

Greater Rainfall Than Usual During The Month Of March

Was More Than Two Inches Over Normal For The Month— Hotter Than Usual Too.

According to the monthly summary of the local Weather Observer the month of March was hot and wet. The mean temperature for the month was 53.8 degrees as compared to a normal of 48.6 degrees or just five and two-tenths degrees warmer than the average. The highest temperature for the month was 87 degrees on the 25th while the lowest was 23 degrees on the 10th.

The rainfall for the month was 6.87 inches as compared to a normal of 4.93 inches. The unusual thing about the rainfall was that it was so nearly exactly the same for the month of February when there was a fall of 6.86 inches. The past month had 18 days that were classified as clear, 10 that were partly cloudy and 8 that were cloudy.

The month was marked by strong winds on the 5th, 6th, and 7th and by thunder storms on the 22nd, 23rd and 26th. A hail storm of moderate intensity was recorded for the 22nd, though no damage was done owing to the fact that crops were not advanced far enough to suffer much.

Extensive Improvements Being Made At A. & P.

Extensive improvements are being made at the local branch store of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company of which Mr. E. T. Walton is in charge. Petition in the Lewis building occupied by the store has more shelf space added as well as additional floor room. Paint is being used freely to make the interior of the store more attractive, and an entirely new lighting arrangement installed. The local A. & P. store has enjoyed a large and growing business since it was established here, and the enlarging of quarters is for the purpose of taking care of increased business.

Mr. Welborn Speaks To Large Audience Over Radio Hook Up

Mr. R. C. Welborn, of Lawrence, Kansas, selected in 1927 as Master Farmer of Kansas, and a native of Randolph county, has recently delighted a large radio audience with a talk on "Elimination of Waste Will Help Solve the Farm Problems". Mr. Welborn's talk was highly praised in a recent edition of a Kansas farm paper. He was described as a "musician, teacher, salesman, farmer" and it was added that he was most proud of the latter title. Mr. Welborn has seven children, all of whom he has given the best educational advantages possible. Three of the sons are high school superintendents in Kansas, one finishing his Master's degree at the University of California, another son, who has a Ph. D. degree, teaches in the Iowa State Teachers College. Two daughters, who recently graduated from the Kansas State University, teach in North Carolina. Miss Edith Welborn at Farmer in this county, and Miss Mary Welborn at Gibsonville.

Bailey's Grove

Rev. Thomas Andrew will preach at Bailey's Grove church Sunday night, April 14. The public is cordially invited. Sunday school is held at the church every Sunday beginning at 10 a. m. Bible study every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Box Supper At Balfour

A pie and box supper will be given at Balfour school house Saturday night, April 6, for benefit of Bailey's Grove church. The public is invited to participate.

County Board May Go Slow On Selling Bonds For Schools

Money Market In Unsat- isfactory State And Bonds Might Go At High Interest.

Short Term Notes May Be Resorted To In Order To Get Money For Buildings —\$100,000 Wanted.

The board of county commissioners may not borrow the \$100,000 authorized for schools, ordered at a call meeting about ten days ago, on bonds, but may resort to short term notes. Few bonds are being issued now because the money market is in an unsatisfactory state and favorable rates are hard to get. It may be cheaper and easier to raise this amount on short term notes by borrowing what is needed instead of the full amount authorized.

The bond issue was authorized to provide funds for building the consolidated high school at Franklinville, work on which is already under way, and for grammar grade school buildings at Archdale and Cedar Falls. The Archdale grammar school would serve as a sort of feeder for Trinity high school, while that at Cedar Falls would be a feeder for the Franklinville school. It is estimated that approximately \$100,000 will be required for these projects, the Franklinville school alone costing approximately \$60,000. The county school debt is now \$328,225.00, including money borrowed and owed for all purposes, and the additional indebtedness of \$100,000 will run the total to \$428,225.00.

Little Business Comes Before The County Board

Little was done by the board of commissioners in regular session in the court house in Asheboro Monday for the reason that the chairman, W. L. Ward, was engaged in court. Bills were allowed, three persons ordered admitted to the county home, and O. D. Lawrence refunded \$7.50 in special school taxes imposed and collected in error. One road matter was decided, this being the ordering of machine work on the highway from Frarie's siding by way of the Bouldin place to the hard surface of 77. The board will meet again on Tuesday afternoon, April 9th.

Continue Showing Free Health Movies In Randolph County

Further Schedule Announced By County Health Officer—Large Crowds Attending.

Dr. G. H. Sumner, county health officer, announced yesterday afternoon that he would continue the showing of State Board of Health free motion pictures the next several days at the following times and places, all showings to start promptly at 7:30 o'clock in the evening:

Worthville, Friday night, April 5th.
Trinity, Monday night, April 8th.
Providence, Tuesday night, April 9th.
Staley, Wednesday night, April 10th.

All school children and school patrons are invited to attend the showings of these pictures, which are entertaining as well as interesting. At Trinity, the Parent-Teacher association has been invited in a body to see the pictures. These free health pictures have been shown at several places in the county, according to schedule published last week, and at each place large crowds have been out to witness the showings. The pictures are brought to Randolph through cooperation with the State Board of Health.

Improvements Made On School Grounds

Now A Beauty Spot, Made So By Planting Of Shrubs And Car- ring For The Lawn.

Several improvements have been made on the local school grounds under direction of the class in biology with the assistance of individual students from all the high school grades. The chief of these improvements has been the roping off of the walks on the school grounds in an effort to keep the grass unmarred by pathways. An improvement in prospect is a flower bed on the south side of the school grounds. The school yard, once a sand-covered space, hardened by rain and the tramping of many feet, unsightly and unattractive, now comprises one of the most beautiful lawns in Asheboro. The green of the lawn and the color note given by the shrubbery set out about the building itself make a most attractive setting for Asheboro's school. Pupils of the school have shown a great deal of interest in beautifying the grounds, and have been amply rewarded for their efforts.

On A New Adventure

W. W. Clegg, Jr., 32, of Greensboro, committed suicide in his car on the Winston-Salem-High Point highway Sunday night by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He left a note stating that he was "embarking upon a new adventure."

Criminal Term Of Randolph Superior Court Is Postponed

Criminal court, scheduled to begin in the county court house Monday morning, had never a chance to start, and Judge Harding announced from the bench Tuesday that there would be no criminal cases tried in Randolph county this week. Civil court ended only yesterday, after an entire week had been taken up in the trial of a suit brought by Leonard Cotton Mills, of Worthville, against S. B. Alexander and others, of Charlotte. This case involved approximately \$12,000 in damages. Trial of the case was started Wednesday of last week and after all the evidence was in, yesterday the defense attorneys pleaded the statute of limitations on several of the counts in the complaint, and the judge upheld the contention, practically throwing the litigation out of court. The plaintiff, however, gave notice of appeal from the decision. Quite a number of people from various parts of the county came Monday expecting criminal court to begin, and several more returned Wednesday, when it had been thought trial of criminal cases would begin. It is generally thought that the Governor will be petitioned to grant a special term of court for the county. Inasmuch as there is a rape case now on the docket, it is practically certain that a special term of criminal court will be called for Randolph at the earliest possible time.

Randolph School Officials To Study New School Law

Supt. T. F. Bulla And L. F. Ross, Chm. Of Board, Will Take A Five-Days' Course.

County Superintendent of Schools T. Fletcher Bulla and L. F. Ross, chairman of the board of education for Randolph county, will go to Raleigh on April 22nd to attend a five-days' school for county superintendents and board chairmen from all counties in the state for the purpose of studying the provisions of the new school law. Mr. Bulla attended a district meeting of county superintendents held in Garthage yesterday. This meeting was for the purpose of studying the machinery of the new school law. The attorney general and the equalization board have threshed out several provisions of the law and have reached an agreement on some of the sections which were a little in doubt. Every effort is being made on the part of the school people to ascertain the purposes, intentions and provisions of the new law in an effort to follow it to the letter. While there was severe criticism of the new act in several quarters immediately after its passage, it has been remarked by several high in authority in state school matters that the law may be better than they first thought. At any rate, school folks are going to give it a fair and impartial trial.

Mr. Mitchell And Party Of Friends At Tip Top Lodge

Mr. J. R. Mitchell, owner of Tip Top Lodge in Concord township, is entertaining a party of his northern friends at the lodge this week. Mr. Mitchell is from Trenton, New Jersey, and has been interested in the development of Tip Top Lodge for more than seventeen years. He succeeded in the game farm in this county, formerly the game farm of the State, but upon connection with the State, was succeeded by Mr. E. J. Woods. While the lodge has not as much game as heretofore there are sufficient birds and beautiful shrubbery at the lodge to warrant a visit there and this is the season at which the grounds are most beautiful. Mr. Mitchell visits the lodge frequently and is much attached to his Randolph county development.

Asheboro Senior B. Y. P. U. Wins The Efficiency Banner

The Baptist young people of the Randolph district enjoyed an interesting program at Randleman Sunday afternoon. Several items of business were disposed of and announcements made in regard to the Association Regional Conventions, both of which are to be held during April. After the business session the Franklinville unions presented in a very attractive way the pageant, "A Vision of B. Y. P. U."

Nine unions made good reports at this meeting and two newly organized unions had representatives present. The District union welcomed these two new unions, the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church, and the Intermediate union of Randleman Baptist Church, into the District work.

The efficiency banner which has been held for more than a year by the Intermediate union of Franklinville was won this time by the Senior Union of the Asheboro church.

Joint Meeting Of Mission Societies Here April 9 To 11

No. C. Branch Of Woman's Home And Foreign Mission Soci- eties Of M. P. Church.

Three Days' Session

More Than 175 Delegates Ex- pected Here For Meeting At Local M. P. Church.

The North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet in Asheboro April 9th to 11th, inclusive. Delegates from all the churches in the State will be present, and those in charge expect to have around 175 present for this three-days' meeting. Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, is president of the Home Mission Work, and Mrs. George R. Brown, of Reidsville, president of the Foreign Work. Prominent speakers who will be present will be Rev. J. Clyde Auman, returned missionary from Japan; Rev. J. F. Minnis, returned missionary from India; Mrs. A. G. Dixon, who will present the work of the Home Missions; Rev. Homer Casto, presents the work of Bethel Tubercular Home; Dr. A. G. Dixon presents the work being carried on at the Children's Home, at High Point; Mrs. Marie Thompson, of Baltimore, associate secretary of the General Board of Missions; and several other speakers.

Tuesday afternoon, April 9th, the meeting will open with a joint session of the Home and Foreign Work, presided over by Mrs. C. W. Bates, of Greensboro, chairman of Districts. Dr. S. W. Taylor, President of the North Carolina Conference, will address the meeting on the subject of "New Century Service—Every Member Co-operating". In the evening the Community Church, of Thomasville, will present a pageant, "Broken China". Throughout the three days, visitors will be welcome at all sessions.

Easter Cantata At Local M. P. Church Splendid Program

The Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Song", given at the local Methodist Protestant church last Sunday evening, was one of the finest musical programs ever given by the choir of this church. Mrs. H. W. Walker was the director and each member of the choir gave the very finest cooperation. Mrs. G. P. Pritchard was the very efficient pianist. The story of the cantata followed the life of Christ through the Garden of Gethsemane, through the trial and the crucifixion and then with one great triumph declared his resurrection. The large congregation present was highly pleased with the rendition of the story as well as the story itself.

New State Game Refuge Established In Davidson

Establishment of a State game refuge, containing from 1,000 to 1,500 acres of land in the corners of Montgomery and Davidson counties, just north of the town of Badin, has been announced by the State department of conservation and development. The main body of the land taken over is a tract belonging to the Tallahassee Power Company. Restoration of the wild turkey and the propagation of quail and pheasants will be undertaken on the refuge. The land is said to be ideal for upland game.

Unique Contest Is Announced For F. E. Byrd's Store Here

The dressmaking contest which has been opened for participation at F. E. Byrd's store on Sunset Avenue is arousing unusual local interest, although the contest has been on only a short while. The contest will close May 15th, so there is still plenty of time to enter it if you are so minded. The contest hinges around Borden's fabrics, which Mr. Byrd handles, and fifteen of the best dresses made locally from these fabrics may be entered in the contest. Cash prizes amounting to \$3,500 are offered to the winners. Dresses submitted to the local store for entry in the contest will be sent to the show rooms of the manufacturers of Borden's fabrics in New York and there the national judging contest will be held June 15. Prize checks will be mailed the winners in care of the store at which the dresses were submitted for presentation.

The prize-winning dresses will be worn at a gigantic pageant at Universal City, California, and pictures of this event will receive nation-wide distribution.

Details of the contest may be obtained from Byrd's store. There is no limit to the number of entrants, and if the contestant does not win she will have the satisfaction of having made and worn a dress from Borden's fabrics, reputed as among the best in the market.

Myron T. Hedrick, 75, American ambassador to France since his appointment by President Wilson in 1914, died Sunday at his home in Paris. He was one of the ablest of American statesmen.

Closing Exercises Of Asheboro School To Be Held June 1-3

Thirty-One Members Of Grad- uating Class—Four Girls Av- erage Highest Grades.

Announcement was made yesterday by Superintendent R. J. Hilder that the commencement exercises of the Asheboro school would begin on Saturday, June 1, at 8 o'clock in the evening, with class day exercises. The sermon will be preached on Sunday evening by a minister to be selected later. Graduating exercises will follow on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, June 3. Commencement speakers will be selected in the meantime. There are 31 members of the senior class, all of whom probably will graduate. This is an unusually large graduating class for the Asheboro school.

Miss Margaret Hammond will be valedictorian of the graduating class, she having averaged the highest grade in the high school during the past four years. The next highest average has been made by Miss Emma Rice, and consequently she will be salutatorian of her class on graduation day. Next in order in high grades during the past four years are Misses Dorothy Whitaker and Virginia Henry. It is significant that no boy is included in the four highest.

Eugene J. Coltrane Gets Important Post At Guilford College

Was Former County Supt. Of Schools In Randolph—Heads School Of Education.

Eugene J. Coltrane, superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids public schools since 1919, has resigned to become head of the school of education at Guilford College. Mr. Coltrane graduated from Guilford College in 1907 and received his master's degree from Columbia in 1925. He has almost completed his Ph. D. degree at Columbia also, having studied the past several summers at Virginia, Cornell, Harvard and University of North Carolina. Mr. Coltrane was honored by the North Carolina Educational Association last week when he was elected vice president. This means he will automatically become the next president of that body.

Mr. Coltrane was born and reared in the Coltrane's Mill community, Randolph county. He was superintendent of schools for Randolph county in 1908-09, being succeeded by Sherrill Lassiter, of Farmer, who in turn was succeeded by the present superintendent, T. Fletcher Bulla, in 1913. Mr. Coltrane is a brother of D. S. Coltrane, of Greensboro, formerly county farm agent for Randolph, and is also an uncle of Miss Lucille Coltrane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, of Trinity, who is deputy Register of Deeds under Mr. S. C. Frazier. Mr. Coltrane has wide family connections in the Glens and Trinity communities of the county, and is well and favorably known in all parts of Randolph.

Birthday Party Is Given In Honor Of Mr. Jesse Crofts

Trinity, Rt. 1, April 1.—Young people of the community surprised Mr. Jesse Crofts with a party and cake supper Saturday night in honor of his 21st birthday, which was Wednesday. Those present included Misses Lizzie Gracie, Effie, Radie and Ruby Skeen, Ida and Lois Crofts, Maie Hunt, and Edna and Clara Coble, and Messrs. Robert, Troy and Ralph Skeen and Dave Crofts.

Seventh grade pupils of Poplar Ridge school, taught by Misses Ruth Spencer and Bertha Bullock, will probably go to Tabernacle school this spring to take the county-wide seventh grade examinations.

A nice program was given at Gilched church Easter Sunday. Several recitations and songs delighted the large congregation present. Every part of the program was most enjoyable.

Young People Go To South Carolina To Wed

Announcement is made of the marriage of two of Tabernacle township's youthful citizens, who motored to South Carolina Good Friday and returned to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Summey, Saturday evening. The contracting parties are Miss Evelyn Briles, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Briles and Mr. Lewis Summey, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Summey.

BAILEY'S GROVE SUNDAY SCHOOL ENJOYS EGG HUNT

The members of Bailey's Grove Sunday school enjoyed an egg hunt at H. F. Humble's place Sunday afternoon. About 45 persons took part in the hunt. Two prizes were given, first prize being won by Bob Walker and the second by Bernice Jordan. After the hunt was over, lunch was enjoyed. Rev. S. M. Peam made a short talk at the lunch hour.

The new creamery recently established in City county produced an excellent quality of butter at its first churning.

Board Re-lects T. F. Bulla County Supt. Of Schools

Succeeds Himself At Expiration Of Present Term June 30— Supt. Since 1913.

L. F. Ross, Chairman

Luther Smith, Of Tabernacle Township, New Member Of Board, In Meeting.

The Randolph county board of education in regular session in the court house in Asheboro Monday elected L. F. Ross, of Asheboro, chairman for a term of two years, upon motion of Mr. J. A. Martin, member from Liberty, seconded by Luther Smith, of Tabernacle township, newly appointed member of the board. T. Fletcher Bulla was re-elected county superintendent for a term of two years beginning at the expiration of his present term on July 1, 1929. Mr. Bulla was first elected county superintendent in 1913.

An application was made to the board by several patrons of White's Chapel school asking for a new building. The county superintendent was authorized to make an investigation of the needs of this district and report at a later meeting of the board.

A petition for the re-establishment of the school at Lena's Grove, in Back Creek township, was deferred for future action. This school was abandoned several years ago.

Patrons of the Central Falls district presented a petition asking that the special school tax for the year 1929-30 not be levied and collected. After careful consideration, it was agreed that this petition should go over for future action.

It was ordered by the board that a deed be made to John Harris to old Prospect school house and lot, he having bought same for fifty dollars.

It was requested by the board that bids be submitted by interested parties the first Monday in May for the old school house at Locust Grove, in Concord township. The school house lot reverts to the Skeen heirs. Bids were asked also for the old Robbins school house in Tabernacle township.

School committees for the various districts in the county will be appointed by the board at the May meeting.

Tom Dougan Held On Charge Stealing Quantity Of Meat

Tom Dougan, who was arrested about ten days ago for the larceny of automobile license tag, and meat, and giving worthless checks, but who was out on bond, was re-arrested Tuesday afternoon charged with the larceny of 12 fine hams, 4 shoulders and 1 midding belonging to Mr. Wm. Winslow, of Asheboro, Route 3, on the night of March 4th. Sam Bunting was also arrested with Dougan and has not given bond, so the same charges are for both men. Dougan has confessed to the theft before Chief of Police R. A. Gaddis and told where he sold the meat.

Juniors Entertain Asheboro Hi Seniors At Pretty Banquet

The Junior class of Asheboro high school entertained the members of the Senior class at a banquet in the library and study hall of the school building last Friday evening. The halls were effectively decorated with pine, the flowering Judas tree, and crepe paper in rainbow colors—the colors of the graduating class; and a three-course meal was served while squeaking balloons and confetti served as favors. Miss Louise McCain, president of the Junior class, acted as toastmistress and welcomed the seniors and faculty as guests. E. L. Moffitt, president of the Senior Class, made the response. The following toasts were given between courses:

To the Seniors—Miss Ida Mae Parrish.
Response—Arthur Ross, Jr.
To the Senior Mascot—Miss Edna Johnson.
Response—Miss Patsy Ann Story.
To the School—Buren Parks.
Response—Superintendent R. J. Hilder.
To the Faculty—Miss Marjorie Whitaker.
Response—Mr. Geo. D. White.

Between courses Mr. Hilder, also sang a solo; and boys from the Junior class gave some songs. The singing of class songs and "Goodnight Seniors" closed a gala evening.

Defeat Bond Proposal

Indicating that North Carolina taxpayers are in mood to put the brakes on bond issues, Charlotte citizens Tuesday defeated a proposal for issuing \$1,250,000 in bonds for completing the city's school building program and for the construction of an auditorium. The majority against issuing the bonds was about 1,200.

To Retain F. O. Department

Postmaster General Walter G. Brown will request the Postoffice Department, news from Washington is, by generally recognizing the department, and raising the status of character and ability in the post office personnel of the service. He said he had outlined the plan to President, who has given his approval.