

## Legal Action

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As the discussion continued, attention of the group was centered on possible legal action. Foster Finch emphasized, "We have to accept the site or take some action to prevent Wakelon from being consolidated."

Barrie Davis, editor of the Zebulon Record, called attention to the County School Board's claim

to have studied the proposed consolidation and selection of site for years. "The Board admitted it made a mistake in the first site it recommended," he said, "and the Board's judgment can be questioned again."

A committee was elected from the group to initiate necessary legal action to prevent Wakelon High School from being included in a consolidation at the Martin Center site.

Labeled "Wakelon School District Citizens Committee," the

group included Forest Hendricks, Ben Thomas, Bobby Ross Eddins, Philip Olive, Barrie Davis, Phillip Bunn, Worth Hinton, Rex Tippet, Mrs. Harold Green, and Mrs. Raleigh Alford.

The Rev. William Quick, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church, listed three alternatives open: (1) to accept consolidation; (2) to enter action exempting Wakelon School from the consolidation; or (3) to see if cause is present to prevent building the proposed consolidated high school at the site

approved by the County Board.

The "District Citizens Committee" named Forest Hendricks temporary chairman. He set the first meeting for Friday night, when the group named Hendricks permanent chairman; Mrs. Raleigh Alford, secretary; and Bobby Ross Eddins, treasurer.

Raleigh lawyers Clem Holding and James Little, meeting with the group, agreed for their firms to study the entire problem and advise whether legal action can achieve the desired goal.

Price of the Martin Center site was reduced from \$40,000 to \$22,500 after the Wake Board of Commissioners appointed a study group to recommend action on the site purchase. The Commissioners had opined \$40,000 was a high price.

The action of the Commissioners with its resultant money saving caused a Raleigh newspaper to change its view of the Board of Commissioners. "Credit where credit is due," The News and Observer said, and lauded the Commissioners for a saving to taxpayers of \$500 for each day of delay.

In spite of the Commissioners' recommendation that school officials "proceed with extreme caution in the purchase of this land so as to insure the full participation of all four districts," the Wake County School Board had the four deeds to the property on record less than 48 hours after receiving approval for the purchase.

The Wake Board of Commissioners stated in the committee report that "the land, as proposed by the Wake County School Board, will specifically be used for the construction of a comprehensive high school for the districts of Wendell, Knightdale, Rolesville, and Zebulon."

After a period of comparative

quiet, the "school mess," as it has been termed by citizens over the county, has boiled with Knightdale and Wendell supporters of the Martin Center site parading around the Wake County Courthouse bearing placards; Zebulon citizens passing the hat for money to fight a possible legal battle; and the Wake Board of Commissioners feeling vindicated by the \$17,500 saving resulting from four weeks delay.

## Woman's Club

Members of the Zebulon Woman's Club were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Mary Lyman at their meeting on Tuesday night, March 5.

Mrs. Lyman, who is an actress with the Raleigh Little Theater, spoke enthusiastically about her work both as an actress and in other phases of the theater. She was presented by Mrs. Irby Gill, club fine arts chairman.

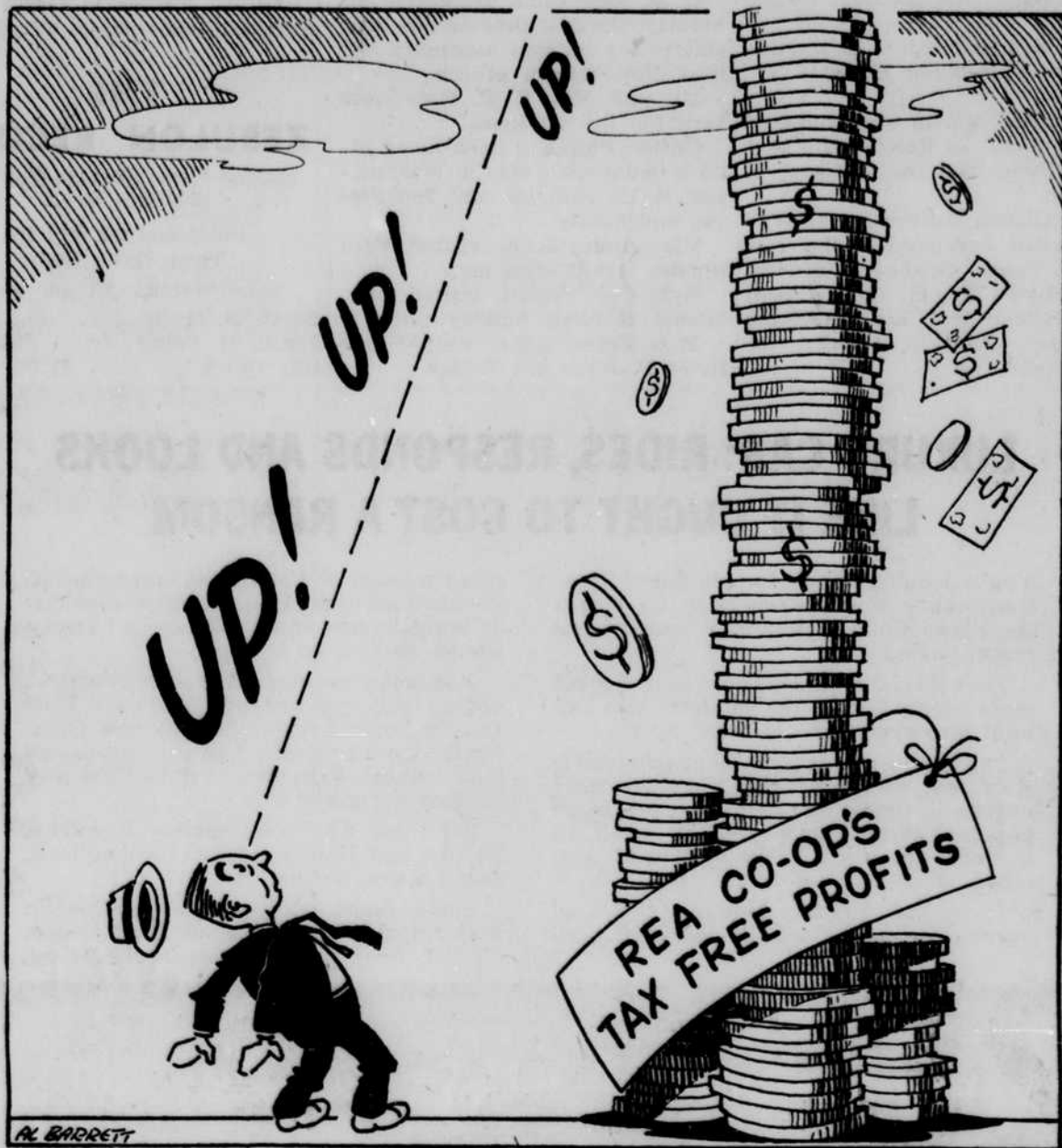
During the social hour the 25 members and guests were served Russian tea, sandwiches and cookies by the hostesses, Mesdames R. H. Herring, Russell Brantley and Randolph Hendricks.

All members who missed this meeting are asked to contact Mrs. A. S. Hinton immediately so they may know what to prepare for the club luncheon on March 21.

## Card of Thanks

For the many kindnesses, cards, visits and prayers, I will always remember them. I want to thank everyone who remembered me during my illness. May God bless you all.

Mrs. Polly Brannan



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