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## \$250,000.00 Bond Issue For Paving Passed by The Commissioners Last Night

At a regular adjourned meeting held last night at the Mayor's office the Town Commissioners passed the most constructive piece of town legislation which such a body has ever passed in the history of Scotland Neck.

A bond issue of \$250,000.00 6 per cent bonds was authorized, final ordinances passed, sale authorized, and bonds are being printed. The sale of the bonds will be held April 28th, and contract let for construction on May 5th.

Thus ends an intensive fight which has been carried on for the past thirty days; in fact, which was really begun in 1919, when petitions were signed for the portions of the town which are now proposed to be paved. The work was held up then owing to the high cost of construction, but the work can be done so much cheaper now that it was decided to carry out at this time the identical plans first proposed.

In the last few days a new petition for extension of the original plans has been signed which will add additional blocks to the present plans.

The blue prints prepared call for smooth paving of the three blocks on Main Street extending from Ninth to 12th Streets, on 10th and 11 Streets to the railroad, on 10th Street from Main to Church, on 9th Street East to town limits, Roanoke and Greenwood Streets from 9th to 11th inclusive. The new petition just signed takes in Main from 9th to 7th Street. This petition will be submitted to Board at its next regular meeting.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAMS WILL LEAVE FOR UNIVERSITY WEDNESDAY

#### TRIAL DEBATE TO BE HELD IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TUES- DAY NIGHT

The Teams who are to represent the Local High School in the Championship, series of Debates at Chapel Hill will leave Wednesday by auto. There will be a practice debate in the auditorium Tuesday Evening at 8:00 o'clock, and altogether this question will be discussed during the coming Commencement in contest for the best Debaters Medal, are there who would like to hear our debaters are cordially invited to be present Tuesday evening at the above mentioned hour.

### MINE OWNERS AND MINERS RECEIVED BY LLOYD GEORGE

(By Associated Press)  
London, April 12.—Both sides in the controversy between mine owners and miners were received by Premier Lloyd George today. The mine owners conferred first, and miners afterwards. The miners will report to the triple alliance after the conference.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS AT CHAPEL HILL THIS WEEK

Chapel, Hill, N. C. April 12.—Nearly 500 high school debaters and athletes, their superintendents, principals, teachers, chaperones, and well-wishers will pour into Chapel Hill April 13, 14, and 15 for High School Week at the University of North Carolina when championship contests will be settled in debating, in tennis, and in track. It will be the largest number of high school students that has ever been in Chapel Hill at any one time.

Fifty-two schools, the survivors of the state-wide contest in which more than 200 schools all the way from the mountains to the sea fought out the question of selective bargaining.

Further eliminating rounds. This means 104 teams or 208 debaters, nearly one half of whom will be girls.

Added to these will be the largest entry list that has ever been received for the tennis tournament and the track meet, approximately 25 tennis players and 75 track men.

The debating cohorts will arrive Wednesday night and Thursday morning. A preliminary meeting will be held in Peabody Auditorium at noon Thursday where lots will be drawn for the sections in which the debaters will fight. There will be 13 different sections with 4 complete debates in each section.

The first elimination round, Thursday night, April 14, will be in these 13 sections. From each section one team on each side of the question will be chosen. The second elimination round will bring together all the 13 surviving affirmative and the 13 surviving negative teams Friday morning. From these two groups one affirmative and one negative team will be selected.

Friday night these two teams will meet for the final contest, the state championship, and the Aycock Memorial Cup, awarded by former intercollegiate debaters at the university. President Chase will preside, E. R. Rankin will be secretary, and Professors H. M. Wagstaff, L. P. McGehee, W. S. Bernard, L. R. Wilson, and George Howe will be judges. Professor Horace Williams will present the Aycock cup.

The interscholastic track meet will be held on Emerson Field Friday afternoon, April 15 and the tennis tournament will continue through Thursday and Friday. University athletics officials and members of the track and tennis teams will handle these contests. Professor M. C. S. Noble will be present the medals and prizes.

Entertainments of various kinds have been arranged for the high school visitors. The Carolina-Trinity baseball game Thursday afternoon will be a stellar athletic event and the county clubs of university students will look after visitors from their own counties.

#### COTTON MARKET

May	12.16
July	12.76
October	13.31
December	13.63
January	13.77

### ENGLISH ADMIRAL SCORES BATTLESHIPS AS WAR ASSET

(By Associated Press)  
London, April 12.—Admiral Sir Percy Scott, commander of the aerial defense of London in the world war, has no use for battleships. He believes the British navy would be better off if it spent the 40,000,000 intended for battleship construction in research and providing weapons of warfare.

"The late war," Sir Percy said, "showed that the only safe policy as regards battleships was to stow them away as far as possible from the enemy. If we go to war now with France I do not think our battleships will be safe unless we construct a harbor to contain them in Iceland."

"Personally," continued Sir Percy, in a newspaper interview, "I am fully in accord with Rear Admiral Adair when he said that we ought not to spend one penny on battleships, but whatever money we may have to spare should be laid out on research work. Rear-Admiral Adair told the House of Commons that if we built new battleships we should also have to provide new bases at great cost at Halifax, Bermuda and Jamaica, on the West Coast of Canada, in New Guinea, and at Singapore. I say this nation, with the income tax at six shillings in the pound, cannot afford this huge expenditure, when nobody can tell me what we are going to do with these battleships when we get them."

"In the first few hours of the next war Plymouth, Dover and even London, may be reduced to ashes unless we are prepared with an adequate counter to the fleets of airplanes that would attack us. It seems to me, therefore, nothing but plain common sense that we should spend, what only we can spare, not on battleships that are 'no d—d good' as the midshipman said, but in providing the very best we can buy of the newer weapons that will count in the war of the future."

Speaking of the latest developments in death dealing instruments, Sir Percy explained the principles of the new Davis gun, which fires from both ends and with which he said all American airplanes were to be armed. It would be possible for an airplane to carry a 12-inch gun and fire at battleships from 10,000 feet up. Battleships could have no protection against such weapons.

Speaking of the progress that had been made in planning aerial attacks on warships, Sir Percy Scott said, in an interview in the Evening Standard, "It is no secret now—every man in the service knows it that had the war lasted another fortnight, we would probably, by means of an aerial attack have sunk all the German ships in the Kiel Canal."

### AMBASSADOR GIVES FRENCH VIEWS

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, April 12.—Ambassador Josselin is understood here to have given to Secretary of State Hughes in Washington, French viewpoint on the mandates question raised by Se-

### JAPAN TO SEND SPECIAL ENVOY TO CONFER WITH THIS GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press)  
Tokio, Japan, April 12.—Plans for sending to Washington a distinguished Japanese statesman who would take up the entire range of so-called Pacific problems and mandates. California, China, Siberia, immigration and armaments questions are understood to be in process of formulation by Japanese government. Secretary of State Hughes note declaring that America did not abandon her rights in the peace settlements not only created a profound impression in Japan, but has served in addition to crystallize conviction that the time has arrived to bring about a solution of all problems involving Japan and America before relations reach a critical stage.

### AMERICA URGED TO LEAVE TROOPS ON THE RHINE

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, April 12.—The Duchess de Rohan, urges American women and the United States government, to let the American soldiers remain on the Rhine. The Duchess, with other members of the Comité Franco-Américain, were guests of General Henry T. Allen at Coblenz February 15, when the troops celebrated the anniversary of the day American soldiers took their place on the Allied front as an American army. She tells of her trip in the March number of France-Etats-Unis, the committee's magazine.

"My joy is profound," she says in her diary of the trip, "to see the American flag on Ehrenbreitstein and I do hope it will remain there a very long time for the security, not only of my own country but of Europe and all the lovers of liberty and humanity. "Yes, it is a fact which I feel even more keenly than I did before, that the Germans respect only force and power and that the United States is the only people they fear, knowing perfectly that, if it were needful, they would come again as numerous as possible. But I do hope that the government of the United States and our dear sisters, the American women, will understand the necessity of leaving the troops on the Rhine to prevent mischief. It is easier to keep them here and much less expensive, than sending them back and having the trouble of sending later many, many more to Europe."

"The American troops," she says, "are magnificent. The men are tall and handsome. They walk majestically and with great regularity never one behind the other. It is wonderful to see them parading."

During the review, she says, "The Marquise de Rochambeau and I were so enthusiastic that we asked permission to have the honor of kissing the American flag."

And in closing, the Duchess exclaims: "America in this war has been the wall separating domination and Justice, ambition and Humanity. She has been our Providence."

Secretary in his recent note Written reply probably will not be given for the present.

## PRESIDENT DECLARES FOR PEACE BY RESOLUTION

### "HOBGOOD PLANS TO LIVE AT HOME AND BOARD AT THE SAME PLACE"

Mr. D. W. Downs has installed a modern Mill at his Ginnery for the purpose of grinding all kinds of grain. It is Mr. Downs intention to do commercial grinding of home raised corn, as sun cured home raised corn is far sweeter and more nourishing than the western kiln dried product. He vites all concerned in cutting the cost of living, to inspect all, and bring their corn to him to have it ground into meal, hominy, grits, cracked corn or chicken feed. His mill will also grind wheat and Mr. Downs expects to start making a brand of flour a little later and putting this on the market, as the mill is guaranteed to grind the wheat soft and Graham flour is altogether healthier than other flours, for the reason it contains some of the bran, and the doctors now tell us that bran is excellent for the body.

The mill installed by Mr. Downs is of the latest type and most modern. Meal can be bolted if desired, also, any one can get Flat Meal, Medium Meal or round meal.

### Department Of Justice Outlines Plans To Divest Packing Companies Of Stock Yard Holdings

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 12.—A new plan under which Armour and Swift Packing Companies are to divest themselves of their interests in stock yards and stock yard terminal railroads, was agreed upon today by the Department of Justice and immediately approved by the District of Columbia Supreme Court. The companies must deliver their stock in yards and terminals to the Illinois Saving Bank of Chicago within thirty days for administration by two trustees, Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., and George Sutherland, Salt Lake City, Utah, until sold, which must be within one year. The trustees will receive a salary of ten thousand dollars a year.

## Citizens Continue To Endorse Pavement

### ENDORSEMENT OF THREE LEAD- ING MINISTERS GIVEN

#### Junior Order Endorses Commissioners Action

The paving of the streets of Scotland Neck at this time is not only a fine business proposition, but a move that will be more conducive to the health, happiness and comfort of the entire community than any one thing that can be done for the town. Something must be done to arouse the pride and stimulate the efforts of the people to build up our town, and it seems to me that nothing will give us the needed inspiration as paving the streets. Let's make the move.

Nothing would add more to the health, comfort and prosperity of Scotland Neck than to have our streets paved. The work has been de-

### TURN'S BACK ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 12.—President Harding in message to sixty seventh congress declared for peace by congressional resolution and turns back irrevocably on League of Nations. The President did not present plan for new association of nations, but said he had matter under consideration. "No new society of nations can be for justice and committed to until covenants reestablished," he said. "The President is sealed by nations which are at war," he said. The President encouraged good business, declaring for less government in business, as well as more business in government. He condemned profiteering saying it maintained a retail cost in perishable food which cannot be justified in view of the reduced cost of production.

War debts must be cared for in orderly funding and gradual liquidation; readjustment in internal taxes, and instant emergency tariff enactment; creation of national budget system asked.

## PRESIDENT DELIVERS MESSAGE TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, April 12.—President's Harding's message to special joint session of congress was delivered in person at one P. M., today. The joint session convened in the House Chamber and was the signal for congress to begin work. The galleries were packed, and special card admissions were at a premium.

At ten thirty President Harding was reading proofs of his address when he called in Senators Johnson of California, McCormick of Illinois, both irreconcilables on the Peace treaty, and Senators Kellogg, of Minnesota, and McCumber of North Dakota, both classed as mild reservationists. It was understood that the President desired to present to the senators his statement in his message regarding foreign relations.

#### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Moderate northwest, shifting to southwest winds.

### ENDED TOO LONG, LET IT BE DONE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Rev. N. E. Coletrane.

Nothing will add more to the appearance and health of the town and comfort of the people than paved streets. Do it now. It has been delayed too long.

Dr. Charles Anderson.

### The Jr. Order United American Mechanics Endorses Paving Movement

The Jr. Order United American Mechanics, at a regular meeting last night unanimously passed a resolution to endorse the action of the Town Commissioners in their decision to commence work at this time to pave the Streets of Scotland Neck, believing that it will be conducive to the health, happiness, and prosperity of the community.

Recording Secretary.  
W. D. Harden