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ACT AUTHORIZ- ING BOND ISSUE

The Legislature Passes Act to Allow the People of Williamston Town- ship to Vote on Bonds-- The Amount Not to Ex- ceed Forty Thousand Dollars

An act to authorize the commis-
sioners of Martin County to issue
bonds for the purpose of building
and improving the public roads of
Williamston township in said county
and providing for the mainten-
ance of same.

The General Assembly of North
Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That for the purpose
of building and otherwise improv-
ing the public roads of Williamston
township in Martin county, the
board of commissioners of said
county are hereby authorized, em-
powered and directed to issue bonds
not exceeding in total amount
forty thousand dollars in denomina-
tions of not less than five hundred
dollars and not more than one
thousand dollars, bearing interest
from the date of their issue at a
rate not exceeding six per cent per
annum, payable semi-annually at
such place as the said commis-
sioners shall name on the first days
of January and July of each year.

Sec. 2. That the said bonds
shall be made payable thirty years
from the date thereof, and shall
bear on their face the purpose for
which and the authority by which
they were issued, provided that the
said board of commissioners may,
in their discretion, issue same for
twenty years instead of thirty years.

The bonds and coupons shall be
numbered consecutively and shall
be signed by the chairman of the
board of commissioners and counter-
signed by the register of deeds of
the county and bear the corporate
seal of said county of Martin.

Sec. 3. A record shall be kept
by said board in a separate book
for that purpose of all bonds sold
to whom sold, the amount and date
of sale, and maturity of each bond
and its number, also in same book,
a like record of bonds redeemed and
bonds shall be destroyed when re-
deemed.

Sec. 4. In order to pay the in-
terest on the bonds and create a
sinking fund with which to pay the
principal of said bonds when due
and to create a fund for the per-
manent improvements and to main-
tain said roads after being built, the
board of commissioners shall an-
nually compute and levy at the
time of levying other taxes a suffi-
cient special tax upon all polls and
real and personal property in Wil-
liamston township subject to taxa-
tion for state and county purposes,
observing constitutional equation
between the tax on property and
the tax on polls.

Sec. 5. That said tax when col-
lected shall be kept separate and
apart from all other taxes, and
shall be used only for the purposes
for which it was levied and collect-
ed. Any commissioner or other
person who shall, by vote or other-
wise, appropriate said taxes for any
other purpose shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor, provided, that if the
tax collected in any one year shall
exceed the sum required to pay in-
terest, provide sinking fund or
maintain said roads the same may
be used in purchasing any of the
said bonds. That said tax shall be
levied from year to year until said
bonds are paid.

Sec. 6. That it shall be the duty
of said board of commissioners to
invest any and all moneys arising
from the special tax for sinking
funds in the purchase of any of said
bonds at not more than par; but in
case none of said bonds can be pur-

chased, the said commissioners may
deposit such funds in any safe bank
or banks at such rate of interest as
they may be able to secure, and no
bonds shall be signed or sold until
actually needed for issue. The
bonds provided for in this section,
shall be deposited in some safe de-
signed by said board of commis-
sioners, and only drawn out on the
order of the board of commissioners.
Said order to be of record and shall
be issued for such sums as shall be
needed for the work of one year.

Sec. 7. That said bonds shall
not be sold for less than par.

Sec. 8. That for the purpose of
receiving and paying out the money
received for said bonds the board
of commissioners for said county
shall receive and pay out said
money upon the order of the chair-
man of said board of commissioners,
countersigned by the register of
deeds. That the said board of
commissioners shall provide a sepa-
rate account for said funds. That
the treasurer of the county of Mar-
tin shall be the treasurer of said
funds, and shall record in a sepa-
rate book all amounts received and
all amounts paid out upon order
signed by the chairman of the
board of commissioners, and coun-
tersigned by the register of deeds.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of
carrying this act into effect, the
board of commissioners shall have
power to lay out, change the loca-
tion of, grade, and otherwise im-
prove the public roads of said
township. They may buy and
hold any kind of property necessary
for the permanent improvement of
said roads. They may appoint or
employ all necessary engineers,
agents and laborers, skilled or un-
skilled, and do all things necessary
to organize and conduct an effective
system of permanent road building.
The board of commissioners shall,
also, have power to let to contrac-
tors the construction of any or all
of the improved roads.

Sec. 10. It, in prosecuting the
work, any person claiming damage
on account of the laying out or the
constructing of any roads, the same
shall be adjudged and determined
by arbitrators, one to be chosen by
the commissioners, and one by the
claimant. If these cannot agree,
they are to choose the third person.
Either party may appeal to the
Superior Court.

Sec. 11. That in order that the
provisions of this act shall be more
fully carried out, the board of
county commissioners shall elect at
any regular meeting an intelligent,
capable man who shall be known
as road supervisor for Williamston
township, and the said supervisor
upon accepting said office shall
execute to the said board of com-
missioners a good and sufficient
bond as in discretion of said county
board of commissioners in addition
to an official oath for the faithful
discharge of the duties imposed by
this act.

Sec. 12. That said supervisor
shall have full control of all high-
ways in the township, and shall
have power to work all hands now
liable for road duty under the
general road law of the State; to
hire free labor and teams, make
contracts for work, or buy team
and tools for the execution of said
work, provided, however, that any
hands liable for road duty, can pay
the sum of five dollars per year in
lieu of such road duty. Said
amount to be paid to the county
treasurer and placed in the road
fund of said township. The treas-
urer's receipt for said sum of five
dollars shall clear any hand in said
township from road duty for said
year.

Sec. 13. That said board of
commissioners shall have the power
to hire said supervisor and to fix the
salary of same; and in their discre-
tion to discharge him after ten days

notice, in their discretion such
action becomes necessary.

Sec. 14. That the said county
commissioners shall hire from the
State Prison authorities, if deemed
wise to do so, a number of convicts
sufficient to carry out the provi-
sions of this act; and the State Prison
authorities are hereby authoriz-
ed and empowered to hire to the
commissioners of Martin county a
number of convicts sufficient to
build said road, and to charge said
board of county commissioners the
usual price now being paid to the
State Prison for such convicts
when so hired for such work.

Sec. 15. That the board of com-
missioners of Martin county may
offer said bonds for sale or any part
thereof at any time after the ratifi-
cation of this act after giving twenty
days notice of same. In their discre-
tion they may issue a smaller
amount than forty thousand dollars
if said work can be done for a less
amount. That the roads of Wil-
liamston township shall all be put
in good condition together with the
streets of that part of the town of
Williamston known as Main and
Haughton streets beginning on the
one at the river and extending up
same to the railroad crossing at the
town limit. Beginning on the
other at the public cemetery and
running to the corner of Haughton
street and down Haughton street
to the railroad crossing at the town
limit.

Sec. 16. That the treasurer's
commission on all money received
and paid out under this act shall be
the same as is now provided by law
for the school fund of said county.

Sec. 17. That the provisions of
said act shall not become operative
until approved by a majority of the
votes cast in said township in man-
ner and form as follows, to wit:

That upon the petition of not less
than twenty-five of the bona fide
voters of said township to the board
of commissioners of said county at
any of its regular meetings it shall
be the duty of said board to order
an election held in said township
for the purpose of ratification or
non-ratification of said act.

That said board shall give twenty
days notice of said election by ad-
vertising same in the newspaper
published in Williamston, North
Carolina and posting same at the
courthouse door. That said board
shall also appoint a registrar and
two judges of election at the meet-
ing when such petition is presented.

That said election shall be held
at the city hall and those in favor
of said bond issue shall vote a ballot
"For road bonds" and those op-
posed, a ballot "Against road
bonds." That the registration
books for said election shall be
those used in said township at the
last general election of one thou-
sand nine hundred and ten; and
they shall be kept open during the
entire period of the twenty days
above referred to for the registra-
tion of any voters who have be-
come qualified since the last elec-
tion.

That the said registrar and judges
of election shall canvass the said
votes, and make return thereof to
the said board of commissioners.
If, upon a canvass of said votes, it
is ascertained that a majority of the
votes cast are in favor of said bond
issue, then this act to be in full
force and effect otherwise to be in-
effective.

Sec. 18. That this act shall be
in force from and after its ratifica-
tion.

In the General Assembly read
three times and ratified, this the
24th day of January, 1911.

W. C. NEWLAND,
President of the Senate.

W. C. DOWD,
Speaker of the House of Representa-

tatives.
Examined and found correct.

Concert Tour Oxford Orphan- age Singing Class

The Singing Class of 1911 from
the Oxford Orphanage started on
the first of Eastern concert tour on
Thursday, March 2. The first
tour will close in 8 or 10 weeks,
and after a brief rest a second tour
will begin.

These annual concerts have
reached a really high standard of
excellence. The children and those
who accompany them represent a
cause very near to the hearts of our
people. Even if the tour and enter-
tainments were not in the interest
of a great work, the character of
the concerts would merit large and
liberal patronage. An admission
fee is, as a rule, charged and for
this the children certainly give full
value and more.

The funds brought to this insti-
tution through these tours help
much in its maintenance. Today
it is providing for 330 children and,
since it was established in 1872, by
the Grand Lodge of Masons of
North Carolina, more than 2600
girls and boys have come directly
under its blessed ministry. Never
have the benefit of this noble insti-
tution been restricted to the chil-
dren of Masons. The primary con-
ditions of admission have always
been the destitution, the need of the
children.

While the management of the
Oxford Orphanage strive to exer-
cise the strictest economy consistent
with effectiveness in the work, we
have information that an increase
of its annual income is now essen-
tial for its maintenance even up to
its present standard of efficiency.
Surely our whole people will see to
it that this work is not restricted
because of lack of financial support.

The Class begins its first four
better equipped than usual and
with bright prospects for a most
successful tour.

Our people will delight to patron-
ize the concerts so soon to be given.
It is our privilege to continue to
assist in this and in any other way
a cause so worthy.

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Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson The Prizes Again

Our Bible Question Local Club is
looking up and we are much en-
couraged. It is very remarkable
how these questions interest, even
the general public. It is a mistake
to suppose, as some do, that this
contest is confined exclusively to
nights. Bright boys and girls can
take up these simple studies, and
may comply with the conditions as
their seniors, and are just as likely
to win a solid gold medal or one of
the other prizes. The prime object
of this Bible Question Club is to get
old and young to reading the Sun-
day School Lessons, and to ponder
the Suggestive Questions. In must
not be forgotten that in answering
questions it is legitimate to get all
help which is necessary. Anybody
can cut out and sign the coupon
each week, and can read the lesson
and the questions. This does not
take skill, but it does take method,
and it means the unspeakable
benefit of reading these studies from
week to week. You will find it to
be a great benefit to join some Bible
Class, and get the help and enthu-
siasm which comes from company.

You will need THE ENTERPRISE
in order to read the questions and
get the necessary coupon; you had
better subscribe at once. If you
are a subscriber, then send the
paper to some person whom you
think this course of reading will
help. Send in your subscription
now, and get the benefit of the
special rate. Use the attached cou-
pon.

Diamond Wedding

The most pleasant and interest-
ing social event of the season was
enjoyed here today, when Profes-
sor S. W. Oatridge and wife
celebrated the sixtieth anniversary
of their marriage, which took place
on March 6th, 1851. Everything
conspired together to make the
occasion enjoyable to all present.
The ladies of the town agreed to
give them a pleasant surprise and
tried to keep it a secret from them
and the school here who were partici-
pants in it.

Prof. Oatridge labored in this
his native county for fifty years or
more, during which time he was
liberally patronized, and was the
instructor of many who are now
successfully employed in useful
occupations in this and other States.
Among them are lawyers, ministers,
manufacturers, merchants and far-
mers. The superintendent of edu-
cation said that he found his stud-
ents the most thorough that he
examined. He is yet a friend and
promoter of the cause of education
and has been honored as such by
his home people. Therefore the
teachers and pupils of the graded
school here came in a body to his
residence at 3 o'clock and were
lined up before the hospitable
home. A canvas was drawn across
the porch upon which were the
word "Welcome" and the dates
1851-1911. The letters and figures
were formed of ivy. The parlor of
the home was beautifully decorated
with evergreens and beneath a bell
of evergreens sat the bride and
groom to receive the congratulations
of their friends.

On a circular stand in the center
of the room, reposed a lovely bou-
quet around which burned sixty
candles of various colors. The
school sang beautifully: "My
Country 'tis of Thee." A short
address was made by Elder M. T.
Lawrence and prayer was offered.
Refreshments consisting of cake
and lemonade were served every-
body present. Prof. Eason, of the
graded school made some beautiful
remarks to which the bride and
groom very feelingly responded.

There were no diamonds given,
but the more priceless gifts of love
and friendship were piled out in
abundance. Mr. and Mrs. Sauls,
of North Carolina, gave of lovely re-
citations and other friends in town
gave floral offerings. The scene
was worthy of an artist and would
have been photographed for preser-
vation. The event will long be
remembered by those who had the
privilege of wishing for Mr. and
Mrs. Oatridge many happy
years together.

Robersonville, N. C.,
March 6th, 1911.

Much of what we call love at
first sight fails when it comes the
second, sorer view.

A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, startling cough of a
child, suddenly attacked by croup.
Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin of
Manchester, O., [R. R. No. 2] for
their four children were greatly
subject to croup. "Sometimes in
severe attacks," he wrote "we
were afraid they would die, but
since we proved what a certain
remedy Dr. King's New Discovery
is, we have no fear. We rely on
it for croup and for coughs, colds
or any throat or lung trouble." So
do thousands of others. So may
you. Asthma, Hay Fever, La-
Grippe, Whooping Cough, Hemor-
rhages fly before it 50c and \$1.00.
Trial-bottle free. Sold by Saun-
ders & Fowden.

How often in utter blindness
We tread our better nature's flat
And test milk of human kindness
For its per cent of butter fat?
—Judge.

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Corres- pondent.

I. B. Coffield was in town Tues-
day.

H. C. Norman is in Virginia on
business.

J. C. Andrews went to Norfolk
Tuesday.

Dr. J. E. Ward went to Bethel
Tuesday.

W. H. Everett, Jr., spent Sunday
in Bethel.

R. T. Taylor went to Williams-
ton Tuesday.

Ernest Carson, of Oakley, was in
town Sunday.

Harvey Roberson is on the sick
list this week.

G. C. Taylor went to Rocky
Mount Sunday.

C. H. Baker, of Hamilton, was
in town Friday.

J. C. Roberson went to William-
ston Wednesday.

N. C. Everett, of Gold Point,
was in town Sunday.

Roland James, of Scotland Neck,
was in town Sunday.

T. A. Fletcher, of Winterville,
was in town Saturday.

The Band under Prof. Smythe is
making rapid progress.

J. W. Taylor is off to Norfolk
and other business points.

Miss Lizzie Roberson returned
home from Bethel Friday.

Elder M. T. Lawrence, of Hamil-
ton, was in town Monday.

Miss Fanny Taylor, of Gold
Point, was in town Sunday.

Miss Belle Boyette, of Washing-
ton, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Ross.

Miss Leslie Owsen, of Stokes,
is visiting relatives here this week.

J. H. Roberson, Jr., went to
Williamston Tuesday on business.

Miss Sallie Smith spent Tuesday
evening here with Miss Myrna
Hight.

Miss Annie Beth Parvis, of near
Hamilton, attended the dance here
Friday.

Miss Lula D. Sauls spent several
last week with her parents at
Norfolk.

Miss Belle Roberson entertained
a number of her friends Monday
evening.

Miss Pearl Jenkins, of Oakley,
spent Sunday with Miss Lizzie
Mooring.

Misses Addie and Lashie Coburn,
of near Gold Point, were in town
Saturday.

Miss Selma Everett, of Gold
Point, spent Sunday with Miss
Myrna Hight.

Miss Marjori Evans, trimmer for
R. L. Smith & Co., has arrived for
the spring season.

Miss Rosa Baker, of Palmyra, who
has been visiting Miss Bettie Ro-
berson, returned home Monday.

Embroidery Club

The Junior Embroidery Club
held their last meeting at the resi-
dence of Mrs. John D. Biggs in
East Williamston. The meeting
was called to order by the Presi-
dent, Mrs. Biggs, and a new en-
rollment of names and rules were
voted on. After the business meet-
ing refreshments were served to the
young ladies and their invited gen-
tlemen friends, who greatly enjoyed
the hospitality of the hostess. The
next meeting will be held with
Miss Lettie Critcher on Monday
evening the 13th inst.