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MAXWELL MODERATES HIS CHAKGE AGAINST FINANCES

BUSY INVESTIGATING THE MAXWELL CHARGES

RALEIGH ,Feb. 5 .- Interest in the legislature this week, on the part of both the public and the legislature, is largely directed to the work of the ittee in charge of the investiganer in his thrilling and dramatic ad "bare-bone facts," the committee is dress at a joint session of the two in hopes of getting through with the branches of the general assembly last controversy this week. Friday

Mr. Maxwell now states that he did not mean to assert or insinuate that a dellar of North Carolina money had been misappropriated or wrongfully , but that, in calling attention to at he claims to be danger in appro ng too large sums to meet the tion of the state's fiscal ability ully shoulder through hea ons, demanded by the educational department, for exami-and other calculations being express upon the legislature, he det ed it to make the stat ent public which appeared in the daily newspa pers last Friday.

In a latter statement, Mr. Max well says:

"The way to protect the state's credit, and the only way, is to keep it sound. The state cannot keep -90,-000,000 of indeptedness atloat and consently fail to earn its living ex-I have disclosed nothing that tent bond attorney or expert tant could not learn in a few minutes of investigation of the published reports of the state treasurer. If we cannot set up sinking funds, or retire serial bonds from revenue when due, we must at least earn our hying expenses. And the ascal policy of the general assembly must be us ed with a knowledge of these facts.

"While eating the bread of the state I am trying to earn it, and without tioning motives of other gentle-Governor Morrison has a great deal more of reputation and responsibility at stake in readjusting the ii- polatoes than they can use and that tial poncy of the state to a sound I nave. The good oid Scoten .0 pay to oring them to town. rresb, erian ben Lacy was right 'Ins is true now, but they will bewhen ne caued attents sencet of \$1,803,854 in operating ex. account of so many of them rotting penses in one full rounded year of on account of not being able to prop-revenue income, and the mistake of easy care for them and then they win the governor and the budget commiswas in not accepting at they now do. ive his faithful warning the econo- If we had a storage warehouse, an my must be practiced to meet that polatoes could be stored away unit. sitiation. Instead of doing that, they

invented special methods of their own te convert that deficit into a two-and half-million- dollar surplus, and then ied appropriations for the next two years covering the full am-

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ARE attends to his official duties, and as wel las Major Baxter Durham, the auditor duly elected by the people, atbetter.

Public Printing Inquiry

J. C. B. Ehringhaus and L. T. Hartsell are here for the first testimony ful illness. Monday in the printing controversy, between the commissioner of labor and ded by the gover- Frinting company.

MR. DANIEL BIGGS DEAD

mbed to An Attack of Paralysis Was Highly Respected Citizen With Numerous Friends

Mr. Daniel Biggs died Saturday after attack of paralysis. Mr. Biggs was in his seventy-second year, being born in 1850 and had been in compar atively good health until the past few

On Dececmber 24th, 1886, he mar ried Annie E. Olford in Edgecomb ounty.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and after the funera services which were held at the home or Mr. Leon Stails, the remains were interred with ms late father and mo tner, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Biggs, with chuer 5. Hassell otherating.

Surviving him are his widow many menus, tor ne was loven u. the buote ware sitter then ine mis . and Uniistian spirit.

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SWEEL I ULALU LIVE

TALL NUL BANE A DWELL FULD IU SIUKAUE WAREBUUSE IN WILLIAMSTON.

We have heard many farmers of

Martin county in the past few weeks remarking that they have more swee mere is not enough market for them

on to a net gan to get scarce in a short while o. bring twice or three times the amount

> II we had a storage warehouse. a the demand arises an dthey could be supper out in car load lots with . good profit on them.

"As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." The first five or six years

ROEBUCK ON THURSDAY Was Church Worker and Beloved By Ali Her Acquain-ances As weil As Her Relatives

Mrs. marcia ai, Roebuck dieu at the nome of ner parents. Mr. and Mrs. tends to his, I think we will get along S. Harrison, near Plymouth, in

washington county, on Thursday, February 1st, 1923, after a long and pain-

DEATH OF MRS. MAECIA

She was the widow of Wm. Arthur Roebuck, and leaves one son, Wm. Artion into the financial condition of the printing and Edwards and Broughton thur, Jr., her parents, five sisters, two brothers and numerous friends to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Primitive

Baptist church at Spring Green; was a kind and lovable woman, and a dear friend of the writer, not only as a sister-in-law, but as a sister of the church also

Mrs. Fred Roebuck.

COTTON GROWERS TO HAVE THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY

WILL BE ONE YEAR OLD THURS-DAY OF THIS WEEK WITH 32:000 MEMBERS

RALEIGH, Feb. 5 .- Its first birthday on Thursday of this week finds the North Carolina Cotton Growers sooperative association one of the nost heity youngsters in the state. The youngster was born February

ith of last year when President W. H. usin and other members of the presto board or directors met 18 hareign occured armetes at incorporation un me storemy of the state.

its membership then was 20,000 and way it is oz.vou while in kaleigh? no socii ser up neauquariers With at-CITES AND TO AND DUT DUTO OT CONON THE

con universe up interiors to the LAND UNE WALCHVING WILL WILLIN LIN SUCIALION MAS CONTRACTS. ILS VOLUME of business this season will run up close to twenty million douars. 'the cooperative enterprise was launched without a dollar of capital. out today it enjoys the complete conmounce of the balling of the state as wey as the Dualness interests, accord-

ing to statements from leading bank- COTTON CU-OFS. to une past week. while the achievement of actually ting up an organization of such a

arge scale and putting it to work is onsidered remarkable, the educationa work in proper marketing methods. is beneveu by agricultural leaders to nave been an even greater feat. Ney-

er before has it been possible to cener attention on agricultural margeting as has been done the past six months, it is declared The stabilizing of cotton prices has

penefitted the cooperatives and non-coke. This has b

SENTIMENT IS **UNANIMOUS TO** BEAUTIFY TOWN LEA WILLIAMSTON HAVE BEAU.

WILLIAMSTON, MARTIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1923

TIFYING CAMPAIGN AND **KEEP UP WITH OTHERS**

by the Nashville Graphic that a "beau- tofore quoted and by order of the sec tifying campaign" would be put on retary of war, dated January 26,1923 in Nashville this week under the direction of Mr. F. E. McCall, landscape gardener from the division of horticulture.

It is being put on with the help of the school and the homes and pictures of these homes have been taken so that they may be compared with a picture of them in June and a prize will be given to the one showing the greatest improvement

Beautifying any town will enhance its value materially and will make the people happier that inhabit it so why should Williamston not benefit by the aid which the state is willing to render.

Mr. W. H. Gurkin, chairman of the beautifying committee of the Chamber of Commerce is preparing to do some real work in the near future, so let does not, feel so badly that he will

follow suit.

BEAR GRASS GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY First grade, Miss Sallie Cook,

teacher: Bianche Cowan, E. D. Harris, Leimos Rogers, George Peel, Jr. Second grade: Rogers Wilson, Roland kogers, raul Wmenard. Third graue, Miss Jewei Overstreet, teacher: Mildred Ayers, John B.

Whichard. Fourth grade: Maud Bailey, Daisy Cowan, vera Green Rogers, Nossi Leo Taylor. Fifth grade, Mrs. Mary koepuca

acues: Decue Leggett. Sixth grade: Unaries

Ada Taylor, Euzena Taylor. Seventh grade: Mamie Clyde Rogers. Mudreth Mooley, Garland White. Beulah Cowan, Essie Mae Taylor. Eightn grade, Miss Stella Taylor,

eacher: Mary Harris, Meivin Balley.

GAIN VICIURI FIVE MEMBERS ARE RESTRAIN-ED FROM SELLING STAPLE IN OPEN MARKET

RALEIGH, Feb. 5 .- Five members Cooperative association are permaton grown by them last season out-

DUTES AND PECHI ATIONS. **INTERESTING HISTORY OF** TO GOVERN OPENING OF HIGHWAY DRAWBRIDGE

Change Number 1 In Rules Governing liamston, North Carolina

highway drawbridge over the Roanoke river near Williamston, North Carolina is hereby amended to read as fol-

USE OF LIME AGAIN PÅYS IN FIVE YEAR TEST

EXPERIMENT STATION GIVES OUT RESULTS OBTAINED IN THOROUGH TEST

RALEIGH, Feb. 5.-Excellent re ults have been secured in a test made every one begin to clear off their with ground limestone in a five year premises and make the fellow who crop rotation on the red clay loam soils of the Piedmont Branch station farm near Statesville, reports E. C Blair, extension agronomist for the State college and department of agriculture. Mr. Blair has recently secured the results of a test conducted by w. F. Pate, soil agronomist for agricultural experiment station. Mr. Pate applied two tons of ground limestone per acre early in the spring during the first year of the rotation.

The land was then planted to corn and the limed area produced 43 bushels per acre while the unlimed area produced only 35.5 bushels. This difierence of 7.5 was not much for the hrst year. The second year, the land was in wheat. The limed area proaucea 14.1 bushels while the unlimed produced 11.4, a difference of only . i busnets. Not much effect shown yet, but here is the third year, when

red clover was on the land. The first. crop was turned under and this was the second crop to be cut and used tor hay. 'The limed area produced 3,iva pounds of hay while the unlimed area produced 829 pounds and most or this was weeds. This is a difterence of 2,275 pounds of hay from time applied three years before.

The fourth year the limed area pro luced 1,350 pounds of seed cotton and the unlimed produced 1,302 pounds and

the fifth year, the limed area produced 50.2 bushels of corn while the unlim of the North Carolina Cotton Growers ed area produced only 38.6 bushels This was an increase of 11.6 bushels mentiy restrained from selling any col- as compared to the increase of 7.5 bushels secured the first year the lime was applied.

signed by Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Mr. Blair states that this experi-Southport, last Monday in Wake coun-1789 as governor was made mem secured from the

EXISTING WHICH WERE FORM-ED BEFORE 1776

FRED A. OLDS

March 19: 1774, the general assem bly in session at New Bern ena tel law "erecting part of the counties of Halifax and Tyrrell into one coun ty and parish, to be called and known by the name of Martin county and the parish of St. Martin." It was stated that this was done "on account of the great extent of Halifax and Tyrrell, which rendered it exceedingly troublesome and expensive to many of the inhabitants to attend courts, el ections and general matters of the militia." The act was ratified in open assembly and signed by Josiah Mar-

tin, Esq., Governor, James Hassell, speaker of the council, and John Harvey, speaker of the lower house. The county was named for Josial Martin, the last royal governor of

North Carolina, who August 12, 1771, succeeded Gov. Tryon, who had been in May, 1771, appointed governor of New York, Governor Martin * fied from the "palace" at New Bern in May 1775, and took refuge on a vessel of war at Fort Johnston, on the Cape Fear river. His administration really ended when he fled from New Bern. He stopped at the fort and Col. Jno. Ashe at the nead of a large body of armed men drove him aboard the vessel and then dismantled the fort and carried off the cannon. From the vessel Governor Martin issued a furrious proclamation forbidding th people to elect delegates to a "Con-

gress" at Hillsboro, but this proclamation was publicly burned by the The congress "common hangmen." met, all the 35 counties represented and also the borough towns, each of which had one delegate. There were 184 members and all signed the "test'

oath of patriotism. Governor Martin, before his flight from New Bern had sent his wife and children to New York. He went to Fort Johnston on a vessel by way of Ocracoke inlet. The six kannon in the palace" yard he had spiked, but the natriots took and used them, and they also used the lead which the roof was covered for bullets. His administration came to an end officially July 4

1778 The name of the county of Martin would have been changed by the pa triots but for the fact that general and later Governor Alexander Martin a native of Guilford county, made so brilliant a record and was so greatly beloved. He served as governor from April, 1782, to April 1785, and again from December, 1789, to December 14, 1792. His mauguraation in

ONE OF THE 32 COUNTIES STILL ed Squharky. In 1779 the name changed to Williamston, in compliment to Colonel William Williams, a leading man of the county. Martin was oon in the "liberty" movement which immediately preceded the war of the Revolution. In April, 1776, Francis Ward and Elake Baker were appointed by the general assembly to collect arm for the militia, and "minute men" and for the troops to go to the continental forces. Fifty men were sent to Wilmington to join the force of Gen John Ashe for the defense of that vital point. This company was commanded by Captain Little. Wil liam Williams was colonel of the county militia, Whitmel Hill, Lt. Con. and

THE COUNTY OF MARTIN

Trade In Williamston Be One of the Lucky

Ones. \$500 Given Free!

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Thomas Wiggins and enneth McKenzie, majors. The provincial council in session at New Bern March Srd, 1776, adopted the following res tion; "This council in the warmest terms returns the gentlemen, officers and soldiers from the counties of Martin, and Bertie, under the command of Col. William Williams, of Martin. thanks for their readiness and spirited conduct in marching against the nemies of their country.

In September, 1777, John Lewellen of Martin was convicted at Ed of high treason to the state and Thomas H. Hale wrote Gov. Richard Cas well, asking him to "respite the exeution of this unhappy and deluded man and permit him to apply to the next general assemblf for pardo being his first deviation from rectifud and virtue, and the certainty that disgrace and poverty must remain entailed on his family, consisting almost entirely of the softer sex and chiefly arrived to womanhood." prisoner's wife took this petition, Mr. Mayo accompanying her, with testimonials of her husband's previous good character.

Llewellen was in a Tory conspiracy, formed mostly in Martin and the adjoining counties in June, 1777, to attack and assassinate all the leading patriots on a certain night. Whitmell Hill discovered this conspiracy and said it was "generally delieved someprincipal persons were concerned in his horrible plan." Gen. Caswell was promptly advised and arrests followed. The ring leader was William Brimage, who tried to escape by Ocracoke but was captured and jailed. In 1778 Whitmel Hill was appointed colonel of the Martin militia to succeed Wil-

ims, resigned. The county was in 1777 taken from he superior court district of Edenton and placed in that of Halifax and its militia to the other district. The assembly authorized further tax to improve the court house and jail. In October of that year a bill passed assembly "for erecting a town on th

Roanoke River Bridge Near Wil-In accordance with the river and Announcement was made last week harbor act of August 18, 1894, here-

paragraph 6 of the rules and regula ions to govern the opening of th

lows:

6. These rules and regulations shall

be in force on and after March 1st.

