

HOUSE REJECTS BUT RECONSIDERS

After Voting To Reject Conference Report Monday Night Brings Revenue Bill Up Again Tuesday To Await Action of Senate.

RALEIGH, May 19.—The North Carolina House of Representatives marched up the hill Monday night and marched down again Tuesday, by voting Monday night to reject the conference report on the Revenue Bill and by reconsidering that vote Tuesday and bringing the report again before it. Then it stopped, with the understanding that the delay was for the purpose of seeing what the Senate would do with the report.

The senate, Tuesday, jumped right into consideration of the conference report, precipitated by a motion by Senator John W. Hines, dale, of luxury tax fame, to reject the report, then cut off all debate on his motion by the parliamentary trick of "calling for the previous question." This angered some of the Senators and, as the motion to adjourn was the only way of preventing a vote, Senator Lee L. Graves moved for adjournment, which was carried by a margin of three votes—considered a sort of test vote on the Conference report.

The Senate is expected to vote on the report, carrying a 15-cent ad valorem tax, State-wide, and increases in franchise tax on corporations and in the income tax to operate the schools, at its session Wednesday. Some fear is expressed by its proponents that it may be voted down, on the ground that it increases tax on corporations too much, or that it might be a tie, in which case President R. T. Fountain would have to break it—and it is not certain how he would vote on this proposal at this time.

POST OFFICE CALLS FOR NEW QUARTERS

Notice has been posted in the Raeford Post Office that the office is in need of new quarters. The present floor space has proved inadequate, being only about one thousand square feet. Present needs call for at least twelve hundred square feet to properly care for the needs of the office. Offers of accommodations will be received at the post office and blanks are available there for these offers to be made in writing. It is also required that a diagram be submitted showing floor space, lighting and general facilities. Central location and good lighting are named as prerequisites for the quarters to be taken. Fixtures and equipment may or may not be included in the place offered for the Post Office. Under a recent act the Post Office Department now has a fund whereby fixtures may be bought if they are not already available in the accommodations offered. The last day when offers will be received is June 15, 1931, and any property that is accepted will be leased for five or ten years from October 1, 1931. The Notice is signed by R. E. Dauch, of Richmond, Post Office Inspector.

Recorder's Court

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Tapp McRae, colored, was tried for assaulting one Sandy Bethea with a hoe on the farm of Mr. W. T. Covington. He pleaded guilty to the offense but argued that he was in fear of bodily injury to himself. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs and good behavior on the part of defendant for two years.

Flora C. Blue, an aged colored woman of Quewhiffle Township, was tried on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon. She was found not guilty.

Elmore Graham was tried on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretense and bound over to Superior Court, the case involving a felony and being out of the jurisdiction of the court.

New Kiwanis Head



William G. Harris, Los Angeles banker and executive of the National Thrift Corporation, gains additional honor.

SUMMER BASEBALL SEEN FOR RAEFORD

If present plans are carried out, Raeford will again have the ornament of a town baseball team during the summer season, according to statement made this week. Since the old palmy days when six and eight team leagues were organized by the baseball lovers of this section and four games per week were played before enthusiastic crowds, baseball in the summer season has gradually declined until in the last few years it has been, at a minimum. Enthusiasm generated this spring however, and ample talent for a good team which exists in Raeford, have combined to make the prospects for summer ball very bright.

Sunday the state papers carried in their sporting section an announcement that Raeford will have this summer baseball team constructed from local talent entirely. A team has already played one game, losing to Fayetteville by a one run margin last week. Many good athletes of the town are expected to however in colleges in the late however and it is expected that when these return for the summer and the players have had opportunity to practice together a team will be formed which can enter competition with the best of amateur and semi-pro teams in the state.

Curt Smith is acting business manager of the team and Make McKethan is field manager. Try-outs for the team will be held during the next few weeks and the ranks are open to every one who wishes to try out. Practices will be held as often as practicable in order to insure the earliest possible shaping up of the outfit. It is planned to have one home game per week and two or more away from home. Negotiations are already being carried on for games with Wilmington, Kannapolis and other strong amateur and semi-pro teams throughout the state. Plans are also being made which if they meet with approval will enable the people of the town to enjoy first class baseball throughout the summer.

MARY ELLA CUNNINGHAM

Mary Ella Cunningham, a five-year old colored girl, living with her mother on Mr. Julian Johnson's farm, died on Sunday as a result of burns she received about a month ago. She was buried at Silver Grove on Monday.

SNAKE IN THE GAS.

You've heard of snakes on sofas, in the grass and in sheep's clothing but we bet you never heard of one in a gas tank. Get Doug McLeod to tell you about the one that drove his car from his home in the country up to the gas filling station and then drummed up a crowd for the afternoon's performance.

According to the story, the snake fled from a crowd of persecutors ran up under the car and into the works. A search was made and some worthy caught him by the tail and pulled him out, only to have him show his approval of the motor by running back. The car was then run up on a greasing rack and a posse organized, armed with yachting caps and rubber bands, determined to do the varmit to death. After an hour's concentrated search through a maze of manifolds and a passle of pipes, the search was given up.

HOTEL BURNS AT SOUTHERN PINES

Hostelry Named For Town Is Mass Of Ruins After Spectacular Fire.

The Southern Pines hotel, winter home of thousands since Southern Pines became a resort center, lies a mass of ruins after one of the most spectacular fires seen in the mountains in many years.

The fire broke out in an upper floor at about 7:30 o'clock Monday night while the few remaining guests of this winter season sat on the spacious porches talking to the proprietor, Frank Harrington. It spread through the top floor of the building for some five minutes before flames breaking through the roof burned guests and staff of the hotel. A forty-year-old wood structure, the entire building was quickly a mass of flames.

The fire department of Southern Pines, Pinehurst, and Aberdeen were quickly on the scene but the powerful streams of water seemed to have no effect on the burning timbers, and the structure was doomed from the start. The loss is total and estimates place the damage at around \$200,000.

Two firemen, Constantino Montemanti and Lenox Windham, were blown off ledges surrounding upper floors during the fight against the flames and were rushed to offices of physicians nearby. Neither of them was seriously hurt.

The Southern Pines hotel was originally built in 1886 by the late Frank Page. It has been added from time to time and this winter had accommodations for about 200 guests. It was located in the heart of town fronting on the park through the Seaboard trains pass.

It has been one of the few resort hotels here which has made a practice of remaining open the year around. Frank Harrington, who manages a hotel at Bideford, N.C., Maize, in Summer, has been manager of the hotel here for the past six years. Insurance carried on the building was said to be less than half the estimated loss.

PAULS ROAD NOW STATE HIGHWAY

The state highway commission has taken over the road leading from Pauls to Raeford, or vice versa, previous to taking over all the roads of the state, and the highway is now marked out in brand new signs and all accoutrements of the regular highways. Travelers toward St. Pauls find the road in good sandy shape with the exception of a stretch of several miles this side of Lumber Bridge. This part is being worked and when completed an excellent, well marked road through this Section.

NORTH CAROLINA IN NEED OF A NEW AND MORE INTELLIGENT LAND POLICY

State Owned Lands Well Cared For; Great Problem In The Preservation of Natural Resources on Privately Owned Land; Suggests Steps to Preserve Timber in State.

Editor's Note: The News-Journal takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the essay written by a Hoke County girl, who was awarded first prize in a state-wide contest.

By CHRISTIANNA McFAYDEN

The three principal uses to which land is put are agriculture, grazing, and forestry. When North Carolina was first settled it was, with the exception of a few marshes, entirely covered with virgin forest. After the lumbering and fifty years when the labor was at its height and was about to cease, there was more land cleared than there had ever been and than there is today. During the past seventy years much of the cleared land has been allowed to grow up into forests seeded naturally from a few old trees left standing. The balance between agriculture and forest land is now fairly stable. Out of North Carolina's total area of thirty-one million, one hundred ninety thousand acres it is estimated that about ten million acres are under cultivation, and about twenty-one million have forest growth of some sort, and are of more value for growing trees than anything else. Some three hun-

NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH ON SUNDAY

Coroner's Jury Decides Killer Of Walter McNair Was John D. Purcell.

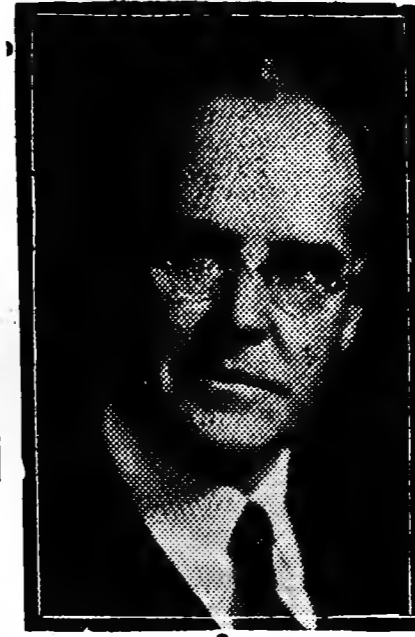
Raeford officers received a call from the section of the County that forms the border between Antioch and Blue Springs townships, early Sunday morning when Ernest McCall brought his brother in law, Walter McNair, into town, the victim of gunshot wounds. McNair was in a dying condition and died a short while later. McCall summoned the officers and told them that McNair had received his wounds at the hands of John D. Purcell, twenty-five year old negro of the Blue Springs section.

Sheriff Hodgkin and deputy sheriff Barrington were roused at four o'clock and went immediately to the scene of the shooting. The shooting is said to have occurred at the farm house in which John D. Purcell and Minnie Douglas make their home and run a farm together. Witnesses said that the shooting occurred here about two o'clock Sunday morning. McNair received wounds from a buckshot load in a shot gun. The officers were not notified until about four o'clock and consequently were unable to take Purcell, whom witnesses agreed had done the shooting. Neighbors did not seem to know much of the enmity between the two but indications point to a quarrel which centered around Minnie Douglas.

Witnesses were summoned from the neighborhood and an inquest started by Coroner G. W. Brown, on Sunday afternoon. This inquest was continued over to Monday afternoon at which time all the witnesses were examined. A summary of the stories told reveals the following story: A car in which Jim Monroe, Walter McNair and Minnie Douglas, among others were riding left Raeford Saturday night and went out to the neighborhood in which the tragedy occurred. McNair stopped at the house of Minnie Douglas and ate some fish prepared by her. John D. Purcell came in while McNair was there. There was no exhibition of enmity at the time. Later Minnie and Sarah Gibson went out with McNair in his car to get some boys who had been let out at the forks of the road. They failed to find them and returned. The car was stopped in front of the houses where Sarah and Minnie lived. Sarah got out and Minnie, according to the evidence she gave, followed almost immediately. McNair drove off in his car. Minnie went to her house and went to bed. She was awakened about one o'clock by Jim Monroe who came in after taking a walk. They both went to sleep and were awakened by the report of the gun which shot McNair. Jim going out to the

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SPEAKS HERE



DR. ELBERT RUSSELL
Dean School Religion, at Duke

SENIOR CLASS PLAY FINE PRODUCTION

A confusing mixture of mysterious characters and recurrent crises in the plot of the story, combined with very good acting, combined to raise the performance of "Apple Blossom Time," by the senior class of Raeford High School last Friday night, far above the usual quality of the high school drama. The auditorium at the high school was almost full when the curtain went up and the large audience thoroughly enjoyed following the complications into which Marion Gatlin, masquerading as Donald Clark, an elderly guardian of the lovely little heiress, Betty Ann, played by Margaret Kirkpatrick, found himself drawn. The scene was laid in a quiet country town which suddenly found itself the seat of mysterious impersonations which grew in complexity.

The cast, drawn entirely from the Senior Class performed well without exception, taking their parts in a natural manner and exhibiting a great deal more stage presence than is customary in productions of the kind. The complicating situations were presented to the audience with a minimum of reminiscent dialog and the members of the cast moved easily from one critical scene into another.

Honors were evenly divided among the players. Marion Gatlin and Margaret Kirkpatrick, hero and heroine performed their roles in almost faultless style, to Margaret particularly going credit for some exceptionally fine acting. Comedy relief from the complications of the plot was furnished in abundance by two vociferous rowdies from Sunshine Alley, Craighead Hampton and Robert Currie, always ready to drop in on the scene with brusque cheerfulness and make awkward any scene that happened to be in progress, and by James Howell and Christianna McFayden, village cop and care-taker of the home where the action took place, respectively.

Other members of the cast, all of whom performed excellently, were: Fulford McMillin, Mildred McDuffie, Lily Florence Cox, Dora Snead, Annie Mae Gibson, and Bernice Yarborough. Miss Carrie Sturges directed the play and to her is due much of the credit for the excellent performance.

News reports indicate that the price of gangster's coffins has been stabilized at \$15,000 each.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Announcement has been made by Mayor R. L. Bethune that the annual spring clean-up week will be observed in Raeford from May 25 to 29. The Mayor's announcement is as follows: Clean-up week begins on May 25th and continues through May 29th. All have a part in this work and by co-operation could accomplish much for the cleanliness and appearance of the town.

Following the usual custom, there will be an inspection of the stores in town by a committee from the woman's club with a view to being given for the neatest business houses. The Woman's Club committee is composed of Mrs. Carl Morris, chmn., Mrs. D. P. Andrews and Mrs. W. L. Poole. The inspection will be made on the morning of the 29th. While it is desirable that a condition of cleanliness should prevail throughout the year, the annual clean-up week is a worthy cause.

DUKE DEAN TALKS TO RAEFORD GRADS

Dr. Elbert Russell Heard By Large Audience Sunday Morning; Tells Graduates Observation of Laws Essential to Civilization.

Before an audience which filled the auditorium and gallery of the Presbyterian church and overflowed into all the chairs that could be placed in the aisles of the church, Dr. Elbert Russell delivered an inspirational address to the graduating class of the Raeford high school on Sunday morning, May seventeenth. Dr. Russell is dean of the school of religious education at Duke University. Those who expected a rigid theological dissertation were not rewarded, however, for Dr. Russell's sermon was simple, matter of fact and straight to the point.

To the strains of "Ancient of Days" the graduating class filed into the seats at the front of the auditorium which had been reserved for them. The congregation stood while they entered. Previous to the address the choir rendered two beautiful anthems, "Let the People Praise Thee," and "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates". Dr. Russell was introduced to the audience by Dr. W. M. Fairley.

Basing his remarks on a clause from the writings of Paul, Dr. Russell presented the theme of his talk, that the man who strives in the games shall not be rewarded except where he strives lawfully. His sermon was concerned with the rules of life and the responsibility which rests upon all the living to observe these rules.

Showing first the necessity of rules, the speaker went into a most interesting discourse in which by various examples he showed that rules are the effective enemy of chaos in every field. The impossibility of conducting any activity where rules are not known and observed was demonstrated through a wide field, from the games of childhood to the governments of nations.

A second kind of rules was shown to be the means by which ends are attained. Taking up the age-old question of whether ends justify means, Dr. Russell stated positively that he did not believe that any end justified corrupt means of attaining it.

The third kind of laws, Dr. Russell called the laws that are innate in the world. Demonstrating the moral laws as examples of this kind he showed that there existed in the world certain moral principles, the violation of which can lead only to ill. These laws he illustrated by a story of travel in which a forced detour was made rational by the fact that there was no safe road through the territory which he intended to travel. "In life too," said Dr. Russell, "there are territories through which there is no safe road. Through lying, murder, dishonesty there are no safe roads. We must travel the road that has been pointed out to us and we must not resent the signs that point the way, but be grateful for them."

Dr. Russell's sermon made a distinct impression on all his hearers. The simplicity and straightforward manner in which he presented the facts of lawful living without reference to creeds and doctrinal dogma made his talk effective in the extreme. At the conclusion of the service practically the entire graduating class and a large number of the audience remained to express their appreciation of his splendid message.

LULA ANN McDUFFIE

Lula Ann McDuffie, colored, widow of John McDuffie, who died several years ago, died several years ago, died Monday. She was buried at East Freedom Tuesday.

CARS WRECK ON LAURINBURG ROAD

Sunday afternoon, two Chevrolets one driven by a darkey and the other carrying white people, engaged in an argument on the Laurinburg road about two miles out of town, with the result that the Chevrolet driven by a darkey named Patterson, took a nip at the rear fender of the other car then made off into the swamp on the other side of the hill. The fight was stopped short by a stump at the foot of the hill but no serious damage was done. No people were injured in the wreck and the damage done to the cars was not at all serious.