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BUILDING CHANGED.

FARM LAND ASSESSMENT **REDUCED 33 1-3 PER CENT**

Town Property Down 20 Per Cent-Commissioners Appoint Tax Super-, \$15 per quarter. visor and Listers-Reduction Must Be Passed on by State Tax Com- court house janitor was cut from \$60 mission.

At a meeting of the board of per cent in the assessed valuation of pays half of it, which that board will property. The fillowing order was made:

"The county commissioners and the county board of appraisers and review met on this, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, 1921, as the county board of review to determine if the value of real property as heretofore appraised and assessed in Anson county as a whole is in excess of the fair value of such property at this time. The chairman of the board of commissioners was duly elected chairman of, and B. H. Crowder, clerk to the board of commissioners, was elected secretary to the board. The board proceeded to make proper inquiry and investigation into the existing values of real property as conpared with the assessed value thereof in the several cities, towns and townships of the county, and upon such inquiry and investigation being made, said board finds that the assessed value of such property in Anson county is in excess of the actual value thereof, and the board finds that the average percentage of such excess as to rural property in Anson county is 33 1-3 per cent, and that the average percentage of such excess as to real property in incorporated towns in Anson county is 20 per cent."

The state tax commission has to pass on this, and it has the power to change the order, but if the tax commission agrees with the board of review rural property will be reduced 8 1-3 per cent, and town property ericent. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that if any general cut was to be made rural property should be reduced more than town property.

E. McRae. Fred Parker was dropped from the outside pauper list.

Mrs. Ruby Meachum was allowed The salary of Joe Edwards, court

to \$50 per month. The board decided to allow J. W county commissioners and the county Cameron, county demonstrator, and board of appraisers last Tuesday as Mrs. J. C. Redfearn, home demonstraa county board of review it was de- tor, \$600 per year for clerical assist- not available to erect the building cided to make a reduction of 33 1-3 ance, provided the board of education this year, so it must be postponed. farm real estate, and a reduction of do. At a recent joint meeting of the 20 per cent in the valuation of town two boards the allowance for clerical work was cut to \$300 per year, and this last order just doubles the amount. Mr. U. B. Blalock and others appeared before the board and

urged that this action be taken, on account of the value to the county of this work. Citizens of the Peachland section

appeared before the board and urged that the location of the bridge across the Seaboard railroad at Peachland be moved a short distance so as to accommodate two roads instead of one. The board was in favor of this, and requested the state highway commission to send an engineer to look the situation over with a view to changing. This bridge is part of the state road.

WADESBOKO WINS DEBATE.

Victors Both Here and at Albemarle -Teams Will Go to Chapel Hill Next Week.

The Wadesboro teams were both victorious in the debate with the Albemarle teams here and at Albemarle board promised to do something for last Friday night, and will therefore them as soon as possible. go to Chapel Hill to contest for the state high school debating championship the latter part of next week. The question debated was: "Resolved, that the policy of collective bargaining

through trade unions should prevail in American industry." The Wadesboro affirmative, Misses

Pearl Tarlton and Lola Caudle, debated the Albemarle negative, Calvin and Miss Idalane was out, and it listened to the young this work. debaters with interest and close at-

tention. Both sides put up good arguments, but the Wadesl oro girls received the unanimous decision of the judges.

BOARD OF EDUCATION White Store School Will Be Located on Crowder Place When Built-

Other Business Transacted. At the regular monthly meeting of the board of education last Monday it was announced that the board had de-

cided to erect the new school building in White Store township at the old Crowder place. However, money is The board allotted \$300 toward erecting a temporary building at Red Hill, citizens of the district to raise the balance necessary. This White Store school building has been before the board for perhaps two years at almost every monthly meeting.

Messrs. P. J. Kiker and R. W. Al len were directed to negotiate a loan to carry on the schools. Within the

last two years school buildings have been erected at McFarlan, Deep Creek and Bethel at a cost of approximately \$25,000. Eventually this money will be borrowed from the state loan fund and will be paid back by the districts in which the buildings were erected. But at present the state loan fund is out of funds and the county is having to carry the loans. The county also has received only about half what is due it from the state; and the county taxes are also

far behind, so that money is needed immediately. Citizens of the Cairo district asked

for another room, and the board took it under consideration.

Patrons of the Hamilton colored school asked for a building, and the

On motion of Mr. P. J. Kiker, it was decided to ask for a state operated summer school to begin about June 27th.

The board decided to pay half the expense of clerical help for farm demonstrator and home demonstrator, up to \$75 per month.

Mrs. C. E. Ader was allowed not exceeding \$25 per month for con oving pictures, until July 1st, when in the court house here. A fair crowd state funds will become available for

It was directed that pupils not in special tax districts be allowed to attend special tax schools free for 6 months if they are admitted at all. If the schools run more than 6 months tuition may be charged these putils for the extra months, or the schools may refuse to admit them at all, but firmative speakers, Heath Klutz and if they are admitted they are to get

POLKTON LOCALS Deaths of Mrs. I. F. Caudle and of Smith. Mrs. J. E. Thomas-Sketch of Lonnie Thomas, Killed in France.

Mrs. I. F. Caudle died Monday morning, after a lingering illness of

many weeks. She was a Miss Hornback before marriage and was 75 years old. Mrs. Caudle was raised near Fountain Hill and was well and favorably known in that and other sections of the county. Burial was at the Caudle graveyard. Revs. Preslar and Black conducted the feneral services.

Mrs. J. E. Thomas, after an illness of several months' duration died last Sunday night. She was about 63 years of age and was a woman of fine character and had a wide circle of friends and relatives, all of whom mourn her death. Her husband and four children are still living. One son, Lonnie, was killed in France. Burial was at the Hopewell cemetery, Monday afternoon, Rev. L. H. Griffith conducting the services ..

The following sketch of the life of Lonnie Thomas was written by Mr. Wade Kiker of Diamond Hill school. a friend of the deceased: The temperance forces of Polkton,

will meet at the school house Friday night to take further steps in fighting the blind tiger business.

Mr. Millard Parker and Miss Lula May Curran, daughter of Mr. J. W. Curran, all of Burnsville township, were married in Polkton Wednesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Martin, spent Monday in Charlotte with their daughter, Miss Lucy, Miss Martin will return home in a few days, Next Sunday, the tenth, the churches under the pastoral charge of Rev. M. D. L. Preslar will hold union services at Polkton. At 11 o'clock, Dr. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Orphanage at Thomasville, will

preach. At 2:30 P. M., Prof. C. M. Beach, principal of the Wingate school will address the young people. A large attendance is anticipated. Everybody invited.

Rev. M. D. L. Preslar filled his regular appointment at Hopewell, Union county, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. D. Nelme and children, of SITE FOR MUNICIPAL Ansonville are visiting Mrs. L. C. Mrs. S. R. Hyatt spent several.

days last week in Laurinburg with relatives. Mr. Clarence Griffith had his right

arm broken near the wrist last Saturday by a Ford kick. Both bones were broken. He is getting along very nicely.

A reunion of the Davis family was held at the residence of Mr. J. Henderson Davis last Sunday. The attendance was large and a very pleasant time was spent by all present. Mr. Davis is 83 years old, and Mrs. Davis 80. Both are hale and hearty. Mrs. Mary Widenhouse and Mr. Hunt of Midland spent several days this week with friends near Polkton. Mrs. W. W. Lockhart had new English peas from her garden, for dinner today.

Lonnie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas. He was born at his community in Burnsville township, on the 4th day of November 1895, Here he spent his childhood and youth and was an obedient boy to his par ents and showed great respect for his his associates he was a general favorite. His frankness and fairness won friends for him every where he went. He was honest, truthful and just in his dealings. He was always ready to lend help to any cause that was for the uplift of his community. When in school he was a good student, and school seemed to be debating. In this to 32 feet. This will be decided shortwork he achieved great success. In 1y. the year 1914 he won a gold medal in a delating contest at Diamond Hill. This he greatly deserved, for his good speech and fine delivery. Lonnie was always a strong prohibitionist. He was not a church member but was a true Sunday school student. He was a great credit to any community. He resided at his Kather's home until he

reached the age of twenty-one years: About this time, he answered his country's call in the World War. He entered the U.S. army in Sept. 1917, and stayed in camp about seven months. He was then sent to France, where he served his country well. On the 29th day of September, 1918, while doing his part with the other brave Americans to break the Hindenburg line, he was killed instartly on the battle field. He was buried in France, where he remained for two years and six months, after which his body was taken up and brought back to his home and on Sunday the 27th day of March, 1921, his remains were buried at Hopewell church where he had attended Sunday school during his boyhood days. His life ended almost at its beginning, but his name is enrolled with the heroic souls of all

Commissioners Sell on Green Street. and Buy on Martin Street-Material Being Assembled for Building. The first of this week the town commissioners decided to sell the lot belonging to the town on Green St., and to buy a lot on Martin street for the erection of the proposed new municipal building. The lot on Green street, which is 34 feet wide, was sold to Mr. H. W. Little for \$5,000. The

lot on Martin street, which is the one on which stands the old wooden building about in the center of the block on the north side of the street, was bought from Messrs, J. A. Leak and M. W. Bryant, the price being \$4,000. This lot is 49 1-2 feet wide by 135 feet deep.

When it was learned that the contract for the erection of the new building had been let, as reported by The M. & I. last week, considerable father's home in the Diamond Hill opposition developed to placing the building on the Green street lot. The commissioners looked around for another proposition, and finally made the trade as above stated. The Martin street lot is considerably larger. relatives and many friends. Among and that street is not so congested. which is an advantage in getting the fire truck out in case of fire. The town made \$1,000 on the deal.

Mr. H. W. Ingram, who has the contract for the erection of the building, is assembling material, and expects to get to work in a short time, The plans adopted call for a building always showed great respect for his 28 feet wide, and the commissioners teachers. His favorite work in are considering increasing the width

WAR MOTHERS ORGANIZE.

At a well attended meeting of the Anson County War Mothers in the court house last Saturday officers were elected as follows:

War Mother-Mrs. R. E. Little. 1st Vice War Mother-Mrs. J. I. Dunlap,

u vice war mother-Mrs. W. McLendon.

3rd-Vice War Mother-Mrs. Sallie White Williams,

Recording Secretary-Mrs. H. H. Cox.

Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. C. C. Moore.

On Monday a number of representative farmers and business men of the county met in the court house to discuss the tax assessment question, and after some discussion those present were of the opinion that the assessment of farm real estate should be reduced 33 1-3 per cent. Messrs. J. A. Leak and L. D. Robinson were appointed a committee to present the views of the meeting to the board of review, which they did, this resulting in the above stated action of the board of review.

Tax Supervisors and Listers Appointed.

At the regular monthly meeting of

the board of commissioners on Monday Dr. J. E. Hart was elected county supervisor of the listing of personal property, but he has nothing to do with real estate. Dr. Hart's duty is to supervise and coordinate the work of the township listers in listing personal property.

The following township listers were appointed:

Wadesboro-W. T. Moss. Lilesville-J. D. Morton. Morven-W. F. McQueen. Gulledge-Clayton Webb. White Store-J. W. Jones. Lanesboro-R. D. Redfearn. Burnsville-S J. Turner. Ansonville-D. H. Braswell.

Mr. B. D. Nelme was appointed supervisor of over and under-valuation of real estate. Any one who thinks his property is over-valued in comparison with his neighbor may appeal to Mr. Nelme, whose duty it is to decide the matter.

The commissioners decided to boraccount of the slowness with which taxes are being paid. All of this and what is not needed will be deposited in the Wadesboro banks and will taken. draw 6 per cent interest. The county is having to pay 8 per cent, on account of the scarcity of money.

Charley T. Preslar was excused from paying poll tax on account of age and infirmity.

outside pauper list.

lay out road in White Store township at the enormity of the job." as recently petitioned for. The jurymen who will lay out the road are David Gulledge, W. E. Gulledge, E. M. & L.

The Wadesboro negative team, Walter Tice and Miss Bessie Gray, went to Albemarle to meet their af-George Harris. The Wadesboro team free tuition for six months. won an unanimous decision at Albemarle also.

This is the second time the Wadesboro debaters have had the privilege of going to Chapel Hill, and it is hoped that this year they will be able to achieve the championship, or at least get into the finals. Professor Williamson and Miss Hazel Briggs will accompany our debaters to Chapel Hill.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION

WILL GET DOWN TO WORK Raleigh, April 6 .- After adopting the Hart resolution to accept certain proposals of counties in the first construction district, the state highway commission adjourned its first session

to meet here again on April 26. In the meantime, Governor Morrison and State Treasurer Ben Lacy will go to New York to get the money necessary for the immediate undertaking of the big road program. The governor and the treasurer expressed themselves tonight as confident they would be able "to bring home the ba-

con." If the money centers fail them, they have the assurance that the state banks will co-operate in floating enough loans to undertake the first work authorized by the commission.

Projects proposed by the first district counties, for which funds are row \$40,000 for roads and bridges, available, will be turned over to the this being made necessary chiefly on state commission for letting and supervision, under the terms of the Hart resolution and it is within the amount will not be needed at present, discretion of the commission as to when these contracts should be under-

> Members of the highway commission, who have been here since Monday going over the policies of the commission and discussing finances, looked with eagerness toward the adjournment scheduled for tonight.

Sturdivant was put on the They have put in three busy days and, as one member expressed it," "find Sheriff Braswell was directed to ourselves consumed with amazement

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BODY OF DOCK D.

WILLIAMS ARRIVES. The body of Dock D. Williams, one of the Anson county soldiers who was killed in action in France, arrived here last night, accompanied by a sergeant of the army. Mr. Williams was a private in Company C, 120th infantry, and was the son of Mrs. Sallie Williams, who lives on the Stanback Ferry road northeast of Wadesboro. He was a gallant soldier. The funeral and interment will be at New Hope church tomorrow H. Maske,

(Friday) at 2 P. M., with military honors.

SEND IN RETURNS.

Justices of the peace and mayors are requested by Clerk of the Court Boggan to send in their returns immediately, so Mr. Boggan will have them in due time before court convenes.

Sheriff Destroyed 51 Gallons of Whiskey in Presence of Witnesses.

Catawba County News.

On Thursday morning we are reliably informed that Sheriff Mauser. in company with Chief Lentz, of Hickory; Rev. P. W. Tucker and Superintendent Geo. E. Long, who is also a preacher, went to the jail and destroyed fifty-one gallons of liquor as the part of the sixty gallons seized near Blackburn. The rest is alleged to have leaked out by the time the officers got the cans in posession.

It is reported that Supt. Long dipped his finger into one or more of the vessels or cans: and pronounced it good liquor.

"See here, Mr. Casey," said Pat to the tax assessor "shore and ye know the goat isn't worth eight dollars." "Oi'm sorry," responded Casey, "but that is the law," and, producing a book, he read the following passage:

"All property abutting on Front Edwards Sunday. street should be taxed at the rate of two dollars per foot."

He was accompanied by Mr. W. A. Gaddy who spent a very pleasant time with relatives and friends of earlier days in that section. Mr. Houston Napier is spending a

few days with relatives and many friends in our town.

Mrs. W. B. Harker of Maxton, was the guest of relatives and friends in Polkton early last week.

Mr. Luther Ross made a business trip to Charlotte, Monday. Mrs. Sallie Briley will celebrate her 83rd birthday on Monday, April 11, at her home near Polkton. All of her relatives and friends are invited to call on her that day. The only "presents" desired is the "presence" of your company. Mrs. Briley's hus-

band was killed at Gettysburg. For a number of years she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. J Miss Briceworth and Miss Harris

and Mr. Clayton Bruton all of Mt. Gilead, were guests of Miss Hawkins, of the Polkton Graded School faculty Sunday.

Mrs. Mariana Hancock and little son are visiting relatives in Rockingham.

Mrs. S. R. Bolch and two children are spending this week with relatives in Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett of Hamlet, spent the week end in Polkton. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hilton and Mr.

Hilton's two brothers, of Lanes Creek, and Mr. Francis Dabbs and sons of Gulledge, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dabbs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Little, of Ansonville and Miss Lillian Porter of Polkton, motored to Wingate Sunday to visit Miss Lula Little and brother,

Mr John Little, who are attending school at that place. Mr. R. J. Dabbs of this place has charge of Mr. Hampton Dabbs' corn mill near Poplar Hill and will operate it on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Dr. L. C. Smith spent Saturday in Gastonia on business.

Miss Hattie Lockhart is spending this week with relatives and friends in Hamlet. Mr. Walter Harriss of Vaughan,

spent several days in town this week. Mrs. T. C. Phifer and baby, of Hamlet, were guests of Mrs. W. T.

Mrs. R. G. Austin was right sick for a few days this week,

THANKS FOR BOX.

nations.

Miss Johnsie Dunlap has received the following letter of appreciation from C. C. Thurber, Red Cross hospital at Greenville, S. C :

pital director, for box pucked by ladies of Wadesboro for soldiers in hos-"Col. Dedman has probably informed you of the safe arrival of your splendid box of good things for North Carolina boys in this Hospital.

"I only wish you could all have been here last Tuesday and seen with your own eyes, how much joy and cheer you helped to bring to every one of nearly 700 sick nem.

"The Greenville ladies and several other North Carolina towns contributed, and we had a wonderful Easter party, which, I am sure, the men will never forget.

"We had 75 dogen Easter eggs, 3 crates of fresh eggs, nearly 1000 pounds of home made candy and about 140 cakes, all home made.

"I do hope that you will not forget these boys, who did so much for their country and who so often feel that the world outside has forgotten. Most of our help in the way of better comforts, such as soap, tooth pasts. shoe strings, postage stamps and other necessities which we provide for the men who receive no compensation has come from the war mothers of North Carolina. Perhaps you could organize a similar organization in your town. If you are interested, Mr. Hugh Montgomery, No. 4 Hermitage Court, Charlotte, N. C. can give you any information you desire."

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Treasurer-Mrs. J. S Dockery. Historian-Mrs. B. G. Covington, Mrs. A. J. Allen was elected delegate to the convention in Charlotte April 6th.

Mrs. Williams is a gold star mother, her son, Dock D. Williams, having been killed in action in France. His body reached here last night, and funeral will be tomorrow at New Hope. The ladies are taking much interest in the work of the organization, and it is expected that they will be able to accomplish much good. The organization will give special attention to the disabled soldiers now in hospitals. but they request that they be called upon whenever they can be of assistance to an ex-soldier. The organization has already alleviated in many ways the lot of soldiers in hospitals.

Convention at Charlotte.

The state convention was held in Charlotte yesterday, with a good attendance. Mrs. R. E. Little attended, and was elected state censor. The work in this state is growing by leaps and bounds, and there are great opportunities for service.

JOHN COBLE WILL SEND

CHILDREN TO SCHOOL. Mr. John Coble on last Saturday appeared before Justice E. K. Dunlap for the third time on a charge of refusing to send his children to school. He had finally decided to allow his children to attend school and so stated to the court. Judgment was suspended on condition that he keep the children in school while it is in sesion. At the two previous hearings Coble paid fines and costs totalling about \$40.00, and he no doubt came to the conclusion depriving his children of an education was an expensive lux-

J. D. Shepherd, J. T. Philips and H. R. Currie, all of Lanesboro township, also had a hearing Saturday on charges of not keeping their children in school, and judgment was held open. It is understood that they will see that their children attend regularly hereafter.

Sid Dabbs, of Lanesboro township, and A. C. Datliff, of Morven township, will have a hearing on the same charge next Saturday.

Old Papers for sale-Apply at The M. & I. Office.