Adding Facebook's Comments Box to XOOPS News Module - Hacks

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and replace the "mysite.com" URL with Smarty:
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 This will give you a backlink to the current article //end of correction 7) Save it, make sure that in your Admin Preferences (General Settings) the "Check templates for modifications ?" is set to "Yes", and check out your News - you should see a Facebook Comments Box under your article: That should do it. Have fun Xoopsing 😃 --------------------------------------- [EDIT]

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