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Skeleton Staff Of County ERA Busy Liquidating Office

Leaves More Than 216 Families In Randolph County Without Means Support
Closes December 5th

Those That Have Outstanding Store Room Orders May Still Have Them Filled

The Randolph office of the emergency relief administration closed Thursday, December 5th with no orders or instructions issued for its reopening, according to Mrs. Irene Neal, head case worker. Mrs. Neal stated that she, Mrs. A. B. Copenhaver, Miss Mary Lassiter and T. V. McPherson are the only E. R. A. workers retained there and that they are liquidating and getting the records in order.

She further announced that clients who have outstanding store room orders may have them filled by carrying them to the store room. But no new orders are being issued. The local workers are hoping for an extension of time but nothing definite has been advanced.

This leaves more than 216 families in Randolph county unprovided for until and unless further orders come from headquarters providing for their care. Part of this number have been already assigned to work projects but these projects for all are impossible because of their isolation in rural sections where they live too far to be transported to the few projects now available. A conservative estimate of the families out of work and unable to care for themselves is put at 150. Just what disposition of them will be made is not known.

Asheboro Club Has Quail Dinner Honor Ladies Tuesday Eve.

With the innovation of the "No Speeches on the Ladies" program, Tuesday night, Kiwanis Club entertained the mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts of its members with a quail dinner. Frank Auman, John Baity, Jess Pugh, Rufus Routh, Bob Bunch, Dr. Sikes, and others, provided each plate with a sizeable portion of this delectable dish.

Bob Bunch, with that proud look of a young father on his face, announced that his "Bob Cats" had out-attended the "Tom Cats" to win the recent attendance contest. The "Tom Cats" were instructed to take a Christmas present to Hughes-Morris Hardware Co. for distribution to the winners, who purred and sat around with a self-complacent smile on their faces.

The guests of the club were introduced by President E. H. Morris. They were Bob Wood, president of Rotary club, and Mrs. Bob Wood, Francis White, chairman of Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Francis White, and Emil Bernstecker, of Greensboro, lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club. Dr. W. C. Carr, of Greensboro, was introduced as a visiting Kiwanian.

Eddie Hobbs welcomed the ladies with a short talk, and Ike Moser, amid gales of laughter, hilariously introduced the Kiwanians to their wives. The rest of the program was dedicated to music. Lawrence Souers delighted the audience with two vocal solos, and Miss Louise Swain and Mrs. Miriam Burns played two piano duets. Recitations, songs, and tap dancing were furnished by the class of Mrs. Billie Scott Newlin.

Plymouth Coach Of Watson Millikan Is Badly Wrecked Sun.

Three Asheboro Young Men Miraculously Escape Injuries As Car Turns Over

Shortly before midnight Sunday night, the Plymouth coach of Watson Millikan, driven by him and occupied by Dick and Worth Lomax, turned over on a curve on highway 50, three miles west of Asheboro. After tumbling over it careened down a twenty foot embankment.

None of the three occupants were injured but the car was torn up rather badly, damages being estimated at around \$300. According to Mr. Millikan, he was taking the curve on the inside and hit a wet spot in the road causing him to lose control of the car. Many, after seeing the wrecked car, opined that the trio were very lucky to escape serious injury.

Prominent Asheboro Citizen Passes Early Wednesday Morning

Jack Cranford Succumbs To Wounds Received Thanksgiving While Hunting
Funeral Today At 11

Service To Be Held Today At Presbyterian Church With Dr. Smith Officiating

Jack Cranford, 29, popular young business man of Asheboro died at Randolph hospital, at 2:30 Wednesday morning. Mr. Cranford's death was a direct result of the accidental discharge of his own gun while hunting on Thanksgiving day with friends. It will be recalled that the accident occurred when the gun slipped from Mr. Cranford's hands and discharged, releasing several shots in his abdomen. The most serious injury was a four inch laceration of the liver.

From the first Mr. Cranford's condition was considered quite serious and little hope was entertained for his recovery despite operations, transfusions and other methods known to medical science. His wonderful stamina and healthful constitution, combined with his cheerful disposition are thought to have prolonged his life past the usual point in such serious cases. He was cheerful almost until the last which was ever a shred of hope to his close relatives and wide circle of friends who were anxious for bulletins from his bedside.

He is a native of Randolph county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cranford of this place. Mr. Cranford was educated in the Asheboro city schools and at Duke University. He has been in several lines of business in the town and county but for the past several years has been connected with Frank McCrary as district oil manager, forming the Randolph oil company for Gulf products. He is one of the most popular young business men of the town and county.

Five years ago he was married to Miss Aimee Fraser of near Florence, S. C., with a small daughter, survives. The parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cranford, prominent Asheboro citizens, also survive as do a brother, Odell Cranford and the following sisters: Mrs. Ervin Frye, Asheboro; Mrs. George Rose, of Southern Pines; Miss Catherine and Miss Doris Cranford, both of Asheboro.

Funeral service will be conducted at the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock with burial in the local cemetery. Rev. H. P. Powell will assist Dr. Cotran Smith, pastor of the deceased, in the service.

Rotary Club Hears Of Work Done Among Lame Children Here

Dr. Wheelon, Orthopedic Surgeon, Speaks Before Rotary Club, Friday

Dr. Thomas F. Wheelon, who has charge of the crippled children's clinic being held monthly in the Randolph Hospital, Inc., for the crippled children of this county, was chief speaker of the regular meeting of the Asheboro Rotary club, Friday, in the dining room of the M. E. church. The Rotary Club started this worthy undertaking but public interest was so strong that it has become a community project.

Dr. Wheelon, who was introduced by D. B. McCrary, told of how he first became interested in the work of aiding crippled children on account of the great need for such help. According to him, hospitals and institutions for orthopedic treatment managed only to reach a very small percentage of the unfortunate children and that most of them who needed the treatment were unable to get it on account of financial reasons. He commended the Randolph Hospital for its splendid equipment and its efficient corps of nurses. He stated that he had found the committee for this work a very business-like body of men who were economical and generous at the same time. He told of the technical details in the treatment of individual cases and how each patient, regardless of financial circumstances, were given every available advantage. Those able to pay are charged a modest sum; those who are not able to pay are not charged. But all receive the same consideration.

He rounded out his speech by saying that practically every case brought to the attention of the clinic so far can either be cured permanently or greatly helped.

Several visitors were present at this meeting, prominent among whom were the Rotary Annas who have so materially aided in the work with those unfortunate children of the county.

Snake Nest
Workmen, cleaning in the backyard of the Frank Auman residence on Worth street, were very surprised when upon lifting some debris discovered 28 small snakes. They looked to be pilots and were of various sizes, indicating that they were not all from the same "litter." They had evidently "holed up" and were looking for a long, hard winter.

The Courier's Christmas Offer Of Wide Assortment Of Presents For New Subscribers Still Open

There are only two more weeks that The Courier offer of prizes hold good for every new subscriber turned into the office. Many citizens, both children and grown-ups have secured several of the smaller prizes while others have signified their intention of securing larger prizes before the offer expires.

This is not a chance affair for every person who secures one new year's subscription to this newspaper will receive one of several prizes. The prizes range from flashlights to expensive bicycles of standard make. Many ladies are finding the all-wool standard make blankets interesting numbers and they are lovely family Christmas gifts. The table lamp, either electric for town use or Aladdin for country, are also popular. Interesting to the whole family also is the offer of \$5.00 worth of groceries of any kind for a certain number of new subscriptions.

The Courier strives to publish the news of the town, county, and as much of the state and nation as is possible to do so in our limited eight pages. It was not possible to serve the merchants and business concerns

of this section with eight pages this week, hence the added eight full pages of advertising and reading matter. During the past year, a check of our files discloses that this has been true more often than the publication of the regular eight pages.

During the closing month of the year 1935, The Courier is bidding for new friends and subscribers, for they are one. Meanwhile, we desire to serve this section in the best possible fashion. Telephone, or write your news into the office, and we shall be glad to publish it. Your friends and neighbors are interested in what is happening, especially those Randolph citizens who are away from home, many of whom write us that "The Courier is like a letter from home."

Back to our offer—there is no trick—just an open, above board offer of a present for every new subscriber. If you start out to win a bicycle and fall short, make it a blanket—or two blankets, a rifle—any of our splendid assortment of prizes that will be given to you upon receipt of the new subscription.

County Doctors Are Guests Of Dr. Tate Ramseur Monday

"Here Comes Charlie" To Be Presented By Junior Class Friday, December 20th

Ranoca Club Meets

Various Sunday Schools Planning Christmas Entertainments For Holidays

Members of the Friday Afternoon Club, at its meeting with Harriette Hammer Walker on Friday afternoon on South Fayetteville street, were privileged to hear Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, Democratic candidate for nomination for governor of North Carolina. Mr. Hoey, who was introduced by Mrs. I. C. Moser, spoke on "Women In Government."

He gave the status of women in government, contrasting the existing conditions with those when women first obtained suffrage in 1920. At the close of his talk, an informal discussion was held.

In addition to the regular club members the members of the Randolph Book Club and Miss Esther Ross were guests. The home for the occasion was decorated with red carnations and Christmas greens. The refreshments also carried out the Yule motif.

Sandy Graham, of Hillsboro, also a candidate for governor of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to speak at another meeting of the club in the early spring.

Dr. McDonald Visits
Dr. Ralph McDonald paid his Asheboro friends a visit on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. McDonald was en route to Troy where he was scheduled to speak before a large group of Montgomery county people.

Merchants And Citizens Asked Supply Clothing

There are in Randolph county a number of old people that do not have enough clothing to keep them warm this winter. They have no means to buy clothing or other necessities of life and they must depend on the county and interested citizens to supply their needs.

The county at present is trying to provide food for about 80 families. The Welfare Department is making a special appeal to the stores and citizens for clothing at this time for these unfortunate people. All serviceable clothing such as men's trousers, suits, overalls, underwear, socks, and etc. Women's clothing, children's clothing, blankets and comforts will be greatly appreciated.

If any one will donate to this cause kindly get in touch with Robert Lloyd, superintendent of Public Welfare at the Court House and he will call for your donation.

Local Citizens Plan To Aid Santa Claus Fill Empty Stockings

While many grown-ups and children, as well, are shopping with long lists of friends, relatives and the like to buy gifts for Christmas, there are many who are not doing this. Many little children in Randolph county may be neglected by Santa this year unless the true Christmas spirit prompts the citizens of Asheboro and Randolph county to come to the rescue. The Asheboro Kiwanis club has launched another of their worth-while programs and are making an attempt to secure toys to cheer children who otherwise would receive a disappointment on Christmas morning that no child should have.

The Capitol theatre is cooperating, as are the Boy Scouts and many private citizens, in this plan. The plans including the theatre will be an hour and a half of fun for toys, either old or new. This entertainment is in the form of a toy matinee at 4:00 p. m. Friday, December 13th, which will prove a lucky day for the unfortunate children of Randolph. In addition to the toys presented for admission, the admission fee from those who pay cash will all go toward this toy fund during the matinee hour. Toys, either old or new, will be accepted as admission.

The picture presented at the toy matinee will be "Babes In Toyland" by Laurel and Hardy. This appropriate picture will furnish an hour and a half of genuine fun, as well as proving profitable to the worthy cause for which it is shown.

Randolph Civil Court Disposing Numerous Matters Of Interest

Many Divorce Cases Heard And Granted At Opening Of Civil Court Monday
Judge John Clement

Trial Of Civil Cases To Continue During Week With Various Cases Coming To Trial

Randolph county December term of court for the trial of civil cases opened Monday, December 9th. Judge John Clement of Winston-Salem presided over the term, as he did over the week of criminal court preceding.

On Monday morning ten divorce cases consumed the greater part of the morning with divorces granted to the following: Florence Bell, Ira Wicks; H. B. Cranford, Bell Cranford; Fern Everhart, C. B. Everhart; Lena Andrews Norris, George B. Norris; John Q. A. Martin, Beulah Mae Arnold Martin; Perlie Dunn Brown, Forest Brown; M. A. Chamness, Oda Eva Chamness; Bertha

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Trinity School Has Recently Installed New Stage Scenery

Trinity People Attend Funeral Of Former Trinity Man, In Bristol, Va.

Trinity, Dec. 10.—The spacious stage of the high school auditorium here has recently been made very attractive by replacing the stage scenery with new and more up-to-date furnishings, with velour curtains. The project for securing this was sponsored by the school, and it was through the active efforts of the teachers and the cooperation of school friends in High Point, Asheboro and Thomasville that this was accomplished.

Mrs. H. M. Cranford and son, Carson, have returned from Bristol, Va., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Cranford's brother, Jesse E. Smith. Mr. Smith had been with the Western Union Co. for more than 20 years. He was a former resident of Trinity, where the news of his death was received with regret.

Mrs. C. Mabry has opened a beauty shop in her home. The shop is up-to-date in every way and Mrs. Mabry is prepared to give her customers the best service in permanent waves, finger waves, shampoos and hair cuts.

George Osborne, who has been confined to his home with flu is recovering.

Faydene Mikles, who has been quite ill at her home here with rheumatic fever, is recovering satisfactorily.

J. L. Kenedy of Woodland, spent the week end with his family here.

Christmas Holidays Begin Local School Friday, December 20

Christmas is in the air and Asheboro school children are all a-gog. School superintendent Reginald Turner has announced that the school holiday will begin Friday, Dec. 20th and continue until Monday, Jan. 6th. Already the chapel programs are hinting of the coming holidays. Three groups are presenting different programs between now and Christmas.

The Kiwanis club has completed plans to serve soup daily to the underprivileged children and the arrangements are running smoothly. This thoughtful generosity on the part of local clubs has been of great value in the past. For several years, the Woman's club, of Asheboro, supplemented the light lunches of the undernourished children with soup, resulting in a substantial gain of weight for the children.

Asheboro Business Blocks In Gala Attire To Welcome Holiday Shoppers In Town



Christmas Music To Characterize Yule Season In Asheboro

Christmas music will characterize the Yule season in Asheboro this year, especially at the various churches of the town. Beginning Sunday evening, December 15th at 7:00 o'clock, the choir of the Methodist Protestant church will herald the Christmas season with the initial program of the several to be given at the churches of the town. The choir has arranged a group of anthems centering around the theme of the nativity. Duets, quartets and hymns will complete the story of the Christ child at this service presented by the choir of twenty voices.

The annual Christmas vesper service will be given at the First Methodist church at 5:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd. This program will also be miscellaneous with anthems, duets and solos. Especially interesting is the piano and organ duet played by Mrs. Murray Field and Mrs. S. B. Stedman. Christmas greens interspersed by red candles will form the decoration for the occasion. Mrs. Murray Field is director of the choir with Mrs. S. B. Stedman and Miss Ethel Johnson organists.

A pageant giving the story of the birth of Christ, beginning with the prophecy, and through the old, old, yet ever new Christmas story will be presented at 5:00 o'clock of the evening of December 22nd. This pageant in variations has been presented eleven Christmases prior to this time and is always well attended. Special anthems are being prepared for the morning service on this date to suit the Christmas sermon by the pastor. The Baptist congregation will hear a supply pastor or visiting speaker on the Sunday of December 22nd and the choir is preparing several appropriate anthems for the occasion. Carols will form a large part of the Christmas music in this service as well as in the Sunday school entertainment planned by the school.

At the church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal), the rector, Rev. E. G. Shannonhouse will preach an appropriate sermon in connection with the Christmas service of the ritual. Christmas hymns will also be used at this service at 11:00 o'clock at the chapel at Pugh's Funeral Home.

The Friends church is arranging for special music for the service on Sunday, December 22nd, also with special music a part of the service.

A Christmas playlet with carols and stories will be presented by the children of the Friends church on the Friends church on Friday evening, December 20th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Franklinville And Liberty Play Two Close Games Friday

Retired Mail Carrier Dies Saturday Morning At Home Of Franklinville Cousin

Franklinville, Dec. 9.—Donna Faith, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Saunders, died at their home, Tuesday morning, Dec. 3. The funeral conducted at home by Rev. H. M. Stroup. Interment followed in the Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allred, of Rockingham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allred, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Black have moved to Asheboro.

Liberty and Franklinville basketball teams played at the local gym, Friday evening, Dec. 6, with the following score: Liberty girls 15, Franklinville girls 14; Franklinville boys 18 and Liberty boys 19.

George A. Shane Passes
George A. Shane, 74, died at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Anna Grose, Saturday morning. Funeral was conducted at the home, Tuesday afternoon by Rev. H. M. Stroup. Interment was made in Pleasant Cross cemetery. Mr. Shane a retired mail carrier of Pennsylvania has been making his home here for the past 8 years.

Business District Gay With Red And Green Colored Lights Festooning Main Street

Merchants All Ready With Adequate Stock

Santa's Face, Christmas Trees, Tinsel, Native Greens Combine To Decorate Stores

In the second section of this issue of The Courier appears an article featuring the Christmas decorations of the Depot street, or what is termed the main business section of the town. Running at an angle with this street, however, are some business concerns that bask in the reflected lights of these gay red and green festooned lights that dress up our streets for Christmas and invite shoppers of this section to come to Asheboro where the merchants are prepared to serve them in very want.

Looking down Fayetteville street toward the bus station is Spoon's Barber shop, decorated for the holidays. Florian studios, offering to make exclusive photos for gifts, are ready for Christmas.

The Carolina Auto Supply company is all aglow with colored lights displaying some mighty attractive and practical gifts for the Christmas motorist. A large eagle, with outstretched wings set in the window, attracts his share of attention.

Reaves Pharmacy are offering their usual variety line of drugs, candies, jewelry and cosmetics. At this season, however, the stock is dressed up in holiday attire and most attractive. Christmas greens, and icicles festoon the store and window, as well as the contest gift, which they are giving for a Christmas gift to some Randolph citizen.

J. P. Garner, adjoining, has chosen to display his tree—the first to appear in the business district of the town—against a green base. His interesting line of auto accessories, chiefly in red, complements the Christmas window.

The Bowling alley believes that bowling will prove ample exercise after the Christmas feast and are decorating their place of business for the occasion, while the Asheboro Printing company, next door, offer most interesting and exclusive gifts in books, framed mottoes, cards, both simple and elaborate, and many other gifts for men, women and children. A Christmas tree and other tasteful decorations complete their gesture to the season.

The Service Barber and Beauty shops have sort of a vantage point from the angle of street holiday lights for they face the very brightest of them. Grimes Jewelry store displaying modernistic jewelry for your best girl, beau, husband, wife or children make an alluring display along the Fayetteville street business district. Fine and exclusive table ware is also displayed along with holiday decorations.

Lee's feature ladies clothes for the matron and the miss for all occasions in their attractively decorated window and store. Any occasion would be more festive for the lady gownned from this exclusive shop.

The Old Hickory Cafe, next door, plans for the inner man and while planning have festive decorations in mind as well as in the window and cafe. Holly and poinsettias in baskets are in favor in this popular eating place of Asheboro.

The Bank of Randolph, the county's oldest banking institution, having seen many Christmases come and go, decorate for this occasion and suggest that it is not a bad plan to save along with the fun.

On down the street a bit, Covington-Prevoist, popular grocers, offer food of all kinds with meats under the same roof—all Christmas and nice, to say nothing of fresh and palatable.

The face of a small boy and Santa Claus peeping from behind a Christmas tree in playful manner decorate the windows of the Asheboro Hardware company, who have not forgotten to wrap an electric refrigerator in Christmas ribbon, all ready for delivery.

The Asheboro Furniture company, also on Worth street, display household necessities along with novelties and Christmas greens and festooning. The gay sound of Christmas music may also be heard from their radios.

Pugh's Funeral Home, adjoining, have gay Christmas decorations and flowers in their windows and wish the public health and happiness for the holiday season, while the Statesville feed store have a window full of nuts, for a real old-time nut eating Christmas for the family while their stock and animals eat their balanced rations.

Old Handkerchief
A beautiful old handkerchief, more than 150 years old was brought to The Courier office by T. A. Cox, of Coleridge. It is a hand woven one with a beautiful design of tan and snuff brown. It was purchased by Martha Moffitt, of Moffitt's Mill, when Mrs. Moffitt, who died more than 80-years ago at the age of 80, was a girl. It is a highly prized possession of Mary C. Scott, of Rameaux route 1.