

Order Placed for Confederate Monument.

At the December meeting of the Randolph Chapter of U. C. D. the monument committee submitted plans and designs to the chapter, asking expressions of members as to choice of design. The Chapter voted to leave the selection and purchase to the monument committee and advisory committee. At a joint meeting last week of the committee a selection was made and the contract was given to Mr. C. B. Webb, who represents the Salisbury, Mooreville, Winston and Statesville marble and granite companies. The monument is to be built of Mt. Airy granite, with a base 9 feet 6 inches square and total height 25 feet 10 inches. There will be a sheet bronze figure on top. On the west side of lower die will be a flag in 3 inch relief, on east side crossed guns in 3 inch relief, on south side erected 1911, under auspices of Randolph Chapter U. C. D. Underneath this on fourth base is "Our Confederate Heroes." On north side the members of companies from Randolph county. The monument is to cost seventeen hundred dollars, erected and completed in front of the new court house in Asheboro.

The amount of funds subscribed and collected is \$1,260. As is seen there is now an opportunity for every man, woman and child in Randolph county to have a share in this monument which is to be erected in memory of Randolph county Confederate heroes who suffered, bled and died for the cause of what they considered just and right. A picture of the monument will soon appear in The Courier, and as it is the people's monument, and one of which every citizen will be justly proud, it is earnestly requested that everybody send a contribution to Mrs. J. D. Ross, treasurer. The money must be raised by the 10th of May when the monument will be completed.

The design is to be framed by the Home Building and Material Company and will be on exhibition at the Bank of Randolph.

Prize Won by Boys in Contest.

The following prizes are awarded the boys in the Corn Club Contest of the county.

First prize, greatest number of bushels of corn on one acre of ground.

Won by T. J. Underwood, Trinity, 98.5 bushels.

Prize, \$25.00 gold watch, given W. C. Hammer.

Second prize—Won by Sam Phillips, Thomasville, 97 bushels. Prize, a pair of clothes, given by Morrisboro-Moffitt Co.

Third prize—Won by R. M. Jordan, Franklinville, 83.5. Prize, fine pair of shoes, given by Cranford, and a porch rocker, given by Randolph Chair Co.

Fourth prize—Won by Harvey P. Staley, 83.5. Prize \$2.00 worth of best coffee, by W. D. Staman, and \$3.50 fountain pen, by J. S. Underwood.

Fifth prize—Greatest profit on one acre of ground—Won by Sam Phillips, \$47.70. Prize \$25.00 watch, given by Jno. M. Hammer.

Sixth prize—Won by T. J. Underwood, Trinity, 40.63. Prize, a two-horse Syracuse plow, by Winslow Hwd. Co., \$7.00 saddle, by McCrary-Redding.

Seventh prize—Won by Lee Had Julian \$38.63. Prize \$5.00, given by Home Building Material Co. \$5.00 Office chair, by Asheboro Chair Co.

These prizes are available and will be had at any time.

S. T. Lassiter, Co. Sup't of Schools.

Murphy Memorial Association

The friends and admirers of the Dr. Murphy, famous superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Morganton, feel that a suitable memorial of the man and his work should be erected. In order to do this they have formed the Dr. Livingston Murphy Memorial Association, and invite membership.

Dr. Murphy's work was for a seriously afflicted class of our population, and added greatly in the building of the State. It is then a privilege of those whom he has helped to aid in keeping alive his memory. The proposed memorial is

Subscriptions to Frazier Park.

Subscriptions to the new park for Asheboro are coming in at a pleasing rate. The following came in time for publication, a further list will be given next week:

Courier	\$10.00
Mrs. E. E. Moffitt	5.00
J. E. Walker	5.00
Hammer & Co.	5.00
O. R. Cox	5.00
Bank of Randolph	5.00
McCrary-Redding Hwd. Co.	5.00

Special Washington Correspondence of This Newspaper.

(By Clyde H. Tavenner.)

Washington, December 13.—If the army and navy are wholly unprepared for war, what have the heads of these departments been doing with the more than two hundred million dollars furnished them each year by Congress for the express purpose of keeping this nation in a state of military preparedness?

If the army and navy are in a state of unpreparedness, it is not due to a lack of money voted by Congress but to military mismanagement and stupendous extravagance and waste. An least this is the conclusion long ago reached by army and navy officers who are fully cognizant of the unbusinesslike methods used in both the army and navy. These officials, however, dare not tell what they know. If they were to do so, they would be liable to court martial.

The men who are directing the expenditure of the millions of dollars naturally do not wish to have the true state of army and navy conditions made public. Their excuse for secrecy is that publicity would enlighten foreigners as to our unfortified condition. It is literally true, however, that this country has no army or naval secrets, except from the people of the United States. Army and navy journals have so stated time and again.

Things the People Pay For

Sofa pillows, peroxide, hairbrush drops, lemons and sugar and Jamaica ginger—these are a few of the little perquisites purchased by the Senate at the expense of the people during the past year. The purchases are recorded in the report of Senate Secretary Bennett. Sandwiched in the report between extract of rose and bromo seltzer is two quarts of castor oil. Taking senators home after night sessions resulted in a taxicab bill that would make a Broadway star envious. There is a record of Vice President Sherman's automobile troubles. Every puncture is recorded with its cost as are many other things of like nature.

One Week's Course

For many years the State of Agricultural College at Raleigh, has given a special one week's course for the benefit of the farmers and their wives. Too few of our people have taken advantage of this opportunity, which is made possible by this college.

This year's instruction is divided into a one week's course beginning January 4, and a seven weeks' course beginning January 11. Especially do I wish to interest you in the short course which will be devoted to practical lectures, and field and laboratory demonstrations, on corn and live-stock. Of the two divisions of life nothing is of more importance to our section of the state than the corn plant and our farm animals.

We have been shown that our clay will produce enormous yields of corn. We thought our farmers, paid the Central Western States over a hundred thousand dollars for horses and mules during the trade season of 1905-6. Then this is important, and we should learn of any methods by which this loss may be checked.

The farmer's wife will also find many things of interest in the dairy and Poultry departments. And to the women folks is due credit for the export of chickens and their products, for this is the only farm product, that Randolph can boast of her export being greater than the imports.

There are of course many things of interest at our capital city and this will be of much interest this year as the legislature leaders will be in session.

Prof. C. F. Newman, West Raleigh N. C., will be glad to give you additional information at your request.

Sincerely hoping that at least a few of our Randolph people will

First Monday in January Big Day at Asheboro.

1. Asheboro first Monday in January Let everybody come.
2. County seed corn day at Asheboro on first Monday in January.
3. Distribution of prizes to boys who won in corn growing contest first Monday in January.
4. Distribution of prizes won by men in men's corn growing contest first Monday in January.
5. Reorganization of County Agricultural Society.
6. Meeting of committees and persons interested in County Agricultural Fair.

FIRST FARMER'S INSTITUTE

First North Carolina Farmer's Institute Was Held in Randolph.

In a letter of recent date from Mr. J. W. Denmark, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Farmers' Alliance, he calls attention to the fact that the first Farmers Institute ever held in the State, was in Asheboro, beginning March the 16th, 1887. As there was a Farmers' Institute of unusual interest held in Asheboro recently, a full account of which was published in the Courier, it will be of interest to the people to hear of the first one held in the State.

As according to the Progressive Farmer the Institute met in the Court House at Asheboro on the morning of the 16th of March and organized by electing Dr. D. Reid Parker, President; Mr. Tyson Trogden, Vice President; D. M. Payne and M. Bradshaw, Secretaries. The meeting was led in prayer by Rev. F. H. Wood.

The President made just such a happy and appropriate speech as his enthusiastic nature and the inspiring surroundings prompted. The hall was handsomely decorated, and the walls were adorned with numerous pictures of rural and farm scenery, animals, poultry, implements and machines, cereals, flowers, etc. A well trained choir of fifteen persons enlivened the occasion with excellent music.

We are able at present to give only a brief of the exercises. We learn that an official report of the proceedings will be ready at an early day and we promise our readers some interesting and profitable reading.

The President at once brought the body to work, as mapped out on the programme.

Root Culture—Discussed by Prof. Jos. Moore, of New Garden.

Wheat Raising—By Mr. John Dorsett.

Clover and Grass—Essay by Dr. J. Byrd, and Discussion by W. G. Barbee J. J. White and others.

Ensilage—Essay by Wakefield.

Silos—By D. W. C. Benbow.

Sheep Husbandry—Essay by W. G. Barbee.

The Orchard—Essay by J. Van Lindley.

Clean Seeding—Essay by D. M. Payne.

Hogs And Our Meat Supply—J. D. Fuller.

Gardening—W. P. Wood.

Our Homes—Essay by Prof. W. T. Gannaway.

Agricultural Machinery—J. S. Parker.

Agricultural Chemistry—Prof. W. H. Pegram.

Farm Management—Prof. Joseph Moore.

Agricultural Literature—L. L. Polk.

The essays and addresses were listened to with deep interest, many of them being well digested by study, and were able and highly creditable. The "five minute" after talks" were instructive and profitable. The discussions were free and easy, and all present were thoroughly absorbed in the proceedings from beginning to end. We hope at an early day to begin to spread before our readers the "feast of fat things" that will never be forgotten by those who enjoyed them.

The body held four sessions and adjourned on the 17th, after passing resolutions of thanks to the chair and to the good citizens of Asheboro, who had kindly taken "bodily possession" of the Institute and fed and feasted and entertained it as the people of that large hearted and hospitable old borough know so well how to do.

We trust that Randolph may be followed by at least fifty counties in the State during the present year.

The Bonlee and Western.

The Bonlee and Western is a new railroad 11 miles long leading out from Causey in Chatham county toward the Randolph line. The three stations on the new road are Bonlee, Wells and Bennett. The town has been laid off and a nice railroad station built. The Bennett Milling Company have built a large roller mill in the place. The Bennett Supply Company have also opened a mercantile business there. At present there is no grading being done for the extension of the road west of Bennett, but it is the company's intention to extend it in the near future. The road extends through a good section of country and while it has been in operation but a short time, yet it is handling a lot of freight.

Bennett is not far from the Randolph line. Every effort should be made to get this new road to Asheboro.

Railroad from Charlotte to Mt. Gilead.

It looks now like a new railroad will be built from Charlotte to Mt. Gilead via Rocky River Springs and Norwood. The proposed road will run through No. 1 and No. 10 townships in this county and several townships in Stanly county, a distance of probably 50 miles. At Mt. Gilead the road would connect with the Aberdeen & Asheboro railroad which connects with the Seaboard at Aberdeen and the Southern at High Point and is now constructing a road through Moore and Richmond counties that will eventually connect with the road owned by the Pages in South Carolina.

W. C. Wood Submits to Blockading.

W. C. Wood, formerly of Randolph county submitted in the Federal court at Raleigh recently of owning and operating a distillery on the lands of one Rufus Langdon in Johnson county. When the distiller, W. C. Wood, was on the stand testifying against Langdon questions on the part of Judge Connor developed the fact that he came to Johnson county from Randolph county and that he has for a long while made it a practice of going about the country as the owner of a still and getting permission of land owners at desirable points to allow him to set his plant upon their lands. The judge remarked in disposing of the Langdon case that his observation is that much of the blockading that is going on is through these non-land-owners who procure stills and then induce some land owner to permit the still on his place. He intimated that he proposes to make it warm for these itinerant distillers. It developed in the testimony of the blockader, Wood, that he lived at Langdon's house and paid him fifteen cents per day for board.

The defendant, W. C. Wood was sentenced to three years in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

Guilford and the New County.

At the joint meeting of the County commissioners, and the committees from the chamber of commerce of Greensboro to investigate the new county met last Friday morning and took no definite action.

The Telegram giving a report says: The proposition was discussed at length, those present submitting what information they had obtained to that time as to the boundaries the manner in which it is proposed for the present indebtedness of the county being a success financially. Figures taken from the tax books and other county records showed that during last year the territory embraced in the proposed county received from the county funds approximately \$30,000 more than was paid into the county funds by the tax payers of that territory. This was discussed at length.

While it was not brought out in the discussion it is understood that the country people living inside the proposed county are bitterly opposed to the idea of cutting loose from Guilford, it being evident that the rate of taxation will be increased very materially. The rate at present is only 79 cents on the \$100 valuation, while it would mount up fifty per cent, in case the new county is established.

A new foundry is soon to be built.

HEARING IN BANKRUPTCY.

Petition Filed Against Randleman Manufacturing Company and Naomi Falls Manufacturing Company.

In the District Court of the United States on Wednesday of last week sitting in bankruptcy, a petition was filed by the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, the Hunter Manufacturing and Commission Company and the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company, creditors against the Randleman Manufacturing Company, asking that the latter company be adjudged bankrupt. A petition was also filed by the same parties, as creditors, against the Naomi Falls Manufacturing Company. The petition of the creditors in the Randleman Manufacturing Company's case shows that the company is indebted, including a bonded debt of about \$120,000, in the sum of about \$450,000, and in the matter of the Naomi Falls Manufacturing Company the indebtedness is put down at about \$300,000. Judge Boyd signed an order requiring these companies to appear on the 31st of December, 1910, and show cause why they should not be adjudged bankrupt. He also appointed F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem, and T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, temporary receivers, with directions to take possession of the property and, if necessary, to operate the mills, pending the further order of the court. The receivers were required to give a bond of \$30,000 each in the matter of the Randleman Manufacturing Company and \$10,000 each in the Naomi Falls case.

John Sharp Williams' Retort

John Sharp Williams had an engagement to speak in a small Southern town. The train he was traveling on was not of the swiftest, and he lost no opportunity of keeping the conductor informed as to his opinion of that particular road.

"Well, if yer don't like it," the conductor finally blurted out, "why in thunder don't yer git out an' walk?"

"I would," Mr. Williams blandly replied, "but you see the committee doesn't expect me until this train gets in."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Judicial System Defective.

Attorney General Bickett in his biennial report to the legislature recommends some radical changes in the judiciary. He asks that the salaries of Supreme Court judge be raised to \$5,000, and that the expense allowance of the superior court judges be increased to \$1,000.

He would divide the State into two circuits, an eastern and western, increasing the Supreme court judge to six, or establishing a court of appeal. This would require an amendment to the constitution of the State, but the State has rather out grown her constitution.

Mr. Bickett calls the near beer business an unmitigated nuisance. He also expresses his gratification at the decrease in criminal cases of 2,644 in the past two years. He would save a waste of money in drawing up different bills of indictments, and urges the inclusion by the solicitor of any number of violations, under the crime of felony, in one bill of indictment.

Corn Growing Contest.

The premiums awarded to the boys in the corn growing contest in this county have been announced and while it is late to have a day of festivities, yet it should be arranged for without further delay. All the boys and also the men engaged in the two corn growing contests in this county, should be invited to come to Asheboro on a day appointed for that purpose and each bring with them 100 ears of seed corn to be sold at auction and all have a good time. New Years day would be a fitting day for such a meeting.

Mr. C. L. Holton.

Mr. Chas. L. Holton, who came to Asheboro three years ago and has since that time practiced law here, sold out his personal property at public auction on Tuesday of this week and has left for Georgia, where he goes as a traveling representative of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

NEWS BRIEFS.

The barn of Mr. J. Ed Roseman, at Cleveland, Rowan County, was burned December 21.

President Taft has appointed a Toledo, Ohio, negro to be collector of internal revenue at Honolulu.

Thomas Edison, the great inventor, has turned his attention to heavier than air-flying machines. He has invented one, although as yet no public trial of it has been made.

John Robertson Fruit, a Randolph county negro, went over to Siler City recently and got in the tools for stealing a coat from Stone Bros. The colored brother finally escaped from the lock up.

The charter of the Sanford & Troy R. R. Company, (formerly the Sanford & Glendon R. R. Company,) has been awarded, authorizing an increase of the capital stock from \$70,000 to \$200,000.

Rowan county is said to have fewer cases of hook worm than any county in the state, the average in Rowan being less than ten per cent. The average in the state is given at forty-two per cent.

Mack Morgan, of Richmond, Stanley county, a representative of two or more fertilizer companies, is said to have checked up short last week to the extent of \$15,000. His presence was requested, but as yet no one knows his whereabouts.

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Pomona, died of burns received Sunday. The child had been left alone in a room for a while, and his mother upon returning found him in flames. Medical attention did no good, but to alleviate his suffering.

Dr. Cook comes back, calm and collected. It is said that he looks well and says little.

This is where the prodigal has nothing fall on his neck. The stuffed club of public sentiment has already been applied to the back of his head.

The Siler City Grit is authority for the statement that Mr. O. B. Rightsell, of Randolph county, has moved to Siler City and has established a glove and mitten factory. He has commenced operations making 40 dozen a day, but will increase capacity to 200 per day.

Pension Warrants for Randolph.

Mr. Wm. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court received and distributed before Christmas pension warrants sent out by the North Carolina State Auditor for old soldiers, the amount being a total of \$6,952:

Of class No. 1, \$72 there are 2;
Class No. 2 there are 4 at \$60;
Class No. 3 there are 5 at \$48;
Class No. 4 there are 243 at \$26

Christian Endeavor Social.

The regular weekly meeting of the Christmas Endeavor social was held at the residence of Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Tuesday evening in conjunction with a reception to all the young people of the town.

The regular meeting was held as soon as the guests had arrived. A song followed by the reading of the lesson, a talk by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, and a recitation by Miss Virginia Henley, "Watchman Tell us of the night", accompanied by Miss Harriet Hammer.

After this the social feature was uppermost. A contest was held to see how many words could be made from Christmas. The first prize, a beautiful pincushion, was won by Miss Marietta Betts; the consolation awarded Mr. Edwin Jones, of High Point.

No pretense was made at a formal reception. Everybody was greeted warmly at the door and made to feel at home. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the joint social and religious meeting was deservedly a success.

Mrs. Underwood Entertains.

A delightfully informal affair was given by Mrs. W. A. Underwood Monday night, in honor of her cousin, Miss Virginia Gunter, of Greensboro. A quiet "at home" was aimed at. Mrs. Underwood met with her usual success as a hostess in giving the guests a delightful evening.

Look at the tab on your paper. It shows when your paid up subscription expires, and you are politely requested to renew your sub-

Conce local talent Friday