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THE REAL FACTS CONCERNING THE COURT HOUSE DEBT

The following article is the one from which C. N. Cox in his Ramsaur speech quoted only a part especially laying stress on the following paragraph:

"As a matter of public and general interest, we would say that the records show that the new court house has cost \$29,544.99 to date, every dollar of which has been paid."

As we understand it Mr. Cox did not read any other part of the report of the finance committee which plainly shows that the contractors, workmen and building supply men, were paid according to the statement by notes designated county notes outstanding for the new court house.

The report of the finance committee in 1929 makes a statement of the indebtedness of the county and states after making the statement that the county has borrowed upon notes further states that there is no other indebtedness by the county and that the new court house is paid for as stated in the report nearly all with the notes as the report shows, a little being in cash at the time the settlement was made with the notes.

Later on some further payments were made as is stated in another article in this issue of The Courier.

Republican speakers in this county are in the habit of making false impressions and statements and are attempting to mislead the people in quoting part of the finance committee's report for 1929.

The court house cost was not quite completed when the report was made and some more was expended after the report was made. The report is given in full below:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, DEC. 6, 1909

To the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County:

The Finance Committee of Randolph County respectfully submits the following report as to the finances of the county:

Owing to the fact that this committee was not appointed until late in the year, and the inability of the members to devote the time which would be absolutely necessary to make a detailed report, this report, as will be seen, is approximate in some respects. To make an absolutely full and detailed report of the finances of the county, since the time of the last report of a finance committee, would require the undivided time and services of an expert accountant for weeks, but we desire to say, with emphasis, that this status of affairs is not due to the manner in which the present county officials have been, and are, conducting the county business and keeping its accounts. On the contrary, many new ideas have been introduced, and up-to-date methods applied by the present incumbents, and on the whole, the public financial records are being kept at present in a more complete and accurate manner than ever before.

The following is an approximation of the assets and liabilities of the county at this date:

Assets.	
County fund in treasury	\$828.51
Road fund in treasury	4,411.73
County taxes for 1909	17,292.57
Road taxes for 1909	3,518.99
Total	\$26,051.80

Liabilities.	
Orders allowed but not paid	\$208.74
County notes outstanding, (New Court House)	25,625.00
Account due July, 1910	700.00
Account due January, 1910	500.00
Total	\$27,033.84

The item of "orders allowed but not paid," covers a period of three years back only. The probabilities are that no such orders, or at least very few, if any, exist back of that date. All interest accrued and due has been paid.

The outstanding notes were all given for money borrowed for the construction of the new court house, and this item, amounting to \$25,625.00, represents more than 94 per cent of the entire liabilities of the county.

It is impossible for us to determine whether there are county orders outstanding which have not been presented to the treasurer for payment, yet our examination has failed to disclose any, and it is apparent that if any such do exist they are insignificant.

As to the school fund, this committee can not do better, at present, than refer to the last report of the superintendent of schools.

This report does not cover the stock law and special school funds, as this committee has not had sufficient time to go over them as yet, and they are really not of general interest, being of local character only.

As a matter of public and general interest, we would say that the records show that the new court house has cost \$29,544.99 to date, every dollar of which has been paid. To this amount will be added \$1,200.00 of indebtedness not yet due. This, we are informed and believe, is the full and final cost of the new court house, including the site, except a small bill for painting which is not yet paid, unless additional furnishings and fixtures be added.

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. WORTH,
T. E. MARSHALL,
H. M. BROWN,
Finance Committee.

CANDIDATES IN JOINT DISCUSSION AT RAMSAUR

A large crowd attended the joint discussion between the candidates at Ramsaur Tuesday evening. All of the candidates announced themselves and Messrs. L. C. Moser, candidate for the Legislature, and D. M. Weatherly, for clerk of court spoke on the Democratic side, while Messrs. C. N. Cox, candidate for the Senate in this district, and J. E. Spence, for representative, spoke on the Republican side.

This is the first joint discussion of Messrs. J. R. Baggett and D. A. McDonald, Democratic nominees for the senate in this district, were also present and announced themselves.

The candidate of the opposing parties for many years and marks the beginning of a series of joint speaking dates and places of which are given elsewhere in this issue of The Courier. Much interest is manifested in the joint discussions and the speakers are entering into them enthusiastically.

DEMOCRATS AIR NOTED SCANDALS OF REPUBLICANS

The Democratic national committee sets forth some of the most glaring scandals of Republican administration in the campaign book it has just issued. Among some of these noted scandals that have found their way into the open that it tells of are these:

"Newberry scandals—the seating of Truman H. Newberry as United States senator from Michigan by unanimous vote of the Republican members of the senate committee on privileges and elections, in the face of court and legislative records showing that at least \$195,000, and probably \$250,000 had been spent as a slush fund to debase the senatorial primary election in Michigan in 1918, has shocked and angered honest citizens everywhere, irrespective of political identification.

"Daugherty-Morse scandal—Harry M. Daugherty's connection with a mysterious release of Charles W. Morse, convicted swindler, from the federal penitentiary on the promise of a minimum fee of \$25,000 and the efforts of Mr. Harding's attorney general and his friends to conceal and garble the facts.

"Naval oil scandal—Secretary of the Interior Fall is now under public condemnation and is threatened with congressional investigation following his recent action in secretly leasing to private interests controlled by subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Company thousands of acres of rich oil deposits known as the Teapot Dome naval reserve.

"Goldstein scandal—Nat Goldstein, ward politician and member of the St. Louis house ring, who was delegate to the Republican national convention of 1920, took \$2,500 of Governor Lowden's campaign fund, was nominated by President Harding to be collector of internal revenue at St. Louis, but withdrew when Governor Lowden, Republican newspapers and Democratic senators denounced him as unfit for any federal position. President Harding and Senator Spencer, Republican, of Missouri, praised Goldstein shortly after his withdrawal.

"Federal appointments scandal—four men indicted by a federal grand jury of 16 Republicans and seven Democrats in connection with the Newberry election scandal, were appointed by President Harding to important federal posts in Michigan.

"Violation of Civil Service. "Bureau of Engraving scandal—violation of civil service regulations and the entrenchment of the spoils system was exemplified, among other instances, in the summary dismissal without warning or charges, of the director and thirty other officials of the bureau of engraving and printing in Washington to make room for Republican henchmen.

"Torsen scandal—The removal of Surveyor General I. C. Thorenson, of Utah, by presidential order, although his term had not expired and no charge of any kind had been lodged against him, was admitted by President Harding to have been prompted by the desire to give the place to a Republican.

"Ship subsidy scandal—Nothing less than a gigantic fraud under the color of legality is the scheme to sell the people's merchant marine, built and developed during the war at a cost of \$5,000,000,000, for a tenth of that sum and then give the big corporations which got the ships an aggregate of \$750,000,000 in bonuses for operating them, with an exemption from taxation as an additional largess.

"Harvey scandal—George Harvey's insult to America in his speech at the Pilgrim dinner in London in the course of which he said: 'We (The United States) were not too proud to fight. We were afraid not to fight' (in the war against Germany), has been condemned by the American Legion in national convention by the Gold Star Mothers and by many staunch Republican newspapers, but never by President Harding. Harvey is still misrepresenting America at the court of St. James.

"Denby junket scandal—Secretary of the Navy Denby's junket to Japan on an American army transport and at public expense in the face of a protest by the senate and the criticism by Republican newspapers was an impudent abuse of official power and misuse of the people's taxes. Secretary Denby's junket has taken three months during which a transport, a big crew of American sailors, thousands of tons of fuel and other supplies—all representing hundreds of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money—have been used to give Mr. Harding's cabinet officer a vacation in the Orient."

LYCEUM COURSE FOR ASHEBORO THIS WINTER

Lyceum Course Coming.

Against this year the Woman's club of the town is planning to bring the Redpath Lyceum to Asheboro. This year a committee from the K. P. has been appointed to assist in the work. A large number of the people of the town will hail this movement with joy, for there is much sentiment against carnivals and tent shows of the cheap variety. These entertainments, five in number, will be of a high class, as well as most entertaining. This is something the children of the town will enjoy as well as their elders, and at the same time it will instill in the children the love of better music, and better class of entertainment. October 25, the first entertainment will come. It is the Troubadour male quartet. This number is not only singing, but includes instrumental music, and readings. One member of the company is especially gifted in reading and interpreting James Whitcomb Riley's poems. Seldom has a male quartet been so highly recommended. The next number which will come in December is the Grosjean Marimba-Kyoto phone company, being composed of five artists. Besides the Marimbaphone numbers there will be other instrumental music, vocal selections and impersonations. Another number in the course brings Jane Goude, "the girl from the west," who is a reader and entertainer with a vivid personality. This young lady is said to possess rare ability and talents as an entertainer and bids fair to be one of the most popular numbers. The Anderson-Brogan Duo offer an interesting program of songs, dramatic selections, piano numbers and harp solos. Miss Anderson is a contralto soloist possessing a voice of rare charm and beauty. One of the chief drawing cards of the entire course is Glenn L. Morris, scientific entertainer, who demonstrated radio telephones, lecturing on the magic qualities of the electrical world. In many towns Mr. Morris has established wireless clubs. As an entertainer and lecturer on scientific subjects, Mr. Morris is unexcelled. This is a brief summary of the course which comes on reasonable terms. A season ticket is \$2.50, and if one desires to buy two tickets, or a double ticket, it will be sold for \$4.00. A reduction will also be made for family tickets, as the Woman's club realize the advantage of taking the children to these entertainments. Tickets are on sale at both drug stores and may be purchased from the Lyceum committee.

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PROMINENT SPEAKERS IN GUILFORD, DAVIDSON AND STOKES

It has been announced that Rufus A. Doughton, of Alleghany county, J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, and Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, will assist Major Steadman in Guilford, Davidson and Stokes counties. While it is understood generally that there will be a safe Democratic majority in the November election, the party is sending some of their best speakers to these counties.

Mr. C. F. Spruill, of Lexington, candidate for solicitor in the 12th judicial district, will also make several speeches through these counties.

NEGRO STEALS HORSE BELONGING TO B. A. WATKINS, TROY

Mr. B. A. Watkins, one of Troy's foremost business citizens, was in Asheboro early this morning looking for his fine saddle horse which had been stolen by Abram Clark, a negro who had shot another negro.

The trouble between the negroes occurred at one of the road camps and Abram Clark knocked the other negro in the head with an axe, shot him and then stole the horse and came toward Asheboro. He was seen at Ether on the horse.

JOINT DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES BY CANDIDATES

The Democratic and Republican candidates on the county ticket, including the candidates for the state legislature, senate and house, will meet in joint debate at the following dates and places:

Randleman, Saturday evening, October 14th, at 7:30 o'clock.
Trinity, Tuesday evening, October 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.
Sengrove, Thursday evening, October 19th, at 7:30 o'clock.
Farmer, Saturday evening, October 21st, at 7:30 o'clock.
Staley, Monday evening, October 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Bray Endorses Candidates.
Allow me to express a few of my thoughts in regard to Prof. Westery and Dr. Lambert, who are on the Democratic ticket for county offices.

Prof. Westery has always been next to my father in my mind as a man. He has done more for the young men of Randolph and Guilford than has any other man of his day. He has toiled all of his life for the uplift of the younger generation and has in turn received a very low salary indeed, and I think the time has come for the people of good old Randolph to reward this man by electing him to the place he so rightly deserves. I wish I could only cast my vote for him but am out of the county.

Dr. Lambert is a very young man, but has always been very practical and business-like and I am sure that if you elect him you have made good your choice. Dr. Lambert's father and mother have always been on the right side when it comes to political views.

W. N. BRAY,
High Point, N. C.

RANDLEMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Slack, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Slack, for some time, left Saturday for their home in De Land, Florida.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ellington, on October 2, a daughter.
Miss Mabel Ivey, of High Point, spent the week-end in town the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ivey.

Mrs. A. C. Cecil, Misses Lillie and Frances Bowman, of High Point, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Bowman.

Messrs. Roy Farlow and Thomas Hammond, of Guilford College, were week-end visitors in town.

Miss Beulah Lineberry, of Greensboro, was the week-end visitor of friends and relatives.

Rev. Jim Green closed his tent meeting Tuesday night. He had great success in this meeting, many souls turned their hearts to God.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason, of Greensboro, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Albert S. Bradley, of Danville, Va., was a visitor in town this week.

Dr. M. Taylor spent Sunday in Greensboro.

Miss Frances Bulla, who is teaching school at Trinity, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bulla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones, of Bennett, are the guests of Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Routh.

HARRISON RINGS THE BELL

Mississippi Senator Outlines Constructive Program of Action.

Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, a member of the senatorial campaign committee, outlined the big things the Democratic party stands for and the pledges it makes that it is the party that stands four-square in the interest of the people and against any form of special interest.

In his statement Senator Harrison says:

"The Democratic party does not base its campaign in the coming election on fruit finding and criticism but, should it be entrusted with power in the coming election, it would stand for the following definite policies:

"To provide a system of agricultural credits fitted to the peculiar needs of the American farmers and stock men."

"To maintain our merchant marine at a high standard and to operate it most economically in the interest of the American people without subsidy or special privileges to the shipping trusts;

"To appropriate adequately for the economic administration of the government and to put a stop to the orgy of extravagance which prevails at the present time under the Republican administration.

"To conform in letter and in spirit to the budget system as originally conceived;

"To abolish useless jobs, eliminate unnecessary expenses and to reduce inexcusably high salaries fixed by this administration."

"To administer the civil service law in good faith and without fraud, deception or hypocrisy.

"To enact legislation providing for a fair and just reclamation policy.

"To bring about a better understanding between capital and labor and to see that the laboring man shall receive a fair deal, a living wage and reasonable working hours.

"To pass legislation not in the interest of a favored few, but of all the people.

"To simplify and revise the tax laws so that taxes may be imposed fairly and justly and upon those best able to pay.

"To liberally aid good roads construction and the improvement of our rivers and harbors.

"To invoke the agricultural arm of the government that the farmers may be helped to receive fair prices for their products and through the process of elimination of overhead costs and unnecessary expenses in distribution and marketing, reduce the cost of the product to the American consumer.

"To drive 'Newberryism' from the high places in which it is now entrenched by appropriate legislation, to prevent corruption in politics, and restore the 'rule of the people.'

"To prevent members of the congress in both houses from voting for their own selfish interest at the expense of the people.

NEWS OF HUSTLING TOWN OF BENNETT

That Bennett is a progressive, thorough-going business town is expressed by many visitors who come and go. While Bennett, is in Chatham county it is only one half a mile from the Randolph county line, and many of the citizens living in the town are from Randolph county.

In the future it is my purpose to give a list of the names of the Randolphites and the different business enterprises in which they are interested.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brown have returned from Thomasville from a visit to relatives. They enjoyed a visit to the Baptist Orphanage and were especially interested in a visit to the dairy where the milking was done by electricity. One hundred and forty gallons was milked one evening.

Mr. Brown was also interested in Thomasville's new advertising chair in which there is enough lumber for one hundred ordinary chairs.

Our community was saddened by the death of little Raymond, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Leonard, of Greensboro, but formerly of this community. The little boy's death was caused by his playing with matches. His body was brought to Pleasant Grove cemetery three miles north of Bennett for burial.

The high school is progressing nicely under the direction of Prof. R. O. Smith.

The Bennett exhibits at the fair at Siler City last week were most creditable and won a number of premiums. An old quilt which won the prize at the Lee county fair three years ago created much interest. It was made in the old country and bears the date of 1879. The quilt is owned by Dr. C. R. Jones who lives in the southern part of the town on the Asheboro-Carthage highway.

The Standard Oil Company has recently purchased a lot on which they will put oil and gas tanks.

The Yow-Brown store company has during August and September shipped \$29,000 worth of cross ties for which they paid \$18,750. The general inspector says that more and better ties are shipped from Bennett on the Southern railway than any station.

Mr. C. C. Cheek is working a large force of hands putting in new planing mills.

Loads of fleecy white cotton are daily seen on our streets being hauled to the gin where it is sold for good prices and the seed is bringing 40c per pound.

ONE DAY'S EARNINGS TO ORPHANS IS URGED THIS YEAR

The North Carolina Orphan's Association unanimously adopted a resolution expressing gratitude to the press of the state "for their liberality in presenting the needs of the fatherless ones to the public." The association has for a number of years been behind a movement to influence the people of the state to give one day's earnings at the Thanksgiving season to the orphanage of their choice. This is again the request for the coming season, and it is hoped that the public will bear this in mind and lay aside one day's earnings for the fatherless ones.

SEVERAL HUNDRED POUNDS OF TOBACCO STOLEN

Last week proved one of ill luck to two farmers in Randolph county who were robbed of their tobacco. They were Jasper Boggs, of near Asheboro, and M. M. Bouldin, of Trinity township. Mr. Boggs lost between three and five hundred pounds of his tobacco, and Mr. Bouldin lost over 800 pounds. Tracks showed where a truck was backed directly up to the barn of Mr. Bouldin and the tobacco loaded with apparently little trouble. It is not known just how Mr. Boggs' tobacco went although several theories have been advanced.

COUNTRY WEEKLIES AT THE STATE FAIR

For the first time North Carolina country weeklies are to visit the State Fair in force. The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association has arranged to display them in the association's booth.

In addition to the exhibit of selected issues of the country weeklies the association will keep on file the current week's issues so that visitors at the fair can drop in and get the latest news from their home paper. The Courier will be represented in the main exhibit.

MR. J. A. HOLDER PURCHASES TRACT OF LAND

Mr. J. A. Holder this week purchased the McAlister and Hammer tract of timber lying on the good road between Asheboro and Urah. Mr. Holder has been engaged in the lumber business in the northern part of the county for some time but will spend his time looking after the property he has just purchased. He will begin having cross ties cut next week and will put up a sawmill in the near future. He has made arrangements with the Norfolk Southern railway to put in a sidetrack.

Jews Celebrate Festival

The Jews of the county are celebrating the annual autumn feast or Feast of Tabernacles, or Succoth, beginning Friday, October 6. This is the forerunner of the national Thanksgiving day, parents, harvest festivals and other ceremonies, as well as religious rites are performed on these occasions.

HODGINS-FERREE

A beautifully simple wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ferree, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when their daughter, Hazel, became the bride of J. Phal Hodgins, of Greensboro. Prior to the ceremony Miss Elyer Richardson sang "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawning." Miss Richardson wore a becoming sunset taffeta gown with corsage of Killarney roses. She was accompanied by Miss Ruth Hadley who wore a lovely black canton crepe dress with Killarney roses. As Miss Hadley played Lohengrin's wedding march the bride and groom entered unattended except for Miss Effie Jeau Ferree, sister of the bride, who stood to receive the bride's bouquet. The vows were spoken in the west parlor before an altar of trailing cedar, and golden rod banked with ferns. The room was softly lighted by candles. During the ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. W. Kose, "To a Wild Rose" was softly played. The bride wore a Hawaiian blue duvety suit and hat with gray trimmings and accessories, carrying a lovely bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies.

After the ceremony an informal reception was enjoyed. Mrs. Mac Ridge and Miss Donna Lee Loffin received at the door, while Misses Lena Hilliard, Ruth Hadley, Mary Loffin, Grace Wood and Margaret Boydland, of Salisbury, served cream and cake. The dining room was decorated with goldenrod, as were other reception rooms.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins left for a trip to Washington, New York and other northern cities. The bride is a most attractive and practical young woman. She was educated in the Asheboro schools, Mars Hill College, afterward taking training as a nurse at Memorial hospital, in Asheboro, Guilford General and High Point hospitals in High Point. She has many friends in the town and county who regret to lose her from the town.

Mr. Hodgins was educated at Guilford College and the University of North Carolina. He has a position in Greensboro with the Piedmont Ice and Coal Co., and is a young man of business ability bearing promise of a bright future. They will be at home in Greensboro after the middle of the month. A large number of out-of-town guests were present as well as from the town.

KILLED WHILE CROSSING THE RAILROAD TRACK

W. C. Manuel, a section worker at the White Oak Mill, was instantly killed by a train in Greensboro Monday evening. It is said that he was blinded by the drizzling rain which was falling and could not see or hear the train. Mr. Manuel was returning from the ice factory where he had gotten a piece of ice when the train struck a severe blow on the back of his head also bruising him in other places. He was knocked from the track to a sitting position on the north bank. Judging from his position, it was thought that he turned his back in an effort to spring from the track, but was too late. He is survived by a wife, four children, one brother and four sisters.

Work on Guilford Tubercular Hospital

It was announced this week that work will begin almost at once on the Guilford tubercular hospital. The contract has been let to the Thomas-Spivey Construction Company, of Augusta, Georgia, and they will have charge of the entire job including plumbing, heating, electrical fixtures, etc. It is understood that the total cost will be around \$120,000, and that a donation from a friend of \$100,000 has been made which will lessen the cost to the county greatly. It will be located on the Greensboro-High Point road near Arch Hill, about ten miles from Greensboro. It will be modern in every way affording much needed treatment for tubercular patients of the county, both white and colored.

NATIONAL APPEAL FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF WORK MADE

A national appeal has gone out from President Harding this week for funds to carry on rescue work in the Near East. The Red Cross is to assist the Near East relief workers in distributing the funds. Funds will be raised by a special committee headed by former Postmaster General Hays. The suffering and persecution in these countries of the Near East has been most acute for many years and within the past few months has revived with intensity. Funds will be raised in Randolph in November for this cause. Each year the county people have contributed to this work, but never has their money and interest been so in demand as at the present.

FOOT BALL SEASON TO OPEN IN ASHEBORO FRIDAY

The foot ball season will open in Asheboro on Friday of this week when the Asheboro boys will line up against the team from Greensboro high school.

It is pretty hard by comparison of scores to tell who will likely win. This much is certain, Asheboro beat Sanford twice last year and Sanford has beaten Greensboro this year. It seems that Asheboro has at least a good fighting chance. Much will depend upon how the town and school encourage the team. The boys have been working hard. They deserve your support. Be sure to see Ferree, McRury, Johnson, Moore, Cranford and company in action. The admittance is 15 and 25 cents.