

SPECIAL LETTER  
FROM WASHINGTONThe President and Congress  
and His International  
Court Project

(By David F. St. Clair.)  
Washington, May 3.—The reaction of the Democrats to Harding's present position at least positive position in favor of the international court is a divided one. There are some Democratic leaders here who do not want to be quoted but who say that if the President continues boldly to maintain the position he has taken before the country for the next few months that he will become a far more formidable antagonist for the Democrats to defeat at the polls in 1924. They reason that Harding lost all his popularity in the first two years of his administration because he displayed none of the elements of a leader in the White House. But instead let an overwhelming Republican congress organize into blocks of obstruction to his program. Now he shows a dogged determination to stem the currents of opposition to a proposal on which a favorable popular reaction is in progress.

On the other hand there are more Democratic leaders who are convinced that Mr. Harding has fallen between two stools in the position he has taken. He has turned the guns of the irreconcilables in his own party on him for proposing to go into a court which is the creature of the league of nations and he has alienated thousands of Republican pro-leaguers by his denunciation of the league. They believe that if he maintains his position there will be two Republican tickets in the field and that some irreconcilable like Senator Hiram Johnson will head the other.

The report here is that since the President made his New York speech, Hiram Johnson who is now in Europe, has sent word to his friends in America that he will be a candidate for President before the next Republican national convention. Johnson is due to arrive in New York the latter part of May and his friends are now busy preparing to give him a reception as a prospective opposition candidate to Harding for the Republican nomination.

Johnson, it is said, will enter the race on two counts against the President. His proposal to enter the league by the international court "canon flag" and his opposition to the Presidential primary. Nearly half of the delegates to the Republican national convention are chosen by the primary system and Johnson believes that the President's avowed hostility to this extension of democracy will give the Californian a decided advantage in the primary for winning delegates.

But the eyes of Democrats Johnson is far less popular now than he was in 1920. He is regarded as nothing more than a very cheap imitation of Colonel Roosevelt and of some of the Colonel's best known qualities Johnson is no imitation at all. But he is now beginning to be looked upon as the last forlorn hope of the irreconcilables for 1924, that is of course if Harding goes on insisting on this country's joining the league. And Johnson could certainly roll enough votes to play havoc with the fortunes of Harding.

But it must be remembered that it is still more than seven months till Congress reassembles and Henry Cabot Lodge, the man who defeated the league of nations in the senate, is still at the head of the table in the senate foreign relations committee. Lodge has already commenced to devise reservations to kill Harding's court or to propose in its stead what he calls a new court absolutely free of all taint of the league. Lodge is at work to bury the court proposal in the pigeon holes of the committee. Opponents here say his letter to Governor Hyde of Missouri has no other meaning.

But then he will have to reckon with forty Democrats and all the mild reservation leaguists in the senate who will be daily inquiring what has become of the court. They will insist on knowing why it has not been reported out. But Lodge will have eight months to pack the foreign relations committee to beat the court, the creature of the league and save the Republican party.

For playing the game Lodge still has five valiant lieutenants of the irreconcilable group, Borah, Brandegee, Johnson and McCormick. On this committee Lodge's influence will be exerted to the utmost to fill the vacancies caused by the defeat of New, McPherson and Kellogg with members hostile to the court. Senator Fetter of Pennsylvania who has recently become a convert to the league, and who is now a candidate for membership in the committee, may not, his friends fear, attain his ambition. Senators McNary, Gallinger and Leonard, all mild league reservationists are candidates for membership in this powerful committee. The battle for and against the court in the Republican party is to be fought out in the reorganization of this committee.

## DAVID FAULKNER DEAD

David Faulkner, aged 105 years, died at the Guilford County home April 30. The deceased was born in Franklin county, but lived for many years in Guilford County and was well known to Asheboro and Rock

ASHEBORO WANTS  
TO OBTAIN ROADMeeting Held Last Week to  
Interest Promoters of New  
Railroad Project

A meeting was held in the courthouse at Asheboro last Friday in the interest of the proposed railroad from Swansboro via Fayetteville, Raeford, Aberdeen, Asheboro and by High Point, Winston-Salem and thence into the counties of northwestern North Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting was to impress J. R. Baggett, of Harnett county, with the importance of building the railroad which he and his associates have arranged to build from Swansboro via Fayetteville instead of Lillington, as proposed. Mr. Baggett, who is at present senator, representing Harnett, Hoke, Moore and Randolph in the state senate, and has for years given much thought to building a railroad from the sea into the mountain counties, now proposes to build a road from Swansboro to West Jefferson, where he will connect with the railroad to Johnson City, Tenn., making connection with the coal fields and a through line into Cincinnati.

Mr. Baggett was present and made a statement as to the great advantages of a railroad from a fine harbor on the coast into the Lost Provinces and thence into the great west. Mr. Baggett has perfected arrangements to build more than 100 miles of the road from the sea to Lillington and thence to Newton's Grove in Sampson county. Mr. Baggett has arranged to build a road from Swansboro via Jacksonville to connect with the west but whether it will be by Fayetteville or Lillington is not certain. If by Fayetteville it will go to Aberdeen, taking Blue's road over.

The following delegates were present at the meeting at Asheboro: M. J. Wynn, F. M. Pickett, F. J. Sizemore and Fred N. Tate, of High Point; Thomas Maslin, of Winston-Salem; J. O. Redding, General W. P. Wood, Arthur Ross, C. C. Cranford, and J. A. Spence, Asheboro; Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst; W. A. Blue, H. A. Page and Albert Blue, of Aberdeen; J. W. McLaughlin, W. B. McLaughlin, W. T. Covington, William L. Poole, and E. S. Smith, D. U. Sandlin, John R. Tolar Jr., C. W. Sandrock, O. J. McConnell and A. L. Thompson, of Fayetteville.

Committee appointed by the meeting for the purpose of determining whether the Asheboro-Aberdeen branch of the Norfolk-Southern Railway and the Asheville-High Point branch of the Southern can be acquired as a part of a railroad project of a trunk line from Swansboro into the northwestern counties of the state. E. S. Smith, of Raeford, chairman; A. L. Thompson, Fayetteville, secretary; C. C. Cranford, Asheboro; Fred N. Tate, High Point; W. A. Blue, Aberdeen; Leonard Tufts, Pinehurst; D. U. Sandlin, Fayetteville; Thomas Maslin, Winston-Salem, and R. P. Deal, Randleman.

Short speeches were made at the meeting by J. R. Baggett, F. N. Tate, E. S. Smith, Leonard Tufts, J. R. Tolar, D. U. Sandlin, Thomas Maslin and Mr. Sizemore.

HAL M. WORTH SUPERVISOR  
OF TAXATION

Below you will please find list of the persons appointed as list takers for Randolph county, for 1923, with their several post office addresses:

S. E. Towdermilk, Asheboro township.  
J. W. Morgan, Jr., Back Creek township.  
G. F. Gatlin, Brower township.  
C. E. Kearns, Cedar Grove township.  
H. N. McMansters, Concord township.  
H. T. Bray, Coleridge township.  
J. O. Forrester, Columbia township.  
C. H. Julian, Franklinville township.  
Henry C. Cox, Grant township.  
T. T. Adams, Level Cross township.  
Walter Scott, Liberty township.  
R. L. White, New Market township.  
Matthew B. Seawell, Pleasant Grove township.  
J. B. Allen, New Hope township.  
W. J. Pugh, Providence township.  
Jane Fox, Randleman township.  
Geo. H. Cornelson, Richland township.  
I. R. Payne, Trinity township.  
Latta E. Hoover, Tabernacle township.  
Byrret Callicott, Union township.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA BALL  
GAME

A large number of baseball fans from Asheboro and vicinity attended the Carolina and Virginia game at Greensboro last Saturday. The game was a close one from the start to finish and many of the spectators from here claim that it was without a doubt the best and closest game they have ever witnessed between college teams. Carolina, after a hard fight, succeeded in walking away with a close victory of two to one. According to reports from some of our local fans who were in Greensboro last Saturday the town was filled to overflowing, and some of the fans who failed to win the hotels for reservations were forced to spend the night in the hotel lobby.

Cost of Living in the United States last March was 6.5 per cent higher than the average for the year 1912.

CYCLONE VISITS  
RANDOLPH COUNTYMuch Damage Done to Farm  
Dwellings, Orchards, and  
Timber

On last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock a cyclone visited Randolph County. It seemed to come in from the southwest section of the County, passing through Union township and passing through the Shiloh and Coleridge section, extending on into Durham and other eastern counties. It seems the severest damage was done from Cox Mill Pond in Union township, into Shiloh section. Around Mr. Jasper Vuncannon's, who lives two miles west of Dewy, timber was uprooted and fences removed; at Mr. John Frennels, near Dewy, his shed was removed from one side of the barn and the barn was tilted over to one side; Mr. Tyson Vuncannon's buildings were almost completely demolished. There was no one living in his house; the barn was blown over and the roof of the house found on a mountain three fourths of a mile away. Mr. Tom Brown's barn was torn down; one mule was crippled and the shed in which another mule was standing was lifted off without injury to the animal. In another instance one calf suffered a broken leg and another was unhurt. Shingles were found from some buildings in this section five miles away. In Garner and Brown neighborhood the damage was very severe. At the Tom Graves place, near Shiloh, practically all the buildings were damaged except the residence. The splendid grove of oak trees around the Graves home were blown down. Rail fences were picked up and hurled for a considerable distance.

Mr. R. J. Pierce of Asheboro went down to visit his sister in Grant township Tuesday of this week and found great crowds looking at the path of the cyclone which extended a quarter of a mile except in places.

Mr. Pierce went from Mrs. Rebecca Brown's, the place where Brown post-office was kept for 15 years until a few years ago. The old dwelling house was blown off of its foundation, the ceiling was blown away for some distance in sheets and was scattered for several hundred yards, and for a half mile or more pieces of the material in the house were scattered thru the woods. A large tree in the yard thirteen feet in circumference was blown down and the limbs were stripped off in splinters. A persimmon tree a foot in diameter not far from the house was twisted off ten or fifteen feet from the ground and was blown sixty yards or more and then plowed or added in the ground for 30 or 50 feet long. Galvanized roofing was found at different places in the woods. A threshing machine was found in a field and no one in the neighborhood knew where it came from.

An apple tree had blown from some other plantation into the middle of the wheat field on the Brown farm. In many places all the trees were twisted off or blown up, while in other places the trees were twisted and the bark loosed and partly torn off and not blown up.

Some barrel staves which had the odor of still beer on them were found in the path of this cyclone, the rest of the apparatus probably going on before. A wire pasture fence was blown partly away and the posts pulled out of the ground. Corlis Brown who carries the mail on the Asheboro Star route was blown out of his buggy and the buggy was torn up and the harness stripped off his mule. Mr. Brown was blown a considerable distance and when he landed he lay close to the ground and was not seriously hurt. The mule escaped without much injury.

The small buildings near the Rebecca Brown house were blown down and torn to pieces. The smokehouse was torn to pieces and scattered in the field. A hickory tree some 20 inches or more in diameter was blown up by the roots. The Brown dwelling house above referred to, consisted of the main frame building built up to and adjoining a log house. The frame building was blown away and the sills and sleepers and framing scattered. All the top of the log house was blown away and took with it the top of a large red oak tree nearby. The Brown barn was completely demolished and the hay and fodder were blown for some distance.

The cyclone was funnel shaped and in places there appeared to be two or more funnel shaped cyclones somewhat like the description we read about in the destructive East India monsoons. At times these funnel shaped cyclones would come together. Thirty-nine or forty years ago a similar cyclone passed through the same section and was most destructive not far from the track of this cyclone, and for twenty years or more the track of that cyclone could be seen. A cyclone of the same nature if not the same one did much damage in the Barnes Creek section of Montgomery County. Within a day or two after that cyclone nine persons, victims of the storm were buried at Love Joy church cemetery.

Mr. S. E. Cox writes The Courier as follows:

"A cyclone passed through the south part of Grant township, April 26th, between 5 and 7 o'clock p. m., and damaged much property and timber, blowing down Tom Vuncannon's home, all of Tyson Vuncannon's buildings, R. F. Garner's buildings, all of the Stanley Williams' buildings at the Henry Rich place, all of Frank Pearson's buildings, Mrs. Oscar Brown's late home, all the buildings of the late

STATE HIGHWAY  
NUMBER 75To Be Reconstructed from  
Chatham Line by Way of  
Ramsour

A letter from J. Erwood Cox, State Highway Commissioner for this district to Mr. L. F. Craven confirms the report that State Highway No. 75 is to be reconstructed from the Chatham line by way of Ramsour and Franklinville.

This will leave the link from Asheboro to Lexington not completed. No. 75 is complete from Statesville to Lexington by way of Mocksville. It has also been built from Chapel Hill and Durham by Pittsboro to the Randolph county line at Marley's Mills on Brush Creek.

DISTRICT RALLY TO BE HELD IN  
ASHEBORO MAY 5TH AND 6TH

A district rally of the Methodist Protestant church will be held in Asheboro, Saturday and Sunday, May 5th and 6th. This meeting will comprise the following districts: Asheboro, Richland, Uwharrie, Randolph, Denton, Davidson and Why Not. There will be a number of interesting talks by noted church and Sunday School workers, among them are Rev. Lawrence C. Little, Field Secretary of the Young Peoples Work, Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D., president of the M. P. conference, and Mr. J. Norman Willis, of Greensboro. Mr. Willis has contributed \$100.00 to the M. P. college, which is being built at High Point. The following is the program:

Saturday morning—10:30—Song service.  
10:50—Devotional.  
11:00—Address, "The Business of the Church in the Community," by Rev. N. M. Harrison.  
11:45—Open Conference, led by Rev. Lawrence C. Little.

Saturday afternoon—2:00—Song service.  
2:30—Organized for service.

(a)—The Sunday School—Rev. Lawrence C. Little, Field Secretary Young Peoples Work.  
(b)—The Church—Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D., president M. P. Conference.

(c)—Open Conference, led by Rev. N. M. Harrison.  
Saturday evening—7:30—Song service.

(a)—Address, Rev. R. M. Andrews, D. D.  
(b)—Open Conference, led by Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D.

Sunday morning—9:45—Sunday school.  
10:00—Educational rally.

(a)—School Assembly.  
(b)—Talk to Children—Rev. Lawrence C. Little.  
(c)—Study of Lesson.

11:40—Sermon, Rev. A. G. Dixon.  
Sunday afternoon—2:00—Song service.

2:30—"Stewardship and the Kingdom," Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D.  
3:00—"Our College," J. Norman Willis.

3:40—Open conference.  
Sunday evening—6:45—Song service.

7:00—Union Christian Endeavor meeting.  
7:30—Open conference, led by Rev. Lawrence C. Little.

7:50—Song service.  
8:00—Sermon, by Rev. Lawrence C. Little.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. A. CRAVEN

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Craven will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Craven. She died at her home in Scurry Texas on April 14, 1923, where they have lived for a number of years.

In their early life they lived in Randolph county near Coleridge. At the time of Mrs. Craven's death Dr. Craven was very feeble, not able to attend the burial of his wife.

MR. H. H. KENNEDY  
LOOSES HOME BY FIRE

The fire alarm sounded Monday morning about 4:00 o'clock. Upon investigation it was found that Mr. H. H. Kennedy's home on Sunset Ave. was burning. The fire had made such headway before it was discovered that it was impossible for the fire company to save the home. It was practically destroyed as was much of Mr. Kennedy's furniture. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Kennedy had \$4500.00 insurance with Mr. Parrish, representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company and \$4000.00 with Messrs Morris & Ross, representatives of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. While this amount does not cover the loss of Mr. Kennedy's splendid home he is fortunate in having this insurance.

E. C. Brown place and damaged all the house property, and D. A. Cox's out buildings and other minor losses. Prof. J. L. Saunders writes Congressman Hammer, who was to speak at Feltin High School in Montgomery county, that there will be no commencement owing to the cyclone.

Mr. Saunders says:

"On last Saturday evening between six and seven o'clock a most terrific cyclone visited Feltin and vicinity, doing much damage to homes and property. Some of my pupils who have an active part in our commencement program were left homeless, making it impossible for them to remain in town to a class."

TOWN AND  
COUNTY NEWSWhat Our Field Correspondent  
Hears—Matters of  
Interest Discussed

Mr. Clyde Wood's new dwelling is nearing completion. It is a nice building and is in South Asheboro.

Mr. R. C. Moser, who lives near Randleman, is having his residence remodeled. Mr. Moser's home will when finished be one of the most beautiful, comfortable and costly homes on Randleman Route 2.

Mr. T. A. Brookshire, the popular manager of the Randleman Motor Company at Randleman, is having his residence remodeled.

If advertising does not pay why is it that our largest and most successful business men of the country are the largest and most persistent advertisers.

It is safe to say that the citizens of Asheboro have never had a better ticket presented to them than the one nominated in the court house Saturday night. All the candidates are business men of ability.

Mr. A. F. Williams, of Central Falls, was among the visitors in town Saturday. He is a fellow and believes in The Courier.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. M. A. Bennett, of Montgomery county, one day last week in Randleman. He was selling some fine sweet potatoes on the Randleman market. When it comes to raising sweet potatoes Mart Bennett stands at the head of the list. Besides being a good citizen Mr. Bennett is one of Montgomery's best farmers. He was farm demonstrator in that county for a number of years. He has been county surveyor in Montgomery and has represented the county in the legislature. He owns a peach orchard of 50 acres. Mr. Bennett is a hard worker and is fully deserving of the success that he has attained. He takes an active interest in anything gotten up for the further advancement of Montgomery county and is a most loyal supporter of the Democratic party.

Messrs. G. H. Richardson and J. M. Davis, of Millboro Route 1, were in Asheboro, Saturday.

Mr. P. P. Jones, who lives about five miles west of Liberty, has been in failing health for some time. He is one of the county's industrious citizens and his many friends trust he will soon be enjoying his usual good health and strength.

Mr. J. M. Searboro, of Greensboro, has sold his house and lot in Worthville to Mr. W. A. Jennings.

Mr. T. W. Phillips has moved his family from Randleman to Asheboro. Mr. Phillips is a good citizen and we welcome him and his family to our town. They formerly lived in Asheboro and moved from Asheboro to Sanford.

Mr. R. L. Moffitt, a prosperous saw mill man of Coleridge township, was a business visitor in Asheboro Saturday.

Mr. Hugh T. Brown, who lives about one mile east of Asheboro, had six acres in tobacco last year that netted him \$2200. From this it can be readily seen that growing tobacco around Asheboro is not a bad business.

Mr. E. C. Burgess, who has been ill with pneumonia at his home in South Asheboro, is able to be up in the house. He was critically ill and his friends were fearful about his recovery.

Mr. W. H. Connor and family have moved from Sophia to Asheboro.

Dr. J. G. Crutchfield has our thanks for a renewal of The Courier. He is a good dentist and he thinks Asheboro is the best town on earth.

Mr. J. M. Caveness is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Caveness ranks among the most prominent business men of Asheboro, and is always found busy attending to his own affairs, and is fully deserving of the great success he has attained.

Mr. Clarence Hughes, of Asheboro, has favored us with a renewal of his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Hughes holds a good position with the McCrory-Redding Hardware Company and believes in paying in advance for a paper. He owns a beautiful home in Asheboro and fine farm about three miles north of town.

Mr. J. F. Routh, of Randleman, has been doing some work on his residence that adds to the appearance.

Mr. G. H. Cornelson, of Michfield, was in town one day last week.

Mr. John Allred, of Worthville, is building a dwelling house in South Asheboro.

Messrs. J. Rom Smith and Roy Reitzel, of Liberty, were business visitors in Asheboro Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Morton, of Union, visiting relatives in week.

Mr. Jaks Ivy, of section, has purchased miles north of Asheboro a store house.

Mr. Erastus Brower to his new house about north of Asheboro.

Mr. Glenn York, of spent a few hours in A. day.

Mr. Carl Auman and Mrs. W. D. Smith, of spent Sunday in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Rouboro Route 1, were in Asheboro day.

Mr. Harvey Dougan and Back Creek township. Spent hours in Asheboro, Monday.

Mr. W. C. York, who is man the Randolph County Fair. A tion, has through his energy an sacrificing devotion to his task

RESULTS OF ATH-  
LETIC FIELD DAYRamsour Wins the Prize  
Defeating Trinity—Part  
of Commencement

Ramsour winning 51 points and Trinity 45, giving Ramsour the prize for winning the most points, held at Asheboro Fair Grounds as a part of county commencement.

High Jump—(Girls)—A. Hellig Trinity, first; D. Marley, Ramsour, second.

High Jump—(Boys)—McDowell, of Trinity, first; Cecil Cox, Ramsour, second.

Broad Jump—(Boys)—Ray Parish, Trinity, first; Chisholm, Ramsour, second.

100-Yard Dash—(Boys)—E. McDowell, Trinity, first; L. Dorsett, Ramsour, second.

220-Yards Dash—(Boys)—Ray Parish, Trinity, first; Chisholm, Ramsour, second.

440-Yard Dash—(Boys)—Luther Hepler, Trinity, first; J. Craven, Ramsour, second.

One Mile Relay—D. Bulla, Trinity, first; S. Lynch, Liberty, second.

50-Yard Dash—(Girls)—Callie Brown, Ramsour, first; Henrietta Underwood, Asheboro, second.

100-Yd. Dash—(Girls)—Nora Scott, Ramsour, first; Lela Elder, Trinity, second.

50-Yard Dash for Grammar Grades—Deila Payne, Trinity, first; Mary Lee Wright, Ramsour, second.

75 Yard Dash Grammar Grade Girls—Delfa Payne, Trinity, first; Vada Scott, Ramsour, second.

300 Yard Relay, Grammar Grade Girls—Lola Bouldin, Trinity, first; Adel Kivett, Ramsour, second.

3-Legged Race, High School Girls—Nora Scott, Ramsour, first; Hazel Kearns, Farmer, second.

3-Legged Race, Grammar Grade Girls—Emma Marsh, Trinity, first; Ina Hill, Marlboro, second.

Sack Race—Jane Russell, Ramsour, first; Connie Kearns, Trinity, second.

Bean Throwing, High School Girls—Ramsour first, Trinity second.

Grammar Grade Bean Bag Throwing—Ramsour first, Trinity second.

Baseball—Randleman, first; Trinity second.

8-Legged Race, (Boys)—Ramsour first.

Physical Stunt—Ramsour first.

Physical Training—Ramsour first. Total number of points won by Ramsour, 51; Trinity, 45; Liberty, 4; Asheboro, 2; Farmer, 2; Marlboro, 2.

## TOWN MEETING

## NOMINATING OFFICIALS

At a meeting of the citizens, duly called and advertised, in the court house last Saturday night a citizens ticket was nominated for mayor and town commissioners. Under the new law, passed at the last session of the legislature the remaining officers are made appointive and their names will not be on the ticket to be voted at the coming election.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe D. Ross, who called Prof. E. L. Moffitt to the chair and requested U. McL. Cranford and L. D. Bulla to act as temporary secretaries. On motion these officers were made permanent and the chair requested Mayor Ross to state the object of the meeting, which he did in a five minutes talk.

Nominations were then declared to be in order and Attorney Moser in a neat, well timed little talk, placed Arthur Ross in nomination. There being no other name placed before the meeting Mr. Ross was unanimously nominated.

Nominations for commissioners being in order, about 16 of the good men and true were placed before the convention and the following were nominated: J. A. York, Walter A. Bunch, Dr. J. G. Crutchfield, E. T. Walton and A. M. Ferree.

This virtually closed the work of the meeting which then adjourned. Good feeling prevailed throughout and everything went along smooth, barring a small cyclone, during which the city lights went out.

MRS. FANNIE F. DICKS  
DIES IN HIGH POINT

Mrs. Fannie F. Dicks, wife of Albert Dicks, died at her home in High Point, at the age of 68 years. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. O. L. Routh assisted by John Nance and Michael Farlow, at Marlboro Church, last Sunday. Mrs. Dicks is survived by her husband and grandchildren, Misses F. A. Dicks and Mrs. High Point.