

FORD'S OFFER TO LEASE SHOALS STILL STANDS

(By David F. St. Clair.)
Washington, October 17.—Henry Ford's statement that his offer submitted to congress last winter to lease Muscle Shoals including the Gorgas plant still stands, has, according to observers here, put a new face on the whole political situation. It clearly indicates that the Detroit automobile manufacturer will make an issue of Muscle Shoals in congress at its approaching session, and congress may vote to lease him Muscle Shoals including the Gorgas plant, although Secretary of War Weeks has sold that plant to the Alabama Power Company.

But the vote of congress can not in itself lease Muscle Shoals including the Gorgas plant to Ford. President Coolidge must sign the bill authorizing the lease and it is not at all probable that he would ever do so after having endorsed the action of Secretary Weeks in selling the Gorgas plant.

Mr. Ford's agents in Washington say that his announcement that he stands pat on his offer can mean only one thing: he will make Muscle Shoals an issue in the campaign and on that issue will seek either the Democratic nomination for President or the nomination of a third party.

Ford's agents do not now believe he can win the Democratic nomination over W. G. McAdoo who is now the outstanding candidate of his party in the field. They are convinced that if the Detroit man entered the race for the Democratic nomination at the present stage, the leaders who are now opposing McAdoo would turn to him as in their opinion the lesser of the two evils and nominate him.

For the same reason if Ford runs on a third party ticket, McAdoo is considered to be the Democratic candidate most likely to be nominated. The Detroit man in the race makes the nomination of a progressive Democrat an absolute necessity. The Democrats in congress will cast a solid vote to give Ford Muscle Shoals, and although he has charged McAdoo with trying to have the government buy the railroads and pay their owners twice their actual value, he can not put the Democrats in the same category with Calvin Coolidge and John W. Weeks who sold the Gorgas plant to the Alabama Power Company in order to keep him from getting it, as he charges.

If Ford's candidacy does actually materialize on the Muscle Shoals issue with a third party in the field, it is predicted in Washington that with anything like present conditions existing a year hence, the Republicans will not carry a State west of the Allegheny mountains. His candidacy on any ticket will give the Republicans a nightmare.

A striking proof of this fact was the hurried step and perplexed countenance of John W. Weeks this morning as he entered the White House after reading the Ford statement. Mr. Weeks is a genial sort of a gentleman but those who know him say that Henry Ford had rattled him unmercifully. Ford charges the secretary of war of having sold the farmers out in their one hope of securing cheap fertilizer, twelve months ago the secretary of war would have laughed at Ford's charge with a sort of good natured contempt but there are too many people in this country who want the flivver maker for President for even the "bond broker lawyer of Boston" not to set up and take notice.

Some of Coolidge's friends are saying just now why not let Ford have Muscle Shoals with the Gorgas plant and let him fight it out for the latter in the courts with the Alabama Power Company. But to do that both the President and the secretary of war would have to cancel the sale. The transaction is in such a shape now that Ford can not be prevented from making it an issue if he is disposed to.

MRS. MARTHA HENLEY DEAD

Mrs. Martha Spoon Henley died at her home on Asheboro Star Route last Thursday night, October 11, age 63 years.

Mrs. Henley professed faith in Christ a number of years ago and joined Brokers church of which she was a faithful member until her death. She was a good wife and mother and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Kennett at Brokers church last Saturday. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. J. B. Henley, two daughters, Mrs. Oliver Healy, Asheboro; Mrs. G. D. Ferree, of near Asheboro, and two sons, M. C. Henley, Asheboro Star Route; D. A. Henley, Asheboro Route 1, and one brother, E. P. Spoon, Asheboro Route 1.

STORE AT STAR ROBBED

On last Sunday night Graham Mashburn, manager of J. M. Darden and Co's store at Star, entered the store and found there were one or two robbers in it. Darkness prevented Mr. Mashburn from seeing the robbers but he heard them. Upon entering the store he frightened the robbers into the back of the store and after scrambling considerably they escaped from the building. Mr. Mashburn fired his pistol into the air three times. Many of the citizens came and an effort was made to apprehend the thieves. One negro boy was arrested but was not held because it was clear that he was not one of the robbers.

NORTH CAROLINA URNISHES MANY MINERALS

North Carolina has been doing many things which the ordinary citizen of the State does not know about. The great length of the State causes it to have so many varieties of resources and products that it is difficult for one section to know much more than what is being produced in that vicinity. During the war the section of the State about Spruce Pine furnished kaolin for the manufacture of Spark plugs used in the Liberty motors. About Spruce Pine are located the finest quality of kaolin and the largest mine to be found in the United States. It is largely used in the manufacture of China ware and glass, but the finished article is not manufactured in North Carolina. It is only supplying the raw material.

There is much feldspar and mica about Spruce Pine. Carloads of feldspar, mica and kaolin are shipped to other states. Feldspar is used in the enamel on bath tubs and other things; it is used in glazing ware; it is made into slabs that substitute for marble; for table tops, counters and trimmings in buildings. "Bon Ami" uses thousands of tons of Spruce Pine spar every year. Carolina Mica is used in the manufacture of electrical goods, plugs, lamp bulbs, telephones, phonographs, wall paper and in the manufacture of rubber goods.

Western Methodist Conference In Session at Winston-Salem.

The Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened with Sentenary Tuesday in Winston-Salem beginning Tuesday of this week. This is one of the largest conferences of forty-eight in the southern M. E. Church. There are 299 ministers members of the conference; in addition to these there are 33 preachers on trial and 20 local preachers; there 88 lay members who are members of the conference. There are 882 houses of worship, according to the report last year, valued at nearly six and one-half million dollars with indebtedness of less than a half million. There are 11 district parsonages and 2,236 homes for preachers valued at nearly one and a quarter million dollars and a half interest in Greensboro College, Trinity and Davenport, Rutherford and Weaver Colleges and Jefferson High School are owned by the conference. Bishop Collins is presiding at the conference this week.

Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the local church, left Tuesday for Winston. Mr. Willis' many friends hope he will return.

Merchants and Business People Launch Trade at Home Campaign

"A trade at home" campaign has been launched by the merchants' association, composed of a number of the leading business people of the town and the following prizes will be given away on December 24.

- First prize, Ford touring car with starter.
- Second prize, \$100.00 phonograph.
- Third prize, \$20.00 in gold.
- Fourth prize, \$10.00 in gold.
- Fifth prize, \$5.00 in gold.
- Sixth prize, \$5.00 in gold.
- Seventh prize, \$5.00 in gold.
- Eighth prize, \$5.00 in gold.

For full particulars apply to the following: Covington & Prevost, Hurley Grocery, Hasty Cafe, Asheboro Courier, Ingram's Filling Station, S. O. Sullivan, Crowell Service Station, Misses McMasters & Lovett, R. C. Johnson, Service Garage, Barker's Remnant Store, Asheboro Printing Co., Standard Drug Co., Asheboro Vulcanizing Company, Asheboro Motor Car Co., W. A. Gregory, J. F. Cranford, Asheboro Furniture Co., C. W. Scott & Co., F. E. Byrd, Fox Furniture Co., W. W. Jones & Son, Waggon Clothing Co., John H. Brown, Sanitary Cafe, J. C. Pearce, Asheboro Hardware Co.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO GIVE HALLOWEEN

The Woman's Club is arranging an interesting program to be given on Halloween night. An admission of five and 10 cents will be charged, the proceeds will go toward the building of the hut for the club. A fuller account of the program will appear in our next week's Courier.

PRISCILLA CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HERMAN CRANFORD

The Priscilla Club had a delightful meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Herman Cranford. The home was attractively decorated with fall flowers and foliage. During the hours most of the guests were busily engaged in needlework. A salad course with tempting accessories was served. Special guests at the meeting were Mesdames J. K. Wood, Chas. Badding, J. A. Spence, W. H. McManan, Lacy Lewis, J. D. Ross, B. F. Nash, Geo. Kearns, J. T. Ingram, D. S. Coltrane, C. N. Cox.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The program for next Sunday at the Baptist church will have many interesting features. The pastor will preach at the morning hour on the "Doctrine of Sanctification in the Heart." At the evening hour the subject will be, "Noah's Ark As a Parable of Salvation."
Sunday school 9:45 A. M.
Junior B. Y. P. U. 5:30 P. M.
Senior B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M.
Our musical program is always good. We have in preparation some splendid special music for Sunday.
Cordial welcome to everybody.
JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

OLD STAGE COACH TO BE USED AT HIGH POINT

High Point, Oct. 14.—The original stage coach used to carry passengers between Salem and Fayetteville during the days of the old plank road prior to the civil war will be entered in the pageant of progress parade here on October 25.

This stage coach is now in the possession of the authorities of Salem college. They have given S. S. Clark, chairman of the steering committee in charge of the arrangements for the pageant, permission to use it on that day.

The coach will be driven by Dr. Houston B. Hiatt, a High Point physician, and former president of the Rotary Club. Other Rotarians attired in costumes to represent the ante-bellum period will ride in the coach with him.

The Rotarians and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution have taken it upon themselves to represent the ante-bellum period in the parade, which promises to be the outstanding feature of the pageant. In addition to the old stage coach, the Rotarians will ride in schooner wagons, carriages, buggies, covered wagons and in other vehicles in use at the time of the war between the state.

The object of this pageant, which will attract visitors from several states is to celebrate the completion of roads in the fifth state highway district.

Miss King's Engagement Announced

The announcement of Miss Allie Agnes King to Mr. Henry Moore at a bridge party at which Mrs. Ada Allen King, mother of the bride elect, was hostess at the home of Mrs. King on Smith Street in Greensboro, October 13th. Seven tables were arranged for the game in a setting of pink and white. The guests found their places by means of cards handpainted with dainty baskets of pink roses. Mrs. Sanford Thomas was given a rock-wood pottery vase for high score prize while low score prize went to Mrs. Frank Sharp and was a small vase.

Mrs. King moved to Greensboro with her husband Eli King, an attorney-at-law several years ago, who afterwards died.

Miss King was graduated at the Greensboro high school and at St. Margaret's school, Washington, D. C. For the past two years she has taught kindergarten at the First Presbyterian church. She is a young woman of charm and ability.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, of Greensboro. He has lived in Greensboro for three years being connected with the Southern railway. Before moving to Greensboro he resided in Reidsville.

BELOVED WOMAN DEAD

Mattie Bernice Spencer, daughter of E. A. and L. B. Steed, was born August 1st, 1877, and died October 7, 1923, aged 46 years 2 months and 6 days.

She was married to Enos C. Spencer December 23, 1896, and to this union was born 9 children. Four sons have gone on before her and five daughters, Lula, Edith, Anna, Bertie and Lenora, survive.

She was converted and joined Concord church at the age of thirteen and has been a member here ever since.

During her whole life she has been a quiet, unassuming, faithful follower of Christ, a good wife and mother, and an excellent neighbor and friend.

Of her immediate family the following are still living; her husband, Enos C. Spencer; her father, E. A. Steed and one sister, Lena Steed, of Asheboro; four brothers, W. P. and J. F. Steed of Broadway, N. C.; J. E. Steed of Sanford, and W. S. Steed, of Asheboro.

For more than two years she has suffered much, but her faith in Christ was strong and sure, and we feel that of her it can be said that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints".

GRATITUDE FOR KINDNESS

Mr. Editor: We desire to thank our many friends both white and colored through your paper for the very kind and sympathetic attention given us during the illness and death of my beloved wife and mother. We shall always feel grateful towards our beloved wife and mother. We kind hand of Providence may ever be with them.
C. T. Reid and family.

SONG SERVICE AT BACK CREEK LAST SUNDAY

A large crowd attended the closing exercises of the singing which was conducted by Prof. A. M. Fentris, of Pleasant Garden, at Back Creek Friends church last Sunday. A visiting class from Ebenezer M. E. church was present and added much to the singing, also, a number of scholars from different classes took part. The Coltrane Brothers of Ebenezer sang a number of special selections which were enjoyed. A sumptuous dinner was served on the grounds in picnic style.

IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Randolph Telephone Company, formerly Asheboro Telephone Company, jointly with the Troy Telephone Company have put in copper wires from Asheboro to Troy and expect soon to extend the copper wire connection to Mt. Gilead.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS CALL MEETING

An important call meeting of the members of the Woman's Club was held at the court house Thursday afternoon. The meeting was primarily called to hear a report from the committee which has been investigating available lots for a club hut which they hope to build in the near future. The committee reported several lots and these were discussed for some time. After an expression from the lot committee that they were unwilling to purchase a lot without the approval of the club, it was moved and carried that the affair be left open until the November meeting unless some good reason for immediate action came up. Delegates as follows were elected to the Woman's Club convention in Greensboro November 2nd: Mrs. M. G. Lovett and Mrs. J. A. Spence alternate. Mrs. H. W. Walker was designated as the person to arrange transportation to the meeting and as a large number of cars were offered, it is requested that every club member who has not a way to get to the convention telephone her and a seat in some car will be arranged. A prize is offered for the club having the largest number of members at the convention and this club hopes to win that prize by having each member there. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of either having the club incorporated or trustees appointed. Mrs. J. D. Ross and Mrs. Harris Birkhead were designated to do this and report at the November meeting. It was also decided to give John Johanan, a representative from Near East Relief Headquarters a few minutes to present his plans for the work in Randolph. No further business coming before the club, a motion for adjournment was made.

Presbyterian Synod Rules Bible Teaching At State College.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Synod which convened at Durham last week passed the following resolutions:
"That the synod and the other Protestant churches of this state shall unite in the support of teachers of the Bible, of their own choice, whom they shall nominate to the trustees of the University of North Carolina and other state colleges.
"That the synod of North Carolina address a communication to the governing bodies of all the other Protestant churches of the state, inviting them to join with us in requesting the various state institutions of higher learning to permit us to establish and maintain these proposed chairs for teaching the Bible as a part of the regular course of study.
"That the committee be authorized to call a meeting of the denominations of the state on the second Tuesday in January, 1924."

LEATHER INDUSTRY LARGE IN THIS STATE

The editor of The Courier found in a recent trip to Wilkes county that the leather industry in North Carolina is of considerable importance. Some of the largest and most progressive tanneries in the world are located in this State and the richest man in this State so far as his income tax is concerned is a leather manufacturer and tannic acid producer. North Wilkesboro has one of the best equipped tanning plants in the country. There are others at Andrews, Silver Hill, Bevard, Hazelwood, Morganton and Asheville. There are in North Carolina nine tannic acid plants, the largest in the world being at Canton. The largest of these manufacture a chestnut wood product which they supply to large tanneries. A large quantity of this chestnut product is shipped to Europe and such far off countries as Australia and New Zealand.

The chestnut trees for several years have been attacked by what is known as the chestnut blight and threatens to destroy this most valuable product to the industry which is so dependent upon it within the next few years if it is not controlled.

RATS ATTACK MEN ON SHIP IN TOW

Five days and nights without sleep on a water logged schooner beset by storms and besieged by hungry rats was the experience of four of the members of the coast guard cutter Modoc, who were commended highly by their commanding officer for their conduct on coming into port on October 12th at Norfolk. It appears that on October 6th the Modoc picked up the abandoned schooner Melbourne, 100 miles off Savannah, after the crew had been rescued by a passing steamer.

Four members of the Modoc's crew volunteered to go aboard the derelict and remain until the cutter and tow should reach the port. The next day a severe northeaster developed. Waves broke all over the waterlogged craft, and the four volunteers were unable to return to the cutter.

When the storm abated, the men on the schooner found themselves surrounded by rats. The rodents had been driven from the lower decks by the water that filled the craft from hull to main deck. The rats, hungry and vicious, raided the men's food supply and made it impossible for the seamen to sleep for fear of being attacked by the rodents. When the schooner finally was towed into the Charleston harbor, the men were exhausted. Several of them bore marks of their encounter with the rats.

Mr. E. D. Brower Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday.

In honor of Mr. E. D. Brower's ninetieth birthday, more than two hundred relatives and friends from Randolph, Moore and Montgomery counties assembled at his home at Steeds, October 14. Rev. H. F. Way had charge of the religious program in which many took part extending encouragement and good wishes to the honoree. A most elegant dinner was spread upon a table which measured sixty-five feet in length. Mr. Brower is a member of the Baptist church at Union Grove.

FAMILY REUNION AT HOME OF J. I. BRILES

A family reunion was given at the home of J. I. Briles of Trinity Route 1, last Sunday, in honor of Mr. Briles daughter, Mrs. Geo. Crotts, of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting in this county for some time. A sumptuous dinner was served to about 60 relatives and friends, after which old time songs were sung and many reminiscences recalled.

SALVATION ARMY FUND WILL BE RAISED HERE

Asheboro is preparing for a collection of funds for the general work of the Salvation Army, especially the social service hospital located in Greenville where nearly five hundred girls enter annually. From various sections of the country, J. D. Ross, Vice-President of the Bank of Randolph who has headed many appeals for worthy causes is chairman of the committee to solicit funds in this city. Mr. Ross has appointed prominent business and professional men to assist him in soliciting.
The Courier commends the Salvation Army as one of the greatest organizations for good service in the country.
Asheboro citizens can do no greater or better thing than help raise money for the support of the general work of the Salvation Army. In its work it takes in people from everywhere, and no one knows how many of our own people have or will receive direct benefits from this great human benefactor.

THE MARRIAGE OF MR. RHODES MOFFITT

The marriage of Mr. Rhodes Moffitt of Asheboro to Miss Allen Cooper of Fayetteville is of interest to many of the readers of The Courier. We copy the account of the wedding from the Fayetteville Observer of October 12th.
Beautiful in its simplicity was the marriage Thursday morning of Miss Allen Cooper, sister of Mr. Stuart Rhodes Moffitt, which took place in the First Presbyterian church.

Miss Frances Green at the organ rendered an excellent musical program.
Just before the ceremony, Miss Lacy Cooper sang exquisitely "Until" and "At Dawning."
The ushers, Messrs. John Hunter of Asheboro and Britt Armond of Asheboro entered singly, followed by the groomsmen, Messrs. Durbin Bazzie of Fayetteville and Rufus Johnston of Gastonia.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Cooper, cousin of the bride, and Miss Margaret Moffitt, sister of the groom. They were gowned in blue crepe charming and carried Columbia roses. The bride was preceded by her cousin, Miss Betty Ballou of Richmond, Va., in maid of honor. Miss Ballou wore an exquisite creation of cloth of gold and carried an arm bouquet of sunset roses.
To the strains of the wedding march, the bride entered on the arm of her father. The bride wore a becoming costume of the latest fashion and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and bride's roses.

The groom entered with his best man, Mr. John T. Moffitt of High Point, meeting the bride at the altar where the ceremony was performed by Dr. W. E. Hill.

The charming young bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cooper and is a social favorite here.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moffitt of Asheboro. He is widely popular and holds a responsible position in that city.
Numbers of beautiful gifts were received by the young couple.
Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt left for New York and other cities where they will spend their honeymoon.
Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were:
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballou of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. J. J. W. Harris of Greensboro, Mrs. J. M. Leach of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. Alston of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper of Mount Olive, Mrs. John Williams of Oxford, Messrs. Gordon and Edgar Alston of Greensboro, Mr. Robert Irvin and Miss Nellie Irvin of Greensboro and Miss Georgia McCaskill who is attending N. C. W. in Greensboro, Mr. Neely Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moffitt, E. L. Moffitt, Jr., and Miss Rhodes of Asheboro.

THOMASVILLE'S NEW BANK BUILDING

The Thomasville First National Bank Building on Salem street is completed. It cost more than a hundred thousand dollars, and would have cost nearly twice that if built by some people but when Tom Finch and his associates build it does not cost them as much as it costs some people. The vault alone cost \$15,000 and the door to it weighs more than a score of tons. The building is one of the finest in the State. There is no finer bank anywhere in the State but there are a few that are larger. There are sixty-eight office rooms in this new bank. T. J. Finch is the President and he and his family are the principle owners.

MISSES CALLICUTT ENTERTAIN C. E. SOCIETY

Misses Chloe and Exie Callicutt entertained the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the M. P. church at their home on South Fayetteville street last Friday evening. Lacy Lewis conducted the monthly business meeting after which a pleasant social hour was enjoyed, playing games and Miss Clara Prestell received the prize in a contest. The Misses Callicutt served cream cake and candy.

MARRIED

Fred Payne, the eldest son of Rowland Payne, of Trinity, was married to Miss Lona Royals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duke R. Royals now of High Point formerly of Trinity township, Randolph county.

M. E. MATTERS

By W. H. Willis.
The pastor being at Conference there will be no services Sunday. The following indicates some of the achievements of the Asheboro church for the conference year:
Total accessions 66.
Total losses 42.
Present membership 464.
Total Sunday school enrollment 478.

SILER CITY FAIR

The Siler City Fair is in progress this week. The crowds are not large but the exhibits are good. The Fair is not much on live stock but great on poultry and the Bonlee and Siler City school exhibits are superb. Chatham County like Randolph is one of the counties in the State that produces everything on the farm that is necessary to support the family and in addition a large cotton and tobacco crop.

A great overflow of the rivers of western, central and southern Oklahoma have done more than a million dollars damage to farmers and others living in the lowlands in Oklahoma.