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## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### What Our Field Correspondent Hears and Thinks—Items of Interest to Our Readers.

"Opossum and tater" time is at hand again. Every day in every way Asheboro is bigger and better.

Mr. Colon Parks and family have moved from Remseur to Greensboro. The many friends of Mr. W. H. Burrow, of Worthville, will regret to learn that he has been quite ill for several weeks.

Mr. Murphy Barris, one of the oldest and best citizens of the Ramseur section, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier.

Mr. Clarence Groce, of Worthville, is recovering from a serious operation which he underwent at Randleman last week.

Mr. J. I. Lambert has purchased the J. A. Brady store building in Ramseur and has opened a general line of merchandise. Mr. Lambert is a fine man and stands for all that is progressive.

Asheboro recently organized an up-to-date Chamber of Commerce and it is managed by the leading business men of the town, who are ever on the alert and solicitous for her future growth. An extended hand is offered all who wish to come here and prosper with us. The secretary invites you to correspond with him.

Mr. C. C. Cranford, one of Asheboro's best and most progressive business men, is numbered among our renewal subscribers to The Courier this week.

Work is now progressing satisfactorily on the road leading out from Asheboro to the Chatham county line. This is one of the most important roads in the county, traveled much and means much to Asheboro as well as to Franklinville and Ramseur.

Did it ever occur to you that one of the best presents you could make to a friend is a yearly subscription to a good newspaper? Have you tried it? Give The Courier to a brother or sister, to a son or daughter, or to a friend and you will not regret it. Besides the pleasure of reading it some real good will be carried to the persons who read it.

Mr. S. T. Buie, of High Point, is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Buie is a mighty fine young man in every way.

Mr. R. H. Shaw, of Worthville, who has been seriously ill for some time is slowly improving.

Mr. L. M. Cranford, county commissioner and one of the good farmers of New Hope township, made over one thousand bushels of wheat this year. He will make more corn this year than he did wheat.

Mr. C. E. Butler, of Ramseur, spent a few hours in Asheboro Monday evening.

Mr. J. H. Marley, formerly a merchant of Franklinville, but now a prominent resident of Greensboro, has renewed his subscription to The Courier.

Prof. A. M. Fentris, of Pleasant Garden, will sing at Level Cross next Sunday.

The postponed meeting will begin at the Hillside church in West Asheboro next Thursday night, November 1st, at 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. V. B. Stambaugh, will be assisted by Rev. C. A. Ledwick.

Mr. J. M. Scarborough, of Greensboro, formerly of Worthville, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Scarborough is a fine man and has made good in the mercantile business.

Mr. J. E. Brady, a citizen of Ramseur, was in Asheboro Monday.

The service conducted by the pastor at the Holiness church in West Asheboro Sunday night was a great success, the conversions numbering six.

Mr. R. L. Tippett, who holds a good position with the Revolution Store Company in Greensboro, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Tippett was born and reared in Franklinville and has many friends in the town.

Mr. E. F. Caudle, of Greensboro, is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Caudle was born and reared in Randleman and believes in The Courier.

Messrs. Tom Graves and Earl Baldwin, of Greensboro, spent last Friday in Ramseur.

A number of the young people of the county who are away at school have taken advantage of The Courier's special offer to school folks—subscription to June 1, 1924, \$1.00.

Already the agitation and discussion of home building is bearing fruit in Liberty. A number of new homes have been built or are being built there. And others are going to be built. The movement has started and is gaining popularity and momentum daily and weekly. The example of one man who builds a home supplies the necessary stimulus and encouragement for others. Plans for new homes and building lots are coming to be about the most talked of thing in Liberty. The great need for new homes will be met in a measure and a real building program once well under way will keep going until homes are supplied by the great number who are seeking a chance to live in Liberty. Continued and persistent building activity indicates the fact of Liberty's future greatness.

## SANDHILLS FAIR OPENED TUESDAY

Randolph Boys Win honors at Sandhills Fair Which is In Progress at Pinehurst.

The Randolph County Pig Clubs won high score prizes at the Sandhills Fair Tuesday. County demonstrator, Millsaps and a party of pig club boys attended the fair and won the following prizes:

The district judging contest, first team, Robt. Fuller, Hal Ferree and Paul Sken, first prize, \$15.00.

Second team composed of Dermont Kearns, Ovan Wright and Ronald Hill, second prize, \$10.00.

In addition to the above prizes, Dermont Kearns won a trip to the International Livestock exposition in Chicago for having the highest individual score. This is a cash prize of two hundred dollars given jointly by the Southern Berkshire congress and Sandhills Fair association for expenses of the contestant and for the county demonstrator to accompany him. This trip will not only be of untold advantage to the young pig raiser but to Mr. Millsaps in his demonstration work in the county.

In addition to the pig exhibits Randolph county has numerous exhibits which are shown upon the commodity plan which is new in this section. Randolph people who attend the fair should look for their own exhibits. Mr. Millsaps is in charge of the grain exhibits and says that our showing is especially fine. The exhibits from the county were brought to Mr. Millsaps and he took them to the fair. He predicts blue ribbon prizes for Randolph.

The complaint alleges that no record was made of the supposed contract between the commissioners and Thorpe. The total amount paid for re-indexing real estate conveyances and chattel mortgages said to be nearly \$14,600 which the present board declare is excessive and it is rumored and alleged that there must have been a rake off for someone, a thing which sometimes occurs.

Many of the vouchers drawn by Sigman it is alleged were cashed by Sigman himself and the proceeds deposited in the bank to his credit, the vouchers usually being to Thorpe and endorsed by him to Sigman, a rather unusual thing for a county officer to engage in. Among other things the complaint alleges:

"The defendant F. E. Sigman upon the forms for vouchers as aforesaid and on the form bearing the number 21258 signed and issued an order upon said Financial Agent for the payment to himself of the sum of \$386.25, which order was issued without authority from the Board of County Commissioners and was never entered on the Minutes of the Board nor on the stub book and the same was collected by F. E. Sigman. And also said F. E. Sigman without authority from the Board of May 2, 1921, drew an order No. 22310 on the said County Financial Agent to J. B. Thorpe for the payment of \$350.00, which sum the said F. E. Sigman collected and the same was charged to the funds of the county. That also the said Sigman under date of June 3rd, 1921 as said Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board issued an order bearing No. 22306 to J. B. Thorpe for the payment of \$600.00 without authority from the Board of County Commissioners, which sum of \$600.00 the said F. E. Sigman collected.

That also the said F. E. Sigman as Register of Deeds and Clerk to the board of county commissioners upon the regular blanks furnished him issued and made out an order upon the County Financial Agent for the payment of money bearing dates and numbers as follows and to the persons named as follows:

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## DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUE FORMER REGISTER OF DEEDS

### F. E. Sigman Present Postmaster at Thomasville, Formerly Register of Deeds of Davidson County Is Sued—Amount He Owes the County Is Claimed to Be \$6,540.25.

F. E. Sigman present postmaster at Thomasville, formerly Register of Deeds of Davidson County and a former Republican county chairman on his official bond for \$5,000, the National Surety Co. being his bondsmen. The amount due the county it is claimed is \$6,540.25. The suit is for that amount against Sigman and \$5,000 of which is sought to be gotten from the Surety Company.

Of this amount it is claimed that vouchers were drawn for more than \$3,600 and no entry made upon stubs or minute books of the county, while seven additional vouchers show they called for and were cashed for a total of \$2,550. The stubs for these vouchers as the minute books of the Register of Deeds it is alleged in the complaint show a charge of only \$970.00 of the \$2,550 amount of the vouchers. This transaction grew out of re-indexing the county records, which was contracted to Joseph B. Thorpe of Greensboro.

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## ASHEBORO HEARS MOUNTAIN SPEAKER

McCoy Franklin Spoke Very Interestingly In Presbyterian Church Sunday Night.

Last week's state wide Christian Endeavor Convention, held at Greensboro, overflowed into Randolph county and it was Asheboro's good fortune to hear one of the convention's leading speakers. McCoy Franklin is one of those remarkable men who have been chipped from the heart of the North Carolina mountains. He was offered \$1,000 to go on the stage but declined the offer to return to the ministry of his own people.

Speaking in the Presbyterian church last Sunday night he told the story of his struggle for an education. His father opposed it. Young Franklin waited until he was twenty-one years of age and then assuming the responsibilities of maturity, he sold his pig and his steer, put the price, \$25.00 in his pocket, took his trunk on his shoulder and started out into the world to win an education.

He had never ridden on a train. He had never seen a telephone. He knew nothing of arithmetic or grammar. But within ten years he had worked his way through high school and college, had received a Theological Training and was an accredited Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Franklin painted a vivid picture of the condition of mountain people. He could imitate the calls of mountain birds and beasts so accurately that it seemed like he had brought a mangier into church with him. He told of an "A" grade high school that had been built for mountain children from the proceeds of a sale of old clothing. Next Sunday night the Presbyterian church will make an offering for his school and we hope that this school will turn out many more such sturdy mountain men as himself.

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## MRS. THADDEUS FERREE DIES AT STALEY

Mrs. Jessie Burroughs Ferree died suddenly at her home at Staley, Friday. Mrs. Ferree had been in poor health a number of years. She had suffered a stroke of paralysis but had regained health sufficiently to sit in a rolling chair and be up in the home at times.

Her condition at the time of her death seemed improved and it was only on the morning of her death that she was walking in the breakfast room and told the family she had better use of her fingers. When the end came she was sitting in her rolling chair. Mrs. Ferree was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burroughs of Coleridge. Mr. Burroughs was for several years Register of Deeds for Randolph county. She was married about fifteen years ago to Mr. Thaddeus Ferree, who is now principal of the Staley high school.

Mrs. Ferree was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Asheboro.

She is survived by her husband and a son, T. S. Jr., also by her parents, and one brother, Earle Burroughs, of Kemps Mill. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Lucas and Rev. T. F. Andrew after which burial followed in the local cemetery at Staley.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY CLUB AT CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Oct. 30.—The Randolph county club held a meeting in club room of the Y. M. C. A., on Wednesday evening, October 24. Practically all of the thirty-five members were present.

Mr. Dan Grant, secretary of the University alumni association, the speaker of the evening, was introduced by Mr. John Burkhead of Asheboro. Mr. Grant pointed out the fact that the club can do much toward abolishing the prevalent idea that there is such a big gap between our high schools and the university. Another misconception of many people is that colleges put one on golden streets and flowery beds of ease. The speaker declared that a college is merely a tool, or machine, helping us to be better farmers, lawyers, doctors, etc.

After Mr. Grant's talk, all formality was done away with, and everyone applied himself to the punch bowl and the "eats" that followed. Hall and hearty was the laughter when the jokes began to come from the representatives of the different parts of old Randolph, but both the seriousness and frivolity seemed to bring about one conclusion—that Randolph is a good place to come from and to call "home."

## M. E. MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis.) Large and appreciative congregations greeted the writer at the first services of the new conference year.

Married at the parsonage, Oct. 24, Branson Davis, of Randleman, and Miss Vera Allred, of Worthville.

Our first Communion for the new conference year will be held next Sunday morning. There should be a full attendance.

Sunday Subjects: