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LETTER FROM REV. S. L. MORGAN

Former Franklinville Pastor
Speaks Well of Randolph and
Her Citizens.

The following letter from Rev. S. L. Morgan, a former pastor of Franklinville Baptist church, will be of interest to his friends in this county:

Dear Mrs. Hammer:

A glance at my label shows that my subscription is about to end, and recalls my pleasant contact with the editor. With two semi-weeklies here to keep up with, besides so many other papers, I will not renew with you, as much as it would please me to keep in closer touch with Randolph. I desire to express my sense of indebtedness to you and your paper for your important ministry. The editor has an enviable position, and I think particularly so in your county. I know of no finer people. They are built of sterling stuff. They have not yet been weakened and demoralized as most others have by close contact with the poisoned streams of modern life. I know few communities that send out more fine men and women. It is your privilege to mould the thought and shape the ideals of such a people. Rural people are always conservative, and Randolph is a little more so. My ministry to its people was too short. Had I been younger I could have felt content to stay longer and wait patiently for the leaven to work. The seed sown take longer to germinate and grow in Randolph soil than in other places I have known, and I confess I became impatient with waiting. Be assured that I am grateful for such as you who can be content to hold up high ideals and wait the slow process of nature. Yours is a faithful ministry, and I pray it may continue long. I hope some day to hear of your growing into a semi-weekly. I feel sure even of a very conservative people would welcome it and support the change.

Wonder if you see our papers; I may send you a copy sometime if I find you are not on their exchange list.

We are happy and delighted with our new home and people. I shall often think of you and Randolph. With high personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,
S. L. MORGAN,
Smithfield, N. C.

MANY PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

A number of people are interested and working on The Courier subscription offer, and have been in the office to see the Bibles, and other articles offered. One old gentleman said he would be in the end of the week and to "save this Bible for me, I like that print". A dictionary and a shopping bag are also to be given as well as the two styles of Bibles. If you have not begun to work for one of these, begin now. Remember, your own subscription, whether a renewal, or a new one, will count in this offer. Every citizen in Randolph county should take The Courier. We try to give the people not only the news of the town and county, but try each week to give the most important happenings of the national affairs in an interesting way.

ANOTHER CHILD SWALLOWED SAFETY PIN

The nine-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gillespie, of Spartanburg, S. C., swallowed an open safety pin last Saturday, and as all local doctors were unable to remove it, the child was rushed to Philadelphia where Dr. Jackson, who removed a pin last week from the lung of a St. Louis child, will operate on the little South Carolina child.

KITCHIN'S GOODNESS WAS EVEN BETTER THAN HIS GREATNESS

In his eulogy on the late Claude Kitchin recently in the National House of Representatives, Hon. W. C. Hammer, of the Seventh North Carolina District, called attention to a particular way, not only to the outstanding ability but to the great goodness, of the late lamented Democratic leader.

He said, in part:

"Let us not lose sight of the most important fact that overshadowing the glory of his intellectual attainments, Claude Kitchin's goodness was better than his greatness. He left such an impress upon his times that the activities in which he was a leader form an important part of his country's history, but the greatest thing that could be said of him is that he wore the white flower of a blameless spotless life, a moral and Christian character above reproach. He never yielded to the alluring vices which sometimes so beset and often is the cause of the ultimate downfall and final destruction of those in high places. He never forgot the teachings of a good mother. He lived above suspicion. He walked the heights. His religious convictions were deep, being a consistent member of the Baptist denomination, the church of his parents and his family connection. He not only believed with the Bible but practiced its teachings

HARDWARE DEMONSTRATION A SUCCESS

Much Interest Is Shown By
Randolph Farmers In Better
Farm Machinery.

The demonstration of farm machinery by the International Harvester company, at the Asheboro Hardware the 26th, was a great success. The farmers came out well, considering that the weather was very cold. More than two hundred farmers came out and registered for the prizes that were given away. There were three prizes, first five dollars in gold, second a three dollar and a half bride, and third a pocket knife worth a dollar and a half. These prizes were given by the Asheboro Hardware Co.

During the day the several specialists were around the machinery in their line demonstrating their workings to the farmers, showing the good features of the different lines carried by the Harvester company. The specialists also talked to the farmers in a body just before the prizes were given away, stressing the importance of more livestock for Randolph county, and along with that the better practices as a whole. Better culture methods, better crop rotations, better seeds and seed selection, and better and more modern machinery to take the place of labor that the farmer is not able to get any more for either love or money.

Demonstrations of this kind are worth while as they enable the farmer to see the different kinds of farm machinery and see their operation. The local dealer and also the manufacturer should be congratulated.

MR. JAMES DORSETT DIED LAST SATURDAY

Mr. James Dorsett died at his home in Trinity township last Saturday in the 79th year of his age.

The funeral was on Monday at Hopewell church of which the deceased was a regular attendant, services conducted by Rev. Mr. Clark, of High Point. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Dorsett was married in 1865 to Miss Lizzie Penny, who died in 1896. Four children were born to 1896. Four children were born to them: Mr. Clay Dorsett, Trinity, Route 1; and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Asheboro. Eight grandchildren, also, survive besides the second wife of the deceased who was Mrs. Ellen Elder, to whom he was married in 1912.

Mr. Dorsett was a prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen.

ELECTION RATIFYING SALE OF LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

An election was held at the Court House in Asheboro Tuesday, January 29th, ratifying the sale of municipal electric light and power generating plant and distribution system to the Carolina Power company. This was according to the terms of sale dated the 9th day of August, 1923. Out of the 229 voters who qualified, 205 voted. All the votes cast were for the sale, and no vote was cast against.

REV. W. A. LAMBETH GOES TO WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, formerly of Thomasville, and for many years pastor of High Point, Thomasville, and other near-by churches, now pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church at Gastonia, has accepted the call to assume the pastorate of the Mt. Vernon church in Washington. Rev. Mr. Lambeth will leave Gastonia the first of February for his new charge. While he is honored to have this offer tendered to him "out of a clear sky," as it was, for the people of that church heard him preach twice, and decided that they must have him for their own, it is a loss to the western North Carolina conference to lose such an able young man, and his many friends in North Carolina see him leave with sincere regret.

THE MELLON TAX PLAN CAN NOT BE PASSED WITHOUT MANY CHANGES

Coolidge's Refusal To Tolerate Any Changes Is Sufficient To
Cause A Smile; It Looks More Like The Garner Plan Will
Be The Legislation of Congress.

(By Wallace Bassford)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Even at this early date it can be pretty definitely stated that the so-called Mellon Plan, for the relief of needy millionaires, is a dead cock in the pit. It has been but a short time since the President, with an assurance worthy of a better cause, asserted that he would not tolerate any changes in the Mellon Plan. If the bill ever reaches Mr. Coolidge, it will be so altered and bettered that its own daddy wouldn't know it if he met it in the middle of the big road. The bill was originally intended to put the big interests of the country in a contributing mood, and even Mr. Mellon felt the necessity of throwing a small sop to the lesser taxpayers. The "plan" was received by the faithful with much joy, and it was freely predicted that this measure would prove intensely popular and would insure the re-election of Mr. Coolidge.

Again has been demonstrated in this case the great value to the public of a vigilant, vigorous minority in Congress. The result has been that the Democrats have squarely met the challenge of the administration with a bill so much better than the Mellon proposal that it has attracted scores of Republican Members, even a few from outside of the Progressive group from the Northwest. In the recent vote on liberalizing the rules under which the bill will be considered so many Republicans acted with the Democrats as to give them a majority of thirty-two in the House. The Republican leadership (if it can be so described) is frankly in a panic. Mr. Longworth admits that the Mellon plan can not be passed without many changes in line with the Democratic contention that the great masses are given slight relief from their burden. As the situation now stands Mr. Coolidge's refusal to tolerate any changes is sufficient to cause a smile; it looks more like the Garner plan will be the legislation of Congress and that if there is to be a compromise, it will have to be asked of the Democrats by the Republicans, for the former hold the whip hand. The Progressives are working in fine accord with them and every indication is that the people will get a tax reduction which will really merit the name. The following brief table gives the figures for heads of families without dependents:

Income	Present Law tax	Mellon Plan tax	Reduction	Democratic Plan tax	Reduction
\$1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,000	\$20	\$15	\$5	\$20	\$20
4,000	60	45	15	60	40
5,000	100	75	25	100	60
6,000	160	120	40	160	80
7,000	250	180	70	250	130
8,000	340	240	100	340	180
9,000	430	300	130	430	230
10,000	520	360	160	520	280

If the President carries into effect what his threat would seem to mean, he might be expected to veto the bill carrying out this Democratic plan, but for him to veto a bill giving to more than six millions of heads of families a real relief from taxation would be to invite his own political destruction; on the other hand, if he signs the bill and thus gives his endorsement to a Democratic achievement of great importance, he practically hands over the next election to the Democrats. Most men, confronted by the obligatory choice between these two things, would probably sign the bill and avoid what would seem to be the certain defeat which would follow the veto. But in either case, assuming that a measure representing the will of the Democrats rather than that of the administration is sent to the White House for action, the Democrats are bound to gather the greater portion of the laurels.

Already the metropolitan newspapers are turning from the Mellon plan which they were so vigorously advocating just the other day, and are cheering the Democrats with praise of their bill and the strategy with which they have maneuvered the Republicans into a hole. This even goes to the point of hunting out the retiring and modest but highly capable Mr. Hull of Tennessee, who had a very large hand in the making of the Democratic plan of relief, and suggesting his availability for the Presidency. To even the casual eye it would appear that the Democrats, in Mr. Hull and Mr. Underwood from the South, Mr. McAdoo from New York and Senator Ralston from Indiana, are abundantly blessed with suitable materials, to say nothing of half a dozen others whose names may appear in the lists.

In these piping times of scandals and near-scandals touching the administration, it is well to recall that several years ago the Republicans created the Graham smelling committee to hunt out the rascality of the wicked Democrats in connection with war contracts. They sniffed and smelled for two years and spent many good iron men in the work, but failed to uncover a single mouse in the government meal-bag. If such a committee were at work now, what a different tale would there be to tell! The Fall scandal, the Forbes scandal, and so on, and so on. And these are not carefully smelled out—they came without much coaxing—just accidentally turned up, one might say.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following is the program of services at the Asheboro Baptist church for next Sunday, February 3.

Sunday school 9:45 A. M., H. S. Edwards, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11: A. M. and 6:30 P. M.

Morning subject—"Spiritual Atmosphere."

Evening subject—"The Clock of Time."

These subjects will be drawn from the story of creation in the first chapter of Genesis.

The Baptist Young People's Union will meet at 6:30 instead of 6: P. M.; Miss Rilla Spoon, president of the Senior Union; Miss Allie Spoon and Mrs. R. H. Berry leaders of the Junior Union.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis)

Pastors and Sunday school leaders of the Greensboro district will meet for a day's conference at Asheboro, February 29th.

The centenary pay-out effort is progressing quite satisfactorily here. On next Sunday the pastor's subjects are as follows:

11 A. M.—Paul, at the Start (The New Convert).

7 P. M.—Paul, at the Finish (The Dying Saint).

FORMER RANDOLPH MAN DIES AT HIGH POINT

Mr. Washington L. Bouldin, who was a former Randolph county citizen died at a hospital in High Point last week. Mr. Bouldin has been in ill health for some months but it was not until two weeks ago that his condition became serious. Mr. Bouldin was born at Hillsdale, Guilford county in 1878 and in 1885 moved to Randolph county near Archdale where he made his home until about two years ago when he moved to High Point. He was educated at Trinity and Guilford colleges.

Mr. Bouldin was a prominent real estate dealer of High Point, and had a large number of business as well as personal friends. The deceased is survived by three sisters and five brothers, among whom are Mrs. N. C. English of Trinity; and M. M. and T. S. Bouldin, both of Archdale.

THIRTY-SIX MINERS ENTOMBED

Thirty-six miners were entombed in the Laneshire Mine near Shank town, Pa., Saturday. Thirty-one of the bodies were recovered within a few hours, but it was some time before all were discovered. The cause of their death was a gas explosion. Nine miners who were saved from death by the prompt efforts of another mine are in a hospital recovering from the effects of the gas. Crews of Salvation Army and Red Cross workers were on duty giving help, as well as serving sandwiches and hot coffee to those who worked all night trying to recover other bodies.

MISS WHITFIELD DANCES AT CAPITOL THEATRE

The Young Dancer Won High
Praise From The Asheboro
Audience.

Monday and Tuesday evening of this week the Capitol Theatre was packed to its limit when Miss Alice Morris Whitfield, niece of Mrs. W. C. Hammond of this place, danced. Miss Whitfield is the thirteen year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitfield, and for some time has been developing her wonderful talent for aesthetic dancing in some of the best studios of New York City. As her dancing showed, she is a young girl of much promise, and bids fair to rival some of the best performers of the day with her art. She has appeared only a few times at public places, but those times have won high praise from all who have seen her, and some of the leading newspapers of the day have carried most flattering articles concerning her dancing. Rarely has an Asheboro audience shown such delight and given such persistent applause as they did to Miss Whitfield, and she was most gracious with her encores.

Miss Whitfield is considered North Carolina's premier child dancer and is an artist by instinct. She is said to be by critics, the greatest child dancer the South has ever produced, and will in a few years be considered one of the best known dancers of her day. We predict great things for the young girl and Asheboro feels honored to have seen her artistic dancing.

DEATH OF MRS. RACHEL HENSON

Mrs. Rachel Allred Henson was born May 2nd 1851 in Randolph county, between Ramseur and Franklinville and died January 25, 1924. She was the daughter of Reuben and Marjorie Allred. At the age of 21 she was married to James O. Henson. To this union was born 7 children, 5 sons and 2 daughters. Two of the sons, Alfred and Bascombe, preceded their mother to the grave. The sons living are: C. E. and W. C., of the Franklinville community; and D. C. Henley, of Greensboro. The daughters are Mrs. E. Clyde Spoon and Miss Addie Henson, both of Greensboro. There are 25 living grand-children and 3 dead. All of her brothers and sisters are dead.

Mrs. Henson accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour and united with the Ramseur Baptist church at the age of 19. A few years ago she moved her membership to the church at Franklinville.

The deceased lived a consistent Christian life, always faithful to her Lord. She delighted in the service of the Lord and His house. She was a loving and dutiful wife and mother, and was a kind and helpful neighbor. She would rise up day and night to help others in need both white and black. Besides her husband, children and grand-children, she leaves a host of friends behind.

THREE ESCAPED PRISONERS RE-CAPTURED

Very early Saturday morning three of the six escaped prisoners who broke out of the jail last week by overpowering the jailor, were recaptured. They were captured about four miles east of Asheboro near Zell Broun's farm, in a deserted mine or place where excavations had been made. Those who were captured were John Ledwell, Burnie Maness, and Jesse Lowdermilk. The day before for all six of the men were declared outlawed and the proper notices given to this effect. The other three are still out, but hope is still held out for their capture.

These men who are now in jail were placed there for several charges, among them, stealing, burglary and being connected with whiskey.

SENATOR WALSH PUTS TEAPOT DOME OIL SCANDAL UP TO THE PRESIDENT

(By Richard Linthicum.)

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh (Dem. Mont.) has put the Teapot Dome oil scandal squarely up to President Coolidge by his declared intention to ask the Senate Investigating Committee to report a resolution calling for the appointment of special counsel to take charge of the case independent of the Department of Justice, declaring that Attorney General Daugherty has been brought under suspicion and criticism by some phases of the case, and leaving the inference that the public has no confidence in President Coolidge's Attorney General.

In the speech of Senator Caraway on the same day the culpability of Secretary of the Navy Denby in these secret oil leases was made plain, even if that culpability does not extend beyond complete ignorance.

Since the beginning of this investigation of the greatest scandal of the age by the Senate Committee, Senator Walsh of Montana has developed all the incriminating testimony in the case without any assistance from the Republican members of the committee. No member of the National Administration and no Republican supporting the administration has lent the slightest assistance by word or deed to uncover any of the details of

FIRE AT RAMSEUR; RAMSEUR NEWS

Mr. E. M. Siler's Residence And
Most of His Furniture Was
Burned; No Insurance.

About four o'clock last Tuesday afternoon the fire alarm was given and it was found that the residence of Mr. E. M. Siler, on Raleigh street, was hopelessly in flames. There was no one in the house at the time, Miss Edith having gone out to a neighbor's for a few minutes. The origin of the fire is unknown but is thought a flue upstairs caused it. Almost a total loss of furniture, and no insurance.

Rev. E. J. Harbison, of High Point, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Curtis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Highfill, of Liberty, spent Sunday with Mrs. Highfill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ellis.

Mrs. Tillett, of Cooleme, is spending some time with her brother, Mr. J. R. Wilson.

Mr. Clyde Rich, of Franklinville, was a visitor in town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Black, of Durham, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Redding and Mrs. J. W. Black, of Asheboro, were the guests of Mrs. J. E. Covington Sunday.

Mr. Angel and family, of Stokesdale, visited Mr. A. A. Gant, Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Stinson, of Alexander, Va., spent last week with friends in the community.

The Baptist Missionary Society met with Mrs. C. E. Baldwin last week for business session. Mrs. W. A. Elam was elected President, Miss Ora Scott Vice President, and Mrs. Baldwin, Sec.-Treas. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

A "Six Cylinder" supper was enjoyed Sunday evening when Miss Daile Marley had five of her classmates with her at her home on Sunset avenue. The girls were Misses Madge Green, Madge Craven, Grace Kidd, Evelyn Williams, and Frances Vickory. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all the girls. After supper they attended church in a body.

Mr. Fred Burgess, formerly of the Ramseur school faculty, now a student at State University, and Mr. Paul Whitehead, also a student at the University, spent Sunday here with relatives. They started to walk home, fifty-two miles, but got a "lift" or two on the way. W. E. Marley accompanied them to Byrum Sunday afternoon.

Miss Madge Greene spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Pauline Brown, near Holly Springs.

DEATH OF CONFEDERATE VETERAN

Randolph county lost another of her Confederate Veterans when Samuel Aldridge died at his home near Sophia, January 25th. Mr. Aldridge was about 84 years old. Mr. Aldridge leaves only one son, Mr. Ernest Aldridge, of Greensboro; his daughter, Mrs. Watson, of near Greensboro died about a month ago and was buried at Old Union cemetery where her father was laid to rest. The funeral service for Mr. Aldridge was conducted by Rev. Mr. Loflin.

NATHAN MAXWELL DAVIS DEAD

Nathan Maxwell Davis quietly passed away at the home of his son, Will Davis, Sunday night, January 27, 1924, aged 86 years. He is survived by three children, Will and Frank Davis and Mrs. Will Haman, all of this section. The funeral was conducted Tuesday at Marlboro Friends church of which he was a member. The services were conducted by Rev. M. C. Farlow. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

ALTHEA FARLOW.