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ASHEBORO PEOPLE ENJOY TREAT AFFORDED BY KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Rev. R. Murphy Williams Addressed a Large Congregation at the Methodist Protestant Church and the People Were Glad They Braved the Rain to Hear Him.

Rarely have the people of Asheboro enjoyed such a treat as was afforded them Sunday evening by the local order, Knights of Pythias, when Rev. R. Murphy Williams addressed a large congregation at the Methodist Protestant church. After the invocation by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Fogleson, a union choir composed of members from each church choir of the town sang an anthem. Rev. J. W. Eoss, of the Baptist church offered a prayer. Mr. Charles Redding, head of the local lodge, who were in attendance in body, introduced Rev. Mr. Williams. Possibly many of the people knew what a treat was in store for them when they braved the rain to attend this service. Each word was not only well chosen but most appropriate for the occasion, which was in celebration of the founding of the lodge 60 years ago, Feb. 19th. Before the text was announced, Rev. Mr. Williams addressed a few words of greeting, and encouragement for even a higher standard in the lodge work, pointing out a few of the many opportunities for service of such an organization of stalwart men to a town and community.

Although it is a little out of our usual custom to publish speeches or sermons, but for the benefit of those who did not hear this splendid sermon we publish it in part, although mere type cannot impress the hearts of the readers and inspire them to noble and better living, as did Rev. Mr. Williams' earnest, forceful and pleasing manner. The man himself was an inspiration to all who heard him on this occasion. At the close of the sermon Miss Mae Frennell sang, "My Tank." It is a custom of the order to have one union religious service each year and this one may well go down in the annals of their history as a marked success.

Acts, 11-24. A man—is the answer to every problem, and unless our religious training is producing personalities, it is largely a failure.

The highest Service we can render the Kingdom of God, is either to be,

or to help produce, a strong character, equal to great tasks or emergencies. Those who were scattered abroad—because of the persecution which arose concerning Stephen, went everywhere preaching the word, and in Antioch, the Gospel was bearing much fruit, not only among the Jews, but among the Gentiles as well. This was an innovation which must be investigated.

So Barnabas was sent by the Church in Jerusalem, as a committee of one to look into the matter, and to reconcile any differences which may arise between these two classes of converts.

If this was the mission of Barnabas, it is very important that we be told concerning his personal character; for upon it, the success of his mission would largely depend. Only a man of great goodness and generous feeling would be likely to meet aright, the difficulties that would be most certain to arise.

There are many circumstances in life, in which character can accomplish more, and do better work, than talent, and talent wins its noblest triumphs when it is united with and sanctified by Godly character. Barnabas had both.

In fact, Barnabas was so big that he could recognize the need of a bigger man than himself, in his new situation. He saw the greatness of the opportunity, and his first task was to find a greater than himself to lead the new Church.

What God wants is men who are big enough to be small enough to recognize bigness in other men.

To know vital men, and to be known to them is an important part of one's equipment for larger service.

So in this emergency, Barnabas turned to Saul, who afterwards became Paul.

But in considering Barnabas, let us look at the secret of his goodness.

That he was a man "of like passions as we are," is perfectly evident.

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THIS government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberation, completely free in its principles—has a just claim to confidence and your support. Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, acquiescence in its measures, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of true liberty.

—George Washington.

MRS. JULIA KEARNS DEAD

Mrs. Julia Kearns, widow of the late Mr. E. B. Kearns, who passed away last Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Etta Kearns Douthitt in Danville, was one of Asheboro's oldest and best known women. She descended from one of Randolph's oldest families.

In early girlhood she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a faithful member until her death. She was a woman of deep conviction and strong faith and love and loyalty to her Savior and His church that never failed. As life waned and she drew near the sun set, the faith that had sustained and cheered her in every trial shone bright and clear as she welcomed the call.

"To cross over the river and rest, Life's work well done, Life's race well run, Then comes rest."

She was the wife of E. B. Kearns, who died about ten years ago. Only two children survive her, Mrs. Emma Kearns Douthitt, with whom she was living at the time of her death, and Numa Kearns, of High Point. The funeral was in charge of Rev. Mr. Plyler, of Greensboro, a former pastor of Mrs. Kearns. Rev. W. H. Willis, of the local M. E. church assisted in the service. The burial followed at the family plot in the Asheboro cemetery.

CORRECT ANSWER TO PUZZLE

There's no use saying people don't read The Courier, for they do, and many varied were the answers sent in to our puzzle of last week. According to our offer, we will mark up the subscription of the one sending the correct answer, and this we have done for Mrs. N. H. Ferguson, of Asheboro Route 3. Her answer follows:

"John went under the bridge over the creek and sat down under a tree." This week we call attention to a list of Bible questions. This is not in the form of a puzzle; they are questions that can be found by studying the Bible. We will be glad to publish a list of answers soon, or obtain the answer to any one or more of the questions, if request is made.

PRESIDENT HAS ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF DENBY

President Coolidge has received and accepted the resignation of Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy. Mr. Denby for many weeks has been the target of heavy fire from men from every state in the Union, owing to the fact that his actions in the Teapot oil lease has been uncovered, and had placed him in such an embarrassing position that he could not remain in office longer without increasing the rapid fire which has made it so hot for him since his name was first mentioned as one of the scandal leaders in the greatest scandal in national politics. Mr. Denby held on just as long as he possibly could, but when the fire actually got under him, he had to jump, and he certainly jumped in a hurry, once he got started. He did not give up the job with a free and open heart but he said to his friends and enemies that he was resigning from the office as secretary of the navy in order to keep from further embarrassing his friend, Mr. Coolidge.

Expressing regret in accepting the resignation of Mr. Denby, Mr. Coolidge declared in a letter to the naval secretary that "you will go with the

TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS OF RANDOLPH

This week we are calling the attention of every school teacher in Randolph county to our splendid subscription offer, especially with reference to the Dictionary offer. There is not a school in the county that does not need a dictionary or would be better off with it for it is the new attractive Webster's self-pronouncing Radio Edition, with a beautiful flexible binding. Until March 1st we are making a special offer to the school children of the county. Any teacher may enter also, if desired. To the first 25 school children who send in 4 subscribers, all of which must be new, unless it is your own or your parents renewal, we will give the dictionary and a shopping bag as well. We are making this offer, not because we find it hard to work this offer, but we want to see new dictionaries in the county schools. If any child prefers the second Bible, which is also four subscribers, we will give it instead of the dictionary. This offer is open only to school children and Randolph county teachers, and only until March 1st. Let every teacher get busy subscribers for The Courier to get either a Bible or Dictionary, or both for the school, and a shopping bag as a prize. When you send in your list, address it to the Subscription Department, Asheboro Courier, and write plainly your name, address and the school to which you belong. Remember the first six win, and only until March first.

Pageant To Be Given At M. P. Church Sunday Evening.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. church will present a pageant, "The Striking of America's Hour," at the M. P. church Sunday evening and everybody is invited to attend. There is a splendid lesson to be learned from this pageant, and while it is being presented by amateur talent, the moral and truth to the entire pageant is well worth seeing. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken at the close of the evening.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SCHOOL BOARD MET IN JOINT SESSION FRIDAY

Adopt a Fixed Policy for the Building Fund for Public High Schools of the County on a Fifty-Fifty Basis—Names Drawn for Jurors for March Term of Court.

The County Commissioners met on February 15, 1924, as per adjournment February 4.

The following members were present: T. J. Finch, chairman, E. B. Leach, C. M. Staley, L. M. Cranford, C. C. Cranford.

The school board coming in joint session with the commissioners, after having presented their plans for the building of public high school buildings for Randolph county, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the county commissioners.

That the Board of County Commissioners adopt as a fixed policy for the building fund for public high schools of the county, that the Board will provide for half the cost of building the school houses that are located according to a county wide plan for high school centers as provided in article VI. of public school laws of N. C., the cost of said buildings to be approved by the County Board of Education and County Commissioners, and the total amount to be provided by the county not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in any one year. The money to meet these appropriations by the county to be secured from the building fund provided by the State. No help is to be given to any district which does not provide for half the cost of the buildings, nor to any district or high school center which does not provide for high school instruction.

The following names were drawn for March term of court.

First Week. L. J. Davis, New Market; W. B. Fulton, Back Creek; H. Carl Kivett, Columbia; T. F. Pugh, Grant; J. C. Craven, Franklinville; J. M. Lambeth, Trinity; J. W. Ward, Columbia; J. T. Ledbetter, Providence; W. H. Tucker, Richmond; A. W. Varner, Cedar Grove; G. M. Allred, Back Creek; W. M. Stout, Grant; Thos. J. Bonkemper, Asheboro; D. M. Walker, Trinity; E. H. Cox, Grant; J. F. Hackett, Providence; J. T. Redding, Back Creek; J. M. Simmons, Coleridge; S. L. Adams, New Market; A. C. Harris, Richland; J. M. Scarborough, New Hope; T. R.

Ivy, Providence; Walter R. Brown, Grant; Huston Trogdon, Richland.

Second Week.

J. H. Hinshaw, Providence; C. R. Frazier, Columbia; Robert Flippin, Pleasant Grove; J. T. Hodgin, Level Cross; R. B. Craven, Franklinville; G. W. Brady, Brower; E. M. Coble, Pleasant Grove; J. C. Manor, Franklinville; W. C. Massey, Trinity; D. F. Ridge, Asheboro; O. M. Glasgow, Liberty; James A. Craven, Columbia; C. E. King, Richland; J. W. Lassiter, Cedar Grove; L. B. Lindley, Liberty; R. S. Craven, Franklinville; E. B. Leonard, Columbia; W. L. Jones, Franklinville; S. W. Conner, Randleman; J. P. Myers, Trinity; P. V. McPherson, Liberty; C. J. Parsons, Randleman; A. C. Trogdon, Union.

Third Week.

R. L. Talbert, New Hope; S. A. Coltrane, Cedar Grove; D. H. Frazier, Columbia; J. F. Hughes, Tabernacle; J. C. Ridge, Concord; E. W. Kindly, Tabernacle; J. E. Rodgers, Randleman; J. E. Spence, Coleridge; W. T. Carter, New Hope; A. E. Dark, Liberty; J. F. Adam, New Market; Clarence Parks, Franklinville; W. M. Cox, Grant; A. J. Robbins, New Market; R. J. Hopkins, Asheboro; T. T. Pearce, Asheboro; J. E. Swain, New Market; G. E. Carter, New Hope; M. E. Smith, Brower; J. E. Straud, Liberty; B. C. Lambeth, Trinity; L. L. Hix, Concord; C. S. Ingold, Franklinville; J. D. Eulias, Liberty; D. H. Allred, Providence; J. A. English, New Market; J. E. McDaniel, Level Cross; W. M. Aldridge, Asheboro; C. L. Luck, Asheboro; A. N. Burrow, Providence; J. H. Frazier, Randleman; W. J. Barker, Coleridge; A. P. Richardson, Tabernacle; J. F. Brewer, New Hope; L. M. Curtis, Franklinville; C. J. Sebolt, New Hope; A. M. Surratt, New Hope; J. C. Kearns, Tabernacle; G. M. Brady, Pleasant Grove; C. N. Royals, Trinity; J. M. Worthington, Randleman; James O. Walker, Asheboro; M. W. Garner, New Hope.

Nothing further coming before the Board, it was adjourned.

LEE M. KEARNS, Clerk to Board.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT RANDELMAN FEB. 23RD

The students of Randelman high school will give a presentation of "The Wren", a drama in four acts, by Oliver P. Parker, at the Randelman school auditorium on Saturday, February 23, at 7:30 p. m.

The play is an exceedingly interesting little love story which centers around the life of Jane Danna, a pretty country girl who goes to the city to visit her aunt who is a rich society leader. While Jane is in the city her aunt tries to marry her to Reginald Greenston, a spoiled young society man, whose mother holds a mortgage on Jane's country home. Reginald's mother is perfectly willing to cancel the mortgage, however if Jane will marry Reginald. But Jane does not love Reginald and she finally decides to marry Rodney Blake, Jr., an attractive young man who is madly in love with her, although he does not discover until the very last that Jane loves him and has loved him since the time they first met. The story is delightfully portrayed as only a master author and good acting can portray it.

The part of Jane is played by Miss Tinsley Bryant while Mr. Eugene Bulla has the part of Rodney Blake, Jr., her lover. The role of Reginald Greenston is played by Mr. Robert Lineberry. Miss Alice Connor has the part of the rich aunt. The others who have parts in the play are: Misses Lillian Trogdon, Dorothy Lamb, Willie Milligan, Nell Robbins, Elsie Julian, Ophelia Kirkman, Mary Ferguson, and Messrs. Jack Newlin, Weaver Lineberry, Truman Wall and Clark Marsh.

The play, which is given with the permission of the National Drama company, is under the direction of Miss Ruth Coltrane, who is English teacher and dramatic supervisor at Randelman high school. The proceeds from the play will be spent on improvements for the high school. Admission will be 25 and 35 cents.

FORMER ASHEBORO BOY MARRIED AT PALM BEACH

The friends of Mr. Frank Henley, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Henley, of High Point, and who was born and reared in Asheboro, will learn with interest of his marriage at Palm Beach.

Miss Carrie Stewart of Chicago, and Frank Henley of High Point, N. C., were married on Saturday at High Point at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Coburn, 535 Erie street, when the bride was a virgin. The marriage was read by Rev. J. P. Coble, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Miss Stewart has been spent in the States with her parents and is now residing with her parents at the home of the bride's parents in Chicago.

Mr. Henley has been in the United States Army for the past two years.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS KILLED BY MATE

Two old Confederate Veterans, of the Tennessee Soldiers' Home, who for years and years have been friends, living in the same little room at the home, have been separated forever over a childish quarrel about whether a window should be left up or down. Dr. G. T. Brackling, 91 years of age, stabbed to death his companion, G. W. Hamby, age 97. Dr. Brackling is also in a very serious condition as a result of wounds received in the fight. The hospital authorities do not believe he will live long enough for the state to try him for the death of his companion. The Governor of Tennessee has made an announcement that the state will not take any steps to punish Dr. Brackling until he is fully recovered. He claims that he killed Hamby in self defense.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis.)

The recent death of Mrs. Julia A. Kearns removes our oldest member. Her former pastor, Rev. A. W. Plyler conducted the funeral.

Messrs. Brabham and Wootley, Sunday school experts, will conduct a one-day institute for district workers on Friday the 29th. A stereopticon will be used. Our ladies will furnish lunch. Sunday school workers of the town will be welcome.

If the Advocate comes to you this week, look it over. Mr. C. L. Cranford's Young People's Society may ask you to subscribe.

The writer preached at East End, High Point, on last Sunday.

"Reading" will be the pastor's subject Sunday morning. At night he begins a series of four evening sermons on "Some Beastly Sins," "Drink Not," "Keep Pure," "Stop Lying," and "Don't Fight," make up the list.

Our church will co-operate with other churches in the town in a union revival effort in June led by Rev. L. J. Miller of Nashville, Tenn.

STORY-CRANFORD WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Vivian Cranford and Mr. Sam Story which occurred at Salisbury February 2nd, came as a surprise to their many friends in the town. Very few outside the immediate family knew of the marriage until it was announced by Mrs. Vivian Cranford, sister-in-law of the bride at a lovely tea Saturday afternoon. The bride is the lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford, of this place and is not only a most popular member of her social set in the town but has many friends throughout the State. She has for the past two years been a student at Greensboro College. Mr. Story is principal of the school at Hemp where he has taught for several years. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Story, of Greensboro, and is well known in Asheboro and Randolph county where he has many friends.

GOVERNOR COOPER AND BROTHER ACQUITTED OF CONSPIRACY IN BANK CASE

After a trial covering two weeks, Lt. Governor Cooper and his brother, Thomas E. Cooper, who was an officer of the bank at Wilmington, formerly known as Commercial National Bank, were acquitted on a conspiracy charge in the United States District Court last Saturday. The jury was out exactly two hours and fifty-five minutes. The defendants were discharged until the May court under the same bonds of \$5,000.00 each, which they gave when they were arrested last August. The only other charge against Lt. Governor Cooper is another bill charging him with committing the same acts he has just been acquitted of conspiring to commit and it is considered doubtful whether he will be put on trial again. When Judge Conner spoke to the jury he said, "Without regard to the other phases of the case about which I have no opinion, I want to say that if I had been on the jury, I should have returned the same verdict in this case." Mr. Cooper and his brothers were very quietly congratulated when they left the court room. Lt. Governor stood up remarkably well during the long hours of the cross examination, and with the exception on nervous moving of his hands he showed absolutely no emotion other than being absolutely frank and above board during the nerve racking examination.

GLENN YOUNG PLACED UNDER \$20,000 BOND

Glenn Young, well known raider against draft evaders and moonshiners and one of the ring leaders in the Herrin, Ill., mix up, has been placed under a \$20,000 bond in Marion, Ill., on charges covering ten counts of larceny and robbery. Mr. Young for many months has been employed by the K. K. K. of Herrin, Ill., as a paid raider against illicit whiskey traffic in Williamson county. He has been the cause of over 5000 arrests of violators of the prohibition laws. Recently a new anti Klan organization, called the Knights of the Flaming Circle, was organized in Herrin to work against the efforts of the K. K. K. to put a stop to whiskey. The outcome of this new organization resulted in several deaths and eventually caused the State Militia to be sent to Herrin as a precaution against further violence. Mr. Young was appointed temporary Chief of Police of Herrin during the absence of the regular chief who was supposed to have been kidnapped. It is thought by many of Mr. Young's friends that he is absolutely innocent of the charges and that his enemies have "framed" him.

TRIP TO NORTH POLE HALTED

The proposed trip to the North pole with the giant airship, the Shenandoah, which has been looked forward to with the very keenest interest by navy men who want to make the flight has been nipped in the bud by orders of the President. By direction of the President, Secretary Denby sent out orders bringing all preparations for the proposed flight to sudden stop. Officials of the navy think that within a few days Congress will make the necessary approval and that after all, the big airship will be able to start for the Arctic zone as has been planned.

MILLER CHARGES MELLON WITH "JUGGLING" FIGURES

Charge States That Mellon "juggled" Figures in Order to Fool Public Concerning Bonus.

Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury and Thomas W. Miller have come together in one of the hottest word battles that has ever been staged between two men who are officers of the same party. Mr. Miller who is alien property custodian, in an address last week to a large crowd of people in New York, claimed that Mr. Mellon had "juggled" the bonus figures in order to deceive the public. This was done Mr. Miller claims in order that the public would gather the impression that the United States could not afford to pay a cash bonus to the veteran. Mr. Mellon denies these charges and has asked Mr. Miller to prove his statements. Mr. Miller in reply to a letter from Mellon, informed the secretary that he had received his information from a high official of the treasury department, and could show the figures which this official had furnished. Mr. Mellon demanded that the name of the high official be given to him in order that he might take steps to prove his innocence. It seems rather strange that Mr. Miller would openly charge one of his own party without first having the evidence to back up his statements. Mr. Miller says he is not going to take water, but will stand squarely behind his guns, and stick to exactly what he said when he made his speech in New York. The soldiers all over the country are greatly "wrought up" over the fact that they have been deceived by the present officials of the treasury.

MAKING "BAD MONEY"

A nation wide conspiracy to make and distribute counterfeit treasury notes of \$1,000 denomination has been nipped in the bud by officers of the secret service bureau. James C. Houghton, employee of the bureau of engraving and printing, and Curt Jacobson of New York have been arrested. Both men are charged with conspiracy to counterfeit, Houghton has been released, but Jacobson so far has failed to obtain his surety fixed at \$10,000. A number of arrests in other cities in connection with the alleged conspiracy are predicted soon.

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DIED

"She" Shofner, an industrious and respected colored woman died at her home near the Asheboro colored school house, last Saturday night, after a long illness. The funeral and burial were on Monday.