

## MRS. ASHCRAFT DIES IN MONROE

### Formerly of Randolph County and Member of Prominent Family.

Mrs. Linnie Shamburger Ashcraft, wife of Mr. T. A. Ashcraft, died in Monroe last Saturday at the local hospital, where two weeks prior to her death a baby girl was born.

Mrs. Ashcraft was a native of Randolph county, a daughter of the late Peter and Corina Lewis Shamburger, both of whom were members of well known and prominent families in this section of the state. They lived in Concord township. Mrs. Ashcraft received her early education at Farmer high school, where she went to Galliford College, where she graduated with high honors. She taught for several years before her marriage both in the Jamestown and Farmer High Schools, being principal of the Farmer high school for three years. She was married to Mr. T. A. Ashcraft of Monroe in 1917. To this union there were three children, Thomas Lewis, five years, a daughter, who died in infancy and a two weeks old daughter, Linnie Shamburger. Upon going to Union county Mrs. Ashcraft allied herself with the Methodist Episcopal church of which she was a faithful and consistent member. She was also identified with everything pertaining to social and educational welfare in the community in which she lived.

The family, relatives and many friends, have sustained a distinct loss and realize that in her passing the state has lost one of her foremost, conscientious and most beloved citizens. She had as her motto—service—and never failed in the performance of duty. Besides her husband and children Mrs. Ashcraft is survived by one brother, Mr. Charles Shamburger of Star, who on account of illness was prevented from attending his sister's funeral. Mrs. Ashcraft met death as courageously as she had always met life in all its phases, planning for those whom she was leaving. Her many friends in the county will deplore her death but will follow her husband and children with interest.

## BANQUET, RICHARDSON CLASS, RAMSEUR BAPTIST S. S.

Ramseur has not in recent years, if ever, experienced just such an occasion as that of the banquet given Saturday night by the Richardson Class of the Baptist church. This class was named in honor of Dr. J. B. Richardson, to be directed by a progressive, capable and consecrated teacher, Mr. H. B. Moore, who is also President of Randolph County Sunday School Association.

Never has the gymnasium of the school building looked more attractive and tempting than it did with two long tables artistically decorated with flowers and fruits, around which were assembled 200 or more wives, sweethearts and friends of the members of this class. Denominationalism was forgotten for the time being and everybody mingled with a genuinely good feeling toward one another, regardless of creed or sect.

This host of friends and neighbors was bountifully served by the younger men of the class with sandwiches, coffee, cream, cake, salted peanuts, and apples. Interspersed with eating, were popular musical selections furnished by the local orchestra, also short speeches by the following: Mr. Moore, Rev. W. A. Elam, pastor of the Baptist church, Mr. N. F. Marsh, teacher of men's class in M. E. church, Messrs. E. R. Baldwin, of Greensboro, and J. C. Luther, of Liberty, both of whom were former members of the class, Prof. E. D. Marsh, Superintendent of the High School, Mr. W. E. Marley, President Columbia Township S. S. Convention, and Rev. W. L. Scott, pastor of the M. E. church. The following toast was given by Miss Carrie Crawford one of the teachers in the high school:

"We may live without books—what is knowledge but grieving?  
We may live without hope—what is hope but deceiving?  
We may live without love—what is passion but pining?  
But, where is the man who can live without dining?  
So, here's to the folks who've brought this to pass,  
Here's to Mr. Moore and the Richardson Class."  
After all had eaten till "too full for other utterance," a hearty farewell was given by Mr. Moore; and the guests adjourned wishing the Richardson Class and teachers much success in the wonderful work they are doing in this community.

## A Township Sunday School Convention Held at Presbyterian Church

A township Sunday School Convention was held at the Presbyterian church at Asheboro Saturday evening, March 1st. Representatives from several of the various Sunday schools of the town and township were present and made short talks, before Miss Esther Ross introduced Miss Flora Davis of the State Board of Sunday School Work in Raleigh who made an interesting talk. Miss Davis' subject was "The Sunday School Work and the Community." She stressed the need for training workers in the Sunday School. Mr. C. G. Francis, chairman of the township work presided over the meeting.

## LANDMARK OF ASHEBORO IS BEING TORN DOWN

One of the oldest houses and a beloved landmark of the town of Asheboro is being torn down rapidly this week. This is the quaint old house known as the Marmaduke Robins home in East Asheboro. The house lacks just 11 years of being 100 years old, and in spite of its age, many of the timbers were not worn in the least, being of the best material possible. Mr. Alfred Marsh and family built the house, and lived in it for several years. Mr. Marmaduke Robins then bought the house and lived in it keeping "bachelor's hall" until he took his bride there. There they lived for over forty-five years and reared a family of three sons; they are, Henry Robins, attorney at law, of Asheboro; Rev. Sidney Robins of Ann Harbor, Mich.; and Duke Robins, of Robins and Weill Insurance Co., Greensboro. Mrs. Robins is well and affectionately known here and is active in her church and club work. She has lived in the old home place with her son, Mr. Henry Robins, and his wife and little girl until recently when they moved into the Kelly house, near the Graded school building. Here they will live until their new home is completed on the same lot where the other stood. The passing of this landmark brings sadness to the hearts of many of the older residents of the town who have been entertained in true Southern style in the Robins home, but as the times advance, the old must give place to the new and more modern architecture of the day.

## CHARGED WITH ROBBING POST OFFICE

Jesse Newsome, 20 years old has been placed under arrest by federal officers charging him with robbing the mails at High Point. Newsome was caught in the act of opening a lock box belonging to another High Point man. He was arrested two nights later after the police had spent two nights watching the youths movements in the vicinity of the post office. Mr. Ed. Ferree informed the police that someone had taken his postoffice key from the lock box while he was sorting his mail. An officer watched until about four o'clock the following morning, the officer left his post and the box was robbed a short time after the officer left the building. The next night the watch was maintained throughout the night and Newsome was caught at 8:30. The officials searched his room at 212 West Willis street, High Point, and discovered several postoffice keys, a number of letters and \$400 in checks which had been stolen from the post office. Officers claim that Newsome has confessed to the crime, and claims that he found the postoffice keys. He moved to High Point about 18 months ago from Asheville.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis.)  
The churches of the city will hold a union service Sunday night, next, at our church, in the interest of Near East Relief. Rev. Mr. Gillespie, of Gastonia, will be the speaker.  
We are arranging to have our Sunday School Day early in April. Sunday March 16, is the day set for Southern Methodists to do something worth while for its 900 superannuates and 1300 widows of the ministers. Asheboro proposes to do her part.  
Personal: The writer was mildly shocked this week to hear that his eldest son was married and off on his wedding journey.  
The passing of Mrs. Martha Ann Presnell on March second, takes from us a respected and highly esteemed member.  
The following Methodist ministers were our guests Friday, while attending our Sunday school institute; Revs. W. F. Womble, E. E. Williamson, J. H. Barnhardt, R. G. Tuttle, J. E. Woosley, O. P. Routh, G. W. Clay, A. G. Loflin, W. L. Scott, J. W. Hoyle, and A. L. Lucas.

## County Sunday School Institute at M. E. Church Last Friday.

Friday an all-day County Sunday School Institute was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asheboro. All pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and teachers of the county were invited and the attendance was good, every charge in the county but three being represented. The principal speakers of the day were Mr. Bradham, a representative of the General Board of Sunday School Work, Mr. O. V. Woosley, of Lexington, who is well known in Asheboro, having been principal of the Asheboro School several years ago. Miss Jenkins, of Lexington, who is an elementary worker was also present and spoke. Presiding Elder Womble was in charge of the services. In the evening, Mr. Bradham gave an illustrated lecture of unusual interest. During the noon hour, the ladies of the church served a sumptuous luncheon.

## Series of Meetings in Presbyterian Church Close

The series of meetings which have been in progress at the Presbyterian church closed Tuesday night. Rev. Wade Smith, of Greensboro, father of the pastor of the local church, was present and, was as usual interesting. He is one of the foremost ministers in the country and has become noted on account of his Little Jests. There have been eighteen sessions to the church since the meeting began.

## MR. BLAIR OF WINSTON WRITES ABOUT THE OLD PLANK ROAD

### Quotes Several Paragraphs About Places and Towns in North Carolina Which Will Be of Interest To the Readers of The Courier.

Mr. William A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, formerly of Archdale, wrote an interesting story which appeared in the Sunday Greensboro Daily News, called "The Old Plank Road." Mr. Blair went through the library of Congress in Washington and found an interesting volume called the "American Traveler." This book contains 500 closely printed pages and its title page, in full is as follows: "The American Traveler, or National Directory," containing an account of all the great past roads, and most important cross-roads in the United States, leading from Washington city to the several extremities of the union. The article by Mr. Blair dwells on some interesting subjects which cover practically every important city in the union. In his article he quotes several paragraphs about places and towns in North Carolina which will be of interest to the readers of The Courier. He says:

"The larger portion of the book, however, is filled with instructions to the traveler in regard to roads, and in all cases the distances between points is accurately given. In North Carolina the principal routes given in full are from Wilmington to Salisbury, Asheville and Knoxville; from Wilmington to Fayetteville; from Fayetteville to Knoxville via Charlotte; from Charlotte to Asheville; from Fayetteville to Danbury; from Fayetteville to Hillsborough; from Fayetteville to Salem; from Raleigh to Germantown; from Raleigh to Halifax; from Raleigh to Knoxville via Ashe county, etc. To illustrate. The road from Fayetteville to Salem, which later became the old plank road, is thus given:

Towns, etc.	Par-ticular Fayetteville	From Fayetteville
Morrison's .....	23	23
Munrows .....	16	39
Hall .....	24	63
Randolph Court House .....	20	73
Salem .....	44	128

In describing the North Carolina towns he says, "Wilmington, port town and capital of new Hanover county, port of entry, long 78-10 W. Lat. 34-11 N. Pop. 2,683. Blacks 1,535. It contains a courthouse, a jail, an academy, two banks, a print office, an Episcopal and a Presbyterian church. It is well situated for trade, but is accounted unhealthy. Opposite to the town are two islands which extend with the court of the river, dividing it into three channels.

They afford the finest rice fields in the state."

"Salisbury, post town and cap. Rowan Co., 5 S. W. Yadkin, 34 S. W. Salem. Pop. about 600. Near this town there is a remarkable wall of stone laid in cement, plastered on both sides, from 12 to 14 feet in height and 22 inches thick. The length of what has been discovered is about 300 feet. The top of the wall approaches within one foot of the surface of the ground. When built, by whom and for what purpose is unknown. A similar wall has, within a few years, been discovered about six miles from the first, from 4 to 4 ft. high and 7 inches thick."

"Fayetteville, post town and cap. Cumberland Co., on W. side of N. W. branch of Cape Fear river. Pop. 3,532. It is the most commercial town in N. C. It contains a courthouse, a town house, an academy, a Masonic hall, three banks, one of which is a branch of the U. S. bank and three houses of public worship. Several of the public buildings are large and elegant."

"Germantown, post town and cap. Stokes Co., on the Town Fork of Dan river, 10 N. E. Bethna. It contains a courthouse, a jail and 40 or 50 houses."

"Bethania of Bethany, post town, Stokes Co., 4 N. W. Bethabara, 9 N. W. Salem, 10 S. W. Germantown. It is a Moravian town, containing about 200 inhabitants."

"Salem, post town, Stokes Co., watered by a small branch of the Yadkin, 34 N. E. Salisbury, 100 W. Raleigh, W. 331. It is a handsome Moravian town, built of brick and chiefly on one street about a mile and a half long, paved and planted with rows of trees on each side. It contains a church and has manufactures of potter's ware, saddlery, gloves, hosiery, etc. Here is an excellent Moravian academy for females, under the direction of a preceptor and 12 matrons. There are belonging to the institution four brick buildings, four story high, situated on a square in the center of the town, planted with trees and intersected with fine gravel walks. Young ladies from various parts of the southern states are sent to this academy. The price of board and tuition is moderate and great attention is paid to the morals of the pupils. Cape Fear bank at Washington has an agency here."

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## MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of Randolph county met Monday, March 3rd, the following members being present: L. F. Ross, Chairman; J. A. Martin. A request was made by the patrons of Kildee district, Columbia township for a truck to be placed there next year to transport children to Staley. No definite action was taken at this meeting, but the Board will consider the advisability of placing a truck there at a later meeting.

It is ordered that the accounts for repairs at Pierce school house, Tabernacle township be paid.

L. P. Mendenhall is appointed committee at Prospect to succeed Mr. Hubbard who resigned.

The sale of school lot at Worthville for \$625 is confirmed. Mr. W. L. Ward is purchaser for the Methodist Protestant church, the county still retains the house.

It is ordered that all notes and deeds necessary for the erection of Trogdon school house, Brower township be prepared and signed and bills paid.

After having ascertained that it is desirable to vote a tax rate in Trinity taxing district for maintaining a building and build a new school building an election is approved, calling for a tax rate of 50c on the \$100 valuation of property.

It is ordered that the first building fund available in 1925 be given Liberty for building a new school house. Application for Special Building Fund from the State are approved. \$60,000 to be secured for Trinity District and \$40,000 for Farmer.

## Denton Marble Works Win Suit Against Defunct Bank.

A Davidson county jury rendered a verdict in favor of the Denton Marble Works last week against the directors of the Bank at Denton.

The plaintiffs sought to recover the sum of \$824.39 from the defendants, alleging mismanagement and negligence of duty on the part of the bank's directors, and the jury, after deliberating for about twenty minutes, answered every issue in favor of the plaintiff and awarded the damages asked.

The plaintiff contended that at the time of the Bank of Denton went into the hands of a receiver they had on deposit with the bank the sum of \$1,326.89. Prior to the suit the receiver had paid depositors fifty cents on the dollar and the plaintiffs asked for a verdict in their favor of \$824.39.

## DEATH OF MRS. NANCY J. SCOTT

Mrs. Nancy Jane (Craven) Scott died February 25, 1924, aged 71 years.

She was the daughter of the late Rev. Wm. M. and Eliza Melton Craven. On October 3, 1878 she was united in marriage to John Thomas Scott. To this union eight children were born, two of whom with the husband preceded her to the beyond. Those surviving are, Mrs. A. A. York, Mrs. Everett Cox, Mrs. W. W. Davis, all of Ramseur, Route 1; Mrs. W. E. Beane, Ore Hill; Mrs. G. P. Craven, Franklinville; and B. H. Scott, of Ramseur Route 1, with whom she has made her home since the death of her companion nearly twelve years ago.

There are 35 grandchildren living and 7 dead. Two brothers, J. M. Craven, Merry Oaks; L. A. Craven, Coleridge; two sisters, Mrs. Lou Brady, Siler City; and Mrs. Hiram Gardner, Coleridge.

She was converted in early life and united with Shilo Christian church, later moving her membership to Pleasant Grove, and nearly 30 years ago, the family moving to Ramseur, she transferred her membership to Pleasant Ridge church and remained a devoted and consistent member until her death; always faithful upon her attendance at church as long as her health permitted.

Funeral services were conducted from Pleasant Ridge church by her pastor, Rev. T. J. Green, assisted by Rev. John Allred of Pleasant Cross Christian church and Rev. W. L. Scott of the M. E. church, Ramseur. Interment was in the church cemetery. Flower bearers were her granddaughters.

## Troy Citizen To Have Burned Currency Replaced.

Mr. W. A. Harris, of Troy, has sent Representative Hammer two \$20 bills and one ten dollar bill which were thrown into the fire by a little child, who had gotten hold of the money and most of the contents burned before the discovery was made. These small parcels were snatched from the fire as soon as the discovery was made."

Mr. Hammer ascertained from the treasury department that the bills referred to can be replaced if the necessary affidavits can be provided, describing how the damage was done. Members of the Harris family are to provide the affidavits.

## TRAIN DEMOLISHES CAR

When train No. 155 hit the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Charles Upton and their two boys, aged eight and ten, Tuesday evening at Oak Hill about two miles west of High Point, Mrs. Upton was seriously injured. Mr. Upton and the two boys jumped to safety, but as Mrs. Upton was attempting to jump the train hit the car, completely demolishing it. Mrs. Upton was taken to a hospital in High Point seriously injured, although her exact condition is not yet known.

## BELOVED CITIZEN DIED SATURDAY

### Mrs. M. A. Presnell, One of Asheboro's Oldest Citizens Passes.

Mrs. M. A. Presnell, an old and highly respected resident of Asheboro, died at Memorial hospital, last Saturday night after an illness of a week from paralysis and apoplexy.

The funeral was held in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Willis, and burial followed in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Presnell was sixty-five years of age last Christmas. Before marriage, she was Miss Martha Ann Stewart, of Kernersville. She was married some forty years ago to the late Jesse Presnell, a well known contractor and builder, who died more than twelve years ago. She had lived in Asheboro thirty-five years. She deceased was for many years the leading dressmaker of Asheboro, fashioning the gowns for the most prominent women of two generations. She was a kind neighbor, a lover of home, a good wife, and devoted mother. She was a member of the M. E. church for many years. One son, Mr. Cleveland Presnell; and one grandson, Hiatt Presnell, of Plant City, Florida, survive; besides two sisters, one half-brother, and one half-sister.  
Among those from out of town attending the funeral, were Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Huffine, of Kernersville; and Mr. and Mrs. Huffine, of High Point.

## FIGHT FOR CASH OPTION ON SOLDIERS' BONUS

A determined fight has arisen over a straight out cash payment option on the soldiers' bonus legislation before the house ways and means committee. Chairman Jeffers of a special committee has come out for it and Representative Garner, of Texas, who has opposed the bonus in the past as well as some other Democratic members of the committee, have indicated they favored the full cash payment option. The McKenzie bill, similar to that passed last session and vetoed by President Harding, provides for options, but restricts cash payments to those entitled to less than \$50 under the adjusted compensation credit. Other options are adjusted service certificates, a form of insurance; vocational training, and farm or home aid.

## DEATH OF Wm. ASBURY ALLRED

Wm. Asbury Allred, who has been in declining health for the past year, died at his home on Asheboro Route 1, Wednesday evening, February 27th, age 67 years. Funeral and burial services, Friday morning, were conducted from Pleasant Cross Christian church by Rev. John M. Allred. Interment was made in Pleasant Cross cemetery. Mr. Allred was a son of the late George and Bettie Allred. He was married to Lydia Cheek November 14, 1880. The deceased is survived by two brothers, C. M. and Manley Allred; one sister, Mrs. T. M. Ellison; his wife and three children, Mrs. Norda Holden, Charles and Lacy Allred; and a large circle of friends.

## HELD UP ON HIGH POINT-ASHEBORO HIGHWAY

Donald Headen was stopped in his car while riding with a young lady four miles out of High Point, on the Asheboro highway Monday night. After driving for a while, the couple were returning to High Point when several men drove up in another car and commanded Mr. Headen to stop. He slowed down his car, he said, and when he did a man jumped from the other automobile and came up to his machine. He had a large butcher knife in his hand and seeing this, Mr. Headen increased the speed of his machine and returned to the city quickly.

He notified local officers and they went out on that road to search for the thief, but no arrests were made.

## NEW BANK OPENED AT DENTON LAST WEEK

The Carolina Bank and Trust company opened at Denton last week. Mr. J. F. Garner, the cashier, assisted by Mr. Walter Rapp was in charge, and they report a splendid business.  
The Carolina Bank & Trust Co., has recently received its charter and at a meeting of the stockholders the following officers were elected. T. J. Finch, president, Arthur Ross, vice president and J. F. Garner, cashier. The bank is located in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Denton.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY

The Commissioners of the county met Monday and transacted a great deal of business and not completing the work are in session again today. A full report will appear next week.

## Members of Ex-Sheriff Lakey's Family Charged With His Murder.

Mrs. A. E. Lakey and her two sons and a grandson, of Yadkin county have been arrested on the charge of the murder of Ex-Sheriff A. E. Lakey the latter part of last August.

## D. W. SIMS TO BE IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

Mr. D. W. Sims, general State Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will be in Randolph county, March 9th, and will hold three township Sunday school Institutes. Mr. Sims will speak at the following places: Oak Grove church in New Hope township 10 a. m.; Pleasant Ridge church in Coleridge township, 2 p. m.; and at Ramseur M. E. church 7:30 p. m. Mr. Sims is well known in Randolph county as a live enthusiastic Sunday school worker and a very fine speaker. All of the schools in these townships are requested to send representatives.

## COL. W. P. WOOD CONTINUES IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Col. W. P. Wood, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected and probably the widest known citizens continues in a serious condition at the High Point hospital. His relatives and friends express great anxiety over his condition and there has been universal sorrow that reports are not more favorable.

## RANDOLPH SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MARCH 17TH

Randolph Superior Court for the trial of civil cases begins March seventeenth and will continue for two weeks. The trial of criminal cases will begin on March 31st, and will continue throughout the week. Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte will preside.

## Two Young Women Injured By Passing Car.

Miss Ruth Vuncannon, formerly of this place, and Miss Nell Orr, of Denton, both students at Elon College, were painfully injured Sunday afternoon while walking along the highway. Two cars collided turning J. D. Bumley's car over on the two young women. The car which hit Mr. Bumley's was going at a terrific speed. It is not known who the driver was. The young girls were not seriously hurt.

## MARRIED

Miss Myrtle West and Mr. Hurley Powers, both of Asheboro, were married at the Baptist parsonage February 27th, Rev. J. W. Ross, officiating. Mrs. Powers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. West and Mr. Powers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powers. They will make their home in Asheboro.

## DR. CRAVEN CLOSES OFFICE IN ASHEBORO

Dr. F. C. Craven, of Ramseur, who for about two years has had an Asheboro office will leave soon for Wilkesboro where he will move his family and open an office. Dr. Craven is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and had a splendid practice in the county, as well as many warm personal friends who will regret to see him leave.

Winford Carr, optometrist, of Greensboro, will come to the town and will occupy the offices vacated by Dr. Craven. He will be in town each Saturday for the present, and it is hoped that he will later make Asheboro his home.

## RECRUITING OFFICER HERE

Sgt. Carlisle Koenig, Co. A. 4th Engrs, Fort Bragg, N. C., Recruiting Service U. S. Army, will be in town for two weeks or more. Served in Spanish Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection and during World's War as Assistant Instructor at the U. S. Military at West Point, N. Y.

## MEASLES IN RANDOLPH CONTINUE

In making a report to the County Commissioners Monday, Dr. Hunter, county health physician, stated that there were at that time four hundred and forty-four cases of measles in the county. While many of those in Asheboro who have had the disease and up and out again there are many new quarantine signs on the doors of the town. It is understood that the majority of cases have been comparatively mild.

## Income Tax Returns Must Be Filed Before March 15th.

Attention is called to the fact that all married persons with an income of \$1,000, all married persons with an income of \$2,000 and all persons with gross income of \$5,000 or more; all corporations; all partnerships; all fiduciaries must file a return with the State Revenue Department on or before March 15.

## 50 GALLON STILL CAPTURED

A 50 gallon copper still was captured about a half mile Southeast of Brown's Cross Roads Monday morning. Nearly a thousand gallons of beer was also destroyed by Deputy E. L. Cooper and Mr. Phil Langley. From appearances, the owners of the still were about ready to get to work when the officers found the still; the men escaped however.