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LIBERTY SCHOOL  
CONTRACT IS LET

Will Build Standard Building at  
Liberty—J. R. Owen Gets  
General Contract.

The county board of education at the regular meeting held in the office of T. Fletcher Bulla, superintendent of schools, Monday at Asheboro let contracts for the new Liberty high school building at Liberty. This building will be of brick construction, two story with basement and will have 11 class rooms. It will be a standard building in every respect, equipped with water, lights, and steam heat. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$53,000 when completed. The general contract was awarded to J. R. Owen, of Asheboro and Greensboro, from a list of 17 bidders on the contract.

Heating and plumbing contract was awarded to the Burlington Hardware Company, of Burlington, for \$7,715. There were four bidders for this contract.

The Burlington Electric Company gets wiring contract for \$495. Bids on this contract from four bidders ranged from \$885.00 to the contract price.

Under the terms of the contract the building must be completed by August 15th, next, in order that it may be used for the fall 1925 term of school. The contractors, according to information received from the Asheboro office, plan to begin work on the building at once. It will be situated on the present school grounds within about twenty feet of the present school building.

The board in its meeting passed on a number of other matters relative to the schools of the county. The matter of building an addition to the school house at Gravel Hill was left to the county superintendent.

Lebanon school house building will be advertised and sold. This building is located in Cedar Grove township.

The board declined the request of patrons of the Holly Springs school to pay expense of the transportation of high school students of the district to Ransome high school unless the Holly Springs school should be entirely or partly abolished. Other school districts in the county had previously made such requests which were turned down.

Members of the board present at the meeting were L. F. Ross, chairman, J. A. Martin, and J. F. Hughes.

Mr. Elisha Gregory Wants To  
Know About His Ancestors

Elisha Gregory, formerly a resident of Iowa, and now of Whitesville, N. C., was in Asheboro last week on a visit to his nephew, Rev. Calvin Gregory, pastor of the Friends church. Mr. Gregory is anxious to learn something of his ancestors who came from this county. His father was Omar Gregory whose wife before her marriage was Miss Rebecca Hockett, of the upper part of Randolph county more than 40 years ago. Mr. Gregory is a grandson of Elisha Gregory, Sr., who left Randolph county more than 40 years ago. His grandfather's wife before her marriage was Rebecca Allen. Elisha Gregory, Sr., was a miller and founded a grist mill at some place in this county. His left hand was accidentally crushed in the mill and one finger had to be amputated before he left the county.

Ford Has Large Payroll at  
Charlotte Lette

The weekly payroll of the Ford branch plant at Charlotte is approximately \$140,000. With the plant reaching full capacity the payroll figures are expected to reach a million dollars a year. The plant has 14,000 employees and the average wage of the workers is \$10.00 a week. The workers and executives, of course, receive an average higher wage.

Pleasant Garden To Have Electric  
Lights

Pleasant Garden in Guilford county, is to have electric lights furnished by the North Carolina Public Service Company from Greensboro. It is to be on the co-operative method, the people of the community taking stock in the enterprise. Archdale and Trinity, in Randolph county, are supplied with electric lights by the same company on a similar plan, which has proved to be quite a success.

STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS  
SHOW SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

The statement of collections by the North Carolina Department of Revenue under Commissioner Doughton for the calendar year 1924 shows a total of \$6,391,074.83 as against \$5,750,076.73 in 1923, an increase of \$641,007.10.

Income tax receipts were increased to \$4,276,336.74 from \$3,975,444.63 in 1923. Inheritance taxes show an increase \$505,435.42 from \$410,492.80. License and privilege taxes were increased from \$418,029.21 to \$535,967.74 and the commissioner proposes to double this amount.

Franchise taxes yielded approximately \$1,000,000 each year and the commissioner would let the rate remain where it is.

In addition to the \$6,400,000 raised by the Department of Revenue, the Insurance Department collects over \$1,000,000 a year and various other departments have lesser collections, making the total up to about eight millions a year.

TAKES OUT GROUP POLICY  
FOR BENEFIT EMPLOYEES

Home Building and Material Co.  
Provides \$1,000 Insurance for  
Each Employee.

The Home Building Material Company, of Asheboro, has taken quite a step forward on behalf of its employees. This company has provided life insurance protection for its employees through the acquisition of a group policy in the Metropolitan Insurance Company, of New York. The total coverage amounts to \$65,000, with each employee who has been with the company three months or more being issued for \$1,000. In case of partial disability which prevents the insured from performing his regular duties at the plant he draws \$50 a month until the face value, \$1,000, of his policy is exhausted. In case of death, of course, the face value of the policy is paid to the beneficiary.

The insurance was issued on a co-operative basis whereby the employees pay 75 cents a month on the premium from their wages and the company paying the remainder.

Supplementing this insurance program is a service for the distribution of educational health bulletins and booklets. The insurance company does not have the nursing service in Asheboro that it maintains in larger towns, but will install this service later should other corporations in town provide this insurance protection.

In addition to this life insurance protection, the Home Building and Material Company has a mutual benefit insurance service maintained jointly by the company and the employees. The employees pay in to this fund one per cent of their wages while the company contributes a like amount. This is used to pay the wages of any regular employee who is incapacitated on account of illness and is not able to work at his job.

Miss Merrill Bennett Joins  
Local Graded School Faculty

Miss Merrill Bennett, of Holly Hill, S. C., has been employed and has assumed a position in the faculty of the Asheboro graded school, succeeding Miss Katherine Pickett, of High Point, who has resigned. Miss Bennett will have charge of what is known as home room work of the fourth and fifth grades.

Miss Bennett has recently returned from a trip to Europe. She is a graduate of Winthrop College, and has taught for several terms in the Winston-Salem schools and in the high schools of South Carolina.

Miss Emma Kimery and J. R. Amick  
Married

Miss Emma Kimery and Mr. J. R. Amick were married in Melancthon church, Liberty township, in December 31, Rev. D. T. Hoffman officiating. Mrs. Amick is the daughter of Mr. J. A. Kimery, of near White's Chapel, and is an excellent young lady. Mr. Amick is the youngest son of Mr. W. C. Amick, of Melancthon, and is a progressive young man.

One Reason

Chairman John W. Clark, of Franklinton, of the organization to promote the hard surface of State highway No. 75, never misses the opportunity to point out the reasons why the highway is not being built. In the correspondence he sends out he indicates that the highway will be built on the other side of the map he utilizes some of the white space with this message:

"Pittsboro was 34 miles from Raleigh by the old country road, but is now 42 miles from Raleigh by State Highway. This is the one reason why through traffic from the West doesn't pass through Chatham and Randolph counties."

Annual Conference of Farm  
Agents Is In Session

The annual conference of the farm demonstration agents of the State and other agricultural extension workers convened at State College, West Raleigh, Tuesday. E. S. Millsaps, Jr., agent for this county, is attending the ten days' session. A number of leading agricultural workers in the State and nation will take part in the meeting.

Speaking of Mr. Millsaps, Randolph agent, in a column of "clippings on Farm Agents" in the News and Observer of yesterday, Mr. F. H. Ewing says:

"Ewing Millsaps of Randolph county was surprised to find someone else had to look up to him when he was introduced to him and was introduced to Ewing he found that his six feet was still in comparison to Mr. Brigham's five feet five inches. 'It's not often I have to look up to a man,'" commented Ewing.

Sheriff Cranford Brings  
Back Prisoner From Florida

Sheriff J. Free Cranford returned from Orlando, Fla., Tuesday night bringing with him Melvin Beckert, of near Sophia, who was held by the Florida authorities for the Randolph county sheriff. Beckert skipped a thousand dollar bond in this county two or three years ago under charge of violating the prohibition laws. He had been convicted of a like offense in Florida and had served a term on the county roads.

At the expiration of his term he was held for the North Carolina authorities. Beckert is now in jail at Asheboro.

THE LEGISLATURE  
NOW IN SESSION

Many Important Matters In  
Way of Appropriations To  
Be Considered.

Senator Arthur Ross and Representative A. I. Ferree left for Raleigh Tuesday to be present at their respective party caucuses before the formal opening of the General Assembly at noon yesterday.

The organization of the General Assembly was completed Tuesday night and everything in readiness for the formal opening at noon yesterday. The Democrats in the lower house of the Legislature number 100, while the Republicans have 20. In the Senate 47 of the 50 members are Democrats.

Among the chief matters to come before the General Assembly will be the appropriations measures for schools, colleges, hospitals, and other institutions and various departments of the State government. From the statements that have been made by leaders of the lawmakers it may be assumed that this Legislature will be a conservative body and will probably shave down some of the large sums asked for by some of the institutions. The body will probably authorize a \$35,000,000 bond issue for the carrying on of the good roads program. As usual a number of bills of purely local concern will come up before the assembly.

Governor Morrison has announced that he will not address the Legislature, leaving this for Governor-elect A. W. McLean, who will be inaugurated January 14th. Governor McLean in his message is expected to outline clearly his policies and will make recommendations to the lawmakers. Owing to the reputation Mr. McLean has built up as a business man and executive his message is expected to be a strong document. The State in general is expecting a great administration under the guidance of the new Governor.

The revenue bill will occupy the most attention of the General Assembly. Commissioner R. A. Doughton has indicated that additional revenue made are to come within the amount of money collected to run the State's affairs. According to Doughton, the State has been spending more money than it collects and some method must be employed to make the income and outgo balance, if nothing else.

The Courier has arranged through M. L. Shipman, retiring Commissioner of Labor and Printing, to have a letter each week of the doings of the General Assembly. In this letter the doings of the Legislature in the matter of State-wide legislation will be noted in detail and also all legislation relative to this county will receive special attention.

Takes Lot of Help  
For General Assembly

Clerical hire, pages, and laborers attendant upon the 1923 General Assembly were paid \$64,200 while the members drew \$40,800 for their sixty days' work. While the members of the 1923 General Assembly got \$4 per day, the clerical workers drew \$6 a day. Pages \$2.50, and those listed as laborers \$4 per day.

It took 113 employees to take care of the Senate composed of 50 members while 92 were required to look after the needs of the 129 house members.

The clerical force of the 1913 General Assembly drew \$23,180 for services. The number employed was 246 as against 205 in 1923.

Hale and Deal Electrocutted

Kenneth Hale, 17-year-old negro, and John Deal, negro, were electrocuted in the State Prison at Raleigh Tuesday morning for the murder of Charlie Galloway, Lexington taxidermy driver, on August 29, last year.

Sheriff R. B. Taber, of Davidson county, but formerly a resident of Randolph, and Mrs. Taber witnessed the electrocutions.

Cabarrus County Hopkins Heirs

Fourteen of the heirs to the vast Hopkins estate living in Cabarrus county have taken steps to enter suit for a share in the millions. All these heirs are grandchildren of the brother and sisters of Mark and Moses Hopkins, with two exceptions. The estate of Mark Hopkins, valued at something over \$100 million dollars, was taken over by Moses Hopkins, his brother, when Mark died. When Moses Hopkins died he left the bulk of the estate to his widow who now lives in New York City.

Asheboro Township Sunday  
School Institute Jan. 14th

The Asheboro Township Sunday School Institute will be held January 14th at 7:30 p. m. in the Baptist church, Asheboro. All pastors, officers, teachers, and Sunday School workers are urged to be present at this meeting.

Mr. R. L. Pope, of Thomasville, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Pope is a splendid Sunday School worker and is teacher of a large class of men in his town.

Since all the pastors of the town and township have given over their mid-week prayer service for this occasion, we hope there may be a large attendance to hear Mr. Pope.

C. E. BULLA, President.  
RILLA SPOON, Secretary.

DEMOCRATS NAME PHARR  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Frank Birkhead Defeated For  
Sergeant At Arms—Republican's  
Caucus.

The caucus held Tuesday night in Raleigh of the Democratic members of the General Assembly which convened yesterday nominated Edgar W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, speaker of the lower house. Pharr was unopposed. Mr. Pharr made an impromptu speech in which he counseled economy. He said that the General Assembly must apply the business affairs of the State; it must adapt its appropriations to the carefully prepared estimate of receipts.

Alex Lassiter was made principal clerk and Needham Mangum, of Wake Forest, reading clerk.

The only contest in the caucus was over the job of sergeant at arms. Dr. C. M. Higgins, of Anson, won over J. Frank Birkhead, for the place by a vote of 57 to 34. M. E. Woodhouse, of Currituck, was made assistant.

The Senate caucus named Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton county, president pro tem. Frank Hackett was named principal clerk and Banks Arnsdell reading clerk.

The Republican caucus resulted in the election of Presley E. Brown, of Wilkes, majority leader. Mr. Brown, it will be remembered, was Republican candidate for Congress in this, the 7th Congressional district against Lee Robinson. Twenty members attended this caucus.

PRISON COMMITTEE HAS  
FINISHED INVESTIGATIONS

Ready To Report To General Assembly—Conditions Not As Bad  
As Pictured.

The committee appointed by the special session of the General Assembly in August to investigate prison conditions in the State and report to the regular session of the Legislature which met yesterday has completed its work. The committee visited prisons in several other Southern states and has found prison conditions in North Carolina far ahead of any of them except Alabama.

The committee is expected to recommend a continuing board to superintend the affairs of the State prison. The committee will report that the sanitary conditions of the central prison and prison farm are far above the sanitary conditions in the average county jail and convict camp.

All county and city jails and prison camps would be placed under State supervision, if the recommendations of the committee are enacted into law.

Certain changes in the interior construction of the State Prison which will cost around \$50,000 will be recommended. All of the estimates on the cost of the work have not been made but it is not thought that the cost will much exceed that figure.

Improved living quarters for the prisoners at Caldonia Farm will be recommended. The quarters now occupied by the prisoners at the farm are deemed inadequate by the committee.

The committee will suggest in its report that the recreational activities of the prisoners in all State prisons be more definitely provided for and supervised.

Provision for greater outdoor activities for the women at the Central Prison will also be recommended.

The members of the committee are: Major W. C. Heath, of Monroe, chairman; D. P. McKinstry, of Lumberton, secretary; D. E. Giles, of Marion; W. W. Neal, of Marion, and E. C. Foster, of Asheboro.

Robert Wall Dies At Age of 60

Robert W. Wall, aged 60, died Saturday morning at his home near Edgemoor in the northern part of the county following a stroke of paralysis suffered two weeks ago. He had been ill in death for two years. Funeral services were held at Marlboro church Monday morning. Rev. W. R. Harris, his pastor, and Dr. George R. Brown, of High Point, were in charge of the services.

The deceased is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was a Miss Johnson; by one daughter Miss Mary Wall, stenographer for the Rankin Coffin and Casket Company, at High Point; and one son, Lester Wall, who is now teaching at Legerwood, near Lenoir.

Infant Dead

David Russell, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Russell, who live in North Asheboro, died Saturday following an illness from pneumonia. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. H. Wilkie, and interment made in the M. E. church cemetery.

Justice McKenna Retires

Associate Justice Joseph McKenna, of the United States Supreme Court bench, retired Monday from active service and Attorney General Harlan F. Stone was nominated to succeed him. McKenna is in his 82nd year and has been on the Supreme Court bench since January 26th, 1898. His retirement deprives the Pacific coast of a representative on the Supreme Court and gives New York State two members, Chief Justice Taft and Mr. Stone.

Inaugurate Woman Governor

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Wilson Award



Viscount Cecil of England, now in the United States, last week received the first award made by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in the cause of world peace. With the bronze medal, 10 inches in diameter and shown above, went a check for \$25,000.

War Veterans Get First  
Insurance Certificates

Three Received in Asheboro by Ex-Service Men—Large Number To Be Mailed.

The first batch of insurance certificates issued to veterans of the World War pursuant to the provisions of the adjusted compensation act were put in the mails at Washington last Thursday by the United States Veterans' Bureau. Out of this first batch three certificates were received by World War veterans in Asheboro, C. M. Kivett, M. H. Burkhead, and Lacy Lewis each received a certificate. Others will get the certificates as their applications are passed on and the certificate prepared by the Veterans' Bureau. It is expected that during the next thirty days a million of these certificates will be in the hands of the former soldiers.

Although applications have been received by the bureau in Washington, under the provisions of the act for several months now, no certificate could be filed or issued prior to January 1st. No cash payments will be made before March 1st, next.

The insurance certificates have an appearance much like that of a Liberty Loan Bond. The amount of insurance is plainly stated on the face of the certificate and the provisions of the policy set out. The certificate has a loan value at the end of the second year and each year thereafter in an increasing amount. No assignment of the policy can be made and it is not subject to levy, seizure, or taxation. The insured has the privilege of bringing the beneficiary to any time.

The amount of the policies vary with the age and status of the veteran. Those who were members of Company 100th Inf., and served from the time the company was called into service on July 25th, 1917, and served until discharged at Camp Jackson, S. C., on April 18th, 1919, will each get an insurance certificate ranging from \$1500 to \$10000 in value. Others with shorter lengths of service will receive certificates in proportion to length of service.

The final date for making application for adjusted compensation is January 1st, 1924. However, the sooner the application is made the earlier the policy begins to mature. The face value of each certificate will be paid to the veteran in cash at the end of 20 years if living. In event of the death of the veteran, before that date the face value is paid to the veterans' beneficiary.

Draw Extra Jurors For Bailey  
Case In Federal Court

Twenty-four additional jurors for the special term of the United States district court at Greensboro beginning January 26th have been drawn for trial of a case in which 49 persons, including the officers of Bailey Brothers, Inc., Winston-Salem, and those who sold stock in the defunct organization.

Among those from Randolph selected for the jury are: M. E. Brown, T. W. Bingham, T. L. Sikes, Charles W. Staley, J. M. Yow, J. Ram Smith, and Colan A. Bird.

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COUNTY MUTUAL  
HAS GOOD YEAR

Report Shows \$2,500,000 Insurance  
In Force, With 1800  
Members.

The regular meeting of the Randolph county branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of North Carolina, was held in the court house at Asheboro Monday. The president, S. S. Cox, presided over the meeting, which was opened by prayer by Rev. H. F. Forreman, pastor of the Asheboro M. P. church.

The annual report of the secretary and treasurer, C. E. Allen, was read, showing that the past year's record of the association had been a good one for the association. No large losses were sustained during the year. The association has a membership of more than 1800 persons in the county. The amount of insurance now on the books amounts to two and a half millions of dollars.

The president, S. S. Cox, was elected delegate from the association to represent this county at the State meeting to be held in Raleigh Tuesday, January 20th.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, S. S. Cox; vice president, C. M. Ferree; sec-treas., E. T. Walton; directors, S. S. Cox, W. R. Hamlin, W. M. Coble, G. H. Cornelison and T. S. Bouldin; agents, J. F. Routh and J. M. Allen; appraisers, A. J. Luck, Trinity; R. E. Macon, Grant; E. W. Brown, Coleridge; Harris Kearns, Concord; J. T. Thornburg, New Hope; Elihu Vuncannon, Union; W. G. Kinney, Cedar Grove; Troy Redding, Back Creek; J. A. English, New Market; W. A. Wood, Providence; W. C. Hinshaw, Randleman; J. W. Rich, Franklinville; J. M. Williams, Liberty; C. C. Cheek, Pleasant Grove; C. M. Tysor, Brower; Marcus Wood, Tabernacle; Charlie King, Richland; J. O. Forrester, Columbia; W. F. Redding, Asheboro.

Republicans Have Surrendered  
To "Financial Buccaneers"

Senator Ladd, Republican of North Dakota, in an address in the Senate Tuesday took the Republican party to task for reading out of the party himself, and Senators LaFollette, Frazier, and Brookhart.

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The party drunk with power and forgetful of its traditions, he said, has proceeded with the surrender of the nation's money functions to "financial buccaneers" and to surrender its taxing power to "tariff magnates," has squandered its natural resources and made ventures in imperialism for the sole benefit of "partisan satraps," and transformed the government "of the people by the people and for the people" into "a government of the masses by the classes."

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Train Wreck At Trinity

Train No. 134 of the High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern railway company was wrecked Monday night near Trinity. The engine, tender, and two coal cars turned over and the front coach was derailed. A spread rail is believed to have been the cause of the wreck. Nobody was injured.

Doughton Indicates  
State's Fiscal Policy

In an interview in Raleigh Saturday Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton, chairman of the board of assessment, which is charged under the law with the writing of a revenue bill for presentation to the present session of the General Assembly, gave the first definite indications of the fiscal policy to be adopted by the State for the next two years.

Commissioner Doughton is in favor of the raising of approximately \$1,000,000 in revenue instead of the present \$8,000,000 on the basis of present appropriations, with revenue to meet any additional appropriations. The bulk of the increase, according to the commissioner, must come from the income tax which he favors increasing from 3 1/2 to 5 per cent. He also favors increasing the inheritance taxes, especially on large estates.

He is opposed to increasing the present franchise tax on corporations and is against placing a sale or consumption tax on tobacco and cigarettes.

Income Taxes Decrease

Federal income taxes in the United States for 1924 amounted to \$1,773,699,782, or about \$21,000,000 less than the amount paid in 1923. Customs revenue, however, increased nearly \$200,000,000 over 1923, clearly indicating that business in the country is looking up.

Julius C. Frazier Dead

Funeral services were held at Ebenezer church in the northern part of the county Sunday afternoon for Julius C. Frazier, aged 64 years, who died at his home in this county Friday afternoon. Miss Clara I. Cox, of High Point, was in charge of the services. Mr. Frazier was born in this county and had spent his entire life here with the exception of nine years during which time he lived in Greensboro.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was the daughter of the late Ashley Ford, who formerly lived near Sporo; two sisters, Miss Dora Edwards and Miss Emma Frazier, who live at Guilford College.

M. E. Church To Have Social

Circle Number 5 of the M. E. church are planning to have a social on Valentine eve. Refreshments will be served. The place will be announced later. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

TWO ASHEBORO BOYS ARE  
ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Howard Shaw and Raeford Kennedy  
Arrested In Connection  
With Theft of Goods.

As an aftermath of the fire Saturday night of last week in Mr. B. B. Brooks' store, the Asheboro Bargain House, two Asheboro youths, Howard Shaw and Raeford Kennedy, were arrested last Friday by Chief of Police Steed on a warrant charging entry of Brooks' store and having in their possession stolen goods. They were given a hearing Friday afternoon before Justice of the peace S. E. Lowdermilk and young Kennedy was bound over to Superior court under a bond of \$100 which was furnished by his father. It was not being furnished the authorities were forced to set him free.

It was found at the time of the fire that the back door of Mr. Brooks' store was not locked. It was suspected that the store had been entered. An investigation was instituted and a number of shirts and union suits were found in the basement under the store and also in the basements of W. A. Gregory's and R. C. Johnson's stores. Shaw and Kennedy were arrested for having the goods in their possession on evidence found to this effect. Mr. Brooks identified the goods as being some that were in his store before the fire.

Howard Shaw is a son of E. C. Shaw, and is only 14 years of age. Raeford Kennedy is the 17-year-old son of E. A. Kennedy.

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