

Plans Are Complete For Great Fourth of July Celebration In Asheboro

The Program Begins With Big Street Parade and Lasts Throughout The Day.

STREET DANCE AT NIGHT
City Firemen Ready For Annual Contest—Program of The Exercises.

The Fourth of July committee makes the announcement that plans are complete for the celebration to be held in Asheboro Saturday. The complete program of the exercises of the day was published in The Courier last week and no changes have been made in the nature and hour of the events. The celebration begins with a street parade Saturday morning and runs through a course of interesting events and contests until late in the evening when a street dance will be the closing feature.

The city firemen are ready for their annual contest, many beautiful floats have been entered for the parade, and numbers have signified their intention of entering the contests to be held. An added attraction which the firemen have secured is the Firemen's circus, which is being held under a large canvas tent. Wholesome and clean entertainment is assured by the committee in charge of the celebration.

The Program
Following is the program of events for the celebration to be held in Asheboro Saturday:

8:30 a. m.—Depot and South Fayetteville streets will be cleared of automobiles from the Red Star Service Station to the high school building and no parking will be permitted on these streets between the points designated during the day.

10:00 a. m.—Parade.

11:30 a. m.—Automobile race on Fayetteville street between three local ladies driving standard make cars.

12:00—Dinner. Special dinners will be served by hotels and restaurants.

1:15 p. m.—Automobile style show on Depot Street. A prize will be awarded to the young lady who drives a car in the most graceful manner. Contest open to any young lady in the county.

2:00 p. m.—Athletic contests will be held on Depot Street.

3:00 p. m.—Annual Firemen's Tournament between Companies 1 and 2 of the local fire company.

4:00 p. m.—Baseball game between Asheboro and Durham Hosiers Mills.

8:30 p. m.—Street dance.

Forsyth County Will Send Three Negroes To Chair

Forsyth county superior court last week convicted three murderers and sentenced all of them to die in the electric chair. All three were negroes charged with robbery and murder of white men.

Two negroes, Dawkins and Key, were convicted of the murder last year of J. H. Vaughn, a merchant. The third negro, Jones, was convicted of the murder of Ross King, young white man in a hold-up.

A fourth negro sentenced to die last week was one by the name of Ballard, who was convicted of the murder of a deputy sheriff who went to his home to place him under arrest.

LAND SALE, A SUCCESS

The auction sale of lots at Rosemont Park, just north of the corporate limits of Asheboro, last Saturday was attended by a very large crowd and the bidding was most of the time spirited. Quite a number of the lots were sold, a large part of them for homesites. Alvin Johnson was the winner of the Ford car which was given away.

OLD UNION CHURCH GIVES EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION

When This Church Wants Money For Improvements The Congregation Gets Out and Makes It.

The congregation of Old Union church in the Randleman charge is giving the churches of the county as well as the people a splendid lesson in co-operation. Mrs. L. G. Phillips, of Asheboro, attended a Children's Day service at the church last Sunday and brings back with her the news of this spirit of co-operation on the part of the church congregation and membership.

The church needs some money along for repairs and furnishings. Its congregation has adopted the method of working for these needed improvements by cultivating a cotton field near the church. The land was given to the congregation for the purpose and the fertilizer was donated. The congregation gathered as a unit and prepared the ground and planted the crop. Now, since the cotton is up and needs cultivating, the members of the congregation set a day and all gathered at the field bringing their lunch and refreshments and work out the crop. That they work and don't play at the job is shown by the condition of the crop. This fall if the bell weevil infests the crop, Old Union church can have the money it needs for improvements without costing the congregation one penny except a little co-operative effort.

Farmers Have Lost Friend

In the death of Senator Ladd of North Dakota, the American farmers have lost a true friend, according to Senators Heflin, Walsh and Frazier, who delivered brief eulogies at the funeral services held for the deceased Senator in Washington. "The American farmer," said Senator Frazier, "is poorer today than he was a week ago. He has lost something infinitely more precious than crop and stock—namely, the honesty of the manufacturer of the busines."

The Market Today!



"Tiger" Bowles, broadcasts last-minute livestock market reports from horseback at the Chicago stock yards daily—12:30 to 1 o'clock. His report goes out through WTT. This is a picture to stock-market traders of three years ago.

Nine Negroes Lynched First Half Of 1925

According to figures compiled by the Bureau of Research of Tuskegee Institute, there were 9 lynchings in the United States during the first six months of 1925. In 1924 there were only 5 lynchings during the first six months of the year. For the same period in 1923, there were 15 lynchings, and in 1922, 30.

All of the persons lynched were negroes. The offenses charged were: murder, 4; rape, 2; attacking woman, 1; attacking child, 2.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each are as follows: Arkansas, 1; Florida, 1; Georgia, 1; Louisiana, 1; Utah, 1; and Virginia, 1.

Savings Banks of Country Show Increased Deposits

The report of the federal reserve board shows that June 1st, this year, there was deposited in the savings departments of the 800 banks in the country \$7,829,130,000, an increase of more than a half billion dollars over the same date last year.

PRICE OF COMMODITIES IS ON UPWARD TREND

Business Slacks Up Over Country, But Commodities Going Higher Each Day.

In spite of the flood of propaganda sent out from Washington that business is picking up over the country and is good in almost every part of the country, an analysis of the trading in the financial markets last week revealed that business is far from good. There is a corresponding dullness in business which has characterized it for the past several weeks. Most of the current buying is of the hand-to-mouth order.

The price of commodities continues to mount upward. Price of bonds continues to get lower. Government securities, however, are bringing a better price. Rail shipments are normal in parts of the country, but show a tendency to slacken pace in the South. Crops in spite of the unfavorable weather in many parts of the country are in fair condition.

NORTH CAROLINA MAKES A GOOD TAX SHOWING

During the fiscal year ending June 30th, North Carolina paid into the Federal treasury more than \$160,000,000. Of this \$140,000,000 represented tobacco taxes. Taxes were collected in North Carolina at one-twelfth of the average cost of collection over the country.

In the number of individual income tax returns the increase in North Carolina was 17 per cent over last year, while all over the country the average increase was only 13 per cent. The total increase of individual returns in North Carolina was 35 per cent, against 23 per cent over the United States. The average increase in the tax on individual incomes in the State was 11 per cent, while the country as a whole showed an 18 per cent decrease. Of the strictly Southern States, Texas alone has more individual income than North Carolina.

The twelve large buses of the United Stage Lines, operating a fleet between Greensboro and Raleigh, were called Monday by Greensboro officers under claim and delivery papers secured by the White company, manufacturer of the buses. The manufacturer of the bus line is indicated

SUNDAY SCHOOLS MAKE REPORTS OF PROGRESS

Convention At Bailey's Grove Best Ever Held By Township Schools—Elect Officers.

Probably the best Sunday school convention Asheboro township has ever had was held at Bailey's Grove Sunday, June 28th. The attendance was better than in former years and the interest manifested by representatives from the various schools was gratifying. There are nine Sunday schools in this township and eight of these were represented at the convention, all giving splendid reports of the work being done in the Sunday schools.

The program showed thoughtful consideration on the part of the president as to just would be most interesting and helpful to the schools. A number of splendid talks on various phases of Sunday school work were made by local people, among them being Miss Esther Ross, Mrs. C. G. Smith, Rev. S. M. Peain, J. W. Wolff, Rev. C. L. Gregory and P. D. Beck. The songs rendered by the M. P. quartet of Asheboro were attractive features of the program.

The officers elected for next year are: president, F. M. Wright; vice president, L. L. Whitaker; secretary and treasurer, Miss Sible Scott; assistant secretary and treasurer, Miss Bertha Pannel; children's division superintendent, Mrs. H. M. Worth; young people's division superintendent, Miss Ruth Hadley; and adult division superintendent, J. W. Wolff.

Makes Gift For Negroes

B. N. Duke, of New York, has given \$15,000 to the North Carolina Orphanic hospital at Gastonia for the establishment of a ward for crippled negro children. The commissioner of public welfare states that the gift will build and equip a ward of ten beds and maintain it until the next session of the general assembly when it will be necessary to ask only for continuance of maintenance.

Land Sale At Troy

Attractive homesites in what is known as Smitherman Park at Troy, one of the progressive towns of the State, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder next Saturday afternoon, July 4th, beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Dr. Frank A. Hanley, of High Point, is the auctioneer.

Grist Makes Report On Cause of Disaster

In a report made public Tuesday, commissioner of labor and printing Frank D. Grist assigns as the cause of the mine disaster at Coal Glen May 27th, "a blow out shot, possibly defective powder, and carelessness in not properly placing the shot or blast".

The report contains data showing that out of the 53 killed, 52 were Americans and 1 a German. Thirty-eight were married and 79 children were made fatherless. It was in this explosion that two Randolph county men were killed.

Hoop Rollers At Ramseur

The Clifford Jennings Hoop Rollers concert will be given at Ramseur, Saturday night, July 11th, for the benefit of the graded school. The public is invited.

Estimate Peach Crop

The Bureau of Markets estimates the North Carolina peach crop, excepting the crop in the Mount Airy section, at 2,163 cars. Seventy-nine cars have already been shipped from the peach section. Elberta peaches will probably lead in North Carolina with more than 800 cars.

MOTHERS' AID IS LESS THIS YEAR

Fund Is Cut By Budget Commission—May Ask For Welfare Officer.

Randolph county's part of the Mothers' Aid Fund, distributed by the State, for the coming year will be \$395.82, or \$32.98 per month. This fund was considerably larger last year, but owing to various cuts made by the budget commission, the fund has been reduced to \$28,500 in the State, and Randolph county's part is proportionately lower than last year. The last cut made by the budget commission was five per cent, which brought the State fund from \$30,000 down to \$28,500.

The board of county commissioners contribute a like amount for the fund, which will make the total available for the current year \$791.64.

The fund is distributed under the direction of T. Fletcher Bullis, county superintendent of schools and welfare officer, under the supervision of the board of commissioners, in the absence of a whole time welfare officer. There is considerable sentiment in the county for the employment of a whole time welfare officer. It is stated that the matter will be presented to the board of commissioners at their meeting next Monday. Representatives of the State department of the State welfare department will be here and along with local people will be the matter to the attention of

RANDLEMAN SELLS OLD POWER PLANT

By Vote of People Accept N. C. Public Service Company's Offer to Furnish Power.

Randleman will be supplied in the future with electric lights and power by the North Carolina Public Service Company. This company is now making plans to make the necessary connections to put power into Randleman from a point near Crystal Falls on Deep River about six miles from Randleman. Current will be generated at the Cox hydro-electric plant at this point and transmitted to Randleman.

Randleman has in the past few months considered many propositions for a new standard light and power service. The Carolina Power and Light Company, it is stated, made propositions to the town's governing body to buy out the municipal plant. On April 20th the authorities decided to submit the North Carolina Public Service Company's proposition to a vote of the people. This company proposed to buy the old municipal power plant and lighting system, make all the necessary changes and improvements and bring the service up to standard. On June 23rd the election was held and 189 of the 217 registered voters to accept the proposal.

Plenty current will be available at all times for present purposes and it is stated by the officials of the company that in the future should the development of the town demand it, additional power will be put into the town. Randleman has in the past been put to much inconvenience on account of unsatisfactory power and lighting service.

Have Had Good Revival At Randleman Recently

Rev. Benjamin F. Clark, pastor of the Randleman Baptist church, and Rev. M. I. Harris, Baptist minister of Hickory, were in Asheboro a short while Tuesday. They have been conducting a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church in Randleman, having begun the services Sunday, June 21st. The revival was expected to come to a close yesterday afternoon or today. There has been much interest manifested in the meeting and the attendance has been excellent.

Mr. Harris was a class mate of Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of the Asheboro Baptist church, and speaks very complimentary of Asheboro's pastor.

BLALOCK AND WHITE BUY ASHEBORO BAKERY

Will Continue To Make Bread Products That Have Popularized The Bakery.

Mr. V. W. Blalock, of Lexington, and Mr. J. C. White, of Worthville, have purchased the Asheboro Bakery from Mr. Hasty and have assumed charge of operations. Mr. Blalock is an experienced bakery man, having had ten years or more experience in the bakery business. He has been recently connected for some time with a bakery in Lexington. He is married and expects to move his family here soon. Mr. White is a brother of Mr. J. F. White, Jr., owner of the Capitol Theatre and a son of Mr. J. F. White, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

The Asheboro Bakery was established about four years ago by Mr. Hasty. It has put out excellent bakery products and has enjoyed a good business since its beginning. Although producing practically all the products put on the market by a first class bakery, the specialty has been "Table Pride" bread. The new management will continue to specialize in this established brand of bread, and at the same time will not neglect the other products.

NO SMALL TASK FACES JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Chief Justice Divides Conference Into Sections—To Meet Again In December.

Chief Justice Stacy gave the judicial conference which met in Raleigh last Thursday a good start in his opening address when he told the assembled lawyers and jurists that "the real strength and power of the courts must rest ultimately upon the faith and confidence of the people", and that "no institution yet ever devised can sustain its authority over a free and thoughtful people unless it merit their respect and confidence."

The chief justice went to the heart of the trouble when he spoke of the courts as being "hampered by the restriction of certain statutes which at times seem to tangle justice in the net of form."

The task before the judicial conference is no small one. It went on record as favoring a more strict control over court calendars by superior court judges. It was also suggested at the conference that the time limit of attorneys' argument be fixed so as to take up less of the courts' time.

The conference was divided into six sections by Judge Stacy, one to consider the judicial system, one on process and pleading, one on juries, one on trials, one on appeals, and one on rules of practice. The next meeting of the conference will be held in Raleigh the last week in December and the next the week in June.

QUAKE DOES DAMAGE TO EXTENT OF MILLIONS

Practically Demolishes Business District of Santa Barbara, Cal.—Nine Dead.

A series of earthquakes rocking and swaying the business center of Santa Barbara, California, a city of 30,000 people, early Monday left the business district a mass of debris and ruins. The shocks began at 6:44 o'clock in the morning and continued at various intervals during the day. Thirty people were injured and nine were killed outright. Conservative estimates of the property damage reach \$15,000,000, while others place the damage at a still higher figure. The water supply dam burst during the quake and flooded the entire east side of the city.

Large brick and stone business buildings on the main streets of the town were demolished and numbers of residences were badly damaged. The city through its clearing house association has issued an appeal to the nation for a \$2,000,000 earthquake fund and to the banks and clearing houses of the country for a \$20,000,000 loan reconstruction fund.

The American Red Cross and the American Army and Navy relief forces immediately moved to carry on relief work in the stricken area. Experts are divided in their opinions as to the cause of the earthquake. Among the causes assigned are ocean leakage, accumulated strain on the earth's crust, volcanic disturbances, and the sinking of the ocean bed. They are also divided on the question of whether the earthquake at Santa Barbara is related to the earthquakes which have been occurring in Montana during the past few weeks.

METHODIST MATTERS (M. E.)

(By W. H. Willis)
We administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper, next Sunday.

We cordially welcome Miss Elizabeth Isley, formerly of Burlington, to membership in our church.

The writer attended the Asheboro township Sunday school convention at Bailey's Grove Sunday.

The pastor made a visit to an aged and esteemed member, Mrs. C. J. Clark, at the home of T. J. Finch, near Thomasville, on Monday.

The pastor's two week's stay at Duke University was pleasant and profitable. He preached twice, made pastoral calls upon his Raleigh members, recited 38 lessons, earned credits in three courses, enjoyed the rare fellowship of nearly 300 Methodist ministers, heard some great addresses and sermons and caused the people who play croquet to "set up and take notice".

During my absence some fairies visited the parsonage, and gave some light touches here and there—Heavy-weight fairies somebody says.

Other Randolph ministers who attended the pastor's school were Rev. W. L. Scott, Rev. G. W. Clay, Rev. W. R. Harris and Rev. J. Howell.

An increased congregation greeted the pastor, to his great delight, Sunday morning. On next Sunday he proposes to discuss these topics:

11 A. M. Thomas Didymus, Doubter.

8 P. M. A Rich Beggar.

"Nab" Armfield remembered his pastor by sending him a card from Salt Lake City, Utah.

CAN STILL MAKE LOANS FOR ROADS

Supreme Court Declares County Loans To State Are Valid—Reverses Brummitt.

Counties may still make loans to the State Highway Commission for the construction of highways, according to a decision rendered last week by the North Carolina Supreme Court. The court's decision reversed the opinion of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who gave county loans a set-back several weeks ago by ruling that county loans for road purposes to the highway commission were invalid.

Already 46 counties have made loans to the highway commission totaling more than ten million dollars. The majority of these advances are in the forms of loans that are to be paid back to the counties out of subsequent bond issues. Randolph is one of the counties having made loans to the highway commission. The amount of the loan when fully paid in to the commission will be \$185,000 and is for the completion of highway 75 from Asheboro to the Chatham county line on which work is already going forward.

Since the Supreme Court has held the loans valid and there will be a number of other counties to advance money on terms similar to advances already made, it will be interesting to watch the next General Assembly. Counties already having made loans to the commission have 63 votes in the next Legislature convenes there will be other counties in similar position to swell the number of votes. These counties will be interested in the size of the next bond issues for good roads in order that the counties may be repaid. These interested counties may through their representatives dominate the next General Assembly.

Cooperative marketing of poultry is being held up temporarily by the State Division of Markets on account of the present condition of the

D. MATT THOMPSON DIED TUESDAY P. M.

Was Native of This County—Had Been For Years Prominent Educator in State.

Prof. D. Matt Thompson, who before his injury in a motor car accident in 1920, had been for thirty years superintendent of the Statesville schools and a leading North Carolina educator, died Tuesday afternoon in the State Hospital, Morganton, where he had been under treatment for some time. Funeral services were conducted at Broad Street Methodist church, Statesville, Wednesday afternoon by the pastor and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. The active pallbearers were members of the Statesville graded school board.

Professor Thompson was a native of this county and was 80 years of age. He has a brother, Adam Thompson, who lives in the eastern part of the county. One son, Professor Holland Thompson, of New York, widely known editor and author, about whose life The Courier printed a sketch in its issue of February 17th, survives. His two other sons, who were prominent in the affairs of the State, as well as Mrs. Thompson, died several years ago. She was before her marriage a Miss Rice, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rice, of this county, and a sister of Mrs. John T. Lowe, of Cedar Grove township.

Before going to Statesville to assume superintendency of the graded school when it was first established, Prof. Thompson taught at Denver, in Lincoln county. He served continuously at Statesville until some time in 1920 when he suffered an injury to his head in an automobile accident. He was treated in several hospitals, but never fully recovered.

ROBEY SURRATT IS HURT IN A RECENT ACCIDENT

Has Had Crushed When Barrel of Oil Falls On It—Injury Will Be Permanent.

Last week Robey Surratt, 47 years old, a son of the late Beverly Surratt of the Piney Grove section of this county, a substantial hard working farmer, sustained a painful and permanent injury to his left hand in an accident while moving a tractor-threshing machine from one farm to another in the community between Denton and Farmer. The crew of the threshing machine outfit, in which Surratt owns half interest and with which he and his partner are threshing wheat this season, was using the tractor as motor power for hauling a large drum filled with gasoline.

Mr. Surratt was sitting on the rear of the tractor platform when the tractor tilted throwing the gasoline drum against him and knocking him off the machine on the ground. The heavy iron drum fell on his left hand, mashing the entire hand almost to shreds.

Surratt was placed in an automobile and taken to a hospital in High Point where the necessary medical attention was given. It is thought that the hand will be saved, but it will be badly disfigured. He is still in the hospital.

BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

Rev. M. I. Harris, of Hickory, made a brief call at the pastor's home Tuesday. He is assisting pastor Clark in a series of meetings at Randleman.

Mr. H. S. Edwards, our Sunday school superintendent, is moving this week to Sanford. In his going our Sunday school and church sustain a great loss. We herewith extend to him our many thanks for his service for and with us and we wish for him and his congenial family all good things in their new environment.

Many thanks to the True Blue and Agoga classes and the South Circle of the Ladies Aid for the watch, chain and ring. Mrs. Morris wishes to extend to the Board of Deacons and the North Circle of the Ladies Aid her many thanks for the beautiful and serviceable set of silverware. This is to say we are grateful to every one who participated in these gifts which cause us to reconsecrate our lives to the task of making our church worthy of its name. "We'll all work together in all kinds of weather and see what can be done."

Pastor's subjects for Sunday: Morning, "Sleeping On Guard"; evening, "The Mule." The Memorial service will be observed at the morning worship.

Governor Smith Assails COOLIDGE ECONOMY CLAIM

In a speech Monday before the conference of Governors now being held at Poland Springs, Maine, Governor Al Smith, of New York, assailed President Coolidge's claim to progress made in paralleled retrenchments in the cost in the federal government. The governor said federal expenditures had been reduced because the war had ended. He said that false and deceiving propaganda was causing the average man to believe that the federal government was practicing strict and severe economy and that states and local governments extravagantly were increasing their expenditures.

The governor gave figures in support of his view that so far as New York was concerned, federal expenditures averaged since 1914