

State Library Commission Will Send Book Truck To Randolph Next Week

Will Traverse Fixed Routes, Stopping at Houses Along The Way.  
MISS PETTY IN CHARGE  
Schedule Given For Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Next Week.

The North Carolina Library Commission, at Raleigh, is to try an interesting experiment this summer and Randolph county is to benefit thereby. The Library Commission is one of the State departments financed by the State and has for its purpose the encouraging of reading more and better books by loaning them to communities, schools and individuals, without library facilities, free of charge, except transportation which will be only six or seven cents a book.

On the 23rd of July a book wagon is to start from the Commission's office in Raleigh filled with about 700 books of all kinds and on many subjects. It will come direct to Asheville and make headquarters there while in the county, going out each day in a different direction visiting farms and small communities showing the books and telling of the service the Library Commission can render to North Carolina citizens. All of the books will be available to loan to any who may desire to borrow.

The Asheville Woman's Club learning of this contemplated service asked that Randolph county be included in the itinerary and also that Miss Annie F. Petty, a loyal Randolphian, who is assistant secretary and director of the Library Commission, be in charge of the work. She it was who conceived the idea of carrying the Commission to the people in the rural districts and we are fortunate in having her in charge of the work.

However, this could not have been made possible without the co-operation of the Durham public library and its efficient librarian and board of trustees. Mrs. Lillian B. Griggs, secretary and director of the Library Commission, was formerly the librarian of the Durham public library and during her administration the Kiwanis Club of Durham gave a book truck to the public library in order that they might more efficiently carry on their county extension work. When Mrs. Griggs asked for the loan of the truck the librarian and trustees willingly acceded to her request and were glad to co-operate with the State department in this very important work.

Moore and Montgomery counties will be visited following Randolph. Watch out for the book truck and take time to look the books over and select something to read. You may find just the book you have been wanting for a long time. The Woman's Club of Asheville is to route the truck while in Randolph county and plan each day's trip.

On next Thursday, the 23rd, Miss Petty will come down the mountain road from High Point by the old county home and in to Asheville. Friday, the 24th, her route will be from Asheville up Route 70 to the King Tut filling station, thence out 62 to Liberty and on to Julian. From Julian she will go out to Red Cross and from there out to Gray's Chapel and back 62 to Asheville.

Saturday the route will be from Asheville out the Uwharrie road to Farmer and from Farmer to Bombay. Just below Bombay she will turn to the left going by way of Lassiter's Mill to Mechanic retracing the Uwharrie road from Mechanic to Asheville. Routes to be traversed the following week will be published in next week's issue of the Courier.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN VALUE OF TOBACCO

Although producing only 278,320,000 pounds of tobacco as against 419,585,000 for Kentucky, North Carolina continued to lead all other states in the value of the 1924 crop, according to announcement made Monday by the joint crop reporting service of the United States and North Carolina departments of agriculture. The North Carolina crop last year brought \$71,807,000 against \$71,757,000 received for the Kentucky crop.

The present growing crop in North Carolina is reported in good condition by the crop reporting service and a production of over three hundred million pounds is forecasted. The condition of the North Carolina crop is estimated at 81 per cent of normal as against 79.3 per cent for the country as a whole.

Mr. Brooks Files Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy  
Mr. F. L. Brooks, Asheville merchant, who has been in the retail merchandising business here for several years, and for the past year has conducted a store in the Allen building on Depot street, west of the railroad, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court at Greensboro last Saturday morning. Debts amounting to \$7,682.25 were listed while assets of \$4,700 were claimed. Of these assets \$4,800 was in stock and \$500 in real estate.

"Elect My Son"  
Mrs. La Follette



Mother love again makes sacrifice. Mrs. Robert M. La Follette has withdrawn her name as a candidate to serve out the unexpired term of her late husband, asking Wisconsin voters to elect her son, "Bob" Jr., (pictured above) to the U. S. Senate.

Farmers Union Picnic At Bethel July 25th

R. W. H. Stone, State President To Speak—Miss Berry and Mr. Millsaps on Program.  
The Randolph County Farmers' Union picnic will be held at Bethel school house the fourth Saturday in this month, July 25th. Everybody, whether a member of the union or not, is invited to come and bring family and friends, together with a well-filled basket so as to have part in making the occasion an outstanding success. Music will be furnished by the Shiloh string band.

Following is the program that has been arranged for the occasion:  
Music.  
Welcome.  
Devotion.  
Response.  
Speech by R. W. H. Stone, State president of the Farmers' Union.  
Music.  
Intermission.  
Music.  
Speech by Miss Berry, secretary of the Marketing Bureau, Raleigh.  
Speech by Mr. E. S. Millsaps, Jr., County Farm Agent.

Annual M. E. Church Picnic  
All members of the M. E. church, Asheville, and the members of the Sunday school are invited to the annual picnic at Kimesville tomorrow, July 17th. Following is the invitation that has been sent to the members of the church and Sunday school:  
All members of the M. E. church, and members of their Sunday School are invited and urged to enjoy a day of recreation and good fellowship on the above occasion.  
If you do not have a car, transportation will be provided.  
A committee will arrange sports for the occasion.  
Bring a basket, a glad heart, bright face and a good digestion.  
Cars leave the church at 10:00 a. m.  
W. H. WILLIS, Pastor.  
HUGH PARKS, Superintendent.

CHARLIE HASTY AND SON ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT  
Charlie Hasty and Blease Hasty each had several teeth knocked out late last Saturday evening when the Ford coupe in which they were riding was struck by a car driven by John Allred. The accident happened near the King Tut filling station north of Asheville when Mr. Allred backed his car out on the highway striking the Hasty car. According to the information available the accident was unavoidable. Mrs. Emma Martin, Mr. Hasty's sister, and her daughter, Miss Margaret, sustained slight bruises. Both cars were damaged.

ALAN BROWNING DRAWS CARTOON ON EVOLUTION  
Alan Browning, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Browning, of Pittsboro, and grandson of the late D. G. McMasters, of Farmer, has attained distinction as a cartoonist. In a recent issue of the Sunday Greensboro News one of young Browning's cartoons on evolution was reproduced. From the cartoon and the editorial comment made by the paper, it is evident that Mr. Browning depicted the fundamentalist side of evolution. The paper did not agree with Mr. Browning's views on evolution, but very kindly granted the spirit and the vividness in which he brought out his point in the cartoon.

Young Browning has finished the high school course at Pittsboro and has taken correspondence courses in drawing at a practicing attorney at Pittsboro, but for a number of years lived at Worthville, this county, where he was bookkeeper for the old Worth Manufacturing Company. His wife was before her marriage Miss Minnie McMasters, a daughter of the late D. G. McMasters, of Farmer.

Large Sales of Castles  
Twenty-five castles of castles were sold Saturday from North Carolina. The sales were made in the following order: 1. 10 castles to Mr. J. C. Moore, of Asheville. 2. 10 castles to Mr. J. C. Moore, of Asheville. 3. 5 castles to Mr. J. C. Moore, of Asheville. 4. 5 castles to Mr. J. C. Moore, of Asheville.

MRS MALISSA CAVENESS PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Wife of B. M. Caveness Dropped Dead Saturday of Heart Disease—Funeral Sunday.  
Mrs. Malissa Jane Caveness, wife of B. M. Caveness, of the Cheek's Mill section, dropped dead Saturday morning about 9 o'clock while in the garden at her home. She had been suffering from heart disease for some time. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Christian church Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. D. R. Moffitt, assisted by Rev. C. E. Gerringer, pastor of the Bennett Christian church and Rev. H. F. Starr, pastor of the Coleridge M. E. church.

Mrs. Caveness was born February 9, 1857. She was married to B. M. Caveness September 3rd, 1876. To this union were born one daughter, Mrs. Dillie Oates and two sons, Columbus and Alfred. The latter died 17 years ago. Surviving also are two brothers, H. F. and D. F. Bray, and one sister, Mrs. Arch Stutts.

Mrs. Caveness was a faithful companion and loving mother. She joined the church 50 years ago and had lived a faithful Christian life since her conversion.

Union Service Was Largely Attended—Sunday Night  
The union service held in Asheville last Sunday night was very much enjoyed by all the congregations taking part. Mr. Willis preached a splendid sermon, the orchestra and choir offered delightful music and there was a spirit of worship created by the trees and the grass and the sky and the fresh air. We are looking forward to another outdoor meeting next Sunday night at eight o'clock, at the Presbyterian church.

All the Junior Choirs will meet for practice at the Presbyterian church, Thursday, at 8 p. m.

NORTH CAROLINA TAKES FIRST PLACE IN PEANUTS

North Carolina ranks first in the production of peanuts in the union with a value of \$10,706,000 for the harvests nuts last year. This sum was realized from the 152,945,000 pounds that were produced from the 181,000 acres under cultivation. The same acreage is under cultivation this year with the condition of the crop reported at 86 per cent against the 84 per cent at this time last year.

Georgia ranked second to North Carolina in the production of peanuts last year with an output of 118,800,000 pounds against North Carolina's 152,945,000. Tennessee, Virginia, and Texas also ranked high in this produce.

M. E. CHURCH MATTERS

(W. H. Willis)  
More than 40 professions have resulted from the West Bend meeting, in which Rev. J. M. Green has been preaching.  
Rev. D. M. Sharpe, of Durham, formerly of Asheville, was here last week and walked through our new church.  
Fifteen months have elapsed since any one of our members has been removed by death. That of W. P. Wood was the last.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ridge had as their guests for supper Monday Rev. O. P. Routh, Rev. J. M. Green, Mr. Dickson and the writer.  
The date of the Oak Grove meeting announced last week was wrong. It occurs after the 4th Sunday.  
By vote the Sunday school goes to Kimesville, instead of Kemp's Mills. A large attendance is expected.

Brother of Mrs. Hunter Died Sunday Afternoon

Whit Cannon Neely, aged 42 years, brother of Mrs. J. V. Hunter, of Asheville, died Sunday afternoon at his home, 811 Worthington Avenue, Charlotte, following a serious illness of two months with heart trouble. He had been in ill health for two years or more.  
In addition to Mrs. Hunter, he is survived by his widow and two children, and four brothers.  
Mr. Neely was a native of Mecklenburg county, having been born February 12, 1883, the son of the late T. W. and Mrs. Hattie Query Neely. For many years he had been prominently connected with the Williams and Shelton company, of Charlotte. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian church.  
The funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon from the home by Dr. Albert S. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte, and burial was at Elmwood cemetery.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASE HITS FURNITURE MEN

The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized the railway companies beginning August 1st to increase generally freight rates from the South to New England and other Northern cities. This authorization is looked upon in North Carolina and other Southern states as a blow to the industry in this section of the country. High Point furniture makers are especially hard hit.  
The rate on mixed cases of furniture from High Point to Boston has been raised from 79.5 per hundred pounds to 84 cents. The rate on the same class of freight from High Point to New York has been increased from 84.5 to 89.5 cents. The rate from High Point to New York for cases of furniture is 94.5 cents.

SUMMER SCHOOL NOW IN PROGRESS

Opened Monday With More Than 100 Teachers—Will Last Six Weeks.  
More than 100 teachers from Randolph, Montgomery, Moore and Chatham are attending the summer school for teachers which began in Asheville Monday morning in the graded school building. Miss Susan Fulgum, a representative of the state department of education, was present at the opening Monday morning and assisted county superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla in organizing school. P. H. Gwynn, of Reidsville, has charge of the class work, and assisting him are Miss Muriel Groves, of Newbern, in the grammar work, and Miss Lillian Nance, of Lumberton, in primary methods.

Sessions are being held once daily from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. The school will last six weeks. The enrollment is increasing daily and it is anticipated that 125 teachers will be enrolled before the close of the week. Complete organization of the departments and classes had not been effected in time for a detailed report of the work to be given in this issue, nor a complete list of those attending the school. This will appear in next week's issue.

MISS NANCY YOW DIES AT HOME OF BROTHER

Funeral At Shiloh Church—Corn Crop Good In Bennett—Local News Items.  
Miss Nancy Yow, who lived with her brother, Mr. John Yow, a merchant of this place, died last Thursday after a short illness. She was interred at Shiloh Christian church of which she had been a member several years. Rev. G. R. Underwood, the pastor, conducting the funeral service.

Rev. J. C. Kidd filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday night, preaching to a large congregation. Rev. C. E. Gerringer filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday morning. Revival services began at the Mt. Zion M. E. church Sunday, preaching by Rev. H. F. Starr and Rev. F. D. Brady.

The local baseball team was defeated the second time of the season at Gulf Saturday by a score of 6 to 5 in favor of Gulf. The boys will play Mount Vernon Springs on the local diamond next Saturday.

New business has been established here recently under the name of the Motor Service Company by R. M. Forkner and Wess Allred.  
Mr. Eli Scott, of Greensboro, came down Sunday visiting his old home place, relatives and friends, returning Sunday evening with his family, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. P. C. Brady, and Miss Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones visited relatives and friends at Greensboro Sunday.  
Mr. J. L. Phillips, of Siler City, who is connected with Heith Brothers, real estate auctioneers of Greensboro, was in town Saturday listing property for sale. An auction sale of the hotel property here will be held July 25th.

Mr. C. R. Jones, who lives near town, was here Saturday to get his electric light plant which he will install at his farm. He has arranged to attach to the plant a wood saw, corn mill and other light machinery. Mr. Jones is one of our best farmers. He is also assistant carrier on the rural route from Bennett and in the fall and winter teaches school.

The corn crop throughout this section is the finest that we have seen and with good seasons a fine crop will result. Wheat turned out better than was expected.

The mayor has ordered us to clean up around our business places and homes this week and we trust each will obey so that we may have a clean town.

LOCALS LOSE 12-INNING GAME TO THOMASVILLE

In a twelve-inning game full of thrills on the local diamond Saturday afternoon, the Thomasville Chair Company team of the Tri-County league defeated the Cranford Industries by a score of 8 to 5. Features of game was the heavy slugging of Jack Cranford and Johnson for the locals.  
This is the second defeat of the season for the local team since the organization of the Tri-County league. The local team will be strengthened this week and next Saturday the locals expect to return from Thomasville with a win over the Ragan Knitting Mill.  
The present schedule includes besides the game next Saturday, a game the 26th with Erlanger on the local diamond and the following Saturday with Amazon at High Point.

Following is the list of eligible players on the team of the Cranford Industries:  
E. H. Steere, A. T. Lomax, J. Cranford, T. S. Burkhead, E. D. Cranford, J. Presnell, F. C. Boone, Hal Johnson, Joe Parrish, W. D. Dickens, Jr., C. Steed, V. Redding, Davis Cranford.

What is known as the "cotton belt" is a strip beginning in North Carolina and extending southwestward and westward to central Texas, lying in its eastern and midway between the mountains and the sea, widening as it approaches the Mississippi and extending westward until it reaches the Gulf of Mexico.

Postal receipts at Thomasville for the year 1924 were \$2,395.

NEGRO FRIGHTENS GIRL NEAR ASHEBORO TUESDAY

Was Looking For Hen's Nest When Confronted by Negro—Escapes Officers.  
Hazel Garner, daughter of Rufus Garner who keeps house for Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Bean at their home just off of the Cox road about one mile from town, was badly frightened Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock by an unclothed negro man. Miss Garner heard a hen cackling in the woods back of the house and went out to look for a hen's nest. Hearing a noise behind her while in the act of searching for the nest, she looked around and was confronted by a negro, who made some remark to her which she did not understand. She immediately ran to the home of a neighbor and gave the alarm.

Chief of Police Steed went to the scene and the bloodhounds were brought and put on the track, but after trailing for about a hundred yards, the trail was lost and the negro was not apprehended.

About a year ago a similar episode occurred in almost the same vicinity. And at intervals of years women in the outskirts of town have been frightened by negro prowlers. No attacks have been made, however, on any of the women frightened.

Rev. Amos Gregson, Formerly of Randolph, Writes Letter  
Dear Courier:  
I have been reading your last issue this morning and it reminded me of the old home community. I appreciate The Courier very much. I am enclosing you a check for two dollars to renew my subscription to The Courier for another year.

I see an article which mentions Mrs. C. Clark and if I am not mistaken she is the original Miss Chrissie Brown and daughter of Dempsey Brown and said to be the most beautiful young lady in all the community. I have been told that my mother and her father were good friends. Thank you very much for the offer of a place in your columns for an article. You will please excuse me while the weather is so warm and I am so frail.

Yours very truly,  
AMOS GREGSON.  
SEAGROVE NEWS  
Mr. E. B. Leach spent last Wednesday night with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Walker at Hemp.

Miss Letta Pressnell, of Seagrove, Route 2, visited Mrs. A. B. Cox last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Lowdermilk, of Hemp, visited Mrs. Lowdermilk's mother, Mrs. Francena Yow, last Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Cagle, formerly of Greensboro, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Cox. Mr. Cagle has a position in Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Cagle expects to go there soon.

Mr. E. B. Leach left last Friday for Norfolk, Va., on business. He will visit his son, Carson, who lives in Petersburg while away.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lawrence and Misses Della and Rosa McNeill spent Sunday at Mr. O. D. Lawrence's.  
Misses Lucy Brown and Frances Whitehead, of Rameur, spent the week-end at Mr. J. E. King's.

Mr. O. D. Lawrence and daughters, Lizzie and Maple, went to Asheville and Randleman shopping Monday.  
Mr. Artie Vuncannon, of Seagrove, and Miss Ottilie Moore, of Ether, were married Sunday.

DAVIDSON LOANS MONEY TO STATE

Makes Condition That Route 75 Must Be Completed In Co. and Bridge Built.  
The Davidson county board of commissioners Monday afternoon authorized a loan of \$400,000 to the state highway commission for a period of two years at an interest rate not to exceed four and one-quarter per cent for road and bridge building in the county.  
It is understood that the state highway commission agrees to build a double track highway bridge across the Yadkin river on highway 75 between the counties of Davidson and Davie and to widen 75 between Lexington and the bridge. East of Lexington to the Randolph county line highway 75 would be relocated on a better grade, with the elimination of many of the present troublesome curves, and would be graded to standard width. The entire route across Davidson county would be given a coat of topsoil and this would be oiled throughout, making a most desirable type of road.  
Highway 64 would also be hard surfaced from Lexington to the Forsyth county line.  
Davie county, it is understood, will be requested to loan a small amount to the highway commission for the completion of route 75 from the Yadkin river to Mocksville.  
According to the Lexington Dispatch, word was received Saturday afternoon that already state highway engineers are at work on surveys for the rebuilding of highway 75 east of Lexington. It is understood also that this survey contemplates the entire stretch of the road between Lexington and Asheville.

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SHOOTS SELF IN HEART WITH GUN

A. C. Jackson, of Level Cross, Died By Own Hand—Was In Ill Health.  
Alton Curtis Jackson, aged 41 years, farmer of the Level Cross community, committed suicide Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. He had been a sufferer from pellagra for more than two years and at times was despondent and often his mind seemed unbalanced. It was during one of these spells of despondency that he shot himself Tuesday. The act was committed about 200 yards from the house in a cove of woods. From the position in which he was found it was evident that he had sat down on the ground on a small knoll, placed the barrel of the gun against his breast and pulled the trigger. Members of the family, hearing the shot, summoned assistance and found the body a few minutes after death.

About two weeks ago, Mr. Jackson fell off the train near Randleman and sustained some serious bruises. He often stated after the accident that he remembered nothing after getting on the train at Sophia until he awoke in the hospital following the accident.

Mr. Jackson professed religion several years ago and had lived a devout Christian life since his conversion, taking an active interest in church work.  
He is survived by his widow and eight children, four boys and four girls, the oldest child being only about four months old; by four brothers, Reid Jackson, of Sophia; Jerome Jackson, of New Hope township; Ellis Jackson, of Thomasville; and Charlie Jackson, of Greensboro; and three sisters, Mrs. Harris Rich, of Asheville; Mrs. Emma Loflin, of New Hope township; and Mrs. P. Q. Shaw, of Thomasville.

Funeral services were held at New Salem church yesterday and interment made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. R. L. Mahaley Dies Following an Operation

Was Daughter of Late Arrie Blair and Sister of Asheville Women—Lived at Salisbury.  
Mrs. Mary Blair Mahaley, wife of R. Lee Mahaley, prominent business man of Salisbury, died Friday morning following an operation at Union Memorial hospital, at Baltimore. Funeral services were held at Salisbury.

Mr. Mahaley and an only daughter, Miss Nellie Mahaley, were with Mrs. Mahaley in Baltimore where she had been under treatment for about ten days.

Mrs. Mahaley, before her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Blair, a daughter of the late Arrie Blair of the Holly Springs neighborhood, this county. She has two brothers, Alex Blair, railway engineer of Asheville, and Cornelius Blair, of Greensboro; also three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Allen and Mrs. J. C. Ingold, of Asheville, and Mrs. Nettie Kivett, of Randleman.

SOPHIA, ROUTE 1, NEWS

Mrs. Lou Harris, of Seagrove, spent a few days recently with relatives in this section.  
Among those from this section who attended the quarterly meeting at Deep River were Mrs. W. B. Lowe and children, Mrs. C. C. Lowe, Mrs. Eliza Edwards and daughter, Miss Cora. Mrs. Eliza Williams spent Monday afternoon with friends on High Point, Route 3.

Miss Helen Snyder, of High Point, is spending some time with her cousin, Miss Ila Snyder, on Sophia, Rt. 1.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Worthington, of Randleman, visited at N. R. Harris' recently.

Mr. Jeffrey Snyder, of Greensboro, is spending several weeks with his brother, Percy, on Sophia, Route 1.  
Miss Ora Melvin, of Greensboro, is spending several days with Miss Cora Edwards.

MR. W. A. BUNCH SELLS FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY

Lee M. Kearns, Former Register of Deeds, Is Manager of New Company.  
Mr. W. A. Bunch, who on July 1st acquired Mr. H. S. Edwards' interest in the Asheville Hardware Company and assumed management of the business, has sold his insurance business to a company of local men doing business under the name of Asheville Insurance and Realty Company, with Mr. Lee M. Kearns manager. The new firm will occupy the same office room in the Asheville Hardware Company building as formerly occupied by Mr. Bunch.  
Mr. Bunch has been in the insurance business for some months having bought out the business of the late insurance firm of Morris and Ross and has built up a good business. He represented a number of large fire insurance companies and these same companies will be represented by the new management.  
Mr. Kearns is a native of France, having moved to Asheville about ten years ago after his election to the office of register of deeds of this county. Since his retiring from the office