

DR. M. G. EDWARDS TO BE SECRETARY

Was Elected At Meeting Of
Chamber of Commerce Last
Monday Night.

The adoption of a constitution, the election of four additional directors, an executive secretary, a recording secretary, the enrollment of members and plans for a membership campaign were the high lights of the first regular meeting of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce Monday night in the commissioners' room in the court house. Arthur Ross, president, elected at the initial meeting January 15th, presided.

The constitution drawn up by a committee of the directors selected January 15th reported a constitution which was read and adopted. It declared the purpose of the organization to be to acquaint the public with the possibilities of Asheboro, to inform them of its natural resources, its ideal climate and the excellency of its location for manufacturing and industry and other enterprises, to build Randolph county and to foster all worthy movements calculated to make this a more prosperous and desirable county in which to live.

The membership, according to the constitution, shall be divided into two classes, sustaining members and individual members, the former to consist of corporations, firms, partnerships and business houses. Sustaining members will pay \$20 a year membership fees, while individual members will pay \$10 a year, all membership dues to be paid in equal semi-annual installments.

Dr. M. G. Edwards was elected executive secretary of the organization by acclamation, while Dan Burns was elected recording secretary in the same manner.

In addition to the board of fifteen directors elected at the meeting held January 15th at which the chamber of commerce was formed, four other members were added Monday night, the constitution having provided for 24. These new members are J. S. Lewis, C. M. Fox, Dr. C. A. Hayworth and C. C. Cranford. Rev. J. E. Pritchard was unanimously selected for chaplain.

A. I. Ferree, E. D. Cranford, Francis White, James B. Neely and Dr. Waite Lambert were selected as membership committee, while C. C. Cranford, E. L. Moffitt and James Burns were appointed as membership committee to wait upon the corporations and business enterprises of the town.

The next regular meeting of the members of the chamber of commerce will be held, according to the provisions of the constitution, Friday night, February 5th, in the court house.

Seldom has there been a more enthusiastic meeting of business men held in Asheboro than that Monday night. If anything, it eclipsed the initial meeting on January 15th. The business men came out Monday night prepared to put over the organization in an efficient manner and admirably succeeded. They also came with cold cash and check books and practically every person present paid initial dues for the year. Even at the first meeting it was brought to the attention of the newly organized body that at least three business firms were interested in getting a location either in Asheboro or in the county. Plans were made to go after this business at once.

At the meeting in February should the enthusiasm evidenced Monday night be maintained there should be at least 100 persons and business houses enrolled as members of the chamber of commerce.

S. S. COX MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This County Has Largest Single
Branch Farmers' Mutual Fire
Insurance Association.

At the State meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association held in Raleigh January 19th, last, Mr. S. S. Cox, president of the Randolph county branch, was elected one of the members of the State executive committee. T. B. Parker was vice president; W. C. Manning, secretary and treasurer.

All but two of the 23 branches in the State were represented, some of the branches comprising from three to five counties. Reports from all the branches showed that Randolph county branch led in the number of members and the amount of insurance in force in any single county. Granville county led in the matter of finance, having a sinking fund of \$14,000. Northampton branch, comprising three counties, had a sinking fund of \$30,000, this branch rate being fifty cents on the \$100. Randolph county branch has the lowest rate of any in the State.

The State association with \$28,000,000 of insurance in force showed gain of three billion dollars over 1924.

James Anderson Parrish died.

James Anderson Parrish, 84, native of Davidson county, veteran of the Civil War, but long a prominent farmer of the Deep River section of Randolph county, died Saturday morning, at his home in High Point, Sunday afternoon, after a long illness of several months.

SCHOOL TRUCK DRIVERS MEET

Hear Discussions on Safety and
Economy in Transporting
County School Children.

Thirty-one bus drivers and school principals met in the court house Saturday at 11 o'clock together with county superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla, Ferres Ross, member of the county board of education, and motor organization officials to discuss safety and economy in connection with transporting children to school in trucks owned by county. The meeting lasted until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at the noon hour the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Asheboro M. P. church served dinner.

The truck drivers, high school boys, more than a score of them, heard talks delivered by J. H. Allen, superintendent of education in Rockingham county; H. F. Bellanger, a master mechanic; L. F. Ross, chairman of the Randolph county board of education; T. Fletcher Bulla, superintendent of schools of Randolph county; Coleman W. Roberts, Greensboro, vice-president of the Carolina Motor club, and C. T. Matthews, director of accident prevention for the Carolina Motor club.

Constantly caution the pupils riding in the busses, was the advice of Mr. Matthews to the truck drivers, when entering or leaving the trucks or walking upon the highway. He told of the constantly increasing accident toll.

"One half of the 25,000 auto accident deaths last year were school children—1,000 a month," he said. "There were more than 2,000 school busses in North Carolina last year and more have been added to carry more than 80,000 children to school daily. The bus has been responsible for North Carolina setting a world's record for building and consolidating rural schools. There is no such thing as an unavoidable accident and it is a crime to be careless."

A high compliment to the high school boys who are driving the school busses of Rockingham county was paid by Mr. Allen. He cited statistics showing better records by the youngsters than by adult drivers.

Mr. Roberts was the first speaker and he impressed on the audience his belief that the school truck drivers daily haul the most valuable cargo in the world—children. He cautioned them particularly regarding stopping on the highways to load and unload passengers.

Curtis Brower Gets Penitentiary Sentence

Curtis Brower, negro, head of the Moore county ring engaged in wholesale receiving and selling automobiles and parts, was sentenced recently in Moore county court to serve a term of four to seven years in the penitentiary.

Brower's brother and four other negroes caught in the garage at Eagle Springs where the cars were received and disguised were given terms ranging from 12 months to 18 months.

B. Y. P. U. TO MEET IN GIBSONVILLE IN APRIL

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Buck and Misses Allie and Rilla Spoon, of Asheboro, attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Piedmont Association B. Y. P. U. held in the First Baptist church, Greensboro, Sunday. The meeting was held for the purpose of mapping out a program for the next convention of the association. Gibsonville was selected after several other places had been considered and the date set for the meeting was the second Saturday and Sunday in April.

A number of prominent workers in B. Y. P. U. endeavor have been selected for the program and their speeches together with many other good features assure the convention of being one of the best held by the district B. Y. P. U.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED
AT CENTRAL FALLS SUNDAY**

A Sunday school was organized at the Baptist church at Central Falls last Sunday, with Mr. Calvin Frazier, of Asheboro, as superintendent. There will also be preaching every fourth Sunday morning and second Sunday evening of each month. Mr. P. D. Buck, of Asheboro, will have charge of these services. Mr. Buck has had a great deal of experience in this work and the people of Central Falls are to be congratulated upon securing him.

Joseph Strayhorn Dead

Joseph Lee Strayhorn, born in Randolph county March 4, 1873, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strayhorn, died at his home in High Point Sunday night following an attack of pneumonia. He had been foreman of the cabinet department of the Southern Chair Company for 27 years. He is survived by his widow and four sons.

Little Child Dies

Johnnie, five-day-old son of James and Etta White, of Central Falls, died at the home of his parents Monday afternoon. Funeral service was held at Glen Chapel the afternoon of the child's death. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends and relatives in the community.

Helen in Paris



Miss Helen Wills, America's tennis queen, is now in Europe to study art but friends say she will battle Mlle. Langlen for the world's net crown before returning to her native shores.

MRS. ELIZA J. THOMPSON DIES AT AGE OF 71 YRS.

Death Comes Following Short
Illness At Her Home in Liberty
—Funeral Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Thompson, aged 71 years, died at her home in Liberty Saturday afternoon following an illness of several years duration. She was a member of the Bethlehem Presbyterian church and a consecrated Christian woman.

Surviving besides her husband, J. H. Thompson, are two sons, W. H. and E. H. Thompson, of Liberty; one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Fox, of Liberty; two sisters, Mrs. John Wood, of Durham, and Mrs. Daniel Beeson, of Durham; and one brother, Albert Murray, of Durham.

Funeral services were held at Rock Creek church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. G. Crutchfield.

FUNERAL HELD AT BETHANY MONDAY FOR MRS. REDDING

Funeral services were held at Bethany church Monday morning at 11 o'clock for Mrs. Clara Ward Redding, who died at her home in Iona, Wash., January 17th, from pneumonia. The body of the deceased arrived at the home of her father, Mr. Mike Ward, of Millboro, Route 1, Saturday night. Mrs. Redding married Mr. McCulla Redding about five years ago and he together with two small children survive.

Real Estate Investments

The American Bankers' Association is authority for the statement that in 1925 one-sixth of all the private capital invested was in real estate securities. The reason given for this were: the conservatism and safety of real estate as an investment, the care in making real estate loans assuring safety, and the constant demand for land.

A Distinct Falling Off Of Traffic Accidents Last Week

Traffic toll in eleven Southern states for the past week was 33 persons killed and 257 injured, according to the Associated Press survey. The figures show a distinct falling off in the number killed.

Florida led in both number killed and also in number of persons injured, with 8 of the former and 49 of the latter. South Carolina reported the fewest injuries, 5. Alabama reported no deaths. There were in North Carolina during the week six killed and 32 injured.

The Select Class

Since Lexington is State headquarters for the P. O. S. of A., it is a matter of local interest that the camp at Asheboro is putting on a drive to increase its membership to 500. The camp there has what is said to be one of the most efficient degree teams in the State and already is strong in membership. Should it reach the 500 mark it will be among the leading camps in North Carolina in point of numbers. Lexington, Statesville and Salisbury have been among the camps maintaining a membership of around 500 for several years. — Lexington Dispatch.

Storm Raging On Atlantic Ocean Delaying Ocean Liners

The worst storm in years raged on the Atlantic ocean the first of the week. Three steamships were in distress yesterday and other ships were standing by to go to their assistance as soon as the waves and wind receded.

At least twelve Trans-Atlantic liners, including the huge Leviathan, are battling against the waves, each having been delayed from two to three days by the high waves.

Distress signals from steamers out in the storm interfered with radio broadcasting Monday night. At intervals broadcasting was discontinued in order to give the ships time and opportunity to send their S. O. S. calls and for other ships to answer.

WILL ENLARGE RAMSEUR PLANT

Ramsleur Furniture Co. Lets
Contract For Brick Addition
To Cost \$100,000.

Mr. E. C. Watkins, secretary and treasurer of the Ramsleur Furniture Company, Ramsleur, announces that contract has been let by his plant for a brick addition to cost approximately \$100,000. This addition, together with other improvements, will double the capacity of this furniture factory, already one of the largest in the county.

The Ramsleur Furniture Company makes high grade furniture and sells its products on the markets of the east, New England states and in the western states. Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, and B. Altman, of New York, are large buyers of the output. The plant has enjoyed a successful season of business during the past year and looks forward to better business in 1926. Mr. Watkins estimates that the output of the plant this year will be a million dollars.

Mr. Watkins states that he is practically assured of a contract with Harvard University to furnish 1300 rooms of that institution. This order would call for 75 cars of furniture and would be one of the largest orders of the kind ever placed.

CLOSE TO TOP IN MATTER OF DEBT

State Auditor's Figures Show
Randolph Ranks 40th Among
Counties of State.

According to the University News Letter, which takes its figures from the June 30, 1925, report of State Auditor Baxter Durham, Randolph county ranks 40th among the 100 counties of the State in per capita indebtedness for county government purposes with \$40.15 for each of the more than 30,000 people in the county. In the matter of total debt per inhabitant county and municipal indebtedness reaches \$51.28, which places Randolph in sixtieth place in this respect.

In the following counties per capita indebtedness for county purposes is as follows: Buncombe, \$90.75; Guilford, \$49.65; Alamance, \$48.40; Davidson, \$21.94; Montgomery, \$20.20; Lee, \$34.60; Richmond, \$22.00; Stanly, \$29.81; Scotland, \$16.98; Moore, \$21.68; Wilkes, \$34.30; Union, \$28.97; Hoke, \$9.20; Anson, \$8.13; Chatham, \$12.50.

The total bonded debt of the 100 counties for county purposes on June 30, 1925, was \$102,181,874. On per inhabitant basis Swain has the largest total debt, the amount being over 6 million dollars.

Winston-Salem has the largest debt of any city in the State, it being \$11,716,577. Next in order is Greensboro with \$9,856,000, followed by Asheville with \$8,163,700.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Susan Miller At Hopewell

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hopewell church, in Trinity township, for Mrs. Susan Miller, aged 82, who died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Kennedy, at Fuller's Mill, Tabernacle township, Randolph county.

Mrs. Miller is survived by three daughters, Mrs. T. E. Walker, Mrs. A. L. Kennedy, and Mrs. J. E. Millikan; two sons, E. T. and George R. Miller, both of Trinity township; forty grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Prospects Bright For Highway No. 75 As Activity In Road Work Increases

Not long since Frank Page and J. Elwood Cox assured the people of the county through Arthur Ross that Route 70 from Asheboro to Seagrave would be hard surfaced, and that highway 75 from Asheboro to the Davidson county line would be rebuilt.

News from Raleigh Tuesday is that a part of the assurance is being carried out. Lettings for February 8th include the hard surfacing of Route 70 from the county home to Seagrave. Contract for 75 was not let, but it is the presumption that it will be, according to promise, some time during the year.

Prospects are bright for 75. It has been rebuilt from Asheboro to the Chatham county line. Assurance is that it will get the same treatment from Asheboro to the Davidson line. Over in Davidson there has been assurance that if the county would loan the State \$100,000 toward the construction of a bridge across the Yadkin river, the State Highway Commission would regrade, topsoil and oil 75 across the county. The county commissioners have authorized the loan and the money is available when the commission calls for it.

Work on the rebuilding of the road has been done in recent months between Mocksville and Fork and when the contract for the bridge across the Yadkin is let the supposition is that the work will be continued to the Yadkin.

An effort is being made to have the State Highway Commission link up 75 by building a cut-off between Pittsboro and Apex, where it would

Youngest Aviator



Photo shows Farnam Parker, thirteen year old pilot of planes and the youngest qualified flier in the world, addressing his radio audience thru the microphone. Don't you envy him, boys?

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Tomorrow (Friday) is the day set by the Chamber of Commerce for its membership drive. Efforts will be made to get 75 or 100 members and more if they can be had. Every member who paid his dues at the meeting Monday night or since is urged by the president and officers of the body to make of himself a member of the campaign committee. Definitely selected as members of the committee are A. I. Ferree, E. D. Cranford, Francis White, James B. Neely, Dr. Waite Lambert, C. C. Cranford, E. L. Moffitt and James Burns.

Membership dues payable semi-annually are as follows: Individuals, \$10; Corporations, partnerships and business houses, sustaining memberships, \$20.

SOUTH HAD A LARGE BUILDING BOOM IN '25

The South experienced during the past year the greatest building boom in its history. The gain in building construction last year over 1924 was 45 per cent, the total value of new buildings last year reaching \$919,460,375.

Florida led all the Southern States in the number and value of new buildings erected during the year. Other States showed material gains over records of 1924, but none such phenomenal gains as Florida. In North Carolina, the gain was encouraging. And in addition to the actual building, many programs of construction were launched in North Carolina last year which will be commemorated this year to swell the figures for a big gain over 1925.

The World Court

Only a flood of oratory stands in the way of the vote on the United States' entry into the World Court. Amendments or reservations proposed by Senator Swanson have all been adopted by a record vote. Senator Borah is leading the "battalion of death" against the court, but he and his few followers seem to be beaten and it is only a question of hours before the Senate will vote the United States into this international court.

BREAK LOOMS IN RANKS OF G. O. P.

Mellon and His Crowd Are Said
To Be At Loggerheads With
Butler and the President.

News comes out of Washington that a break between the two big factions of the Republican party is looming. The Republicans have been so busy during the past two years talking about the factions in the Democratic party that the rank and file of the G. O. P. probably had gotten it in its mind that such a thing as a break between their own leaders was an impossibility. It was easy to forget Roosevelt and his Bull Mooseers while talking of Smith and McAdoo.

Now looming on the horizon is a break between one faction of the Republican party headed by Andrew W. Mellon, multi-millionaire Secretary of the Treasury, and his banker associates and another faction headed by Chairman Butler and President Coolidge. Mellon's crowd, the one that has been floating the big foreign loans, is interested in free trade, whereas the crowd headed by Butler, a cotton manufacturer, is for a high protective tariff, one like that which is now in force. Coolidge seems to be siding with Butler.

The interests of Mellon and his associates is tied up in the prosperity of the debtor nations. Free trade would keep their industries going, this crowd argues. A high tariff is detrimental to the debtor nations' growth. Mellon has aligned the big bankers on his side, Butler the manufacturers. Mellon owns controlling interest in 47 large corporations. He controls in a financial sense three of the largest banking institutions in the country, the Mellon National Bank, the Union Savings Bank and the Union Trust Company.

Butler is tied up with a number of large textile plants in New England. He and his crowd were able to put over Harding for President in order to get a protective tariff that would enable them to line their pockets with gold. In 1922 all of Butler's properties paid a 200 per cent stock dividend in addition to the regular cash dividend. The protective tariff for which these interests unloaded Harding on the country justified itself in the experience of Butler and his associates.

Butler so far has held the whip hand over Coolidge. Not only were tariff rates boosted to the skies under Harding, but the President was given power to boost them still further if necessity demanded. Coolidge has not failed to exercise his authority when necessary.

This impending rift in the Republican party is said to be one of the reasons why the propaganda of a third term for Coolidge has cooled off in the past few months. Butler and his crowd naturally want a third term and four years more of high tariff after the next two years. The banking crowd headed by the cabinet multi-millionaire, it is said, is quietly throwing cold water on the third term propaganda.

In the meantime the American people are footing the tariff bills to swell the pockets of the protected interests. And whether the Mellon gang or the Butler crowd wins out the public may rest assured that it will be jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Nobody ever accused Mellon of having the interests of the people at heart no more than Butler and his gang. Mellon may figure that Butler's crowd after having had a long spell in which to enrich their pockets at the expense of the people should stand aside while he and his crowd can take some of the pickings.

TO LET CONTRACT FOR PAVING RT. 70 FEB. 8

One hundred and thirty-seven miles of road building will be let February 8th by the State Highway Commission, of which 68 miles will be hard-surfaced. Fifteen counties, including Randolph, will share in the letting.

One project to be let is the hard-surfacing of Route 70 from the county home below Asheboro to Seagrave, a distance of 10.27 miles.

SNOW AND COLD SNAP HIT COUNTY AT ONCE

The first few days of this week Asheboro and Randolph county experienced the second coldest weather of the winter up to the present time. Snow began falling early Monday morning and continued most of the time until noon, the ground being covered to a depth of about two inches. During Monday night the temperature went down considerably.

According to the official figures as given out by Rev. J. E. Pritchard the lowest temperature was sometime during Monday night when the thermometer registered 15 degrees above zero. While this would not be cold for the Western states it is rather cold for this section as we seldom ever have zero weather in North Carolina.

Plan Expansion

Two new Pender retail grocery stores each week is the program of expansion planned by the New York syndicate which recently bought out the D. Pender Grocery Company. This plan is expected to give the Pender chain more than 350 stores in operation by the end of the year, counting those already established.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. HORNEY

Buried at Concord Church, Far-
mer, Sunday Morning—Was
Widow of J. F. Horney.

Farmer, Jan. 25.—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Horney at Concord church, on Sunday morning was attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives of the family. Mrs. Horney was the widow of Mr. Julius F. Horney, and had lived at Farmer ever since her marriage until about two years ago, when she moved to High Point to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Morgan. She was well known throughout this section of the county. A modest, home-loving woman, a good wife and mother, and a faithful friend has gone to her reward. She was a genuine Christian, living her religion day by day. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Morgan, of High Point, and Mrs. Walter Scotten, of Liberty, and three sons, Messrs. Jeffrey, Eugene, and Raymond, all of High Point. She also leaves one stepdaughter, Mrs. H. W. Smith, of Louisiana, Mr. C. C. Horney, of High Point. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Hubbard, of High Point, assisted by Rev. G. W. Clay.

Miss Alma Middett, of N. C. C. W., Greensboro, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. F. A. Fickett.

Farmer basketball team played two interesting games last week. Denton and Farmer played at Denton the first of the week, Denton winning, the score being 34 to 28.

On Friday afternoon Pleasant Garden and Farmer played an interesting game on the Farmer ground, Farmer winning in a score of 18 to 16.

The roads in Concord and New Hope townships are becoming very bad, as they have not had any attention this winter. The recent rains and snows have made it hard for the school trucks to bring in the children through the deep mud.

Franklinville Man Is Robbed in Greensboro

Dewey Kelly, Franklinville man, says the Greensboro News, was knocked down and robbed Tuesday evening by a tall negro who made the attack as Kelly approached the corner of Bilbro and Railroad streets, Greensboro.

Kelly, according to his statement to the police, had no more than time to see his assailant before the negro hit him over the left eye with a pair of iron knucks. He fell to the ground unconscious. This was at 8 p. m. When he came to his senses he was lying on the ground, his money and assailant both gone.

He was given medical treatment, the physicians finding it necessary to take several stitches to close up the wound made by the blow over the left eye. His assailant has not been found.

Dog Prevented Robbery

Barking of a dog early Monday morning saved the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don P. Harris, of Lexington, from being robbed. Mr. Harris, aroused by the dog, found a man in the house. The burglar fled before he could ascertain his identity.

In Trouble Again

Troy Fitzgerald, identified as one of the robbers of the Bank of Eland in December, is in trouble again. This time he is bound over to court under \$2,500 bond on charge of store robbery at Kernersville Thursday last week.

Cotton Ginnings

Up to Saturday, January 23rd, 1,117,984 bales of the 1925 cotton crop had been ginned in North Carolina, as against a total of 829,060 bales for the 1924 crop. In Randolph county, 2,146 bales of the last year's crop had been ginned, as against a total of 1,772 of the 1924 crop. Johnston county leads all counties in the State with 73,280 bales ginned, or 22,000 bales more than the total 1924 crop.

MRS. DAVID C. STALEY DIED THURSDAY NIGHT

Funeral Services Held at Flag
Springs Church Friday by
Rev. J. E. Pritchard.

Mrs. David C. Staley died at her home about four miles from Asheboro on the Cox road on Thursday night, Jan. 21, at the age of 66 years, one month and thirteen days. Mrs. Staley's name before her marriage was Hannah Lowerdormilk, being the daughter of Elkannah and Mrs. Lowerdormilk. In 1884 she was united in marriage to David C. Staley with whom she lived the remainder of her life. She had been in failing health for the past several months but now her suffering with a patience that was remarkable. Mrs. Staley is survived by her husband and six children. They are, John Staley, Mrs. Berta Cox, Will Staley, Raymond Staley, Charlie Staley and Mrs. Minnie Boggs. She is also survived by several half brothers and sisters, among them being R. D. Lowerdormilk, of Asheboro. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Pritchard at Flag Springs Methodist church on Friday afternoon, January 23rd. The burial was at the cemetery near the home.

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