

\$50,000 BORROWED BY COUNTY BOARD

Want it For School, Road and Bond Interest Charges—Road Matters Settled.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session in the courthouse, in Asheboro, Monday, G. Elwood Stanton, T. H. Hornaday, C. M. Loffin and John C. Yow were present.

Mr. White gave as his reason for resigning bad health and the press of private business matters.

Another act of the board was to order the clerk to the board to borrow \$50,000 for school, road and bond interest purposes.

It was an order of the commissioners that the Giles Chapel road, leading from Highways 62 to 75, be prepared by the citizens living along the route for grading.

The road supervisor was instructed to advertise and sell the bridge across Polecat Creek just above the new bridge on the Red Cross road.

The road supervisor was ordered to pull up the road from New Union church to the widow Rush place on the Ulah road.

The matter of locating a bridge on Sandy Creek was left open until a future date.

Another matter left open was that of a road leading west from the concrete road No. 70 at Will Underwood's place.

The commissioners agreed to donate \$150 towards toppling the road leading from Highway 70 to the Cox road at Jim Thomas', the people agreeing to furnish an equal amount.

Toppling on the Red Cross road was ordered discontinued until further notice.

The county commissioners agreed that the county put up one half of the expenses for building the Hoover Dam road leading from the Davis shanty on the old county home road to Poplar Ridge.

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DEATH ROW IN THE STATE PRISON NOW NUMBERS SIX

Six men are now in death row at the State Prison, Raleigh, awaiting execution. They are Robert Lumpkin and Booker T. Williams, Robeson county negroes, who slew Chief Boyd M. Rogers, of Rowland; Jim Ballard, Gates county negro, sentenced to die Feb. 19th, for murder; Fred Jones, Forsyth county negro, sentenced to die for murder; Alvin Mansel, Buncombe county negro, who is under sentence to die for criminal assault; and Rory Matthews, Harnett county white man, sentenced to die for murder.

STATE SPENDS LARGE SUM ON ITS HIGHWAYS

Completed Over 1500 Miles of Roads Last Year—Total Mileage of Roads Over 4400.

Figures given out by the State Highway Commission show that during 1925 there were completed 1,548.7 miles of the State highway system, making a total mileage completed of 4,448.64 miles. Last year \$27,827,955 was spent on road construction. The total spent on road work since the establishment of the highway commission is \$79,042,172 on highways and \$3,158,781 on bridges.

At the present time there are under construction 816.54 miles of highway, which when completed will represent an expenditure of \$14,659,532.

North Carolina now has 813.96 miles of concrete highway, 567.82 miles of asphalt highway, 167.05 miles of sand asphalt, 296.71 miles of penetration macadam, 9.5 miles of brick road, 1,495 miles of mud clay topped roads, 359.01 miles of gravel highway, and 788.74 miles of graded roads.

TAR HERDS SPEND A LARGE SUM FOR CARB

North Carolinians spent \$71,541,450 in buying automobiles during 1925, which covered the purchase of 92,000 cars valued at \$74,135,700 and 2,500 used cars valued at \$17,444,750, according to figures made public by the automobile branch of the department of revenue.

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J. L. JOHNSON DIED TUESDAY

End Comes After Illness of Four Days—Was Native of Trinity Township.

John L. Johnson, aged 52, died early Tuesday morning at his home in Asheboro following an illness of only four days. Mr. Johnson had been in his usual health until about the middle of last week when he contracted cold, but on Friday he went to Trinity township where he did some surveying. He returned late in the afternoon and was suffering with a severe pain in the head.

During the night he became delirious and inflammation of the brain developed. His condition continued to grow worse until the end came Tuesday morning.

Mr. Johnson was born and reared in Trinity township. He was the son of J. D. and Elias Johnson. He was married to Miss Lona Dorsett, daughter of John G. Dorsett, of Trinity township, and to this union were five children, four of whom with their mother survive. They are Rebecca, Doe, Nyal and Fernco.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have lived in Asheboro for six years, having moved here from Kansas where they resided a few months. Upon moving to Asheboro they united with the M. E. church under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Gibbs. Deceased has many friends who will be grieved over his death. He was a man of quiet, unassuming nature and was kind-hearted and true.

The funeral service was held from the M. E. church yesterday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by Rev. W. H. Willis, the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. L. Gregory. There were many floral tributes, attesting the high esteem in which deceased was held. Those attending the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. J. D. Dorsett, Trinity township; Mr. C. L. Luck and Mrs. Turner Davis, High Point; Miss Hatie Royal, Thomasville; and Miss Sybil Dorsett and Mr. Grady Johnson, of Trinity.

RAMSEUR MINSTREL TO PRESENT PROGRAM HERE

"Hoty Totsy" Minstrel to Give Program for Benefit of Local School Tonight.

The people of Asheboro will have the opportunity this evening at the high school auditorium to hear a program given by the Ramseur "Hoty Totsy" Minstrel, from the orchestra, glee club and athletic association of the Ramseur high school. The exercises will be under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Smith, a well-known and most successful director, and the program promises to be most interesting and entertaining.

An admission fee will be charged for the benefit of the Asheboro high school. Details may be had by reading an advertisement in another part of this issue of The Courier.

The Ramseur students have given this program as various other schools in the county and everywhere it has been most enthusiastically received. Those who attend the program tonight will not be disappointed.

WILL HOLD FAIR WEEK OF SEPT. 20

Date Set at Meeting of Mid-Carolina Assn., at Greensboro, Last Week.

The date of the Randolph county fair has been set for the week beginning September 20th. This date was decided upon at a meeting of representatives of the Mid-Carolina Association of Fairs held at Greensboro last Friday evening. Mr. W. G. York, secretary of the Randolph County Fair Association, is secretary of the Mid-Carolina Association, and was present to represent the local fair.

Interest in the Randolph county fair increases for the reason that the State Fair will not be held next year. This should bring more exhibits to the Asheboro fair. Another fair, the one at Pinehurst, has been canceled for the next year and this too should add more exhibits and larger crowds to the Randolph County Fair.

The local fair has adequate grounds and buildings for the accommodation of exhibits and visitors. It is easily accessible to Central Carolina counties by virtue of the fact that the central Carolina Highway, 75, passes through Asheboro and also route 70 which leads down into the Pinehurst section passes by the fair grounds.

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Sea Hero



In a raging storm in mid-ocean, Captain George Fried of the S. S. Roosevelt directed the rescue of crew from the disabled British freighter Antioch, recently. For three days Commander Fried fought mountainous seas to take the sailors off the doomed ship. Two of his own men were washed overboard and drowned.

ASHEBORO HIGH LIGHTS

Basketball Game Feb. 12th

The Asheboro high school basketball team will play the Ramseur high school team at 4 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon on the local court. This is the first of a series of eliminating contests in the State-wide basketball contest between high school teams.

These two teams have played each other twice before, each winning a game. The game tomorrow promises to be hard fought throughout. The admission fee will be fifteen cents for any school child and thirty-five cents for adults.

The school is anxious that a number of the people of the town come out for the game. The team is playing good ball and welcomes any encouragement it can get from the people of the town.

Asheboro Hi Defeats Ramseur

The Asheboro high school basketball team won a hard-fought game from Ramseur on the local court last Monday evening by a score of 22 to 14. Carl Rush was the star for Asheboro, while White led the visiting team in the number of points.

MR. HORACE S. RAGAN SUCCEEDS JOHN F. WHITE

John F. White, of Trinity township, chairman of the Randolph county board of commissioners since December 1st, 1924, who resigned the first Monday in February and then withdrew his resignation, tendered his resignation again last Friday. It was accepted by the Clerk of the Court, who appointed H. S. Ragan, of Archdale, Trinity township, to fill the vacancy.

RANDOLPH STANDS 21ST IN DAILY ATTENDANCE

In average daily attendance in the rural schools, Randolph during the school year 1924-25 stood 21st among the 100 counties of the State, with an average daily attendance of 79.5 per cent, or 4,573 students out of a total of 5,753. The students did not do so well, the county standing 48th among the counties in average daily attendance in colored schools with 68.8 per cent, or 648 attending out of a total enrollment of 942.

Carters county ranked first among the counties in average daily attendance with 88.2 per cent; Montgomery ranked 44th with 78.5 per cent; Guilford 25th with 75.6 per cent; Guilford 31st with 77.2 per cent; and Chatham 57th with 72.6 per cent. Scotland county was at the bottom with an average daily attendance of 64.2 per cent.

L. N. COX ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

Mr. Irvin N. Cox, of this county, has recently associated himself with R. S. Caudle, at Lakeland, Florida, under the name of Caudle-Cox Realty Company, as brokers handling and developing property in Florida and with the expectation of later developing properties in North Carolina. Mr. Caudle is a Randolph county boy and used to play ball on the Asheboro team back in the days Irvin Cox was one of the star pitchers of this section of the State.

Messrs. Cox and Caudle are satisfied that the next State to be developed in the matter of real estate will be North Carolina. In fact, that is the general opinion in Florida and many Florida real estate interests are buying up land in this State.

45 PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Forty-five people were killed and 306 injured in traffic accidents in eleven Southern States during the past week, according to figures from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Florida headed the list with 15 deaths and 100 injuries.

A BITTER FIGHT ON PROHIBITION

Wets Are Assembling Forces and Political Showdown on Prohibition Approaches.

(David F. St. Clair) Washington, Feb. 8.—Congress now faces a bitter fight over prohibition. The treasury department has introduced in both houses a bill to take prohibition enforcement out of the internal revenue bureau and to make it a separate bureau. A separate bureau, it is argued, will greatly improve the chances of enforcing the law. There is also a bill which has been reported out favorably placing all employees of the prohibition bureau under civil service regulations.

These two bills are being pressed by the administration and they will be enacted into law as both houses are overwhelmingly dry. But the wets are preparing to make a desperate fight so as to be able to carry the war on the Volstead act to the country in the fall campaign for congress. A political showdown on prohibition after six years of trial appears to be approaching. Both parties are badly divided on the issue. The Northern Democrats are wet; the Southern Democrats are dry. The Republicans in the East like Senator Wadsworth of New York and Senator Edge of New Jersey want to modify the law while their party in the Middle West and Far West are unalterably opposed to any change unless the change makes the law more drastic.

A few days ago the wets were recruited and greatly heartened by the statement of Dr. Empringham, Secretary of the Church Temperance Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who expresses his conviction that the Volstead act should be modified as he declares it cannot be enforced. Dr. Empringham's statement has raised a storm of protest from his own church in the West and South. He is being challenged to furnish the facts on which he bases his statement.

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STOCKHOLDERS GET A PAYMENT OF 50 PER CT.

A chapter in the history of the ill-fated Alabama-Georgia Power Company, in which many people of Randolph and Davidson counties invested, has been written which brings happiness to many homes in these counties. It is the fact that these stockholders have received or will receive this week checks representing 50 per cent of their investment in this company, less a 50 per cent reduction on each stock as a fee for the trustee handling the matter.

The other fifty per cent will be paid with 5-year-notes bearing interest. The fifty per cent paid out this week represents half of the purchase price of the Georgia-Alabama Power Company by the Columbia Power and Electric Company.

Dermont Shemwell, of Lexington, former president of the company, succeeded in having the preferred stockholders placed on par with the bondholders and common stock holders of the defunct company. Many had given up hopes of ever realizing anything from the stock.

LIBERTY MADE GOOD PROGRESS DURING 1925

Chair Company Doubles Output and Lumber Plants Build New Quarters.

Liberty, Feb. 8.—J. W. Curtis and B. M. Brower left last week for a ten days' trip to Florida.

Misses Mary Tysor and Alta Hutson, members of the Seagrave school faculty, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hutson.

A survey of the year 1925 discloses that Liberty has had a wonderful year of growth. One hundred or more residences have been built in the town during the past twelve months and all of them are occupied.

A shirt and overall factory, employing a large force, has been built and is operated full time.

The Liberty Chair Company has doubled its output, the Staley Lumber Company has built new quarters and the Home Lumber Company has built an entirely new plant. An addition has also been built to the graded school building during the new year. In the retail section of the town several modern business houses have been erected.

Among the civic bodies that have been organized are the chamber of commerce and the woman's club. Liberty looks forward to the new year with confidence and with expectation of further growth and development.

Bowman Gets Road Term

Wade V. Bowman, of Hickory, convicted in Superior Court at Newton last week for simple assault on a 12-year-old girl, was on Tuesday sentenced to serve one year on the county roads. He gave bond in the amount of \$4,000 and appealed. Bowman was tried for capital offense, but the testimony did not substantiate the more serious offense.

EDMONDSON-JONES

Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, 1926, Miss Mildred Edmondson and Carl Jones, of Clifton, were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Jones will live at their home, Maple Grove, near Asheboro, where Mr. Edmondson is a postmaster.

MAJOR T. J. WOOD DIED LAST WEEK

Death Follows Stroke of Paralysis—Brother of Late Col. W. P. Wood, of Asheboro.

Major Thomas Jones Wood died Thursday night of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. T. Wishart, at 113 Steele street, High Point, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis suffered a week before, from which he did not regain consciousness.

Major Wood was born at the old Wood home place in Randolph county, March 1, 1840, and was the third child of the late Pennel and Callista Wood. He was one of ten children and was a brother of the late Col. W. P. Wood, of Asheboro, and of the late Dr. Frank H. Wood. Major Wood was the last of the ten children. He enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of 17 years, served with General Lee and was with him at the surrender at Appomattox.

In 1875 Major Wood was married to Miss Sarah Christian, of Montgomery county, who died several years ago, and to this union were born nine children, six of whom survive. They are Mrs. A. T. Wishart, of High Point; Mrs. W. J. Harris, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and E. F. J. P., W. M., and H. E. Wood, all of the State of Texas.

For several years following his marriage, Major Wood lived in Montgomery county. He later moved to Trinity, Randolph county, where he resided for several years and then moved to High Point where he had made his home for the past seven years with his daughter.

For a number of years he was commander of the High Point camp of Confederate veterans and was loved and honored by his comrades and by all who knew him. He had been appointed recently quartermaster general on the staff of the brigadier general of the State organization of Confederate veterans with the rank of major.

In early life Major Wood joined the Methodist church at Trinity and for many years was a member of the board of stewards.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wishart, in High Point, Rev. W. H. Harris, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, and Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor of the Wesley Memorial church, High Point, being in charge of the services. Interment was made in the cemetery at Trinity. Major Wood being buried in his Confederate uniform.

Major Wood was an uncle of Mr. J. K. Wood, Mrs. W. A. Underwood and Mrs. J. O. Redding, all of Asheboro.

WHERE AND WHEN YOU MAY PAY STATE INCOME TAX

W. C. Hammond, deputy collector of revenue, advises that he will be at the following places and dates for the purpose of collecting income tax: Randleman, Feb. 17th; Ramseur, Feb. 18; Asheboro, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, 13, and 15.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR PAVING ROUTE 70 SOUTH

Contract was let by the State Highway Commission, at Raleigh, Monday for more than a million dollars worth of road construction. Among the contracts let was one for resurfacing Route 70 from the end of the pavement at the county home to Seagrave, a distance of 10.27 miles, to E. H. Wright and Son, of Bryson City, for \$273,097.

There were 160 bidders for the State contracts, more bidders than had before been seen at a State contract letting.

Must Provide School

Judge Stack ruled last week in a case in Stanley county that the county board of education must provide six months of school for every child in their respective counties. The case at issue was the refusal of Oakboro special district school refusing to take school children outside of the district unless tuition was paid. The charging of tuition was held legal, but the judge ruled that the county board of education must pay the tuition for six months or provide a suitable school with tuition free, and that the school children living outside of the special tax district must pay the tuition for the additional two months if they desired to attend the full eight months term.

FORMER RANDOLPH MAN LOSES HOME IN CYCLONE

Lonnie E. Maxwell, printer, who lost his home in a cyclone at Green Acres, Fla., Wednesday of last week, was at one time a compositor on The Courier when the office was located on Old Main street, near the old court house site, and was for a long time connected with this newspaper in various capacities. During the war he was employed as printer on the Greensboro Daily News and later on the High Point Enterprise. He also worked at his trade in Salisbury. He moved to Florida several years ago where he was engaged in the printing business. Reports are that his home was blown down while he and his family were in it, but that all escaped without injury. It had been built only a short while. Many of the older residents of the town will recall Mr. Maxwell.

Thirteen Month Year



Dr. George W. Davis of Ottawa, Kan., has worked out a "Calendar of Nations" which has 13 months of 28 days each, the new month "Luna" being placed between June and July. It has been submitted and is being considered by the League of Nations.

MRS. SARAH F. ALLRED LAID TO REST FRIDAY

Had Been in Failing Health for Several Months—Woman of Christian Character.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Frances Allred, wife of Mr. P. B. Allred, were conducted Friday morning at eleven o'clock at Gray's Chapel church by Rev. A. O. Lindley and W. S. Ashburn.

Mrs. Allred was born July 4th, 1854, in Randolph county, being at the time of her death 71 years, 7 months of age. Twenty years ago she joined Gray's Chapel church, where she has been a faithful and active member until ill health and death overtook her. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character being ever thoughtful of her friends and neighbors, during sickness, weather never being too hot or nights too dark for her to visit and offer her assistance.

For the past eighteen months she has been in failing health but not until Saturday morning when she suffered a stroke of paralysis was her condition considered serious.

In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Johnson; two sons, J. G. and A. T. Allred, all of Millboro, R. F. D.; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The large crowd attending the funeral attested the high esteem in which she was held.

Flower bearers were: J. P. Lineberry, Mack Lineberry, Joe Lineberry, Mack Coble, G. W. Pew and J. T. Hayes.

Flower bearers were: Catharine Pew, Edith Lineberry, Jessie Lineberry, and Annie Slurron.

Interment was made in the church cemetery.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. R. Y. Putnam announces a special missionary service at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m., in charge of the Ladies' Missionary Society. There will be preaching at High Pine church, in Union township, Sunday at 11 a. m.

TO INVITE THE GOVERNOR HERE

Want Him To Make Address at C. of C. Banquet—Executive Committee Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce was held in the commissioners' room in the court house Tuesday night, with Arthur Ross presiding.

The committee appointed to select quarters for the office of the body reported and the vacant office over the Wood Cash Clothing Company was voted on favorably. This same committee was instructed to confer with the Merchants' Association with reference to the purchase of the office furniture which was at one time used by that body.

A reception committee was appointed to welcome to Asheboro the players who will tonight present a play at the local graded school building.

Mr. C. C. Cranford, who had promised to give a banquet to the chamber of commerce, announced that he was trying to get Governor McLean to speak on the occasion. Nothing definite has been heard from the Governor as to the date he can be in Asheboro, but it is the expectation that it will be possible to get him about the first of March. Officers of neighboring chambers of commerce will be invited to the banquet.

The following committees were appointed: Civic: J. M. Scarborough, C. M. Fox, Dr. J. G. Crutchfield, Dr. Lambert.

Social: W. J. Arnsfield, Ed. Cranford, Ed. Hedrick, E. L. Moffitt.

Membership: Francis White, N. M. Cranford, James Burns.

Agriculture: E. S. Millspaugh, J. W. P. Redding, C. C. Cranford, Hugh Parks, E. H. Morris, J. D. Ross, J. M. Neely.

Publicity: A. I. Farree, Rev. J. E. Pritchard and Roy Cox.

The chamber of commerce now has 90 individual members and 8 sustaining members.

LAW JURY LIST FOR MARCH COURT

Will Be a Three Weeks' Term Presided Over by Judge T. D. Bryson.

Randolph county will have a three weeks' term of court beginning Monday, March 15th, with Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, presiding. The first two weeks will be for the trial of cases on the civil docket, while the last week, beginning March 29th, will be for criminal cases.

The county commissioners in regular session Monday drew the following jury list:

First Week. Asheboro: I. O. Hamilton. Back Creek: W. C. Millikan. Cedar Grove: W. F. Newsum. Columbia: Joe W. Stout, G. H. Lineberry, D. W. Williams, G. Ed York, C. L. Stewart.

Franklinville: H. C. Burrow, J. M. Harden, A. R. Cox, W. T. Julian, A. A. Hinshaw.

Grant: W. F. Luck. Liberty: P. C. Kivett, James R. Brown.

Pleasant Grove: G. W. Russey. Randleman: S. W. Connor, W. M. Providence: E. L. Garner.

Hinshaw. Richland: D. J. Johnson. Trinity: C. F. Floyd, J. C. Payne, J. P. Collett.

Second Week

Asheboro: Z. L. Keever, Leo Barker. Back Creek: T. F. Wall, E. D. Stillwell.

Brower: J. M. Ashbill, W. B. McKinnon. Cedar Grove: Clarence Kearns. Columbia: A. L. Jones, John W. Allred.

Concord: T. W. Bingham. Franklinville: Nathan Sheffield, Lee Wright, S. F. Lovett, T. M. Jennings, Cicero L. Trogdon. Liberty: H. A. Staley.

Pleasant Grove: A. W. Leonard. Randleman: W. T. Ferguson, W. H. Dean, B. M. Hinshaw, J. M. Allred. Richland: W. R. Macon. Tabernacle: C. O. Skeen. Trinity: S. R. Arnold.

Third Week

Asheboro: J. A. Way, Salon E. Robbins, Robert Hancock, Selvin T. Brown, Farley J. Hopkins.

Back Creek: G. T. Curtis, W. B. Fulton, A. C. Rich, D. T. McCain, W. C. Trotter.

Brower: Barney Chriscoe. Cedar Grove: J. M. Luther. Columbia: H. C. Chisholm, J. W. Williams, O. R. Kennedy.

Concord: W. E. Barker, J. H. Johnson, C. C. Ridge. Franklinville: D. H. Hinshaw, H. G. Redding, Charles C. Harrelson. Liberty: T. M. Coley.

New Hope: N. C. Loflin. New Market: O. P. Gardner. Pleasant Grove: C. H. Brown. Providence: E. L. Hancock, R. E. Hockett.

Randleman: James M. Kirkman, W. F. McDonald, B. M. Frazier, J. E. Allred.

Tabernacle: Reed Hughes, A. W. Fuller, Walter Gearan, Joe Hancock, L. W. Pierce, T. M. Small, Jess Summey, J. S. Spencer.

Trinity: J. T. Myers, T. O. Marsh, A. M. Spencer.

DOCTOR HILLIARD HILL, A CONFEDERATE VETERAN, DEAD

Doctor Hilliard Hill, aged 85 years, 9 months and 27 days, died at his home at Randleman January 27th from bronchial pneumonia and pleurisy after an illness of fifteen days. Funeral services were held by Rev. Allred on January 28th.

Mr. Hill was born April 27, 1840, in Randolph county and was a son of the late Hinton Hill. He served throughout the Civil War. Mr. Hill was a good citizen and will be missed in his community.

Surviving are six children: Mrs. T. Holland, Mrs. W. T. Pugh, Mrs. J. W. Holder, of Greensboro; and Miss Ella Hill, Mrs. Charlie Allred and Mr. J.