

WORK IS STARTED
ON ROUTE NO. 75

Grading Force Camped at McCrary Farm—Will Complete Road To County Line.

Work has been started on the building of a standard topsoil highway from Asheboro to the Davidson county line, this route being a part of Highway 75, or Zeb Vance Highway as it is generally known in this section of the State. A grading force was moved to the project the first of the week and is making headquarters at the McCrary farm west of Asheboro. The J. F. Mulligan Company has the general road contract while J. S. Bowers will build the bridges. The total contract for the road and bridge work totals approximately \$215,000, and calls for 15.51 miles of sand clay highway.

Work will begin at a point about a half mile west of Asheboro and will be pushed westward towards the county line. The road has been surveyed and located the entire distance to the Davidson-Randolph line. The only part of the route which there has been no definite decision announced is that section of it through the town of Asheboro. Two routes have been proposed through the town. One is out Salisbury street along the route of the old Salisbury road, while the other is through the business section of town and out Sunset avenue.

Low bids were received on the project from Asheboro to the Davidson line two weeks ago, but definite contract was not signed until last week. It was expected that contract would have been let for the bridge across the Yadkin river at the same time as that for this portion of 75, but for several reasons, the matter was delayed. This bridge is on Route 75 and would connect Davidson and Davie counties. Commissioner Cox has been quoted as saying that the proposed structure would cost \$176,000.

Let Contract For Seating
Methodist Protestant Church

When bids were received recently for the pews for the Methodist Protestant church it was decided that the General Seating Company had submitted the best bid, everything being considered and the contract was awarded that company. Work is to begin at once on the pews and they are to be installed as quickly as possible, though it will require several weeks for the work to be done. The contract for the carpet was not given at the time the pews were bought but will be at an early date. The congregation is anxious to have the church finished and there will be general rejoicing when it is done.

FOR MR. LAMBERT

The Courier:
I wish through your columns to suggest the name of J. T. Lambert, of Coleridge township, as Democratic candidate for sheriff. Mr. Lambert is competent, well-known in the county and has a life-long record of square dealing with his fellow men. He would add strength to the ticket this fall.

Auto Accident Is Fatal

Mrs. R. B. Osborne, aged 42, resident of southern part of Guilford county, died Saturday morning in a Greensboro hospital as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile collision on the Greensboro-Randleman road three miles south of Greensboro. Her spine was fractured.

Dave Isley Dead

Dave Isley, colored resident of Asheboro, died Thursday at Memorial hospital from the effects of injuries sustained Sunday night, July 4, when struck by an automobile driven by Ralph Humble. Isley was taken to the hospital immediately after the accident and did not recover consciousness. Police investigations of the accident are said to have closed it with the unavoidable.

Catalog For Randolph Fair
Ready For Distribution

The catalog for the Randolph county fair to be held in September, has been printed and is ready for distribution. Unfortunately the names of those who had exhibits at the fair last year are not available so that the fair management may mail catalogs to these persons and it is the desire of the fair officials that those who want the catalogs write or call for them. A postal card will suffice to carry the request and may be addressed to the Randolph County Fair Association, Asheboro.

It is stated by the fair management that larger and better premiums will be offered at the fair this fall than in the past and a wider variety of exhibits covered.

Fire and Explosion at Arsenal

A bolt of lightning last Saturday ignited a supply of TNT at the naval ammunition depot near Dover, N. J., and caused a series of explosions that wiped out a score of lives and did damage estimated at \$100,000,000. Fire spreading from one building and one magazine to another caused a series of explosions of ammunition which lasted through Tuesday, rain eventually helping to extinguish the flames. Tens of miles around were severely damaged.

To Grow Bananas In South



After seven years of intensive search and experimentation, Dr. T. J. Harris has discovered banana seeds and is now introducing their cultivation in the South. He plans to make this great fruit a profitable crop in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and later in South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Picture shows Dr. Harris in his southern gardens.

Secrecy Veils Meeting of the Hopkins Heirs

May Have Been About a New Claimant of Share in Estate—John Lyons the Center of Attraction.

Secrecy veiled the meeting held in Greensboro last Thursday evening participated in by about fifty of the heirs of Mark Hopkins, California millionaire, who died in 1878. No newspaper correspondent was permitted to enter the room where the conference was held and what took place is a matter of conjecture only. It is supposed it had to do with further plans for pushing the claims of the heirs for the \$5,000,000 estate left by Hopkins. The meeting may have been held to lay plans to checkmate the claims of David Moore, of Burlington, who claims to be an heir, and has employed William C. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, to represent him.

John M. Lyons, 94-year-old Spaniard, familiar figure in Randolph and Montgomery counties, was at the meeting and seemed to be the center of attraction. It was Lyons who filed several months ago with the Clerk of Court in Guilford county an affidavit setting forth among a lot of other statements that he was a mining partner of Mark Hopkins who left Randolph county back in the forties and went to California to mine for gold. He declared in his affidavit that in 1849 he was mining gold with Mark Hopkins in the Sacramento valley in California, the two having gone there in the original gold rush. Many a time he has sat around the camp fire with Hopkins and listened to Hopkins, then with only a few dollars, tell of his North Carolina home and relatives. Lyons recalls the names of the brothers and sisters of Mark Hopkins, saying he was told them many times. They were Sam, Hamp, Betty, Callister and Annie Hopkins and they were back on the old home place in Randolph while the pioneer was washing placer gold out of the streams in California.

According to Mr. Lyons, he met Mark Hopkins in the old America hotel in Central America in 1849, where there were hundreds of other gold seekers from the States, having come south by ship along the Atlantic seaboard, intended to cross the isthmus and go north along the Pacific coast to California.

Hopkins and Lyons struck up acquaintance, roughed it to California and then began mining. But it was in the gold fields that Hopkins made his money. He was instrumental in organizing the Southern

CRANFORD IS ON
TRIAL IN STANLY

Former Chain Gang Boss Charged With Death of Two Negro Convicts.

N. C. Cranford, native of New Hope township, Randolph county, at one time employed as guard on the old county road force, and for many years superintendent of the Stanly county chain gang until several months ago when he resigned and was made superintendent of roads, is on trial this week in Stanly county Superior court on charge of murdering two convicts, James Terry and James Howell, negroes. These negroes, it is charged, died from the effects of beatings given them by Cranford while they were on the Stanly county chain gang.

Cranford was indicted last October after the State Department of Public Welfare had made investigations into the conduct of the Stanly county prison camp. The trial has been put off from time to time, however. Judge Finley is presiding over the term of court which will try Cranford, while a jury from Anson county will decide the case.

Hail Saturday Night

Reports from some sections of the county indicate that there was some hail in the heavy rain which visited parts of Randolph Saturday night. A tonnage of tobacco field on the farm of J. M. Burrow near Asheboro was badly cut to pieces by hail and corn in the neighborhood was badly damaged. Injury to the corn, however, is not as serious as to the tobacco.

Pacific railway. He died in 1877.

Mark Hopkins never married. Those in Randolph county who think they are heirs have filed suit for what they believe is their share of the fortune. Hopkins left six brothers and sisters in North Carolina. The estate was taken over by Moses Hopkins when the multi-millionaire died and it is alleged that he failed to tell the court that Mark Hopkins had relatives in North Carolina. When Moses Hopkins died his widow, said to be living in New York, received the bulk of the estate. It is said that the heirs of the brothers and sisters of Mark Hopkins now number about 150 persons.

It is not only in Randolph and Montgomery counties that these heirs live, several being in Cabarrus county, and Dave Moore, the latest found, is a resident of Burlington. The Randolph heirs, like the ones in Cabarrus county, have taken legal proceedings to get what they call their share of the estate, 14 of them combining in securing a legal firm to look after their interests.

COURT CONVENES MONDAY
FOR TRIAL CIVIL DOCKET

Randolph county Superior court for the trial of cases on the civil docket convenes Monday in the court house in Asheboro, with Judge McElroy presiding. Sessions of the court will last two weeks and will be devoted exclusively to civil cases.

WILLIAM W. AMBURN, OF
RANDLEMAN, DIED 10TH

Death Ensues From Appendicitis Attack—Was Native of Stokes County.

William W. Amburn, of Randleman, died Saturday in a High Point hospital following an illness of two weeks from appendicitis. Mr. Amburn was a native of Stokes county, where he was born July 7, 1882. He moved to Randolph county two years ago from Surry county and engaged in farming on the plantation of Mr. Nathan Sheffield, near Randleman. He was a member of the M. P. church at Mount Aity.

Surviving besides his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Clara Robertson, are the following children: Ernest Amburn, of Mt. Aity; Grady, of Sanford; William, Lester, Dahlia, Violet and Nelson, of near Randleman.

AUTOMOBILE WRECK PUTS
ONE IN THE HOSPITAL

W. C. Brown, of Winston-Salem, is in the Memorial hospital, Asheboro, suffering from injuries sustained Sunday afternoon when the Buick roadster in which he was riding with another man turned over on Route 70 near Asbury. The car was almost completely wrecked. Brown was rendered unconscious by the accident and is suffering with concussion of the brain and a number of bruises. The other occupant of the car was not seriously hurt.

MISS HESTER STUART TO
BECOME BRIDE OF MR. TORBERT

The following invitations which have been issued will be of interest to Randolph county people:
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin Stuart request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Hester Sumina, to Mr. Rauley Katesbury Torbert on Wednesday evening, the twenty-first of July at half after eight o'clock, Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Miss Stuart is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stuart, of Why Not, Randolph county, and a young woman of pleasing personality. She was for several years prominently identified with the State Sunday school association. Recently she has been connected with a Raleigh business firm.

Mr. Hammer Wants Johnson J. Hayes
To Tell Randolph People Some Things

He Thinks Republican Candidate For United States Senate Should Tell The Folks That The Coolidge Administration Defeated Farm Relief While Democrats Favored The Bill.

(By W. A. Hilderbrand, in his Washington correspondence to the Greensboro News.)

Washington, July 11.—Representative Hammer left today for the state. Tomorrow the Congressional Record will contain a speech recently delivered by Mr. Hammer, chiefly on the subject of farm relief, which is to comprise the major issue in a number of the states this fall. The North Carolina member emphasized some of the points which led to so much discussion during the last session of Congress, and upon which the fate of many of the members may turn before they see Washington again.

In addressing the house Mr. Hammer told of some of the things he would like for Johnson J. Hayes to talk about in opening the Republican campaign in his home county. Before leaving, Mr. Hammer said that Mr. Hayes, candidate of his party for the senate, had lauded the Coolidge administration and had expressedly told of his devotion to the farmer, but that the Republican candidate had failed, in his Asheville address, to touch upon phases of farm relief and other public questions in which the people had a vital interest.

The Congressional Record is always printed for several days following the adjournment of Congress, since this course is necessary to carry the speeches that are delivered during the closing hours of the session. In the speech, to be printed tomorrow, Mr. Hammer said on the subject of farm relief:

Will Mr. Hayes Do It?

"The Republican state campaign opens in my home county tomorrow and an address will be made by the Republican nominee for United States senate. His audience, except the revenue officers, will be principally farmers. I wonder if he will be frank enough to tell his audience that all but two of the 12 members of the two houses of Congress from North Carolina favored farm relief legislation, but they could not, with all their earnest efforts, stem the tide of opposition on the part of the administration when the crook of the little finger of the President would have accomplished what was so greatly desired by the farmers. Instead of favoring farm relief the President let it be known that he would veto the legislation if enacted, and Mellon and Jardine vigorously protested against the bill the farmers wanted. This he should tell his audience and, furthermore, that while it is true some Democrats voted against farm relief, some of them may have done so because they did not want to aid in enacting legisla-

tion when, if enacted, the administration would claim credit, as was done by the administration in the case of both revenue reduction bills. The Republican party is responsible for the failure of Congress to enact farm relief. The risk was run by Republican leaders of trusting to the fact that corn may be worth more than 55 cents at the heap before November, and that the price of other farm products may advance, but so tied are the leaders of the Republican party to the manufacturers and industrial interests of the east that campaign contributions will be cut off if any major legislation was enacted except in the interest of those who control, not only the tariff and taxation, but all legislation. If the gentleman were to make this damaging admission he would probably not help his party, but he would help along the cause of truth and would contribute to the keeping of the record of his party straight before the public. It is true he might not have as much influence at the pie counter, but it would be refreshing to have a Republican spell binder tell a North Carolina audience where the national Republican party stands, and that its real interest is to legislate for those who furnish the most campaign contributions.

"It is admitted that a 13,500,000 bale crop of cotton brings practically \$200,000,000 more than a 16,000,000-bale crop, as has been demonstrated. Then is it not clear that there is need for some system of marketing which will prevent such a temporary surplus from being thrown on the market and reducing the price below the average cost of production as to bankrupt a large portion of farmers.

Further Information Sought

"It would be interesting if this Republican leader would give his audience this further information: In the house 99 Republicans and 68 Democrats voted with the farmers, and 124 Republicans and 89 Democrats against the farm relief bill as amended. He could tell them how the railroads were taken care of by the Republican administration by guaranteeing returns on investments. Manufacturers have been highly protected. How railroads and labor have been given what they asked by this Congress without modification. Yet the prolonged agricultural depression can get no relief. Something will have to be done. There has been a 200 per cent increase in farm mortgages during the last five

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Home Department Renders
Program At M. P. Church

A very fine programme was rendered by the Home Department of the Methodist Protestant Sunday school at the morning service last Sunday. Rev. J. E. Fritchard, the pastor, had charge of the devotions and the programme was under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Hayworth. Mrs. Hayworth as superintendent of the Home Department made a splendid talk on her work and gave a report of the activities of her department for the past three months. Mrs. George B. Hasty gave a splendid talk on the things she had learned during the quarter. Other talks were made by those who had been helped and the service was closed, the people feeling that it had been a profitable service.

Work on Route 70

The work of hard surfacing highway 70 from the county home, two miles south of Asheboro, has been completed to Ulah. The road, however, is not open to the public and short detours still have to be made to reach Ulah and points farther south on the route. The force at work on this project apparently is one of the fastest at pouring concrete that has been seen in this section in some time.

Former Randolph County Young Woman
Commits Suicide In A Raleigh Hospital

Alice Coltrane, aged 27 years, formerly a resident of Randolph county, later resident of Greensboro, and for the past year an inmate of the state hospital for the insane at Raleigh, committed suicide by hanging herself from one of the windows of her room by using a stocking for a rope. Her death moved Coroner L. M. Waring, of Wake county, to make an investigation and in his report to the State Board of Health, according to newspaper reports yesterday, there are charges which indicate that the Wake county grand jury may have a chance to make an investigation of the circumstances surrounding Miss Coltrane's suicide.

Waring charges that Miss Coltrane was placed in a poorly ventilated room, infested with vermin, and that there was no furniture in the room and Miss Coltrane was required to spend Friday night, the hottest of the year, in that place. Soon after she was confined there she committed suicide. The coroner states that the room had but one door and one window, which was covered with boards, leaving only a crack between them for light and ventilation.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs.
N. C. Lowe Died Saturday

Joseph Lowe, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lowe, died at the home of his parents in High Point Saturday night, July 10th, following a brief illness. The child was a birthright member of Oak Hill Friends church from which the funeral was conducted Monday by Miss Cora Lee Norman, pastore. Besides its parents, the child is survived by four brothers, Richard, Charles, Nolan and Forest Lowe; and two sisters, Marion and Katherine Lowe. Mr. Lowe, the father of the child, is a brother of Mrs. W. B. Lowe, of Sophia, Route 1, and a son of Mrs. C. C. Lowe. He was born and reared in Randolph county.

Mrs. Fuller Celebrated Her
86th Birthday Last Sunday

A number of friends and relatives of Mrs. Julia Fuller gathered at her home at Fullers Sunday, July 11th, to celebrate her 86th birthday. Mrs. Fuller is the widow of Dr. A. Fuller, of Tabernacle township, and one of the county's best beloved women. Mrs. Fuller is in good health and is very active for a woman of her age. The day was most pleasantly spent in talking over old times. Delicious refreshments were served.

Boy or Girl?



Several aristocratic mamas of Wentworth-by-the-Sea, N. H., objected to the rough way the good looking swimming instructor handled their daughters during their lessons. The "male" instructor turned out to be the famous Aileen Riggan with a boyish bob.

MRS. S. J. JOHNSON
DIES AT AGE OF 75

Had Been In Ill Health Nine Months—Funeral at Rehobeth Church Saturday.

Mrs. Sallie J. Johnson, aged 75 years, highly esteemed woman and a member of Rehobeth church for fifty years, died Thursday night about 7 o'clock at the home of her son, J. M. Johnson, six miles east of Rameur. She had been in ill health for nine months but her condition had not been critical until six weeks prior to her death.

Besides her son with whom she made her home, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. F. A. Houston, of Mount Vernon Springs; and two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Brooks, of Siler City, R. F. D.; and Mrs. W. H. Brown, of near Rameur.

Funeral was conducted at Rehobeth church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Starr, of Coleridge, and interment made in the church cemetery.

New Chair Plant Rises From Ashes of Old

Liberty Chair Company Rebuilds and Is Now Operating at Full Capacity—Lumber Plant Rebuilt.

Hardly had the ashes cooled from the fire which destroyed a chair factory and a lumber plant at Liberty a few months ago before plans were being made to rebuild these industries on the site of the old. The Liberty Chair Company's plant, one of the largest of its kind in the county, was one of those destroyed by fire. In order that the company's customers could be supplied, the management of this plant secured floor space in Barney Gregson's picker stick factory and began turning out about thirty dozen chairs a day. In this way, the business built up was held until the new plant could be erected.

This new plant, one story and of iron-clad construction, modern in every detail, has been completed and for about two weeks has been running at capacity with the use of new and modern machinery. J. A. Martin is

the manager of the business and J. G. Coward is superintendent of the factory and in charge of production.

Instead of having the machinery moved from the temporary quarters in his picker stick factory, Mr. Gregson bought this when the new chair plant had been completed and is now making chairs at this plant. Thus, Liberty has two chair plants rising from the ashes of the old.

Bruce Staley, whose lumber mill was destroyed in the fire, put in some new machinery and began using all the sheds of his plant which were not burned in order to keep his customers supplied. His plant is now going ahead with "business as usual."

Another improvement at Liberty is the new brick building erected by Pickett and Hornaday to house their wholesale grocery business which has outgrown the old quarters.

LOCAL JUNIOR ORDER
COUNCIL ELECT OFFICERS

W. C. York Re-Elected Councilor—Lodge Has Enjoyed A Good Attendance.

At a recent meeting of the Asheboro Council No. 199 Junior Order United American Mechanics officers for the ensuing six months were elected. W. C. York was re-elected councilor. Other officers are L. B. Lambert, vice councilor; J. H. Kivett, recording secretary; J. W. Hanner, financial secretary; E. C. Garner, treasurer; J. L. Overman, chaplain; Fred Smith, inside sentinel; Roy Foster, outside sentinel; J. B. Humble, N. P. Cox and C. M. Hayworth, trustees; N. P. Cox and J. W. Hanner, funeral benefit.

The local lodge of the Junior Order has enjoyed the best attendance at its meetings during the past six months that it has had in years. The district meeting held in Asheboro last fall greatly revived the local lodge as it did all lodges in the district.

DR. HAYWORTH OPENS OFFICE
OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Dr. C. A. Hayworth, head of the Memorial hospital, opened an up town office today on the second floor of the First National Bank building for the convenience of his patients.

MRS. GRACE GRAY
DIED THURSDAY

Had Been Ill For Three Weeks—Funeral Held at Gray's Chapel Church Saturday.

Mrs. Grace H. Gray, aged about 50 years, wife of E. F. Gray, died at her home one and one-half miles north of Cedar Falls Thursday night about ten o'clock following an illness of three weeks. She was consistent member of the M. E. church, at Franklinville. Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Alma Luck, Mrs. W. V. Trogdon and Miss Ethel Gray, all of Cedar Falls; three brothers, W. C. Slack, of Franklinville; H. H. Slack, of Liberty; and C. C. Slack, of Greensboro; and two sisters, Mrs. E. S. Craven, Asheboro, R. F. D.; and Mrs. Alice Luther, of Franklinville.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Gray's Chapel church by Rev. L. T. Edens, of Asheboro.

No Penalty On Those Who
Applied For Tags Before 10th

W. C. Hammond, deputy commissioner for this district, has received notice from Revenue Commissioner Doughton that owing to the unprecedented congestion of applications for auto licenses it is physically impossible to deliver them by the specified time to all those who have applied in good faith, and that no penalty will be imposed on those who have applied for licenses on or before July 10th. Commissioner Doughton requests that all officers respect this order.

IS SAID THAT BOWMAN
WANTED TO BE MARSHAL

But Brownlow Jackson Won't Resign Unless He Can Name His Chief Deputy.

When Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, was made chairman of the North Carolina Republican executive committee, it was understood he would resign from his federal job, United States marshal for the Western North Carolina district, and let some other Republican have the seat at the pie counter. This, at least, is the rumor that was current in Republican State politics at the time of the State convention. Now, however, it develops Jackson has no intention of resigning unless he can name his chief deputy, James Baley, to the pie counter. This doesn't set well with a lot of Republican leaders who have been waiting for the plum to drop in their mouths when Jackson relinquished it.

Cephas Bowman, of Asheboro, deputy collector of revenue, according to a news article from Greensboro to the Raleigh News and Observer on July 9th, was the man, or one of the men, who wanted to be United States marshal. Behind Bowman, says the article, was the Gilliam Grissom faction of the party. But, it seems that Bowman's aspirations have hit a snag in the form of Jackson's intention of holding on until he can get the consent of the executive committee to let him name Baley. This leaves Bowman out, and it probably leaves out a number of other Republicans in the State who have cast longing glances at the dangling luscious fruit.

Asheboro Evangelistic Club
Offers Its Services Freely

The Asheboro Evangelistic Club announces that churches of any denomination desiring assistance of the club in revival services at any time may get it for the asking. It is requested that those wanting the assistance offered either see or write either of the following: T. B. Wood, secretary; B. E. Morris, chairman; J. F. Burkhead, group director; Gurney Farres, captain, group 1; J. S. Tillman, captain, group 2; O. L. Phillips, captain, group 3; Colvin Bunting, captain, group 4.

Two Die In Auto Wreck

Arnold Kimery, 38, and Claude Tucker, 23, are dead and N. L. Simmons is in the hospital at Albemarle probably fatally injured as the result of an automobile wreck which occurred Monday night two miles from Albemarle on the Concord highway. The car in which the men were riding was evidently speeding when it turned over. All three men are residents of Stanly county.

Chairman John C. Dawson, of the State executive committee, in an interview given out in Raleigh Monday, predicted the election of a Democrat in Congress this fall, and the consequent all-out North Carolina Democratic congressmen, and was of the opinion that the Democratic vote would be 200,000 more than 100,000.