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Was Mr. Bird Paid Salary As Road Supervisor After Relieved of Duties?

Records Show That On Month of Discharge He Drew Salary For 3 Months.

THESE MONTHS WERE DEC., JAN., AND FEB.

In January Millikan Was Made Supervisor At Same Time Bird Was Being Paid.

The attention of The Courier has from time to time been called to the action on the part of the board of county commissioners in paying L. E. Bird salary as road supervisor for three months after he was relieved of his duties. These months, it was stated, were December, 1925, and January and February, 1926. In order to get the facts straight, a representative of this newspaper made a careful investigation of the records and found the following facts:

On page 142 of the Minute Book in the office of the register of deeds of Randolph county there may be found among the minutes of the meeting of the board of county commissioners on Monday, December 7th, 1925, the following entry:

"It is moved and seconded and passed unanimously that the supervisor's office be declared vacant until the 15th December and that Mr. Bird turn over his keys to the Clerk to the Board and that he make out all back bills."

Thus was L. E. Bird removed from office of road supervisor. Care was taken to state that "it was moved and seconded and passed, unanimously." Apparently, there was no dissenting vote.

On page 154 of the same Minute Book in the office of the register of deeds among the minutes of the meeting of the board of county commissioners on Monday, January 4th, 1926, is the following entry:

"The office of road supervisor being vacant, W. Ben Millikan of Back Creek township was duly elected to fill said vacancy."

From these entries it may be seen that the office of road supervisor was vacant after December 7th, 1925, until Monday, January 4th, 1926. The entry on the first Monday in December, 1925, stated that the office of supervisor was "declared vacant until the 15th December" and that Mr. Bird make out all back bills. There was no entry made in the minutes of the called board meeting on December 15th, 1925, of any election of a successor to Mr. Bird and no reference was made that he had been reinstated in office. He was not.

Now, a reference to page 15 of Journal Docket No. 1 in which are recorded the expenditures charged to the Road Fund of the county may be found the following entries:

"Dec. 8, 1925, Voucher No. 2330, L. E. Bird, supervisor, salary for November, \$125.00.

Dec. 8, 1925, Voucher No. 2331, L. E. Bird, supervisor, salary for Dec., Jan., and Feb., \$375.00."

The canceled vouchers indicate that they were duly endorsed and cashed by L. E. Bird.

On page 20 of the same Journal Docket No. 1 in which are recorded expenditures charged to the Road Fund may be found the following entry:

"Jan. 30, 1926, Ben F. Millikan, salary supervisor, \$125.00" This was voucher 2479.

Subsequent entries show that W. Ben Millikan was paid as road supervisor and it is assumed that this voucher was intended for W. B. Millikan. However, a road supervisor was paid.

The records, therefore, show that although L. E. Bird was relieved of his duties as road supervisor on the first Monday in December, 1925, he was actually paid for three additional months as supervisor. These months were December, 1925, and January and February, 1926. A road supervisor, L. E. Bird, was paid for December, 1925, during a month in which the office was vacant, according to statement made on the official minutes of the board meeting. Two road supervisors, Messrs. Bird and Millikan, were paid for the months of January and February. According to the records, Mr. Bird was paid for three additional months work at the same time he was paid for his work during the month of November, 1925. The two vouchers, the one for \$125 for November salary and another for \$375 for December, January and February salary, were both dated the same day, December 8th, 1925.

These vouchers were ordered paid by the board of commissioners and were signed by Ralph O. Smith as clerk to the board.

Opens State Headquarters
Chairman John G. Dawson, opened State Democratic headquarters in Raleigh yesterday. A clerical force will be put to work next week and the campaign waged with intensity until the election on November 2nd.

ME. HAYES TALKS AN HOUR TO AUDIENCE OF SEVENTEEN
Johnson J. Hayes, republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, spoke for an hour at Rockingham yesterday afternoon with an audience of seventeen.

America In the Air



Upper photo shows Major Herbert A. Oargue, veteran pilot of the Army Air Corps, who has been named Commander of the air expedition the army will send out from Kelly Field, Texas, to circle the South American continent. Below is Lieut. T. Cuddihy, who established a record from Philadelphia to Washington. The daring birdman made the trip in thirty-two minutes.

Thieves Break In Randolph Grocery

Enter Randleman Store By Front Door and Take Truck Load of Goods.

The Randolph Grocery Company, wholesale grocers, of Randleman, was robbed Tuesday night of several hundred dollars worth of merchandise, including sugar, cigars, cigarettes and other items of trade. Entry was made to the building by the cutting out of a plate glass in the front door of the building. No clue has been gotten as to the identity of the robbers, the only indications being that the goods were hauled away in a car or truck. A screwdriver was left by the thieves as the only clue.

Frank Talley, manager of the company, was sleeping in a building adjoining the grocery, but was not awakened by the noise made by the robbers, who are thought to have entered some time late in the night.

Randleman High School Has Opened

More Than 500 Pupils Enrolled First Day—Prof. E. L. Shelton In Charge.

The Randleman school opened for the fall term Monday, September 13, at 8:30 o'clock. Exercises were held in the school auditorium and announcements were made concerning the work for the year. A large number of the local school board were present to lend their encouragement to the teachers and children. Mr. E. L. Shelton, who has taught in the Gaston county schools, is principal of the school this year. Mr. Shelton comes to Randleman highly recommended, and he has a splendid staff of teachers to support him. Many of the teachers who taught in the school last year are again at their post of duty and warmly welcomed by both parents and children. Between five and six hundred children are enrolled in the school at present. Work is going forward on the new wing of the building and it is hoped that part will soon be finished as conditions are very much crowded. Work has begun well, however, and in spite of carpenters and contractors, everything bids fair to be a successful school term.

Randolph County Hunters Home From Successful Chase

Messrs. J. P. Garner, of Asheboro, M. W. F. C. and C. A. Garner, of New Hope township, M. F. Skeen, Herman Johnson and Will Cashatt, of Farmer, and Hal Lassiter, of Greensboro, left Thursday of last week for Marion, S. C., where they went for a fox hunt. They tracked, trailed and caught two foxes, and, from all accounts, made the record for real fun. Mr. Garner was so enthusiastic on his return and so vivid in his description that his many friends could almost see the chase and hear the barking of the hounds. The party must have covered considerable territory in Marion county, as the foxes were another

Randolph Creamery Selects Location

Buy Lot On Salisbury Street and To Begin Erection of Plant Soon.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Mr. A. R. Winingham, secretary and treasurer of the Randolph Creamery, Inc., is in Salisbury for a few days looking over the plant of the Rowan Creamery and familiarizing himself with its operations preparatory to launching the creamery in Asheboro. The creamery company has purchased the Mary Jane Sluder lot, near the office of the old Cox Lumber Company, on Salisbury street, and will begin soon the erection of a modern plant on the premises.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the creamery last Friday night officers were elected and plans made for going ahead with the work. The officers elected were: Arthur Ross, president; J. S. Lewis, vice president; A. R. Winingham, secretary and treasurer; and J. S. Lewis, Arthur Ross, A. C. Cox, M. G. Edwards, A. R. Winingham, W. F. Redding, Sr., J. A. York, W. J. Armfield, Jr., and Hugh Parks, directors.

Rev. E. Lester Ballard To Give Lecture At M. P. Church

Rev. E. Lester Ballard, of the West End Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro, will give an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land in the Asheboro M. P. church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Ballard has recently returned from a trip abroad where he visited nine different countries. He made pictures in the Holy Land and will illustrate his lecture with these. He comes to Asheboro under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the interest of a scholarship loan fund which will be used in the High Point College. Tickets are: Adults, 35 cents; children, 20 cents. A large crowd will most likely be present for Mr. Ballard's lecture since he comes to Asheboro highly recommended.

M. E. CHURCH MATTERS

(W. H. Willis)
Fayetteville street has more of our members residing on it than any other. Sunset avenue comes next.

There are forty members of the M. E. church living in the city, who are not affiliated with the local church. Sixty-eight of our members are non-resident. They have removed to other localities and have not taken letters.

Rev. J. B. Craven will hold quarterly conference Wednesday night of next week.

The writer returns from a pleasant and profitable week's visit to Farmington.

The matter for the new church directory is in the hands of the printers. It will show 590 names. It will have the following features: Calendar of church meetings; organizations; alphabetical directory of resident members; of non-resident members; directory of Methodist homes by streets; directory of Methodists having membership elsewhere; pictures of church and present pastor.

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Stalker Died At Randleman Friday

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Stalker, aged 71 years, wife of George L. Stalker, died at her home in Randleman Friday of last week following an illness of several years from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Stalker was born in Rockingham county. She was a member of the Holiness church at Randleman and while able was active in church work.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Hal Allred, of Randleman; and two sons, Daniel Stalker, of Randleman, and Robert Stalker, of Orlando, Fla. Funeral was conducted at Mt. Lebanon church, Randleman, Sunday by Rev. W. H. Neese, pastor, and Rev. A. E. Sink, pastor of the Holiness church. The pallbearers were: Messrs. George Saunders, Benjamin Hill, Madison Brown, C. L. Heath, M. F. Hinshaw and W. H. Dean. The flowers were borne by a number of Mrs. Stalker's most intimate women friends.

Asheboro Laundry Has Been Sold To Trio Of Business Men

The Asheboro Dry Cleaning Company has changed hands recently and is now owned and operated by G. T. Brown, A. A. Bonkemyer, and L. T. Brown, all of Asheboro. The business was previously owned by Mr. Jess Overman, head of the Coco-Cola Bottling Works.

RAMSEUR MAY HAVE A DIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Randolph Telephone Company has been improving its lines from time to time and is constantly looking out for extension and improvement. According to K. D. Cox, manager, the company is now considering putting in an automatic exchange in Ramseur. This system is the same as the dial system which is used in many of the large cities and towns in North Carolina was the first city in North Carolina to install this system and other places have followed. It is said that the

Hoover Family Has Its Reunion

Hear Speeches By Rev. George H. Crowell and Congressman Wm. C. Hammer.

BASKET PICNIC DINNER

Sunday, September 12th, the third annual reunion of the Hoover family was held at the home of Latta E. Hoover in Tabernacle township, who lives near the old home place of Joseph Hoover. The meeting was held on the lovely lawn of the Hoover home, and it was here that the speeches were enjoyed as well as a musical program. The first speaker of the occasion was Congressman Hammer, who spoke in a happy vein. His speech was chiefly of a reminiscent nature, and in conclusion Mr. Hammer introduced Rev. George H. Crowell, of Archdale, who was the first principal of the Asheboro graded school. Rev. Mr. Crowell's subject was "Mother, Home and Thereafter." This talk was most timely and was enjoyed by all present. Rev. Crowell also brought in reminiscences in an interesting manner. Following these two talks, Mr. Gurney Hoover, of Asheboro, who acted as toastmaster, announced that the Unity church quartet, of near Thomasville, would sing. This quartet is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Hepler and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Swaim. They sang "Close To The Cross," "A Child At Mother's Knee" and "My Mother's Prayer."

All the brothers were present at this delightful occasion except Joseph Hoover who is 70 years old and lives in California. Among the family connections are the Gaddis and Plummer families.

After the program one of the most delightful features of the day was the sumptuous basket picnic which was served on the table in the yard. The table, over 100 feet long, was well filled with delicious food prepared by the ladies of the family. Mr. Tom Finch contributed ice cream for the dinner.

It is hoped by the family that the fourth annual reunion next year will be held at the old home place.

Thanksgiving Service At The Fair Grounds

For 2 Minutes Fair Will Pause To Return Thanks and Gratitude for Bountiful Crops.

A most impressive thanksgiving service will be held at the Randolph county at 11 o'clock, next Wednesday when pause will be made for two minutes to return thanks for the bountiful crops with which the county has been blessed this season.

At a signal given at 12 o'clock sharp everything in the fair grounds, every person, show, or concession, will remain perfectly quiet for two minutes while ministers of the town and county will return thanks from their different stations within the grounds.

This service will be in keeping with similar services held in various parts of the State this year. Much has been said about a similar service in this county and it has been deemed that one day during the fair would be an appropriate time in order that the people of the entire county could join in the expression of gratitude and thanksgiving.

M. P. CHURCH MEMBERS ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Held In Social Room of Church Friday Evening—Number Talks Made.

The members of the Methodist Protestant Church entertained in the reception rooms at the Church Friday evening honoring the teachers of the Asheboro school and the members of the local board. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, stood at the door welcoming the people as they arrived. The teachers then were grouped in several informal receiving lines to meet the people. As soon as everybody had become acquainted, Rev. Mr. Pritchard, acting in the capacity of toastmaster, asked all to join in singing "America" which was led by Miss Honeycutt, director of public school music. After a few words of welcome by Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Congressman Wm. C. Hammer made an informal talk. His talk dealt with education, telling several interesting facts relative to starting the present graded school. Mr. Hammer spoke briefly of the splendid educational school system of Wisconsin, the state from which Mr. Hiker, the new school superintendent comes. He ended his talk by complimenting the present school faculty.

Mr. J. D. Ross, a member of the school board, was then called upon for a few words of welcome, as was Mr. J. O. Redding, chairman of the board. Both men responded with a few timely remarks.

Mr. Hiker, principal of the school, was then called upon and he made a short, but most appropriate talk, and ended with thanks for the welcome and hospitality which was felt by all. The ladies of the church then served brick cream with wafer. They were assisted by several young girls of the church who are members of the graded school.

Mr. Moser Wants A Reply From Mr. Cox

Asks For Answer To His Letter of Aug. 31 Requesting a Joint Canvass.

WANTS TO NAME DATES

On August 31st I. C. Moser, Chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee, wrote C. N. Cox, the Republican county chairman, asking for the arrangement of a joint canvass of the county by the Democratic and Republican candidates. Having received no reply to this letter, Mr. Moser has again written the Republican chairman as follows: Hon. Clifford N. Cox, Chairman of the Randolph County Republican Executive Committee, Asheboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: Please refer to my favor addressed to you under date of August 31st, and advise me whether your candidates will join the Democratic candidates this fall in a joint canvass of the county as therein requested. I want to arrange speaking appointments for the Democratic candidates at once but would prefer not to do so until after I hear from you either accepting or rejecting our proposition for a joint canvass.

Awaiting your reply and with kindest regards, I am
Yours very truly,
I. C. MOSER,
Chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee.
Copies to The Randolph Tribune and The Courier.

Old Dominion Box Company Plans To Start Work Soon

The Old Dominion Paper Box Company, which several months ago decided to locate in Asheboro a branch of its Lynchburg, Va., plant, has begun the installation of machinery in that part of the Home Building, Inc., warehouse on Salisbury street leased from Arthur Ross for the purpose.

Work will begin on the making of paper boxes chiefly for the hosiery trade as soon as the installation of the machinery is completed.

Highway No. 75 Has Been Oiled To Town Of Asheboro

The force at work on oiling Route 75 east of Asheboro towards Chatham county have completed the pouring of one coat of oil to Asheboro. It is understood that the oiling process has been completed on the eastern end of the highway. On the western end of highway toward the Davidson county line the work of grading the highway is continuing unabated with excellent progress being made. Many of the structures have been completed.

DR. MARVIN SKEEN DIED AT HIS HOME IN NEW MEXICO

Dr. Marvin P. Skeen in ill health for several months after being in bed only a few days died at his home in New Mexico July 19th and was buried at Monrovia, Calif., the home of his daughter.

Dr. Skeen was the son of the late James S. and Martha Thonburg Skeen, of Farmer, Randolph county, having been born at the old Skeen homestead in a house now replaced by that in which Dr. C. C. Hubbard lives. Dr. Skeen was educated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and was at the time of his death about fifty-five years of age. As a young man he was a model in character, habits and behaviour, studious and industrious, honest and sober. He went to New Mexico more than thirty years ago and was a member of the first constitutional convention and one of the leading members who adopted the Constitution of the State of Mexico when it came into the union.

New Mexico is a Democratic state and both Senators and the one member of the House from that State are all Democrats. Senator Bratton of New Mexico told the editor of this paper last winter that the next Governor of New Mexico would be Dr. Martin T. Skeen in the event that he would accept the nomination. But his health was such that Dr. Skeen could not make the sacrifice. The invitation sent to him for the Home Coming at the Randolph County Fair was received by him and he expressed deep regret that he could not attend.

His death was sudden and unexpected although it was understood that he had a lingering disease which in the course of a few years would end in his death. Dr. Skeen had one brother who died in Oklahoma several years ago, a sister who was the first wife of B. F. Newby, who now lives in Greensboro, and another unmarried sister, Minnie Skeen, who died several years ago.

Dr. Skeen was a student at Farmer Academy during the school year 1888 and 1889, of which the editor of The Courier was principal. He then gave promise of his future eminent career.

REVIVAL MEETING AT CHARLOTTE CHURCH ENDS

The series of meetings, which have been in progress at Charlotte Methodist Protestant church, four miles west of Asheboro, closed Sunday night. There were 11 conversions and 17 accessions to the church. Rev. C. H. Hill is the pastor of the church. The services were largely attended and much interest manifested.

Next Wednesday Will Mark Opening Of The Sixth Annual Randolph County Fair

"Queen of Wheat"



No woman and few men have reaped more wheat than Mrs. Ida Watkins—who has an estimated yield of 50,000 bushels from her big 1950 acre farm in southwestern Kansas. At the prevailing prices, the "wheat queen", as she is called, will salt away about \$40,000 from her bumper crop.

Youth Is Arrested For Stealing Car

Came To Asheboro To Attend Court and Got In Jail For Auto Theft.

Tuesday morning officers from Danville, Va., came to Asheboro and identified an automobile which was taken by the Randolph County officers in front of the courthouse in Asheboro Thursday. Last week was court week and a large number of cars were parked in front of the courthouse during the entire week, but on Thursday the officers became suspicious of the actions of James Gambell, of near Greensboro who was subpoenaed to court. It turned out after taking young Gambell into custody that he had been put in Jackson Training school when he was 14 years old and was there until last October when he was twenty-one years old. At first he refused to tell anything about where he got the Ford touring car he drove to Asheboro, later on told that he got the car at Bennett. Investigation proved this untrue, and he was retained in jail overnight. The next afternoon young Gambell decided to tell the whole story and admitted that he got the car in Danville, Va., in front of Patterson's Drug Co. The Randolph officials took the matter up with Danville officers and found that the car belonged to Sheriff Hodnett, of Chatham, Va. Tuesday the officers from Danville came to Asheboro with the title to the Ford, took car, Gambell and all to Danville.

Colored School Opened Wednesday

Two Hundred Pupils Enrolled—Five Teachers Have Charge of the York This Year.

The Asheboro school for colored children opened Wednesday morning September 15th, in the old building in North Asheboro. A few weeks ago announcement was made that the new building would be ready for occupancy but for several reasons, it was impossible to open school in the new building this week. The old building is in a bad state of repair, but it is hoped that within a month the colored children of the town will be in the new building and things running smoothly. The school opened with about 200 children enrolled and five teachers. Prof. E. E. Grant, who was last year assistant to Prof. J. E. Brower, is principal of the school, and has some well made plans for the year's work.

Among his plans is a Domestic Science Department when the school gets into the new building. This will mean much to the children and to the town as a whole, and Prof. Grant has the good wishes of the town people in his undertaking. The other teachers are, Elsie E. Jones, of Red Hill, who has charge of the Primary Department; Susie A. Hoover who is physician in director, and teaches some subjects in the 1, 2, and 3rd grades; Mary J. Rodgers, of Burlington, teaching the 4, 5, and 6th grades; Katie B. Massey, of Salisbury, who will do High School work.

Rev. N. M. Harrison Accepts Pastorate In Greensboro

Rev. N. M. Harrison, formerly dean of men in High Point College, but for the past two years pastor of a church in Chicago, was a visitor in Asheboro yesterday. Mr. Harrison went to Chicago University to take post graduate work and later accepted a pastorate of a Methodist Protestant church, keeping up his school work at the same time. Mr. Harrison was last week tendered the assistant pastorate of the Grace Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro, and has accepted the offer.

Miss Mamie Lackey Becomes Bride of Mr. Van Cranford

A wedding of interest to many people in this and other parts of the state was solemnized at the home of Mr. Milton Lackey, at Jackson Creek, yesterday evening, when Miss Mamie Lackey became the bride of Mr. Van Cranford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Clay, the bride's pastor, and only a few immediate relatives and friends were present. After the ceremony a bountiful wedding supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. Cranford left for the western part of the state, where they will spend their honeymoon.

GEORGIA-CAROLINA SCHOOL WILL OPEN ANOTHER TERM

The Georgia-Carolina Business College, which had a most successful term beginning last April and concluding last week, will again open another five months term. Mr. Wm. H. Hudson, field representative, is in Asheboro this week enrolling students for the second term which will again be under the supervision of Miss Moncrief. There were about 25 pupils enrolled in the first term and their work has been satisfactory. Miss Moncrief is at the Ashlyn and Mr. Hudson at the Central hotel, where any person interested may see them. The young people of the county are fortunate in having a business school in Asheboro.

Promises To Be Biggest and Best In The History Of The Fair Association.

MANY NEW FEATURES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED

Something Interesting Has Been Planned or Every Day From Opening To Close.

Next Wednesday morning will see the opening of the Randolph County Fair at the fair grounds on Route 70 just south of the corporate limits of Asheboro. According to the fair officials and those in charge of the departments, this fair will be the biggest and best ever held in the county. Ample space is afforded in the exhibit buildings for the products of the county which will be on display and plenty of room is found within the fair grounds for the accommodation of the large crowd that is sure to attend.

From one attraction to another, the fair will begin Wednesday morning early and will continue throughout the week. No one day can be pointed out as the best, all of them being scheduled to hold attractions worthy of the time, attendance and attention of every citizen of Randolph county.

However, as a matter of convenience to the exhibitors the days of the fair have been designated as follows: Wednesday, Educational Day; Thursday, Manufacturers' Day; Friday, Home Coming Day; Saturday, Everybody's Day.

On Wednesday every school child under 16 years of age in Randolph and adjoining counties will be admitted to the fair grounds free of charge. This will mean that the fair grounds will be taxed to the limit opening day.

Friday has been designated as "Home Coming" Day, and while the entire fair might be called a "Home Coming" Fair, this special day has been designated for the convenience of those who will be unable to attend for more than a day. It is likely that a special program will be arranged for this day.

A feature of the fair which is new in the county and in the State is "Made in Randolph Exposition." This department of the fair will occupy one third of the space in the main exhibit building and will be in charge of Mr. Hal M. Worth. The response which Mr. Worth has gotten to his efforts indicates that success will crown the attempt to display samples of everything manufactured in the county in order to let the people know what is made in Randolph.

The agricultural, educational, livestock, poultry, art and every other department of the fair will be, according to all indications, bigger and better than ever before in the history of the local fair. Those in charge of the various departments have taken special care to develop their possibilities and have been able to succeed beyond expectations.

Crops are good in the county. In fact, they have never been better and this assures that the agricultural industry in Randolph will be on display at the fair in no uncertain manner.

Among the many interesting features which will serve to entertain the fair visitors will be the "Hog Calling" and "Cow Calling" contests. The "watermelon Eating" contest will also furnish fun. Free acts will be given each day in front of the grandstand. These will include the Funny Ford Act, Trapeze Act and Wire Act. The slow mule races to be held each day will also furnish entertainment for fair visitors.

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Mrs. Cranford has been a popular teacher in the schools of Randolph county for the past few years, and Mr. Cranford is a prosperous young farmer, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cranford. The couple will make their home near Farmer.

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