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Prominent Citizen Of County Is Dead

M. S. Sherwood, of Randleman, Died Saturday In Greensboro Hospital.

Michael Swain Sherwood, prominent citizen of Randleman, died Saturday morning about 8 o'clock in a hospital in Greensboro from the effects of pneumonia. Mr. Sherwood was born at the Sherwood home place on Gaston street, Greensboro, October 14, 1866, the son of Michael Swain Sherwood and Mrs. Maria Thomas Sherwood. He spent a large part of his life in Greensboro, having worked during his youth for J. W. Scott and Company, wholesale dry goods house, and later was teller in the Greensboro National Bank for about eighteen years.

He organized the Sherwood Bobbin Company in Greensboro after leaving the services of the Greensboro National Bank, and when a fire destroyed his plant, moved his business to Tennessee to be near a supply of hardwood. He then came back to North Carolina and located at Randleman where he had lived the past sixteen years and was secretary for the Deep River Mills. He became one of the leading citizens of his town and county, ever active in civic and religious work.

Mr. Sherwood was converted when a boy and joined the West Market Street Methodist church, in Greensboro, and for a number of years after reaching manhood was superintendent of the Sunday school in his church. He taught in the Sunday school for quite a time and was recording steward for the West Market Street church.

On December 3, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Mann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Mann. Dr. Mann was pastor of the West Market Street Methodist church, Greensboro, from 1856 to 1889.

When Mr. Sherwood moved to Randleman he united with the St. Paul Methodist church and for many years taught a class of boys in its Sunday school.

The surviving members of the family are Mrs. Sherwood, and the following named sons and daughters: Mrs. Evans (Mary) Mitchell, Columbus, Ga., and Miss Louise Sherwood, Michael Mann Sherwood, Miss Emily Sherwood, James Sherwood, Miss Martha Sherwood, all of Randleman. The funeral was conducted from West Market Methodist church, Greensboro, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. L. D. Thompson, pastor of the church, and Dr. S. B. Turentine, president of Greensboro College. Ministers assisting in the exercises were Rev. J. H. Brendell, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church at Randleman, Rev. A. R. Bell, Pleasant Garden, and Rev. W. L. Dawson, Proximity, and other former pastors of Mr. Sherwood.

Six Men Are In The "Death Row"

Will Greet New Year Under Shadow of Electric Chair—87 Electrocuted.

There are six men in "death row" at the State prison in Raleigh, who will greet the new year with death sentences hanging over their heads. They are W. L. Ross, white confessed Warren county murderer; Moses Green, negro, convicted of murder in Wilson; Ernest P. Walker, negro, convicted of murder in Durham; Charlie Johnson, negro, convicted of murder in Mecklenburg; and Robert Lumpkin and Booker Williams, convicted of murder in Robeson.

Four men went to their death in the electric chair this year, running the total since the chair was established in 1909 to 87. Four others escaped—three through executive clemency and one through a new trial. The 1926 execution season was closed with the commutation of John Gray last week.

The number executed was small in comparison with last year. Then 12 men went to their death—19 negroes and four whites. Most of this number were inherited by the McLean administration from that of Governor Johnston. Only one victim was sentenced in 1926, while accounts for the large number carried over into the early months of 1925.

Chaplin's Love Bark Again On Rocks



"Charlie" Chaplin (in insert), famous screen comedian, is again in marital hot water. His youthful wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, pictured here with their two sons, Charles Jr., and Sidney Earl, has left the luxurious Beverly Hills home and returned to her relatives. Now divorce, separation and alimony rumors are rampant in Los Angeles.

First Period Of The Courier Contest Comes To An End With Decided Success

Mrs. George Burkhead Winner of China Dinner Set Offered as Special Prize. FOUR MORE PRIZES HAVE BEEN ADDED. This Brings Total Number Up To Ten, Giving Everyone Chance To Win Prize.

The first period of The Courier Contest came to a close last Saturday night and was a decided success. There were several surprises and a few disappointments in the number of subscriptions several of the contestants turned in. Generally speaking we believe everyone is doing their best and The Courier is more than pleased with the results up to date.

Naturally everyone wants to win a prize and The Courier wants you to, so we have added four new prizes to the list, bringing the total up to ten. This hope will lend encouragement to those that have fallen behind and did not care to work for a cash commission. It is believed that in every case the value of the prize will exceed the cash commission.

While we are speaking of prizes, we would like to call your attention to the third and fourth prizes. Everyone knows what the Hudson Coach and Ford Touring car is but we have no picture to illustrate the furniture we feel that some sort of description is necessary.

The third prize is a six-piece walnut bedroom suite, purchased from Marley and Caveness, of Rameur. It consists of six pieces, a bed, vanity dresser, chiffonier, vanity bench, and rocker, two straight chairs, all carefully matched and in a beautiful design. It was manufactured right here in Randolph county, by the Rameur Furniture Co., who make a very high grade line of furniture. This set is now on display in Asheboro and will be shown anyone calling at The Courier office.

The fourth prize is very hard to describe. It is a three-piece over-stuffed living suite, beautifully upholstered and valued at \$137.50. It can be seen at the Fox Furniture Co. here in Asheboro.

News of Contest in Brief. Mrs. Geo. Burkhead was awarded the 51 piece China Dinner Set, purchased from Gilmers, Incorporated, in Greensboro, for turning in 127 new subscriptions from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11th. She is now at the head of the list.

Standing of Candidates table with columns for names and vote counts. Includes Mrs. Geo. Burkhead (3,996,500) and Mrs. D. A. Cornelison (3,912,450).

Played Dead, But Very Much Alive

Wherein Aged Man Attempted To Defeat Justice, But Was Caught In The End.

Henry Williams, a man about 78 years of age, is still very much alive, in spite of the fact that news of his death in Florida was carried in this newspaper and others in the state several months ago. How Williams was declared dead and then came to life all came out in Superior court in Asheboro last week.

Williams, who lived in this county, had forged some time ago a check on Clark Hammond. He went to Charlotte and got Virgil Pressnell, former Asheboro citizen, who knew both Williams and Hammond, to identify him at a bank so that he could get the check cashed. After he had gotten the money, Williams, it seems, went to Florida.

Some time later, remorse probably weighing on him for his act and also fear of detection of his crime, so it came out in the trial, he had a letter written from some place in Florida announcing his death and giving the details of his life and surviving relatives. This news item appeared in the newspapers in North Carolina. But a niece of the supposed dead Mr. Williams went over to look at the letter which had been received by some person in Randolph county to see if she could identify the handwriting. She could and did pronounce it to be that of Williams himself.

Some time later Williams came back into North Carolina, thinking perhaps that he was considered dead, and not knowing that his handwriting had been identified. Detectives, who are always looking after check flashers, got hold of the old man and he was brought into court here last week. He offered no defense, had no attorney, but demanded a jury trial. He got it and also a year in the State prison. He also had the pleasure, if pleasure it was, of hearing his own obituary read to him in open court. He denied, however, having written back the news of his demise.

Mrs. D. W. McNeill Died Saturday P. M.

Death Follows Illness of Five Months From Heart Trouble—Funeral Monday.

Mrs. Bowena McNeill, aged 48, wife of D. W. McNeill, died at her home nine miles south of Rameur Saturday afternoon following an illness of five months with heart trouble.

She leaves her husband, her mother, Mrs. Mary Criscoe, of near Steeds; three daughters, Misses Hattie, Madge and Helen McNeill; five sons, Herbert, Howard, Herman, Lewis, all of Rameur, and Lexie, of High Point; four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Steeds; Mrs. E. C. Lambert, of Biscoe; Mrs. A. L. Moody, of Asheboro; and Mrs. George McNeill, of Candor, and one brother, Enoch Criscoe, of Steeds.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Christian Union Baptist church, conducted by Rev. D. R. Moffitt. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

Since the "Baptist News Letter" for last week's Courier was lost in transit, we will re-write a part of that letter for this week.

Miss Willie Kelly, of Shanghai, China, one of the five hundred and thirty missionaries working under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention in seventeen different foreign countries, has been visiting relatives in Asheboro. Miss Kelly is a member of and is working in the North Gate Baptist church, Shanghai. She has been in China for thirty-two years and has witnessed a marvelous growth of churches during this time.

We were pleased to have the privilege of her presence and to hear her speak to the W. M. S. of our church, meeting in the home of Mrs. C. G. Frazier.

Our annual budget was adopted last Sunday. The amount of the budget for 1927 is in excess of five thousand. The canvass is on this week.

Deacon J. C. Pearce and the writer were in High Point Monday of this week, attending the meeting of the executive board of the Piedmont Association. Appropriations were made to the needy church of our association.

Long life, happiness, much usefulness and prosperity for the bride and the bridegroom, Dr. and Mrs. Tiffany Barnes. "No room in the Inn, an ideal giving Christmas service," will be given at our church Wednesday evening before Christmas. A sacrificial offering will be made at that time by each of the Sunday school classes for a building fund.

News Of The Week From Randleman

Mrs. Deal Entertains Book Club Flower Pageant Enjoyed By All—Personal Mention.

Randleman, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Harold Deal delightfully entertained the Book Club at her home Thursday night. Book was played and the high score prize went to Miss Spencer, while Mrs. N. N. Newlin received the booby. Mrs. Deal served delicious salad, sandwiches and cocoa. The guests of the club on this occasion were Mesdames R. P. Deal, E. E. Bunting and Emmitt Sumner.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church held their annual bazaar and supper Saturday afternoon and night. The bazaar this year was unusually successful.

The flower pageant sponsored by Mrs. H. W. Walker, of the music department of the school, was given at the school house last Thursday evening. The program was well gotten up and was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. A. N. Bullis and Mrs. Earl Johnson were shoppers in Greensboro Saturday.

Miss Alta Hudson spent the weekend at her home in Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Swaim, of Greensboro, were in town Saturday.

Sam Hughes, of Flint, Mich., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hughes. Since Mr. Hughes left last July for Flint he has been to many places of interest in New York and Canada.

Miss Mary Ferguson, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Cook, of Burlington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Slack.

Vick Barker and daughter, Mary Frances, were the guests of Mr. Barker's mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Brookshire and Mrs. John Cook were in Greensboro Saturday.

Little Miss Bernice Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holland who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Misses Margie Haner, Leona Laster and Ruth Stagk were in Greensboro Saturday.

SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH

Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Hugh Parks, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by the pastor.

At both of the services there will be special Christmas music by the choir, also special Christmas hymns by the congregation. The sermon at the morning hour will be a Christmas message. "The First Christmas Service, What Then" will be the subject. However, the special Christmas message will be brought on the following Sunday, December 26.

"The Privilege of Saving and Shining" will be the subject of the sermon at the evening hour. The new officers of the Woman's Missionary Society are to be installed at this service.

The three Epworth Leagues will meet at their respective places at 6:15 Sunday evening.

There will be a special Christmas program given by the children and young people of the Sunday school next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Richardson Died December 11

At Her Home In Grant Township—Funeral Sunday At Flag Springs.

Mrs. John T. Richardson died at her home in Grant township December 11th, at the age of 57 years, 4 months and one day, following an illness of two months with heart trouble.

Romance



Lena Wilson, a girl from the Canadian backwoods, is engaged to marry "Bud" Stillman, son of James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire New York banker. This girl of the Limberlost met the rich man's son and their friendship blossomed into love, just like in movies and books.

Veterans Pension Checks On Hand

May Be Had By Calling At Clerk's Office—Must Be Called For In 60 Days.

Pension vouchers representing \$8,190 have arrived at the office of Clerk of the Court W. A. Lovett and are ready for distribution to Confederate veterans and their widows living in Randolph county. There are forty-one veterans in the county on the pension roll, all in the fourth class, and these will each receive a voucher for \$100, which is \$22.50 more than the voucher of July 15th. There are 77 widows in fourth class on the roll and these will get \$50 each, and the two in first class will each get \$120.

Pension vouchers are mailed out for distribution twice each year, on July 15th and December 15th. They must be called for at the office of the Clerk of the Court by the pensioner in person or by a duly authorized agent. They must be called for within 60 days from the 15th of July and 15th of December, else the vouchers will be returned to the State Auditor.

Seventeen Confederate veterans died during the past year, thinning the ranks of the pensioners, so that the pensions as of December 15 are larger than those each veteran received July 15th.

Honor Roll For Second Month At New Center

Following is the honor roll second month of New Center school:

First Grade: Gracie Albright, Faister Cole, Magaline Cagle, Elton Albright, Cleadler Garner, Nellie Pressnell, Clara Stutts, Alene Spencer, Everette Northcott, Herman Spencer.

Second Grade: James Spencer, Clay Pressnell.

Third Grade: Clelia Cole, Myrtle Stutts, Clarence Chriscoe, Mamie Stutts.

Fifth Grade: Oma Stutts, Mattie Spencer, Elbert Albright.

—Isabella Luther, Teacher.

Play At Randleman

"Topsy Turvy" a three act play, will be given at the school auditorium by the junior class of the Randleman high school Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will be used for the junior class. There is much interest in the performance and it is hoped the public will patronize the entertainment.

M. P. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:45 A. M. Sunday school. Classes for people of all ages. Warm rooms. 11:00 A. M. Sermon by the pastor, subject, Good things wrongly used.

6:15 P. M. Christian Endeavor—Senior, Junior, Intermediate.

7:00 P. M. Sermon by the pastor, subject, Importance of Repentance. There will be special music by the choir Sunday morning. The male quartet has agreed to sing each Sunday evening.

Rev. J. W. Howell, of Randleman, one of The Courier's highly esteemed friends, was in Asheboro this morning. Mr. Howell is looking forward to going to Raleigh during the Legislature, where he will be door keeper in the Senate. Mr. Howell has held this position for sixteen years.

Opportunities Deserving Attention

With Christmas just around the corner which brings cheer to our hearts, let us ever be mindful of those who are less fortunate, many of whom are little children, others aged and afflicted. There are many families in Randolph county whom we are very deserving, therefore, this is an appeal to all organizations, clubs, churches and to every citizen to contribute in any manner and amount they desire to this very worthy cause.

Board Moves To Halt Road Work

Asks County Attorney To Investigate Last Transaction Made By Old Board.

The old board of commissioners for Randolph county, acting in its official capacity for the last time on Monday morning, December 6th, passed a resolution authorizing the closing of the road leading from Highway 77 at Archdale to Trinity, a distance of about two and one-half miles. To make sure of the appropriation to pay for the work, this old board in the closing hours of its official existence borrowed \$7,000 and placed it in a bank to the credit of H. S. Ragan, a member of the old board of commissioners, and treasurer of the fund so borrowed. He was instructed to have the work done next spring and at the closing of the contract to make a report to the present board of commissioners as to the disposition of the money placed in his hands.

The new board of commissioners meeting Monday afternoon, after the old board had gone out of power, did not know of this transaction, but learned of it later. At meeting Monday, however, with all the facts at hand, this new board passed a resolution demanding an investigation of the transaction, putting same in the hands of the county attorney. This resolution, which is published below, was signed by all members of the board except Mr. W. L. Ward.

The Resolution. A resolution authorizing I. C. Moser, Attorney for the County Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, North Carolina, to investigate an appropriation of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars made by retiring Board of Commissioners of Randolph County on December 6th, 1926, providing for the closing of the highway leading from Trinity to Archdale.

Whereas, the County Commissioners of Randolph County on 6th day of December, 1926 before they adjourned and gave way to the new Board of Commissioners which were sworn in and inducted into office as said day authorized the borrowing of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars for the purpose of closing the highway leading from Trinity, Randolph county, to the town of Archdale, and Whereas; the money so appropriated was actually borrowed by said Board of Commissioners in the last few minutes while they were sitting as a Board, and

Whereas, the same was turned over to one H. S. Ragan, a member of said Board of Commissioners, as Treasurer of a Committee appointed by said board, and Whereas, this Board of Commissioners deems it wise that said transaction should be investigated by the County Attorney.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County Section One; That I. C. Moser, Attorney for said Board, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to investigate said transaction and after doing so to advise said Board of Commissioners as to what disposition should be made of the same.

Section Two; That the said H. S. Ragan be notified by E. A. Routh, Clerk for this Board, not to incur any contract on behalf of Randolph county by reason of said appropriation until he receives further advice and instructions from this Board.

This the 13th day of December, 1926.

E. C. WATKINS, Chairman.
E. B. LEACH,
J. W. McELHANNON,
W. C. GRIMES.

The report of Welfare Officer Garner was made to the board at its meeting Monday. He was instructed to continue the duties of his office at a cost to the county not exceeding \$400 a year.

Other business transacted by the commissioners was the authorizing of the placing of Roy Faucette, convicted at last week's term of court, in the hands of the foreman of the Alamance county chaingang to begin his sentence as soon as the costs in the case were paid over to Randolph county. Jesse Lane, convicted last week in Superior Court, was ordered delivered in the custody of J. Harper Erwin, at Franklinville, after costs were paid.

E. B. Leach, a member of the board, was authorized to investigate the advisability of making a public road out of the road leading from the Nance place to Highway 70.

The road supervisor was instructed to reopen the old public road, near Rameur, said road extending from the colored church to Highway 75.