

## Demand Return Of \$7,000 Road Money

Old Board Had No Authority To  
Borrow This Sum At Final  
Meeting.

### SERVE NOTICE ON RAGAN

Committee Appointed To Settle  
With Mr. Cranford.

The board of commissioners for Randolph county met in regular session in the court house in Asheboro Monday with all members present. Settlement was not made with Ex-Sheriff J. F. Cranford at the meeting as was expected, but a resolution was passed requiring him to appear before a committee next Saturday for the purpose of making settlement in full for all money due by him to the county. This committee is composed of E. B. Leach, J. W. McElhamon and W. L. Ward. The audit of the sheriff's accounts, submitted by Mr. F. J. Phillips of A. T. Allen and Company, was approved, as was the county audit made by the same firm.

Trinity Road Matter  
The commissioners passed a resolution with reference to the \$7,000 appropriated by the retiring board of commissioners last December for getting a road from Archdale to Trinity. The resolution reads as follows, and is signed by all members of the board:

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Randolph County at their session held December 6, 1926, adopted a resolution authorizing Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars to be placed to the credit of Mr. H. S. Ragan and to be expended by him for the building of a road leading from State Highway No. 77 into the town of Trinity through Archdale; and

WHEREAS the succeeding Board of Commissioners have investigated this matter and have found that said action was not within the scope of the powers given to the retiring Board of Commissioners by statute, and that they exceeded all rights, powers and authorities in them reposed by the people of Randolph County, and laws adopted, and further that this Board regards this action with disfavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of a resolution adopted on the 13th day of December, 1926, it is ordered and directed that the Clerk of this Board notify the said National Bank of Asheboro, N. C., the depository of said funds not to honor the checks issued by H. S. Ragan and drawn against this fund, and to further notify said depository of this resolution and the contents of the same.

It is further ordered that the Clerk notify H. S. Ragan of this action and make demand upon him in writing that said money be returned by him and that he relinquish and return all rights acquired by him under and by virtue of the resolution heretofore mentioned and which was adopted on December 6, 1926.

Other Business  
The board committed Della Walls, inmate of the county home, to the asylum at Morganton.

It was ordered by the commissioners that the county make an annual donation of \$100 to the N. C. Children's Home at Greensboro.

### BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

Senior B. Y. P. U. banquet Thursday evening of this week 8 o'clock at the home of W. A. Gregory.

The Ladies Aid is having a Valentine social Thursday evening of this week, 7:30 to 9:00, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McComb. In connection with the social a musical program will be given.

The social phase of our church work is receiving some special emphasis for the year 1927. A pastor's cabinet has been effected which will function in the social work of our church as well as other phases. Our young people are making plans to function in this line of christian work. Plans have been effected by the Senior B. Y. P. U. to visit the sick and the "shut-ins" to hold service and bring comfort.

Mr. E. A. Ryan from the Western Avenue Baptist church, Statesville, united with our church last Sunday by letter.

We had several visitors in our congregation last Sunday some of whom were new to our town.

Some time ago the writer conducted a study course for the Bandman B. Y. P. U. We have received for all those who took the examination diplomas and seals for the work done and those will be delivered at the annual convention.

"God's Grace" is our current subject for Sunday morning evening, "Child's Second Coming."

Get On College Honor Roll

## Ministers Want A Community Chest

Appoint Committee To Confer  
With Welfare Officer About  
The Matter.

### PLAN FOR REVIVALS

Recommend Holding Them In  
All Churches Same Time.

At the meeting of the Asheboro Ministerial Association last Monday morning a plan was approved whereby during the spring each church in the town would be put on evangelistic services at the same time. This plan is to be presented to the congregations of the various churches in the town for approval or rejection and the association will meet again next Monday to ascertain the result and act accordingly.

The ministers appointed a committee composed of Rev. B. C. Reavis, Rev. J. E. Pritchard and Rev. B. E. Morris to confer with Welfare Officer Garner looking to the establishment of a Community Chest for Asheboro. Calls for help, according to the members of the association, have reached the point that some organized plan should be worked out and adopted for caring for the needy.

Members of the association decided that Sunday school lessons would be prepared by members of the association for publication in the local newspapers beginning with the issues of February 17th containing the lesson for the following Sunday. These lessons are to be prepared by the ministers in alphabetical order. For instance, Rev. G. W. Clay, of Farmer, will prepare the first lesson. It will be recalled that Rev. Cothran Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, prepared these lessons for a number of months for the local newspapers and they found a welcome reception.

## Three Randolph Teams In Contest

Trinity, Liberty and Ramseur  
Have Entered Basketball  
Tournament.

### FOR CHAMPION OF STATE

Trinity, Ramseur and Liberty high school basketball teams will take part in the championship elimination series for the western half of North Carolina. These schools are three out of a total of 64 which will compete for basketball honors. The teams have been divided into eight groups and the champions of each group will have a chance to enter the elimination series at Chapel Hill and the winner there will meet the Eastern North Carolina champion team, which will be selected in like manner as in the west.

Trinity will play High Point on the latter's court on February 14th; Liberty will play Candor at Candor on February 12; Ramseur and Ramseur will play at Greensboro on February 11. Final game for the group will be played at Guilford College on the 13th.

### Native Randolphian Wants Her Home County Newspaper

Mrs. Rhoda M. Tomlinson, of Summitville, Indiana, who is eighty-one years of age, writes she wants her home town paper. Mrs. Tomlinson was the daughter of Laban and Jennina Ferriss Swaim, who lived in Asheboro. Mrs. Tomlinson writes that her mother loves her native state and wants to keep up with the news of her native town through the Courier.

## Making A Record For Fire Alarms

Three Blasts of the Siren In  
Three Consecutive Days  
Heard Here.

### LITTLE DAMAGE IS DONE

Three fire alarms in three days—three shrill blasts of the fire siren that ever causes to leap in the breast of the property owner a keen feeling of apprehension—this is the record for Asheboro the past three days. First it was Dr. M. G. Edwards' car which caught on fire on the street in front of H. D. Cranford's home on Sunset Avenue Monday. The blast was extinguished before any serious damage was done. Later in the day, the siren sounded the alarm to the old Asheboro roller mill warehouse. This time the fire was extinguished before any great damage was done. And last night it was Tom Tucker's "house on wheels" on fire which brought the siren on the run and a large number of the citizens of the town too. No damage was done in this instance.

It has become almost a tradition in Asheboro that if the fire alarm is sounded once in Asheboro, it will sound three times in a short space of time. Now, three times in three days.

## Former Presidents Wives Exploring Go



The spirit of adventure has called to two wives of former presidents and both are sailing the seas to meet in South America there to trip together. On the left Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of "Teddy" and, right, Mrs. T. J. Preston, widow of Grover Cleveland.

## Chamber Of Commerce Celebrates Birthday With Banquet At Ashlyn

Town Furnished Own Speaking  
Talent For Event and There  
Was Plenty.

ALL REPORTS MADE  
MOST ENCOURAGING

The 85 Present Elected Board  
of 19 Directors To Serve Dur-  
ing Ensuing Year.

Celebrating the first anniversary of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce, some 85 of its members gathered at a banquet at the Ashlyn hotel last Friday night. Arthur Ross, president, was master of ceremonies. Unlike the banquet at the Ashlyn a year ago at the initial meeting of the chamber of commerce when Governor McLean made the principal address, there were no outside speakers Friday night, Asheboro furnishing her own talent. And there was plenty of it.

Following the invocation by Rev. B. E. Morris, and the most excellent dinner served by the hotel, President Ross made a few brief remarks in which he summed up the thought of the evening. That thought which set a goal for achievement was that the growth of Asheboro must come from the development of its own possibilities. While not inimical to outside capital, but rather assuming an attitude of invitation to it and helpfulness, the surest and most satisfactory way to promote the growth of Asheboro or any other town or city lies in the development of inside industries by inside capital. This was the general theme of all the talks made Friday night.

Following President Ross, Secretary Edwards gave a most encouraging report of the year's achievements of the chamber of commerce. He told of the assistance which the body had received from its officers, directors and workers in the ranks. Among the new industries which have been established in Asheboro since the organization of the chamber of commerce and in which that body has had a helpful part are a new creamery, the Cranford Hosiery Mill, a paper box factory and a veneer plant. A commercial school has been established in the town since the organization of the chamber of commerce and the town has been given free city mail delivery. Mr. Edwards, of course, did not take credit to the chamber of commerce alone for these industries, but pointed out that the chamber had encouraged them and had lent a helping hand wherever and whenever possible.

The financial report made by the treasurer, Mr. George T. Murdock, was also most encouraging, showing a balance in the treasury instead of a deficit.

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### CRANFORD HEADS C. O. C.

Elected President At Directors  
Meeting Tuesday Morning.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, C. C. Cranford, vice president, Dr. J. G. Crutchfield, secretary, T. A. Bunn, treasurer, George T. Murdock, chairman, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, executive secretary, Dr. M. G. Edwards. A few matters of business were discussed at the meeting including the establishment of a board of directors for the town of Asheboro. The organization signified willingness to cooperate with the Ministerial Association of the town in securing the establishment of such a board or to take steps to call a mass meeting to consider the matter.

Sam Crowder, young man of White Oak mill, Greensboro, was killed Monday morning when his car in which he was riding with two others, failed to stop at a red light.

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION CALLS A MASS MEETING

In order that the people of Asheboro may have some kind of an organization to look after the church work of the town so as to have just as little duplication and overlapping as is possible and at the same time be able to render services to those really in need the Ministerial Association of Asheboro is calling a mass meeting to be held in the court house in Asheboro on next Monday evening, February 14th, at 7:30 o'clock. All persons interested are urged to be present.

## Pritchard Puts In Big Incubator

Installed At His Poultry Farm  
At Garland Lake—2,830  
Egg Capacity.

### HAS FLOCK OF 500 HENS

At the Pritchard Hatchery and Poultry Farm, at Garland Lake, North Asheboro, is being installed this week a Jamesway incubator that has a capacity of 2,830 eggs. It will be filled the first of next week and soon the first hatch of Garland Pritchard's hatchery will be "peeping" around underneath the brooders which are installed in the same building. To house his incubator, brooders and the like, Mr. Pritchard has built a modern little plant up at Garland Lake, and instead of equipping it to capacity has started off in a small way with plenty of room left for expansion.

Besides having the hatchery plant equipped, Mr. Pritchard has a small modern poultry farm at Garland Lake with something like 500 laying hens busy each day. He has pens of Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns, White Wyandottes and White Rocks. Rhode Island Reds are his favorites and he will specialize in this breed.

The purpose of his hatchery is to convert eggs into day old chicks and if the first hatch is successful, Pritchard will soon be advertising baby chicks for sale and they may be had either at his grocery store or at the hatchery.

### Three Proposals To Amend Constitution Of The State

So far there are three proposals before the General Assembly of North Carolina in session at Raleigh to amend the State constitution. Another proposal will be made by school people, that of amending the constitution to provide for an eight months' school term. Whether any of the proposals will pass the legislature and be submitted to the vote of the people is problematical.

The proposals now before the legislature are:

1. The calling of a constitutional convention.
2. The creation of additional judicial districts with a Superior court judge without a solicitor.
3. Limiting local tax rates to \$2.50 per hundred and the segregation of intangible property for taxation.

### SERVICES AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mr. Hugh Parks, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Morning subject: "The God Planned Life."

Evening subject: "Living Life Top-Side Down."

At the morning hour there will be an installation service for the Board of Stewards. Everybody is cordially invited.

The Epworth Leagues will meet at 8:45 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Council will meet at 8:00 p. m.

## Mrs. Barker Gets Control of Estate

Was Adjudged Competent By  
Jury At Hearing Before Clerk  
Of Court Lovett.

### 62 WITNESSES HEARD

A hearing unusual in its length and the number of witnesses examined was concluded before Clerk of Superior Court W. A. Lovett Tuesday late afternoon having been in progress since Saturday morning. The verdict rendered by the jury was for the plaintiff, Mrs. Mary J. Barker, who was seeking to have her competency to manage her own affairs established. Sixty-two witnesses were heard during the trial. Six jurors heard the evidence. They were: C. M. Staley, Troy Redding, R. C. Johnson, A. H. Frazier, E. A. Ledwell, W. F. Hussey.

Mrs. Barker is the widow of Nathan M. Barker, of the Holly Springs section, Randolph county, who died Dec. 26, 1925, willing his entire estate to his widow. The estate consisted of some \$13,000 in personal property and several acres of land. In a hearing before the Clerk of Court in August, 1926, Mrs. Barker was adjudged incompetent to manage her own affairs, and Dr. C. A. Hayworth was appointed her guardian.

Saturday, Mrs. Barker by her next friend, E. F. Cox, began an action to obtain control of the estate and to have herself adjudged of sufficient understanding to manage her affairs. The total value of the estate which passes into her hands will reach approximately \$20,000.

## Mr. B. C. Allen Gets Merited Promotion

Made State Superintendent of  
Standard Oil Stations In  
South Carolina.

### SON OF MR. J. M. ALLEN

Mr. B. C. Allen, who has been with the Standard Oil Company for the past thirteen years, three years of which was spent at Winston-Salem, has been appointed State superintendent of all Standard Oil Company service stations in South Carolina and will make headquarters in Charleston. Mr. Allen was former general salesman for the company in South Carolina. In his new capacity he will have under his direction five assistants and will have charge of the stations now established in South Carolina and supervision of the work of establishing other sales stations and the increasing efficiency of service rendered. There are now about 100 Standard Oil stations in the Palmetto State.

Mr. Allen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen, of near Asheboro, was born and reared in Randolph county and educated at the Asheboro high school. He served in the Navy during the World War, having been stationed in the service of his country during the war was the only break in his thirteen years of service with the Standard Oil Company.

### ARREST SIX FOR PART IN SHOOTING LEE CO. SHERIFF

All six men wanted in connection with the shooting of Sheriff J. L. Turner, of Lee county, and two deputies when they raided a still on January 29 have been captured. The last one, "Bud" Davis, outlived Friday by Judge Sinclair and with a \$500 reward hanging over his head was captured by the Chatham county sheriff Saturday night in Wake county. Those arrested in addition to Davis are Tom Davis, Fred Dixon, Conley Perry, Nat Ray and Malcolm Harrison. All are being held without privilege of bond until it may be determined whether the sheriff and deputies wounded in the fight will live.

### Thirteen Foreign Countries Owe Uncle Sam 11 Billions

Thirteen foreign countries owe the United States of America a total of \$11,522,354,000, including accrued interest. Great Britain is our heaviest debtor, owing this country a total of four billion 6 hundred million dollars. France comes next with four billions. Italy owes us a little more than 2 billions. The next largest debtor is Belgium which owes the United States a little over 400 millions.

### State's Only Baseball Bat Factory In Davidson

(C. B. Way, in Lexington Dispatch)  
The Dispatch representative stopped at Davidson recently and looked in upon North Carolina's only baseball bat factory, the Snyder Bat Company, which has been in operation there for the past few weeks. E. A. Snyder is the owner and operator of the plant which he said was the only one of its kind in North Carolina, the nearest other plant of the kind being located at Greenville, S. C. The plant at Davidson has only two machines, one for cutting the rough material and the other for putting the finish on the bat. The plant has a capacity of 250 baseball bats per day, stated Mr. Snyder. Maple material is used in the manufacture of the bats and some of it is being secured in Davidson County.

## VIOLETS BLOOM HERE; SNOW IN BAY STATE

Violets are blooming under balmy spring-like skies. Snow covers the ground in Massachusetts while the skies are gray with winter's cold. So finds Mr. F. R. Sweet, watch chain manufacturer of Attleboro, Mass., who is down in Randolph on his usual winter hunt while at the same time enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kearns, of Farmer. In a telephone conversation with members of his family one day this week, Mr. Sweet remarked that violets were blooming in Mr. Kearns' yard. The reply was that violets might be blooming under the sun-kissed skies of Carolina, but that they couldn't see the sky in the Bay State for the coating of snow which blanketed the ground.

## Senate Passes 3 Important Bills

One Increases Salaries of Super-  
ior Court Judges—Auto.  
License Bill.

### TO REIMBURSE MR. WORTH

The State Senate on Tuesday passed bills to increase the salaries of Superior Court judges, changing the date of automobile registration from the fiscal year to the calendar year and to provide relief for former State Treasurer W. H. Worth. The bills were then sent to the lower house for approval or rejection.

The automobile license bill, which precipitated so much debate last week, ran the gauntlet successfully under the guiding hands of its author, Senator Cannaday, of Johnston.

The Hines bill to reimburse former Treasurer Worth, the last Republican to hold office in North Carolina, was sent back to the Senate by the Committee on Appropriations, which reported the measure "without prejudice." The measure, if passed by the House, will result in the State Auditor being called upon to issue his warrant for \$12,000.04 to Mr. Worth, who, according to Senator Hines, is almost destitute.

Senator Lawrence, of Hertford, attempted to amend the measure by submitting an amendment calling for the State to pay Mr. Worth half the amount of \$12,000.04, but the Senate refused to adopt the suggestion of the Hertford Senator.

Senator Hines, of Guilford, and the Horton brothers, of Caswell and Chatham, led the fight for the bill, while Senators Williams, of Pasquotank, Hancock, of Granville, and Dunlap, of Anson, attempted in vain to get the Senate to kill the measure.

The Guilford Senator explained that some of the leading Democrats in the State had written and asked him to do all he could toward reimbursing Mr. Worth for the money the latter paid into the State Treasury back in 1901 on account of the defalcations of W. H. Martin, a clerk employed during the late 90's by the former treasurer.

For more than 25 years the matter has lain dormant, said the Guilford Senator, and with Mr. Worth, who has reached his 84th milestone of life, in his declining years it would be about the last chance the State would have to treat Mr. Worth like it treated State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, from whom Martin also embezzled money.

### Cake Party At Cedar Grove

There will be a cake party at Cedar Grove school house, February 14th. The public is cordially invited to attend and take part.

## Sandy Lassiter Dead At Age 73

End Came Following Stroke of  
Paralysis—Funeral Today  
At Old Union.

### WAS PROSPEROUS FARMER

In the death of Mr. Sandy Lassiter the county has lost another of her aged and highly respected citizens. Mr. Lassiter had been a remarkably robust man until two weeks ago when he was taken ill and his condition continued growing worse until Tuesday of this week when he suffered a stroke of paralysis which affected his entire right side and from which he did not rally. Death came at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Lassiter was 73 years of age and was the son of the late Aaron Lassiter of New Hope township. He was a prosperous and energetic farmer, a staunch believer in Methodism, and a straight-forward, honorable citizen. He has been a tower of strength in his community and in his death both young and old will feel that a useful, influential citizen has passed. The funeral will be conducted at Union church today.

He is survived by his widow, one son, T. J. Lassiter, of Melbourne, Fla., and two daughters, Mrs. Mont Lewis, Farmer, and Mrs. Jesse Thornburg, of New Hope township. Mr. Lassiter is also survived by five brothers: T. E. Lassiter, Asheboro; James Lassiter, of Marion, N. C.; Will Lassiter, Farmer; J. M. Lassiter, Asheboro; and H. C. Lassiter, of South Carolina.

## Superior Court Convenes Mch. 21

Three Weeks' Term, First Two  
For Civil Cases and Last  
For Criminal.

### JUDGE SINCLAIR PRESIDES

Jury List For Term As Drawn  
By Board of Commissioners.

The regular March term of Randolph Superior Court will convene Monday, March 21st, with Judge Michael Schenck presiding. The court will last three weeks, the first two weeks being for the trial of cases on the civil docket, while the last week will be devoted to the hearing of criminal cases. Heavy dockets both criminal and civil will confront the court when it convenes. Solicitor Zeb Long, of Statesville, will be on hand the third week to prosecute for the State.

Following is the list of jurors drawn by the board of commissioners in session in the court house Monday:

First Week  
Asheboro: Sam Bunting, J. A. Willard, J. W. Prevost, Chas. C. Harrelson.

Brower: J. C. Chriscoe, B. T. Crouch, Eli Hussey, R. L. Beck. Cedar Grove: A. S. Strickland, R. F. Vuncannon, J. J. Hill, M. C. Dawson, R. W. Hancock, A. W. Varner. Liberty: D. C. Kivett, G. W. Payne. New Hope: J. L. Bright, R. F. Russell, D. W. Loffin, M. G. Hogan, Claude Hughes.

Providence: J. C. Johnson. Trinity: N. C. English, W. O. Marsh.

Second Week  
Asheboro: M. U. Canoy, J. M. West.

Back Creek: W. A. Rich. Brower: J. E. Gatlin, J. E. Leach, F. E. Davis.

Columbia: E. L. Reece. Concord: J. R. Hammond, J. E. Pearce.

Franklinville: G. H. Harden, E. M. Julian, H. V. Cox, I. A. Julian, W. D. Maner.

Liberty: J. W. Lane, J. L. Hinshaw, John S. Devinney, Eugene Brown, J. F. Brown, H. J. Frazier, W. E. Breedlove.

New Hope: R. L. Davis, J. F. Lanier. Union: Alpheus Auman.

Third Week  
Asheboro: J. P. Bailey, G. F. Burkhead, Brazilia Robbins, T. B. Rush, C. L. Gregory.

Back Creek: J. C. Parrish. Cedar Grove: J. B. Hoover, M. C. Rush, T. J. Lambert.

Coleridge: E. R. Brown, E. W. Brady, R. D. Moffitt, Jr., J. E. King. Columbia: J. P. Taylor, T. E. Burgess.

Concord: W. D. Vuncannon, O. W. Parrish.

Franklinville: A. W. Pickett, W. W. Jennings, C. D. Lofin, S. G. Laughlin.

Liberty: G. C. Curtis, J. F. Lane, C. B. Turner, E. E. Jordan, Earl Crazier, J. Martin Smith, A. E. Pickett, B. M. Brower, S. L. Routh, Z. C. Foust, H. C. Johnson, P. F. Carter, R. A. Lineberry.

Pleasant Grove: B. F. Brown. Tabernacle: Marcus Briles.

Trinity: A. W. Reddick, R. A. Robbins, W. M. Bouldin. Union: J. P. Lambert, J. C. Nance, W. F. Trogdon.

### Little Child Dead

Dorothy Lee Pugh, aged one month and four days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh, of Randleman, died Friday, January 28th, following a short illness. The funeral was conducted at Bethany church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and burial was made in the church cemetery.

### ASHEBORO GIRLS DEFeat LIBERTY GIRLS, 22 TO 0

The Asheboro high school girls defeated Liberty Friday afternoon by a score of 22 to 0.

A hard fight was put up by the Liberty girls but they were unable to win any points. The Asheboro girls also won in a game with Star high school last week by score of 25 to 14.

### Henry Goley Sent To Jail To Answer Number Charges

Henry Goley, of Worthville, is in jail at Asheboro in default of \$1,250 bond, on charges of fornication and adultery and assault on his wife. Goley was arrested at his home in Worthville Sunday night by a police officer from Randleman and with him also was taken Mrs. Myrtle Millikan. Mrs. Millikan is in jail in default of \$500 bond on charge of fornication and adultery. The two were given a hearing Monday and bound over to Superior Court. It is alleged that Goley drove his wife away from home.

### B. F. Cribbs, of Siler City, Opens Grocery Store In Town

Mr. B. F. Cribbs, of Siler City, has opened up a store on North street in the building formerly occupied by Hill Grocery. Mr. Cribbs will carry an up-to-date line of groceries, dry goods and notions and will also carry clothing. Mr. Cribbs has been in the clothing business for many years.