

Improvements Are Made At City Park

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McCrary Fit Up Swimming Pool And The Playground.

Walks Are Laid Out

Lily Pond, Fountain And Other Improvements.

The city park has been transformed into a place of "delight and joy forever" for the children of the town through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McCrary. Not only is there the swimming pool built last year for the children by Mr. McCrary, but there are many other pieces of playground equipment which the children enjoy.

Walks have been laid out over the park, substantial and comfortable seats may be found at every shady nook, and there is plenty of room for the children and the grown folks as well to disport themselves. There are the merry-go-round, the slide, and the see-saws for the children, all in an enclosure around which is a low concrete wall and iron railings. The ground around these playthings has been covered with sand and not even in wet weather is it muddy. About the swimming pool has been placed an iron railing also.

Another improvement is the lily pond, around which is a walk and the iron railing. Flowers and shrubs have been planted and in a few months it will be a place of beauty. The old spring, one of the best in Asheboro, has been walled in with concrete and now a drinking fountain dispenses itself where once the dipper and the gourd had to be used.

The embankments along the sidewalks on Park street have been built up with top soil taken from the site of the new hosiery mill on North street. These will be grassed and will soon be objects of beauty. On the side on which it was the custom last year to drive cars into the park, there is a fence which prevents this and gives added safety to the children playing in the park.

The children could hardly wait for the improvements to be made, but were there watching the progress of the work and the first evening after it was completed a large number knew about it and only the coming of darkness sent them home. And they have been there every evening since when the weather permitted.

The transformation of the city park has been accomplished in a short time. It has for a long time just as nature left it, covered with undergrowth and with only a spasmodic attempt now and then to clean it up. The Woman's Club has for several years interested itself in the cleaning up of the park so that it could be used for the purpose intended by the donor, the late R. W. Frazier. They suggested a swimming pool for the children and seats and what-not. Mr. McCrary, mayor of the town at the time, volunteered to see to it that the swimming pool was a reality. He and Mrs. McCrary saw to it that it was built. This year witnessed further improvements on the grounds and in the equipment as detailed above. These were largely made by Mr. and Mrs. McCrary, while securing and furnishing some of the seats.

Closing Exercises Of Singing Class 5th Sunday In May

Prof. A. M. Fentries, of Pleasant Garden, will hold the closing exercises of the singing class which he has been conducting in Asheboro on the 5th Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the court house. Besides the classes that have been under training in Asheboro, a lot of other students are expected to be present to make it an interesting and delightful service. The public is cordially invited out to enjoy the singing. A number of visiting male quartettes are expected. The names of some of them will be announced later. There will also be a public singing at the Holiness church in Asheboro the 4th Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are invited.

Chrysanthemum Show List Ready

The Flower Show Committee has prepared the list of chrysanthemums and prizes for the annual flower show this week and it will be published next week. Mrs. C. A. Hayworth, chairman of the committee, urges the women of the town to grow flowers for the show this fall.

Coleridge Is To Stage Fourth Of July Celebration

At a meeting held at Coleridge Thursday night of last week it was decided to hold a fourth of July celebration at that place. T. A. Cox was named president and manager of the committee to have the celebration in charge, while the committee named is composed of C. F. Davis, C. E. Ward and C. L. Shields. Finance committee is E. L. Caviness, J. A. Brower and G. W. Allen. Program for the day will be announced later.

Miss Jackie Brooks To Give Piano Recital Here

Miss Jackie Brooks, who recently won second place in the State High School Musical Contest, will give a piano recital at the Asheboro school auditorium Friday, May 13, at 8:00 P. M. In addition to the piano selections there will be several violin solos by Mr. Lawrence Hammond. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cattle Sale And Barbecue Thursday

The annual auction sale of purebred and grade cattle by the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders Association will be held at the fair grounds in Asheboro next Thursday, May 19, beginning at 1 o'clock and lasting until the cattle entered in the sale are disposed of to the highest bidder.

Although the county agent has received no catalogs showing the offerings to be made at the sale, he expects these to arrive within the week, and is confident that some of the finest Guernseys to be found anywhere will be offered to Randolph farmers. Cattle to be offered at the sale are already beginning to arrive.

In anticipation of the large crowd expected, the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce is preparing to serve at least 2,000 people at the barbecue which will be given just prior to the beginning of the sale. The barbecue was one of the guarantees which the association had to have before the sale would be brought to Asheboro, and the local chamber of commerce has risen to the occasion in fine style.

Masonic Meeting Here On May 18th

Dr. W. C. Wicker To Have Charge Of School Of Instruction For Masons.

Ramsour, May 19th

On Monday, May 16th, from 7:30 to 10 P. M., in the Masonic Lodge at Mt. Gilead there will be held a School of Instruction for Masons. A review of the secret work, instruction in Masonic education, and the interpretation of symbolic and ritualistic work will be given by Dr. W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

On Tuesday, May 17th, the same program of work will be given in the Lodge at Troy. However, there will be an afternoon meeting also—2 to 6 P. M. The night meeting will be 7:30 to 10 P. M.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the meetings will be in the lodge at Asheboro, hours 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 P. M.

On Thursday and Friday, May 19th and 20th, the meetings will be held in the Masonic Lodge at Ramsour, 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 P. M. This meeting on Friday will be an all district affair, and all of the Lodges of the 24th district are expected to be well represented.

Come! Attend these meetings, especially the ones at Ramsour. All Masons should refresh their memories, and Dr. Wicker is well able to help you. Come and take advantage of the free service he offers.

Death Of Col. Bingham Great Loss To The State

In the death of Colonel Bingham at his home in Asheville Sunday at the age of 89 years, the country has lost one of its noted educators. Col. Bingham was born at Hillsboro, in Orange county, and came from a distinguished line of educators. He was of the third generation of Bingham to operate the nationally known Bingham Military School, founded in 1793 by his grandfather.

Colonel Bingham was prepared for college by his father and at the age of 19 he was one of the four honor men of the class of 1857 at the University of North Carolina. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Della Worth, daughter of the late Dr. J. M. Worth, and she was the mother of his three surviving children.

Funeral Held For Frank Trotter, 54

At Shepherd Church Last Thursday By Rev. G. W. Clay—Died Wednesday.

Funeral was held Thursday afternoon, May 5, at Shepherd church by Rev. G. W. Clay for Frank Trotter, aged 54 years, who dropped dead Wednesday afternoon at his home on Asheboro, Route 2, while plowing his garden. Mr. Trotter had been afflicted with high blood pressure for some time but his condition had not been considered serious. He was an industrious citizen and a good church member, having joined Shepherd church some years ago and remained faithful to his vows.

He was twice married, the first time to Miss Betty Gibbs, and to this union there were ten children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Wayman Trotter, of Asheboro, Route 2; Albert Trotter, High Point; Mrs. Virginia Hill, Asheboro, Route 2; Joseph Trotter, near Greensboro; Lucy Trotter, Pittsboro; Mrs. Annie Hughes, Asheboro, Route 2; and Walter Trotter, of Asheboro, Route 2. Mr. Trotter's second wife was Miss Edith McDowell. Seven children, with their mother survive from this union. They are Virginia, Lucie, Trava, Florence, Marietta, Elsie and Charles Franklin.

William A. Welch, former chief of police of High Point, died suddenly of heart failure Thursday afternoon at the age of 52 years.

Veterans Honored On Memorial Day

Fitting Exercises Held at M. E. Church In Honor Of Confederate Dead.

Honor The Living

Ranks Of Veterans Are Getting Thinner.

Confederate Memorial Day was observed Tuesday by the local chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy with fitting exercises at the Methodist Episcopal church. The Randolph Camp of Confederate Veterans held a meeting at which time the following officers were elected: Commander, A. C. Rush; 1st Lieutenant, A. G. Myrick; 2nd Lieutenant, J. H. Hill; 3rd Lieutenant, A. J. Hughes; 4th Lieutenant, A. J. Rush; Adjutant General, P. H. Morris; Quartermaster, L. O. Sugg; Fellow Sergeant, W. H. Bean; Vidette, Alpheus Bean. Mr. A. G. Myrick, of Worthville, was elected Chaplain to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. T. W. Andrews, who had filled this position for many years.

The records show four of the members of the camp have gone to recruit the innumerable throng of the wearers of the gray, who have one by one crossed to the other side and left a thin rank on this side of the river. During the exercises at the church the veterans enjoyed exchanging experiences and a musical program consisting of songs of long ago.

A sumptuous dinner was served after which the veterans and members of the Randolph chapter proceeded to the cemetery where a short song and prayer service was held and the graves of the veterans were decorated.

Those present were: P. H. Morris, A. J. Rush, J. W. Howell, Murphy Burrus, M. J. Hughes, A. C. Rush, W. D. Siler, Wright Davis, L. O. Sugg, Alpheus Upton, A. G. Myrick.

To Clean Up Cemetery

This newspaper is requested to announce that on the sixth day before the third seventh day in May and August, all persons having friends buried at Holly Springs are invited to come or send means for the purpose of cleaning the cemetery. It is requested that those who come bring something to work with. Quarterly meeting, according to the announcement, will be held at Holly Springs on May 23 and 29.

Tom B. Wood Has Bought Wood Cash Clothing Co.

Mr. Tom B. Wood, who has long been associated with his father, Mr. J. T. Wood, in the conduct of the Wood Cash Clothing Company, on Depot street, has purchased his father's interest, and will continue the operation of the business under the old firm name. This concern, dealing in men's and boys' clothing, is one of the old, established progressive retail enterprises in the town and has for years enjoyed a splendid trade. No change will be made in the conduct of the business, the same policy of service and satisfaction and dollar value will be continued under the new ownership.

Sheriff Is Advertising Land For Unpaid Taxes

Sheriff J. A. Brady is this week advertising land on which taxes have not been paid and will have his sale on the first Monday in June. The Sheriff is also serving notice on those who have no land listed, but only personal property that unless taxes are paid before the first Monday in June he will be forced to garnish for the purpose of making collection. The Randolph authorities, Guilford and Davidson and some other counties are advertising for sale on the first Monday in June. Many other counties, however, are not advertising until later in this month, and their tax sales will not be before the 20th of June.

Prisoners Mutiny

Last week prisoners at Caledonia prison farm mutined demanding a 55 hour week and a Saturday half-holiday. They barricaded themselves in their barracks and when refused food destroyed about \$5,000 worth of prison property within their confines. State troops were called out to prevent further disorder. After taking the bread and water diet for two or three days, the prisoners were glad to submit and take their punishment.

Choral Art Club To Be In Asheboro, May 16th

All music lovers of Asheboro should be sure to hear the Choral Art Club of Greensboro in their concert at the school auditorium Monday, May 16th, at 8:00 P. M. This organization is under the direction of Mr. Charles Troxell, also director of the splendid choir of the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro. Included in the group of more than thirty performers are Miss Helena Troxell, pianist, and H. Grady Miller, assisting soloist. They have prepared a splendid program as all who have heard them can testify. The admission is 50c for adults and 25c for all school children. The Asheboro Graded School will receive about half of the proceeds. Tickets may now be procured from the following stores: Reaves' Pharmacy, Asheboro Drug Company, Standard Drug Store.

Can't Compromise With Sureties Of J. Free Cranford

During the past few weeks The Courier has received a number of inquiries with reference to the settlement of the shortage of more than \$35,000 in the accounts of former Sheriff J. Free Cranford. It is understood that negotiations have been under way with the bonding company which is surety for the defaulting sheriff ever since the shortage was discovered and the resignation of the sheriff looking to the settlement of the amount due the county. It is understood also that the bonding company has offered a compromise settlement of the sum due by ex-Sheriff Cranford. Under the law, however, a compromise settlement cannot be made.

Reference is made to Article 2, Section 29 of the Constitution of North Carolina which provides that the General Assembly of North Carolina shall not pass any act extending the time for the assessment or collection of taxes, or otherwise relieving any collector of taxes from the due performance of his official duties or his sureties from liability.

Therefore, according to the Constitution of the State, the county commissioners cannot compromise with any tax collector or his sureties on any shortage, but must collect every dollar shown to be due by the auditors unless a different order or ruling made by the governing judge, and then only upon finding of a jury.

Guernsey Breeders To Hold Meeting At Ashlyn

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders association will be held in the Ashlyn Hotel, in Asheboro, next Wednesday night at which time a banquet will be served. J. C. Sanford of Mocksville, is president of the association, while B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, is the secretary. There will be several speakers of prominence on the program including E. C. Bates, dairy specialist of Ashlyn, and Prof. Ruffner, of State College, Raleigh. A large number of the members of the association will be here that night for the reason that aside from the business of the meeting, the Guernsey cattle sale the next day will draw a large number.

To Organize Ministerial Association For County

Plans for organizing a Randolph County Ministerial Association have been perfected and the ministers of the county are asked to meet in Asheboro next Monday afternoon, May 16, at 2:30 o'clock, to perfect the organization. This movement originated in the Asheboro Ministerial Association some weeks ago when a committee consisting of Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Rev. B. G. Reavis and Rev. G. W. Clay was appointed to work out plans and call the meeting. All ministers living in the county and all ministers living out of the county but serving churches in the county are invited to attend the meeting next Monday afternoon.

Cox Brothers Sue Randolph County

So States News In State Papers, But No Summons Has Been Served Here.

Charge Contract Broke And That Their Loss Amounts To \$4,166.

According to a news item carried in the State press last Friday, suit has been entered in Guilford Superior Court by T. D. Cox and C. H. Cox, partners, trading as Interstate Construction Company, against the board of commissioners of Randolph county composed of E. C. Watkins, E. B. Leach, J. W. McElhannon, W. C. Grimes and W. L. Ward. The sum of \$4,166 is asked for alleged abrogation of contract to build a top soil road from Mechanic to Carter's Cross Roads, a distance of five miles. This contract, according to complaint filed, was entered into between the Interstate Construction Company and the old board of commissioners on September 12, 1925. The plaintiffs allege that through cancellation of contract by the new board of commissioners they have sustained a loss equal to \$4,166.

It has been rumored ever since the new board of commissioners came into power and stopped all road work for which the county had no money to pay that the Interstate Construction Company would enter suit in the county. If the news item appearing in the newspapers Friday may be taken for face value, the opening gun has been fired. However, no notice of the suit nor summons has been served upon any member of the board of commissioners of the county, nor are any of the members of the board losing any sleep over the matter.

It is pointed out by those in position to know and who cite the law to sustain their grounds that if the Interstate Construction Company or any other individual or corporation wants to sue the county, the suit will have to be brought in Randolph. Until this is done the suit will attract little notice in this county.

Supervisor Worth Asks Co-operation Of The People Of County In The Listing Of Property

Property Owners of Randolph County: The Township Assessors and List Takers are prepared to begin assessing and listing your property for the following year, and the books will be opened at the several advertised places in the townships for the purpose, on Monday next week.

It is hoped that the property owners will meet and cooperate with these officials in the arduous duties imposed upon them. The County has not, for a few years, received sufficient money from taxes to defray the running expenses of the County, and it is, therefore, a condition that demands a moderate raise in the assessed values of real and personal property, or a raise in the tax rate. The law requires that a budget be prepared, in July, which will set forth the amount of money required to run the County; the law requires likewise, that the assessed values, or the tax rate, be of amount sufficient to meet this budget, as no more money may be borrowed to run the County Government.

No person may fear a drastic assessment beyond present values, as the needful increase is not, of a size to cause excitement or worry, and if

the property owners will exercise a moderate spirit of liberality and display a reasonable disposition to meet the small advance that is inevitable, the difficulty will have been met.

The law requires each property owner to list his holdings, both real and personal, during the month of May, with the list taker of his township, and provides that all persons so failing to list are guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished accordingly. It is hoped that no prosecutions, under this provision of law, will be necessary, but the habitual "Late Lister" will be either prosecuted or required to pay the penalty for late list, which is fifty per cent of the amount of his tax, or both, and all are hereby notified of this Law, and also notified that its provisions will, hereafter, be enforced.

I appeal to the tax payers to list their property with the tax list Takers, thus saving expense and prosecution to and of themselves and spare me the most unpleasant duty of having process served against them for violation of the law.

—HAL M. WORTH,
County Supervisor.

List Takers Work Begins Next Week

Starts In Asheboro Monday And Will Also Get In Full Swing In County.

The work of the list takers and assessors in the various townships of the county will be in full swing next week. Appointments will be made at various convenient places in the townships by the list takers and assessors and those living within reach of these places will be expected to list their property for taxes. A farm census will be taken as usual at the time of listing.

In Asheboro township, the list taker, Mr. J. T. Lambert, with the assessors will be at the court house beginning Monday morning, next, and will be there the rest of the month for the purpose of listing property in the township. To avoid the rush, it would be well to attend the place of list taking early. The same would apply also to tax listing in other sections of the county.

Frank Lambeth In Jail On Prohibition Charge

Frank Lambeth, of Union township, was arrested Tuesday morning by Randolph county officers and lodged in jail in Asheboro on charge of operating an automobile at a reckless speed and driving car under the influence of liquor. Lambeth was arrested after he had had a collision with a car driven by a son of Will Ferree on the highway near the old Clarence Hughes place. Both cars were damaged, while both Ferree and Lambeth sustained minor painful injuries.

First Arrival For Cattle Sale Is California Bull

A six-months-old Guernsey bull is the first arrival in Asheboro for the Guernsey cattle sale to be held next Thursday at the fair grounds. This pedigreed bull was consigned for this sale by the Brant Rancho, of Owensmouth, Cal., and comes from one of the largest producing herds in the United States. This bull will probably be the finest to be placed on sale Thursday.

Frank Page Is State's Highest Paid Official

Frank Page, as chairman of the State Highway Commission drawing \$15,000 a year, is the State's highest paid official. Next comes Dr. C. H. O'Laughlinhouse, state health officer, who gets \$8,000 a year. The Governor draws \$6,500. Salaries of other officers are: Secretary of State, \$4,500; auditor, \$4,500; superintendent of public instruction, \$5,000; revenue commissioner, \$5,500. Supreme court judges draw \$7,500 a year, while Superior court judges get \$6,500.

Death Has Claimed Mrs. Carlton Cole, Of Gulf

Mrs. Carlton Cole, of Gulf, died April 29. Mrs. Cole was born in Montgomery county but when a little girl was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Page, of this county. She married Mr. G. C. Cole, of Moore county, eighteen years ago. To this union there are nine surviving children. Mrs. Cole was a consecrated Christian, an ideal and devoted mother and a true and faithful wife. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Gulf from which the funeral services was conducted by the pastor April 30th, after which burial followed.

Among those from Asheboro attending the funeral were, Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Mrs. E. L. Hedrick, Mr. Carl Page, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Luck, of Seagrave, Route 2, also attended the funeral.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown us by our friends and relatives during the sickness and death of our dear father and grandfather, A. N. Routh. —Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pugh and children.

Can't Trap Or Net Fish In Randolph

Unlawful To Trap Or Net Fish In Any River Or Pond In The County.

To Enforce The Law Game Commission Anxious That It Be Observed.

This newspaper is able this week through the courtesy of Mr. E. D. Cranford, of Asheboro, a member of the State Game Commission, to give the law relative to seining and trapping for fish in Randolph county. This is a matter of much concern to the people of the county, and one about which this newspaper has had numerous requests. From the reading of the text, it will be seen that it is a violation of the law to trap or seine for fish in the rivers and creeks in this county. This rule was made at a meeting of the Fisheries Commission Board held at Morehead City August 17, 1926, and is still in full force and effect.

A careful reading of the rule and adherence to its provisions may serve to save from embarrassment those who might otherwise violate the law without knowledge that they were so doing. Only last Saturday, the Game Warden, Mr. Winslow Walker, who is serving in place of Mr. Adrian Gunner, who found he could not take the job when offered him some time back, stopped a party from seining a pond near Worthville.

Following is the law, and one which, the game warden and the county game commission will enforce in Randolph: Rule No. 136. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to set, fish with, use or place, or to have set, fish with, use or place in the following waters any kind of net or trap fish; or to buy, sell, offer for sale or have in possession fish taken from the following waters except as herein provided: Cape Fear River and its tributaries and other rivers, lakes and ponds in Chatham, Lee, Hoke, Moore, Randolph, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes, and Forsyth counties; Yadkin River and its tributaries and other rivers, lakes and ponds in Stanly, Anson, Union, Cabarrus, Rowan, Davidson, Forsyth, Davie, Yadkin, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Iredell.

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Little Sarah Emeline Luck Dies In High Point

Sarah Emeline Luck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Luck, died at the home of her parents in High Point Sunday morning following an illness of several days. The little girl was born in High Point June 27, 1925. Surviving besides the parents, are a sister, Joyce, and a brother, William. Funeral was conducted at the residence Monday afternoon, and interment made in Oakwood cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Luck were former residents of Ramsour, Randolph county, and have a large circle of friends in the county who will sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Little Cranford Child Is Dead In High Point

Catherine Louise, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cranford, of High Point, died Saturday night after an illness of only a few days from pneumonia. The child was born in Asheboro February 3, 1924. Besides the parents, two brothers, Paul and Wilbur, and two sisters, Virgie and Aileen, survive. Funeral was held from the residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. O. L. Ruth, and the body taken to Gray's Chapel for burial later in the day.

Mrs. Jesse Page, Aged 88, Died At Ansonville, 9th

Mrs. Jesse Page, 88, says the Winston-Salem Journal, widow of Rev. Jesse Page, one of the first pastors of the First M. P. church, of the Twin City, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lula Page Dunlap, of Ansonville, Monday. Funeral was held at the home of another daughter, Mrs. L. R. Gooch, at Henderson, Wednesday. Rev. Jesse Page died 23 years ago. He long served the M. P. church at various places in North Carolina, but at the time of his death had left the M. P. ministry and was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

Winston District Colored Missionary Society Meets

The eleventh district association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Winston District colored churches will be held at St. Luke M. E. church, in Asheboro, on May 13 to 15, inclusive. An interesting program has been arranged and the people of Asheboro are invited to attend. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. A. Newsome, pastor of the church.

Sweet potatoes cured in a tobacco barn compared with those cured in a regular house were equally good in quality, find growers in Columbus county.

Soybeans may be cut for hay anytime from the setting of seed until the leaves begin to turn yellow but the crop is best fitted for hay when the pods are well formed.