

EVERY DEMOCRAT
Should Take Part in the
Primary Saturday

PRIMARY, JUNE 2
Attend and Get Every Other
Democrat to Do So

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23 Seniors Are Graduated From Asheboro School

Presented Diplomas At Final Exercises Held Monday Night Get Certificates.

He Delivers Address

At Closing Exercises—Rev. C. Gregory Preached Commencement Sermon.

The commencement exercises of Asheboro high school opened last Saturday evening with the class exercises, and closed Monday evening with the annual address and presentation of diplomas and certificates to the twenty-three members of the graduating class.

On Saturday evening the following numbers were presented:

- President's Address—Penn Wood Redding.
- Song—"Where, Oh Where"—class.
- History—Nina Tillman.
- Statistics—Nettie Alice Wood.
- Poem—Myrtle Lea.
- Giftorian's Address—Howard Hamlin.
- Song—"Asheboro Hi"—Class.
- Last Will and Testament—Joseph Ross, Jr.
- Prophecy—Helen Bennett.

The prophecy was presented in the form of living pictures, the different members of the class appearing as it was supposed they will look five, ten, or twenty years from now.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Gregory, pastor of the local Friends church, on Sunday evening. The churches of the town were closed for the evening, and pastors and congregations heard the commencement sermon.

Local Guard Unit Formally Inspected By Federal Officers

Company Is Composed of 37 Enlisted Men And Two Officers—Inspectors Pleased.

Headquarters company of the third battalion, 120th infantry, North Carolina National Guard, recently organized in Asheboro, was officially inspected and recognized by the United States government Thursday night at last week in the armory in the Hedrick building on Sunset avenue. J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant General of North Carolina, and Colonel David of the regular army, instructor assigned to the North Carolina National Guard, made the official inspection, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the personnel of the new organization.

The organization has two officers and 37 enlisted men at present. These are: Clarence J. Lovett, first lieutenant, and Roy Cox, second lieutenant; and the following enlisted personnel: Joe D. Bowman, Forest E. Brady, Ben Bulla, James E. Cotton, Lemuel G. Cox, Martin E. Cooper, Carl E. Christoe, Fay Cross, Martin E. Callcutt, James C. Davis, Moody W. Dorman, Cleron R. Elliott, Willard S. Foust, Jack J. Hamlet, Vernon C. Johnson, Floyd A. Johnson, Eugene E. Lewallen, Jr., Dennis L. Lomax, George C. Ledwell, Roy A. Luther, Calvin J. Maness, Richard E. McDaniel, Enoch V. Nelson, William P. Osborne, Joe M. Parrish, Stanton J. Presnell, John N. Robbins, Carl A. Rush, Virgil B. Redding, Jasper L. Skeen, James Allen Scott, Jonathan E. Steed, Weldon P. Stone, Ralph H. Spainhour, Jr., Paul N. Teague, Jarry A. Thurber, Theodore E. Ward.

The Asheboro Colored School Closes Tomorrow

The Asheboro colored school will hold final exercises Friday evening in the school auditorium with class day exercises. At this time an interesting program will be presented. Among the numbers will be Valetictory by Keoore Strickland and Salutory by Elizabeth Scotten. These two pupils have made the highest record in the graduating class for the past two years. On Friday night diplomas will be presented. The school has been under the management of Prof. Jack E. E. Grant, who has won high praise in the methods of school management. There are eleven in the graduating class.

M. E. Allen Building A 12-Room Apartment House

A twelve-room apartment house is being built on Hill street, just a block off Sunset avenue, by Mr. M. E. Allen. This is to be a modern brick veneer house with four three-room apartments, and a bath for each apartment. For several years this has been one of the needs of the town which has grown rapidly in a business way for the past several years.

Miss Margaret Hammond Makes Best School Record

Miss Margaret Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hammond, of Asheboro, a member of the Junior class of the Asheboro high school, made the highest record of any pupil in the high school during the year. Miss Hammond's average was 1 on every subject, and she was on the honor roll each month during the school year. At the music class recital two weeks ago Miss Hammond won a prize for doing the best work in music of any pupil in the class. She will be a member of the graduating class of the Asheboro high school next year, and expects to be attending in the Asheboro school to

Fair Association Has Signed Up Free Acts

The management of the local fair association has signed up a number of free acts for the annual Randolph County Fair this fall. The five acts, we are told, will be more elaborate and entertaining than heretofore. The Delmore Trio, one man and two ladies, will present a spectacular rolling globe act and also a novelty bounding tight wire act. The Russells, father and two daughters, will present two free acts. The two girls in one act present the trained dogs, which do many tricks. In the next act, the three Russells do many juggling stunts. Free acts this year will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening in order that the children may enjoy them. Heretofore, they have been given at a late hour when it was time for children to be in bed.

June 17th Is Date For The Reynolds Homecoming

June 17th has been designated as the date of homecoming of the former students, teachers and committees at Reynolds school house, in Summit township, Guilford county. An interesting program will be given on the occasion, consisting of Bible school, sermon in the morning and refreshments in the afternoon. During the noon intermission will be the presentation of the Reynolds homecoming association which is a new organization and is also a part of the school. W. W. Reynolds, principal, Route 1, is

Republicans Again Recommend Wright For Postmastership

Executive Committee By Vote Of 15 To 6 Say That Wright Is Man For The Job.

Meeting in the court house in Asheboro in executive session yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Randolph county Republican executive committee recommended Frank M. Wright to be postmaster at Asheboro by a vote of 15 to 6. This is the second time the Republican executive committee for the county has recommended Mr. Wright for the appointment over Mr. Nolan Allen. Just why the meeting was called yesterday and why it was necessary for the committee to go on record the second time favoring Mr. Wright is not known. Inquiry brought the information from one source that the meeting was made necessary by a recent change in the plan of organization of the party in North Carolina. It is understood, however, that the Allen forces were never at any time contented with the first action of the committee in favor of Mr. Wright, and have for the past several weeks kept up a campaign inside the party on behalf of Mr. Allen's appointment. The matter is understood to have been taken up directly with the State chairman and over the head of the county committee. Whether the matter is definitely settled nobody seems to know, save that the Wright forces are sure of their man, and since he is serving as postmaster and has been since the death of Mr. Richardson, "possession is nine points of the law."

Few Delegates To The Convention Are Instructed

Democrats In Large Number Of Precincts Preferred To Leave Things To Delegates.

Smith Probably Loser

Franklinville And Grant Instruct, While Others Only Take Poll Of Sentiment.

Returns from the Democratic precinct meetings held at the 29 polling places in Randolph county last Saturday afternoon indicate that more than usual interest was manifested by the voters. Attendance was good at the larger number of the precinct meetings, better than is generally the case when the only matter to come up is that of selecting delegates to the county convention, which has for its chief object the selection of a delegation to the State convention. The prospect of a contest between the forces of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, and Representative Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, probably accounted for the interest.

In only a few precincts, however, was a poll taken of those who attended and in only a few instances were delegates instructed. In the matter of instructed delegates Smith seems to have gotten the worst of it. Franklinville instructed for a candidate for President who would uphold the 18th amendment and favor restricted immigration. Grant instructed for dry candidate for President without mentioning any choice. Sentiment was expressed in other precincts against the New York governor.

The larger number of the precincts, however, were content to send delegations to Asheboro Saturday afternoon, June 9th, without instructions, leaving it up to the delegates to take care of the interests of the rank and file of the party. Delegations named by the precincts and other information relative to Saturday's meeting are given in detail below:

Asheboro, South Ward
Delegates: J. A. Spence, J. D. Ross, W. J. Scarborough, Mrs. Hal Walker, S. W. Presnell, Zell Brown, Z. T. Byrd, C. C. Cranford, Mrs. J. W. Hanner, T. Fletcher Bulla, E. C. Cox, G. D. Andrews.
Alternates: W. C. Hammond, Mrs. George Burkhead, L. M. Kearns, Mrs. L. C. Phillips, W. A. Bunch, H. M. Robins, I. G. Moser, M. G. Lovett, Elmer Rich, S. F. Lowdermilk, B. F. Brittain, J. T. Pugh.

No vote was taken in this ward on Presidential preference, but a poll of the thirteen present at the meeting disclosed two for Smith and eleven for Hull.

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Surprise Birthday Dinner Sunday For Mrs. W. L. Stutts

All Children Present From Various Places—Miss Hattie Luck In Hospital.

Seagrove, May 28.—Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson attended the commencement at High Point College the first of the week. Their daughter, Miss Canary, was a member of the graduating class.

Mrs. Columbus Lucas and Mr. Wade Harris are recovering from measles.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stutts gathered at their home here Sunday, and gave Mrs. Stutts a surprise birthday dinner, which is on May 31. Those present were Mr. J. W. Beane and family, Mr. Hermon Stutts and family, of Spencer; Messrs. F. O. and Ernest Stutts and families, of Winston-Salem. Miss Elflada Stutts accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Beane back to Spencer where she will spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cornelison visited Mrs. Cornelison's sister, Miss Hattie Luck, at High Point hospital, Sunday. Miss Luck has been improving ill for several days but is now improving.

Mr. W. L. Stutts, the undertaker, went to Riverside Sunday to bury Mrs. Lydia Jane Maness, widow of Alfred Maness, who died May 26. Mr. Stutts also went to New Center the same day to bury the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Garner.

Misses Mary, Mabel, Alberta and Mildred Anman attended the Elise commencement last week.

Mr. C. E. Brown, of Kemp's Mill, was in town on business Monday.

Death Takes Heavy Toll From Seventieth Congress

Death's scythe has mowed down in the 70th Congress the heaviest toll of members in recent years.

The number was brought to seven Sunday night when Representative Thomas S. Butler, of Pennsylvania, died. The others who died during the session were Senator Andrew A. Jones, New Mexico; Senator Frank E. Willis, Ohio; Senator Woodbridge Ferris, Michigan; Representative Martin B. Madden, Illinois; Representative James Gullivan, Massachusetts, and Representative Thaddeus C. Sweet, New York.

While the death toll of the session is the largest in recent years other congressional terms have been marked by much heavier losses of members. In the 5th Congress 21 members died.

To Voters Of Randolph County:

I began my career as a country school teacher in Davidson county and never wronged her or her people, but always I have been her staunch friend and helper. I spent most of my time for eight years in my young manhood in Davidson county going to school and teaching school. I have brought some honors and no dishonor to Randolph county, my home. Here I have lived; here I was born, grew up and worked on a farm and as a day laborer, suffered and became strong physically; here I was married and my child was born; here my dead are buried and here I expect to sleep the last long sleep.

The people of Randolph county have throughout the period of my public life been my friends and neighbors. They gave me their unanimous vote for Congress when I was first nominated. They have stood by me faithfully, and I have rendered every service for them as well as the last long sleep.

The trouble in the upper counties there is a light vote while there is a heavy vote in the rest of the district, and over confidence on the part of my friends might bring defeat. Furthermore, I felt that I should remain in Washington until Congress adjourned this week and attend to the important duties both in committee rooms and on the floor of the House. I have been back in the district since Congress began its sessions last December only about ten days in all.

The citizenship of Randolph county and North Carolina is unsurpassed. The farms and orchards and homes are good to look upon. I love to look upon the crystal flow of their rippling streams, but above all I respect the manly men and womanly women of this favored land. I am depending on these manly men, who think as I think, who love the things I love. I appeal to the women, who believe that untiring, faithful and honest service should have its reward. I appeal to all to see their neighbors and friends and urge them to go to the primary before they begin their day's work on the morning of June 2nd, and take the members of their family who are eligible voters and cast their votes for me. You know me and I know you. I trust you, and I think you can and will trust me and repose the confidence in me that I will serve you truly and faithfully. I shall be most grateful to all who will step into harness and help in a clean, honest, fair primary. I promised when elected to Congress in a primary that was conducted fairly and honestly, that if I returned, if nominated and elected, promise a clean and honest record as your member of Congress. I have kept the faith and while I have voted as my conscience dictated, I have never once voted against the policies and the principles of the party as laid down in the party platforms.

I believe in being frank and candid in public affairs and acts as well as in business and personal relations. The people are entitled to know the position of their representative on questions of public interest and when I have been asked for my views I state them frankly and do not dodge by using indefinite generalities and platitudes. I am not merely for proper legislation for farmers and business and industrial interests and other necessary legislation, but I say what kind relief or remedies I favor. My purpose has been to represent all the people and believe that their interests can best be served in the hands of a Democratic administration by agents and representatives who have convictions and believe in the rule of the majority and not the favored few.

You can vote only on next Saturday, June 2. Voting is a personal matter and cannot be done by proxy. I shall appreciate your vote in the primary. Nothing counts but votes in getting in a contest where the people rule, and every vote counts that much.

Yours most truly,
Wm. C. HAMMER.

May 30, 1928.

Democrats Will Select Nominees Saturday, June 2

For Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner Of Labor And Printing And Congress.

Should Take Part

Every Democrat Should Attend The Primary And Vote For His Preference.

Democratic voters in North Carolina are privileged to go to their respective polling places next Saturday and participate in a State-wide primary for the selection of a candidate for lieutenant governor, a candidate for commissioner of labor and printing, and in this, the Seventh Congressional district, a nominee for Congress. Polls will be open all day, observing the hours of the general election. Registrars and judges appointed for the general election will serve for the primary on Saturday, June 2.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor are Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro; Richard T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount; and W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton county. Candidates for the nomination for commissioner of labor and printing are Frank D. Crist, present commissioner; M. L. Shipman, of Raleigh, former holder of the office; and O. J. Peterson, editor of the Chatham Record, of Pittsboro. All the candidates are outstanding Democrats and either will serve the party capably.

For Congress from the Seventh district, the present Congressman, William C. Hammer, of Asheboro, is opposed for the nomination by Mr. T. E. Battle, of Richmond county. This is the first time since his initial nomination that Mr. Hammer has had opposition in the primary.

Through the State wide primary Democratic voters of North Carolina have the opportunity to select nominees for the various State, county and district offices. This affords the Democrats a direct voice in the choice of their candidates. The Republicans have consistently ignored the State-wide primary, preferring always to nominate their tickets in convention instead of letting the rank and file of the party have a voice in choosing their nominees. The Democrat who does not take part in the primary and then is not satisfied with the action of his party has no right to kick. It is his privilege to take part in selecting candidates to make the race on the Democratic ticket. Every Democrat should feel it a privilege to vote in the primary and urge every other Democrat entitled to vote to take part also. The mere fact that there are few candidates to be voted for in the primary Saturday should not discourage full expression of the will of the Democratic voters. It is as important to choose the right man for even the smallest office as it is to see that the entire list of Democratic nominees to every office are the right men.

School Building Suffers Heavily From Vandalism

Sixty-nine window panes were broken out of the school building at a late hour Friday night. The vandalism is thought to have been the act of several boys of the town who stood on the outside and broke the panes by throwing rocks through them. Officers have been investigating the matter and those guilty are expected to be caught. Much indignation has been expressed locally over the act.

Penalty For Those Who Fail To List Their Poll

In the advertising columns of this week's issue, County Supervisor Hal M. Worth is calling attention to the fact that several persons have failed to list their property and poll with the list takers in the various townships of the county. Mr. Worth is advising those who have not listed to do so at the first opportunity before the books are closed, citing the penalty provided by law for failure to do so. The penalty for failure to list is indictment for misdemeanor and the levying of double poll tax on property owned and not listed.

Republican Delegates

Delegates to the Republican national convention at Kansas City from the Seventh Congressional district are Presley E. Brown, Wilkesboro; Herbert F. Seawell, Carthage; Alternates, J. D. Gregg, Liberty; C. E. Mocksley, Yadkinville.

Fiddlers' Convention

An old time fiddlers' convention will be held in the school auditorium at Seagrove on Saturday night, June 9th, beginning at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will go for benefit of the school. The public is invited.

Sunday School Class Social

Mrs. Winslow Walker and Mrs. O. P. Walker were hostesses to the Classer class of Mt. Shepherd Sunday school last Saturday evening at the home of the latter. Miss Alberta Hill, president of the class, presided over the business meeting, after which several cantatas were enjoyed. Cake and ice cream were served to the thirty people present. All members of the class were present, and those of the home of the hostess were very enjoyable.

To Clean Up Cemetery

It is requested that all who are interested in the cemetery at Charlotte church meet there Saturday, June 2, from 1 until 2 p. m., for the purpose of cleaning up the cemetery. If there are any who would prefer to help in the morning, these are requested to get ahead at that time.

25th Annual Old People's Day To Be Observed Sunday

Elaborate Program Arranged For The Event In Union Church At Worthville.

Next Sunday at the Union church at Worthville will be held Old People's Day. This will be the 25th anniversary of this event at Worthville. Every year the event attracts hundreds of people from all parts of Randolph county, and this year is expected to be no exception. Following is the program which will be rendered Sunday:

- 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School, Dr. C. Hubbard, Supt.
- 10:45 A. M.—Intermission.
- 11:00 A. M.—Song Service.
- 11:15 A. M.—Sermon by Pastor, Rev. E. C. Widenhouse.
- 12:00 A. M.—Dinner.
- 1:45 P. M.—Song Service.
- 2:00 P. M.—Address, Rev. J. M. Hilliard, High Point, N. C.
- 2:20 P. M.—Song.
- 2:25 P. M.—The Beauty of Growing Older, Rev. R. L. Melton, Granite Quarry, N. C.
- 2:45 P. M.—Song.
- 2:50 P. M.—Report of Memorial Committee, E. C. Williamson.
- 3:00 P. M.—Song.
- 3:10 P. M.—Volunteer Talks—What Old People's Day Has Meant To Me, led by W. E. Harrell.
- 3:30 P. M.—Song.
- Benediction.

Revival Services At Local Baptist Church Postponed

Evangelist Miller Ill—Date Set For Beginning Of Revival Is June 17th.

The revival meeting which was scheduled to begin at the Baptist church next Sunday, June 3, has been postponed for two weeks on account of the illness of the Evangelist Rev. L. H. Miller. The new dates are June 17-18. Plans are being made and forces are at work to make this one of the best meetings ever held here. "Miller Brothers", L. H., the preacher, and Charles O., the singer, whose headquarters are Charlotte, have been secured to hold the meeting. The men are with the evangelistic forces of the Southern Baptist Convention, and are eminently qualified for the work. They have just closed a meeting with the First Baptist church, Charlotte, in which there were over two hundred conversions and restorations. They are always in demand for meetings, and Asheboro should feel itself fortunate in being able to get such men.

Preaching services at night, only cottage prayer meetings will be held every afternoon. The town is being divided into districts with a prayer group in each, so that there will be at least five prayer meetings in progress at the same time. All of these services are open to the public, and the praying people of Asheboro are urged to unite in asking God's blessing on the town and people. Do not forget the date, June 17-18.

Ten farmers of Nash county will plant demonstration pastures this spring in an effort to begin livestock farming. Carpet grass, lespedeza and dallis grass will be the strains used.

J. Free Cranford To Face Charge Of Embezzlement

Was Arrested In High Point Tuesday Morning On Warrant Sworn Out Here.

Shortage Was \$21,000

But Was Made Good By Bonding Company After Auditors Had Re-checked Books.

J. Free Cranford, former sheriff of Randolph county, was arrested in High Point Tuesday morning on a warrant charging him with embezzlement of \$21,000 from the county while he was in office. The warrant was issued in Asheboro and sent to High Point for service. It was issued on complaint of one of the members of the board of county commissioners, W. C. Grimes. Shortly after his arrest, Mr. Cranford was released under bond of \$1,000, signed by his brother who lives in Greensboro, for appearance at preliminary hearing before Magistrate Hal M. Worth, in Asheboro, on June 11th.

The news of the arrest of Mr. Cranford came as a surprise to Asheboro people, only a few of whom knew of the issuing of the warrant until after the former sheriff was arrested. Mr. Cranford was elected sheriff of Randolph county in November, 1924, on the Republican ticket. He was renominated in 1926 and was one of the two Republicans who survived in the Democratic majority which was piled up for the other candidates. He resigned, however, in January, 1927, and was succeeded by J. A. Brady, present sheriff, who was appointed by the board of commissioners to fill out the unexpired term.

An audit of the books in Sheriff Cranford's office shortly after the election in 1926 disclosed that the sheriff was short in his accounts with the county. The new tax books were not turned over to Mr. Cranford and taxes for 1926 were collected by Sheriff Brady. Finally, when investigation of Mr. Cranford's office was concluded, the shortage was found to be in the neighborhood of \$31,000. Of this amount, however, approximately \$10,000 was represented in uncollected taxes, receipts for which were in the office. Deducting this amount from the sum due the county, the net shortage was approximately \$21,000. This was made good some time later by the bonding company, surety for the sheriff.

Mr. Cranford continued his residence on Salisbury street in Asheboro for several weeks after his resignation from the sheriff's office, but later moved to High Point, where he has been working as traveling salesman. News from High Point is to the effect that Mr. Cranford only recently had become candidate for the job of chief of police for High Point to succeed Roy Gibson, who resigned some weeks ago, and who died about 15 days ago.

The arrest of the former sheriff was a chief topic of conversation on the streets of Asheboro Tuesday, and is still being discussed pro and con. There was considerable wonder about the time the shortage was discovered as to why Mr. Cranford was not placed under arrest, but upon his removal to High Point little was said about that the bonding company is the moving force behind the arrest of the former sheriff.

Moser Elected Member Of Uwharrie Scout Council

At the annual meeting of the executive committee of the Uwharrie Council of Boy Scouts, held in the Sheraton hotel, High Point, Thursday night of last week, H. A. Mills was re-elected to serve his sixth term as president of the committee. J. E. Lambeth, of Thomasville, was re-elected first vice president, and J. V. Moffitt, of Lexington, re-elected third vice president. I. C. Moser, of Asheboro, was elected third vice president, and Garland Daniel, of High Point, secretary and treasurer. Rev. B. C. Reavis, of Asheboro, was a member of the nominating committee. Mr. Moser was appointed on the committee composed of himself, R. T. Amos, Austin Finch and J. V. Moffitt to work out a plan to relieve the Uwharrie camp of its present indebtedness. W. L. Ward, of Asheboro, actively identified with Scouting, attended the meeting also.

What Others Promise To Do, Hammer Has Done.

As a candidate for renomination and reelection I am running on my record and request a careful and impartial investigation.

The big problems of Education, Good Roads, Reduction of Taxation, Economy in the Administration of Government and other legislation beneficial to all the people shall continue to receive my best efforts.

Equal opportunities to all, favoritism and special privileges to none. I believe in the rule of the people and that all should have a voice in the management of public affairs.

When elected to Congress I pledged to my constituents to carry out the principles and policies of the Democratic party as expressed in its platform and that my constituents should have their will done.

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