

## Fate Of Hospital For Asheboro Will Be Decided Dec. 31

Which Is Date Set To Vote On Proposal For \$25,000 Issue Of Hospital Bonds.

### Heavy Registration

For The Election—Approximately 1,000 Voters Will Take Part In Election.

More than 1,000 voters have registered for the hospital bond election to be held in Asheboro on Tuesday, December 31st. Registration books are closed and only those who have had their names entered in the new registration are eligible to vote. The registration is considered a heavy one.

The campaign for the hospital bonds has been conducted quietly and on a dignified plane. The matter has been presented fairly and without bias and no hallyho has been resorted to in an effort to win votes for the proposition. Plain statements of fact have been made and the taxpayers and voters left to make up their own minds as to what they will do on next Tuesday. There is said to be little or no opposition to the proposal.

The gist of the matter is that Asheboro may secure a community hospital costing \$100,000 by the expenditure of \$25,000 in the form of serial bonds. The hospital committee advises that if the taxpayers of the city will vote the bonds, an additional \$25,000 will be raised by private subscription. On top of this, the Duke Foundation promises to contribute \$50,000, which will furnish a total of \$100,000 for the hospital project. The county agrees to furnish a certain sum each year for maintenance of charity beds in the institution, and the Duke Foundation agrees to furnish a dollar a day for each day a charity bed is occupied.

The hospital will not be alone for charity patients, however. It will be, if built, conducted along the lines of any first class institution. Those who can pay will pay rates prescribed by the superintendent of the institution. Those who can pay part will pay, just as in any hospital. Though, in each instance, the rates will likely be cheaper than in institutions not conducted on a community plan. The hospital board, which will have supervision over the institution will have no idea of operating a profit-making enterprise, but only of keeping the institution on a self-supporting basis, with modern equipment which is necessary to the conduct of a first class hospital.

Community hospitals have been built in various counties in the State through help of the Duke Foundation. One has been completed recently at Morganton and another at Marion. The Foundation has spent a million and a half dollars in the past short while in building hospitals and a large sum for maintenance. A part of this beneficence is offered Asheboro community, if the people of the city will meet the Foundation half way.

## 2 Unusual Requests Have Been Made Of Co. Welfare Officer

While the town of Asheboro now has a Community Chest for the first time, of which every citizen is justly proud and which is doing some splendid work not only at this Christmas season but of a permanent type, two appeals of unusual nature came in Saturday to T. Fletcher Bulla, welfare officer for Randolph county. Two boys from Randolph county who are in training schools wrote home for what they want for Christmas to Mr. Bulla. Jack York, a white boy who has been at the Eastern Carolina Training School for several years, wrote wanting a knife, socks and a hat. He is a boy of 16. The second request would be a little harder to fill, even if Mr. Bulla had funds, which he hasn't. J. B. Bangor, a colored boy at the Morrison Training School, wrote his Christmas letter "home," but wants an overcoat, automobile and lots more than is quite reasonable to ask of Santa Claus. Bangor is not a native of Randolph, but was found here with no home nor people and sent to the State institution.

### PRAYER CIRCLE WANTS TO PLAY ROLE OF SANTA CLAUS

A beautiful Christmas spirit is manifested by the members of the North Asheboro Prayer Circle No. 2. The members have asked that any child whom Santa Claus failed to remember notify The Courier, which will in turn notify the prayer circle, and a remembrance will be sent.

### FUNERAL FRIDAY FOR MRS. MOLCY NEESE, 86

Funeral services for Mrs. Molcy Neese, widow of William Neese who was held at New Hope church last Friday afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Neese conducted the services.

Mrs. Neese was 86 years old and had been in declining health for some time. She was a charter member of New Zion M. P. church.

About twenty years ago her husband died in Illinois where they were then living. Mrs. Neese returned to Randolph county where she spent the remainder of her life.

## Christmas Week Starts Off With Blanket Of Snow

Fall Of Sleet And Snow Sunday Was General From Carolinas To Texas.

### Few Bad Accidents

No Deaths Reported In This Vicinity, But Several Deaths In Other States.

Christmas week got off to a rather colorful start Sunday in Randolph county and North Carolina generally, when snow and sleet blanketed the greater part of the State. Snow was prevalent in the western and central portions of the State and in the eastern part there was plenty of sleet. Snow began falling in Asheboro early Sunday morning and continued throughout the day, until it was succeeded by rain and hail, which formed an icy coating over the ground and everything else touched.

The sleet made the streets of the city difficult for traffic Monday and the sidewalks except in the business part of the city, which were cleared of their icy coating, were too smooth for safe walking. Chains were in evidence on car wheels, and those that did not have them were skidding about on the ice-covered concrete and asphalt. There were several minor car accidents, but none of any consequence. Several pedestrians were unable to keep their footing, but no bones were broken in falls.

The temperature remained low all day Monday and there was little melting of the snow and ice except about the middle of the evening. Enough snow stayed on the ground, however, to make traffic difficult Tuesday. Roads in the county were made dangerous for traffic, and when the snow and sleet melts mud will take the place of ice. However, hundreds of late Christmas shoppers braved the elements Monday, and there was quite a crowd of shoppers in Asheboro.

No deaths were reported in the county from accidents, but in other parts of the State and in other Southern states, since the snow and sleet extended from the Carolinas to Texas, many accidents were reported involving the deaths of several persons.

## Evander Ward Being Held Awaiting Action Of Montgomery Jury

Still Sticks To Story That Wife Committed Suicide—Is A Wounded War Vet.

Evander Ward, world war veteran, farmer and carpenter, who is in Montgomery county jail, charged with the murder of his wife on the night of December 4th, will stay there until the regular grand jury convenes on January 20th. Ward was arrested last week after the body of his wife had been exhumed from Dover church cemetery and a coroner's inquest held. Ward claimed his wife had committed suicide by burning herself to death after having poured kerosene over the bedclothes. But the coroner found evidences of her having been choked and beaten.

Ward still sticks to the suicide story and nonchalantly smokes cigarettes in the Montgomery county jail. He served in the world war and has a wound in the calf of one of his legs which has never healed and requires dressing each day.

The dead woman, 29 years of age, was the mother of two children, a boy about ten years of age and a girl about 8. The little girl, late for school on the morning of Dec. 5th when her mother was found dead in bed, is said to have told her teacher that she was late that morning at school because "I didn't sleep much last night. Papa beat and choked mama all night long."

## College Students Are Home For Christmas

Among the boys and girls who are attending the various colleges in this and other states and who are home for the Christmas holidays are the following: Misses Emma Rice, Beatrice Lewallen, Nettie Alice Wood, Helen Bennett, Alice Lewallen, Fern Way, Margaret Hammond, Pearl Sykes, N. C. G. W., Greensboro, Henrietta Underwood, University, Chapel Hill, Carrie Parks, Fasnfern, Dorothy Whitaker, Queen's college, Charlotte, Louise Swaim, Betsy Armfield, Salem college, Winston-Salem, Messia, Reid His, George Burkhead, Jesse Tyson, John T. Humble, Walter Hammond, State college, Raleigh, James Cox, Guilford college, Albion Armfield, Arthur Ross, Jr., Davidson college, Henry Redding, University, Chapel Hill, John Redding, Pennsylvania Medical college, Philadelphia, Pa.

### WEIGHT REPORT GIVEN FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Following is the weight report of the local school for the past week as recorded in the health campaign being conducted by the school management:

Enrollment in high school, 228; No. pupils weighed 226; pupils normal weight 41, or 14 per cent; pupils underweight, 133, or 66 per cent; pupils overweight, 52, or 24 per cent; pupils 10 pounds underweight, 53, or 23 per cent; pupils 15 pounds overweight, 21, or 9 per cent.



Pausing amid the rush and bustle of Christmas shopping, Christmas giving, and Christmas traveling. The Courier would like to give a wish to each reader and a sincere hope that the Christmas time will be a happy time in each home when people forget business and gather for a reunion of loved ones. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve our readers and we pledge our best efforts for the coming year, and a wish for that prosperity, good health and happiness may come and abide with each one.

## THE COURIER

### Listen In, Santa Claus, Randolph County Children Are Broadcasting Their Wishes

Caraway, N. C. Trinity, N. C., Dec. 5, 1929.  
Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll and carriage and some apples and some nuts.  
Mabel Jester.

Caraway, N. C. Erect, N. C.  
Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old and in the first grade at school. I want you to come and see me Christmas and bring me some apples, oranges, candies, raisins, nigger toes, peanuts, English walnuts; and a pretty doll carriage also. Remember my little sister, Frances. Your friend, Cary Brown.

Trinity, N. C., Dec. 10, 1929.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl in the first grade at Trinity school. I like to go to school. Mrs. E. M. Mason is my teacher. Please bring me a doll and doll carriage, candy and nuts. Don't forget my sisters and brothers.  
Your friend, Marjorie Mitchell.

Trinity, N. C.  
P. S. I forgot to tell you that you could not get down our chimney, so I will leave the door unlocked for you.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus, I go to school every day. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a wagon, apples, English walnuts and some negroes. I want a gun, too. Thank you for everything you bring.  
Your friend, Joseph Woosley Bouldin.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I will write a letter to tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a car that will run. I want a ball and lots of candy and toys. Now I will go to sleep. Good night.  
Herman Vuncannon.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. Please bring me a set of dishes and a doll bed and all kinds of nuts, apples, oranges and candy.  
With love, Virginia Kinley.

Caraway, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and a doll bed, and forks and knives and spoons, apples, candy, oranges and all kinds of nuts. With love, Pauline Earnhart.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a tricycle, candy, fruits and nuts. With love to you.  
Joseph Briles.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a car and apples, bananas, and candy and grapes.  
With love, Coy Crotts.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and a bed and candy, nuts and apples, oranges, fruits, grapes, raisins.  
With love, Hazel.

Caraway, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. Please bring me a doll and sweater, fruits, nuts and candy.  
With love, Bertha Rush.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a set of dishes, a doll and a dresser. Plenty of nuts, apples, oranges and candy and raisins.  
With love, Carlene Pierce.

Caraway, N. C., Dec. 5, 1929.  
Please bring me a big doll and a doll bed, some candy, nuts, oranges, and apples too.  
With love, Dorothy Brown.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me some oranges, apples, candy, car, whistle, knife and raisins. With love, Lawrence Earnhart.

Ramseur, N. C., Dec. 18, 1929.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 6 years old. I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, apples, oranges, candy, nuts and lots of things good and please remember Grandma, 81 years old.  
Your little boy, Clyde Cheek.

Trinity, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me some oranges, apples, candy, car, whistle, knife and raisins. With love, Lawrence Earnhart.

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## Mr. Hammer Would Relieve Farmers In Stricken Areas

Introduces Bill In Congress To Make Federal Aid Available To Distressed Farmers.

### Reasons For The Bill

Storms And Floods In Several Southern States Leave Farmers In sad Shape.

Representative William C. Hammer, of the seventh North Carolina district, has introduced a bill in Congress with the following provisions:

Whereas, owing to the distressed economic condition of the storm stricken areas of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, Florida and Alabama caused by the floods of 1928 and excessive rains of 1928 and 1929 in said states, Congress enacted a law authorizing the secretary of agriculture to make advances or loans to the farmers of said areas for the purpose of enabling them to purchase seed and fertilizer and to cultivate crops for the year 1929; and

Whereas, said act was of great help to many farmers of said states by enabling them to make a living and operate their farms; and

Whereas, owing to the low price of farm products and excessive rains in said states, practically the entire proceeds of the borrowers' crop will be used to repay the said advances leaving the farmers in practically the same financial condition and many in worse financial condition, owing to the unusually excessive rains in said states in the summer of 1929, especially so with those farmers in the stricken area who failed to apply for and receive aid as provided in the act of February 1929, that they were in at the beginning of the year 1929.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the act of Congress entitled, "Joint resolution for the relief of farmers in the storm and flood stricken areas of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama," approved February 25, 1929, and fully set out in United States statutes at large, 70th Congress, volume 45, chapter 318, be, and same is hereby, re-enacted and

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## Two Asheboro Boys Seriously Hurt In Automobile Accident

Benton Skeen and Lester Maness Both Suffer Broken Legs In Mishap.

Benton Skeen and Lester Maness, Asheboro young men, were badly injured Friday night about 10 o'clock in an automobile-motorcycle collision about a mile below the Coble filling station on the Asheboro-High Point highway. The right legs of both boys were broken when the motorcycle they were riding ran into the front end of a truck belonging to the Glensia Brick Company.

The boys were taken to Guilford General Hospital, High Point, for treatment. It was found there that they were suffering also from severe bruises about parts of their bodies. Another boy riding with them was not hurt.

According to information obtained about the accident, the truck and motorcycle collided when the truck started to turn into a side road. The boys were headed toward Asheboro and had just moved over to the left side of the road to go around the truck when it started to turn.

Young Maness is the son of Paul Maness, of Asheboro, while Skeen is the grandson of John Skeen, also of this place.

## Mr. E. L. Cetwick Goes To Former Home For Christmas Vacation

Mr. Leo Cetwick left Friday night for New York City for a few days' visit before going to his former home at Bradford, Pa., where he will spend Christmas with his family. His sister, Miss Clara Cetwick, who was very painfully injured in an automobile accident at Thanksgiving and has been in a hospital at Salamanca, N. Y., ever since, was taken to the Cetwick home at Bradford, Pa., Thursday, but the many friends of Miss Cetwick will regret to learn that she will be forced to remain in bed for another six weeks. Miss Minnie Cetwick, also of Asheboro, is with her sister. Mr. Cetwick will return to Asheboro in about ten days.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHURCHES IN RANDLEMAN

Randleman Dec. 23.—The Christmas entertainment at the Baptist church here was presented Friday evening. The program included "Star Led Pilgrims," which was interspersed with music and recitations by children. The program at the St. Paul M. E. church was presented Saturday evening, and proved most delightful. The Naomi M. E. church program was presented Sunday evening, while that at the Christian church will be presented Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening the Mt. Lebanon M. P. church will hold its Christmas services.

## Christmas Services Were Given Sunday At Various Churches

Vesper Services At 3 Churches Feature Christmas Idea—Good Sermons Also.

The churches in Asheboro held Christmas services Sunday with sermons bearing on the Christmas topic with appropriate music at the eleven o'clock services. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon vesper services were held in three of the churches at which time Christmas music predominated. At the First Methodist church, a varied program of music was given by the church choir. This was made up of anthems, duets and a double quintet, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis.

At the Methodist Protestant church at the same hour the choir presented a Christmas cantata, "His Natal Day," which was a very tuneful production and very well rendered.

A pageant, "The Light of the World," was presented at the Presbyterian church at the same hour also. This pageant combined as it was with Christmas greens, portrayed the Christmas story effectively. The music in all these services showed unusual work on the parts of the choirs and gave pleasure to the various congregations.

At the evening church hour at the Friends church, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. John Permar, a diversified program of music was given, which was another treat for the music lovers of Asheboro.

## Injuries In Strange Accident Are Fatal To Asheboro Negro

Dragged To Death When Caught Underneath Car—Accident Last Thursday.

James Staley, well known colored man of Asheboro, died in Richardson hospital, Greensboro, Saturday morning from the effects of injuries received in a most unusual accident at the home of E. H. Cranford Thursday night. Staley had been doing some work about the Cranford premises during the day, and was delayed in starting home until dark when he found his car had developed a flat tire. He repaired the leak in the tire and cranked the machine to start home. The automobile slipped in gear and dragged Staley across a hedge and almost across the Cranford lot nearly to the street before it dropped him at a depression in the ground. He was caught underneath the front axle of the car, which was slung low.

Staley's right leg was badly mutilated, his chest was crushed and some of his ribs were fractured and broken. Ligaments in his legs and back were strained and pulled out of place, and his entire body badly bruised. The car, after dropping Staley, careened across the Cranford lot, over across the street and struck a car in front of the Nance Chevrolet Company's garage, the impact turning the machine back across the street where it came to a stop only after it had crashed into a telephone pole.

### HONORS IN SCOUTING

Peyton Moffitt, of High Point, a high school graduate at 15 and the possessor of 42 medals in scouting, is being entered by Scout Executive Bunn Hackney as candidate for the Harmon foundation scholarship award from the Uwharrie Council. Young Moffitt plans to enter college next fall.

### BOOTLEG WHISKEY MAKES GOOD ANTI-FREEZE MIXTURE

The sheriff of Buncombe county has saved a hundred dollars or more the past few weeks in utilizing bootleg whiskey instead of alcohol in radiators of county cars to prevent freezing. A bichloride of mercury tablet is dissolved in each radiator to prevent the thirsty from draining them.

### County Home Is Presented A Radio For Christmas

The holiday season for the inmates of the county home was made brighter this Christmas when a radio was bought by popular subscription and presented the institution. Several days ago a committee was appointed to solicit funds for the purpose, and the campaign met with splendid success. The committee was composed of W. L. Ward, chairman, and Mrs. C. L. Cranford, Mrs. J. S. Lewis, and Misses Rilla Spoon, Nan Lowdermilk and Annie Leigh Hall.

### Marriage Licenses Going Slowly In Holiday Season

The marriage mart in Randolph will have to pick up some during the remaining days of December if it is to be of any consequence. So far during the month only 24 licenses have been issued, an average of one a day. During the year to date, 238 licenses to marry have been issued in the county. The Register of Deeds feels that during the Christmas season enough licenses will be issued to bring the total for the month to 35 or 40. Several applications for licenses are pending at this time.

Representative Kerr of North Carolina has introduced a bill in Congress asking for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose of procuring for the government a marble bust of the late Representative Claude Kitchen of North Carolina, who served so ably in Congress for a number of years.

## Brief Paragraphs Of Important News For Busy Readers

Former Governor A. W. McLean Says He Will Not Oppose Simmons In Primary.

### Tobacco Sales Heavy

Sales On Wilson Market Go Over 80,000,000 Pounds—Heavy At Winston Also.

Former Governor A. W. McLean has set rumors to rest regarding his candidacy for the United States Senate against Senator Simmons. Mr. McLean declared emphatically last week that he was engaged in banking and other business and had no political bees buzzing in his bonnet.

Sales so far on the Wilson tobacco market, largest bright leaf market in the world, have reached 81,153,596 pounds, which have been sold for \$16,543,945, an average of \$20.38 per hundred.

Winston-Salem tobacco sales so far this season have reached 49,053,146 pounds, at an average of \$17.56 per hundred.

Statisticians have figured that 41 per cent of the wealth of the United States is controlled by women.

Dr. J. E. Hobgood, formerly of Thomasville but for several years past a member of the staff of the State hospital at Morganton, died Friday afternoon after a few hours' illness with paralysis. He was a son of the late Dr. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, a well known educator.

Mrs. N. W. Lanier, of Cid, died of apoplexy Thursday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and four daughters.

One of the largest deals in the Piedmont section of the State was that last week when the Entwistle Manufacturing Company bought the two large mills of the Roberdel Manufacturing Co. at Rockingham, the transaction involving about a quarter of a million dollars.

Mrs. C. N. Royals, of Davidson county, died in a High Point hospital Sunday morning after an operation and confinement for several weeks. She was nearly 70 years old. One of her three surviving daughters is Mrs. E. E. Hardy, of Denton.

Mrs. Camilla Brewer, 58, wife of J. F. Brewer, of High Point, died Thursday morning after a brief illness from heart trouble. She was native of Moore county.

The United States is now connected by air mail routes with 22 foreign countries.

Congressman William A. Kaynor, of Massachusetts, and four others were killed in an airplane crash in Washington, D. C., Friday. The Congressman had started home for the Christmas holidays.

According to estimates made by the state department of education, 900,000 children are taking their Christmas vacation from school this week.

## Congress Disposed Of Large Amount Work Before The Holidays

Congress, which has recessed for the two weeks Christmas vacation, set a fast pace for work in the first three weeks of its regular session. The pre-Christmas record shows four pieces of major legislation. These are the \$160,000,000 federal tax cut, the veterans hospitalization bill, the French war debt settlement and the bill extending indefinitely the life of the radio commission. The Senate also settled the Vore case from Pennsylvania by denying a seat to Senator-elect Vore. Congress will convene after the Christmas holidays on January 6.

## Penalty On County Taxes Is Effective On First Day February

Those who pay their county taxes during the rest of this month and during the month of January may pay them at par. But beginning February 1st and extending through the month, a penalty of one per cent will be applied. The penalty increases one per cent each month until taxes are paid, or until the annual tax sale. For instance, the penalty in March will be 2 per cent; April, 3 per cent; and May, 4 per cent.

Several score taxpayers took advantage of the discounts offered during the past two months, and as a result saved several dollars for themselves and put a sizeable amount of money in the county's coffers.

### Card of Thanks

Through the columns of The Courier we desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the sickness and death of our darling baby, Cecil. We also wish to thank Dr. J. E. Hobgood, of Asheboro, who with us as faithfully as Dr. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, N. C., served us so ably in our hour of need.