

Board Postpones 1930 Revaluation Land In Randolph

County Assessor, A. N. Bulla, To Hold Up Work Until Further Notice.

Abolish A Job

Position Assistant Court Clerk Abolished Effective Dec. 31, Inst.

The board of commissioners for Randolph county, in regular monthly meeting in the court house in Asheboro Monday, instructed A. N. Bulla, county tax assessor, to postpone revaluation of real estate until further notice from the board.

The board abolished the office of assistant clerk of the Superior Court, effective December 31, 1930. The board had served notice on December 1 to the Clerk that this office would be abolished, but the employee was continued on the job.

It was ordered by the board that bills for all turkeys killed in the county by dogs be presented the game commission, which receives half of the dog tax collected in the county.

The road supervisor, J. C. Kirkman, was instructed by the board to investigate the building of a new road from New Hope Academy in a westerly direction to the Davidson county line.

Wood Makes Exit From Front Page—Enter Dick Croker

And His Pal, Bill Payne, Who Have Been At Large From Prison For Some Time.

Exit Otto Wood from the limelight and the columns of the daily press—enter Richard Croker and Bill Payne. A news story in the Greensboro Daily News of Sunday indicates that the two were seen in Greensboro early Saturday morning when they staged a little nonsensical play in two small Greensboro hotels.

Whatever officers know about Croker and Payne, they are keeping it to themselves. It is thought that too much talk about this pair has already resulted in their playing outside prison walls too long.

It was reported not long ago that Jack Borden and his wife, nee Essie Foster, were at large, but Jack stopped this talk in short order by writing an epistle to the papers from a State prison camp. But neither the papers nor the officers have been taken into the confidence of Richard Croker and his pal, Big Bill Payne.

PLAY AT FARMER TO BE GIVEN JANUARY 10TH

Farmer, Jan. 5.—The play, "The Path Across the Hill," which was to have been presented by the Farmer consolidated school faculty, on December 19th, was postponed on account of the snow, and will be given on Saturday night, January 10th, at 7:30.

This is an excellent play, and much time has been given to its preparation. The admission is 15 and 25 cents, and the proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the school.

The price of cotton on the New Orleans market is the lowest since 1914 and 25¢ a bale less than a year ago.

The Congress of the United States adjourned Monday after the Christmas holidays. The term will close on March 10th.

Population Shows A Decided Trend To Incorporated Towns

Net Increase Of 47.4 Per Cent Of Incorporated Towns And Cities In The State.

The movement of population from the rural districts to the incorporated towns and cities, marked the past twenty years in the northern section of the United States, is no less noticeable in the South during the past ten years. In North Carolina, the 1930 census shows 1,072,309 people living in towns and cities, a net increase of 47.4 per cent during ten years.

The population of all incorporated towns in Randolph county as shown by the 1930 census reached 11,634. This total population in towns in Randolph is not more than enough to make one fair-sized town, but it represents an increase of 43.6 per cent in ten years, which, of course, was many times larger than the rural population increase. Drift to cities is more noticeable in 33 other counties than in Randolph.

Quail In County Befriended During Recent Cold Spell

Over Two Thousand Pounds Of Grain Put Out During Snow In Various Parts County.

By Game Commission

Which Has Also Encouraged Killing Of Hawks And Crows That Prey On Wild Game.

During the recent siege of bad weather and snow, the Randolph county game commission has endeavored to take care of the quail in the county, and prevent a possibility of their starving.

Over two thousand pounds of feed was put out in different sections, the commission buying the feed, and distribution made by county game warden R. C. Lovell.

In addition to befriending game in times of emergency, the commission for the last two years has been striving to bring about better hunting conditions, and better understanding and closer cooperation between the sportsman, farmer and land owner.

The county commission works with, and is encouraged and helped by the State Department of Conservation and Development. The State department recognizes the value of such a commission, and urges every county to have one.

The Randolph county commission is composed of three members, A. O. Ferree, of Asheboro, chairman; Dr. M. G. Edwards, of Asheboro; and A. W. Craven, of Ramseur.

The activities and accomplishments of these commissioners over the past two years is highly gratifying, considering the fact that funds for carrying on work are limited. Over the past two years approximately 5,000 hawk heads have been bought, and thousands of crow heads, the commission paying twenty-five cents each for hawk heads, and fifteen cents each for crow heads.

Number Marriages In Randolph Showed Decrease Past Year

A total of 166 marriage licenses was issued during 1930 from the office of E. A. Routh, Register of Deeds for Randolph county. This number was 80 less than that of 1929, which ran up a total of 246. The year 1929 was more prosperous than 1930, but whether this had anything to do with the number of marriage licenses issued, nobody is saying, merely letting the figures speak for themselves.

The month of December topped the proverbial popular month of June by 26 to 11, or more than two to one. In fact, more licenses were issued in December than in any other month of the year. Totals by months were: January, 8; February, 13; March, 8; April, 14; May, 11; June, 11; July, 18; August, 14; September, 19; October, 11; November, 13; and December, 26.

DEMOCRATS SHORT BIG SUM IN CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Expenditures of the Democratic national committee during 1930 amounted to \$612,647, while the Republican committee spent \$315,168. The Anti-Saloon League reported expenditures for the year amounting to \$6,762. Both the major party committees ended the year with deficits, the Democratic deficit amounting to \$466,323, most of which represents a carry over from the 1929 campaign.

Ramseur Suffers Heavily In Death Of Jas. M. Brewer

Served Town As Marshal For Many Years, And Was A Balance Wheel In Community.

Business Hopeful

Stocks Of Goods Down, And Factories Running Part Time Hope To Get To Normal.

Ramseur, Jan. 5.—In the death of Mr. Jas. Madison Brewer, whose passing was recorded in last week's Courier, our community lost a good man and one who has served the town in the useful capacity of marshal and deputy and as a loyal citizen years ago and up to a ripe old age.

Name Architect To Draw Plan For County Hospital

Eric G. Flanagan, Of Henderson, Architect Selected By Building Committee.

Will Build Soon

Expected To Start Work On Building By Middle Of March—Plans In Six Weeks.

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Dr. George H. Sumner Is Re-Elected Health Officer For Randolph

The Randolph county board of health met Monday in Asheboro and re-elected Dr. George H. Sumner as county health officer for another term of two years. Prior to the election of Dr. Sumner, the board met and re-elected Dr. C. S. Tate, of Ramseur, and Dr. J. V. Hunter, of Asheboro, as the two professional members.

Escaped Prisoner Taken At Tobacco Barn By Hendricks

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School Board Will Furnish Additional Truck For Trinity

Very little business came before the Randolph county board of education at its regular monthly meeting in the court house in Asheboro Monday, January 5th. Request from Trinity consolidated school for another truck was granted, provided the extra expense can be financed.

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Annual Meeting Of Chamber Commerce Called For Feb. 10th

The annual meeting and banquet of the Chamber of Commerce will be held February 10th at about 7 o'clock in the evening. Dr. J. M. Rowland, of Richmond, Va., is expected to deliver the annual address. He is a very able speaker and will no doubt be entertained and instructive.

General Assembly Begins Sessions In State Capital

Democratic Caucus Selects Willis Smith, Of Wake County, As Speaker Of House.

Few G. O. P. Members

Only Two Are In Senate And Five In House, One Of Whom Is From Randolph County.

The North Carolina general assembly convened in biennial session in the Capitol at Raleigh yesterday at noon. Willis Smith, of Raleigh, a member of the legislature from Wake County, presided as speaker of the House, while Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain wielded the gavel in the State Senate.

Recent Heavy Snow Of Much Benefit To County's Grain Crop

Ammonia And Other Necessary Chemical Agents Furnished Crops By Coat Of Snow.

Benefit of the recent heavy snow to farmers is said to have been large, especially benefit to small grain crops. While the snow was blocking traffic in the towns and cities, cutting down the Christmas shopping to the resultant loss to merchants, it was at the same time filtering ammonia and other chemicals from the atmosphere, warming and fertilizing the soil and giving the newly sown grain and other crops a new lease on life.

Women's Federation Launch Movement To Beautify The Roads

The State Federation of Women's Clubs has launched a movement to beautify around the rural mail boxes along the highways of the State. Mrs. J. D. Ross, of the local club, is chairman of the committee and hopes that the owners of the boxes along the Randolph county highways will cooperate in this movement.

K. P. Darby Badly Hurt In Accident On New Year's Day

K. P. Darby, of Aberdeen, well known in Asheboro, is in the Moore county hospital at Pinehurst in a precarious condition as the result of injuries sustained on New Year's day when the car in which he was riding was struck by a Seaboard Air Line train at the main crossing in Aberdeen.

Andrews Residence In Hoke County Is Destroyed By Fire

The Hoke county residence of R. R. Andrews, of Asheboro, a deputy sheriff under Sheriff King, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The house, a one-story frame structure, had been occupied by a tenant until three or four days prior to the fire, and was, therefore, not occupied at the time of the blaze.

Pastures Pay Well

The average feed cost to produce 100 pounds of milk for three herds while off pasture was \$2.51 and while on pasture was \$1.82, reports county agent Kope Elias of Mecklenburg county.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our darling child—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allred.

Randolph Parent-Teacher Council To Hold Meet March 20

At Liberty High School With Delegates From All Local Organizations.

The executive committee of the Randolph Parent-Teacher council met at the court house Saturday, January 3, for its first meeting since the organization of the council on December 6. The following officers were present: L. A. King, of Seagrave, president; Mrs. D. C. Holt, of Liberty, vice president; Miss Carrie Cranford, of Trinity, secretary; L. H. Mitchell, of Franklinville, treasurer; and T. P. Bulla, county superintendent of schools.

The committee made plans for the council to have a dinner meeting at Liberty high school on March 20. All schools which have Parent-Teacher association will be invited to send delegates to this meeting.

It was decided that as a project, the council will attempt to bring about the affiliation of all locals with state and national associations. It is hoped that this central unit will create more enthusiasm among the existing associations and will sell the idea to those communities which have no such organization.

Series Of Chapel Programs Planned For Local School

Monday And Tuesday For Grammar Grades, Wednesday And Thursday Hi School.

Definite Aims

Of The Programs To Develop The Best Character Traits Possible In The Pupils.

The superintendent and faculty of the local schools have planned a series of programs for home room and chapel programs with definite aims. The two principal aims are as follows: (1) To form a climax to the class room work, which leading educators say should culminate in the assembly; (2) To develop the best character traits possible.

On Monday and Thursday of each week, the grammar grades hold their assembly in the auditorium; on Tuesdays, the primary grades; on Wednesdays, the high school.

Yesterday morning the Rev. A. P. Brantley, Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, addressed the high school in the auditorium. This morning the Rev. R. C. Stubbins, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, talked to the grammar grades at the chapel hour. The various pastors of the town have kindly consented to address the school from time to time on topics vital to character building and successful living in the twentieth century.

This week the home programs in the high school center around topics having to do with "National Better Speech Week." On Friday a short play exemplifying some of the benefits of "better speech" will be presented in chapel. Next week the general topic for home room and chapel programs will be "Development of Character Traits Through Mathematics." The grades also give programs on the same topics.

All patrons and friends of the school are invited at all times.

Rev. Brantley To Conduct Series Of Studies Of Bible

Beginning Wednesday evening at 7:30 Rev. A. P. Brantley, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Asheboro, will conduct a series of studies of the Bible through pictures. The pictures used in these lectures were made by Bible students in the Holy Land, depicting true conditions of various sections of the Holy Land thus presenting the traditions which have come down through the centuries in a vivid manner. These studies will greatly increase the knowledge of those who hear the lectures and enhance faith in the scriptures.

MRS B. F. BRITAIN IS RECOVERING FROM HURTS

Mrs. B. F. Britain is recovering satisfactorily from injuries received Friday night, December 26, when the car in which she was riding with her husband and Misses Virginia and Florence Britain and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Harrington was struck at the intersection of North Fayetteville and Salisbury streets by a car driven by W. H. James, of Lexington. Mrs. Britain suffered a bad cut over the eye and two cracked ribs, while Mrs. Harrington suffered a shoulder injury. Miss Virginia Britain suffered bruises.

ICE CREAM MEN SEE PROSPERITY FOR 1931

The North Carolina ice cream manufacturers' association in meeting at Pinehurst this week are optimistic over outlook for the immediate future, and expect business in 1931 to be well on the way back to normal. A strong note of optimism was sounded by all members of the association who have suffered along with other business men during the period of depression in 1930. The general theme at the meeting was that in order to help promote good business, all members of the association should talk it.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

Superintendent R. J. Hilker, of the city schools, announces that all children who became six years old by January 1, 1931, will be allowed to enter school for the spring term. All parents having such children whom they wish to send to school are urged to send them to school on Monday, January 12, so they may lose no time in beginning work.

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Meeting Is Held

With Large Attendance—Association In Better Financial Shape Than Usual.

40 Ct. Levy Made

On Nearly Three Millions Of Insurance In Force—All Officers Were Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the Randolph county branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina was held in the court house in Asheboro Monday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock, with a large number of policy holders present. T. S. Bouldin, of Trinity, president of the county association, called the meeting to order and presided over the session.

Feature of the meeting was the reading of the secretary and treasurer's annual report and the making of the 1931 assessment. This annual assessment was fixed at 40 cents on the \$100 insurance. The regular assessment in 1930 was 30 cents, but an addition special levy of 20 cents had to be made during that year to offset heavy fire and wind storm losses in the disastrous year of 1929. The 1931 assessment will prevail on insurance in force amounting to \$2,735,240 among nearly 2,000 policyholders, and on all new business written during the year.

The report of the secretary and treasurer indicated that the association had realized a very good year during 1930, in which conservation was the keynote, and during which time the association found itself more than \$5,000 better off financially than it was a year ago. Much of the heavy loss of 1929 had been paid during the year, though a part of it is

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Bank Situation To Emerge With Profit From 1930 Failures

The U. S. will emerge from the 1930 depression with the "strongest banking situation we have ever enjoyed," according to Rome C. Stephenson, president of the American Bankers' Association, in a statement issued Monday from New York City. He asserted that most of the closed banks will pay in full or in large part the amount lost by depositors in their closing. Most of the failures are the result of unsound banking practice, he declared, and that the disasters of 1930 will have a beneficial effect on the whole banking structure of the country.

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