

Building Committee Pushes Plans For Asheboro's Community Center

Calls For Expenditure Of Approximately \$42,000 To Be Spent On Building, Site.

Community Needs Stressed In Plans

A Building That Would Serve Urgent Needs Of The Town; Detailed Plan Is Given.

Asheboro's Community Building looms into reality as the architects plans are approved, pictures of the building appear, and local committees work valiantly toward the beginning of actual work upon the building that will fill a long-felt need in the life of the town. Albert Woodroof, architect, held a conference with Charles McCrary Tuesday and completed arrangements for the construction of the building.

An interview with Mr. McCrary and Mr. Woodroof reveals that the building will be a most practical one, as well presenting a handsome exterior, as is shown on this page.

The design is what architects call conservative moderne. The approximate cost of the building and lot will be \$42,000. The design calls for a blended red brick with a finish and trim of limestone, the flat faces of which are to be relieved by modernistic ornament in low relief.

The plan for the interior is a direct and simple one and will doubtless work into a very usable building. On the main floor is an auditorium with a seating capacity of 700. A balcony runs around three sides of this room, making it adaptable for assemblies, plays and entertainments of all kinds, as well as a gymnasium. A stage 20 by 60 feet is another feature of this room.

Facing the street there will be a large room to be used as a general office, a library or public reading room, and commodious offices for the Chamber of Commerce. Above the offices there will be an assembly room 30 by 44 feet suitable for club meetings, civic meetings and banquets. A modern kitchen adjoins the assembly room as do three other rooms that may be used as ante rooms or offices.

Under the gymnasium will be a large swimming pool, with space on either side, locker and shower rooms for men and women, boiler rooms, toilets, etc.

Committees Busy
A general committee composed of Charles McCrary, Harris Birkhead, Carl Page, Lee Kearns, Davis Cranford, Cleveland Thayer and J. D. Ross have been active on this project for some time, seeing the need of Asheboro for such a building. Many citizens who are not actively working for the building are greatly in sympathy with such a movement and will aid when the opportunity presents itself.

Since the plans are settled, there is a sub committee composed of Harris Birkhead, J. D. Ross, Carl Page and Cleveland Thayer, to secure a lot upon which to locate the building. Several lots have been offered, but people who have property that would be suitable are asked to communicate with a member of the committee.

Definite plans for financing the plan are now being worked out by the general committee and will be made public soon so that within a short time work will be started on this community plan which will materialize into a splendid community building.

Juniors Appoint A School Committee At Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Asheboro council No. 199, Jr. O. U. A. M., was held Tuesday night, March 6. After the business was finished the doors of the council room were opened to visitors. The Bulla quartet rendered several selections of old time melodies. The most enjoyable of these was a solo, "The Old Spinning Wheel," by Will Dickens. Edgar Thomas and Vernon Phillips furnished instrumental music. Members of the order desire to thank the entertainers for their delightful program.

The local council meets every Tuesday night and all visiting Juniors are welcome to attend. This council will put on a class initiation program March 20th. All neighboring councils are welcome to bring their candidates to this meeting. Have them sign the pledge book at their home council and we will do the rest. Asheboro has six candidates already for that date.

The following special committee was appointed to confer with other committees of the P. O. S. of A., Chamber of Commerce and American Legion in regard to improving our local school conditions: D. B. McCrary, J. H. Hurley, E. W. Morgan.

To Give Program Here
The High Point High School Symphony Orchestra, directed by Miss Virginia B. Frank, will give a program in the local school auditorium, next Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock. There is no charge for admission, and the people of the town are cordially invited to come out and hear these young people. The personnel of the orchestra includes 45 players.

Randolph County CWA Workers Get Numbers Reduced

Randolph county CWA workers got another cut in numbers this week, with a reduction from 355 workers to 319, effective tonight. Those still working get a reduction in wages, this having become effective March 2. This wage scale is 80 cents an hour for skilled workers, 50 cents for semi-skilled and 30 cents an hour for unskilled. Workers in Asheboro township get 24 hours work each week and those outside Asheboro township 15 hours weekly.

The number of workers has been reduced to the point that only a dozen projects are under way and these are to be dropped as soon as they can be completed or gotten to the point they can be stopped with advantage gained by the work already done. The airport is one of the projects still under way, with the possibility of its being dropped before it is completed in entirety, unless there comes another ruling from the national civil works administration.

American Legion To Celebrate Founding On March Fifteenth

At Banquet With Auxiliary Members As Guests; Legion Favors Community Building
The regular monthly meeting of Dixon Post No. 45, American Legion, was held in the Legion hall Tuesday night, presided over by A. E. Presnell, commander. Reports were heard from the school committee, the hut committee and other committees appointed at former meetings of the post.

A matter brought to the attention of the Legion in connection with the proposal to build a Legion hut was that of throwing Legion support to the proposed community house instead, and renting a hall in this building for Legion purposes. This idea appeared to meet with the approval of the post, and a committee was appointed to confer with the community building committee with this in view. Three members of the Legion are members of the committee considering the community building.

Since March 15th is the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Legion, the post voted Tuesday night to hold a banquet on that date and to invite the members of the Legion Auxiliary as guests. Arrangements for this matter were left to a committee of three.

Randolph Youth Is Convicted In Court In Onslow County

Sheriff C. E. King and Deputy Sheriff Ben Morgan returned Wednesday from Jacksonville, Onslow county, where they attended trial of Reid Coltrane, of Randolph county, and Rosecoe Grice, of Fayetteville, charged with larceny, breaking and entering and disposing of stolen property. Coltrane and Grice were convicted but not sentenced before the Randolph officers left.

These young men are also wanted in Randolph county on warrants containing similar charges to those on which they were convicted at Jacksonville. However, they were not brought back at this time for trial, but may be at any time the Randolph county officers are ready to present their case to court. Charges against Coltrane and Grice grew out of the finding of a quantity of stolen goods at Northwest, in Brunswick county several days ago. Part of the goods found there were identified as being some of those stolen from Marley Brothers at Rameur and Randolph Grocery Company at Randleman.

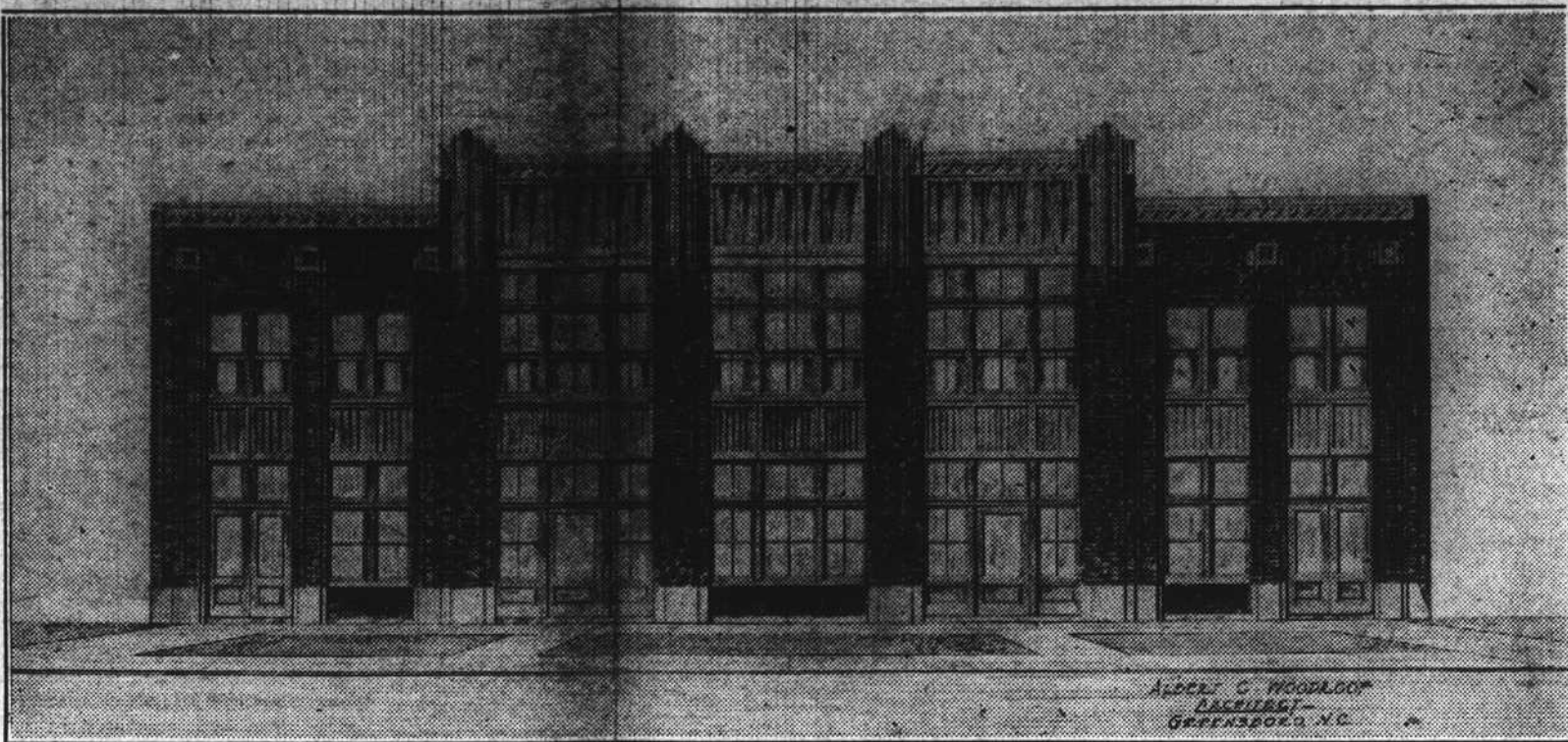
Amos Furniture Co. Closed Successful Sale On Saturday

The Amos Furniture Company on Sunset avenue closed Saturday what was probably the most successful sale of furniture and radios in its history. To begin the sale the store was stocked to capacity with the very latest designs in household furniture of all kinds; and radios were not neglected. Prices were out to the very lowest to afford a living profit, and the public was responsive to the offerings during the days of Amos' great February sale.

So heavy was the demand for furniture the stock was so depleted that W. P. Amos found it necessary to spend most of this week on the furniture markets buying goods to replace those sold. These newly-bought goods will soon be coming in, and Mr. Amos avers that the prices will not be as high as the public might think.

Chief of Police Dewey Bulla left Monday for Tampa, Fla., to bring back to Asheboro D. I. Ross, wanted here on a warrant charging forgery and passing worthless checks. Ross and passing worthless checks, Ross is specifically charged with forging the name of Lewis Hill on a check.

Architect's Drawing Of Proposed Community Building For Asheboro



ALBERT C. WOODROOF
ARCHITECT
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Fine Collection Taxes Reported By Sheriff King

Nearly \$16,000 In 1932 And 1933 Taxes Collected At Sheriff's Office In Feb.

Tax Supervisor

R. C. Johnson Appointed To This Place, Township List Takers Not Yet Named.

The Randolph county board of commissioners met in regular session Monday. A large part of the time of the board was taken up with hearing complaints from those who had been assessed with taxation on dogs which they did not own. This matter was corrected by the commissioners in every instance called to the board's attention.

Mrs. C. P. Fox was released of \$936 taxes on valuation of \$900 worth of solvent assets listed in error.

The county farm agent was permitted the use of an additional room in the basement, this being one adjoining his present quarters.

R. C. Johnson, Register of Deeds, was appointed tax supervisor for the county, though the list takers were not named at Monday's meeting. These are to be named later in the month.

Sheriff C. E. King reported a fairly good tax collection for the past month. Of the 1932 taxes, the Sheriff had collected \$800.07 during the month, leaving a balance due amounting to \$9,365.73. Of the 1933 taxes, Sheriff King had collected the past month \$15,191.54, leaving a balance due of \$93,253.53.

Little Theatre To Present Play Here Evening March 10th

"Trial Of Mary Dugan" To Be Presented At The Court House Here, Saturday Evening.

Asheboro's Little Theatre will present the second play of the season on Saturday evening, March 10th at the Court House in Asheboro. The play presented is "The Trial of Mary Dugan," a case where a woman's life hangs in the balance—charged with the murder of her lover. The evidence is strong against her as the trial progresses. The girl is defended by her brother, a young lawyer who appears before a jury for the first time.

The whole affair is most realistic being presented in the county Court House where there is no stage-setting necessary—the judge presiding from the accustomed place and the jury sitting in the accustomed seats. Those who have a flair for murder cases, and Asheboro court cases have proved this town is no exception, will hear a thrilling, realistic case from start to finish. The cast includes many well known business people of the town—the characters having been chosen from the local school faculty, insurance offices, mills, stores, lawyers, society folk—all throwing themselves into their various parts, working with a clever, gripping story.

Harvey Cripps, is directing the play and is taking the part of the attorney for Mary Dugan. The first play presented by the Little Theatre was one written, staged and directed by Mr. Cripps, "O, Madam" which received favorable comment from those who saw the production. Tickets are on sale by members of the Little Theatre and will be sold at the door by members of that organization.

Hold Regular Meeting
The young women's and young men's classes, Loyal Sons and Daughters, of Giles Chapel church held their regular meeting February 24th at the home of the pastor, Rev. Hethcox. Devotions were conducted by Mr. Hethcox after which a business session was held. After the business had been transacted a social hour was enjoyed. Fruits were served. A large number attended.

Randolph's School Building Plans Get Approval Of State Commission

The Local Government Commission in Raleigh Tuesday approved Randolph county's application for permission to borrow from the Federal Public Works Administration a sum of \$200,000 for school building purposes. Included in the application were eleven school buildings or additions projects. The proposed loan had been approved already by the state FWA director and the State department of education.

There remains only for the county superintendent to detail the projects on the application form furnished by the FWA before the papers will be sent to Washington for action by Secretary Weeks. This matter will require only a few days; and the project will be approved or disapproved in the capital city in short order.

Construction New Baptist Church To Begin Next Monday

After several months of tentative planning, the Baptist congregation of Asheboro will see the actual work begin on the construction of the new church on Monday morning. Dr. Herman Stevens announces that the face-brick have arrived and are on the lot where other material and tools are giving a business-like appearance to the scene. The common brick to be used in the building will be purchased at the local brick yard as needed.

Dr. Stevens hopes that the church will be completed entirely by the first of July and the building is being rushed to completion. Dr. Dempsey Barnes is chairman of the building committee and to him, and his splendid committee, is due considerable credit for the smoothness of the plans and executive ability displayed throughout the period of planning.

Are Making Plans To Open A School Of Music In City

The Hawaiian Teachers, Ltd., National Institute of Music have a group of representatives in Asheboro this week who are completing arrangements for opening a school of music in the town. A number of pupils have already been enrolled and others are enrolling as fast as the representatives make the necessary contracts. A teacher will be located in Asheboro and the school will be conducted in the Ashlyn Hotel in about two weeks.

Those who wish to make plans for study on the Hawaiian radiophone guitar may do so by calling Mr. Speaker at the Central Hotel. Several people have heard various members of the group are pleased with their performance. Mr. Johns, a member of the group, played for the members of the Friday Afternoon club at the past meeting and was greeted with warm applause.

Gave Men's Supper Tuesday Evening At Presbyterian Church

Another of the occasional men's suppers that have been sources of interest and inspiration to the men of the Presbyterian church during the past several months, was held in the church dining room Tuesday evening. Kemp Alexander acted as chairman of this supper-meeting and presided. The singing, under the direction of David Cashwell was an enjoyable part of the program.

Four brief talks were high lights of the evening. "Looking Ahead," was discussed by M. I. Ellis; "Church Needs," S. D. Story; "Loyalty," E. L. Ray; "Visitor's View," F. O. Yates. The invocation was given by N. D. Ray. James B. Neely presented the treasurer's report and J. Russell Parks discussed the church budget. The status of the church served as a topic.

Randolph G. O. P. Convention Set For March 24th

Convention Called By W. L. Ward County Chairman For Electing 33 Delegates.

Interest Manifested

In The Convention And Also The State Gathering In Charlotte; Ferree Mentioned.

Chairman W. L. Ward has called the Randolph County Republican convention to meet in Asheboro on Saturday afternoon, March 24, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention to be held in Charlotte on April 4th, and delegates to the judicial and congressional conventions to be called by their respective chairmen at other dates. County chairman and secretary will be elected for Randolph county at this convention. Precinct meetings are to be held March 17th.

Randolph county is entitled to 33 delegates and 33 alternates to the state convention. The fact that a state chairman is to be selected at that meeting interest among the Randolph county Republicans in the state convention is at fever heat. Hon. A. I. Ferree is being mentioned by leading Republicans throughout the state as the next chairman. It is planned to have a good speaker for a 30 minute address.

Junior Class Plans To Present A Play At An Early Date

Members of the Junior class in the local high school are preparing to present the play, "The Arrival of Kitty," by Swartout, some time in April. The play is a comedy in three acts, with modern setting in the Catskill mountains. It is a royalty play that has been presented with great success in New York City. J. J. Sanderson and E. A. Habel, of the faculty, both members of the Little Theatre group, of Asheboro, are coaching the production. Both are well prepared for the work.

Board Of Education To Purchase Trucks

The Randolph county board of education met Monday afternoon in the office of T. Fletcher Bulla, county superintendent, and discussed pertinent matters relative to the schools of the county. The board gave the county superintendent permission to buy two Ford school trucks, the county to pay for one and the state for the other.

Board Gives County Superintendent Authority To Proceed With Buying Buses.

T. Fletcher Bulla, county superintendent, reported excellent progress on the boring of a deep well to furnish water for Trinity high school. A delegation from Cedar Falls came before the board asking for improvements on the present school building. The county board has in mind the remodeling of the building, adding another room and brick veneering it in entirety, costing about \$2,500. However, help is being sought from the CWA and as soon as this can be worked out, the improvement will be made.

The board was confronted with the problem of what to do with nineteen abandoned school houses in the county, none worth very much in cash. No action was taken at this meeting. The board feels it will cost about as much to advertise the buildings as the price they will bring.

The largest acreage yet seeded to lespedeza is being planted in Lincoln county this season for both soil improvement and hay.

R. J. Hilker Re-Elected Head of Asheboro Schools

Election Made At Recent Meeting Of The School Board; For The 1934-35 Term.

Served Eight Years

And Re-Election Is For Ninth; School Has Made Rapid Progress Under Leadership.

The Asheboro school board, at a recent meeting, re-elected R. J. Hilker superintendent of the local schools for the 1934-35 term, and a little later received his acceptance. Superintendent Hilker has served the school faithfully and efficiently for the past eight years, and citizens of Asheboro feel that the town is fortunate in securing his services for the ninth year. Mr. Hilker is a graduate of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, and holds a M. A. degree from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. Before coming to Asheboro, he taught in other North Carolina towns.

During Mr. Hilker's administration, the Asheboro schools have shown marked progress and growth. In 1926-27, the year the present superintendent came to Asheboro, the total enrollment in the white schools was 946; this year the total number enrolled is 1336. The commercial and home economics courses have been added during the present administration; and the new system of grading, whereby more young people are enabled to graduate, even though not prepared for college, has been inaugurated.

Mr. Hilker is a member of the Schoolmasters Club of the North-western District of North Carolina, and served as secretary of that organization a recent year. He is a member of the North Carolina Athletic Association and of Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary educational fraternity, into which he was initiated at the University of Virginia a few years ago. The Asheboro superintendent is also a life member of the National Educational Association.

Funeral Service Is Held Past Saturday For Mrs. R. E. Betts

Estimable Asheboro Woman Died Thursday Morning; Well And Favorably Known.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral and burial services held Saturday morning for Mrs. R. E. Betts in Asheboro. Rev. R. S. Truesdale was assisted by Rev. Joel Trogdon in the funeral services, held at the First Methodist church and burial following in the Asheboro cemetery.

Mrs. Betts died on Thursday morning in the Randolph Hospital, Inc., at Asheboro, following a few days illness. She was, before her marriage to Mr. Betts, Miss Mattie Steed, a daughter of Jonathan Steed, of Asheboro, who is among the survivors. Mrs. Betts was fifty-five years old. Other survivors besides her husband and father are four sons, Charlie, Walter, James and Clarence; four daughters, Harriet, Margaret, Ruth, Elaine, off of Asheboro, and Mrs. W. R. McPherson, of Lexington.

Mrs. Betts, a native of the town and county, was well and favorably known in this community as the family who own and operate the Sanitary Market, of this place.

Christian Scientist To Deliver Lecture Sunday, March 11th

Hon. William E. Brown, C. S. B., of Los Angeles, California, member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, will deliver a free public lecture on Christian Science entitled "Christian Science: The Religion of Spiritual Vision" in National Theatre, South Elm Street, Sunday afternoon, March 11, 1934 at 3:30 P. M., under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Senior Class Play Will Be Presented Friday, March 16th

Members of the senior class of Asheboro high school are rehearsing every evening for the annual play, which is to be presented in the auditorium, Friday evening, March 16. The play, which is being coached by H. B. Campbell and Hal Johnson, of the faculty, is "The Touchdown," a three-act comedy by Marion Short. A synopsis of the plot and cast of characters will be published next week. Admission charges will be 20 and 35 cents.

Mr. King Transferred
J. T. King, for several years manager of Rose's Five and Ten-Cent Store in Asheboro, has been transferred to Newberry, S. C. Mrs. King and children left Monday to join Mr. King, who has already assumed his duties with the Rose Company at that place.