



Blue Prints Arrive In Asheboro For Proposed New Post Office Building; Open Bids For Construction Aug. 17

Long Desired Plan Looms On Horizon As A Reality Now

Brief History Of Five Sites Of Local Office Recounted By Old Resident.

All Past Postmasters And Offices Recalled

Mrs. Eugenia McCain, Postmistress For 42 Years During Political Fights.

A great deal of talk concerning a new post office for Asheboro is about to materialize and the sealed bids will be publicly opened on August 17th for the erection of the building. The site on the corner of Sunset avenue and Church streets was selected some months ago and the building housing Pugh's funeral establishment has been torn down. The government contract calls for the completion of the building within 250 calendar days after the government gives the final order to proceed with the work. It is understood that a number of contractors are interested in submitting bids for this building.

A handsome and quite impressive set of blue prints is now in the hands of the postmaster, J. O. Redding, as well as voluminous descriptions of material to be used and details for construction of the building. The government has set aside \$55,000 for the Asheboro post office. It is understood approximately \$8,000 was allotted for the site and the remainder will be spent in the building. The fund for this project came through the P. W. A. branch of the United States treasury.

Handsome Building

The plans and specifications now at the Asheboro post office indicate that the building will be one of which coming generations will point with pride. The exterior design is conservative and quite in keeping with the character of the lot. The building will be of brick and will be finished with a range of color. The trimmings will be of cast stone, light gray, the necessary stucco to match the stone in color. All woodwork is to be painted cream and topped with a slate roof of unfading mottled green and purple. A concrete driveway will surround the building and the grounds will be attractively planted.

The interior specifications call for woodwork painted ivory, tile, wood and cement floors, plastered walls—painted lighter than the woodwork—and many other details that give a general idea of a handsome and comfortable interior. A lobby, mezzanine, general work room, mailing platform, office for the postmaster and other necessities that go to make up a modern post office. Mahogany finished desks in the lobby and in the office equipment are among the details called for by the government.

Five Sites For This Generation

Many older residents of Asheboro recall five different sites for the Asheboro post office. The first location was in the home of Mrs.

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1950 Inoculated In Eastern Randolph During Past Week

County Health Officer Issues Warning Concerning Impure Water And Milk.

The County Health Department began typhoid clinics in the eastern part of the county last week. About 550 were inoculated on Tuesday, 700 on Thursday, and 700 on Monday of this week.

We have had three cases of typhoid fever reported this year with no deaths. The Greensboro paper carried a news article about cases of typhoid in Greensboro. Two of these cases were contracted while they were on vacations. One of these vacations to those who are going on vacations where they are not able to know the purity of the water and milk which they drink while on the vacation. Every person that takes a vacation should, by all means, be inoculated for typhoid.

One case of spotted fever has been reported so far this year. Last year we also had one case reported by this date. There were seven cases in the county last year. There are two more cases now which are suspicious but have not been reported. In the state, we have had a number of deaths from this disease.

Parents should be careful about letting their children go to "the old swimming hole" or to any other swimming place which has not been found safe by health officials. We should have a safe place for people to take this beautiful exercise.

Two cases of measles, two cases of mumps and two cases of venereal disease were reported to the county health department during the past

County Convention For Republicans Is Set For Saturday

All Republicans in Randolph are invited to attend the county convention called by chairman W. L. Ward for Saturday afternoon, August 4th, at 2:30 o'clock. The Randolph county court room is designated as the place of meeting. Mr. Ward will preside over the meeting and Rufus Routh will serve as secretary. Representatives from all sections of Randolph signify their intention of attending this meeting and several local leaders will speak informally. State-wide speakers, however, will occupy the center of the stage for the occasion with Hon. Charles A. Jonas, former congressman and national committeeman, and Hon. W. C. Meekins, state chairman of the Republican party, used as key-noters.

The date of the convention is just two months prior to the November election and already interest is increasing in county, state and national politics. Leaders of both parties claim that the coming campaign will be close and hard fought.

County S. S. Meeting With State Group At Balfour School

All Day Meeting Planned For August 15th; Fellowship Luncheon At Noon.

Especially interesting is the program planned for the Randolph county Sunday school convention to be held at Balfour school on August 15th. The convention is held under the joint auspices of the Randolph county association and the state organization. The program for this year is designed especially to help meet the needs of the individual Sunday schools in addition to the inspirational part of the plan. There will be addresses, study groups and general lectures on how to improve the school as a whole and how to improve teaching methods. Special music and other special features will characterize the program.

The general theme for the convention will be "Building Christian Homes." Rev. Shuford Peeler, general secretary; Miss Myrtle A. McDaniel, director of leadership training; Miss Edith Krider, director of young people's work of the state association are among the prominent speakers for the convention. S. G. Richardson, of Seagrove, is president of the county association and Miss Bertha Pressnell, of Asheboro, secretary. The two local officers issue a cordial invitation to all the churches in the county to send representatives to this convention. A pennant will be awarded to the school having the best record of attendance based on the number of miles traveled.

There will be a morning, afternoon and evening session held. The night session is especially designed in the interest of young people but will be of interest to everyone. A pleasant break in the day's program will be the basket picnic during the noon hour. This meal will be termed a fellowship lunch.

Additional information may be secured from Mr. Richardson and Miss Pressnell.

COOPER-SILER REUNION TO BE HELD AUG. 6TH

The sixth annual reunion of the Cooper-Siler families will be held Sunday, August 6th at the old home place of the late Wm. Cooper, in Chatham county, three miles east of Staley. There will be a program of speeches and music by quartets and a string band. Picnic dinner will be served. All relatives and friends of these families are invited.—Mrs. A. E. Pleasant, Secretary.

Farm Loan Group Would Keep Farmers On Farms In Randolph

An interesting meeting held in Asheboro at the office of the local relief director, Robert Lloyd, was the group meeting in the interest of the Farm Debt Adjustment Commission. Harry T. Watkins, Raleigh representative met with B. M. Brower, of Liberty, C. A. Lowdermilk, of Seagrove and Bruce Craven, of Trinity, who constitute the local committee. Mr. Brower was made temporary chairman with Mr. Lowdermilk vice chairman and Major Craven secretary.

This committee will be supplemented with two additional members to be chosen soon. The group was formed for the purpose of handling farm loans in Randolph and for bringing about a better understanding and relation between the farmer and the mortgage holder. Already ten million farm loans have been approved throughout the state and the government hopes, through these local committees set up throughout the state, to bring about approximately six million releases. The local committees are designed to work with the farmer and the mortgage holder for

Randolph Tribune Has Changed Hands During This Week

This week, the Randolph Tribune has changed hands and management. Roy Cox, who has been associated with The Courier continuously for the past ten years, announces that he is owner and editor of the publication having bought the plant from Francis White and Tom Wiles. Mr. White and Mr. Wiles have operated The Tribune for the past eight months and have issued two tabloid papers weekly during that time.

Mr. Cox announces that he expects to continue this publication. He is well known as a capable newspaper man and while he has been with The Courier for the past ten years, he was formerly employed by The Courier and served his apprenticeship in this office.

The Tribune was organized in 1924 by a group of stockholders and edited by A. I. Ferree who sold out to Mr. White and Mr. Wiles. Mr. Cox expects to retain the name of the paper and the twice a week tabloid publications.

Young Democrats Met At Asheville Last Week End

Many Attend Meeting Where Sales Levy, Constitution, And Liquor Discussed.

Governor Speaks

Doyle Alley, Young Waynesville Attorney, Is Made President Of Organization.

Many interesting discussions that will be important issues in the coming campaign were heard under discussion at the meeting of the Young Democratic club held at Asheville over last week end. In addressing the convention Governor Ehringhaus declared that democracy is the hope of the people of North Carolina and the nation, Governor Ehringhaus told 300 luncheon guests of the North Carolina clubs of Young Democrats that under the present administration North Carolina is the most economically governed state in the union and that the state's credit has been restored.

Governor Ehringhaus drew for the large audience a graphic picture of North Carolina's struggle during the past two or three years and said that the state is now about on its feet again and that, due to the sales tax—a last resort—the budgets have been balanced and schools of the state have been saved from closing entirely.

"In the early days of 1933 the depression had reached its most critical point," Governor Ehringhaus said. "Banks were closing, North Carolina had the second highest state bonded indebtedness in the United States, North Carolina was running behind \$7,500,000 annually, there was a state deficit of \$15,000,000, we owed banks of the country \$12,250,000 and were paying 6 percent interest on the debts, there was no money in the treasury, we were overdrawn \$4,000,000 on our highway fund, our notes were being called, no hope could be seen and it was a dark day indeed."

"I want to thank that group of men that made up our legislature for their noble work at that time. They cut the expense of government more than 30 per cent. Throughout the state there could be heard suggestions that we cut the schools still

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Randleman Active With Business & Summer Visitors

Mrs. Matthews Replaces M. F. Hinshaw As Postmaster; Both Receive Praise

House Party Returns

Three Visitors Honored Party; Other Social Happenings Of Week.

Randleman, July 31.—Mrs. J. O. Pickard and children and Miss Mary Swain spent last week at Lake Waccamaw.

The following boys and girls have returned to their homes in Randleman, after spending a week at White Lake: Dennis Fox, Claude Fox, Robert Alfred, Forrest Matthews, Kermit Lloyd, Junius Davis, Argus Linnberry, Mildred and Eugenia Talley, Dorothy Fox, Louise Matthews, Mary Elizabeth Robbins and Della Stroupe, of Cherryville. The group was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Linnberry.

Mrs. Annie Fox, of Siler City, is visiting in the home of Dr. Fox.

Mrs. J. A. Clapp and Mrs. Ethel Millikan are spending a week visiting relatives at Snow Camp.

Mrs. Henry Clapp has returned to her home in Richmond after spending a few days in Randleman, the guest of Mrs. J. A. Clapp. She was accompanied to her home by Jimmy Ward who will remain in Richmond for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bane and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bane, of Greensboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hinshaw last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Welborn, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Welborn, of Kansas, visited Mrs. T. A. Brookshire Sunday. Mrs. R. C. Welborn is Mrs. Brookshires' sister, the former Miss Jennie Bulla.

M. F. Hinshaw, for twelve years, postmaster at Randleman, retired from service on August 1st. The service he rendered the public in the handling of the mail, has been the subject of most favorable comment. While the people of Randleman regret his leaving, they feel that this efficient service will be continued under the able supervision of the new postmistress, Mrs. W. F. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alley and baby son, of Trinity, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Alley's grandmother, Mrs. Callie Brown. Mrs. Alley was formerly Miss Grace Brown, a Randleman high school teacher.

C. J. Williamson, of Raeford, visited his sister, Mrs. Eugene Wise, on Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Spaug and children, of Atlanta, spent a few hours Sunday with Mrs. Spaug's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pickard.

Mary Jane Ross, of Asheboro, and Ophelia Davis, of Sophia, route 1, spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. Joseph N. Newlin.

Mrs. J. L. Houston and son, Jimmy, of Roanoke, Va., were the guests last week, of Mrs. H. H. Robbins.

H. H. Hamilton, of Chalybeate Springs, was a business visitor in Randleman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brookshire and children visited at Snow Camp, recently.

Nancy and Betsy Deal, of Durham, are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Deal. Their mother Mrs. Harold Deal was called to her home in Tenn. on account of the death of her father.

Margaret Wall is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Wade Andrews in Tarboro.

Frances and Daisy Farlow, of the J. O. U. A. M. Children's Home, (Please turn to page 8)

Boy Scouts Are Honor Guests At Banquet Tonight

Kiwanis Club Hosts At Banquet; Will Assist In Sponsoring Park Pool Plan.

The Asheboro Kiwanis club plans to give a banquet Thursday evening at the First Methodist church with the Boy Scouts and their fathers honor guests. The Kiwanians are anxious that all scouts in town attend this affair which will begin at 6:30 p. m. E. W. Hackney, divisional scout head, will be the speaker for the occasion. Mr. Hackney is well known in this section of the state and the Kiwanis club as well as the scouts look forward to his talk with keen anticipation.

A feature of the past meeting of the Kiwanis club was the interesting report made by L. Hinton Pearce, who has charge of the local scouts. A large number of the boys have passed the requirements for first class scouts and will soon receive their awards.

Dr. C. G. Smith presented the plan for the town repairing and filling the wading pool at Frazier Park for the benefit and pleasure of the children of the town. The health angle was also discussed in connection with this work. Dr. Smith suggested that the club as a whole and the individual members stand squarely behind this movement. As a result Edwin Morris and Tom Wiles were appointed to cooperate with other organizations sponsoring this civic project.

Former Pastor Of Asheboro Church Died On Tuesday

Dr. W. L. Gerringer, Pastor When Methodist Protestant Church Was Built.

Born In Alamance

Many Local Parishioners Attend Funeral At Kernersville Wednesday Noon.

Dr. W. L. Gerringer, former pastor of the Methodist Protestant church in Asheboro, died in a Henderson hospital, Tuesday, after a month's serious illness. He was suddenly stricken, with a severe head trouble, which baffled physicians but which was later diagnosed, Cerebral Tumor. Dr. Gerringer, was taken to Duke hospital, but later removed, to the Henderson hospital, with no hope for his recovery. A stroke of paralysis which he suffered Monday and which affected the lower half of his body, hastened his death.

He was born in Alamance county, and after completing the education, which the public schools afforded went to Western Maryland college Westminster, Md., where he graduated, and later took his theological course, receiving his bachelor of divinity degree in 1913. He was awarded a master of arts degree there in 1927; in 1932 the honorary degree of doctor of divinity was given him by High Point college.

Dr. Gerringer had been in the active ministry for 21 years. He was pastor of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant church for four years, from 1918 to 1922, during which time the new and present building was erected. He also served the Asheville, Burlington, Greensboro and Henderson churches. Calvary church, Greensboro, was also built under Dr. Gerringer's pastorate.

Dr. Gerringer, was secretary to the board of trustees, of High Point college, had been a member of the general conference of the denomination for the past three quadrenniums. At the 1933 session of the North Carolina conference he was elected to preach the ordination sermon at the annual session of that conference next fall at Grace church, Greensboro. He was recognized as an able and consecrated minister, one of the most useful men in the denomination.

Dr. Gerringer is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Oliver, of Kernersville, before their marriage in 1916 and by four children, Mary Frances, 17, who graduated from Henderson high school last May; L. W. Jr., Sarah Lou, 13, and Wilson Oliver Gerringer, 10; also three full brothers, J. D. Gerringer, of Washington, N. C.; J. F. Gerringer, of Gibsonville, and E. L. Gerringer, of Draper, and two half-brothers, J. P. Loy, of Greensboro, and F. B. Loy, of Mount City, Mo.; and one sister, Mrs. Lessie Conklin, of Elon college.

A number of Asheboro friends attended the funeral.

A brief funeral service was held yesterday morning in the First Methodist Protestant church in Henderson, where he had served as pastor for more than three years, with Rev. W. C. Cumming, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in charge, assisted by Rev. C. L. Spencer and Rev. D. D. Broome, pastors of rural churches of the denomination in Vance county. The body was then taken to Kernersville, where it lay in state in the Methodist Protestant church from 2 to 3 o'clock, the funeral services being held at 3 o'clock, in charge of Dr. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, president of the Methodist Protestant conference of North Carolina, assisted by Dr. N. G. Bethea, pastor of Gibsonville, and Dr. C. W. Bates, pastor of Winston-Salem and secretary of the North Carolina conference.

The best farming and growing season in years is reported by farmers of Alleghany county who say they will produce the biggest crop of Irish potatoes in five years.

Asheboro Veterinarian Is Called To Raleigh For Emergency Work

Dr. B. M. Weston, well known veterinarian, who for the past three years has been a resident of Asheboro and Randolph county, was called to Raleigh last week for some special emergency work relating to the inspection of cattle from the drought areas. Dr. Weston was one of five veterinarians who from the middle of last week to Tuesday night of this week examined more than twenty-five hundred cattle which had been shipped from the drought area of the west. Dr. Weston says that the plan is for a larger percent of shipments to pass through Raleigh on account of better facilities for loading and unloading, for tests, and for more ample room for the large number which is, and will be coming in within the next thirty days.

On the whole, Dr. Weston says, the animals passed good inspection, only twenty five or thirty of those inspected, having been condemned, after which they were killed and burned. They were affected with contagious abortion, tuberculosis and Keratitis, which is an eye affection and cause total blindness. After tests

were made assignment was shipped to Wenoona Test farm in Washington county.

Veterinarians over the state have been pressed into service and the local doctor will be subject to call at any time to assist the examination of cattle that is a most important factor in order to protect the cattle and people of North Carolina from any possibility of infection from this source.

Especially interesting to the people of Asheboro is this project, since George Ross, a native of Asheboro, son of R. R. Ross, is at the head of this phase of work. H. N. Steed, of Candor, also well known in this section, will have charge of the canneries that will soon be established at various places throughout the state. Latest developments indicate that a cannery will be located in Greensboro and that city has been most active recently inviting the industry to come to the town. The idea is that approximately 800 of Greensboro's unemployed will receive

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City School Building Undergo Needed Repair

Library Continues Popular Retreat For The Reading Public

Open Monday And Thursday Afternoons; Average Sixty Volumns Each Time.

Large number of young people and some older ones continue to patronize the city school library, which is open to the public two afternoons a week during the summer. Miss Massa Lambert is acting as summer Librarian. The library hours are three to six on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

During the eleven afternoons the library has been open a total of 632 book loans have been made, an average of nearly sixty for each time.

C. Of C. Sponsors Soil Erosion Plan Along Deep River

Regional Director And Agronomist Explain Value Of Extension Of Project.

Committee Named

Representatives From Other Sections Of County Will Be Added For Movement.

Within the past few days an active movement has been started for extending the soil erosion project that has been of keen interest to many people in Piedmont Carolina. The plan touches Deep River at Randleman, but a group of interested citizens see the potentialities of the project and desire the extension at several points along Deep river. Dr. T. H. Stallings, regional director, and W. E. Bowers, agronomist, were in Asheboro Friday and discussed the matter informally with a few leading citizens of the town. Following the suggestion that the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce take the lead in urging the extension of the project, Dr. O. L. Pressnell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, called together the board of directors and went somewhat thoroughly into the plans and potentialities of the extension. John Clark and Cleve Thayer were named to work with Dr. Pressnell in contacting the various towns along Deep river and expect, in the near future, to formally petition the heads of the erosion project.

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Garden Department Of Woman's Club Would Clean Pool

Mayor Chamber Of Commerce, Kiwanis And Rotary Clubs Fall Quickly In Line.

The Garden Department of the Woman's club at its July meeting became interested in cleaning up Frazier Park for young children to swim. It is not sanitary in its present condition. Mrs. Charles Redding and Mrs. M. I. Ellis were asked to consult with the president of the civic organizations of Asheboro and determine what could be done immediately. W. A. Bunch as mayor has promised free water. The Kiwanis club has named E. H. Morris, Jr., and Rufus Routh as a committee of investigation. The Rotarians named as their committee Jess Garner and Russell Parks. Dr. Pressnell as president of Chamber of Commerce gave hearty consideration and Dr. Sumner, county health physician regards it a good movement and necessary for the health of the town. With this cooperation the pools at the park should be made attractive rather than a menace to the people living in the vicinity.

Lightning Strikes Tree At Farmer In Hammond's Yard

Respected Colored Man Honored By Children On Birthday; Other News.

Farmer, July 31.—Miss Edith Saebach, of Hickory, is the guest of Miss Ocia Morgan this week. Miss Saebach will be a member of the local school faculty next term as for the past two years.

Mrs. B. F. Bingham spent several days last week in Denton, the guest of her brother, Adam Newsum. During a severe thunderstorm on Thursday night the lightning struck a tree in the yard at Madison Hammond's place and jumped from the tree to a light wire and into the house, burning out a fuse and several lamps, leaving the house in darkness. No other damage was done.

W. H. Dewar returned yesterday from Fuquay Springs where he had been for several days on account of the illness of his father. Mrs. Dewar visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith on Trinity route, during Mr. Dewar's absence.

Grant Parks, a substantial colored citizen of the Mechanic community was given a dinner last Sunday by his children and friends, celebrating his 66th birthday. He moved to this section from Wilkes county several years ago, has won the friendship of his white neighbors as well as that of members of his own race.

Miss Sue Morgan returned home Sunday after spending some time in High Point.

MR. SMITH BUYS CLEANING PLANT

J. A. Smith, of Liberty, has bought the Randleman Cleaning Service Company, at Randleman from G. C. Wright. Mr. Smith will take immediate charge of the business and will install a modern Glover plant. Earl Graves will continue as presser. Mr. Smith has had several years experience in the business as a cleaner and will give his personal attention to this phase of the work.

The name of the company will be changed from the Randleman Cleaning Service to the Randleman Dry Cleaning Company.

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J. O. Redding, Chairman Of Board, Announces Work Will Commence Friday.

Plan To Repair Rooms In Old Section First

Additional Windows, Sky Lights, Fire Escapes And Heating Plant In Program.

Early last spring there was considerable ado concerning the urgent need of repairs at the Asheboro school. A great hue and cry went up about sanitation, safety, fire escapes, poor lighting, inadequate heat and many other things within the building that houses hundreds of Asheboro's future citizens. Individuals became interested, an organization of the town became agitated and sent a committee that did a fine piece of work. After several visits, this committee made some practicable recommendations for improvements. School closed and nothing was done—obviously for lack of money.

This week the school board is beginning a rather large program of improvements within the building. Approximately \$5,000 will be expended in improvements. Material is furnished by the state and the work will be supplied as a PWA project. While the amount appears sufficiently large on the outside, J. O. Redding chairman of the board, states that the most pressing needs will be attended to first.

It is understood that the work will begin Friday and the first strokes will fall upon the class rooms located in what is known as the old part of the building. Extra lights and repairs will be more upon these class rooms at once in lieu of the opening of school in little better than a month. Sky lights and windows will be arranged in good position in these rooms and transoms will furnish light and ventilation in the hall. Fire escapes will be added to each end of the building during the course of the work program and various general improvements will be set in motion according to their importance and relation to the opening of school.

The furnace will come in for its share of overhauling and several improvements are scheduled to be made on the heating plant before the winds of winter descend upon us.

Two fire doors will be made in the auditorium and celotex will be installed overhead to aid the poor acoustics.

These mentioned repairs are considered the most urgent on the program and will be started at once and pushed on to completion in order to get the workmen away before school opens. There will doubtless arise other needs than those mentioned and it is hoped by the board to press forward with the work as long as money is available. This news will, in all probability, be greeted with hearty applause by many who value the comfort and health of their children in process of education.