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Randleman Payroll Is Largest In Ten Years

Totals \$12,000.00 During Week Prior To Christmas; Average \$8,000.00

Business Very Good For Local Stores

Water Works Program To Be Rushed To Completion In Year of 1935

The week before Christmas in Randleman was indicative of prosperity from many angles. The payroll of the mills of the town was the largest it has been for ten years. The total amount of this payroll was \$12,000. The average weekly payroll is usually seven to eight thousand dollars. The custom is for the mills to alternate their two-weekly payrolls.

The town of Randleman now boasts of two silk mills, the Deep River and the Mace Manufacturing Company. The largest mill of the town is the Commonwealth Hosiery Mill, employing approximately three hundred and fifty workers and is operated by E. W. Freeze, of High Point, who has recently finished moving his entire mill to Randleman. Two cotton mills, the Naomi and Marie Antoinette complete the list of textile plants of the town.

Every citizen of Randleman is looking forward to the proposed water works plan which is a project under the P. W. A. A bit of preliminary work has been done along this line, but activities will begin in earnest with the incoming of the new year.

One of the greatest needs of the town is the erection of new rent houses for the mill workers, closer to town, so that they will not have to commute. A few houses are being erected now, but these are to be residences. The real need of the town is to have new rent houses put up for the mill workers, closer to town.

The merchants of the town are pleased with the volume of business during the past week that has been retained in the town, and are hoping for better things and steady growth of business than many of these present commuters can be permanent residents of Randleman.

Football Players Receive Letters Wed. Afternoon

Coach Campbell Issues Awards To Fifteen Asheville Boys In Chapel

Hart Campbell, coach of the Asheville high school football team, issued letters to fifteen men, including the two managers, James Lane and Charles Greeson. This ceremony was performed in the high school auditorium on Wednesday afternoon. Five seniors, Captain Burns Kearns, Ryan Neely, Bobby Steed, Boyd Forree, and James Lane received their letters first, and then coach Campbell called Baxter Kearns, Thomas Wilson, Cameron Morgan, Baxter Gerrald, Jim Henry Crutchfield, Richard Siler, Ruby Holder, Clyde Shaw, and Charles Greeson, on the stage.

The player who showed the most improvement received a prize from the team. Baxter Gerrald, tackle, was presented with this award by Coach Campbell. After having been forced into making a speech Baxter sat down, and the captain of next year's team was elected. Cameron Morgan, big tackle, was the choice of the squad.

The team presented Coach Campbell with Christmas gifts and gifts of appreciation for his fine work. Then the cheer leaders were called up. They gave one long, loud cheer for the men who are graduating this spring, and the football season of 1934 was history.

Mrs. John Clark Entertains Club In Franklinville

Mrs. John Clark entertained the members of her bridge club at the Christmas meeting at her home in Franklinville Thursday. Three tables were placed for bridge, which was greatly enjoyed by the club members. The prizes went to Miss Mabel Parrish, Mrs. Tom Myatt, and Mrs. E. O. Schaeffer. These awards were potted bulbs.

After the bridge, a delightful dinner was served, consisting of many good things to eat. The meal was set off in an atmosphere of Christmas green dominating the different colors. The guests then departed after a very successful session.

Saturday, 22nd, Sets High Mark Marriage Banns

From the office of R. C. Johnson, register of deeds of Randolph county, comes the report of the largest sale of marriage licenses ever recorded in the county in a single day. This record-breaking sale occurred on Saturday, December 22nd, and totaled fifteen couples.

Twelve of the number was sold for white couples with the remaining three uniting colored citizens. There is usually an upturn observed in the sale of marriage licenses about the holiday season but the number on Saturday surpassed any record previously recorded in the county.

On Friday, December 21st, there were seven licenses issued which pushes up the holiday total to an even higher mark.

Bank Of Randolph Comes Back Home On December 29th

Bank Has Occupied Building On Depot Street For Three Months Past

Former Building Thoroughly Modern

Will Be Open On Monday, December 31st To Serve Patrons

For the past three months the home of Randolph county's oldest bank, The Bank of Randolph, has been undergoing modernization. This bank established in 1897 has never been away from home until in September of this year, they took temporary quarters in the building on Depot street, formerly occupied by the Asheville Bank and Trust Company. From thence they have served their friends and patrons during the time their building was being renovated.

Not only has the Bank of Randolph building been modernized in detail, but and extension has been made of 20 ft. at the rear of the building. This brings the bank building to an equal length with the east side of the Old Hickory Cafe, which it adjoins, also giving a directors room and offices for officials. The offices on the second floor of the building have also undergone changes, and a modern outside iron entrance stairway has been added on the north.

The stairway formerly was located between the bank and the Old Hickory cafe. This space now being included in the main banking room. A modern heating plant is another addition, that has been included in the plans. So well has the work progressed that the Bank of Randolph will come home on Saturday, December 29th, and be ready for business on Monday morning, December 31st. As has been previously announced, the banks of the town will take a holiday on New Year's day, which will give opportunity for the employees of the bank to become adjusted in their old-new quarters and ready for serving their friends through another era.

Old Age Pension Club Organized At Spies Community

Spies, Dec. 22.—Between 125 and 150 people of the Spies community met at the Spies school house, Dec. 18, to organize an old-age pension club. The following officers were elected: W. J. Baldwin, president; C. V. Comer, vice president; W. P. Hancock, secretary and treasurer; E. J. Freeman, assistant secretary and treasurer; J. T. Smith, C. F. Monroe, G. W. Robinson, D. D. Monroe, Charley Dunlap, J. F. Garner and W. T. Brown, membership committee.

This club was organized with 55 charter members varying in ages from 60 to 95 years and is expected to have 100 or more members before January 1, 1935.

The object of the club is to recommend to the next session of Congress a bill to adopt an old-age pension act to all people over 60. The club recommended the Townsend plan of organization as the most logical and quickest way to put business back to normal.

Farmers recently cast 1,505,604 votes in favor of the Bankhead control act and 187,407 votes against it.

Editor For A Week



It is for Santa Claus' own benefit that The Courier is coming out on Monday, instead of Thursday, as has been the custom for more than fifty years. This will give The Courier readers an opportunity to enjoy their own county newspaper on Christmas Day. It will also give the Courier staff an opportunity to hang up their stockings along with the rest of Randolph county citizens. The Courier wishes, therefore, to greet you on Christmas eve and wish you a joyous holiday!

State Deputy Warden Urges Obedience To Game And Fish Laws

W. C. Lisk, state deputy game warden in charge of district No. 2, which is comprised of 23 counties in central North Carolina, has come to Asheville to make a thorough investigation of the existing game and fish laws. He wishes to correct these laws and to see that they are observed. Mr. Lisk wishes to make the following statement to the public through the press:

"Several people seem to think there are no game or fish laws applying to Randolph county, but they are badly mistaken. Game and fish laws apply to Randolph as to all other counties in the state. Those in doubt should consult the sportsmen of the county, who will verify this statement.

It is my sincere desire that every city and town will cooperate with county game warden, Tebe Morgan, and see to it that the game and fish laws are obeyed."

Mr. Lisk also desires to get the county in good shape and hopes to interest the State Fox Hunters association in coming to Asheville in the spring for their annual meeting.

Hospital News

Miss Edith Ingold, of Asheville, is doing nicely after her recent illness.

Mrs. D. W. Staley, of Liberty, route 1, is steadily improving.

James Milton Cranford, of Farmer, is improving rapidly after his recent appendix operation.

Coolidge Vickory, of Randleman, remains the same.

Miss Edith Fuller, of Asheville, route 3, is doing nicely after her appendix operation Thursday night.

Mrs. L. H. Rogers, of Staley, returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. A. V. McDowell, of Mechanic is doing nicely after her recent operation.

Mrs. Everett Hancock and baby, James LeRoy, went home Saturday. They make their home in Asheville.

Mrs. J. F. Collins and baby, Robert Franklin, of Asheville, are doing nicely.

J. C. Langley, of Staley, is improving rapidly after his recent appendix operation.

Miss Elizabeth Chapman, technician at the local hospital, is spending the week-end in Atlanta, Ga., with her parents.

Everyday Mail Service Started Between Towns

Since the patrons along the Eleazer to Mechanic mail route suffered inconvenience, everyday mail service was begun from these two points on Dec. 17th. The mail was formally carried three times a week, but with this system, the daily and weekly papers did not reach their terminal on schedule time. This route will be a great benefit to this section of the country, because it covers such a large scope of territory.

Much credit goes to Congressman Harold D. Cooley, who took a very personal interest in the establishment of this letter service, and personally called on the department in Washington to secure this new route. C. C. Cranford, chairman of the Randolph county democratic executive committee, and both the newspapers of Asheville were active in supporting the claims of the people of this section to a better mail service. Ade Garner has the contract for carrying the mail.

Colored Man Burns To Death Saturday Morning

Courier To Send Air Mail Service To Santa Claus

The Courier has made special arrangements with the airmail service to send Santa Claus letters to the North Pole. We are sure that Santa will be glad to receive the letters and that he will visit all who wrote. The letters sent were: C. A. Holt, J. W. Walker, Mary Francis, Haywood Jarrell, all of Asheville; Dempsey Smith, Cecil, Eugene Burhead, Farmington and Worth Arnold, of Randleman.

Teachers Salaries Come First In Erwin In Talk

People Mark Less And Live More Says Clyde A. Erwin

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—The childhood of the State is paying the bill for low paid teachers, so teachers salaries must come first in the rehabilitation of the educational system of the State because of the close relation to their efficiency, Clyde A. Erwin, new state superintendent of Public Instruction, told several hundred education-minded people who gathered from all over the state Monday night for the third meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Emergency in Education.

Mr. Erwin reported that figures indicate fully 2,000 teachers have left the profession for other fields more lucrative since July 1. "Unless the coming legislature provides for additional salaries for teachers, I fear that next year will show the greatest exodus of teachers in the history of the State and that loss will be hard to replace. I am arguing for the child, which is my chief concern," said Mr. Erwin.

Lauding the work of the last General Assembly as probably the best that it could do for education under the circumstances, Mr. Erwin said he was strong for the new school which provides a minimum eight months term, but insisted that should be the minimum, and not the maximum. "We have got to have local autonomy," said Mr. Erwin, stating that there must be opportunity for local communities which are able and willing to supplement their minimum term. "In the future people will work less and live more," he said, showing that the curricula of the schools must be changed to meet this new order.

President Leon T. Meadows, of the Eastern Carolina Teachers College, outlined four needs in the teacher training group of colleges: more appreciation of teachers and teaching;

Santa Claus Will Distribute Gifts On Christmas Eve

As last Monday has arrived and Christmas eve is not "around the corner" but with us! Santa Claus will come tonight, but before he makes his usual rounds on "Main Street" he will pay a visit to more than 250 children of Asheville, whom the members of the Junior Woman's club have invited to come to the Community tree. These children and many interested people will assemble at 7 o'clock for this visit from Santa Claus. The tree is the prettiest that Randolph county's lovely woods afforded. Lighted with myriads of colored lights a pleasing setting will greet the eyes of Santa Claus when he arrives, pack on back, and smilingly presents his gifts.

Each package will contain a useful gift as well as toys, candy, fruits and nuts. The people of the town have very generously contributed toward this cause and are aiding Santa Claus materially with their additional gifts. The firemen have also collected and mended toys and have been real "little helpers" to Jolly St. Nick. The Christmas committee from the Woman's club is composed of Mrs. F. O. Yates, Mrs. J. D. Ross, Jr., Mrs. Chas. McCrary, and Mrs. Neely Hunter. It is not yet too late to make a contribution through one of these orkers, who have given unstintingly of their time and efforts for this cause.

Fire Breaks Out In House Making Rapid Headway In Early Morning Hours

Four Men Held For Questioning

Body of Shelley Patterson, Charred Past Recognition; At Pugh's Funeral Home

Saturday morning, at three o'clock a fire broke out on Baptist Hill, in the negro section of Asheville. Before this catastrophe was over, it had taken its toll in life and property, a house being burned and a man burned to a crisp. The burned man was identified as one Shelley Patterson, colored, of Asheville. The body will rest at Pugh's Funeral Home, until called for.

The origin of this fire is unknown, although Chief Deputy and Jailer Ben Morgan believes that it started in the house and that no one willfully tried to burn the house, which belonged to Arthur Ross. At least, according to Mr. Morgan, there can be found no evidence that would even suggest arson or murder. The house was partly covered by insurance, and the house adjoining it, also owned by Mr. Ross, was damaged by fire and water.

It is supposed that the deceased, having gone to bed, got up to light a cigarette or cook something on the stove, and caught the rug on fire, not knowing it. He probably got back in bed and went to sleep, while the fire raged in another room. Neighbors, seeing the blaze, telephoned the fire department, but before they could respond, the frame house and its only occupant were completely demolished. So far as the officials know, Shelley Patterson had a wife in Virginia, but outside of that, they have not been able to locate any other relatives.

A few colored boys, witnessing the fire, were held by jailer Morgan for investigation, but nothing could be found out, so they were released after there was no proof of anything except they saw the fire.

Fire Department Entertains Guests At Armory Friday

Many Visitors Of Distinction From Out-Of-Town Present At This Meeting

The Asheville Volunteer Fire Department gave a dinner Friday night at the Armory Hall, for the purpose of good fellowship and fun rather than business. The invited guests were the firemen, their wives, and the city fathers and their wives. The guests of honor were State Fire Marshal Brockman, of Raleigh; Chief Holland, also of Raleigh, and Fire chief Shaw, of Greensboro. Local fire chief Clarence Rush acted as toastmaster. In all, there were seventy-five persons present. The whole affair was for the purpose of entertainment rather than business.

State Fire Marshal Brockman, of Raleigh, instead of making a speech, entertained with negro stories and dialects, which were enjoyed heartily by all present. Several impromptu speeches were made by other individuals during the evening and these also were greatly enjoyed by those present.

After the entertainment was over, a delicious dinner was served. Christmas dishes featured the meal. Many thanks go to Carl Steed, who voluntarily furnished the turkey and ham for the dinner.

Marring Licenses Issued

The following persons in Randolph secured marriage licenses during the Christmas season, which means that probably wedding bells will chime with Christmas bells for many. This information was compiled by the Register of Deeds. December 15, G. W. York, Ramseur, to Miss Lillie Branson, Ramseur; December 17, Gordon Causey, Liberty, to Miss Moselle Smith, Liberty; December 19, Roy Williams, Asheville, to Iris Burrows, Asheville.

For Hire License On Sale

I. E. Hunt, patrolman, will be at the Asheville Motor Club, and anyone wishing to purchase a "For Hire" License can get them there. Patrolman Hunt states that there will be no extension on the 1935 auto license tags this year, so he urges that all auto tags be bought before January 1, 1935.

Return From College
The students who arrived Thursday from the various colleges in the state are: Eleanor Anne Hammond and Thomas Bulla, from the University of North Carolina; Edna and Allene Johnson, from Guilford College; Margaret Erwin Robbins, from Agnes Scott in Decatur, Georgia.

"Silent Night"

"Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother
and child,
Holy infant, so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

"Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiance streams from heav-
en afar,
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alle-
luia'!
Jesus God, at Thy birth,
Jesus God, at Thy birth.

"Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Radiant beams from Thy
Holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming
grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth."
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth."