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CONFERENCE HONORS RANDOLPH'S SONS

The Bank Of Randolph Celebrates 40th Birthday

Old, Established Institution Of City And County

W. J. Armfield and J. D. Ross Start With Bank and Continue Working Together.

Felicitations Today

Oldest Business in County Operating Continuously, Same Management.

Forty years ago, the age of forty was definitely approaching old age. Today, it is a different story and instead of singing a swan song, life is considered just beginning—certainly a business that has weathered forty years under one management is just beginning to serve best and find its place in the sun.

Today, the Bank of Randolph celebrates its fortieth birthday and congratulations have poured in from many sources. Forty years ago today, W. J. Armfield, Jr. came to Asheboro from the old National Bank at High Point, where his father, W. J. Armfield, was president and his brother, Eugene Armfield was cashier. This young man of twenty-two came to Asheboro and opened the Bank of Randolph—on November 4th, 1897. Forty years ago he selected a young man of Asheboro to assist him and J. D. Ross has done just that ever since. It is unusual for two men to work and serve together for such a long number of years with no change of name or radical change in the personnel of the business. The only changes in this Asheboro and Randolph institution is toward modernization and needed improvements and an increase in floor space and personnel, as the growth of business demanded, which it was done. Mr. Armfield was made cashier of the Bank of Randolph forty years ago and has acted as active manager of the business ever since, feeling no curb to his authority from directors.

Another unusual fact is that the bank has only had three presidents. The first was Dr. J. M. Worth, father of the late Mrs. A. C. McAlister and a prominent figure in Randolph county until his death. After his death, the late O. R. Cox, well known mill man and public spirited citizen of Randolph was selected to this position, which he also held until his death about twenty-five years ago. It was then that the present president, D. B. McCrary was given the post, which he retains today. Few institutions can boast of such presidents, nor of such excellence in personnel and banking record as is the case with the Bank of Randolph.

To use the words of Mr. Armfield, who modestly takes little credit for himself, he "has been ably assisted continuously for forty years by J. D. Ross, as active vice-president." These two men ran this bank together before Asheboro had telephones, electric lights and adding machines. Thinking back over the years and the progress of the bank and the town, Mr. Armfield maintains that this is no swan song for the Bank of Randolph. It is not fully grown and is just beginning to grow in keeping with the progressive people and business concerns of this splendid town and section of North Carolina.

Other members of the bank's personnel include, R. G. Ferree, assistant cashier, who has been with the bank continuously for thirty years; Miss Rilla Spoon, who has been bookkeeper for fourteen years; Sam Burrows, assistant bookkeeper; E. N. Morgan, auditor.

The Bank of Randolph has been more than a bank in this section of the state. With such fine, considerate and progressive business men, this has come to be known as a place where business advice may be secured and where the personnel has the business and progressive interests of the community at heart—first, last, and always. Through the years the Bank of Randolph has endeavored to render at all times a sound, efficient and considerate banking service to Asheboro, Randolph and adjoining counties. They have met the demands of their customers in cash at all times during the wars and panics through which they have passed. The bank has prospered with the clientele which they have served. While they have never aspired to be large, they have ever endeavored to be sound and conservative. This bank has, however, resources of one and a half million dollars and the largest per-

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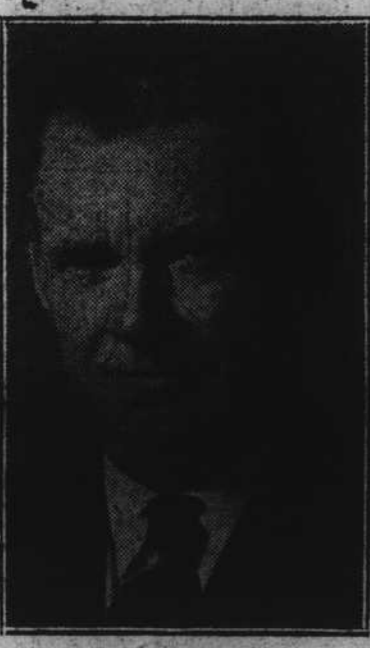
Bank Officials 40 Years Ago



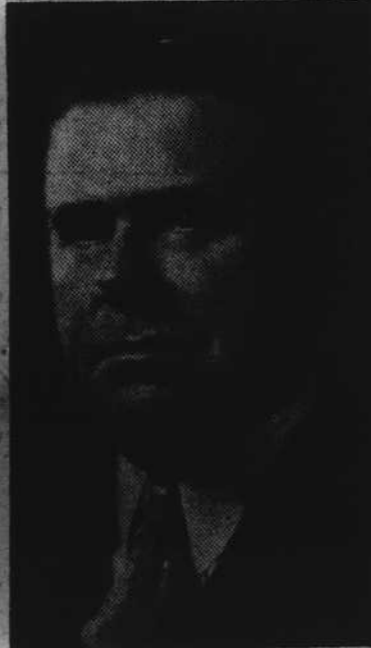
W. J. Armfield and J. D. Ross as they looked forty years ago today and formed a business alliance that has continued and proved a sound and dependable business of the growing town and county.

Cashier-Manager

Vice-President



W. J. Armfield, Jr.



J. D. Ross

Religious Pagaent Marks M. P. Conference Tonight

Delegates and visitors to the 110th annual North Carolina conference of the Methodist Protestant church, in Asheboro, will have an unusual opportunity tonight of attending a religious pagaent in the local church.

The pagaent is adapted from Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger's, Ohio, educational and inspirational work known as "The Light Divine."

Mrs. R. M. Andrews, president of the N. C. Branch of Woman's Work, High Point and Mrs. Eugene Lamb, Greensboro, arranged the work for the pagaent. Mrs. Lamb is the director.

The cast of character is chosen from the officers and secretaries of the branch, as follows:

"The Spirit of the Church," Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Raleigh; President of Woman's Work, Mrs. R. M. Andrews, Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Greensboro; Secretary of Young People, Miss Mary Margaret Bates, Brown's Summit.

Secretary of Thank offering, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro; Secretary of Christian Education, Mrs. G. R.

Brown, Reidsville; Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, Mrs. C. L. Whitaker, High Point; Secretary of Stewardship and Benevolence, Mrs. J. M. Stone, Greensboro; Secretary of Memberships, Mrs. R. A. Hunter, Winston-Salem; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. E. O. Peeler, Concord.

Secretary of Literature, Mrs. T. L. Spears, Winston-Salem; Treasurer High Point College Scholarship Loan Fund, Mrs. P. S. Kennett, High Point; Secretary of Exhibits, Mrs. J. C. Auman, Thomasville; Secretary of Pastor's Aid, Mrs. E. L. Ballard, Asheville.

"President of a Large Auxiliary," Mrs. L. E. Teague, High Point; "Member of a Small Auxiliary," Mrs. Ray McCoin, Asheboro; Chairman of Districts, Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Mebane. Mrs. Eugene Lamb, Greensboro, will give the Prologue.

The attendance including ministers, delegates and visitors is expected to be approximately 500, coming from all over North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, and several other states.

Chinese Evacuating Entire Shanghai Front; Japs Bomb

Shanghai, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Thousands of fresh Chinese troops, well equipped, poured into Chinese positions on the Shanghai front late today.

Aided by these reinforcements, General Chiang Kai-Shek's youthful legions fought furiously against the Japanese.

Shanghai, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Japanese forces, trying to drive Chinese south of their Soochow Creek position, today bombed the area near the British army outpost positions.

As Shanghai's skies started to

clear, Japanese planes took to the air to drop a number of small bombs in the right flank of the Chinese lines.

The Japanese drive suffered a set-back, Chinese spokesmen declared when Chinese artillery destroyed two of three bridges Japanese engineers had thrown over Soochow Creek. He added however, that severe fighting was in progress on the south bank.

There were persistent reports that Chinese were on the verge of withdrawing from the entire Shanghai section but reports were without confirmation.

Japan And Berlin Slated For Second Brussels Appeal

9-Power Conference Agree To Britain's Wish; Written Invitation This Time.

Ask Jap Peace Terms

Parley Assumes Conciliatory Attitude; League is Not Parley Confident.

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Brussels conference of 19 nations decided today to empower a sub-committee to offer its aid to Japan and China in an effort to effect peace between the nations, and it was indicated that the United States, Britain and Belgium would be on the committee.

Italy and France also probably would be represented.

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 4.—(AP)—A committee of Brussels conference will send an appeal to Japan to open peace negotiations with China.

Such a decision was reached today at a private meeting of leaders of the parley and must be ratified by the full committee at this afternoon session.

At the same time, the leaders decided to send a message to Germany asking her to reconsider her rejection of an invitation to the conference and to decide to participate in efforts to end the Chinese-Japanese conflict.

The project to address a new formal invitation to Japan to participate was abandoned on the grounds that more practical results probably would result through the communication which would be a committee of mediation.

The Italian delegates said the message would take the form of a letter to Japan's communication declining to participate in the conference called under provisions of the 9-power treaty which pledges respect for territorial and political rights of China.

The idea is to assure Japan that the conference is under convocation of the 9-power treaty and has nothing to do with the League of Nations—as Japan, not a league member contends in refusing to join the delegates here.

The message to Japan also would try to induce Tokyo to state general terms upon which she would be ready to open peace discussions.

Letter Carriers Laud N. C. Roads

Plans of Highway Department Praised at Convention Of Rural Mailmen.

The North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' association at their recent session praised the work of the State Public Works commission in its plans of improving roads generally throughout the state.

The association called attention to the work of the commission and its plans for future improvements to the highways. A copy of the communication, mailed to the state highway commissioner was sent to D. B. McCrary, chairman of the 6th district, with headquarters in Asheboro.

The letter is appended: "At a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' association held in Greensboro, North Carolina, on October 29, 1937, it was unanimously voted to thank the North Carolina highway and public works commission for the fine work being done to improve roads covered by rural letter carriers, and to express their appreciation for same.

"We have every confidence that the belated recognition of the needs of rural routes or secondary roads have found a real champion in the present administration."

New Cotton Act

Jasper, Ala., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Differing with a house committee, Senator John H. Bankhead, democrat, Alabama, said today he would introduce another bill calling for compulsory cotton control at the special session of Congress opening November 15.

Amherst Gets \$281,500

Northampton, Mass., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Amherst college will benefit by \$281,500 under the will of Judge Henry P. Field, who started Calvin Coolidge on his legal career.

Surprise Visitor



Just a week before his former wife, the Duchess of Windsor, is scheduled to sail for America, Ernest Simpson steals the spotlight with his unexpected arrival in New York from England. Good natured even when reporters upset his plans for avoiding publicity, he insisted he is here only to see his mother and on business.

Dewey Will Hitch Office To "Wagon"

Racket Buster on Tail of New York Police; G. O. P. See New Prospects.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The republican party and labor both declared they saw encouraging indicators yesterday in the returns from Tuesday's state and municipal elections.

John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the republican national committee, called the results "tremendously satisfactory," expressed pleasure at a one-seat gain in the house and thought the "democratic high command" could derive little joy from the voting in New York city.

John L. Lewis, C. I. O. chief and chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan league, said the returns showed "distinct progress for labor." His organization, he added, will "now devote its attention to next year's congressional elections.

New York, Nov. 4.—(AP)—District Attorney-Elect Thomas E. Dewey, one-time choir singer who won national fame as a "racket buster," last night announced plans for putting the prosecutor's office "on the tail of the police wagon."

Mrs. Frank Phillips Gives Best Answer

Mrs. Frank Phillips, 111 E. Academy street, was recently announced by the Merchants' association as winner of the \$10 prize offered for the best answer to the question, "Why is Good Window Lighting an Asset to Asheboro?"

Mrs. Phillips' prize winning statement was, "Good window lighting gives the people of Asheboro an opportunity to compare favorably the goods displayed in home-town windows with those of near-by larger towns. It gives a greater attraction to the town and an added impetus to the would-be customers."

Teacher Dies

Lexington, Nov. 4.—Miss Edna McCrary, 58, who almost 30 years a teacher in the Lexington schools until a year ago, was found dead at her home here yesterday of a heart attack.

London Predicts Franco Victory; Woo Trade Pacts

Trade Agreement With Rebel Near Completion; Papers Designate "Band Wagon."

Britain Needs Iron

Planning to Out-Guess Both Italy and Germany For Spain's Exports.

London, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that the British government and Spanish insurgents were negotiating for appointment of commercial agents.

London, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The full Spanish non-intervention committee was convened today to authorize Britain to solicit cooperation in Spain towards withdrawal of foreign troops, while London wooed the insurgents for trade favor.

Britain, with the rearmament thunder for raw materials, such as Spain's rich deposits of mercury, iron, copper and tyrites was seeking commercial concessions at the expense of Italy and Germany, long standing supporters of General Franco.

Negotiations for trade agreement between Britain and insurgent Spain were reported nearing completion.

The 27-nation neutrality committee was more hopeful of making a move at last toward withdrawal of foreign soldiers from the civil war—although there was not complete harmony on the British plans.

It was expected the committee would approach both the Valencia and the Franco headquarters to solicit cooperation in the withdrawal plan.

Both London newspapers, ardent pro Franco, said the British were confident that Franco would win and apparently was losing no time in climbing, boletedly, on the band wagon.

Corn Growers To Get 40 Cent Loan

Reconstruction Bureau Will Advance \$75,000,000 For Relief of Farmers.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The administration came to the aid today of corn growers, disturbed by low prices, and arranged a 1937 corn loan at the rate of 44 cents to 50 cents a bushel.

The loan, similar to made by the AAA in previous years will be handled by the Commodity Credit commission with a \$75,000,000 advance from the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Roosevelt Visits New York's Mayor

Calls on LaGuardia, G. O. P. Fusionist Candidate In Tuesday's Election.

Hyde Park, Nov. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, heading south towards Washington, arranged to see New York's fiery little Republican-Fusionist mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia in the big city today.

Run Runners

Winston-Salem, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes handed 13 run running conspirators an effort to clean up what he called "a deplorable condition in this section."

Labor Balks at Edward's U. S. Tour Representative

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor will not change his designation of Charles E. Dedaux as his representative on American tour, despite American Federation of Labor's criticism of Dedaux, the latter indicated today.

Dedaux said in a statement released through his press representative, that he talked with the Duke in Paris this morning by telephone and said the former King was looking forward to his American trip. The statement was issued shortly after William Green, president of the AFL, said he approved the action of the Baltimore Federation of Labor in criticizing the Duke for his selection of Dedaux to arrange the American trip for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Elect Dr. J. E. Pritchard As President; E. Ridge Assigned Day's Sermon

Randolph's Own



Dr. Jesse E. Pritchard, native of this county who was elected this afternoon as president of the North Carolina conference. Election is taking place in the local Methodist Protestant church this afternoon.

Noted Jurist Will Be Buried Today

Thomas J. Shaw, 76, Died At Greensboro Home; Great Leader in Church.

Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro, who has served 30 years as a Superior court jurist with unusual distinction, died at his home yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago from which he never regained his strength.

Judge Shaw's last rites will be held this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro of which he was long a leading member.

Judge Shaw is rather well known in Randolph county having held court here in recent years. And, in his earlier years having chosen his wife from Asheboro, Miss Mary Woollen, whom many of the older residents know and have retained friendship with. Mrs. Shaw has always held her interest in her home county and she and the Judge have visited here frequently.

Charlotte Matron Believed Suicide

Police Search Waters of Catawba River For Mrs. G. S. McCarty, 32.

Charlotte, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Charlotte firemen and rural police searched the waters of the Catawba river near the South Carolina line today for the body of Mrs. G. S. McCarty, 32, wife of a manufacturer here, whose automobile was found abandoned on the Buster Boyd Bridge. Her coat was found in the rear seat.

McCarty, president of the Aniline Extract company told police that he discovered his wife was absent from home, in a fashionable residential district, when he waked up at 4 A. M.

In the room, he said, was a note addressed to their 11-year-old son telling him she would not be able to take him to school today.

Discovery of the simple principles of magnetism possessed by magnetite, or loadstone, was made by the Chinese in 2400 B. C., or 3,500 years before magnetism was known in Europe.

Both County Men Active In Church Work In District

Dr. Pritchard Once Pastor Of Asheboro Church; Mr. Ridge Ordained Here.

Anniversary Sermon

New Serving Shiloh Church; Attended Rural Schools In This County.

Randolph county ranked high in the activities of the 110th annual conference of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant church in Asheboro today, when one son, Dr. J. E. Pritchard was elected the new president of the conference, and another, the Rev. C. E. Ridge, preached the conference sermon.

Dr. Pritchard is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pritchard who resided at Giles Chapel. He received his early education in the rural schools in that district and later became pastor of the Asheboro church which he served for five years.

Dr. Pritchard is one of the outstanding ministers in the conference and as the organization was about to cast ballots this afternoon for new officers, his name was constantly mentioned as the next president.

He was not only a splendid preacher, but a minister whose kindly sympathy reached far beyond the bounds of the local congregation. His wife also, is greatly beloved in this community where she participated in the religious, social and welfare work of the town and county.

After leaving here, Dr. Pritchard went to Greensboro where he was pastor of Calvary church and, at the death of Dr. McCulloch, assumed the added duty of editorship of the church paper. He is now pastor of Calvary church and has proved his executive ability in his work there as well as in Asheboro.

Conference Sermon The Rev. Ridge, celebrated his ordination, here ten years ago, in a fitting manner when he was assigned the important duty of preaching the conference sermon.

It was in the Asheboro church that Mr. Ridge was ordained, when the conference met here ten years ago. Mr. Ridge is the son of N. of Concord township. For the past four years he has had charge of the Shiloh charge in Davidson county.

Mr. Ridge selected "Vital Christianity" as his sermon subject.

In referring to the activity and hope of the church Mr. Ridge said: "The hope of the world is in christianity. Therefore it is time for the church of Christ to rise to her exalted place in the world, and point the way out of this cloud of confusion, chaos and restlessness that has spread over the land.

"She must never become the victim of circumstances and environment.

"If Christian men and women ever had a call to heroism and assignment to a noble task it is now—and here.

"The church today has the same opportunity and the same commission that came to her immediately after pentecost. The early church was not a mighty force for righteousness in the world until it received that 'power from on High.'

"That was the supreme need then; is the supreme need now."

Referring to the activities of

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M. P. Program Conference Plans Include Friday Song Service.

9 a. m.—Calling the roll. 9:15 a. m.—Worship period. 9:30 a. m.—Conference business. 10:00 a. m.—Pastor's reports. 10:30 a. m.—Conference business. 12 Noon—Lunch hour. 1:30 p. m.—Song service. 1:45 p. m.—Business session. 7:30 p. m.—Business session.