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He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not; he is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not; he is ignorant—teach him.

He who knows half, and thinks that he knows; he is a pest—stop him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows; he is asleep—wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows; he is wise—follow him.

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Some Progressive Negroes of Randolph County

Biographical sketches and findings of a study of the social, economic, and religious activities, with other information about some of the leading Negroes of Asheboro and Randolph County

By C. A. Barrett

Principal, Randolph County Training School, Asheboro, N. C.

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FOREWORD

To that innumerable host of noble Black Women, who withstood the ordeals of a cruel slavery, who often were forced to submit their bodies to greedy passion but never their souls, this little book is sincerely dedicated.

It is sent forth on its mission to encourage and strengthen the discouraged and forlorn toilers, to chart the way for oncoming generations. My hope is that the race will strengthen the walls and foundations of our Christian civilization; preserve the ideals of our Democracy; and revive the spirit of our fathers who pioneered for our better day. May never the son of a Black Woman disgrace the Stars and Stripes, nor prove unworthy of his citizenship, nor be a traitor to his race or country is my prayer.

C. A. BARRETT,
Managing Editor.

To thine own self be true
And it must follow
As the night the day—
Thou canst not then
Be false to any man.

—SHAKESPEARE.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Foot-prints on the sands of time.

—LONGFELLOW.

Rights' forever on the scaffold,
Wrong's forever on the throne;
But that scaffold sways the future
For behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own.

—SELECTED.

**Comments From
Leading Citizens**

Prof. Barrett has rendered to the entire county and to his race especially, a distinct service in making this survey of the Negroes of Asheboro and the county and compiling this information in book form.

W. A. BUNCH, Mayor,
Asheboro, N. C.

It affords me pleasure to commend this work by Prof. C. A. Barrett that will furnish inspiration and strength to those who complain of hard times; it shows what may be accomplished in the face of every difficulty.

J. E. BROWER,
Dist. Supt. Winston-Salem Dist.
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Prof. Barrett, Superintendent of the Randolph County Training School Asheboro, has prepared a Biographical sketch of a number of leading Negroes in Randolph County. It also contains brief information about the habits, social and religious activities in the community in which they live. This booklet should be helpful in many ways to both races and I commend Prof. Barrett for his efforts.

T. FLETCHER BULLA,
County Superintendent of
Schools.

RANDOLPH

Geographically, centrally located in the state, nestling in the foothills of the lofty Shepherd Mountains in the Piedmont section, cooled and watered by the Deep and Uwharrie rivers, lies this glorious little spot. Its virgin soil, suitable for tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat, and other plant growth, is a challenge to soil tillers. Hidden deep in her bosom are very precious metals—even gold. There are many timber and grazing plains. Her people are hospitable and good neighbors—void of deep seated race and class prejudices. Her schools and churches contribute to the welfare of the people everywhere. Her banks and other business institutions, and her great manufacturing establishments withstood the deadly attack of the great depression and refused to close their doors.

She has a cordial welcome for all good citizens wishing to take abode here.



PROF. C. A. BARRETT, A. B.

Principal Randolph County Training School. He was born and reared in Texas; graduated from Prairie View State Normal in Texas and New Orleans University.

MR. ALLEN HOOVER
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Hoover was born and reared in Asheboro and has followed public works, being employed at one of the most substantial manufacturing concerns in the city where he has been for a long time. He is a member of St. John Baptist church. He was married to Miss Turia Coble of Strieby, N. C. She had public school training and also learned the laundry and sewing trade at which she has had long experiences. She is a hard working, consistent Christian woman and enjoys doing church work. She is a member of St. Luke's M. E. church and for work and reliability there is none better. The Hoovers own a good home, have many friends and have several children whom they are educating. Their long years residence here has made for them a wide influence.

MRS. CORA ARNOLD
Asheboro, N. C.

Salem community of this county is noted for its industrious citizens. Mrs. Arnold is one of these. There it was she first breathed breath. She is the daughter of George and Annie Mae Steed, Christian people, and members of the M. E. church. Her people were farmers and hard workers. They in-

stilled into the girl some fine traits—loyalty, devotion to high ideals. She first married Ben Hoover, a fine Christian man who died several years ago. Later she married Tom Arnold and through hard work, frugality, and economy in living they bought nice property, built a good home and laid aside for the rainy day. He, too, was a great church worker and maintained the respect of colored and white alike. Mrs. Arnold is a member of St. Luke M. E. church. She does domestic work by appointment, keeps roomers and has some valuable property. With her influence some great improvement has been made in her part of the town. There is a good opportunity for the right man to set his cap for a good wife; though he will meet a cool reception if he does not show he is the right kind.

MISS INEZ GIBSON
Trinity, N. C.

Miss Inez Gibson was born and reared here, the accomplished daughter of Daniel and Mary Gibson, who were highly respected citizens of this community. She had public school training, taking her high school work at Allen Home in Asheville; teaching there one year after finishing, then coming to this county where she taught at St. Peter school and, having lost both her father and mother, she quit teaching to take charge of the home. Her parents left the children a good home which they are constantly improving. The family is one of the oldest and most respected in the vicinity.

MR. ROBERT SHAMBURGER
Asheboro, N. C.

The aggressive spirit and passion for things worth while marks Mr. Shamburger for a high place in the social, economic, and religious development of his community. He is the trustee, steward, and leader in Wesley Chapel, the local A. M. E. Zion church. He was born and reared in Moore county on the farm and is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Shamburger, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. He was married to Miss Evelyn Cheek, the talented daughter of Elzevan and Clara Cheek, who are good neighbors, choice friends and own their own home. Mr. Shamburger has been employed at the local ice plant for some time and has made for himself a good name and many warm friends. They have a home, one young son and have proved worthy of the respect and confidence they enjoy.

MR. V. C. CUNNINGHAM
Randleman, N. C.
Route No. 1, Box 40

Mr. Cunningham was born and reared in Guilford county. His parents, however, moved to Randolph while he was in his youth. They settled near Randleman and found employment, farming on their own place. They gave the children such education as could be afforded. His parents were Robert and Katy Cunningham both of whom now enjoy the rewards of Christian living. Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Lonie Day from Granville county. They have a nice home, valuable farm, and make a handsome living trucking and farming. He is one of the leaders in his community, trustee in the M. E. church and is respected by white and colored. He is a man who has a vision and an ideal.

REV. D. A. HILL
Rt. No. 2, Asheboro, N. C.

Another son of Back Creek Community who has come forward and pushed himself to the front. He has been preaching for the last ten or twelve years and has served some very good appointments and has made excellent reports and has endeared himself in the hearts of the people he has served. His training was secured in the public schools and also spent some time at Gammon Theological Seminary. He was married to Miss Monnie Bell, a very Christian-like and helpful woman. Rev. and Mrs. Hill have a nice home and are highly respected citizens. He can also do concrete, asphalt and farm work. He is not ashamed to do manual labor. He is now pastor on the Trinity church, where he is remodeling the church and rendering a great service.

MR. E. J. JONES
Route No. 1, Randleman, N. C.

One of the hard working, open hearted, friend making men of the county is this man. He was born and reared on a farm in Cabarrus county; the son of Dan Jones, who was a great church man and property owner. Mr. Jones was married to Mrs. Lucy Kearns, whose parents were William and Louisa Kearns, property owners and progressive farmers. She has followed her trade of mid wife service for a good many years. They have a nice home and a good farm which they keep rented out at St. Mark. They are members of the St. Mark M. E. church.

WASHINGTON HAWKINS, JR.
Roland, N. C.

Men like these are the true life-blood of the country. They elevate and uphold it, fortify and enable it, and shed a glory over it by the example of character set. Mr. Hawkins was born at Athens, Ga., of humble farm parents, Washington and Nannie Hawkins. After completing his high school training at Athens, he enrolled at A. & T. College, Greensboro, where he was graduated with a B. S. degree choosing his work in the vocational-industrial field. He earned many honors while in college by his integrity and fine personality. He began teaching in this state after leaving college in 1926 and has made an enviable record. He is now principal of School No. 7 in Roberson county. Mr. Hawkins was married to Miss Esther Y. Walden, the cultured and refined daughter of H. C. and Etta Walden, of Ulah. Her parents are highly respected citizens, good farmers owning their own property. They have always taken an active part in building up the church, school, and other community projects, being faithful members of Mitchell M. E. church. Mrs. Hawkins was educated at the Randolph County Training School and at A. & T. College. She is considered a very highly qualified primary teacher and has been eminently successful. They, as a rule, work together and have no difficulty finding employment. The Hawkins have a good home in Asheboro and also vacant property. They are great church workers also. He is a member of the Baptist church and she is a Methodist, however one can scarcely tell to what church they belong from any actions of theirs. They have a wide circle of friends and much influence.

MR. SAMUEL BUMPAS
Liberty, N. C.

Setting sail in the brick masonry and carpentry field with very limited schooling but a fine fireside training, which his parents gave him, Mr. Bumpas has made wonderful accomplishments. In his long career of service to the public he has made many friends among both races. Mr. Bumpas has accumulated some of the world's goods, laying claim to a real nice commodious home on a main thoroughfare of the city, good city rent property, and a 150 acre farm in the country. He is a wide awake, influential citizen and has at heart at all times the interest of the community and people. He is steward and trustee

of the A. M. E. church there. His wife died 12 years ago. He has six living children, all of whom are married and doing well. All of his children had public schooling, and one daughter continued her education at Kittrell and afterward taught school.

MR. L. A. MILLS
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Mills was born and reared in Rutherford county on the farm. His parents were Rev. H. M. and Eliza Mills of large Christian influence. Mr. Mills after leaving public schools attended A. & T. college and the Douglas Academy specializing in mechanics. He is a trained barber and followed the trade here for a long time. He followed hotel work in Asheville several years also. He came here 21 years ago and began to cultivate friends. He married Miss Hattie the daughter of the late James Lilly, one of the best known and mostly highly respected families in this section. The Lilly's own a good place and home here in the city and are members and officials in the Congregational church. They are known for their untiring efforts in work for building up a better community. As in the case of many other of our great men and women, the passing of Mr. Lilly last year was a severe blow to the community. Mr. Mills is employed at the Asheboro Hosiery Mills, a position he has held for the last seven or more years. He is a great church and fraternity man. They own a nice home, has one son, Vassar, whom they are educating in West Virginia. His hobby is base ball—Play Ball.

MR. ED BELO
High Point, N. C., Rt. 3

Mr. Belo was born and reared in Trinity. His parents were Adam and Hattie Belo, great church workers and officials in the M. E. church and also property owners and farmers. Mr. Belo is considered an 'A' number one farmer and has a good farm and nice modern, concrete slab, home on the highway. He raises large crops of tobacco, wheat, corn and truck for the market. He has trucks and modern facilities for carrying on his work. He was married to Miss Florence Moffitt whose parents were Louis and Harriet Moffitt, people of good character, and religious influence in the community. They are members and officials in the M. E. church and are well known for their work and high standard living.

REV. T. H. WOOTEN
Ramseur, N. C., Box 122

A born preacher, a fearless leader and a Christian gentleman is the Rev. Wooten. These are the impressions that he has made on those who have made his acquaintance since coming to Randolph. He was born and reared in Rockingham county, educated in the public schools at Reidsville, and Bennett College and took his professional work at Gammon Theological Seminary, where he graduated. His parents were John T. and Irene Wooten, who placed their imprint for Christian service upon the lad which perhaps set his heart upon the ministry. He is now serving his second year as pastor of the Ramseur charge of the M. E. church and has made a very favorable impression. He was not long in these parts before he took to himself a helpmate in the person of Miss Donnie Allred, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shellie Allred, very influential Christian people of Ramseur. Mrs. Wooten is one of the teachers in the public schools at Ramseur. We wish for them a prosperous and happy voyage upon the sea of matrimony.

MISS LENA MAE CARTER
Randolph County Hospital
High Point, N. C.
620 E. High Street

Miss Carter is the only trained nurse of color now employed at the Randolph Hospital. She was born and reared in Nashville, Tennessee, but was educated in the public schools of High Point, having done her high school work at Allen Home High School in Asheville. She finished her nurse training course in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte. Since her graduation in 1931 she has been constantly employed, practicing in Charlotte, Thomasville, High Point, the Staten Island New York Sanitorium and coming here about three years ago. She makes her residence while here in the beautiful apartment set aside for nurses. She is the niece of Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Foust of High Point and is a registered nurse. Prof. and Mrs. Foust after completing their education at Bennett College, began teaching and have served in some of the best schools of several counties until their temporary retirement due to an automobile accident some time ago. They were numbered among the leading teachers of Randolph, being employed at that time in the Ramseur school. They have many dear friends in the county.



MRS. OPHELIA LYNN
3 Burns St., Asheboro, N. C.

The character shown above was born and reared in Randolph, and is a sister to W. R. Maness whose family life is described in another place in this issue. She was educated in the public schools here and at New Castle, Pa. For several years she taught school in the rural district and in the city schools here. She is a member of the M. E. church and is widely known for her great work in the church and social affairs. Her husband Mr. Ed Lynn is a first class auto mechanic and is employed by the city in the service department. They have a beautiful well appointed home and are very generous thoughtful citizens. Her mother Mrs. Maness lives with her.

MRS. ROSA LINDSAY
Asheboro, N. C.

Guilford makes another contribution to Randolph in this character, as she was born and reared at Guilford College in that county, of the union of Wesley and Cora Garrett. She attended the public schools, joined the church and began an active service at an early age. Her husband William Lindsay, a Christian gentleman of high ideals and industry passed away here a few years ago. They were faithful members and officials at Shady Grove M. E. church. Mr. Lindsay was wise in leaving Mrs. Lindsay comfortably located in a nice home and good property. A few years ago she exchanged property, building and improving a very beautiful place here—the charm of all passers-by. As evi-

dence of her loyalty and ability to make friends she has been employed in the home of one of the oldest and most respected families of this city for 26 years. She has only to make known any difficulty and she has staunch friends coming to her rescue. Her only daughter, Myrtle, who died after a short lived marriage to Marshall Patterson, finished high school here and was in the very bloom of life. Mr. Patterson is one of our finest young men of fine traits. He was reared in Lenoir county and educated in the public school. He too has held long term service where his mother-in-law serves. He continues to make his home with her. Both are loyal to church and other community uplift organizations.

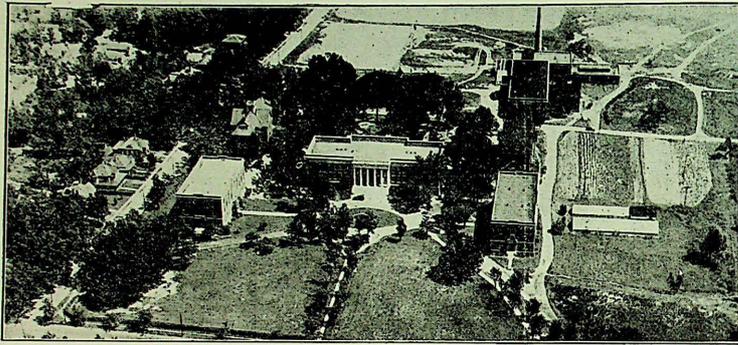
MR. ELI SPENCER
Route No. 1, Box 64
Seagrove, N. C.

Mr. Spencer was born and reared on the farm in Randolph. His parents were Enoch and Hannah Spencer. Devoted Christians and loyal members and co-founders of Piney Ridge M. E. church. He has a farm and home and is a local preacher and Sunday school teacher in the Piney Ridge church.

MR. PETER ALEXANDER TROGDEN
Asheboro, N. C.

Though of limited education Mr. Trogden has made progress and achievement in life. He was born and reared near Franklinville in this county. His parents owned property, staunch Christians, and good citizens. Mr. Trogden owns splendid farm land which he keeps rented out near Piney Ridge. The family owns valuable property here in the city. They have many friends and are highly respected by white and colored alike. They have several children, some of whom are married, rearing up families and proving worthy neighbors. Mr. Trogden was founder and deacon in the local Church of God. The entire family is noted for their loyal and enthusiastic church work. They are Bible students and deeply moved by things spiritual. The small congregation with the help of friends has bought property and built a very neat meeting house. Their pastor, Elder Ralph Scotton, of High Point, gives the church two Sundays per month. They are moving along in a very acceptable manner and are attracting large crowds. Very often ministers and whole congregations from out of town churches worship with them.

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MR. C. O. GREENE Ramseur, N. C., Box 15

Mr. Greene is one of the leading citizens of Ramseur. He was born and reared in Coleridge and attended the public schools there. His parents were Barnard and Dacey Greene, industrious energetic, Christian people who through frugality owned their own home and a good farm. Mrs. Greene was formerly a Miss Ada Phillips of Moore county. She was first married to a Mr. Luck who was cut short of a promising career by an untimely death. Her parents too, owned property and were good livers. He was a carpenter by trade. Three children, fine young men were born of her first marriage, one of these having passed on to his reward. Later she was married to Mr. C. O. Greene, who himself had been married to a Miss Eva Brady, the daughter of very prosperous and influential farmer—John Brady. Out of this marriage also came three fine young men, one of whom also was cut short of life. The Greenses own a very beautiful home and valuable property in Ramseur and a good farm in the county. They delight in doing church work, and are members

of the M. E. church and also hold many positions of trust and honor. He is employed as night watchman at the Ramseur Furniture Co., the position he has held for the last three years. He is also a timber contractor and one of the well known and beloved families of the county. They have striven to educate their children, all of whom are now proving worthy citizens.

REV. D. J. GILMER 904 Wilmington St. Greensboro, N. C.

The subject of this sketch was born and reared in Greensboro and his parents were Madison and Caroline Gilmer. He is more familiarly and better known as Captain Gilmer, an honor which he won and a station he obtained after a long and successful service in the United States Army. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Spanish American and Philippine war. He has traveled extensively; touching various corners of the world. On retiring from the army service, he engaged successfully in business which he relinquished a few years ago to devote his full time to the ministry. He is now the pastor of Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, Asheboro, N. C.,

and superintendent of the Federal Transit Service and director of Trinity mission of which he is organizer, promoter and the moving spirit. He is pensioned as captain of C. A. 49 L. Infantry U. S. A.

REV. A. S. TOWNSEND 403 Taylor St. High Point, N. C.

Rev. Townsend is the able pastor of St. John Baptist Church here in Asheboro. He is also pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in High Point succeeding his father the late Rev. S. D. Townsend in the pulpit at that church. Rev. Townsend had public school education in High Point where he was born and reared and was a private student of Dr. G. C. White an eminent divine of Winston-Salem. In a sense he is a self made man. However being a young man he is making efforts to pursue his college work. He was married to Miss Magdalene Robins of High Point, an accomplished young Christian worker. They own a good home and nice property and stand well wherever they are known. I am sure Rev. Townsend will be heard from in the future in a large way.

MR. J. H. FERREE Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Ferree is no complainer—no cry baby. He knows his job and gets results. His trade is plastering, cementing, and brick laying and is good at them all. He is always employed—never idle. He usually keeps several helpers and apprentices at work. He is honest, reliable, and trustworthy and as a result can boast of many friends among both races. His parents are Joe and Adline Ferree of Randleman, where young Ferree was born and attended the public schools. He lived in Brooklyn awhile—owns property in Randleman and in Greensboro. He is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church and rigidly adheres to its regulations by keeping our Saturday as Sabbath Day. One would little think that he is pretty regularly employed by the great A. & P. stores for inventory work at odd times. Mr. Ferree is one of the finest young men I know. He is always ready to help in any thing for the good of the community. His interests go to young men of the race and he is anxious to see them learn trades which will make them independent. He is greatly appreciated in Randolph.

MR. GEORGE BOSTIC Pinehurst, N. C., Box 323

Mr. Bostic was born and reared in Moore county near Biscoe and Candor and had public school education and learned the barber trade which he followed several years, and railroading. His parents were Bass and Emma Bostic, who were reared in Montgomery county and followed public works and lived consistent Christian lives until their death a few years ago. The boy was early impressed with the zeal and influence of his parents and has proved himself a worthy son. He was married to Miss Carr'e Martin of Moore county and to them were born several children whom he is endeavoring to educate. She herself is a fine Christian woman and is rendering an untold service to the race and community. The Bostics own a nice home and other valuable property in their city. He is now serving as brakeman on the Norfolk & Southern line. His seniority places him third from the top. He has had a long and successful career at railroading. He is a member of Gallie Baptist church, Sunday school teacher, president of B. Y. P. U., district vice president and treasurer. In his long public service there is not one black mark against him. He is a black mark against him. He is a worthy and honorable man whose friendship I cherish and admire.

MRS. HATTIE MARSH Asheboro, N. C.

Another loyal and faithful citizen of our fair city is the subject above named. Mrs. Marsh came from Chatham county where she was reared and educated in the public schools. She taught public school for a number of years but since she quit teaching she has given her time and labor to hard domestic activities. After living in Moore county a number of years, she and her husband, John Marsh, who passed away into the great beyond a few years ago, moved to Asheboro and bought property, built a good home and endeared themselves to the people. Mr. Marsh was industrious and a hard worker and a highly respected man and a worthy citizen. He left his wife comfortably fixed in a good home, though he was just a common laborer. They were members of the Baptist church. She is helping to educate her sister's children, as she has none of her own. In her commodious home she keeps roomers. She is greatly loved and respected.

MR. LEMUEL CAVINESS Ulah, N. C.

A very chip off the old block is this up and coming youngster, Mr. Lemuel Caviness. He is industrious, hard working, far-seeing and public spirited. Mr. Caviness is the son of the late Alfred and Mary Caviness who were good livers and home owners and church loving people; as fine as the community produced. He was born in the county on the farm and is one of our most successful farmers. He was married to Miss Clemlis Brower, only child of William F. and Mary Brower whose write-up appears elsewhere in this issue. They have eight living children which they are trying to give the advantages of good schooling and Christian training. They own property and have many friends and will be heard from in a large way in the future, I am sure.

MR. COLUMBUS BIRK- HEAD Farmer, N. C., Rt. No. 3

The leading, dominating, integrating spirit of this wide awake little community of St. Mark is the character mentioned above. He is a man of vision and sound judgment, even though limited in his education. He was born and reared on a farm in Randolph, and has always been content to take his chance at farming, saw-milling and public work and he

has made a success of it. He owns a good home and farm and is living well. His parents were Christian people; Samuel and Jane Birkhead. He was married to Miss Blanche Lassiter of Strieby, whose parents were Zilla and Sis Lassiter. She, too, was reared under the influence of thrifty and Christian parents, which spirit still runs through her whole life. They are members and officials of the St. Mark M. E. church. They have a family of six children some of whom have married and are building on the foundations their parents laid for them. One daughter, Hazel attended Peabody Academy and Winston-Salem Teacher's College and has taught school in the county.

MR. GAIL PHILLIPS Ashboro, N. C.

One of the most industrious men of our community who can do, not, one thing well, but many is Mr. Phillips. For several years he was janitor at the Ohio State University in Columbus, a position he held with credit to all concerned and honor to himself. He is a ready, handy man, with saw, hammer, brush and odd things. His parents were Frank and Hattie Phillips from whom he inherited his noble Christian ideals. They themselves were property owners. Mrs. Phillips was formerly Miss Myrtle Warren, daughter of Rufus and Caroline Warren of Guilford county who were substantial citizens and farm owners. The Phillips have a very beautiful home modernly equipped and beautifully furnished. Its worth being proud of. Mrs. Phillips is a trained seamstress. They own and operate a barber shop and beauty parlor. The type of citizens represented by these lovable people is a joy to any community and Randolph is proud of them.

MR. & MRS. JAMES FRANKS Asheboro, N. C.

All Asheboro and surrounding communities know of the outstanding success of the Franks. He was reared here of fine Christian parents. She came here at an early age from Orange county. Both are hard workers and have a beautiful home in a lovely setting of shrubbery and a lake. They also have much other valuable property. Only two girls in the family, one of whom is married, the other, Ruth, is teaching, having finished at Winston Teachers College. They are members of the Congregational church and are highly respected by white and colored.

T. F. SANDERS, Esq.
700½ E. Washington St.
High Point, N. C.

Another son of Randolph has made good in the professional world. Mr. Sanders was born and reared in Randolph, attended the public schools in Asheboro, Bennett College and studied law at Howard University, Washington, D. C. He began the practice of his profession at Wilson, N. C., but later moved to High Point. He was admitted to the bar in Asheboro. He enjoys a lucrative practice, many friends at the bar among the lawyers, even though he is the only colored one in this section. Mr. Sanders owns quite a bit of farm property, timber, land, rent houses, vacant lots and much other types of property both in Randolph and High Point. He is a member of the Baptist church, a great worker, a true leader. He gives to many others regular and worthwhile employment. His parents were the late Henry and Julia Sanders of Mechanic, who were noted Christian people. He is still a bachelor, I can't say for how long, so bait your traps, girls.

MR. SYLVANUS LUCK
Route No. 1, Box 67
Seagrove, N. C.

Mr. Luck was born and reared in Randolph on a farm. He had some public schooling. His parents were John and Patient Luck who were good l'vers, property owners, church and community workers. Mr. Luck owns a nice home and a good farm. He has been thoughtful and tasteful in painting his house and improving the premises. He is a log and timber contractor and has oversight and charge of a crew of men. He stayed for ten years in Pennsylvania. As a result of his marriage to Miss Eller Buckener, the daughter of Thomas Buckener at Carthage, from whom she heired valuable property, eight children came into the home whom he is endeavoring to educate. He is a leading official in the Piney Ridge M. E. Church and has been the delegate to the Quadrennial Lay Conference many times and for twenty one years he was a local school committeeman.

MR. WILLIAM F. BROWER
Ulah, N. C.

Mr. Brower was born and reared in Randolph. His parents were Noah and Winicy Brower, well known, highly respected family of children, who have made good in life. Mr. Brower inherited many of the fine traits from

his parents. He is a hard worker and honest and upright man who has large influence in the county. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Walden, the daughter of Anderson and Jane Walden of Moore county. All of their parents have since passed on to a glorious reward, but their works live after them. The Browsers have a good home and a good farm and know how to make and keep friends. They are members of Mitchell M. E. church and are loyal to every cause. Except for five years living in Greensboro he has always resided in the county; and is one farmer who raises nearly every thing he uses and also puts much on the market.

MR. JOHN HILL
MRS. FANNIE HILL
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Hill was born and reared in Randolph county of Christian parents who greatly influenced the young boy's life. He attended the public schools. Mrs. Hill was born of Eli and Frances Brown, Christian, and greatly respected parents. She had public school education only, but learned to do many things and do them well. She grew up right near here. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are well known and highly respected citizens. They have lots of friends among white and black alike. They are hard working, church loving people. They own a nice home, valuable property. Three boys and two girls were born to the union, of these two girls, Lacy and Lucille and one boy Sidney, have finished high school and are now engaged in honorable work. Mr. Hill is employed at the Home Building, one of the largest manufacturing concerns in this section, a job he has held for more than 20 years. Mrs. Hill is a finished laundress. They are members of St. Luke M. E. church and loyal to every interest of the city. Its a pleasure to have the intimate friendship of these worthy people.

MRS. MATTIE GORE
Trinity, N. C.

This is another worthy daughter of the late Daniel and Mary Gibson, whose life has been spoken of in another connection. Mr. Gibson was by trade a tanner, and followed the business for many years. Mrs. Gore is a well known hair dresser using the Madam Walker System and she is also a public seamstress. She was married to Mr. Charles Gore, carpenter, piano and organ repairer and a man of great influence; but unfortunately

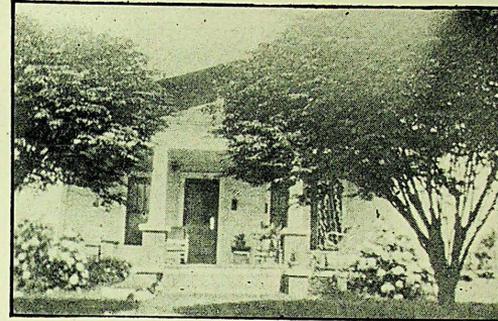
Mr. Gore was cut short by death in the bloom of life. Two children, a boy and a girl, were born to them. The son attended college and also saw service overseas in the World War. The daughter, Pearl, is in the hotel business in Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Gore is an efficient worker and has a fine personality. She is a faithful member of the M. E. church, and a highly respected citizen. She owns a nice home and good property.

MR. ROBERT EMORY GRAY
Trinity, N. C., Box 26

Mr. Gray was born and reared here of very well known and respected, property holding parents, Shube and Sarah Gray, who were influential members and officers of the Baptist church. Mr. Gray had public schooling and has made a successful man. He has a very beautiful and well planned home. He has farmed and done mechanical work. He is now janitor at the white school where he has won the respect and confidence of all concerned. He held the same position at the Trinity College, when located there, and also at High Point. He is superintendent of the Sunday school and a deacon in the Baptist church. and was for a long time school committeeman. He was married to Florence Ganaway, whose parents were Ed and Roella Ganaway, property owners and good citizens. Miss Mozell Gray, their accomplished daughter, was educated at Slater College and in New York City. She has had several years' experience teaching in Randolph and other counties.

MRS. HANNAH B. ALLEN
Trinity, N. C.

Mother Allen, as she is affectionately known in the community is the oldest member of the thriving Methodist church in this city. Her parents were Alson and Edith Ann Brown. He was a local preacher in the M. E. church. She was born in the eastern part of the state. Her education was limited to pay schooling. She was married to Mr. James Allen of Randleman, farmer, brick molder, truck raiser and a Christian gentleman. They bought property and built a home. At his death, fifteen years ago, he left her very comfortably situated in her own home and plenty around her. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years and remembers when the church was organized and every preacher and presiding elder from the first to the last in the order of service. She still has a very active and keen mind.



MR. & MRS. ALBERT C. HENLEY'S RESIDENCE

30 Greensboro St., Asheboro, N. C.

Randolph also lays claim to these two very fine people, Mr. and Mrs. Henley who came from humble parentage, but fine Christian stock. His parents were Thomas and Mary Henley, she of the two survives. Her parents were: George and Fanny Harrison of St. Mark's community, well known for their great devotion to church work. Mr. Henley owns the nice home shown above, some vacant

THE SMITHERMAN FAMILY
Strieby, N. C.

A most unusual family for thrift, hospitality and single blessedness. Bertis, Harrison, Winston, Sallie and Sarah. As fine a group as one can find in the bounds of a day's journey. All good looking and single. Their parents were Charlie and Mary Smitherman. Their mother was reared here but their father was a newcomer and settler in these parts. His life was cut short during the early years of the children. The mother, however, passed away just a few years ago. They were left a good farm, a good education and training and fine ideals for church work and citizenship. They have recently built a new home, a modern place of abode. They are members and officials of the Congregational Church and are highly respected and well known people. They make a lovely family. The boys are successful farmers. Sally is a trained nurse having finished her training at the Durham hospital and Sarah one of the outstanding teachers of this county was trained for her work at Winston-Salem Teacher's College. The community is enriched with such people as these residing therein.

MR. WINSTON LASSITER
Eleanor, N. C.

Mr. Lassiter was born and reared in this community on a farm and had public school training. His parents were Callien and Katy Lassiter, who were always free people. They bought property and built a good home and reared a family of respectable children of whom we are all proud. Mr. Lassiter was married to Miss Ora Kearns, whose parents were Clark and Abigail Kearns, who exerted large influence, which manifest itself in the children, thereby causing them to become great church and community workers. The Lassiters have a good home and a splendid farm from which they work out a handsome living. There are only seven boys and five girls as a result of this marriage. All of them have been or are being given high school and college training, fitting them for teaching and other work. Three of them are well known teachers in the state; Colon in Winston-Salem, Vella in Reidsville and Kate in Asheboro. It's a pleasure for anyone to visit the home and know something of the hospitality of the Lassiters.

MR. JOHN STRICKLAND
Ulah, N. C.

Mr. Strickland was born and reared in Moore county and had some public schooling. His mother was Sarah Strickland, a very fine Christian woman who passed away a few years ago. Some things were said about her in another write-up of this issue. Mr. Strickland married Miss Martha Ann Brower, the daughter of Noah and Winicy Brower who, also has been mentioned in another section of this book. The Stricklands are members of the Mitchell M. E. church and are some of the most loyal, most regular in attendance, and most able in the church. They always delight in doing their part. They own a nice home, have a large farm and are prosperous and well-to-do farmers. Besides growing staple products as corn and wheat they put a large number and variety of vegetables, eggs, chickens, and etc. on the market at all times during the year. All the children have had considerable education; several of these taught school after leaving college. The only daughter Maggie, graduated at Bennett. Dr. Irvin Strickland is a dentist in Reidsville. Two other sons, Roscoe and Homer, attended A. & T. They are great friends to education and are always looking out for helping the community.

PROF. JOHN C. PATTERSON
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Patterson is one of the leading teachers of long years experience in Randolph. Though born and reared in Alamance his parents moved to Randolph during his early years. His parents Nelson and Adeline Patterson were influential Christian people and church workers. Young Patterson attended the public schools and put in three years at Bennett College and upon leaving there began teaching in the county in 1892. He was married to Miss Fannie M. Craven of Guilford, whose parents G. R. and Mattie Craven moved to Randolph. They also were farm owners and church loving people. Mr. Patterson has varied experiences in his life, at one time was janitor of a school for three years! again he worked in a factory in High Point where he moved for the educational advantages for his children. His children were blessed with good schooling. One daughter, who passed to her reward a few years ago taught school for seven years. A few years ago the family moved to Asheboro, bought property and built a home. They are loyal members of the A. M. E. church.

MR. WILLIAM DANIEL BROOKS

Ramseur, N. C., Rt. 2

Mr. Brooks was born at Ramseur. His parents were Anthony and Winicy Brooks. He was reared on the farm and has made good. He was married to Miss Fannie Moffitt, whose parents were Edmond and Maloy Moffitt. She was reared in the county by these staunch Christian parents. Her father was a preacher. The children were all deeply influenced by the consecrated life of their parents. Of this union fifteen children were born, however only eight are living. The Brooks own a good home, a good farm and are peaceable, law-abiding Christian citizens. They are members of the Methodist church. They are great singers and great workers. Music comes easy and natural as water flowing down hill to them. They are respected by white and colored alike. They are in good circumstances and very thrifty farmers and truckraisers.

EAST END CAFE

Asheboro, N. C.

One of the few business institutions among Negroes in the city is the East End Cafe, a modern, well equipped up-to-date place of service. There one may appease his appetite to all sorts of good home made cooking and delicacies. This establishment is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis. Mr. Lewis was born and reared in Virginia but came here several years ago and is employed by the city. Mrs. Lewis is a native of Randolph. They have one child Winfred who boasts of having lost but a very few days since he started school a few years ago. They own good property and have set out to make themselves felt in the community in a helpful way. They are loyal in support of school and civic affairs.

MR. JESSE FERREE

Randleman, N. C.

Because of his superior workmanship as an auto mechanic, Mr. Ferree has held such a position with a Chevrolet Company in Greensboro for a good long while. He is highly respected and has a large influence among the white and colored alike. He was born and reared in Randleman, the son of Joseph and Adeline Ferree, who have been spoken of elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Ferree was married to Miss Gertrude Glover of that community, a sympathetic and energetic young woman. In the midst of a very prosper-

ous and happy life she was cut off by death, leaving three fine young boys and one girl. Mr. Ferree has a good home, desirable property and is well and widely known. He is a member of the M. E. church there and is a good worker and is in for any move that will better the community.



REV. J. D. DAVIS
Box 332, Liberty, N. C.

Rev. J. D. Davis was born and reared in Raleigh, N. C. His parents were humble Christian people who endeavored to prepare him for his life's work. They owned their own property and made a comfortable living. Rev. Davis was educated at the Berry Okelly Training School and took his Theological work at Shaw University. He is one of the leading ministers of the A. M. E. church and has served, in his long ministry, some of the best charges. He has been honored again and again with positions of trust and honor. He was treasurer of the Ministerial Alliance while serving at Raleigh. He was married to Miss Eleanor Page who came from a splendid home of Christian influence. Her parents too were in favorable circumstances and owned considerable property. They own a nice home in Raleigh and a valuable farm in the country. Rev. Davis is a good preacher, a distinguished gospel singer and is a Christian gentleman. He is a warm friend to education and any project of building up the community. He is now pastor of the Liberty, Asheboro, Ramseur charge and has many friends and a large influence.

MR. ROBERT HOOVER

Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Hoover was born and reared at Caraway. His parents were early settlers and great workers in the church and community. He was married to Miss Marjorie Hill, the daughter of Arthur and Sarah Hill, mention of whom appears in another connection. The parents of both these people were public spirited citizens, owned their own homes and property and were known for their Christian work. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover lived in Fairview for sometime, later moving to Asheboro, where they have given long, useful, public service in the church and community. Mr. Hoover was employed at the Home Building for a long time, leaving there to take a position at the ice company, where he has made a record of punctuality and devotion to duty, thereby winning the respect and confidence of employers. They own a nice home here, have one daughter Ruth in Bennett College and two others ready for college. Mr. Hoover is a member of the Baptist church and Mrs. Hoover is a member of the M. E. church and are highly respected citizens.

MR. A. C. GRAVES

Ramseur, N. C.

Another favored son of Randolph is the subject of this sketch. He was born and reared on a farm in the county and his parents were E. F. and Winicy Graves, the mother is still living. They were loyal Christians and left a deep impression of Christian piety upon the young boy. He is a trained, experienced fireman having served in factories and railroads for twenty odd years. During his railroading he operated from Spencer to Selma and as far as Monroe, Va. He served as fireman of the city schools in Asheboro for ten consecutive years. He owns a nice home and a good place of several acres in Ramseur and has a large interest in the old home farm. Mr. Graves was married to Miss Victory Sellers who was born and reared in Randolph of Abe and Hannah Sellers, influential Christians. One child was born of this union, whom they are educating. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are members and officials of the Baptist church at his home and is a worthy and highly respected citizen. He is employed now at the Randolph Mill Co. as fireman. He has no trouble in locating any good job whenever he needs it, because he is well known for his hard work and honest and upright character.

MR. EDGAR MCCAIN

Sophia, N. C., Rt. No. 1

Mr. McCain was born and reared at Worthville, N. C. His parents were Leander and Mariah McCain. His mother is still living but his father passed on some time ago. They were fine Christian people and sustained a helpful influence in the community. Mr. McCain does public work having followed railroading for a long time. He was married to a Miss Annie Harshaw of this community whose parents were Enoch and Malindy Harshaw, very fine industrious Christian workers. There were eleven children born to the family. They are being given public schooling. Mr. and Mrs. McCain are well known, highly respected and influential Christian people being members of the Baptist Church at Randleman, in which he holds important positions. They own a good home and are worthy citizens. He is congenial and approachable.

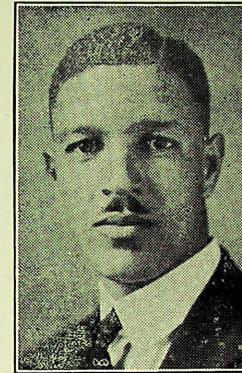
MR. JOHN W. COBLERt. No. 1, Box 29
Randleman, N. C.

Mr. Coble was born and reared here at Randleman. His parents were Dennis and Annie Coble, who had public schooling, owned their own home and were well known Christians. He married Miss Bessie Keck of Burlington, and they are the proud parents of a very promising son whom they are keeping in school. They own a good farm and have built a nice home. He follows farming and public work and is recognized as one of the leading men in the community. He is reliable, honest and industrious. He is an officer and a member of St. Peter M. E. church and is a valuable asset in the community.

MR. C. W. ALFORD

Trinity, N. C.

Living in a good home, beautifully surrounded and cared for, and enjoying a good job Mr. Alford is proud, but gracious. He has never gotten away from the church and social uplift work. Every Sunday finds him at his place in the church, Sunday school and choir of the M. E. persuasion. He has many friends and is well known among white and colored alike. He was born in Trinity. His parents were Christians before him. He was joined in wedlock to Miss Laura Freeman, whose parents were Ike and Mary Freeman. He has always held positions of trust with leading white families, like J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, where he worked 12 years.

**PROF. R. L. GREEN**Rt. No. 1, Box 82
Asheboro, N. C.

How often is it that one's achievement and success are the direct results of a deep seated desire and a heartfelt craving on the part of the youth. Prof. Green was always ambitious. He had dreams and saw visions and worked untiringly until he changed them to a reality. In point of service he is perhaps the oldest and most respected school teacher in the county. He is the son of Barron and Dicey Green who left to him fine Christian habits which he so nobly carries on. He is a member and officer of Piney Ridge M. E. church where he lives. He has taught school at several places in and out of the county and has always made a favorable impression. He was married to Miss Marrianna Chestnut, who was a trained midwife. They own a good home and a farm of more than one hundred acres and are the parents of seven children who are themselves making good.

MR. J. W. MASSEY

Trinity, N. C., Rt. 2

The subject of this sketch was born in Mecklenburg county. His parents were Timothy and Lula Massey. Mr. Massey has always followed farming, and owns a good farm, and as he is a big farmer, he rents another farm. Mrs. Massey, who before marriage was Miss Maggie Antinay from Forsyth county, is very pleasant and industrious. They have some very promising children. The oldest daughter, Gladys, who was married to Mr. Mayes of Thomasville, was taken by death recently leaving one child. The Masseys belong to the M. E. church and are highly respected citizens. They know how to make it pleasant for strangers.

MR. ADMIRAL DEWEY STEDRt. No. 3, Box 55
Asheboro, N. C.

If hard work, hard hitting and constant application to a task will promote one in a chosen field, I'm sure

REV. J. W. HARISTON B. TH.

Rt. No. 1, Box 47

Rev. Hariston is practically a new comer to Randolph, having such a splendid disposition and spirit of cooperation he is no longer a stranger. He was born in Stokes County and his parents were Rev. Travis and Nancy Hariston who were influential property owners. He attended the public schools, Slater College, and Shaw University where he finished his theological education. He has enjoyed a very successful pastorate at some of the leading charges of his denomination, the Baptist. He was married to Miss Elsie Jones, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jones whose write-up appears elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Hariston is a product of the public schools and of Bennett College where she finished the Normal Department after which she began teaching. She is widely known for her fine spirit, friendly attitude and great work in improving and brightening churches and schools. They have three very fine boys; J. W. Jr., Charles, and Vernon Jones. Both Rev. and Mrs. Hariston are sweet singers and we all look forward to someday hearing the Hariston musical quintet. He is now pastor of the Davidson Baptist church of Statesville, N. C.

MR. J. B. STRICKLAND
Trinity, N. C., Rt. No. 1

Mr. Strickland was born and reared in Randolph. His parents were John and Dazzy Strickland of this county who were highly respected and good livers, own their own property and home. He had public school training and learned by practice to do farming, carpentry and brick laying and other types of public work. He was married to Miss Ada Cheek, the daughter of Henderson and Sarah Cheek, property owners, good farmers, and thorough Christians of this county. For twenty-seven years the Stricklands lived in High Point, ran a store, farm and wood yard employing much help. A few years ago they moved to Trinity, built a nice home and a first class store and has some rented houses. He has a large farm and truck farm using hired help and sharecroppers. They are members of the Methodist church and have large influence and are considered among our best livers. Whenever he makes up his mind, he is a man, not of many words, but of action.

MR. D. E. ALLRED
Ramsour, N. C.

Mr. Allred was born and reared in Randolph. His parents were Calvin and Ann Allred. They owned good property, had wide influence among both races, public spirited citizens and well known Christians. As is evidence in the life of Mr. Allred one never gets entirely away from the early home and fireside teaching of his parents. He was married to Miss Inez Siler of Chatham county, whose parents were Gaston and Mary Siler. She too came from a home of deep religious influence. Mr. and Mrs. Allred have a nice home, a good farm, plenty of everything about them and are living comfortably and happily there. He has been janitor of the white school there for twelve years, and has the confidence and respect of all the leading people of both races. They have only one child whom they expect to educate.

MR. EDGAR PARSON
Randleman, N. C.
Route No. 1, Box 111

Mr. Parson easily ranks with the best farmers in the county. He was born and reared in Guilford county but moved to Randolph early in life. He attended the public schools and was trained to work. He was married to Miss Ollie Goins, the daughter of Daniel and Jane Goins. She was born

and reared in Moore county but moved to Cabarrus county at an early age. Her parents, too, were farmers and owned a good home. The Parsons are good livers, hard workers, and have plenty around them. They are very successful in the raising of poultry, wheat, and other farm products. Their large place is well appointed and they are prepared for doing the job as it should be done. They have a lovely family of youngsters one of whom is now ready for high school. They too, are members of St. Peter's M. E. church and are loyal in the discharge of their duties.



REV. J. H. FOY, B. TH.
Rt. No. 1, Box 68
Seagrove, N. C.

This is another instance where a boy with ambition and possessed with an indomitable will has pushed his way to the front. He is now serving as pastor of the Empire charge of the M. E. church and his record is one of constant achievement. He is a great churchman, a true leader and Christian gentleman. He was born in Patrick county, Virginia. His parents were D. J. and Ellen Foy from whom he inherited these fine traits in his life. His education was secured in the public schools of Virginia, Union Theological Seminary where he finished with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. He has had a long and successful career as preacher and public school teacher. For the most part he has carried on teaching and preaching together. He was married to Mrs. Browder, the widow of a preacher, who has one son whom they are giv-

ing college education. They own some valuable property and have a large circle of friends. Being a successful organizer, he has always made a round report at his conference.

MRS. MATTIE TOWNS MOCK
Trinity, N. C.

Mrs. Mock is a fluent talker and a splendid entertainer. She was born and reared in Virginia near Danville. Her parents were Solomon and Mary Womack, who were prosperous farmers, good citizens and church going people. She remembers distinctly and describes vividly the "Earth Quake" before which she was married to Rubin Towns of Virginia. They moved from Virginia to High Point and from there to Trinity, where they bought a farm and other property and began farming and public work. Three children, Mrs. Pansy Homes, Jeffrey, and Richard Towns, respected citizens, were born to them. They gave each one public school education and a home. She is the oldest member living of the Baptist church there in which her husband was deacon at the time of his death. After the death of Mr. Towns she was married to Mr. George Mock, a carpenter and furniture worker of good standing. They own a good home and he is deacon in the Baptist church.

MR. WILLARD SMITH
Route No. 2, Box 58
Ramsour, N. C.

This is another man of Randolph who has made good in the world and built for himself a respected name. His friends are many and his influence for good is wide. He was born and reared in Randolph county attended the public schools of the state and Virginia College. He has followed farming and public work most all his life. He is now station porter for the A. & Y. Railroad Co., in Ramsour, a position he has held for 20 odd years. For a number of years he was brakeman for the railroad company. His parents were Sibie and Emily Smith of Guilford county who had deep religious convictions. Mr. Smith was married to Miss Eliza Lineberry whose parents were Nathan and Jane Lineberry of Ramsour, well known and highly respected Christian people. They own property, reared a respectful family and are members of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a nice home and truck farm, and are counted as leading and influential people of Ramsour. The community greatly honors and appreciates them.

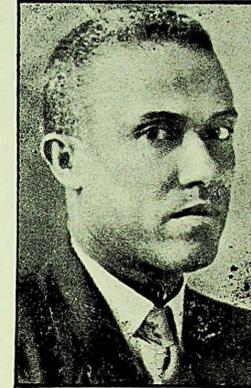
MR. T. E. LAUGHLIN
Farmer, N. C.

Mr. Laughlin was born and reared at Trinity, N. C. His parents were Ches and Sarah Laughlin, who were faithful Christian people, good farmers, and home owners. Mr. Laughlin's education was limited to the public schools. He learned one thing well, that is farming, which he has followed consistently all his life. He had two brothers who rose very high in the ministerial profession in the Methodist church, but they have passed on to their reward. He was married to Miss Rosine Hill of Strieby, N. C., who was reared by her grandfather, Calvin Hill. She attended the public schools and Kings Mountain Academy. To this union seven boys were born, making a proud father and a grand family. He owns and operates a farm of one hundred thirty seven acres, is known as one of the best wheat and corn raisers in the county. He is a deacon in the Congregational church at Strieby and is chairman of his local National Better Home Committee.

REV. ALEXANDER SHERMAN SPINKS
Ulah, N. C.

A Bible student of note and conversant along many lines is the subject of this sketch. He never tires of discussing Biblical questions and things for the betterment of his community and race. His mother Matilda Spinks, was an earnest Christian before him and planted the germ of Christianity firmly in his soul. He was reared on a farm in this county and has been a close student of farm conditions. He attended the public schools and Bennett College. After leaving college he set out on his vocation of teaching and preaching. He spent four years in Catawba county at Mitchell, St. Marks, Pleasant Hill and Catawba. He was married to Miss Maggie Cheek a woman with gentle Christ like qualities. She is faithful and considerate in all things. To this union four children, three girls and one boy were born, one of whom, Honora, a very charming young woman who had been educated at Bennett College and was proving a successful teacher, went home to rest. The family survived the shock and seemingly doubled their loyalty and devotion to Him who doeth all things well. The Spinks own a nice home, a farm and have plenty around them. His other two daughters, Alvesta and Henrietta, are teaching school and the one son, Gurney, has a high standing with the railroad company as fireman. Rev. Spinks has served as

pastor of the good charges of the Methodist church. They are faithful and loyal members of Mitchell church.



REV. F. D. CALDWELL
19 Greensboro St.
Asheboro, N. C.

Rev. Caldwell was born and reared in Morganton, N. C. His parents were Albert and Alice Caldwell, who were property owners and influential citizens of Burke county. He attended the public school, Kesthler Presbyterian Academy, and Slater College. After teaching successfully for several years he went to Gammon Seminary and after graduation, he devoted all his time to pastoral work. He has been a successful pastor and stands high in the counsels of the M. E. church of which he is a minister. He is now serving up his fifth year as pastor of St. Luke M. E. church in this city. Rev. Caldwell got not only his diploma in Atlanta, but also his wife. He was married to Miss Bertha Mae McCree of College Park, Georgia. Mrs. Caldwell, after attending public schools, continued her education at Spellman College. She taught school for awhile and then accepted a position as stenographer for the National Benefit Life Insurance Company which she held for ten years. Her parents were John and Josephine McCree, highly respected citizens and property owners. Mrs. Caldwell some time ago graduated at a school of hair dressing and beauty culture and has since been actively engaged in her work here, where she operates a first class beauty parlor.

MR. JOHN C. STALEY
Asheboro, N. C.
Route No. 1, Box 92

Mr. Staley was born and reared on the farm near Liberty, N. C. He was left an orphan at a very tender age, but was given careful attention and training by Mrs. Judah McNaire, who reared him. He was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah Jane Brady, a very industrious and far sighted young woman of this county. They own a good home, a farm of seventy acres on which he has a share cropper and hired help. Besides raising staple products they have a large trade in produce and poultry. Mr. Staley is a local preacher in his church, Stouts Chapel M. E. church. He keeps abreast of the time by reading and traveling quite a bit. He has had many more experiences than the ordinary young man. He has spent considerable time at work as a trained butler for very wealthy people at Pleasantville, New York. He has traveled and worked in a number of places and states. He can do most any kind of work from carpentry to mechanics. He is very useful and influential.

MRS. ADDIE WALLACE TATE
Randleman, N. C.

Mrs. Tate is a woman of taste and fine personality. She was always possessed of a lofty ambition and determination. She set her aim high and set out to reach her goal. She has an unconquerable spirit when she sees her way clear. Mrs. Tate was born and reared at Randleman. Her parents were Sia and Nancy Wallace who were property owners, good livers, members of the Baptist church there and industrious citizens. She was educated in the public schools, at Palmer Memorial and Bennett Colleges. She has enjoyed a very successful career as teaching and is rated at the top of the ladder in our county. She enjoys the friendship and full hearted support that she has in the Randleman school where she has been principal for some time. She keeps pushing forward in the educational field by taking extension work at A. & T. College. She was married to Mr. Clay Tate, a hard working, good natured, and highly respected young fellow. He is the son of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Eva Tate of Efland, N. C. They are making good and accumulating property and making friends everywhere.

"Crime does not pay."

MR. W. R. MANESS
Arnold St., Asheboro, N. C.

The above subject is one of the best known persons in Randolph and most highly respected by white and colored alike. While he was born in Moore county he was reared in Randolph. His parents were Alfred and Lydia Maness. The father especially noted for his Christian piety and loyal church work. Mr. Maness is a true son of a true father. As most men he was reared on a farm and attended public schools. He was married to Miss Lillie Brower of a well-known family of this section. To this union two sons were born, Alfred and Emerson, both of whom are married and doing well. Mr. Maness operates a barber shop up town for white customers, he owns considerable property, a nice home. Mrs. Maness is a laundress by trade and experience—both are great church workers. He is chairman of the steward board and she is president of the Ladies Aid Society of the St. Luke M. E. church. During war he was employed in the ship yards at Norfolk. He has written insurance, held official position as a secret fraternal man. He is guardian for Flora Brickhouse. He has been honored by his church again and again and was elected a lay reserve delegate to the last general conference of the church held in Atlantic City. He is a loyal friend and a worthy citizen.

MR. J. H. LEACH
Rt. No. 2, Box 60
Ramseur, N. C.

Good humor, hard hitting, everlastingly at it, are perhaps the best adjectives to describe the character above. For one to know him is to have a high admiration and sincere respect for him. He is a man of integrity and upright character. He was born and reared in Moore county, attended the public schools and also Bennett College. He owns a good home and a few acres of ground which he works in Ramseur. He is employed as chef cook at one of the leading cafes. His parents who own property instilled within him a desire to have something. He was married to Miss Kitty Craven, daughter of Rev. Craven, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. They are members of the Methodist church. They have a wide circle of friends and a large influence with white and colored alike in the county. He has a very fine family of boys and girls, most of whom have finished high school and some of whom will likely soon be in college.

MR. WALTER FELIX HEDRICK

38 Greensboro Street, Asheboro, N. C.
One of the most active and best known men of Asheboro is Mr. Hedrick. His occupation is landscape gardening and he maintains a large hold upon the friendship of white and colored alike. He is a hard working Christian man. He is officially connected with the Methodist church. His parents were, Ransom and Ann Hendley Hedrick of Back Creek settlement. He was married to Miss Mary Hoover whose parents were Isaac and Harriet Hoover, also of Back Creek. These were well known people of Christian piety. Mother Harriet was near her hundredth birthday when she died a few years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick have a nice home and good property and a very respected family. One son Le Roy is a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary and is now pastor of the M. E. church at Red Springs, N. C. One daughter, Harriet, stands high in the teaching profession of the county. Some time ago she was married and took up residence in Thomasville where she and her husband are doing well. The Hedricks are giving all their children a good education. One son, James learned the brick mason trade at A. & T. college. They are among our foremost citizens in church and social circles.

MRS. JULIA E. NEWBERRY
Liberty, N. C.

"Her place in the sun is her refusal to recognize obstacles," was said of one great woman and the same may be said of this subject. She was born and reared in Chatham county, but moved at an early age into Randolph. She attended public school, a private school in Raleigh and Shaw University. After leaving school she began teaching for which she had a liking and devotion and she has followed it with great success for several years. Her parents were Fred and Millie Crump, good farmers and Christian people. She was married to Mr. Fred Newberry, a man of industry and good standing. For the last twenty odd years he has held a position as train porter running from Greensboro to Goldsboro on the Southern. The Newberrys are fine Christian people, own a nice home, plenty of everything about them, a good small farm. They have three fine children and have a wide influence in the community. She keeps abreast in her profession by attending summer school at A. & T. college and the late method.

REV. W. T. CRAVEN
Ramseur, N. C.
Box 61, Route 2

One of the oldest and mostly highly respected persons of Ramseur is the Rev. Mr. Craven. He was born and reared in Coleridge. His parents, Esau and Membar Craven, who came out from slavery were deeply religious and left their imprint upon the children. Mr. Craven's schooling was somewhat limited. While he is an ordained deacon in the Methodist church he has given himself to farming and public work. He built a good home on the eleven acres of land which he bought in Ramseur. He was married to Miss Sallie Brooks, who came from a very fine Christian home. This couple has had a very prosperous and happy life, and now at the evening of their life, as the shadows lengthen and the twilight gathers they can look back over a well spent life and feel a great pride in the good that they have accomplished in these years. They reared a very fine family of children, one girl being married to Mr. Leach, a very industrious man of Ramseur and the baby girl, Alma, is married to Rev. Robert McRae, one of the leading preachers in the Methodist church. She is a public school teacher.

MR. W. A. FOX
Liberty, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 22

"It can be done," should be written as the motto across Mr. Fox's banner. His success has been phenomenal and outstanding. He lives out four miles from town on a farm of two hundred and sixty-six acres, which he plants to wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco and other truck produce. His parents were Jackson and Sandy Fox, highly respected citizens. His mother, a noted Christian character still lives at the age of 87 years. Mr. Fox is really a big farmer with many teams, cattle and much latest equipment. He has accomplished all of this and cannot read nor write. He is a great church and public spirited citizen. He is a steward and trustee of the A. M. E. church and a man of much influence and widely known. He has a contract with several well known food dealers in Greensboro to supply fresh corn daily. He sustained the loss of his wife by death while attending her church services a few years ago, leaving him 14 children, several of whom are now married, in good positions and doing well. Mr. Fox is a man of great worth to his race and country.

MRS. CORA BROWN
Trinity, N. C., Rt. 1

Fate having dealt her a terrific blow in the tragic death of her husband, Thomas Brown, in 1928, leaving her several children to care for, was no signal for Mrs. Brown to sit with folded hands and weep all the time. She took up her task, kept the family together, and has endeared herself to all who know her. She came from noble parents, Alfred and Lydia Maness, who are described in another connection. Being pressed with obligations, Mrs. Brown had to let go some of the plans she and her husband had made. Mrs. Wise, one of her daughters, wife of Prof. Wise, of A. & T. College, has made a very successful teacher. Gaither, oldest son and a young man of good repute, and a fine churchman, helps to look after his mother and the smaller children, since losing his wife not long since. The Brown family are members of the M. E. church and are loyal to every call. They are highly respected, Christian people.

REV. & MRS. E. D. LEACH
Archdale N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Leach are two of Randolph's outstanding citizens and workers. He is a native of the county and was prepared for the ministry in which he has rendered sacrificial service. He belongs to the Baptist church. Mrs. Leach before her marriage was Miss Odessa Cagle of Troy. She was educated at Peabody Academy and Winston Teachers College. She has had several years experience teaching and has made a splendid record since coming to Randolph. They own a beautiful home and are nicely situated. They enjoy a wide circle of friends.

MR. GEORGE STALEY
E. Salisbury St.
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Staley was born and reared in Randolph near Liberty. His parents were Richard and Charity Scotton who owned a home and farm. He was a local preacher and the family was known for its conscientious work and community affairs. Mr. Staley was married to Miss Lula Kearns, the daughter of Charlie and Lizzie Kearns. She was born and reared in the upper edge of the county. She has rendered fine service in her private home life and her community uplift. Mr. Staley is a very skillful workman being good at cement, carpentry and brick work. For the last twenty years

he has been employed at the Home Building which itself is a strong testimony of his stability and honest service. He is one of the leading officers in the local A. M. E. church. He has a large family of children whom he has striven to educate and fit for service in life.



ELDER L. C. KEARNS
Asheboro, N. C.

The subject of this sketch whose likeness is above, was born and reared in Randolph county of Christian parents, Archie and Malissa Morrison of South Carolinian stock. She joined the church at an early age and began active service. She was trained in the public schools of the state and in special work in Philadelphia, Pa. She began preaching at an early age and has done pastoral work in some of the leading churches in her denomination including service in New Jersey. She came back in this section twenty-five years ago and organized and built the Mt. Zion Holiness church here and Mt. Nebo church at Ramseur over which she still has the spiritual oversight. She has a nice home, city and farm property. Her family consists of her husband, Mr. Kearns, and three children—two boys and one girl. Mrs. Kearns is wide awake and a trustworthy leader. She has a wide influence and a loyal following.

MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Strickland was born and reared in Moore County near Howard's mill of slave parents. He spent his early life on the farm where he learned habits of thrift and industry. While he was young his parents Branson and Sarah Strickland moved into Randolph and settled near Mitchell church. They bought a good farm, built a home, reared a family and devoted their lives to earnest community and church work. They were among the first in the establishment of Mitchell Methodist church. Mr. Strickland has made farming and public work his main vocation in life. At one time he owned and operated a saw mill and in the meantime a good farm. He owns a good home, other city property and a good country farm, which he keeps rented. He is now giving his time and attention to the wood business. Of his marriage to Miss Maggie Lane, four boys and one girl, all of whom finished high school and one boy, Branson, attended A. & T. College, leaving because of sickness. Mr. Strickland is an official member of the Mitchell M. E. church and is a man of upright character and influence.

MR. GENTRY GREENE
Asheboro, N. C.

Retiring, quiet, and unassuming but of great power and influence among both races is Mr. Greene. He is a safe and sane leader and loyal to every call of the race. He was born and reared near Rockingham in Richmond county, was educated in the public schools. He is a finished cement, concrete, and brick mason contractor and manages a large business having in his employ several hands. He is well equipped with up-to-date materials to carry on his work and compete in his line. He has truck, car, cement mixer, etc. His parents were Pinkney and Classic Green of Richmond county who owned a farm of several hundred acres and a big cotton gin. He was married to a Miss Harriold of Chesterfield county, S. C., whose parents left a deep religious influence upon her life. She is a trained laundress. The Greens are members of the First Baptist church and among the leading officials in the local church holding the office of Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. He has been here about 12 years and has endeared himself to all. Beside a nice home and good property here he owns farm property in Richmond.

MR. ROBERT LEE PATTERSON
Ramseur, N. C., Box 205

Mr. Patterson was born in Alamance county but reared in Randolph. His parents were Nelson and Adeline Patterson, who were good Christians, property owners and farmers and by trade a well digger. They were members of the A. M. E. church. Mr. Patterson secured public school education, learned carpentry and farming which he follows, specializing in general repair work. He is known widely for his habits of thrift and dependability. He was married to Miss Annie Craven whose parents also were property owners and farmers. After marriage they bought some property in Ramseur and built a good home which they have constantly improved during these twenty-six years. He is an official in the A. M. E. church of that city, and is Sunday school superintendent. They have a large number of children some of whom are in New York, Greensboro, and other places.

MR. BENJAMIN J. GOLDSTON
Route No. 1, Box 109
Ramseur, N. C.

The parents of Mr. Goldston were Aaron and Mary Goldston, who died while he was quite young. They too, like those of other successful people, were staunch Christians as well as property owners. Mr. Goldston was born and reared in the county, is a leader in his community and in his church, both positions he holds with honor and trust. For a long time he was a school committeeman. He was married to Miss Cornelia Check who also came from one of the leading families in the county. They possess a nice home and a farm of one hundred fourteen acres, having one renter.

MR. FLETCHER CHAVIS
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Chavis is known throughout as a go-getter. He knows no failure. He surmounts all difficulties and puts his assignments over. He was born and reared near Oak Ridge, N. C., of Christian parents. While limited in his education he went to work early and learned laundry and cooking trades. He lived in High Point, several years, following his trade there before coming to Asheboro about sixteen years ago. He now runs a hand laundry and has built up a good patronage. He is a member of St. Luke M. E. church and is connected with nearly every auxiliary of the church and is known far and wide for his services.

MR. CLARENCE BROWN
Ramseur, N. C.
Route No. 2, Box 70

Mr. Brown was born and reared on the farm and had public school education. His parents were Abigah and Nettie Brown, very pious and religious people. The mother having passed on to her reward sometime ago. His father owns a good farm and is a highly respected gentleman. Mr. Brown is a fireman for the Ramseur Furniture Co., having given thirteen years service there. He is a deacon and leader in Oakland Baptist church with a fine record of service. He is an active worker and trustworthy man. He has the respect and confidence of white and colored alike. He was married to Miss Flora Goldston, the daughter of J. T. and Flora Goldston, property owners of Randolph. He has a good home and twenty acres on the outskirts of the city on which he grows much truck and produce. He also has an interest in other farm property. They have three fine boys, all of whom have been educated and one of whom runs a taxi in High Point. The entire community and race are very proud of people like Mr. Brown.

MR. B. W. BALDWIN
Asheboro, N. C.

Another influential, devoted officer and leader in the St. John Baptist church is Mr. Baldwin. He is always at his post of duty and can be relied upon to play his part. He was born and reared here of the parents, Atlas and Tempie Baldwin, worthy Christians who left deep impressions upon young Baldwin. He had public schooling and thorough home training. By constant plodding he keeps himself abreast with the times. He is employed at the McCrary Hosiery Mill where he has been for the last eight years. He was married to Miss Clara Brookshire, whose parents were John and Alice Brookshire of Greensboro, influential and faithful Christians. From this union came eleven children whom he is educating. Just a few months ago however, the family circle was broken and the flower of the bunch, Queen Esther, slipped away from them after a short illness. Mr. Baldwin has a good home, many friends among the white and black and is honest and upright, a very worthy citizen in the community.

Dr. Fred D. Patterson is the new president of Tuskegee Institute, succeeding Dr. R. R. Morton, now president-emeritus.

MR. W. S. BREWER
MRS. F. L. BREWER
Spring St., Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Brewer first saw the light in Chatham county. His parents exerted much influence over him and deeply impressed him with some very high standards of honesty, truthfulness and respect for himself and his fellowman. Mr. Brewer is fireman at the National Chair Co., one of the largest factories in the city and has held the position for a long time. Mrs. Brewer was also reared in Chatham County. Her parents were Zackary and Wincie Moffitt, fine Christian people who early influenced the daughter to high ideals and exemplary living. She attended the public schools of Asheboro to which place she came, afterwards going to Fayetteville Normal College. She has been a successful teacher and has had several years experience in the schools of Randolph County. The Brewers have a real nice home, some vacant property, interest in a taxi service. They have no children of their own but they have a special delight in helping others children, most especially those striving to secure an education. Anything for the building up a better community always finds genuine support in Mr. and Mrs. Brewer.

MR. RANSOM ARNOLD
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Arnold was born and reared in this county near Fairview of well known, highly respected, Christian parents. He is a great church man and holds positions of trust and honor in the A. M. E. church with which he is connected. He is also superintendent of the Sunday school of that church. He is a hard worker, clean thinker and straight liver. He was married to Miss Lou Brown, the accomplished daughter of Eli and Frances Brown, who stood very high among all classes of people in the community. Of this union eleven children were born, two of whom Joseph and Lydia attended Kittrell College and became successful teachers. Joseph teaches in the high school in Morgantown, Lydia was cut short by an untimely death not long since. The other children are all doing equally as well in their chosen fields of endeavor. Only the baby daughter, Daisy, is left to complete her education. She is a senior of Randolph County Training School and after finishing she expects to go to college and prepare herself for teaching for which she has a fond craving and aptitude.

MR. J. M. GRAY
Trinity N. C., Route 1

Another noble son of the community is Mr. Gray. He is pleasant to meet. His parents were Shube and Sarah Gray mentioned elsewhere. He follows public work, has a good position in High Point, which he has held for a number of years. He is chairman of the deacon board of the Baptist church to which he belongs. He was married to Miss Cornelia Kearns whose parents owned a good farm and were highly respected people. The Grays have a nice home and plenty about them. They only have one child, a son. They are very influential and trustworthy citizens.

MR. W. H. CARTER
Liberty, N. C., Box 44

Standing out among his fellow citizens who have looked to him a good many years for leadership in some respects, Mr. Carter is a well read man and a fluent speaker along many lines. Many honors have come to him in church and civic affairs. He was born and reared in Alamance county on a farm. His parents were Bridges and Ellen Carter who were humble Christian people, living a simple but honest farm life. Mr. Carter has been in the employ of the venerable plant here for the last eight years. He is a steward and trustee of the A. M. E. church there, and has a wide influence among all the citizens. He owns a nice home place close up in town and a good farm. He gave each of his children a home. After living a widower's life some time he recently married Mrs. Elizabeth Pinnix of Burlington. She is very talented and versatile, and operates a hair dressing parlor in Burlington which she expects to move to Liberty in the near future.

MR. J. R. CARTER
Liberty, N. C., Box 331

Quite a natural reply to the question "special interests" was church and social betterment coming from Mr. Carter, who has been reared in such an atmosphere from his childhood. Being the son of a great church man, J. R. Carter, it was easy for his interest to go in that direction. He, too, is a steward and trustee of the A. M. E. church, a very promising young man. He has been in the continuous employ of the chair factory there for 15 years, nearly all his work life. He married Miss Rena Smith, the highly trained daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith of Ramseur, whose write-up appears elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Smith is a great helpmate to her husband and is quite a worker in the church and community affairs. They have a nice place and home and plan building a new home in the near future.

**MRS. EFFA REED MCCOY**
31 Greensboro St., Asheboro, N. C.

The subject of this sketch was born and reared here, the daughter of the beloved Charley and Jennie Reed, Christian citizens and civic and social leaders in the community. The parents were among the oldest and most highly respected families in the whole section. Mr. Reed was a well known brick mason. Even with limited education he made his way to the top. He left a nice home and gave each a good education. Besides Mrs. McCoy, he left two other daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Phillips and Miss Blanche Reed. Miss Reed is one of the well known teachers of the state. Mrs. Phillips was married to Mr. Herbert Phillips also of this county, one of our up and coming men. Mrs. Phillips taught successfully for several years. They are all members of the M. E. church and great workers and influential citizens. Mrs. McCoy is Jeans Supervisor for the county and teacher in the Ramseur public school. She is widely and favorably known. She holds many positions of trust and honor in the church and community, and is often in demand for public occasions. Mr. John McCoy, the husband, is a congenial, friendly fellow, has a good job with the Southern Crown and Milling Co.,

where he has been a long time. He was born and reared in Richmond county. He craves no profession but content at honest labor which he masters.

MR. F. M. JARRELL
Randlemann, N. C.
Route No. 1, Box 33

This subject was born and reared in Guilford County, whose parents were Martin and Ettie Jarrell. They were faithful Christian people of the Methodist church. They were farmers and owned a small home out from Pleasant Garden. Young Jarrell attended the public schools of the county. He was married to Miss Peripper Crutchfield of Goshen, whose parents were Fred and Sallie Crutchfield, having fine Christian training. They were property owners and good livers. Mr. Jarrell took for his life work, farming, though he has done some public work and is a professional well digger. He has been in the county fourteen years and is a steward, trustee, and Sunday school superintendent of St. Peter M. E. church. Seven children were born of the union, some of whom are married and doing well and others still in school. While he does not hold papers on the farm he is in possession of and operates a splendid farm. He is well spoken of by all the people in the community and is faithful in the discharge of his duties.

MR. P. G. PARKS
(Farmer, N. C.)
Asheboro, N. C., Rt. 3

Mr. Parks is a native of Wilkes county. His parents were Young and Betty Parks, who were very prosperous farmers and home owners. Their Christian influence was felt throughout the community. They were staunch members of Damascus Baptist church. The family lived at Statesville for six years and then moved back to Wilkesboro. Later on Mr. Parks came to High Point, N. C. and devoted himself to tobacco raising for twenty-two years. He was married to Miss Effie Purdue. Her parents were Nathaniel and Laura Purdue, who were Christian people and good farmers. The Parks moved to Randolph nine years ago and bought a good farm, well developed with a very splendid home. They are unusually friendly and thoughtful in their entertainment of friends. They are fine Christian people and have a fine family of children. To go out to the Parks is like going back home. It's anxiously looked forward to.

MRS. LOUISE HARDY
Asheboro, N. C.

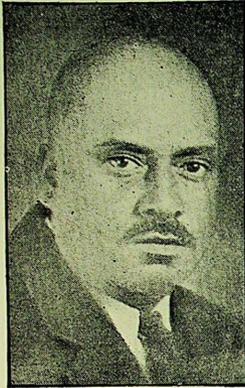
Mrs. Hardy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Watkins whose write up appears elsewhere in this issue. She was born and reared here and educated in the public schools after which she attended Bennett College where she finished her teacher training work. She is one of the leading teachers of the county, having finished three successful years' work at St. Peter. She was married to Mr. W. A. Hardy of Augusta, Ga., who has proved himself to be valuable and trustworthy. He is employed by one of the wealthiest and most influential families of the city—the McCrarys'. He and Mrs. Hardy have built and furnished a beautiful home which is a joy to all.

MR. JOHN A. DAVIS
Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Davis is among our oldest and most highly respected citizens and church workers. He was born and reared in Montgomery county. His parents were Canaan and Randy Davis from Chester, S. C. They moved to North Carolina and continued farming where the subject of this sketch was brought up. He had planned with in him great ambitions and lofty ideals. He has always been a zealous Christian worker. His first wife, a Miss Ellen Pool died leaving him two girls and three boys. His second marriage was to Miss Luzenia Chambers. They have a good home in the city and he is an industrious farmer, good citizen, a loyal friend, and a devoted church man. He is a deacon in the local Congregational church where he maintains his membership.

MR. NEAL MATTHEWS
Route No. 2, Box 83
Ramseur, N. C.

Mr. Matthews was born and reared at Moffitt Mill on the farm, being limited to public school education. His Christian parents, Richard and Jane Matthews, left a deep impression for uprightness and Christian piety upon the young boy. He owns a home and forty-three acres of ground which he farms. He is also a carpenter and brick layer. He is a deacon in the Baptist church and is one of the leading men of the community, having wide influence. He was married to Miss Delilia Cheek, of Randolph and they have built up a home life that is helpful in the community. They are proud of their many friends.



MR. CHARLIE HILL
Asheboro, N. C.

Sleepy, unassuming, but a hustling genius is Mr. Hill, who is known far and wide for his native ability and rugged honesty. He was born and reared in Randolph near Caraway. His parents: Arthur and Sarah Hill, were industrious Christian people before him. They were members of the Methodist church and took a deep interest in all things religious and civic. They owned a good home and farm. Mr. Hill, though of limited education, has worked himself up to considerable recognition. Very few men in this whole section who stand better among business men than he. He has numerous friends among white and colored. He married Miss Bertha Howard, the versatile daughter of Rev. Howard, a Methodist preacher. She, too, is a keen business woman of fine Christian training. They have a beautiful, well appointed home, good farms and other property. They operate a store, truck hauling and other business. They have one daughter, Mabel, teaching in the public schools of the county. She was trained in the local school and at Bennett College, with special work at Teachers College. Mr. Hill set up his two oldest sons, Charles, Jr., and Clarence, in the taxi business which they now are successfully operating here. They have eleven children and are pushing all of them through school. The Hills are among the leading members and workers in the local Methodist church. "All things come to him whose spirit will not die," is never more true than in the case of Mr. Hill—one of our most likeable and big hearted men.

THE COTTON FAMILY
Asheboro, N. C. Rt. 3

One of the best loved, most highly respected and hardest working Christian women, Mrs. Patsy Cotton Steed passed to her glorious reward two years ago. She was a faithful member and official of St. Mark's church and never tired of any work. She was known far and wide for her good deeds. God bless her sacred memory. Just about a year preceding her, her faithful husband Dan Steed, a great singer and Christian gentleman, passed on to his reward. Mrs. Bessie Cotton Bell and Mrs. Rena Cotton Ingram, two lovely sisters, and daughters of Mrs. Steed, inherited the goodness and congenial spirit of their mother. Every one loves them and they have many friends. They two are faithful church and community workers. Mrs. Bell is in the employ of that noble Christian family and public spirited citizens, Dr. Hubbard's family of Farmer. Greater and more impartial friends than these we have not known. Space forbids mentioning other members of the family by name.

MR. J. H. MATTHEWS
Route 1, Box 69
Seagrove, N. C.

Mr. Matthews was born and reared in Randolph. His parents were George and Lydia Ann Matthews, who were progressive farmers and influential Christians. He has always stayed on the farm but at times does some public and carpentry work. Though his schooling was very limited, yet by a force of personality and strong determination he has a good home and two good farms amounting to more than one hundred twenty acres. He raises a large crop of wheat, corn, and tobacco. He is one of the leading members of Piney Ridge M. E. church. He was married to Miss Mary Ellen Brown, daughter of Rev. Thomas M. and Susie Brown. He being a Methodist preacher. He is a well known and highly respected property owner. Six children were born to the union, one of them was claimed by the Master a few months ago. He paid for his farm while working at sixty cents a day and now has a share cropper, good teams and modern equipment with which to carry on his work. His word stands anywhere among white or black.

Booker T. Washington, the wizard and founder of Tuskegee Institute, died in 1914.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL WATKINS
Asheboro, N. C.

All Randolph is better as a result of the untiring efforts of these Christian workers. They are widely known and much appreciated by every one. Mr. Watkins was born and reared in Guilford county on a farm of humble Christian parents, Rufus and Louise Watkins, staunch Methodist stock. He is now engaged in gardening and shrubbery culture and for one to see his hand work, simply look about himself. He is the Superintendent of St. Luke M. E. church Sunday School, District Steward and a great worker. Mrs. Watkins is the grand daughter of Benjamin Smithman one of the old settlers and founders of the Methodist church here. Like her husband, she is loyal to the church and a great friend to the school and education. She has given all her children good education and is now educating a granddaughter, Mary Lydia.

MR. J. P. WALDEN
Route No. 1
Randleman, N. C.

There is no question about the friends Mr. Walden has made for himself and the influence that he sways in his community. He is a land owner and a very successful farmer having all modern equipment and able teams. He was born and reared here and had public school education. His parents were B. W. and Nancy Ann Walden, the father now living. His father is a brick mason by trade which he followed nearly forty years. They own a large farm and are rated among the best in the county. He was married to Miss Goins of Chatham county and to this union several promising children were born. They are affiliated with St. Peter's M. E. church.

MRS. LAURA INGRAM BROWER
Asheboro, N. C.

The subject of this sketch was born and reared in Guilford county at Friendship, of Christian parents who owned a good home and property. Her parents were Charles and Julia Lambert. He was a blacksmith and had a thriving business. Miss Lambert came here while young and had a home in the well known McAllister family. She was married to Amos Ingram who was a trained and experienced miller of Randolph. Mr. Ingram died in 1930 after a lingering illness. He left her

with a good home and valuable property. She has always been a great church and missionary worker. She was one of the founders of the local A. M. E. church, which had its origin in her home. She has large influence in the city.

REV. J. E. BROWER
A.B.B.D.
Asheboro,
N. C.



The subject of this sketch is perhaps the most distinguished son of Randolph. A young man of sterling qualities and exceptional ability. His parents were Wesley and Cornelia Brower, Christian people of much note and influence. After leaving the public schools, Rev. Brower attended Bennett College, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. After serving several years as principal of the high school here at his home he went to Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity. After graduating, during the war he served as Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Green, after which he again took up the principalship of the local school, which he resigned a few years afterwards that he might give his full time to the pastorate which he had accepted. His progress in the work of the church has been meteoric as he has rapidly but successfully, gone from the appointment at Brook Memorial church in High Point, to Reidsville, to Laurinburg and from thence to the district superintendency of the Winston-Salem District of the M. E. church, which he is so gloriously leading. He is a true friend, and a man of public service. He was married to Miss Anna Newbille, whose parents were Anderson and Rebecca Newbille of Virginia who owned considerable property and were noted church people. Mrs. Brower was placed in Kent Home at Bennett College at a very young and tender age. She remained there at the college, finished her work and enjoyed a successful teaching career from which she resigned because of pressing home duties. The Browsers are perhaps our most substantial property owners and citizens.

MR. JOSEPH POWELL & MRS. ANNIE POWELL
Rt. No. 1, Box 58, Trinity, N. C.

Mr. Powell was born and reared at Piney Ridge. His parents were Ambros and Lydia Powell, property owners and people of great religious influence. Mrs. Powell, before her marriage was a Miss Annie Matthews, whose parents were Bolston and Hannah Matthews. They were land owners and very prosperous farmers of Piney Ridge, mention of whom appears elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Powell had public schooling and careful home training. She has had much experience in the m'wifve service and is considered efficient and trustworthy. The Powells have a good home and small farm and make a good living by raising tobacco, corn, and farm products. They are members and officers in the M. E. church and have a large circle of friends and are highly respected citizens. They are very much interested in the betterment of the school, the church and the community. Of the six charming young girls, four are ready for high school.

MRS. FANNIE HARRISON
Farmer, N. C.

Should one visit the St. Mark's church near Farmer often enough that he would not be long in concluding that one of the most faithful, loyal, helpful and Christlike women in the community is sister Harrison. Her life has had one sweet song though she has had her bitters as well as her sweets. She has cultivated the habit of being happy. She was born and reared at Old Fairview and attended the public schools, the daughter of Sam and Sarah Harrison who were property owners and substantial farmers. Her husband Mr. George Harrison was also a most faithful and hard working and regular attending member and official of St. Mark's church. He died suddenly while out hunting in his field one morning a few years ago. He left her a good home and comfortable living. She has several fine children who show the training and culture that their parents endeavored to give them. One daughter, Mrs. Henley, is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. She has one daughter, Mrs. Smithman, who is doing well in Lexington, and another daughter, Mary, is one of the fine young teachers of the county. Her education was secured at Bennett College and she has made good at every place. The youngest son, Dalton, is following in the footsteps of his father.

M. HERBERT H. FOUST Asheboro, N. C.

One of Randolph's leading successful, influential farmers is Mr. Foust. He was born, reared, and educated in the county of devoted Christian parents: George and Hannah Foust. The father was one of the teachers in the county for a long time and also a prosperous land holding farmer. Mr. Foust was married to Miss Emma Brown, daughter of Rev. Thomas M. and Susie Brown of this county. The early religious influence left in the child's life is very noticeable as she delights in doing church and missionary work. The Fousts own a good home and farms in the county and a good home in the city. He is an industrious farmer handling truck, wood, etc. and frequently lands big deals. Mrs. Foust is in the mid-wife service and is in constant demand. Several children were born of the union some of whom are married and doing well and some still in school. The name Foust designates large influence and great wealth. They are members of St. Luke M. E. church.

MR. B. A. LOUDERMILK Asheboro, N. C.

Very quiet, unassuming though having much power and influence is Mr. Loudermilk. His decisions are far reaching, as he is a clear thinker, and Christian gentleman. He was born and reared at Ulah, N. C. His parents were Annanias and Isabelle Loudermilk. His father during his lifetime was one of the teachers of the county. He owned a good home and operated a farm where the boy was reared. Mr. Loudermilk is now employed by the National Chair Co., a position he has held for about ten years. He was married to Miss Lillian Kepley who was reared in Asheboro. Her parents were David and Anna Kepley. Mr. and Mrs. Loudermilk are very influential people. They own their own home, educating their children and faithful in the work of the church. Their membership is held in St. Luke's Methodist church. He is one of the leading officers.

REV. B. C. LITTLEJOHN Randleman, N. C. Route No. 1, Box 36

Someone said that an institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man. If this be true, Rev. Littlejohn has a very long shadow as a result of the number of churches and parsonages he has built and improved in his long ministry in the church. He was born

and reared in South Carolina, the son of John and Rachael Littlejohn, a Methodist preacher. He began preaching at an early age and has invariably left them better and more desirable. He was married to Miss Rosa Dawkins of South Carolina, a very fine Christian woman of sterling worth who has proved a pillow of strength to him in his work. They have three children, whom they have put through school and who are now making good in life. He is now pastor of St. Peter, Randleman, and Mt. Zion M. E. churches. He is also a builder and truck grower, being familiarly called "the Potato King."

MRS. BELLE CRANFORD Asheboro, N. C.

The subject of this sketch, a very versatile woman who was born and reared in Randolph. Her parents were Stedmond and Catherine Cassady, well known farmers, property owners and church workers, belonging to the Methodist church. She attended the public schools and learned to do many things by experience and training. She was married to Mr. Hal B. Cranford and to the union a fine group of children were born, practically all of whom have finished high school, with one son, Oscar, a senior at Shaw University, and one daughter, Clara, who is a splendid teacher in the county, another daughter Pauline is pianist of the St. John Baptist church of which the entire family are members and hold offices of influence and honors. Mrs. Cranford serves as midwife for prominent white and is well known. Mr. Cranford is janitor of the M. E. church, white, and has many friends among both races. They own a nice home and good property.

MISS FRANKIE LOLA CHAMBERS

Asheboro, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 61
It is not unusual for one who possesses the congenial disposition and winning qualities of the subject of this to make good on an assigned task. Mrs. Chambers was born and reared in Randolph. She attended the public schools and Bennett College, where she finished the teacher training

course. After leaving college she began teaching in the public schools of the state and has made for herself a worthy record of which we all are proud. She is now employed in the city school of Asheboro. Her mother, Angelette Chambers, was born in Moore county, but moved at an early age to Randolph. The family was known for its thrift and industry. They have a very beautiful home and good farm and timber property, besides other property. They are members and great workers in the Mechanic Baptist church. She is very popular and may be led down the aisle to the altar at any time.

MR. LINDSAY DAVIS Asheboro, N. C.

Mr. Davis is one of the most loyal and energetic members of St. John Baptist church. He is president of the B. Y. P. U. and holds other offices. He is a young man of sterling worth. He was born and reared at St. Mark's community on a farm. His parents were Charlie and Bessie Davis, known for their Christian work. He moved to Asheboro, allied himself with the church and the best people and has made for himself an excellent name. He is employed by the Scott Printing Company, where he has been for several years. His particular work is operating the telephone press. He was married to Miss Irene Shamburger from Moore county and to this union a boy and a girl add joy to the home. He has a home and is very industrious. I am sure Mr. Davis is going to be heard from in a large way in years to come.

PROF. J. M. CAVINESS Box 104, Rameur, N. C.

One of the deans of public school education in Randolph county is this true and faithful leader of his race, Mr. Caviness. His public career as teacher began many years ago and the brilliance of his star has never dimmed. He is yet a great light in the community. He was born and reared in Randolph county. His parents were James and Mary Caviness, who have been mentioned elsewhere in this

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MR. W. H. FOX Randleman, N. C., Rt. No. 2

Mr. Fox is another worthy and upright native of Randleman. His parents, George and Elizabeth Fox, were well known and influential citizens of the same community and were members of the Harshaw Grove Baptist church. They own their own property. Mr. Fox, after leaving public schools began public work. For many years he has proved a reliable and trustworthy section hand and track man of the H. R. & A. S. railway. He was married to Miss Emma Evans, the daughter of James and Alice Evans, people of fine standing in the St. Peter community. Mr. Fox sustained a great loss in the passing of his wife not long since. He is a deacon in the Baptist church and holds other positions of trust. He owns his own home and is endeavoring to educate his children. His son Wilbur is trying to make it through college.

REV. JOHN WESLEY SHAM- BURGER Asheboro, N. C.

Born in an humble home of Christian parents, the subject though of limited opportunities has made his way up in life. He was born and reared in Moore county. His parents were George and Lydia Ann Shamburger, who were land owners of considerable influence in the community. He was married to Miss Julia Brown, the oldest daughter of George Henry Brown of Moore county. They both came from a great line of Christian people. Rev. Shamburger attended the public schools and the Episcopal Academy at Hemp. He entered the ministry at an early age and has a great work to his credit. He built Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion church here. He has had successful pastorates in several good charges, and is now serving the Zion churches at Troy and Wadesboro. The Shamburgers are splendid people and have many friends.

MR. HENRY SHAMBURGER Asheboro, N. C.

This, another son of his father, Rev. J. W. Shamburger, who has come to Asheboro and is making good in church work and with one of the leading business concerns in the city, where he has been for a number of years. He joined the church early and though not preaching he gave himself earnestly to religious work. He was married to Miss Emily Chrisco, daughter of Thomas and Emaline Chrisco, very respected Christian people of Moore county and of Asheboro. Mr. Shamburger is a member of Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, is chairman of the trustee board, and is a trusty leader. The Shamburgers own their own home, have many friends and are well thought of by white and colored alike.

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MR. J. G. SPENCER Rt. No. 1, Sophia, N. C.

Mr. Spencer is one of the upright honest Christian men of this thriving community. His parents were Demsey and Sarah Spencer, who before him were members of, and leaders in the Harshaw Grove Baptist church. Mr. Spencer is a man of large influence, deacon in the church and Sunday school superintendent and was for a long period of years, school committee man. He has followed farming with some public work all his life. He was married to Miss Rebecca Pool of Montgomery county, whose parents were highly respected and industrious people. The Spencers own a good home and good farm, raising corn, wheat and tobacco. He is educating his children.

MRS. MAMIE PRISCILLA GREENE Rt. No. 3, Asheboro, N. C.

Very few people possess the determination and indomitable will which Mrs. Greene has shown. Last year she came back and graduated from the R. C. T. S., after having taught school successfully for a number of years, in the county and having put her

daughter, Ethel, through high school and the Winston-Salem Teacher's College. The Miss Greene was employed as teacher in the county last year and made a successful teacher. Mr. Johnnie Greene, the husband, is one of the successful farmers and public workers of the county. He is a deacon of the Mechanic Baptist church. His parents were Sam and Mary Jane Greene. Mrs. Greene's parents were Charlie and Sarah Cross, all of whom were very prominent and influential citizens of the county. The Greene's have a very beautiful and well appointed home.

MR. WILLIAM BELL Thomasville, N. C.

By training and experience, Mr. Bell is Randolph's dean of millers. He joined the staff of the Southern Crown & Milling Co., where he has been in continuous and efficient service. He was born and reared in the Back Creek community. His parents were Charles and Jane Bell, but he was mostly reared by his grandfather, Calvin Bell, a great farmer and land owner who took such interest in the boy who showed signs of promise of usefulness. Mr. Bell was married to Miss Sallie Weaver of Rameur, to which union one son, William Jr., was born, but Mrs. Bell soon passed to her reward. Later he was married to Miss

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MR. JOHN C. ALLRED
Ramseur, N. C., Box 15

Keats said: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." Should one visit the home of the Allreds and notice the beautiful home, well kept premises, and handsomely arranged improvements, he would find a joy forever. Mr. Allred was born in the county of Christian parents and attended the public schools and grew up under careful training. Besides his nice home he owns a good farm and is night watchman for the furniture company there, thereby having a good living and handsome income. He was married to a Miss Caviness, the daughter of respected and beloved Christian parents, James and Mary Caviness, of that community. They were property owners and had a good home and left no stone unturned in the culture and education of their children. They are members and officials of the M. E. church and we count it a privilege to number them among our choicest friends.

MR. EARL DAVIS
Asheboro, N. C.

No one can say too much in commending the fine type of young man as is exemplified in Mr. Davis. He is a brother to Lindsay whose write up appears in this booklet also. He too was born and reared in Randolph whose father C. H. Davis is a minister a noted singer and railroad worker. He came to Asheboro after attending the public schools and Peabody Academy and began at odd jobs. He is now employed at one of the leading filling stations and is eminently fitted for his task. He is a member of St. John Baptist church and is highly respected as a great worker. He has a nice home and was married to Miss Easter Powell of Candor who had her schooling at Peabody Academy and the Randolph County Training School. She is the daughter of Alex and Hattie Powell who were among the founders of Dry Creek church and school many years ago. All Asheboro, white and black is proud of such young people.

MR. R. C. PHILLIPS
Ramseur, N. C.

One of the most congenial and friendly of men is the subject of this sketch. He always has a smile and a word of cheer; you never see him with a sad countenance. These traits are valuable and have won for Mr. Phillips many lasting friends. He is honest, upright, home loving, and a hard working man. He was born in Moore County and educated in the public schools and at A. & T. College. He follows public work and was until recently employed at the Franklinville Mill where he stayed for nine years. Mrs. Phillips, his better half was the daughter of Mr. Willard and Eliza Smith, a write up of whom appears elsewhere in this booklet. The Phillips own a nice home in Ramseur and have a small farm and dewberry patch in Moore county which is rented out. Mrs. Phillips was reared in Ramseur, attended the public schools and Bennett College. They are among the leading members and officers of the M. E. church there.

MR. FLETCHER GOLDSTON
Ramseur, N. C.
Rt. No. 2, Box 70

One of the promising and influential young men of the community is Mr. Goldston. His parents were James and Cora Goldston who owned fine property and were leaders in the Baptist church of that community. Mr. Goldston only had public school education but has become one of the leading plasterers and brick laying workers, which he acquired by experience. He has been following this trade for eighteen years. He owns a very nice home, a lot of the work which he did himself, and a good farm where he keeps some hired help. He has a good car and an able team. He was married to Miss Goldie Siler, the daughter of John and Emma Siler, well known church people, prosperous farmers and land owners. The Goldstons have five children in their family which they are educating and are leading members in the Baptist church there. They have many friends among both races.

MR. L. W. HARSHAW
Randleman, N. C., Rt. No. 2

Mr. Harshaw was born and reared here at Randleman. His parents were Will and Maggie Harshaw, known in the community for their upright Christian standing. They were members of the Baptist church, had a good home and followed brick laying for a profession. The young man had

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much to gain from a home of such power and influence which has been of great value to him in shaping his life's destiny. Mr. Harshaw is a public worker being now employed with the section crew, where he has been employed for a long time. He was married to Miss Flora Belle McCain, a daughter of Leander and Maria McCain, who were also fine Christian people and good property owners, being members of the Methodist church. They own a good home, are schooling their children and have a wide influence. He is Sunday school teacher, trustee, secretary and deacon in the Baptist church where they maintain their membership.

MRS. L. L. FOSTER
Liberty, N. C.

Mrs. Foster was born and reared at Melvin Hill, N. C. Her parents were the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. and Ella Liles. He is a retired minister in the A. M. E. church and has some good property. Mrs. Foster was educated in the public schools of Greensboro and at Palmer Memorial and the Lutheran College and continues her educational preparation by attending A. & T. College summer school sessions and taking extension work. She has several

years experience to her teaching credit in Alamance and Randolph county where she has made a very fine impression and won many friends. Mrs. Foster is very ingenious in sharing her plans with the other teachers in group meetings. She is alive, wide awake, and a resourceful teacher. She is not a clock watcher, nor a Friday evening, nor pay day, looking forward to teacher. Her interest is from the heart. She was married to Mr. Thomas J. Foster, a public worker of Liberty. They are members of the Baptist church and hold offices of trust in the same. They own property and have many friends.

County Superintendent Bulla, who has headed the schools for 20 odd years has greatly advanced our schools and is an impartial administrator.

REV. H. W. BROWN
Strieby, N. C.

Rev. Brown was born and reared in Caswell county. His parents were Pink and Mary Brown, who were property owners and prosperous farmers. He attended Talladega College in Alabama, completing theological and teacher training courses. He taught one

year at the college after finishing. His life has been spent in the pastorate in the Congregational church, and teaching in the public schools. He was married to Miss Eunice Kinsey of Charlotte. She finished the Episcopal high school and Scotie College and since has been engaged in the profession of teaching. The Browns are property owners, have three children, one of whom, Inez, recently finished

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OTHERS

While we have many subjects sketched here with these brief biographical portraits, yet these are not all, by any means, of law-abiding, industrious, influential Christian citizens in our territory. In the short time allotted for making this study we could not reach many of the very worthy ones, and too, our means for conducting the survey were very limited. Many a hero lies bleaching in the sun here whose fame has never been sung. Many a noble character breathes with a clear conscience of having done a great service and we regret our inability to do honor to them also.

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