

Society

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The help of friends will make this column more interesting. Please call 140 and report items for this column. All news items of interest to women are welcomed.

Birthday Dinner.

Friends and relatives of Mr. H. L. Kanipe, popular mechanic of this city, gave him a surprise birthday dinner Tuesday at his home here, on occasion of his 57th birthday. Those present were Mrs. C. A. Ford and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Moore and small daughter, Doris; Little Bob Butler, Mrs. Lee Philbeck, Miss Bill Jones, Miss Mary Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Kanipe, Miss Bernice Kanipe, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kanipe, Miss Maggie Kanipe and Mr. Jeff Alexander.

Mrs. F. F. Black and little daughters, Betty and Patsy Ruth, returned Saturday from a two week's visit to Mr. Black's mother, Mrs. A. G. Black, in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. C. P. Parks, the well known young insurance man of this city, had his tonsils removed last Saturday. He is recovering nicely and is back at work.

Mr. J. F. Weathers, Jr., will leave shortly to enter Furman University at Greenville, S. C.

Mr. B. E. Hamrick who was hit in the eye by a piece of steel while putting on a belt at the Florence Mills on August 13, is improving slowly. He went to Charlotte last week to see a specialist.

Mr. Wren Chambers, who has been taking treatment for stomach trouble at an Asheville sanatorium for some time, is showing improvement and expects to return to his home here this week end.

Misses Esther, Mabel and Elizabeth Rollins returned Saturday from Ogunquit, Maine, where they spent several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McBrayer visited their daughter, Miss Katherine McBrayer at Mars Hill college, Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Michalove and son, Sillis, spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Why You Should Buy A Ford In Preference To Other Cars.

Have you ever wondered why the United States Government, the police department, and large industrial companies purchase Fords? They want cars of proved performance and a type that is built for thousands of miles of satisfactory, economical service. They keep a careful day-by-day cost record and in most cases, the New Ford has been chosen only after exhaustive tests covering speed and power, safety, comfort, ease of control, oil and gas consumption, low yearly depreciation, and low cost of upkeep.

Then there is the Ford windshield of shatter-proof glass that eliminates danger of being cut in case of accidents. To install this on another make of car means an added cost of \$15. And also, the Houdaille shock absorbers, standard equipment on all New Fords, mean an extra cost of \$30 if installed on other low-priced cars.

DOGGETT MOTOR CO.

Misses Margaret and Madge Moore of Lenoir, and Mr. Frank McCracken, of Sanford, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore.

Miss Sallie Nanney who with the Misses Rollins spent several months in Ogunquit, Maine, left Wednesday afternoon for her home in Chesnee.

Miss Myrtle Hemphill spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Mrs. Price Gaines and son, Price, Jr., of Keene, New Hampshire, and Mrs. John Shanklin, of Ashland, Ky., were the week-end guests of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Broadus Moore, and Mr. Moore. The party is en route to DeLand, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Misses Meriam and Dorothy Green spent the week-end with their aunts, Mrs. J. V. Ogburn in Smithfield and Mrs. L. C. Adams in LaGrange.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hamrick returned Saturday from their bridal trip to Atlanta, Ga., and other points of interest in the South.

Mr. D. F. Beachboard left for Charlotte Tuesday, where he will undergo an operation at Charlotte Satorium one day this week for stomach trouble. Mr. Beachboard has been under treatment for the past five months and the specialist thinks an operation will give him permanent relief. He is one of the county's cleverest and most substantial citizens, who has hosts of friends hoping for his early and permanent recovery.

Mrs. W. L. Horn and children and Mrs. Dora Wilkie visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fanning at Woodruff, S. C., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mills were called to Spartanburg last Thursday on account of the death of Mr. Mills' mother, Mrs. Sallie Busbee, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Willis, after suffering a stroke of paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kiser, Miss Ruth Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tinsley attended the funeral services of Mrs. Busbee on Sunday afternoon.

Mesdames June Harrill and Ernest Watkins spent Thursday in Hendersonville.

Miss Jennie Davis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grady Carpenter, and Mr. Carpenter in Greenville, S. C.

Misses Ruth Reid, Elizabeth and Mary Davis and Commie Frye will visit Miss Madge Moore and other friends in Lenoir.

Mrs. Baxter Splawn and son, of Greenville, S. C., spent a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lovelace, Macon, Ga., who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Lovelace returned to their home last week.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Lovelace had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ware and son, Donald, of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Ware is a sister of Mrs. Lovelace.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Lovelace had as their dinner guests Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Biggerstaff, Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Moores, Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Miss Sudie Young.

Miss Sudie Young and Mrs. T. B. Lovelace were shopping in Charlotte Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Young entertained over the week-end, Mrs. B. Flack, Miss Minnie Stowe and Miss Elsie Barber.

The officers and teachers of the First Baptist church will hold their first monthly meeting of the fall at the home of Mr. O. C. Turner, associate superintendent of the Sunday school, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

DUNAGAN AND HAMRICK DEBATE

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them involving great amounts. A lawyer can't do that successfully—he's bound to give some advantage to one or the other—which will mean a loss to the party not favored. It looks as though in this case all lost as Chimney Rock Mountains is busted, the banks mentioned by me wrecked, and the county crippled just as charged. I take it no one disputes that. Mr. Hamrick himself made a stronger assertion with reference to Rutherford County, than I. And I can prove my assertions with reference to the banks and Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., by hundreds now within sound of my voice.

Afraid of Republicans?

The explosion occurred when I asserted that Mr. Hamrick dictated the policies that resulted in this serious situation, and that he shared considerable of the responsibility. Like an infuriated bull he charged at me. The fury was intended to practically scare me to death, and to put such fear in the entire Democracy that no further argument could or would be advanced.

Ordinarily this would have been effective—because in my childhood I heard of Republicans in such a way that made me tremble with fear. I am still afraid of Republicans—not of them personally—but the form of government they hand out to the people—and the fear of that form of government gives me courage to continue the fight for Democracy and all that it stands for.

Doesn't Want Inheritance.

I feel if there is anyone here tonight who did not know me before, after reading the open letter from Hon. Fred D. Hamrick, that they reached the conclusion that S. P. Dunagan stood 10 feet tall, weighing 300 to 500 pounds, with long horns and spewing forth fire and brimstone from his ears, nose and mouth. After I myself, read his letter I was compelled to look in a mirror in order to fully satisfy myself that I was not some such animal. Those of you who did not know me and had such ideas and conclusions are doubtless surprised to see me in meekness and shuddering with fear before the thundering oratory of Mr. Hamrick. However, the Good Book I believe says "The meek shall inherit the earth" so maybe I'm not entirely lost. I believe though if the Republicans win I'll just let them have my part of this inheritance if they'll keep up the taxes on it.

Personally, I am not a candidate for office nor do I aspire to political power or leadership. I shall therefore take up no time in discussing my own individual self. The voters are interested in facts—not in me. If Mr. Hamrick wants to waste his time discussing me, I will not even take the time to answer him. I'm going to discuss the issues—public records and Mr. Hamrick's responsibility.

Chimney Rock Road.

Let me take you back to September 1927, at a time when we were beginning to feel the pinch of hard times—and, as some of us then thought the burdens of taxation were beyond endurance. Mr. Hamrick, that meeting of some four or five hundred protesting Democrats was the beginning of the "aroused electorate" of Rutherford County; it has spread all over the county, into the ranks of both political parties. At a time when I told the history of the famous Buffalo road, and how the voice of the people affected by it, was overridden and in spite of their protest the road was located according to your dictation in behalf of Chimney Rock Mountains. A solemn contract was entered into by Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., to construct the road, and pay for it; same to be completed before the old road was inundated with water. That contract alone kept to suffer the inconvenience of traveling several miles further for a time—until perhaps another route could be established. But later your firm drafted a resolution of the commissioners permitting the old road to be covered with water without building the new road; and then later you either persuaded or permitted the county to build the road and pay for it ex-

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houser and two children, of Newton, spent Sunday in Forest City with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beard.

Miss Alberta Morris returned to her home in Greenville, S. C., after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beard.

pending more than \$50,000.00 for it of taxpayers money. I protested vigorously, and told of how many of us had had to borrow money to pay taxes and how the building of that road would heap added burdens upon an already over-burdened people.

Hamrick Upheld Commissioners.

Did you plead then for the masses as you're now pretending to do? I hope you're converted to my faith—as I expounded it then—but this "aroused electorate" (and I'm glad you mentioned that in your Moses letter, as it gives me a good text). All we wanted was a full investigation to stop the wild expenditures of public money. We charged no graft we charged no bribery; we charged no crookedness. We only demanded a full and complete investigation.

At that time, you appeared in that meeting, so you said, merely as a disinterested citizen and tax payer. As such I take it you spoke your true sentiments; with no political battle at hand; no axe to grind; and not employed as an attorney, you would under such conditions speak your true sentiments. Here's your position as quoted verbatim from your speech— "Unless you can put your fingers directly upon any item the commissioners have misappropriated, do not criticize or try to stop them." See the Sun, September 1927.

In other words, it made no difference to you how extravagant or useless the expenditure—let 'em go—let the farmers homes be sold—but don't criticize or try to interfere.

Policy Dictated.

That's not sound government, Mr. Hamrick; that's not suitable to the "aroused electorate"—that's the kind of policies dictated by you that I had in mind when I said in my acceptance speech, had busted, wrecked and ruined the institutions mentioned in our county. You undertook to dictate that policy and others equally as bad in your speech that day to the people of Rutherford County. That showed conclusively you didn't want any interference from the outside. You knew of the extravagant and dangerous situation. You condoned it, defended it—and the people of Rutherford County know you, as much or more than anyone else advocated it, and succeeded in putting it over. And with what success?

Solomon Gallert died in June 1924. No counsel, other than your firm so far as I can ascertain advised or represented the County Commissioners from that time until December 1928.

Never Protested.

I am speaking from the records of Rutherford County, and at no time in all that period did you protest but you only had praise and commendation for the Democrat Party and the officers in power and the great progress under way. The indebtedness of Rutherford County increased from \$902,000.00 in September 1926, an increase of nearly \$3,000,000. At one time the County of Rutherford had more than a million dollars on deposit in the two banks I have mentioned without a surety bond in violation of the law. At one time \$300,000.00 of road and bridge bonds were issued privately without advertisement in violation of the law. My figures are taken from the audits and minutes, copies of which I have in my files.

It is true that the three Commissioners then in power were placed in power by the Democratic Party. I have no brief to offer for their record. I do honestly believe, however, that the three gentlemen in question were honest, conscientious and felt at the time that they were aiding in a great development and transformation of Rutherford County. So far as they are concerned it was a case of misplaced confidence and the great mistake made by them was in accepting advice and counsel from the sources from which it came, instead of listening to the sober-minded taxpayers of Rutherford County, who were interested in the masses of the people.

Cannot Evade Responsibility.

Mr. Hamrick cannot evade his responsibility for that administration by attempting to shift it onto the Democratic Party or onto his partner, Mr. Harris, for the legal mistakes; and if I were in his place I would be ashamed to undertake to do so. The public knows otherwise.

If you do undertake to shift the responsibility, Mr. Hamrick, explain to the people why you did not file a brief or protest in behalf of the burdens being heaped upon the taxpayers of Rutherford County instead of aiding and abetting therein. You know and the taxpayers know that

as senior member of this law firm your partner would not undertake to put over any matter of consequence without seeking your advice and discussing the different phases with you. Law partners do not transact business that way.

Not only did you know about these things, but we find you actively participating, advocating, dictating and otherwise using all of your talents and ability to put over any sort of proposition that would be beneficial to the interest of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., which was perhaps the one client that meant more than anything else to you—at least it was the biggest client of all.

Advocated Bond Issue.

We find you attending organization meeting in 1926 advocating and moulding a sentiment to issue bonds of Rutherford County for the purpose of paving highway No. 20 from Rutherfordton to Chimney Rock and urging the Commissioners of Rutherford County to issue those bonds and they did issue the same. In the argument advocating the issuance of these bonds the theory was advanced that it would not cost Rutherford County one penny except to lend its credit as the State would pay back the money in full, and that by doing so this highway could be immediately paved, whereas it might be a year before the State Highway Commission could get the money with which to do the work. But, Behold! As soon as the money was available and in the banks of Rutherford County we find that at the request of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., and for the reason that that corporation could not afford to have the road closed during the period of development the paving of that road was postponed for many months! Nearly a million dollars left on deposit in the banks of Rutherford County for a long period of time without one single cent of surety bond required and yet you claim that the present Board of Commissioners only had (to use your words) "a measly sum of \$50,000.00 surety bond"! Perhaps you will explain to the people of Rutherford County why no surety bond at all was had with the great amount of money placed in the banks by your clients.

The placing and keeping in the banks of approximately a million dollars over a period of more than a year greatly inflated the finances of the County, and forced the banks

in order to pay interest on that huge surplus to lend out the money thereby tied up in what proved to be frozen and worthless assets.

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BEGIN WORK ON POTATO HOUSE AT ELLENBORO

Ellenboro, Sept. 23.—Construction work on Ellenboro's fourth sweet potato house began Monday. When completed this house will give Ellenboro a storage capacity of twenty thousand bushels. The house will be 30x60 feet in dimensions, and will be built after the pattern of other houses put up in the last few years. The house will be ready for this year's crop.

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HER Man

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