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VIEWS OF OUR NEWS



Chicago, Ill., June 16.—Thoughts while reaching for my copy of The Courier: Here I will find chronicled events concerning the people of Forest City. I will find joy and sorrow, singing and weeping. Life is life wherever it exists, but its sameness is not monotonous.

Now, you see, The Courier for last week announced that Luther Sherrill, of Spindale, has left for a much needed vacation after months at his post of duty at the local post-office. Well, among the wisest of men are those who realize that now and then they must have a rest. Calvin Coolidge was able to serve a term and a half as President without much rest. Surely, wearing those cowboy clothes was as arduous a task as his regular duties! But after a few months of column writing, he finds himself all tired out, and so will suspend his two-dollar-per-word articles during the hot months of July and August. And then, if Mr. Coolidge had been in charge of a business like the one managed by Mr. Sherrill he might have found it necessary to take his rest still earlier.

Home from college are Miss Reba Price, Miss Louis Grayson, Miss Jessie Philbeck, Miss Lillian and Alice Washburn, Roland Morgan, Reba Matheny, Flora McDaniel, Glen Toms Forest Hunt, Howard McDonald, Louis Aull and Rosa Mae-Haynes, so last week's paper relates. They have brought with them new ideas and they have in mind schemes which, if adopted by the world, would solve many of its problems, they feel sure. Older men and women having seen more of life, are inclined to disagree with them. But they do not scoff too loudly, at the proposals of young men and women. They know that, if attempted, the systems devised by youth could fail no more miserably than have those of some of the gray-beards now in control of our industry, commerce and governments.

Mr. Joe P. Hardin who is reported to have some of the finest wheat in Rutherford county has probably read the glowing accounts in the metropolitan press regarding the decline of unemployment in an agricultural state. The jobless are on their way to the farms, was the reason given for the changing situation; and the prediction was voiced that there would not be a vacant farm in that entire state. Well, I could understand should our correspondent also tell us that Mr. Hardin and his brother farmers were a bit puzzled over the probable results of this exodus from the cities. Just what will be the situation when the products of the toil of hundreds of thousands are added to the already existing surplus... and the surplus which the world cannot buy?

From a famous criminal court building to an adjoining prison extends a passage often referred to as the "Bridge of Sighs." Now, really the only reason I thought of that was because last week's report of the enjoyment provided in honor of Miss Lillian Mabrey, house guest of Miss Dorothy Bostic by Miss Ruth Moore contained nothing that had to do with sighs in any way. Course it did entail some "bridge" and their losers. But everybody was in such a happy mood that it would take more than a bridge game to make them sigh.

Mr. Hamp Geer, Spanish War veteran of Rutherfordton, lived for the ages. Now the ages have claimed their own. Let me add my humble tribute to the memory of the noble life, the passing of which was respectfully chronicled in last week's paper.

"Welt Politik" is a word that is filled with meaning. But neither its

THE COUNTY CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

Joint Meeting With The Rutherford County Dental Society—Meeting at Henrietta.

The June meeting of The Rutherford County Club will be held Friday, beginning at one o'clock, in the community building in Henrietta. This will be a joint meeting with the Rutherford County Dental Society. Dr. C. S. McCall, of Forest City, will have charge of the program. Dr. Harold E. Story, of Charlotte, will be the principal speaker.

All members of the Dental Society and of the Rutherford County Club are urged to attend.

The luncheon will be served by the members of The Community Woman's Club, under direction of Mrs. Charles James.

GOES TO CHARLOTTE



Rev. J. W. Jones, who has accepted a call to the Durham Memorial Baptist church, of Charlotte.

Rev. J. W. Jones To Become Pastor of Charlotte Church

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED

Will Take Children to Gastonia Tuesday, June 30—No Charges Connected With Clinic.

The local Kiwanis club is planning another clinic for crippled children of Rutherford county to be held at the Orthopedic Hospital, Gastonia, Tuesday, June 30, at 2:00 p. m. All parents of crippled children are requested to get in touch with either Mr. W. L. Brown, secretary of Forest City Kiwanis club or Dr. A. C. Duncan, chairman of the underprivileged child committee who will be glad to make reservation for this trip. And bear in mind that this trip will be absolutely free of cost to the cripple children and those who accompany them. The members of the local Kiwanis club will furnish their automobiles, to carry the children to and from Gastonia, and the wives of the members of the Kiwanis club will prepare sufficient lunch for those who make the trip, and all doctor's examinations at the hospital including necessary X-ray pictures will be absolutely free of charge. Ask your family physician, he will advise you whether or not you should send your child.

Two years ago our local Kiwanis club sponsored a similar pilgrimage to this hospital, carrying forty-three children all of which were examined and given proper advice to be carried to their family physician and several of the children have returned and been operated upon and relieved of their physical deformities and now have an equal opportunity with other boys and girls to make useful and worthwhile men and women. Final arrangements for this trip will be published in the next edition of this paper. In the meantime talk and discuss this trip with your friends and neighbors in order that no crippled child in Rutherford county may miss an opportunity to see if their physical infirmity can be corrected.

Mr. W. H. Owen, superintendent of agents for the Metropolitan Insurance Co., has moved his family to Forest City, occupying part of the Wilkins Apartment on West Main street. Mr. Owen was formerly at Rock Hill. His many friends will be glad to know he has moved his family here.

spelling nor its definition will much concern Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Meares Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flynn, the Norris Stotts, the R. Morrisons, the Cleo Lambs, for quite some time. What they await are the decisions to be rendered by the babies who last week arrived to take their places in the administration of the affairs of these happy households.

PROF. D. H. SUTTON GETS PROMOTION

Local Agricultural Instructor Elected County Farm Agent of Caldwell County.

Prof. D. H. Sutton, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Cool Springs school, has been appointed county agricultural agent for Caldwell county, according to an announcement made this week. Mr. Sutton has been a member of the Cool Springs faculty for six years, during which time he has done much for the furtherance of the cause of agriculture in the township.

Mr. Sutton will move to Lenoir about July 1st, and will take up his new duties at that time.

Mr. Sutton is a graduate of North Carolina State college, completing his agricultural training there in 1920. Immediately afterwards he accepted a position at Bladenboro, where he taught until he was elected a member of the faculty of The Farm Life School, in Rowan county. He resigned there and came to Forest City six years ago, and has since been teacher of agriculture in the high school here, a position which he has filled in an able manner, and has given universal satisfaction.

To date no successor to Mr. Sutton has been appointed by the local school board.

FRANK L. SMITH NEW POLICE CHIEF

Former North Wilkesboro Chief of Police Appointed Head of City Force Tuesday Morning.

At a meeting of the board of aldermen of the Town of Forest City, held Tuesday morning, Mr. Frank L. Smith, former chief of police of North Wilkesboro, was elected chief of the Forest City police department, the appointment effective immediately. At the same time Mr. W. F. Toney, deputy sheriff who has been acting chief of police, was appointed night officer, effective July 1st, to succeed Mr. T. F. Green.

Mr. Smith is a young man with about eleven years experience as a police officer. He is unmarried. During the past six years he has served as chief of police of North Wilkesboro, resigning his position there a short time ago, following the municipal election in which the old board and mayor were defeated. Despite the fact that he might have retained his position there, Mr. Smith resigned because he was not in sympathy with the aims of the new board. The new mayor sent a letter to Mayor Reinhardt recommending highly Mr. Smith and stated that Mr. Smith resigned before the new officials took office, or he would have been kept on the force.

The retiring mayor and the five ex-commissioners of the town of North Wilkesboro mailed a letter to Dr. Reinhardt, recommending Mr. Smith as chief, and said, in part:

"Mr. Smith is a young man of very highest character in every respect, and is absolutely fearless and impartial in the discharge of his duties. He is one of the most courteous officers we have ever seen, and at the same time so positive in the discharge of his duties and the direction of those under his supervision that he wins the respect and admiration of most all of those with whom he comes in contact.

"Mr. Smith has today resigned as our chief of police by his own choice, and we unhesitatingly recommend him with the assurance that he will render valuable and capable service in any position for which he would make application.

"He has, in addition to serving as chief of police, had charge of our welfare department and has conducted it in such a way as to not only assist and supply the needy, but has encouraged them to obtain work and become self supporting.

"His judgment and knowledge of human nature is developed to a high degree for a man of his age, and his services have been most satisfactory to us."

A total of eighteen letters were mailed to Mayor Reinhardt and the

Hearing For Smart Held Last Saturday

Man Charged With Killing of Chief A. A. Price Committed to Jail Without Bond To Await Trial.

FIVE YEARS OLD TODAY



SILLUS MICHALOVE

Today is the fifth anniversary of Sillus Michalove, fine young son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Michalove, of Forest City. Sillus has just returned from a visit to French Lick Springs, where the above picture was made.

J. T. JACKSON DIES AT ALEXANDER

Funeral Held at Mountain View, in Polk County, Wednesday—Native of Polk.

Alexander, June 17.—Mr. John Taylor Jackson, aged 48, died at the home of his son, Mr. Curtis Jackson, Tuesday, after an illness of six months, with a heart ailment. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at Mountain View Baptist church, in Polk county, with Rev. Mr. Sidenspinner in charge of the service. Interment was in the Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Jackson is survived by eight children, Mrs. L. H. Henderson, Gaffney; Miss Annie Bell Jackson, Inman, S. C.; Curtis Jackson, Alexander; Glenn, Clarence, Stella, Grace and Blanche Jackson, all of Inman. One sister, Mrs. Nettie Corn, of Mill Spring, survives.

Mr. Jackson was a native of Polk, and was held in high esteem by his many friends. He was a member of the Mountain View Baptist church.

LAYMEN'S DAY AT PLEASANT GROVE NEXT SUNDAY

Laymen's Day will be observed at Pleasant Grove Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11:15. The pastor will participate in the service, but the service will be delivered by Prof. Chas. C. Erwin. Some of the laymen of the church will also speak. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Board of Aldermen, urging Mr. Smith's appointment. Practically all of these letters were unsolicited. Among the recommendations were those from Judge T. B. Finley, of the superior court; Bank of North Wilkesboro; Messrs B. T. Henderson and Frank D. Hackett, attorneys. Hon. John R. Jones, solicitor of the 17th judicial district, the Wilkes Hospital, Hon. J. A. Rosseau, the new mayor, and letters from a number of merchants, and leading citizens. Each writer spoke highly of Mr. Smith, and told of his many activities while acting as chief of police of North Wilkesboro during the past six years.

Mr. Smith is expected here sometime this week. His salary will be \$125.00 per month. The night officer's salary is \$80.00 per month.

Rutherfordton, June 15.—More than 1,000 people crowded the courtroom here Saturday afternoon to hear the evidence brought out in the preliminary hearing of Fred Smart, charged with killing Chief Austin A. Price, of Forest City, Saturday night, June 6. The large courtroom was filled to its capacity with spectators, while many could not secure admission. After examining seven of the witnesses for the state, Judge Fred McBrayer, county recorder, who heard the testimony, made the following order:

"The court finds probable cause of the guilt of the defendant of the charge of murder in the first degree and commits him to jail without bond to await trial at next criminal term of superior court of Rutherford county."

Attorneys Fred Hamrick, N. C. Harris and J. S. Dockery, of the firm of Quinn, Hamrick and Harris, represented the defendant. They offered no testimony, and did not ask for bail.

Judge J. L. Murphy, of Hickory; County Solicitor O. J. Mooneyham, C. O. Ridings and R. R. Blanton were attorneys for the state Saturday. The prosecution decided after the hearing to ask Governor Gardner for a special term of criminal court in July to try the case against Smart.

Evidence.

Dr. W. C. Bostic, Sr., who examined Chief Price eight minutes after he was shot, was the first witness placed on the stand. He was admitted as an expert witness, and testified that he found three gunshot wounds on the chest and abdomen of the deceased, and deep lacerations on the back, caused by knife or razor, also a laceration on the leg. Either of the wounds would have caused death within fifteen minutes he testified. The wound across the back extended into the kidney, liver and lower part of one lung, and one short rib was severed, said Dr. Bostic.

J. L. Upton, of Forest City, was next called, and told that he heard Price ask Smart to get off the streets and go home. When Smart refused, Chief Price took him by the belt and started off. Smart offered Chief Price a chew of tobacco, which he refused. They went on up the street, with Upton following a short distance behind. Within a few moments he heard a cry for help, and broke into a run. Just before rounding the corner, he heard pistol shots and as he came into sight he saw a man on the ground.

Lester Philbeck, of Caroleen, an eye witness was called. He was not acquainted with either Price or Smart. He told of witnessing the tragedy while seated in his car a short distance from the scene of the killing. As the two passed his car, Price said "I told you twenty minutes ago to go home," stated the witness. According to Mr. Philbeck, Smart apparently knocked Price down, going down with him, and as he came up Price made an attempt to rise. He was pushed down by Smart's foot, and then Smart fired three or four times into Price's body.

Durham Philbeck, a son of Lester Philbeck, who was with his father at the time of the tragedy, told substantially the same story as did his father. He testified that he noticed nothing unusual in the conduct of the two men as they passed him, but heard the remark made by Price about telling Smart to go home. After they had gone about fifty feet he heard a call for help, and at once ran toward the men, who were on the ground. When he was near them, Smart, who had arose, began firing into Price's reclining body.

R. M. Taylor, of Forest City, was next called. He testified that Smart and another person were in Blanton's Cafe, about 15 or 20 minutes before the killing, and that he heard them cursing. He recalled having (Continued On Page Four)