

APPOINTMENTS READ AT ANNUAL M. E. CONFERENCE

Rev. J. W. Williams Returns to Forest City—Several Changes Made in County by Annual Methodist Conference.

Asheville, Nov. 16.—Before an audience that taxed Central church to capacity here Sunday night, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon read the appointments of preachers to charges in the Western North Carolina conference for the next year.

Of the nine pastoral charges in Rutherford county five of the old pastors were returned, and four new pastors were assigned. Bostic, Broad River, Forest City, Henrietta and Mill Springs charge have the same pastors as last year. New assignments were made for Cliffside-Avondale, Gilkey, Rutherfordton and Spindale-Pleasant Grove. Assignments for the Marion District follow:

- Presiding elder, E. W. Fox.
- Avery, J. M. Green.
- Bakersville, J. C. Gentry.
- Bostic, J. N. Snow.
- Broad River, J. W. Kennedy.
- Burke, C. S. Plyler, supply; McRae Crawford, Jr., pr supply.
- Burnsville, J. L. Reynolds.
- Cliffside-Avondale, H. H. Robbins.
- Cross Mill, J. A. Howell.
- Elk Park, E. B. Edwards.
- Forest City, J. W. Williams.
- Glen Alpine, A. G. Loftin.
- Gilkey, D. S. Richardson.
- Henrietta, A. W. Lynch.
- Marion, First Church, H. P. Powell; Marion Mills, J. W. Parker; Marion circuit, W. J. Hackney.
- McDowell, T. B. Huneycutt.
- Mill Spring, P. T. Dixon.
- Morganton, First church, B. C. Reavis.
- North Forest, A. A. Kyles.
- Morganton, circuit, H. M. Wellman.
- Old Fort, J. L. Rayle; Old Fort circuit, E. C. Price, supply.
- Rutherfordton, J. F. Armstrong.
- Rutherford College, W. G. McFarlan.
- Spindale-Pleasant Grove, W. R. Kelly.
- Spruce Pine, W. R. Harris.
- Table Rock, A. Burgess.
- President Rutherford College, E. P. Billups.

Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., was transferred from Rutherfordton to Green Street church, Winston-Salem. Rev. W. A. Barber, pastor of the Spindale-Pleasant Grove charge during the past three years goes to Mt. Zion charge, in the Statesville District. Rev. D. H. Reinhardt, pastor at Cliffside, goes to Sylva, Jackson county (Waynesville district) while Rev. J. W. Parker, completing his four years at Gilkey, goes to Marion Mills, this district.

Start Book Drive For City Library

As this is "National Book Week" the city public library is putting on a drive for donations of books to the library through the grammar grade school. A reward will be given to the grade that brings in the largest number of suitable books. Each person who donates a book is asked to write their name on a slip of paper and place inside of book, so the librarian may keep a record. The pupils are asked to turn their books into their grade teacher. The contest closes Friday. As winter is coming and all enjoy reading a good book before a cozy fire, and the library is in need of new books, let every one donate at least one or more books. If the children fail to call on you and you have a book you've finished reading pass it on to the library that your friends and the children may enjoy it.

Someday when the library is open, just drop around there and see the boys and girls, men and women, who come to get books to read and you'll be surprised at the number that depend solely upon the library for reading matter. We want our library to grow and it needs your support, so lets make "National Book Week" a big event for our city library.

Cotton Growers To Meet Friday

Rutherfordton, Nov. 16.—Mr. M. G. Mann, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, of Raleigh will address the cotton growers of this county at the court house Friday, November 20th at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Mann will tell about the advantages of putting your cotton in the Association. Mr. C. C. Horn, field representative, of Shelby, will also be at the meeting.

WELFARE LEAGUE ADOPTS UNIQUE PLAN

Citizens Asked To Give Penny-A-Day To City's Needy.

The Family Welfare Association, of Forest City, would like to get the "Penny-a-Meal or Day" program started by all the citizens of Forest City with every organization in the city co-operating.

This "penny-a-meal or day" program is being carried out quite successfully in many other places and we feel sure that every citizen or organization in the town and county will co-operate in this plan of getting funds for the aid that will have to be given to needy families this winter.

Let every one place a jar on the dining table, with a label on it reading thus, "I was hungry and ye gave me food, I was naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye ministered unto me." If every family and organization who can, will pledge themselves to this plan, it will make it easy for the Welfare workers to get necessary funds to work with and at the same time, it will give you joy in feeling and knowing you have a part in this splendid work.

This money from the penny-a-day jar could be turned over to Mr. J. E. Caldwell at the city hall, who is secretary-treasurer of the Family Welfare Association. Start your penny-jar today.

Charity Football Game Draws Many

A large number were in attendance at the charity football game played here last Friday between Forest City and Kings Mountain. While Kings Mountain was decisively beaten, the score is no indication of the action and playing displayed in the game. The final score was 66 to 6 in favor of the Forest City lads.

Forest City showed a good driving power and played a good game. Kings Mountain scored in the second quarter and this is the first time the local goal has been crossed at home this year. Calton, Hamrick and Marks played a good game in the backfield.

The proceeds of the game, after paying the expenses, were turned over to the Family Welfare Association, and will be used by them in carrying on their charity program this winter.

TEXAS VISITORS RETURN TO THEIR HOME THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Fowler, of West, Texas, have returned home after spending several days in this county visiting relatives. While here they visited Mr. Fowler's brothers and sisters, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, of Forest City; Mr. B. F. Fowler, of Caroleen; Mr. W. O. Fowler, of Harris and Mrs. Melson, of Spartanburg.

This was Mr. and Mrs. Fowler's first trip back to Rutherford county in a number of years. Mr. Fowler went to Texas thirty-one years ago. He has been active in several business enterprises while there, and at present is the postmaster at West, Texas. He is a son of the late Hon. Leonard Fowler, of Harris, one-time treasurer of Rutherford county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler made the trip to and from Texas in their automobile.

Pad locks 25c, old price 50c, cost; steel pliers 10c. Shot gun shells 70c; 22 short cartridges (cleanbore) 20c; Rem. Knob locks 35c; lanterns 85c; Hardware? Sure! We got it at Farmers Hardware Company.

COUNTY CLUB WILL MEET HERE FRIDAY

Local Program Will Be Given—Luncheon Will Be Served By W. M. S. of Methodist Church.

The November meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held here next Friday at one o'clock. The meeting will be held in the building next to Padgett & King's Furniture store, on Main street. The members of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will serve the luncheon.

A local program will be given. Prof. Clyde A. Erwin, Mr. David Lindsay and others will speak. Anyone having anything they wish to present are invited to be present Friday and bring it before the club.

A primary will be held at this meeting for officers for 1932. Each member present Friday will vote for six men to guide the affairs of the club during the next year. From such list submitted twelve men will be selected whose names will appear on the ballot which will be voted at the December meeting.

MR. A. B. PADGETT DIED MONDAY

Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon For Widely Known Bostic Man.

Bostic, Nov. 18.—Mr. Alonzo B. Padgett, aged 53, died in the hospital Monday, following an illness of several weeks. He had been in ill health sometime and had recently been taken to the hospital for treatment, and while there succumbed to a complication of ailments.

Funeral services were held at Bostic Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. W. Rimmer and Rev. I. D. Harrill in charge of the funeral service. Immediately after the service the body was taken to Mt. Vernon Baptist cemetery where it was interred with a brief but appropriate ceremony.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lora Padgett, four children, Herman, Don, Robert and Elbert Padgett, all of Bostic; five brothers and two sisters, J. H. and B. H. Padgett, of Bostic; J. M. Padgett, Asheville; R. L. Padgett, Forest City, R. F. D.; G. M. Padgett, Forest City, and Misses Zula and Ada Padgett, of Forest City, R. F. D.

Mr. Padgett was a widely known citizen of the Bostic community, and took an active part in the civic and religious affairs of his community. He was a member of the Bostic Baptist church, where he joined a number of years ago. He was also a member of the Masonic order, holding membership in the Caroleen Lodge. A. F. & A. M. He was 53 years, seven months and 22 days old.

Rev. L. N. Epley New Pastor At Bostic

Bostic, Nov. 16.—Rev. J. A. Hunnicutt, pastor of Cliffside Baptist church, spoke at the Bostic Baptist church Sunday afternoon to a large congregation. Just after the message the church was called to conference and Rev. L. N. Epley, pastor of the Florence Baptist church, in Forest City, was extended a unanimous call to become the pastor of the Bostic Baptist church. The church feels very fortunate in securing Rev. L. N. Epley as pastor.

BUYS BUSINESS HOUSE.

Mr. Geo. F. Bradley, well known local jeweler and financier, has purchased the business house occupied by Padgett's Barber Shop on Main street. Mr. Bradley will make considerable improvements on the property.

Good pocket knives 60c each; toys all kinds; collar pads 30c; rubber half soles 25c; old price 60c. Laundry heaters \$4.50; good butcher knives 25c; at Farmers Hardware Company.

7 foot trace chains 65c cost; steel claw hammers, 30c; old price 75c; genuine Distor saws \$2.00, old price \$3.25, at Farmers Hardware Company.

15,417 BALES OF COTTON GINNED

Rutherford County Ginnings Show Decrease of Over 1,000 Bales

Rutherford county ginned 15,417 bales of cotton through Monday, November 1st, according to figures released by the Department of Commerce through the bureau of the census, Washington, D. C. To the same date last year there were 16,757 bales ginned, or a decrease this year of 1340 bales.

There has been 597,405 bales ginned in the state, compared with 589,468 bales to the same date last year.

Cleveland again maintains her lead as the champion cotton county of the state, having ginned 51,252 bales as compared with 50,958 bales to the same date last year. Cleveland is over 10,000 bales ahead of her nearest competing county, Robeson.

There has been 3,994 bales ginned in Polk county this year, as compared with 3,908 to the same date last year.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY FOR HOME CLUBS

County Demonstration Clubs Will Meet at Spindale November 20th.

The Home Demonstration clubs of Rutherford county plan to observe Achievement Day at the Spindale House on Friday night, Nov. 20th at 6:30 o'clock. The outstanding feature of the evening will be the Fashion Show. Dresses made of Rutherford county materials and by Rutherford county women, will be modeled by some of the club members. These dresses are divided into three groups—those suitable for wear in the house, for more formal occasions. Competent judges will select the best from each group and award prizes to the winners.

Supper will be served at 6:30 to the women and their invited guests each club contributing to this meal. Good music will be furnished for the occasion.

Miss Laura Howard, County Demonstration Agent, is in charge of the Achievement Day. The Home Demonstration clubs are doing all in their power to assure an even greater success this year than last. The following clubs are taking part: Pinehurst, Buck Shoals, Holly Springs, Green Hill, Caroleen, Mt. Pleasant, Watkins, Bostic Alexander, West End, Piney Ridge, Union Mills, Ellenboro and Race Path.

FIRE DESTROYS DEPOT AT CLIFFSIDE JUNCTION

The building used as a depot at Cliffside Junction was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, about 3:30 o'clock. The blaze is believed to have been started from sparks from the engine of the Cliffside Railway, which had left there shortly before the fire broke out. There was very little loss as there was no freight there at the time, and the building was not very valuable.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Spindale, Nov. 16.—The topic for next Sunday morning, November 22, is: The Last Days of the World, based on Luke 17, 26-37.

Beginning next Sunday night at 7:30 the Lutheran church will conduct regular evening services. The topic for Sunday evening is: Behold, the King of Majesty Tremendous! Everyone is cordially invited.

REV. M. W. HECKARD CALLS.

Rev. M. W. Heckard, former pastor at Spindale and Cliffside, was a pleasant caller at The Courier office Monday morning. Mr. Heckard was returning to his home from the annual conference, held last week in Asheville. Mr. Heckard was transferred to the Hayne circuit, in the Winston-Salem district this year.

Death Car Driver Is Exonerated

Rutherfordton, Nov. 16.—George W. Hart, Charlotte tire salesman, Friday was exonerated of blame by a coroner's jury in connection with the death of J. I. Stacy, prominent Cleveland county man, who was killed near Forest City Tuesday, Nov. 10, when he stepped from behind a car that was parked on the highway and was hit by Hart's car.

The jury held that the accident was unavoidable.

DEATH CLAIMS ROOSEVELT HUNT

Funeral Services Held Sunday at First Broad for Young Forest City Man.

Mr. Roosevelt Hunt, aged 32, died at his home here Saturday following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Sunday at First Broad Baptist church, in Golden Valley, Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Forest City, had charge of the funeral service. Interment took place in the First Broad Baptist cemetery.

Mr. Hunt was unmarried. He is survived by two brothers, F. C. Hunt, of Forest City and D. L. Hunt, of Bostic, R-3, also three sisters, Mrs. Z. V. Blankenship, Bostic, R-3; Mrs. Bob Rollins, Forest City, and Mrs. Lee Blankenship, of Bostic, R-3.

Pall bearers were Messrs W. L. Brown, Frank Dorsey, Burge Harrill, Ed Biggerstaff, G. A. Harris, V. T. Davis. The large and beautiful floral offering was borne by Misses Olema Flack, Mattie Lee Flack, Fannie McKinney, Pearl Irvin and Mrs. V. T. Davis, Ada Jones, Mrs. Mercy Rollins, Misses Malonia, Viola and Louise Gamble and Kittie Fortune.

Mr. Hunt was a member of First Broad Baptist church. He was a young man of high character, and numbered his friends by the score.

He was familiarly known to his hosts of friends as "Ted."

The Annual Fall Music Program

The school music department of Cool Springs township will give its Fall concert on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, at 8:00 o'clock, at the High school auditorium.

Two hundred and fifty voices from the elementary schools will sing in two and three part harmony, also the Toy Band will play. The High school chorus of one hundred and ten voices made up of the freshman chorus and the girls' and boys' glee clubs will sing.

No admission will be charged, and the public is cordially invited to attend. We especially invite the parents to hear their children present the following program:

Part I.
"Thanksgiving," Elementary grades.
"Little Mail," by Meissner, Mt. Pleasant school.

"The Lass from Richmond Hill," Dana, Forest City 4th and 5th grades.
"Travel," A Trio, Bostic school.
"The Little Dutch Garden," Meissner, Alexander school.

(a) "See The Shoe Maker," (b) "Carolina Moon," Forest City primary grades.

"Evening," Forest City 6th and 7th grades.
"America The Beautiful," audience Five minute intermission.

Part II
"Soldiers Chorus," Gounod, High school chorus.

"Steal Away," Negro spiritual, freshman chorus.
"Neath Your Window," Gates, boys' and girls' club.

"Out On The Deep," LoLhr-Fischer mixed chorus.

(a) "O' Sar'Lina," Cooke, (b) "How Sweet The Answer Echo Makes," Kriens, girls' Glee club.
"Open Our Eyes," Macfarlane, mixed chorus.

"The Lost Chord," Sullivan, High school chorus.

Half soles per pair, 10c; heel bolts 10c; gobber points 20c; galvanized buckets 20c; 5 gallon oil cans 85c; and good bridles \$1.00 at Farmers Hardware Company.

HIGHWAY PATROL LIEUTENANT WILL FACE TRIAL NOV. 24

Lieut. Beck and Two Patrolmen Charged With Assault By Rutherfordton Men.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 16.—Three warrants were served by Sheriff McFarland Thursday on Lieut. R. H. Beck of Marion, commander of Division E, state highway patrol, who has charge of 22 western North Carolina counties.

One charges him with cursing and using boisterous language on the streets here and was signed by C. Lee Biggerstaff, fire chief and secretary-treasurer of Rutherfordton, while two other warrants signed by George R. Hodge charge the lieutenant with parking within three feet of a fire plug in Rutherfordton Wednesday and of assault on affiant while acting as special policeman.

The trouble started Wednesday night when Beck parked his car near the fire plug and Hodge asked him to move it. It is alleged that Beck cursed Hodge, followed him on the street and later struck him. Thursday morning after the warrants were served Beck told Chief of Police S. E. Waldrop, "that he would whip the whole d—fire department."

Goes to City Hall.
At noon Thursday Lieutenant Beck, accompanied by Patrolman Allison and one other patrolman, whose name could not be learned here Thursday, went to the city hall and talked with Biggerstaff.

Beck is alleged to have cursed Biggerstaff and a fight followed in the city hall. One patrolman, seeing Postmaster John Williams approaching, slammed the door and kept Williams out, it was said. Chief Waldrop, Charles McFarland and Williams hurriedly rushed into the city hall through another door and parted Biggerstaff and Beck.

The two patrolmen, when asked why they did not part the fighting men and keep peace, replied they could not. One time they pulled Biggerstaff off of Beck, it is reported. Beck was telephoned Thursday afternoon at Marion and asked the name of the other patrolman, but he refused to give it.

Feeling is running high here on account of the conduct of the patrolmen and Beck. It has been the chief topic of discussion on the streets.

Council Meets.
The town council met in special session Thursday afternoon and adopted resolutions asking the state highway commission and Governor Gardner to carefully investigate the charges and, if found correct, to remove the lieutenant and two patrolmen. Copies of the resolution were forwarded to Raleigh Thursday afternoon.

Both Hodge and Biggerstaff are well known and highly respected citizens of Rutherfordton.

The date for hearing has been set for November 24. The delay is due to superior court being in session, and the recorder's courtroom too small for this kind of a trial.

Warrants have also been sworn out for the arrest of Patrolmen Allison and H. G. Singleton.

It was understood here Friday that Beck reported to Raleigh that Biggerstaff challenged him to take off his uniform and fight, and that he complied, after they had engaged in an argument Thursday growing out of Beck's encounter with a policeman the night before.

Hearing Given.
Rutherfordton, Nov. 18.—Investigation of the activities of Lieutenant R. H. Beck and State Highway Patrolmen Allison and Singleton in a dispute here Armistice Day and the day afterward was made Tuesday night by Captain Charles D. Farmer of the highway patrol.

Captain Farmer, who held a hearing at the city hall that lasted two hours, was accompanied by Lieutenant Fisher of the Charlotte district, a stenographer, State Senator Bennett of Bryson City, and Will Neal, Jr., of Marion.

Hearing of the case Tuesday night was held in the presence of Mayor (Continued on Last Page)