

# FOREST CITY COURIER

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FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1919

\$1.50 a Year, in Advance

## Courier Auto Won By Miss Mary Hamrick

BEST PLACES THIS PAPER IN FRONT RANK AS ADVERTISING MEDIUM FOR THIS PART OF THE STATE.

### JUDGES REPORT

Manager Forest City Courier: We the undersigned judges, chosen to make the final count of the vote cast in The Courier contest, beg leave to report our finding as follows:

	Total Vote
Miss Mary Hamrick	13,610,350
Mr. S. S. Hunsinger	10,829,400
Miss Linda Blanton	1,955,700
Mrs. David Bridges	1,721,800
Josh McMurry	1,064,250
Miss Kate Trout	1,152,100

### PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize—Five Passenger Auto, Miss Mary Hamrick, Forest City, N. C., Route 1.

Second Prize—Victrola, Mr. S. S. Hunsinger, Chimney Rock.

Third Prize—\$75.00 in Merchandise, Miss Linda Blanton, Forest City.

Respectfully,

J. H. Thomas,  
J. F. Alexander,  
W. S. Moss.

The Courier Auto Contest, which was inaugurated October 30th, came to a successful end Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the net result that a number were happy with prizes and commission checks, having Christmas flavor, and The Courier in point of circulation is put among the substantial weekly papers of the State.

From the first the rivalry that approached anything like keenness was that between Mr. S. S. Hunsinger, of Chimney Rock, and Miss Mary Hamrick, of Forest City, the former leading all the way and looking like a winner, but he managed to overcome every effort of his rival; that he did it until the last week, when Miss Hamrick brought a surprise that fairly overwhelmed the Chimney Rock worker, though the auto was not won by either until the last minute, for Mr. Hunsinger did not yield until the last ditch.

The other workers did well, but never during the contest did they endanger the standing of the two leaders. The contest has demonstrated the popularity of the Forest City Courier, and it has given to the merchants of this little city a medium in which all their business messages can be guaranteed to reach all patrons and prospective patrons in the Forest City radius; in other words, 10,000 readers will peruse weekly the advertising made by the merchants of the town. Considering one point, the astute advertiser will readily see that the purveyor of business messages, The Courier is the medium by 200 per cent than by any other method.

We now have the circulation, we have the field, and advertising rates are not equal to that justified by quality and quantity of our circulation. This was our aim and we have spared no expense to attain it, spending \$1,700 in prizes and commissions to that end. We are more than satisfied.

The Courier wishes to thank the judges, contest manager and contestants for their splendid work.

### RELIABLE CONCERN

This contest was conducted by Mrs. Will M. Hundley representing Tucker & Tucker, of Massillon, Ohio, one of the oldest and most reliable contest concerns doing business in this country. Our dealings with this concern have proven satisfactory in every way. Their methods are fair and equitable both to contestant and advertiser.

We cannot speak too highly of Mrs. Hundley, who is thoroughly conversant with the contest business. She defended the interests of each contestant with jealousy, yet playing favorites with none and never giving the slightest hint or information that would enable a contestant to take undue advantage in the race. We feel sure their association with her will long be a pleasant memory with every contestant who had occasion to visit this office.

### Local News Items

Attorney Paul W. Gay is spending the holidays with relatives in Garysburg, N. C.

City Clerk W. J. Davis and City Electrician A. W. Lynch spent several days in Atlanta, Ga., last week.

Mrs. S. N. Watson has been appointed census enumerator for Cool Springs township.

Chas. Lamb, of Lucama, N. C., spent the past week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gudger Edwards.

Appropriate Christmas exercises will be held by the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools at their respective churches tonight (Wednesday).

Hague Padgett, who is with the Maine Belting Co. with headquarters in Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with relatives in Forest City.

Hicks Kiser, who has been in the lumber business in Saluda county, S. C., has moved his family back to Forest City and will be associated with John Poole in the automobile business.

The Courier will observe the usual custom of weekly newspapers and give the printers a few days off for the holidays. Therefore, there will be no issue of The Courier next week.

### Local News Items

Sergeant Lloyd B. Biggerstaff, keeper of books, records and crown seal corks of the local Coca-Cola Co., informs us that the modern version of the old "wine, women and song" proverb is "Hevo, chicken and jazz."

Rev. W. C. Jones, who was assigned by the recent Methodist conference as pastor of the Forest City circuit, has been forced to resign on account of ill health. He is now at his home in Greensboro.

The musical recital given by music pupils of the Forest City school, under direction of Miss Parler, at the Methodist church last Thursday night was a complete success and showed splendid work of both pupils and director. A large audience enjoyed the recital.

Weldon T. Keeter, former citizen of Forest City, accompanied by his son Walter, visited his brother, A. C. Keeter, here last week. Mr. Keeter lives at Mayworth and this is his first visit to the old home in three years.

Governor Bickett has paroled Dock Ripple, of Rutherford county, conditioned on good behavior and remaining a law-abiding citizen. Ripple was convicted at the May term of court, 1914, of incest, and sentenced to ten years in the state prison.



The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.

—United States Senator Cummins.

## Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

*This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives*

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

## SERVICE MEN MAY GET BIG BONUS

### Men of Rutherford County May Get Big Sum

More than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, nearer three hundred thousand, would be distributed among men from Rutherford county who were in the military service, if the bill providing a dollar a day bonus for every day served should be passed by Congress.

We understand that there were approximately 700 men from Rutherford county serving either in this country or abroad at one time during the war, in the army, navy and marine corps. The average number of days that each man served would be hard to arrive at, but it is safe to assume that the average length of service of each man would be not less than 400 days. A bonus of a dollar a day or an average of \$400 for each ex-service man, would mean the disbursement of about \$280,000 bonus money in Rutherford county.

Whether this bill will pass cannot be safely determined at this time, although it is practically assured that the government will reward the service men in some way.

The bill to provide for a loan of \$4,000 to each man at 4½% interest, for a period of years not exceeding sixty, seems to be gaining more favor among congressmen than the dollar a day bonus, according to those who know. However, they are separate bills and it is possible that each may pass either in present or amended form.

Two hundred and eighty thousand dollars in addition to the large amount of currency already in circulation in Rutherford county would further stimulate business in general and have a strong tendency to increase values.

### News Letter From Route 2

The box supper at Doggett's school house last Saturday night was a grand success. A large crowd was present and the behavior was fine. The boxes were auctioned off by Mr. Joe Hardin. Fourteen boxes brought \$55.50. Every box brought a good price and some brought as high as \$10. Mr. M. C. Erwin drew the lucky number and got nice box of candy which was sold for \$5. A cake was given to the prettiest girl, Miss Callie Morrow, with Miss Johnnie Ruth McDaniel a close second. The cake brought \$78.45. The last contest was a cake contest for the ugliest boy. Marvin Kiser won the cake. The total proceeds amounted to \$144.00. We wish to thank everyone who helped.

Misses Loney and Viola Morrow spent Sunday with their uncle, J. R. Morrow.

Mrs. Reba Hodge spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quince Jones.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Bridges, a fine girl, Hazel.

The Courier discontinues sending the paper to subscribers whose subscription has expired.

## Advertising Rates of The Courier

(Effective January 1, 1920)

### DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS

To Regular Advertisers, 20c per inch; \$4 per column.

To Transient Advertisers, 25c per inch; \$5 per column.

Reading Notices, Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, etc., set in news type, 25c per inch.

## THE COURIER'S

### NEW YEAR WISH

This strikes us as being a very appropriate time for us to express the hope that every man, woman and child in this county will in the year 1920 enjoy the best of health, abundant prosperity and all of the peace and comfort and happiness it is possible for them to have.

We are quite sure none of us are dissatisfied with the year which has just gone by, if we will look at it in a sensible light. It is true that trouble has come into many hearts, but there has always been enough sunshine and happiness following to balance. We look back upon things that would be done in a different manner if we had known at the time what the outcome would be. And yet each mistake was worth something to us in that we learned not to make the same mistake again. And we go into the New Year that much stronger than we were in the old. So, all in all, we have no just reason to complain with the old year, nor the way it treated us.

We have but one thought now, and that is of the future. We have but one duty, and that lies before us. We owe it to ourselves to make this year a happier and a more prosperous one than last, and we can do so if we will. We can be a little more considerate of those about us; we can be a little more helpful and a little more liberal with our kind words and neighborly suggestions. And all of this will serve to brighten the whole year, not alone for ourselves but for all those with whom we come in touch.

And, as we stand on the threshold of the New Year, here is the sincere wish of your friend, the editor of this paper, that the year 1920, will bring to you and all yours the best of health, abundant prosperity and all the peace and comfort it is possible for you to have.

Some men are up with the lark in the morning; others are up with a lark at night.

## New Grocery Store

We have bought the grocery stock and meat market at Flack & Harrill's old stand. We have discontinued the meat market and will devote our entire time to supplying the grocery wants of people of Forest City and vicinity. We are restocking the store with new goods and will give the people the advantages offered by a strictly first class store.

We will appreciate your business, and offer you honest goods at honest prices, and courteous treatment. Call on us.

## Keeter & Watkins

Flack & Harrill's Old Stand

FOREST CITY

## Polk Miller's Liver Pills

The Old Fashioned Kind that do the work. The same formula for 50 years. Unparalleled for Biliousness, Sick Headache, Constipation and Malaria. At all druggists. Manufactured by Polk Miller Drug Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.

10c.

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