

COUNCIL TO BE ORGANIZED

At Meeting of Parent-Teacher Associations in Rutherfordton, Feb. 24.

On February 24, a meeting of representatives from all the Parent-Teachers' Associations in Rutherford county will be held at Rutherfordton in connection with the county teachers' meeting, at which time a County Council will be organized.

Mrs. Joseph Garibaldi, formerly president of the North Carolina Federation of Parent-Teachers' Association, will address the meeting at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Garibaldi writes that she considers this a very excellent thing and says that Rutherford county will have the distinction of organizing the first County Council.

An article published in this week's Courier, written by Mrs. Cannitz, of Louisville, Ky., who is prominently connected with this work in that city, speaks very commendably of the project.

The Forest City unit has been very active in promoting this movement. It is expected that it will meet with warmest support in all the localities where units have been organized, as well as elsewhere. Much good will result. Let each association appoint or elect representatives to take part in the county meeting at Rutherfordton Feb. 24.

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GREETINGS FROM P.-T. WORKERS

Of Louisville, Ky., to the Workers of Rutherford County—Interesting Letter From Mrs. Mary Lawrence Cannitz.

In a recent issue of the Forest City Courier I read an appeal from the P. T. A. of Forest City for a County League, and I should like to lay additional stress upon that appeal. It is the very keynote of success.

Our Parent-Teacher League in Louisville is the clearing house for all of our problems and troubles. We never take one there but what we find a solution for it, after having it discussed by the various presidents and secretaries of other associations.

I am writing this article because I am intensely interested in the paper of my brother-in-law, and am anxious for the Forest City Courier to become one of the greatest factors in the upbuilding of the community. Having been a zealous worker in the Parent-Teacher work for several years, I really feel that he can do more for Rutherford county by fostering Parent-Teacher work than in any other one way.

Our little association here has been the banner one of the city for two years—in membership, attendance, and work accomplished; in fact, when Mrs. Higgins, the National President, of Worcester, Mass., came to Louisville last year, she paid our association the compliment of saying that it came the nearest to being the ideal of any she had visited in the country, and she adopted some of our methods for the National Association. I am telling this not boastfully at all, but as an encouragement for the smaller schools. It is a current idea that the larger schools can have better associations, but we have not found this so. Our school is a little suburban six grade school of 200 children, and yet we have been able to do much more than some schools of 600.

Since there are new associations starting in your county, and since I am so deeply interested in seeing every one a success, will you not let me tell you of a few of the rocks that I have seen so many new associations flounder upon and shortly sink?

In the first place, don't let your association be a fault finding one. You are to help your teachers—not hinder them. Things don't always run like you want them to at school—neither do they at home. But make the best of everything. Make your organization so helpful that your principal will be unable to run the school without you.

Secondly, Don't ask your teachers to serve on committees or get up programs. You are to lighten their burdens, not add to them. This, of course, does not mean that teachers may not have their rooms give little programs frequently, that mothers may hear their children. But map out your programs for the year along the lines that will be most helpful to your individual associations, and then have some one address the associations on these subjects, or have mothers to prepare the programs themselves. The National Association will furnish you all the necessary material. We often have some of the fathers address the association and all have two or three night meetings a year that they may attend.

Thirdly, Don't let your president do all the work. She is only there to make others work. We have thirty members on the board of our little association. Each is given her work to do, with the understanding that if she doesn't do it, it will go undone. She is given entire charge of her particular committee, to work out as she sees fit. The result is, we can do a colossal amount of work without over tasking anyone. An association run by a half dozen can never be a powerful nor helpful organization.

Lastly, Don't stay away from your association meetings. The

ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN RUTHERFORD COUNTY HOME



Home of Mr. J. D. Ledbetter

A beautiful and artistically attractive home that compels the notice of every one passing by is that of Mr. J. D. Ledbetter, on the highway between Forest City and Rutherfordton. It is said to be the finest home in the county. It has all modern conveniences and the grounds would make a modern landscape artist turn green with envy. It is just recently that Mr. Ledbetter has made a contract with the city to have an electric light wire run out to his home. Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter naturally take a great

interest and justifiable pride in their home, which is not only a credit to them, but to the county at large.

There is nothing sweeter in life than a real home, and it takes more than outward splendor to make it just what it should be. More splendid than their palatial residence is the real inner home life of this lovable couple, whose influence reaches out and embraces their circle of friends and acquaintances, all of whom rejoice over their success and prosperity.

KILLED IN THE LONE STAR STATE

Mr. M. S. Davis, Formerly of this County, Shot Near Dallas, Texas

Mr. Memory S. Davis, aged 33, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Bostic, route 2, was shot near Dallas, Texas, Jan. 12, and died in a hospital there on the 21st. The cause of the shooting is unknown here.

Mr. Davis was well and favorably known in this county, his former home, and the news of his death was received with universal sorrow. He left this county and removed to Virginia about six years ago, later going from there to Texas, where the tragedy occurred. Mr. Davis' wife died two years ago while they were in Virginia. There were five children, who make their home with their grandfather, Mr. George Davis, route 2, Bostic.

Deceased is survived by his parents, one brother, Mr. M. C. Davis, of Gilkey, and eight sisters, Mrs. W. T. Dobbins, Mrs. C. H. Padgett, Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. R. L. Wells, Misses Georgia and Margaret Davis, route 2, Bostic; Mrs. J. L. Hamrick, of Henrietta, and Mrs. E. D. Bridges, of Chesterfield, Va. The funeral was held at Walls church Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Revs. Z. D. and I. D. Harrill. A large crowd was present.

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best organization and the best programs in the world cannot help those who stay away.

BE LOYAL TO YOUR SCHOOL AND YOUR ASSOCIATIONS AT ALL TIMES.

If at any time I can tell you through the columns of the Courier how we have solved some of the programs of membership, attendance, co-operation, etc., I shall be very glad to do so. Address your perplexities to the Courier, and I am quite sure some of the forty-five associations here in Louisville have been confronted by the same problem, and I shall be glad to let you profit by some of our failures and mistakes, as well as our successes.

MRS. MARY LAWRENCE CANNITZ,

Pres. Emmet Field T. P. A., Chm. Child Welfare Com. of Louisville P.-T. League.

LIKES CITY SO WELL MAY LOCATE HERE

Mr. Harry Cannitz, who came to Forest City on a visit the first of the week, is so impressed with the looks of our little city, that he may locate here permanently, if the proper business connection may be had.

His home is at Bishopville, S. C. where he has been in the mercantile, automobile and real estate business. Looking over the city, and after talking with some of our business men, Mr. Cannitz was much impressed with the progressive spirit of the town and the prospects of its rapid development and steady growth.

Forest City is the fastest growing town in the county and is backed by a rich territory. The doors are open to one and all of the visitors who are impressed with the future of the place.

We certainly hope that Mr. Cannitz, as well as others, may find it to their interest to locate here.

BOSTIC

Jan. 29.—The little eleven day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans died Sunday night.

Miss Leck Carson's sister is spending a few days with her.

Miss Edna Hollifield spent the week-end with homefolks.

There was a basket-ball game played at Alexander Monday evening between the girls of Henrietta and Bostic, the losing side being Henrietta.

Mr. J. L. Elliott, of Ellenboro, spent the day Sunday with Mr. O. R. Flack.

We are very sorry to state at this writing there are several in Mr. Arwood's family sick.

Miss Glenn Harris, one of the teachers at Bostic, has been very sick but is improving now.

The crowd at the box supper was small, but the proceeds were very good.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Sam Terry Saturday and took his oldest boy. He was buried Sunday evening at Wall's church.

CENTRALIZES HERE

Mr. B. Z. McDonald, who had a branch store at Spindale, has removed the stock to his store in the West End, Forest City, and dispensed with the Spindale store. He has added to the Forest City store until he now has a wonderfully large and complete line of goods.

THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company Tomorrow—Has Had Wonderful Growth.

A strong bank is the financial backbone of any community, and when an institution has not only gained in financial strength, but also in the confidence of its constituency, it has made a record of which it may well be proud.

Tomorrow, February 3, marks the seventh anniversary of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, an institution that is a credit to the whole county and a power in the development and progress of the town and community. Its wonderful growth and present standing is a source of pleasure to every citizen of the county, as well as to the officers and directors of this institution, and they have reached this anniversary rich in the affection and confidence of our people, as well as strong and powerful financially.

It is not only a pleasure to the Courier, but to everyone, to note the success and wonderfully fast growth of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, foremost in the ranks of the county's institutions.

Starting back on that eventful day of its inception, the bank has grown steadily by leaps and bounds and stands today as the strongest institution in the county, rich in the confidence of the people. Backed by an organization of business men who have shown a wonderful insight into the needs of our people and a good judgement in the handling of the affairs of the bank, the institution has gone steadily forward on and upward to the present pinnacle of success.

The bank started with a paid in capital of \$40,000, which was increased during the first year to \$75,000. In 1920 the capital was increased to \$100,000, at which figure it now stands. The surplus has steadily increased and on Jan. 1, 1921, it had grown to \$100,000. Today the total resources are over one and a quarter million dollars.

Including the semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent, paid on the anniversary, the bank has paid to its stockholders 54 per cent in cash dividends, and it goes without saying that it will continue to pay 6 per cent semi-annually.

The destiny of the Farmers Bank Trust & Company is in the hands of such well known business men as the following:

Officers—J. F. Alexander, Chairman of Board; B. B. Doggett, President; J. H. Thomas, Active Vice-President; K. S. Tanner, Vice-President; L. V. Lee, Vice-President; G. P. Reid, Vice-President; B. H. Long, Cashier; R. E. Biggerstaff, Assistant Cashier.

Caroleen Branch—W. V. Smith, Cashier.

Lattimore Branch—C. B. Wilson, Cashier.

Directors—J. F. Alexander, B. B. Doggett, T. R. Padgett, G. P. Reid, J. R. Moore, W. R. Harrill, C. C. Moore, J. H. Thomas, C. M. Holland, T. B. Lovelace, Macon, Ga.; K. S. Tanner, Spindale; Hugh F. Little, Marion, N. C.; L. V. Lee, Lattimore, N. C.; J. W. Smith.

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WIRING CONTRACTS

The Peoples Electric Co. has secured the contract for wiring and installing fixtures in Mr. R. P. Robinson's home near Spindale. The house will be supplied with current from a line built by the town of Forest City. Several other homes will be supplied by this line, including those of Mr. J. D. Ledbetter and Mr. D. C. Melton.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching at the Methodist church Sunday next at 11 o'clock. Morning subject—"Christ the Revealer of the (Father) or God." Evening subject—"The Voice in the Wilderness; the Discoverer of Universal Salvation."

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SPECIAL TRAIN TO SPARTANBURG

To Be Run Over C. C. & O. Ry. Today to Enable Our People to Hear Billy Sunday.

The special committee having in charge the arrangements to get a special train over the C. C. & O. Railway to run today, got busy Tuesday and made the excursion possible by putting up a guarantee. By this action our people are enabled to make the Spartanburg trip today at the special low price of \$1.60 for the round trip. The train will leave the C. C. & O. depot at 12:30 p. m. today (Thursday), and will return after the evening services, enabling those who go to hear both the afternoon and evening sermons.

A large crowd will no doubt take advantage of the occasion to hear the great preacher.

Remember the time of the special train—12:30 p. m. today (Thursday).

Dr. W. C. Bostic has received the following letter from the Secretary of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce:

"I have made reservation for your party for the Thursday meetings. They begin, as you know, at 2:30 and 7:30. When you come to the city I hope you will tell your party to make their headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce."

BIG LOSS BY FIRE IN SPARTANBURG

Three Establishments Suffer Heavy Loss, Including Efrid's Department Store.

Fire starting in the old Argyle Hotel building in Spartanburg at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning did considerable damage before being checked. The building was occupied by Efrid's, J. Thomas Arnold and Kress. The fire started on the third floor and was held in good check by firemen but the occupants of the first floor suffered a severe loss from water damage.

The extent of the damage to the merchandise in the stores will probably be considerable. Efrid's stock was estimated at about \$50,000 by Manager Huntley. His loss will be slight as he moved much of the stock from the store before the water began seeping in. Kress's stock, the value of which could not be learned, was more complete than at any other time of year, much new goods having been received recently. Because of the novelty character of much of it, the loss will probably be large in proportion. J. Thomas Arnold's stock was valued at over \$50,000, fully protected by insurance. Water did all the damage. The Y. W. C. A. cafeteria sustained a heavy loss, but it was likely mostly due to water, also.

THE WILSON FUND

Mr. A. C. Keeter reports the following donations to the Woodrow Wilson fund:

One dollar by each of the following: F. L. Barber, J. H. Thomas, T. J. Stone, Terry Moore, B. H. Long, R. E. Biggerstaff, R. L. Reinhardt, Donald Blanton, C. S. Hemphill, J. E. McFarland, W. C. Blanton, T. R. Padgett, A. H. Long, W. A. Mark, T. D. Flack, I. B. Covington, J. M. Edwards, O. C. Turner, Miss Viola Mae McDaniel, B. C. Wilkie, J. C. Scruggs, P. T. Reinhardt, Walter Moore, V. T. Davis, Tom Jones, G. M. Huntley, R. R. Blanton, E. O. Thomas, J. F. Weathers, J. L. Griffin, G. H. Blanton, E. A. Smart, G. T. Benick, B. L. Smith, J. A. Wilkie, C. C. Hicks, A. C. Keeter, W. S. Moss, Hague Padgett, J. K. Harrill, J. H. Daniel, E. G. Abernathy, \$2.50; B. B. Doggett, \$5.

Some donations were sent in direct and do not show in the above list.

Meals served any hour at White's Cafe, Depot street.

FOREST CITY THE BEAUTIFUL

Join The Building Movement So That Our City May Grow—Visitors Impressed

In this week's Courier will be found the second of a series of ads boosting building operations in Forest City, and we call upon the citizens to awaken to the importance of erecting new dwellings and business houses here if we are to enjoy the prosperity and growth that is in store for us. Every visitor to our city quickly realizes the great possibilities and wonderful resources that we have. They readily see the advantages we are prone to overlook. We must be ready to encourage these people to locate here. The first requisite is houses. Hence we started this building movement, and we call upon the citizens to back us up. Forest City, from all indications, will enjoy the greatest growth of its career during 1922 if the people will only bestir themselves.

Let's all get together and help to make our beautiful city enjoy a healthy and natural growth. Build now.

MRS. MARY HARRIS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Harris died at her home on Cherry Mountain street last Sunday of infirmities incident to old age. Mrs. Harris had long been in ill health and bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude. She was 77 years old, and had been practically bedfast for the past four years.

A remarkable trait of the family was that several members were most remorselessly pursued by fate in that they were sufferers from long illnesses. Her mother said to have been ill for 26 years, but nevertheless lived to be 90 years of age. One sister, Mrs. P. Jenkins, 96 years old, has been confined to her bed for ten years.

Mrs. Harris is survived by three children—Miss Mary Harris, who made her home with deceased; Mrs. Rowe Gooden, and Sam Harris, Caroleen. She was a devout member of Floyd's Creek Baptist church at which place the funeral was held Monday.

Funeral services will be held at Reinhardt Drug Co.