

TO REORGANIZE BOARD OF TRADE

Special Meeting Called for Tonight (Wednesday) March 29—Meet in Directors' Room, Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

The Courier has been requested to announce a meeting to be held at the Farmers Bank & Trust Company building tonight (Wednesday), March 29, for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Trade. A large attendance is urgently requested.

Many other matters of importance will come up at the meeting tonight, prominently among which is the matter of hard surface roads, erection of C. C. & O. depot, and the removal of the Seaboard depot to the crossing of the National Highway.

Again we impress upon our readers the importance of the meeting and urge every one to attend.

MYSTERY CLOCK AT FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO.

A novel clock, recently installed by the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., which is hung just above the teller's window, has aroused unusual interest and caused no end of conjectures as to the means by which it is run. All that is visible are the hands of the clock, which are of bronzed wood and the figures 1 to 12 in gold letters to which the hour and minute hands point. The hands are suspended by a chain. Over the hands is a suggestive sentence, "Time to start an account," and under it the words, "No clock works. No electricity. No air control. No mercury." A card placed under these words reads, "What makes it go? Old Father Time guards the clock while we guard your deposits. Open an account today."

Those who don't understand how the clock works are invited to ask the man inside. To those who inquire, the man inside gives a little booklet which explains just how the clock works—if you can understand it.

CAROLEEN CHAPTER OFFICERS

Caroleen Chapter, No. 126, O. E. S., held a public installation of officers on the night of March 22nd, with Rev. John S. Wood Associate Grand Patron, of the Grand Chapter of N. C., as installing officer.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron—Sister Minnie Allen.

Worthy Patron—Bro. B. A. Stalaker.

Associate Matron—Sister Annie Wilson.

Secretary—Bro. C. C. Wilson.

Treasurer—Bro. J. H. Francis.

Conductress—Sister Daisy Roberson.

Associate Conductress—Sister Carrie Robinson.

Chaplain—Bro. U. K. Allen.

Marshal—Sister Carrie Hughes.

Organist—Sister Abie Long.

Adah—Sister Florence Queen.

Ruth—Sister Elmira Stalaker.

Esther—Sister Mary Head.

Martha—Sister Maud Smith.

Electra—Sister Ona Francis.

Warder—Bro. R. M. Queen.

Sentinel—Bro. E. C. Dobbins.

Several short talks were made, which were enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments were served during a social hour, which was enjoyed by visitors and members alike.

KILLED BY NEGRO WOMAN

Mr. N. B. Hoard, who was connected with the City Market here for some time, and a son-in-law of Mr. J. W. Smith, was killed by a pistol shot fired by a negro woman in Greenville, S. C., last week.

Mr. Hoard, it is said, had gone to the residence of the woman to collect a small debt. The first shot struck him in the face, and he died from the injury on Friday, after lingering two days. The burial took place Saturday at Greenville.

HELPING BUILD SUNNY FLORIDA

Splendid Biographical Sketch of Our Fellow Townsman, Mr. J. F. Alexander, Taken From the Tourist News of Florida.

His many friends—and that includes every one of his large acquaintance—will very much appreciate the following tribute paid to our fellow townsman, Mr. J. F. Alexander, by the Tourist News, published at St. Petersburg, Fla.:

J. F. Alexander was born and raised on a farm near Forest City, N. C. His early memories are mostly of the strict economy necessitated by his father's fortune having been swept away by the Civil War. The school days that could be spared from hard work were spent in a little country school house and finished with a full course in the city high. The hard, unremitting toil in his father's sawmill, with an old-time upright saw capable of cutting only 5000 feet a day, was never thought of as the beginning of an annual "cut" of sixteen times as many million feet.

The first mill owned by Mr. Alexander was a "circular" saw supposed to cut 8,000 feet a day, but 6,000 would come nearer to the actual output. After a long time another mill was added, then another, and another, until now he and his associates own about a hundred and thirty mills, from which they ship out annually from eighty to a hundred million feet of finished lumber and "dimension cut." It is almost unbelievable that this could be accomplished in twenty-five years, but it has been and the story is not nearly finished, either. They own large cotton plantations, with gins and mills, capable of a tremendous output.

Mr. Alexander is at the head of the Alexander Manufacturing Company, making 30,000 pounds of cotton yarns a week. He is also interested in a long list of banks, including the Central National of this city, of which he is a director. His large loan and realty interests here are but an expression of his affection for and interest in the city that cancelled his home doctor's indefinite engagement. That was nine years ago. The incomparable climate, clean social atmosphere, and the restfulness of the green-bench spirit, with the assistance of undeniable opportunity, were the winning factors in turning the overflow of profits this way.

The Alexander Hotel, with its electric sign perched high in the darkness of the night; Grove Heights, one of the city's fine subdivisions; the ownership in upwards of five hundred feet of inside General avenue frontage, and the vast amount of buying and building, made possible by loans, are expressive of his faith in the future of the city that makes accomplishment attractive.

Born of true Southern parentage and direct Colonial ancestry, three of the latter having signed the Declaration of Independence, the family history is interesting indeed. The father fought for the Confederate cause and, while in Florida to care for a dying relative, served in the war against the Seminole Indians. The years of "reconstruction," too, would add interesting pages. Mr. Alexander was too busy for the luxury of serious courtship until since coming here for the well-earned vacations. In 1915 he was married to Miss Kathleen Young, the daughter of a prominent physician in Forest City, N. C. They and their two children enjoy winter-summer life at the Alexander and "Bob's" "Home of Good Eats."

PAINTING OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LET

Mr. J. A. Webb, of Hickory, N. C., has been awarded the contract for the painting of the new Forest City High School building. Mr. Webb makes a specialty of handling large painting jobs and the highest class of work.

LOCAL MAN MAKING GOOD IN FLORIDA



J. F. ALEXANDER

MRS. M. R. EARLEY WINS THE \$5 PRIZE

After considerable deliberation on the part of the judges in the "Miss Spelt Word" contest, Mrs. M. R. Earley, of Forest City, was adjudged the winner and given the \$5 prize. There were over a hundred answers to the contest, and many were finely gotten up and with all the mis-spelled words spelled correctly. The winner was given the prize on the neatness and orderly manner in which her papers were turned in. The winning papers have been placed in the show window at J. M. Price & Son's store, where all are invited to call and see them. The contest proved of immense interest to all the readers of the Courier, and thousands worked out the mis-spelled words just for the fun of the thing, and did not enter the contest. As an advertising page, it was one of the best ever put on in the county.

HONOR ROLL.

For sixth month of Forest City public schools:

1-A Grade—Claude Haynes, Bunyan Jones.

1-B Grade—Gwendolyn Proctor, Hicks Hill, Jack Cooper, Bertha Baynard, Hull Jones.

1-C Grade—Annie Moore, Evelyn Morehead, Myra Morris, Boyce Covington, Jr., Mary F. Harrill, Farmer Thomas, Robert Jackson.

1-D Grade—I. T. D. Philbeck, Charlotte Davis.

2-A Grade—Guy Vess, George Avant, Onieda Leonhardt, Virginia Magness, Howard Magness, Ernest Champion.

2-B Grade—Dorothy Green, Alice Fletcher, Paul Hamrick, Zulema Tolleson, Worth Daniel, Bostic Jones, John Blanton, Hilda Settlemyre, Billie Avant.

3-A Grade—No report.

3-B Grade—Alice Owens, Sarah Bridges, Evelyn Jones, George Laughter, Kathrine Moore.

3-C Grade—No report.

4-A Grade—Ruiy Early, Blaudena Doggett, James Moss.

4-B Grade—Callie Deane, Blanche Doggett, Katie Hardin.

5th Grade—Roy Watkins, James Thomas, Charles Ford, W. B. Marks, Grace Jones, Bernice Kanipe, Horace Yelton.

6-A Grade—Agnes Davis, Earl Huntley, Marie Huntley, Mary Jones, Mary Meares, Eva Owens.

6-B Grade—Alice Holmes, Sara Ruth Doggett.

7th Grade—Kathryn Barber, Margaret Moore, Leo Padgett, Ruth Doggett.

8th Grade—Alice Barber, Robert Lee Harrill, Hilda McDonald, Hattie Baynard.

9th Grade—Roland Morgan, Wade Matheny, Flora Matheny, Merle Hollifield.

10th Grade—Frank Biggerstaff, Laura Mae Watson, Mattie Lee Flack, Ruth Meares.

11th Grade—Ralph Biggerstaff, Louise Harrill, Helen Covington.

Rubber Heels for 10c a pair at Peoples Electric Co.

A DEMOCRAT WANTS LADIES TO TAKE PART

Since Spring has opened up and the birds have begun to sing the politicians are gathering for the Summer Primary, and of course the office seeker has begun to scratch his head. But the people should sit up and take notice and find out who is running and what they stand for. We believe that women should take an interest in our Primary to help us to get good people in office and they should have their part in them. As a Democrat who stands for a good clean party, we would suggest that a lady be placed on our ticket this year.

Mrs. Minnie Blanton, of Forest City, would make us a good County Treasurer, and as she is of one of Rutherford County's best families, who have always been fighters for the good of Democracy, we would be glad to see her in the Primary this year.

DEMOCRAT.

CLOSING AT HOLLIS HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL

The four months' session of the Hollis high school came to a close Friday, March 24, with appropriate exercises. A two months' school will be taught later in the summer.

The address was delivered by Mr. Lawton Blanton, of the Piedmont high school. Mr. Blanton was introduced by Sankey Blanton, a native of Hollis, who has come into prominence as an orator. He has already won four medals, the last one being received at Wake Forest College recently.

This was a state contest in which 61 contestants took part. He also received a scholarship to Wake Forest College, and will enter school there next fall.

Mozele Gold received the Reciter's Medal; her reading was: "When the Moon Rose."

Maynard Blanton received the Declamation Medal. His subject: "Spartacus to Gladiators."

Miss Annie Davis, of Green River in Polk county, was awarded the scholarship medal. Her average for the year was 96.

A most tempting dinner, served picnic fashion, was very much enjoyed.

The afternoon program was in charge of the primary and grammar grades and consisted of songs, recitations and short dialogues. The children performed well their parts and showed careful training on the part of the teachers.

The teachers in charge of the school the past session were Mr. B. G. Weathers, Misses Alpha Elliott and Estelle Carpenter and was one of the best sessions the school has ever had.

After the exercises, the Parent-Teachers' Association had a short meeting and elected officers for the coming year.

Everybody is talking about our five and ten-cent department—that is, everybody who has seen it.

Peoples Electric Co.

PAVED ROAD SEEMS ASSURED

Plans Being Prepared by State Highway Commission — Correspondence on the Subject.

Rutherfordton, March 27.—Editor Courier: I am in receipt of the following letter from Hon. Frank Page, Chairman of the State Highway Commission:

"Raleigh, N. C., March 23, 1922. I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th with reference to the road situation in Rutherford county. We have ordered plans to be prepared for the paving of the road from Forest City to Rutherfordton, and after bids are received on this project we will then be able to determine how much additional paving we can let on the extension of the road west of Rutherfordton. I trust that this meets with your approval.

Yours very truly,
FRANK PAGE,
Chairman, State Highway Commission."

To that letter I replied as follows:

"March 24, 1922.—Hon. Frank Page, Chairman State Highway Commission, Raleigh, N. C., Dear Mr. Page: I am this afternoon in receipt of your letter of the 23rd of March, regarding the road situation in Rutherford county, in which you write:

"We have ordered plans to be prepared for the paving of the road from Forest City to Rutherfordton, and after bids are received on this project we will then be able to determine how much additional paving we can let on the extension of the road west of Rutherfordton."

"I will state that this meets with my approval, and I trust that when this project has been let you can arrange for paving west of Rutherfordton to quite a considerable extent, so as to overcome the bad spots occasioned by inferior surface material.

"In providing for this paving project from Forest City to Rutherfordton, I trust that the Commission will arrange that project so that it will start at the C. C. & O. underpass east of Forest City and include the portion of the Highway which runs through the corporate limits of the town of Forest City (a considerable part of which is already paved with concrete).

"Thanking you for your kind letter, I am, with best wishes and kindest regards,

Very truly yours,
S. GALLERT,"

I am sending you the foregoing copies of correspondence recently passing between myself and Chairman Page, for publication in your paper, so that the citizens of Forest City will know that at an early date there will be a hard surfaced road between Forest City and Rutherfordton. While Mr. Page does not state so, I feel sure this project will be built from the C. C. & O. Railroad, east of Forest City, and extend through the corporate limits of the town of Forest City, because, in my many conversations and numerous letters to Mr. Page regarding the building of a hard surface road, I have always mentioned the eastern terminus of that project as that railroad crossing on the Highway and have always included that portion of the Highway which passes through the corporate limits of the town as a part of the project. Until a very recent period, Chairman Page has always expressed himself as favorable to first build a hard surface on that part of the Highway west of Rutherfordton, and now that he has "ordered plans to be prepared" for the eastern end of the project, I feel sure that he will commence at the railroad and build right through the town of Forest City and on to the eastern boundary of the Rutherfordton pavement.

This is the first good news which the State Highway Commission

has given us as to state roads in this county since the present Commission was established, and I think it due the Commission to have all the publicity possible to be given to it. At the same time the citizens of Forest City, who have been so enthusiastically asking for this project to be built, are to be congratulated upon its early consummation. I firmly believe that the project referred to by Chairman Page will be let within the next thirty days as it cannot possibly take very long to prepare the plans for it.

SOLOMON GALLERT.

ACCIDENT FATAL FOR W. W. WALSH

Local Man Dies Following Collision With Youth on Motorcycle — Body Brought Here.

The following account of a distressing accident, which occurred in Charlotte Tuesday evening, in which Mr. W. W. Walsh, local man and son-in-law of Mr. H. L. Hyder, received fatal injuries, is taken from the Charlotte Observer:

As a result of a fractured skull, sustained when he was run over by a motorcycle, driven by Ransom McMahan, 17-year-old son of B. R. McMahan, of 411 East Sixth street, at the corner of Davidson and Ninth streets at 5:30 yesterday afternoon, W. W. Walsh, a carpenter in the employ of Propst Contracting company, died at St. Peter's hospital at 7:20 last night. He was 45 years of age.

Mr. Walsh, who had been in Charlotte about two months working on a construction job, was apparently going to his home at the end of his day's work. As he approached the corner of Davidson and Ninth streets, he evidently saw the motorcycle coming up Ninth street toward Caldwell.

According to young McMahan, both endeavored to dodge each other and in attempting to do so, each mistook the supposed intention of the other and collided, resulting in Mr. Walsh being knocked down and both wheels passing over his head.

Young McMahan immediately went to a drug store and telephoned for Rogers' ambulance, at the same time informing the police department of the accident. The young man was taken to police headquarters, where he is here, pending an investigation, and Mr. Walsh was rushed to St. Peter's hospital, where he died later in the evening. He never regained consciousness.

The deceased had resided in Forest City until he came here a short while ago to work for the Propst company as a carpenter. He is survived by a wife and two children in Forest City.

As there were no witnesses, other than two small children and one woman about two blocks away, when the accident occurred, it is not known whether a preliminary hearing will be held in recorder's court or whether a coroner's inquest will be the means of determining whether or not McMahan was to blame for the accident.