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FOREST CITY'S SCHOOL BUILDING HIGHLY PRAISED

Mr. J. J. Blair, Director of Schoolhouse Planning, Visits the Structure and Gives it Official Sanction.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 20th, 1922.—Supt. Benj. L. Smith, Forest City, N. C.—My Dear Mr. Smith:—On the occasion of my recent visit to your town I did not have an opportunity to adequately express to you and the school officials my appreciation of your contribution to the splendid list of school buildings which have recently been completed or are in course of construction in our State. A building of this type is more helpful to us than you can possibly imagine. You will be surprised to know how many people who contemplate building will visit it for the purpose of including in their own buildings some of its many useful as well as attractive features.

In the first place the building is very well designed and its height of three stories makes the proportion as to its length of excellent relation. The grouping of windows and the light area assures the classrooms, corridors and offices the proper amount of light equally distributed. The stair arrangement meets the requirements of the State Insurance Department in every particular, so that they serve as fire-escapes as well as easy and rapid means of entrance and exit.

The woodwork and interior finish give the appearance of that of a refined home instead of a mill or warehouse. I can not tell you how pleased I am to find a real maple floor, and so beautifully polished. People do not realize how much a good floor means to the interior finish and appearance of a building.

The school authorities have shown wonderful foresight in providing in the basement play and recreation rooms which can be used during inclement weather. In fact, practically the entire basement floor having an adequate pitch can be utilized by the school to great advantage.

The heating and plumbing arrangements are excellent and form a very essential feature of any school building.

It seems to me a better site could not have been found anywhere around the town, as from this point a splendid and inspiring view can be had for more than a half circle of the horizon. A building of this magnitude will justify the acquiring of additional land to the extent of six or eight acres more, as the school authorities have in contemplation. By this means there will be adequate space for recreation grounds for both large and small children.

After paying an official visit to this building I become ambitious to aid you and the patrons in making it a model school plant in every respect. Of course, the beautifying of the grounds, the interior decoration and the equipping of the building can not be done all at once. However, your idea of doing this work in accordance with a preconceived plan will eventually bring about the desired results.

The interest which the Woman's Club is taking in the development of this building will insure the accomplishment of the ends above referred to.

The town of Forest City can not now realize what it will mean to have reclaimed and beautified this large area of land almost in the heart of the town to be maintained and preserved as a park and recreation ground for all future time. I wish to refer also to the fact that the location of the building upon this eminence within sight of three different highways makes a valuable asset to the town, community and county.

I wish to express my great appreciation also of the stage and auditorium of such splendid proportion, for this, after all, is the center of school spirit as well as the common meeting place for all

Our Annual Paul Revere



INDIAN SUMMER

Spring with all its tender beauty has come and gone, summer has followed with its beautiful flowers, sunshine and harvests, and now we have the saddest days of the year, they are sad yet there is no season of the year so beautiful, so fascinating as autumn.

The forests are rabid in crimson and gold, through the purple haze of Indian Summer that envelops both field and woodland the sun pours down a soft dreamy light that warms the chilly air. What a joy to be alone and stroll through yellow fields and gaily colored woods, seeing all the wonderful sights that mother nature has in store for us. The gentle wind as it softly puffs against the cheek, thrills the mind and soul and brings back memories of childhood days also memories of the following lines:

Down the lane where the shadows steal,
Past the mill with its creaking wheel,
By the hedge where the sumac burns
Not a thought that the road must turn!

There we played by the wayside pools,
Boys and girls on our way from school—
"Childish Glee"
"Wafted me"

—Back to the days when we come from school.
As you recall those happy days a sudden stillness falls about you, save for the sound of a falling acorn or the caw of the crow as it sails over homeland, everything is perfectly still, and you wonder what has caused this sudden hush. The answer comes that your thoughts are not keeping pace with the dancing sunbeams and fluttering leaves. But as it rejoins the happy throng they lead to sights more beautiful, where the dark green of the pines, the red of the sumac and the various colors of hickory, oak and poplar are mingled together in a scene that is far more beautiful than any earthly artist has ever put on canvas.

Even as you gaze around you the realization is brought to mind that the chill of winter will soon start on its pernicious journey and all these wonderful sights will vanish as they have done in autumn of the past.

PARIS B. PRICE.

the patrons and friends of the school.
I would suggest that a bronze tablet be placed at the left of the entrance, bearing the names of builders and promoters of this enterprise.

With best wishes for you and your future success, I am
Very sincerely,
JOHN J. BLAIR,
Director of Schoolhouse Planning.

NOTHING COMPARES WITH CHEVROLET

BRILLIANT AFFAIR FOR BRIDE-ELECT

One of the most brilliant social affairs of the season was a reception and miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Miss Nelle Young in honor of Miss Ellie Huntley, bride-elect, Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock at the handsome Alexander residence on East Main street. The guests were met at the door by Misses Margaret Anthony, of Shelby, and Margaret Young. They were taken to the cloak room, then into the receiving line composed of Mrs. J. F. Alexander, Miss Nelle Young, Mrs. Geo. Huntley, mother of the bride; Miss Ellie Huntley, Mrs. Kate Mullican and Mrs. Oscar Huntley. Mrs. W. C. Bostic then received the guests in the dining room where punch was served by Misses Dorothy Bostic and Mary Crowell. The bride's register was presided over by Miss Frances Hoyle.

Each guest was given a dish towel or dust cloth to hem for the bride and a card on which a wish for her should be written.

The parlor, reception hall and living room, which were thrown together, were beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums, while immense bunches of yellow chrysanthemums and yellow candles were used in the dining room.

The hostesses presented to the bride-elect a handsome set of hand-embroidered pillow cases and sheets.
Throughout the afternoon delightful music was furnished by Misses Zola Parler and Vera Whisnant, and an enjoyable reading was given by Miss Claire Reid.

Refreshments consisting of a salad course with coffee, and mints in small white bags for favors were served by Misses Dorothy Bostic and Mary Crowell. Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, little Kathleen Alexander, lovely in a miniature wedding dress, veil and flowers, and Master Steve Mullican, in full dress suit of black, entered drawing a small white wagon over which hung a large white wedding bell, and which contained the many beautiful presents for Miss Huntley, who opened them and passed them around for the guests to see.

Those present were Mesdames J. F. Weathers, P. D. Harrill, E. O. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, Thomas Stone, W. P. Hall, Kate Mullican, Geo. Huntley, T. R. Padgett, Geo. Carpenter, R. E. Biggerstaff, W. L. Brown, R. R. Blanton, W. C. Bostic, Harry Long, Oscar Huntley, C. E. Alcock and Misses Claire Reid, Myrtle McDaniel, Hattie Jones, Robbie Biggerstaff, Mayme Martin, Virginia Holmes, Ellie Huntley, Mary Moore, Sudie Young, Frances Hoyle, Ethel Cowan, Zola Parler, Lucy Padgett, Alma King, Locky Nanny and Margaret Anthony.

POLK COUNTY LEARNS CANNING

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.—As an indication of the value of a home demonstration agent to a county, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon likes to cite the case of Polk County which employed an agent only last June. Mrs. McKimmon secured the services of Miss Sarah M. Padgett, who immediately got busy and organized home demonstration work in the county. Later she put on six demonstrations in judging canned products showing the women and girls just what constitutes a standard pack and pointing out the good and bad points of each product judged.

So well did the club members profit by this instruction that they sent an exhibit to the State Fair which won first premium for the best products from any primary county. Four individual club members won first prizes also. So interested have the club members become that Miss Padgett in a recent report to Mrs. McKimmon says: "They are very much interested in our meetings and the programs. One community, Red Mountain, proposes to show other communities of Polk county how to put into operation a nicely equipped teacher's cottage and to that end the men, women, boys and girls met in the school house, had a box party and out of the proceeds sent the home agent to Asheville to do some purchasing of household equipment."

"One of the boys made some pretty furniture for the dining room. The china, curtains, and other furnishings were selected to fit into a harmonious whole."

"The girls' club is making the draperies, scarfs and table appointments and when the cottage is complete we hope that each girl member will know how to select tasteful furniture and furnishing and have some idea of how to make a comfortable, pleasing and artistic home with good taste, willing hands, and a knowledge of how to make a little money go a long way."

Mr. C. M. Robinson has lately returned to Forest City from Plains, Ga., where he has resided for about eleven years. Mr. Robinson is well known throughout the county and is receiving a warm welcome upon his return. He was engaged in business at Henrietta for a number of years.

A FINE GIRL

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Owens, Tuesday morning, a fine girl.

Mrs. B.: "There's not a boy in this town who is as clever as our Frank."

Mrs. R.: "How's that?"

Mrs. B.: "Look at these two chairs. Frank made ooth of these out of his own head, and he has enough wood left to make an arm chair."

FLOWER SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

Parent-Teachers Association Highly Pleased Over Result—The Prize Winners.

The flower show which was held Friday afternoon and night; under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association, attracted a large number, all of whom were delighted with the splendid display of chrysanthemums, dahlias, roses and other blossoms and also the fine display of ferns.

The following prizes were awarded:

- Chrysanthemums**
 - Best white—Mrs. W. L. Brown, Guest towel.
 - Best cream—Mrs. S. L. Lawing, salad bowl.
 - Best pink—Mrs. A. L. Mauney, Turkish towel.
 - Best yellow—Mrs. H. C. Allen, box face powder.
 - Best red—Mrs. H. C. Allen, sauce pan.
 - Best Lavender—Miss Kate McFarland, face powder.
 - Best bronze—Mrs. G. W. Rollins, toothpick holder.
 - Best Dahlias—Agnes Davis, can mince meat.
 - Best Roses—Mrs. C. A. Ford, powder puff.

Ferns

- Best Ostrich Plume—Mrs. W. L. Brown, cash \$2.00.
 - Best Boston—Mrs. B. L. Smith, cash \$2.00.
 - Best Asparagus—Mrs. S. L. Lawing, pair hose.
 - Best Spungere—Mrs. J. L. Collins, bathtub rug.
 - Best Sword—Mrs. J. N. McMurry, ice water pitcher.
 - Best Begonia—Mrs. Fortune, syrup pitcher.
 - Best Geranium—Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Janteel powder.
 - Best Sultana—Mrs. Harry Long, box stationery.
 - Best vase collection of flowers—Mrs. H. C. Allen, set of dishes.
- The judges were Mesdames Frank Hamrick, Wicher Watkins, Clyde Williams and Playto Rollins, of Rutherfordton.
- The Farmers Bank & Trust Co. donated five dollars in cash to the association. The Eird Co. gave a rug, which came in too late to be offered as a prize, so was sold for the association. The net receipts were \$80.00.

HENRIETTA NEWS

Miss Alma King, of Forest City, has accepted a position in the Henrietta Mills Store, and will have charge of the ready-to-wear.

Mr. M. B. Mahaffee, Sr., has been confined to his bed for several days suffering an attack of acute indigestion. We hope his condition will soon be better and he will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore and son, Tom, with Mrs. P. D. Rollins, of Caroleen, spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Mrs. Lerona Childs, and children, of Lincolnton, spent a few days here last week visiting her mother, Mrs. C. B. Wiseman.

Mrs. A. C. Lovelace and Mrs. T. C. Smith spent Tuesday in Rutherfordton, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Quinn, of near Blacksburg, S. C., spent Sunday most pleasantly here with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cobb. Mrs. Quinn is a sister of Mrs. Cobb.

Mr. Otto Pratt, who has been in Providence, R. I., returned here Saturday night, spending the night at Dew Drop Inn. He left Sunday for Charlotte where he goes to continue his work in the textile business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. James, last Thursday morning, a baby girl. Both are doing nicely.

Miss Frances Postelle left last week for Asheville, where she goes to have a thorough physical examination. She has been in bad health for sometime, but we hope her condition is not serious.

Mrs. J. N. McMurry and children, Lanette and Paul, with Misses Dorothy Bostic and Lila Padgett, all of Forest City, were pleasant callers at the Henrietta Store Monday afternoon.

Mr. B. C. Whitehead enjoyed the week-end at his home in Spartanburg.

Mrs. Durham Moore and Mrs. J. A. Turner, of Shelby, spent the day here with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Hamrick, last Thursday.

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM CAROLEEN

The Caroleen High School was very fortunate in having Mr. J. L. Francis, of Oklahoma City, in the chapel exercises Monday morning. Mr. Francis is engaged in the real estate business in Oklahoma. He made a very interesting talk on education.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith spent Sunday at Cliffside with Mr. Bates.

Mr. J. D. Mauney and Mr. R. Hughes spent Sunday at Old Fort.

Mr. Jason Green and family accompanied by Mr. Paul Wooten visited relatives in Boiling Springs Sunday.

Mr. Palmer Rollins accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, of Henrietta spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Thompson and family moved to Gastonia Monday.

Mr. Fred McDaniel and family spent Sunday in Rutherfordton, with Mrs. McDaniel's father, Mr. J. W. Beason.

Miss Lillian Hensley spent the week-end with Miss Annie Randall.

Mr. Hoover C. Jolly spent the week-end with his father, Mr. W. A. Jolly.

The boy scout troop, of Caroleen, became a standard troop October 3rd. The troop is progressing rapidly under the leadership of Prof. J. E. Jones.

Miss Jennie Horde, of Waco, spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Caroleen. She enjoyed the play given at the city hall. Miss Horde is a teacher in Gastonia, N. C.

Miss Louise Holland spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. C. M. Holland, of Forest City.

Misses Susan Sloan and Cupid Wiseman, of Henrietta, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson Saturday night for dinner. Later, they attended the faculty play.

We are glad to have Miss Tinnie Hollifield back in school this week after being out a week on account of sickness.

Mrs. B. F. Jones, of Earl, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Mrs. S. H. Holland and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner motored to Spartanburg Saturday.

Quite a number of boys attended the radio program of New York given at Forest City Saturday evening.

A full house enjoyed "Prairie Rose" given by the school faculty in the city hall last Saturday evening. This is a good play and was well rendered. The music rendered by high school students was good as the hearty encores showed. It was given between acts. A nice sum of money was realized from this play.

ELLENBORO NEWS

The Spindale B. Y. P. U. rendered a very interesting and helpful program at Ellenboro Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Della Stockton spent the week-end in Charlotte with her friend, Mrs. G. S. Harrill.

Mrs. M. Z. Wright and son, Frank, spent Friday in Charlotte, shopping.

Mrs. C. L. Harrill and daughters, Margaret Frances and Roberta Lee, spent the week-end in Lincolnton with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Blanton.

Miss Leah Martin spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Mr. C. Rex Long spent the week-end with homefolks.

Misses Stella Whitaker, Leah Martin, Fannie Wright and Pauline Harrelson and Mr. C. Rex Long went to Boiling Springs High School for the first Kalliergeonian debate Saturday night.

We are glad to welcome Mr. J. A. Black back to our little town.

A host of friends are wishing for Mrs. Fred Bryers a speedy recovery.

BLANTON—CONNOR

Clever Hugh Blanton, assistant postmaster, surprised his friends by getting married last week. The bride was Miss Edna Connor, daughter of Mr. Sam Connor, of near Chimney Rock. The ceremony was performed in Spartanburg Nov. 15th. The happy couple will make their home with the groom's parents.

Blum's 1923 almanacs, 10c each. Reinhardt's Drug Store.