

INTERESTING NEWS FROM BOSTIC

Mrs. Lathan Dead—Parties, Locals and Personals Of Interest.

Bostic, Jan. 5.—A delightful party was given last Monday night by Mrs. E. E. Smart in honor of the young people who were home from school. About thirty of the young people were present. Games and contests were played during the evening. Misses Mary and Annie Poe and Eunice Hollifield played several piano solos. Refreshments were served.

Miss Lina Harrill and brothers, Claude and Charles, of Monroe, returned home Thursday after spending several days with their grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Harrill. The aunt, Miss Lottie Harrill accompanied them.

Those leaving for school Monday were: Misses Louise Lattimore, to Farrisburg; Mattie Mae Wells, to Asheville; Julia Grayson, Boiling Springs; Messrs. Maurice Smart, to Chapel Hill; Robert Likens to Emory and Henry College; Moody Bridges, Leinuel Reece and Reid Harrill to Boiling Springs.

Miss Esther Smith, of Morganton, spent the week-end here with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Biggerstaff gave a watch-party Wednesday night. Rook was played at three tables by some of the guests while others were enjoying a radio program. Gravy, juice and wafers were served to the guests on arrival. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments consisting of chocolate, wafers and nuts were served.

Mr. Stennick Walker, of Chase City, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stennick Walker.

Miss Jessie Bridges and brother, Broadus, who have been spending their holidays here returned to their respective schools at Gastonia and Wake Forest.

Miss Lola Harrill, of Asheville, is spending sometime at home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. John Harrill.

Miss Evelyn Howell, of Shelby, spent several days with her grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Howell.

Those entertaining for the younger set last week were: Mrs. G. B. Harrill Tuesday night, Miss Brent McKeithan and Mrs. Buron Harrill, Wednesday night.

Mrs. John Bailey's mother, Mrs. Latham died last Thursday night. She was buried at Oak Grove Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Sennick Walker has returned after spending several days at Lumberton.

Mrs. E. L. Smith spent last week in Forest City with relatives.

Mrs. A. E. Bridges spent several days last week in Erwin, Tenn.

Mr. William Lattimore will leave for Hendersonville where he enters school.

Miss Margaret Harrill entertained a number of her friends to a party given at her home last Saturday evening. Several interesting games were played during the evening. Two contests were played in which Misses Mattie Harris and Mae Smith, Miss Eunice Hollifield and Boyce Blair won. Everyone enjoyed a delightful evening.

Miss Eunice Hollifield was a delightful hostess to a party given at her home on last Thursday night. Two contests were played during the evening. One "The Shakespearean Roman" was won by Mr. Robert Likens and Miss Esther Smith. The other contest was won by Miss Eunice Hollifield and Mr. Boyce Blair who were lucky in guessing the most names of automobiles in three minutes. Refreshments were served during the evening. Those who enjoyed Miss Hollifield's hospitality were: Misses Mattie and Glenn Harris, Mae Smith, Margaret Harrill, Sarah Flack, Esther Smith, Mrs. Willie Gurley; Messrs. Robert Likens, Boyce Blair, Minor Thomas, Burless Blair, Guy Michael, Mills Flack, Willie Gurley; Mr. Boyce Blair returned to his school at Boone Sunday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair.

Misses Mary Davis and Myrtle Harrill entertained a number of their Bostic friends at the home of Mrs. Bryant Harrill, last Tuesday night. A large crowd was present and everyone enjoyed the evening.

ALEXANDER NEWS

A wedding of interest was that of Miss Katie Mae Neal and Mr. Roland Hamrick, both of Alexander, which occurred at the bride's home Saturday evening, January 3rd, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. C. Matheny.

The young couple are both students of Boiling Springs high school. Mr. Hamrick is a ministerial student and has one more year, while Mrs. Hamrick is a volunteer for Mission work. She will complete her course in April. The bride is the attractive eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Neal, and Mr. Hamrick is the son of Mr. G. C. Hamrick, overseer of spinning in the Alexander mill.

Mr. Rufus Hoyle has been very ill but is now showing improvement.

J. G. Neal, seven-year-old son of Mr. J. B. Neal, was operated on for appendicitis at the Rutherford Hospital Monday and latest reports are that he is getting along nicely.

NEGROES SOAKED FOR GAMBLING.

Chief Putnam had the following negroes before Recorder Erwin at Rutherfordton recently: John Graham, Hugh Taylor, Tom Taylor, Dock Hardin, Will Dorsey, Bell Edwards. They were fined \$15 and cost for gambling at Dock Hardin's restaurant, Dec. 24th, where a shooting scrape was pulled by Kid Ellis, in which no one was hit.

Kid Ellis was placed under bond for the affair but did not appear in court. The bond was forfeited and capias issued for Ellis.

Chief B. E. Putnam arrested Ellis at his home Monday and took him before Recorder O. C. Erwin where he was fined \$100.00 and cost. Being unable to pay the fine he was sent to jail.

CYCLONE AUCTION CO. HAS BIG DEAL IN FLORIDA

Messrs. G. C. King and C. E. Huntley left for Kissimmee, Fla., last week to close some big deals for land for the Cyclone Auction Co., for this city. They were followed by Messrs. J. A. Wilkie and June Harrill this week.

The Cyclone Co., has some important business ahead in the Florida City, where for the next 60 days they will be on the ground to look after their business interests.

If the Cyclone Co., handles real estate in Florida with the success they have achieved in this and surrounding counties, the realtors in that section will have to "sit up and take notice." Every member of the firm is a hustler and they know the real estate business from "A to Z."

Mr. Huntley informed The Courier before his departure that the Cyclone Company expects to put over some deals in this county upon their return from Florida.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Literary Club which was to meet at the home of Mrs. G. C. King Thursday, January 8th, will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur McDaniel. The change was made on account of the recent bereavement in Mrs. King's family. The members are all invited to be present Thursday, Jan. 8th at 3:45.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Kiwanis Hall Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

GET RAISE IN WAGES

Evidence of a prosperous year is seen on all sides. That 1925 will outstrip the old year in business there is not the slightest doubt. The textile situation is looking good over the entire county. Mr. J. E. Wilkinson, who recently took charge of the Forest City Hosiery Mill, informs us that a 10 per cent increase in wages were given the employees December 29th. They have sixty-five employees working full time now, turning out full product. The company expects to add more workmen to its personnel soon, bringing the total up to about seventy-five or eighty employees.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual stockholders' meeting of The National Bank of Forest City will be held in the directors' room of the bank on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. 12-2t

HANDSOME BUILDING TO BE ERECTED SOON

Three-Story Brick Business House and Fine Filling Station Be Built Here Soon.

The announcement, given The Courier yesterday, that Messrs. B. H. Wilkins and Chas. Moss had purchased the lot adjoining Long's Drug Store and would erect thereon a handsome three-story business house means that Forest City's building program for 1925 is underway.

The lot is one of the best located and most desirable in the city and has a frontage of 25 feet, extending back 70 feet. A handsome brick structure will be erected, work to begin at an early date. Complete building plans have not as yet been made, but the owners propose to erect a handsome structure of three stories, including basement, which will be filled up elegantly for a barber shop. The nature of the next two floors will depend upon leases yet to be executed.

Another new building for Forest City is to be a handsome new filling station, which will be erected by Mr. W. A. Haynes on his lot adjoining the storehouse of Harrill Bros., on West Main street. Work will begin at an early date. Mr. Haynes will spare no expense in making this building one of the most beautiful and convenient in the county. A handsome driveway will lead to the building, which will be elegantly fitted throughout, including lovely rest room for the ladies. The business will be under the management of Mr. Tom Harrill, which means that it will be conducted in a most efficient manner.

The Courier is glad to see Mr. Haynes investing in Forest City property, and feels confident that his latest venture will prove a success.

WORK FOR THE POLICE

Automobile thieves have been busy in Forest City lately, devoting their attention to the petty theft of tires and parts, rather than stealing cars. A Ford car belonging to Dr. Miller was almost completely stripped a few nights ago, while others, among them Mr. W. L. Horn, have been heavy losers.

Much wood and coal has been stolen, especially on West Main street. Among others, the editor has been a heavy loser from thefts of this nature.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company will be held in its Directors' Room, in Forest City, County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1925, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

TELEPHONE CO. MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS

The Rutherford County Telephone Company completed their standard copper wire circuit to Rutherfordton Monday. This is increasing the efficiency of the system 100 per cent to Rutherfordton and means better service for the telephone subscribers.

The directories have been published and a complete delivery of them has been made to all having telephones. Please read the instructions contained in them and comply with them in order to simplify the work of the exchanges. If anyone has failed to get their directory call the exchange and they will be glad to mail one to you. The company is now setting poles, replacing cross arms and repairing bad wires. This work is being pushed by them and in a short time will have a telephone system equal to that of any other.

The employees of the company are doing all they can, in keeping with the company's aim to render first-class service, and that as promptly as possible. For example: Yesterday morning the editor's phone was accidentally knocked down from the desk and broken. A call to the exchange for repairs was made. Within a few minutes Mr. S. V. Hooker, efficient local manager, was here and the necessary repairs were made.

ROBERT M'BRAYER DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Brother Of Mrs. G. C. King, Of This City; Burial At Shelby.

Mr. Robert McBrayer, only son of Mrs. Amanda McBrayer of Shelby and the late R. B. McBrayer, died suddenly at his home in St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday, according to a telegram received here Monday by his sister, Mrs. G. C. King. His body was taken to Shelby for interment in obedience to a request which he made before he died. His mother was visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Honeycutt at Monroe when news of her son's death reached her and she immediately went to Shelby for the funeral.

Mr. McBrayer was 46 years of age and leaves a widow who before marriage was Miss Louise Malah. Two daughters and one son also survive. Mr. McBrayer has been away from Shelby a number of years and has been conductor on an interurban line at St. Louis.

It is quite singular that both sons of Mrs. Amanda McBrayer should die in St. Louis. Her youngest son, Logan McBrayer, traveling salesman for the Hamilton-Brown Shoe company, died of pneumonia in St. Louis six years ago following an attack of influenza.

Mr. McBrayer is survived by his mother and five sisters: Mrs. W. N. Dorsey, of Shelby; Mrs. M. D. Honeycutt, of Monroe; Mrs. H. D. Dozier, of Charlotte; Mrs. Grover King, of Forest City, and Mrs. William Lowery of Patterson Springs.

WITH NATIONAL BANK

Mr. J. E. Furr, of Stanfield, N. C., has accepted a position with The National Bank in this city as second assistant cashier. He comes highly recommended, having served the bank at Stanfield for some time. He and his family are domiciled on Arlington street and are receiving warm welcome to our city.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

"Students' Day Services" were largely attended last Sunday both by college students and also the local high school. The pastor, Dr. Ayers, spoke on the subject, "The Foundation Principle of Life," basing his remarks on the text found in Prov. 23:23, "Buy the truth and Sell it Not." Forest City is especially honored in having such a fine body of ambitious young men and women who have determined to prepare themselves, intellectually, for the highest usefulness in life. But let us remember that intellectual progress, as well as moral character, depends upon unwavering loyalty to the truth. May God speed you students, one and all, in your high and noble purpose.

The regular services will be held this coming Sunday morning and evening and all are cordially invited.

M. E. PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS IN FOREST CITY

The Methodist Preachers' Association met in the Methodist church at Forest City on Monday, Jan. 5th, at 11:00 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. W. R. Ware; devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. O. Ervin. A very interesting paper was read by the Rev. E. J. Poe on "The Importance of the collections being in full by all the Charges." In this paper it was shown that every charge could pay everything if properly cultivated. These meetings are becoming very interesting. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 and the members repaired to Blanton's Cafe where they had dinner together.

The Association is meeting with much encouragement in the proposal to publish a monthly paper, which should prove a great builder for the Methodists.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at Pleasant Grove Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. A full attendance of the members is desired.

HENRIETTA NEWS

Henrietta, Jan. 5.—After a vacation of two weeks school has started again. 1925 school year promises to be the most successful term. A new the students and teachers can perform their duties more efficiently, heating plant has been completed and since the building is comfortable. The plant is one of the greatest improvements of the school. It has long been needed and will be greatly appreciated by teachers, students and parents.

Miss Rose Gaffney, Miss Cupid man, Walter Smith and Robert Neal were guests of Miss Grace Harman in Gaffney, Sunday.

Misses Margaret and Frances Haynes returned to Salem Tuesday.

Miss Vonnice Doggett, Miss Eve Gee Mathis and Mr. Clyde Harding, of Forest City, spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sisk and children of Spindale were visitors in town Sunday.

Miss Connell Scruggs, of Chesnee, spent Sunday with Miss Vena Camp.

Miss Edna Gillespie and Mr. Jess Wheeler surprised their many friends by going to Gaffney, Jan. 2nd and being united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Judge Lake Stroupe. Mrs. Wheeler is a charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillespie and a senior of Henrietta High school.

NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESIDENTS

We have received the following from Mr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of N. C. Sunday School Association:

"Won't you take the matter up with your township presidents at once and try to get definite dates arranged for convenience in all townships that have not held them since April 1st? If the township conventions are held and the townships organized, it will be easy to cover the other points of the 'Aims.'"

Please let us know on what dates the township conventions are to be held. Whenever possible, the undersigned will try and be with you at the township conventions and render all aid possible.

W. E. OWENS,
Co. Secretary.
W. B. BLANTON,
Co. President

DALTON BROS. HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Dalton Bros, rising mercantile firm of Forest City, had a most successful year in 1924, their recent inventory making a most satisfactory showing. They express their appreciation to the public in an ad in this issue.

The buyer for the firm is now in the Eastern markets making purchases for new goods.

The service, quality of goods, their reasonable prices and square dealing are units in the successful growth of Dalton Bros. store.

SCHOOL NOTICE

The second class of beginners will enter school Monday, Jan. 12th. They are to report for class work at 8:25 A. M., and will be dismissed at 12:01 p. m. This class will not admit new beginners after Jan. 25th. All parents who have children six years old or more are urged to let them enter school at once.

The class of beginners which entered school Sept. 1st will have a double session this term. This class has done very fine work and all who have attended regularly will be promoted to section I-A Jan. 16th.

A number of families have moved to Forest City since Florence Cotton Mills began full time operation. In order to keep from violating the compulsory school law it will be necessary for all pupils between the ages of 7 and 14 to enter school at once. Send your children to school in order to avoid a misdemeanor.

Writing will be practiced daily in all grades from the first to the seventh inclusive this year in the Forest City grammar grade school. It was thought best by the Palmer Method Supervisor for the school to order the writing supplies: paper, pen, pen staffs, ink, etc. These supplies will cost each pupil 15 cents in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. The first, second and third grades will pay ten cents as they will use pencils instead of ink for writing.

DEATH OF PROF. J. W. GRIFFIN

County Educational Leader Passed Away Monday At His Home Near Oakland.

On Tuesday afternoon Prof. J. Griffin, one of Rutherford county well known men and a leader in the county's educational field, passed away at his home on the old Griffin Plantation on Forest City Route 2.

About a year ago he was stricken with paralysis. His health began failing. Cancer later developed at that with a complication of other diseases caused his death.

He began teaching in the county schools at an early age and had made the cause of education his life work. He was a teacher in Forest City first school and had taught in practically every school in the county as well as in a number of schools in western and central North Carolina.

About eighteen years ago he was married to Miss Mary Byers, of Ellenboro. She, too, had assisted him in his profession of teaching and was teacher in the Forest City schools until her husband's health made it necessary for her to resign a short time ago.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Miss Elizabeth, one son, Frank; two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Callahan, of Rutherfordton and Mrs. W. E. Fagan, of Spartanburg; three brothers, George W., of Forest City, R-2, Lewis W., and J. L., of Spindale, also survive.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., from Pleasant Grove Methodist church and he was later laid to rest in the church cemetery.

FLORENCE MILL NEWS

The Florence mills started up on full time Monday, running day and night.

A lot of new families have moved into the village. Mr. Grayson, from Spindale, has took charge of the card room. We are glad to welcome Mr. Grayson and his family into the village.

Saturday night, January 3, a party was given at the home of Miss Julia May White, in honor of her week-end guest, Miss Addie May Bell, of Blacksburg, S. C. Many games were played after which refreshments were served. Every one went away declaring Miss White to be a charming hostess.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Walker, Friday, Jan. 2, a fine nine-pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lox Hardin and little daughter, Jeanette, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Henderson, of Chesnee.

Mr. Sid Coffee, who underwent a serious operation at Rutherford hospital, was improving at last reports.

Fred Lowe is on the sick list.

Rev. H. C. Sisk has returned to his home from Henrietta, where he has been assisting, Rev. Mack Reed in a series of meetings. A large number were added to the church.

Mr. Glenn and Miss Nellie Deck and Miss Lillian Edgerton were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman.

BASKETBALL GAME FRIDAY

The Rutherfordton Athletic Club will play a basketball game against Forest City boys at the Fairground court, at Spindale, next Friday evening at 8:00 p. m. This game promises to be out of the ordinary. Come out and enjoy it.

FAITHFUL FAMILY SERVANT UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

The friends of "Aunt" Hattie Camp (colored) will be sorry to hear of her illness, she having been taken to the hospital on Wednesday morning to undergo a serious operation. "Aunt" Hattie has been in the home of Mr. Will Moss as servant and what the South terms "Black Mammy" for the past fourteen years. She counts her friends by her acquaintances, as she has always been a help to those who were sick and a splendid nurse for babies who were entrusted to her care by many mothers of the community. She always considered it a privilege and an honor to help people in times of distress and all whom she has served in many ways are praying for a speedy recovery for her.