

FIRST ANNUAL RUTHERFORD COUNTY OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE CLOSES

Over Three Hundred Boys Attends Conference Sessions — Inspirational Addresses By State's Leading Men—Second County Conference to Be Held In North Carolina.

Three hundred or more boys, representing every section of Rutherford county attended the first Annual Older Boys' Conference in Rutherfordton, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The organization meeting was held in the First Baptist church Friday afternoon at 4:00 p. m., Capt. B. L. Smith in charge. Conference officers were elected at this time. Robert Lee Harrill, of Forest City; Clarence Griffin, of Spindale; Eugene Goode, of Rutherfordton; and Addie Dobbins, of Cliffside, were nominated for First Older Boys' Conference president. After two contests by ballot, Robert Lee Harrill, of Forest City, was elected. Addie Dobbins, of Cliffside, was elected vice-president and Clarence Griffin, of Spindale, secretary.

Prior to the meeting the delegates registered for the conference. Registration was heavy; eighteen delegations reporting.

The program of the conference opened auspiciously Friday evening with a banquet at the Iso-Thermal hotel. The delegates, who had assembled at the First Baptist church, marched to the banquet hall to music from the Spindale Band. During the dinner the occasion was greatly enlivened by songs and yells from various delegations. Invocation prior to the dinner was made by Dr. M. A. Adams. Mr. S. E. Elmore, of Spindale, presided as toastmaster. After the introduction of the conference officers, Mr. R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates and Prof. Clyde A. Erwin, of Cliffside delivered the response.

Mr. Elmore introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. J. E. Abernathy, of Charlotte. Speaking upon the subject "Strong Manhood," his address was filled with a challenge to his audience of two hundred youths. He brought out six points in his message. The strong man is: 1, the man of integrity; 2, self-respect; 3, the prepared man; 4, man of aspiration; 5, man of character; 6, the man of progress.

The banquet at the Iso-Thermal was successful from every standpoint. Two hundred and eight delegates were served. It was the largest formal dinner ever given in this section.

The program opened Saturday morning with a song service by Mr. C. W. Keeter, of Rutherfordton, who led the singing thruout the conference. This meeting, more than any other of the conference, was decided by a boys meeting. Clarence Griffin, of Spindale, spoke on "Why Join the Boy Scouts"; Jonas Waters, Cliffside, on "Why finish High School"; Robert Lee Harrill, Forest City, on "Why Go to College"; Fritz Hemphill, Union Mills, "Why take part in Athletics" and "Why Join the Church" by George Head, of Henrietta.

These talks were followed by a masterful address by Mr. Harry Price, senior of Davidson College. He spoke on "The Highway and the Low Way." The high points in his address were how do we play in athletics; what do we admire; are we clean in our play and work; what are we loyal to and to what extent; and how high do we aim. In closing he summed up his address by reciting the poem, "The Highway."

"The Highway."
But to every man there openeth
A way, and ways and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low.
And in between, on the misty flat
The rest drift to and fro.

But to every man there openeth—
A way and ways and a way,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go.
A group picture was made of the conference immediately before the Saturday afternoon session.
At this meeting Dr. R. L. Lemons, of Shelby, brought to the boys a

worth while message on "Elisha, the Tishbite."

The recreational program included basketball. The Older Boys' Conference team, selected by Dr. A. C. Duncan, played two games at the Fair Ground court at 4:00 p. m. The first game was against Cowpens and was won by the conference team by a score of 34-22 and the Chesnee game was won by a score of 23-27, in favor of the conference. Dr. Duncan selected for the conference teams star players from the various schools over the county. Those picked and played were Moss, Dorsey, Sherrill, Ayers, of Forest City; Williams and Hardin, of Spindale; Dobbins, Cliffside; Hamrick, Edwards and Callahan, Rutherfordton; Smart, Bostic; Waters, Killian, Saunders and Reed. Capt. B. L. Smith of Spindale, refereed both games.

Part of the Saturday evening session was given over to the discussion of high school problems, conducted by Rev. O. L. Simpson, of Spindale. At the conclusion of the discussion Dr. C. M. Richards delivered an address. The Sunday afternoon session was also given over to him. Speaking on character building he made an impassioned appeal for the consecration of boy life to the service of God. He discussed with his hearers the beauty and nobility of the spirit filled life. He sounded the keynote of the conference, and his messages, simple and direct, were, in the opinion of many, the most inspiring and outstanding ones of the three days conference.

Previous to the Sunday afternoon address the conference minutes and resolutions were read by the secretary. Capt. B. L. Smith summarized the activities of the three days conference in a short talk. The conference concluded by singing, "I'll go Where You Want Me to Go," and benediction by Dr. M. A. Adams. Thus the first Older Boys' Conference came to a close.

The conference had been a success in every respect. Rutherford county is the second county in the state to attempt such undertaking, and the first county to "put over" successfully such conference without the aid of the Y. M. C. A.

The registration by delegations for the conference is as follows, arranged in regard to size: Cliffside, 29 official delegates and 8 unofficial delegates; Forest City, 28 official and 17 unofficial; Rutherfordton, 21 official and 5 unofficial; Mt. Pleasant 7 official and 2 unofficial; Ellenboro, 4 official and 7 unofficial; Gilkey, 5 official and 4 unofficial; Mr. Vernon, 3 official and 2 unofficial; Alexander 6 official and 2 unofficial; Bostic, 6 official and 2 unofficial; Round Hill Academy 4 official and 5 unofficial; Chimney Rock 4 official; South Mountain Industrial Institute 2 official; Oakland, 2 official and 1 unofficial; Hollis 1 official; Pleasant Grove, Holly Springs and Shiloh, 4 unofficial each; Harris and Tanners Grove 2 unofficial each. No figures were available Sunday afternoon from Avondale, Henrietta and Caroleen, but each of these towns had large delegations present. This included the registration up until Saturday evening. Scores of boys attended the Sunday afternoon service who were not registered.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Bostic, March 17.—Last Monday evening little Dorothy Lee Moore delightfully entertained a few of her little girl friends at her seventh birthday party. After playing games and having a good time they were led to the dining room where cakes, ice cream and oranges were served. After enjoying the refreshments they had a guessing game. Little Katherine Harrill won the prize. Those enjoying the party were: Louise Hollifield, Myrtle Dycas, Katherine Harrill, Margaret Ann Smart, Sibyl and Earl Moore, Prof. Guy Michael and Miss May Smith.

MOONSHINER CAPTURED NEAR CLIFFSIDE

Moonshiners take advantage of a bad, rainy night, but they can't pull that on Deputy Sheriff J. E. Robertson and Rural Policeman C. D. Morrow. On Monday night Messrs. Robertson and Morrow went through a bad rain and within a mile of the town of Cliffside found a moonshiner in a cave in full blast. They captured a 40-gallon still and a quantity of whiskey and beer and one man, Charley Yants, who was lodged in the Rutherford county jail.

THE COURIER BUYS NEW PRESS

Babcock Reliance Will Be Added To Keep Pace With Increasing Business.

In line with our policy of keeping the equipment of The Forest City Courier, as well as the personnel of the office, up to the highest standard, we have this week contracted with the Babcock Printing Press Mfg. Co., for a new printing press.

The new press, purchased to keep pace with our increasing business, is the Reliance, which is equipped with every modern improvement for getting good printing. This splendid machine will turn out the very best of work with efficiency and dispatch. The company promises to have the new press in hand, ready for operation, within from four to six weeks.

The press will print satisfactorily any size sheet, from the smallest in common use to a six column quarto newspaper at a speed of 1,500 per hour. With the addition of this new press, The Courier will be in better position to furnish printing of the better kind and add much to the efficiency and prompt service which we have ever endeavored to render to our large and growing list of customers.

With the installation of the new press, The Courier's equipment will be of a very high order, as it is our policy to spare no expense in getting men and materials and all necessary equipment to make the office up-to-date in every possible detail.

Only last fall, we added a new linotype machine, which has been of great service in caring for the steadily increasing business of the plant. Along with the new machine, we employed a first-class operator. New type faces have been added, stocks are being bought in larger quantities, and nothing left undone to keep abreast of the times.

The Courier feels very grateful for the splendid patronage accorded us by the good people of Rutherford county, which has enabled us to grow as we have in the past three years. Along with an increasing advertising and job patronage, has been a large and steady growth in circulation. With a renewed promise to put forth every effort for the advancement of your county newspaper, we will endeavor to merit the continued support of the good people of the county.

CAROLEEN BOXER WINS DECISION

Ernest Head, of Caroleen, amateur fighter, won a decision over Jack Blanton, of Spartanburg, at South Shelby last Saturday evening, by a knock-out in the third round. Head expects to fight here in the near future.

INLAND PRESS OF ASHEVILLE ENLARGING PRINTING PLANT

Plans for the erection of a three-story fireproof building as an addition to the home of the Inland Press company, of Asheville, are complete, and work will start soon on the building, states Sunday's Asheville Citizen.

The owner is Mr. Frank Barber, brother of our townsman, Mr. F. I. Barber. The printing company, which has enjoyed a large volume of business since its establishment in 1913, caters especially to catalogue and booklet printing.

Construction cost of the new wing will be approximately \$50,000, bringing the total amount invested in the plant to about \$100,000.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC NEWS

Forest City Boy Makes All Western N. C. Basketball Team—Baseball Practice, Begun.

While the Forest City basketball team only missed the championship by a few points, caused by a bit of bad luck, there is much gratification in the announcement that one of our players, James Ayers, was included in Pat Crawford's selections for an all-Western North Carolina basketball team for 1925.

A dispatch from Gastonia gives the selections as follows:

Gastonia, March 14.—Pat Crawford of the local high school announced his selection for an all-western North Carolina high school basketball team for 1925 today as follows: Hurt, of Charlotte, forward; Gilliam, of Kannapolis, forward; Henderson, of Gastonia, center; Reid, of Charlotte, guard; Ayers, of Forest City, guard; Frye, of Hickory high is given special mention.

Baseball Season To Open

Within another week the Forest City High School boys will be ready to show their wares at baseball. Practice has already begun and a number of the boys trying for the various places on the team. The schedule is not complete yet but a number of games have been arranged with such teams as Shelby, Marion, Gaffney, King's Mountain and Rutherfordton. The complete schedule will be announced in the near future.

Juniors To Have New Uniforms

The Junior boys of the High School are to have a baseball team and each day they are selling candy in order to purchase a complete set of uniforms. The boys are very enthusiastic about their team. Mr. Finch has charge of the Junior boys and he expects to arrange a good schedule for them with the neighboring schools.

OFFICIAL WAR PICTURE COMING

"Fighting In France" To Be Shown At The Movie On Thursday, March 26.

Manager W. L. Horn is to be congratulated upon getting a picture like "Fighting in France," and his theatre will likely be crowded on next Thursday, when he shows this official war picture.

"Fighting in France" is an astounding reproduction of the world's greatest tragedy, showing actual views of such startling realism that there is indelibly etched into the minds and consciousness of spectators the frightful experiences of horror, pathos and unutterable agony that was the daily routine of millions of our boys who so proudly assumed that burden in the unselfish spirit of patriotism and love of country.

The picture includes action photographed from the actual operations in the front lines of France. More than eleven brave cameramen of the U. S. Signal Corps gave their lives in securing this undying, vivid pictorial record of American heroism.

The picture will be shown at Forest City, Thursday, March 26, matinee and night. Will also be shown at the Liberty Theatre, Spindale, Friday, March 27.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED

The Sunday school was organized last Sunday, at 2:00 p. m., at the Presbyterian church. Dr. G. P. Reid was elected superintendent and B. H. Price, secretary-treasurer. Sunday school will be held each Sunday at 2:00 p. m., for the time being. Classes will be formed and teachers selected next Sunday.

The new pastor, Rev. O. C. Houston, was recently installed. Dedication will take place the second Sunday in April. Dr. Henderlite, of Gastonia, will be in charge of the dedication services.

BARN AND LIVE STOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE

On the night of March 11, fire destroyed the barn of Mr. H. M. Propes, in the Golden Valley section, causing a heavy loss. Besides the barn, there were two mules, two cows, a fine brood sow and a large quantity of feed destroyed.

Mr. Propes was strongly under the impression that the fire was of incendiary origin. Bloodhounds were brought from Asheville, but on account of there having been so many persons about the premises following the fire, the dogs could not be used.

B. & L. SHOWS SPLENDID GROWTH

Officers and Directors Elected Monday Night—New Series April 1.

A well attended meeting of directors of the Forest City Building & Loan Association was held in the offices of the company Monday night, at which time officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year.

There was very little change in the personnel, Mr. C. Z. Flack having resigned as director, Mr. J. M. Edwards was elected to take his place.

Officers are as follows: President, B. H. Long. Vice-presidents, Dr. G. P. Reid and R. L. Reinhardt.

Sec.-Treas., W. L. Brown. Following is the board of directors: Dr. G. P. Reid, R. L. Reinhardt, G. F. Bradley, W. L. Brown, J. M. Edwards, Thos. G. Stone and B. H. Long.

Much enthusiasm was manifest at the meeting Monday night and new zeal and pep will be put into the work of the association by many stockholders who are just now beginning to realize the worth of the association to the community at large.

The association has shown a most healthy growth for the past year, having made an increase in assets of over \$63,000. A new series will open April 1st. A goal of ten thousand shares has been set, and such was the enthusiasm of the meeting that over 250 shares were subscribed by those in attendance. Officers, directors and stockholders will take an active part in a drive to reach the goal set for the new series. There are at present over five thousand shares in force.

The buying of B. & L. shares not only offers a splendid investment, but by participating the shareholder is also doing a good work in the upbuilding of the town and community.

In order to better acquaint the general public with the work of the Building & Loan Association, The Courier presents below some salient facts as set forth by the State B. & L. League:

Organized for community benefit and officered by community folks, not for a few—as all shareholders share alike—strictly mutual.

Only institution in State that gives wage earner and salaried man the plan of repayment on easy weekly or monthly payments in purchase of homes.

Provides a safe place for the saver as the record for North Carolina is no failures since placed under State supervision years and years ago, the regular systematic plan is, so far, unexcelled.

Economically run, average expense for all associations in State for past four years only one percent per annum on basis of assets.

Value your own local associations as a character-builder and what they have meant to the community.

A home, the greatest developer for happier families and an institution that will safeguard our American Liberties.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT FOREST CITY CHURCH

The pastor, Dr. W. R. Ware, will preach at Forest City Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. This is by special appointment and an extra service. Immediately after this service the pastor and officials will go to Pleasant Grove to dinner and the quarterly conference. His people will surely appreciate this special service on the part of their pastor and give him a hearty congregation next Sunday morning. This is as it should be.

JUDGE LONG DIES RATHER SUDDENLY

Veteran Superior Court Judge Known Here Passes at Statesville Home Saturday.

Statesville, March 14.—Judge B. F. Long, recognized as one of the ablest judges on the Superior court bench of North Carolina, died at his home here this afternoon about 2 o'clock, death resulting from a stroke of paralysis which he suffered a few hours before.

Being a sufferer from high blood pressure Judge Long had been resting quietly for a few weeks at his home, upon the advice of his physician. He ate breakfast this morning with his family and was apparently as well as usual until about 10 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Benjamin Franklin Long was born in Graham, Alamance county, March 19, 1853, being nearly 72 years of age. He began the practice of law in 1878, forming a partnership with Major W. M. Robins of Statesville.

He was elected solicitor of this judicial district in 1886 serving with distinction in that capacity for six years. He became superior court judge January 1, 1903, and for 22 years on the bench, serving in every section of his native state, he has shown himself to be a jurist of a high order.

Well Known In Rutherford.

Judge B. F. Long was well known in Rutherford county and had often presided over Superior court. He was highly esteemed by members of the bar and by others accustomed to attend court as a man of noble character and true worth as well as an able jurist and one who held to the law with out favor.

DISTRICT MEETING FOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Preparations are about completed for the holding of the district meeting of Knights of Pythias at Ellenboro Friday night. All lodges are expected to send delegations and a large attendance will be on hand.

Lodges from the following places are expected to take part in the meeting: Lincolnton, Gastonia, Henrietta, Forest City, King's Mountain, Rutherfordton, Caroleen, Ellenboro, Cliffside, Hollis, Cherryville, Spindale, Shelby and Bessemer City.

WILL HOLD BON FIRE

Members of the First Baptist church are looking forward to Sunday with much pleasure, for on Sunday morning there will be a bon fire at the church. The ceremony will consist of the burning of the last evidences of indebtedness against the church and also for the new parsonage. With the conclusion of this rite, the Baptists will be in a most enviable position, evidencing the loyalty of the membership to their beloved church, and good work upon the part of the pastor, Dr. W. A. Ayers.

HAS GOOD SALE AT LILESVILLE

The Cyclone Auction Co., prime movers of real estate who sell as far away from home as Sunny Florida, had a good sale at Lilesville last Saturday. They sold the R. V. King farm in small tracts, all bringing good prices. We are informed that the Cyclone Company is now planning some big sales at home in a short time.

Mr. R. V. King, whose sale was held at Lilesville, is a former resident of this city, where he was a member of the firm of Fortune & King, and has hosts of friends here and in the county. Forest City would receive Mr. King with a warm welcome should he decide to return here, and there are hundreds of friends who hope he may come back to the fastest growing little city in the state.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. Edward M. Graham, presiding elder, of Gastonia, will hold quarterly conference at the Wesleyan Methodist church Saturday night. Following the conference, he will preach Saturday night and also on Sunday.