

MRS. CARSON DIES AT RUTHERFORDTON

One Of Oldest Citizens, Prominently Connected and Widely Known.

Rutherfordton, March 24.—Saturday morning marked the passing of one of Rutherfordton's oldest citizens, Mrs. Mary Carson, who died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Carson, at 8:30 o'clock, and was buried Sunday, Rev. J. C. Grier conducting the funeral service at the Presbyterian church, of which she was a life long member.

Mrs. Carson was eighty-five years of age, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sloan and was the widow of James J. L. Carson, a prominent lawyer of Rutherfordton in the early seventies. He had two young sons died about forty years ago, leaving the wife and mother with one small boy, who afterward became a prominent lawyer and politician, the lamented James M. Carson, whose untimely death last year left the sorrowing mother alone.

In character, Mrs. Carson was unique, possessing courage and determination, she was generous to a fault; her doors were ever open to her friends and nothing gave her more pleasure than to entertain. She was tender-hearted and especially fond of children, ever ready to defend them against wrongs, either real or fancied. In the days before trained nurses were known she was often at the bedside of the sick, ministering to their needs, and gladly relieving the distressed and suffering with her bright and happy manner and her ready repartee she was a welcome guest in any home and her witty sayings will often be quoted by those who knew her. She is survived by five small grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Many friends and relatives from Forest City, Bostic, Shelby and Hendersonville attended the funeral.

MINSTREL SHOW POSTPONED

The Minstrel show at Pleasant Grove has been postponed on account of sickness. Date of performance will be announced later through the columns of this paper.

CLEAN-UP WEEK MARCH 30 TO APRIL 6

March 30 to April 6 has been designated by the Health Department as "Clean-Up Week." Occupants of every business house and residence in the city are expected to clean up all trash and rubbish on their premises, have it placed in boxes or barrels and placed where the garbage man can collect and haul away.

The health officer has signified that all who do not comply with the law by cleaning up their premises will be subject to a heavy fine. Let's have a clean city.

SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY GETTING NEW EQUIPMENT

The Southern Power Company on Tuesday received three new Westinghouse electric transformers which will be installed in the city. The company is adding to its equipment in order to keep pace with the fast growing city.

Mr. Glenn Abernethy, local manager, is always on the job and is making a wonderful record in taking care of the company's growing business in Forest City.

GOING TO SHELBY

It is with much regret that The Courier announces that Mr. A. H. Morgan, local freight agent for the Southern Railway, is going to Shelby, where he has been promoted to the position of local freight agent.

While his many friends deeply regret his going, all are pleased to know that his ability and efficiency has been recognized by the company, his promotion carrying a handsome increase in salary. Mr. Morgan has been here about four years and has made good. His uniform courtesy, his efficiency and clever, accommodating spirit has been much appreciated by the public, as well as recognized by his employers.

Mr. Morgan will take up his new duties about April first, but may not remove his family until after the school term expires. His successor here has not as yet been appointed.

POPULAR HOME AGENT IS MARRIED

Atty. Fred McBrayer Leads Miss Hattie Neill to Altar.

Rutherfordton, March 24.—A marriage of interest throughout the State was that of Mr. Fred McBrayer to Miss Hattie Neill, which occurred at the home of the bride on Wednesday, March 18th.

Mrs. McBrayer is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Neill, of Bald Creek, N. C. Since coming to Rutherfordton, two years ago engaged in Home Demonstration work, she has by her intelligent and helpful instruction and charming personality, endeared herself to the people of the entire county and it is with genuine pleasure that we learn that she will now be permanently located in our town.

Mr. McBrayer, a son of the late Attorney Matt McBrayer, is a prominent member of the Rutherfordton bar, is a lawyer of ability and has many friends who will learn with interest of his marriage. The popular couple arrived Friday and after a day spent at Mr. McBrayer's home they left for Chimney Rock for a few weeks, after which they will be at home in Rutherfordton.

FUNERAL OF LITTLE CHILD

The funeral of little Lena Catherine Henson 9-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Henson, was held Wednesday afternoon, March 19, at 3:30 at the Methodist church. The service was conducted by Dr. W. R. Ware and the flowers were many and beautiful. Little Catherine was an unusually bright and attractive baby and was loved by all who knew her. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to her parents in their great bereavement.

AULL-HUNTLEY

A wedding of much interest to their many friends was that of Miss Lurline Aull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Aull, of Pamaria, S. C., and Mr. William Carl Huntley, of this place, which took place on Wednesday, March 4th, at Spartanburg. Rev. M. L. Tucker performing the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Winthrop College, also receiving an A. B. degree. Mrs. Huntley has for the past two years been one of our most efficient teachers in the school here and is a very popular and lovable character. Mr. Huntley is one of Forest City's prominent young business men and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Huntley and received his education at Boiling Springs and Berea College, Berea, Ky. The Courier joins their many friends in wishing for them the best of life's happiness.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Association met in the school building March 11th. Miss Minish, chairman of the program committee, had prepared a good program which was well rendered and well received.

The meeting was well attended. Quite a number of new members being present.

Miss Goggan made an interesting and inspirational talk on music.

Miss Clara Harrill's room won the potted plant for the nearest room, though the committee reported the rooms all so neatly kept that a decision was hard to make.

Mrs. John Carpenter, Mrs. Ayers, and Mrs. G. C. King were appointed housekeeping committee for April.

Miss Clara Harrill's room and Miss Margaret Bostie's room tied for the prize for having the largest number of mothers present and each was awarded a book.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING

The Senior Epworth League of the Methodist church met Sunday evening at 6:45. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. G. C. McDaniel and an interesting program on Fannie Crosby, the great blind hymn-writer was rendered. A sketch of her life was given. The history of several of her lovely and soul-inspiring hymns was told and the hymns were sung. A large number was present and a collection was taken for the Fannie Crosby Memorial.

KIWANIS HAS BUSY MEETING

Endorses Boys' Conference; To Exploit Factory Site; Ladies' Night Next Week.

Featuring the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Monday evening were addresses by Rev. O. L. Simpson and Capt. B. L. Smith, who interestingly told of the older boys' conference. It was very appropriate to have these gentlemen explain the good results of the conference, for they were the prime movers in inaugurating and putting over this movement.

Rev. Simpson was jubilant over the magnificent success of the boys' conference, and expressed his appreciation of the backing given by the Kiwanis Club and others of Forest City. The movement had the endorsement of both county Kiwanis Clubs and the County Club, which meant much to the success of the conference.

The attendance reached about 300, counting visitors and delegates.

Capt. Smith reviewed the work of the conference in a highly entertaining manner, saying that it was very inspiring and resulted in much good. He also mentioned the fact that the first president, Robert Lee Harrill, is a Forest City boy, and also told of the great work of the Forest City boys in the two basketball games.

The Club unanimously went on record as endorsing the meeting of the conference for next year, extending a cordial invitation from Forest City to meet here with the second annual session.

The club went on record as approving the movement of the Boy Scouts to sponsor the coming of the street carnival. The public affairs committee made report on the matter of paving East Main street and the club will invite Mr. Kistler to come here at an early date to discuss the matter.

C. E. Alcock read a letter from a New York firm, requesting data in the matter of a location for a big textile factory in Forest City. Letters giving detailed information on the subject, and explaining the many advantages the city has to offer, will be sent to this company and a strong effort made to induce them to select a site here.

Next Monday night will be Ladies' Night, while at an early date it is planned to have a meeting devoted especially to our farmer friends.

The attendance prize went to Dr. R. R. Howes.

HALF HOLIDAY FOR PUPILS

It was decided at the first of this school month to make some changes in the rules in regard to the half holiday given pupils each month. All pupils who have not been absent or tardy during the month were given a half holiday. This rule has worked well this year. Tardies has been reduced over fifty per cent and the attendance has been stimulated. From the foregoing statement it may appear that this rule could not be improved, however, after careful study it was decided that some changes were necessary. The following changes were made: First it was decided to put the basis of a half holiday on the rooms instead of the individual. This is necessary in order to accomplish the best results in instruction. The results accomplished with only about ten to fifteen per cent of a class present are very small. Second, only 97 per cent of the class in average daily attendance and no tardies will be required. Third, the teachers in the primary and grammar grades will be given the half holiday in case their rooms meet the above requirements. This rule may at first seem unjust to the boy or girl who has been neither absent or tardy. On the other hand it seems hard for a boy or girl who has been absent only one day on account of sickness to miss a half holiday.

The changes in the rules will have the following effect: First, pupils who do not mind missing a half holiday themselves will hate to cause the whole room to miss the half holiday. Second, the pupils will work with boys and girls who do not attend regularly in order to make the 97 per cent attendance. Thus far this month a number of the rooms have met the above changes and will be entitled to a half holiday. It is hoped that seventy-five per cent of the rooms will get half holidays the next two months.

NATIONAL BANK'S NEW BUILDING

Handsome Structure To Be Pushed to Completion — Has Great Faith In City's Future.

The National Bank of Forest City will begin the erection of a handsome new bank building on the corner of the public square and Cherry Mountain street just as soon as the old buildings can be cleared away. Work on the removal of the old buildings was begun last week.

The National Bank of Forest City is a new bank, having first opened its doors for business a little more than a year ago. The bank's career has been marked, from the beginning, with success and prosperity and has filled a long felt want in Forest City. This bank has steadily grown since the day it opened for business. The increasing business calls for larger and more commodious quarters which are well mapped out in the new building to be erected. Mr. J. D. Ledbetter, the president, and the bank directors are to be commended for their wisdom and progressive spirit in providing for the bank just such a modern home as the increasing business demands.

The National Bank of Forest City is the only National Bank in Rutherford County and is under the direct supervision of the United States Government and is also a member of the Federal Reserve System which gives it a prestige which only National Banks enjoy.

Mr. M. W. Harriss, the cashier, is a man of great energy and has a "pep" and personality which makes for success. He is a man of good sociable disposition, one who values a friend and who likes to make friends, a man of wide banking experience and business ability. He is capable of giving good, sound advice and is always glad to talk over with you any financial troubles that you may have and give you the advantage of his experience and advice. He is ably assisted by Messrs. P. B. Price and J. E. Furr, two clever and accommodating young business men who know how to make you feel at home and treat you in just such a way that makes you feel that The National Bank is "your bank."

The management of The National Bank has great faith in the future growth and development of Forest City and surrounding country and will erect a handsome building that the fast growing city will justly be proud of.

MISS HARRILL ENTERTAINS

On last Wednesday evening Miss Mary King Harrill delightfully entertained a number of her friends at her home on Broadway. The house was beautifully decorated in flowers and red lights. Many interesting games were played, while dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. Music by Miss Hazel Tate. Late in the evening refreshments were served. The invited guests were Misses Hazel Tate, Sue Collins, Johnnie Maie Hemphill, Myrtle Tate, Mary Helen Gamble, Leo Padgett, Hilda McDonald, Grace Harris, Marie Huntley, Evelyn Blanton, Ruth Doggett, Myrtle Doggett, Miss Alice Harold and Miss Evelyn Long; Messrs Hugh Whisnant, C. L. Moore, Jack McCurry, Grover Kiser, Clyde Finley, Robert Lee Harrill, Jack Hodge, R. B. McBrayer, Gene Whisnant, Hubert Moore, Paul Harrill, Thomas Dorsey, Lee Stalnaker, Zeb Harrill, Joe Tinsley, George Carpenter, Richard Breedin, Charles Whitlock, Norman McDonald, Gilbert Phillips, Henry Tedder, James Ayers, John Mears and Mr. E. G. Lee.

The out-of-town guests were Misses Emma Justice, Janet Jackson, Mary Lou Glasco, Louise Williams; Messrs Paul Reid, Wade Geer, Fred Warlick, Jay Reid and Edward Williams, of Rutherfordton; Mr. Clyde Wilson, Alton Hopper and George Dedman, of Shelby; Mr. Worth Stroud and Mr. Hubert Erwin, of Boiling Springs High School, Mr. Terry Smart, of Bostic; Mr. Harry Buchanan, of Ellenboro; Mr. Carl Blanton, Mr. Hugh Hill, of Spindale and Mr. Ernest Summey, of Alexander.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn hatching eggs, \$1.50 for 15. Phone 164. A. D. Mills, Forest City.

PROMINENT COUPLE WILL WED TODAY

Miss Myrtle Tate and Mr. Max Higgins To Be Married At Home Of Bride.

On Thursday afternoon, March 26th, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Tate, Miss Myrtle Tate and Mr. Max Higgins, of Wadesboro, will be joined in the bonds of holy matrimony. It will be a quiet affair with only the close relatives of the family present. The bride will wear a beautiful blue crepe dress with coat, hat and gloves to match.

Miss Tate is one of Forest City's most popular young ladies and a most earnest worker in the Methodist church here where she will be greatly missed.

Mr. Higgins is the son of Mrs. Maggie Higgins, of Wadesboro, and is connected with some of the most prominent families of Rutherford county. He is at present connected with the Wade Mfg. Co., at Wadesboro, having gone there with Mr. I. B. Covington, who left here about one year ago to build the Wade Mfg. plant and is a splendid young business man.

The ceremony will be performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. W. R. Ware, of the Methodist church. After the ceremony the young couple will leave for Charlotte to spend a few days, after which they will be at home at Wadesboro, N. C. Their many friends wish for them a most happy married life.

OAK GROVE NEWS

Ellenboro, R-2, March 23.—Rev. E. A. Blanton preached an able sermon at Oak Grove Sunday.

A large crowd attended the flag raising at Oak Grove schoolhouse Saturday afternoon. The Junior Order of Concord, presented the school a Bible and flag.

Mr. Ralph Jolley, of Rutherfordton, spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Pearl Randall spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Clara and Mary Randall.

Mr. Rupert Dobbins, of Rock Hill, spent the week-end with his cousin, Mr. Claude Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Biggerstaff were visitors at Mr. T. E. Randall's Sunday.

Mr. Claude Dobbins spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Eulas Dobbins.

Miss Belle Wilkie spent the week-end with Miss Ollierea Randall.

Miss Attie Bailey is right sick with the "flu" at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harrill and little son, Billie, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrill spent Sunday at Mr. C. B. Harrill's.

Miss Emma Young and Mr. Dorsey spent Sunday afternoon at the former's home at Ruth.

Mrs. Dorsey Randall and little daughter Louise, spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Clara Randall.

Misses Alice and Mae Carson spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Kate Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Randall and little daughter, Louise, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, at Avondale.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TO GET NEW BASEBALL UNIFORMS

The High School Athletic Association has secured a play put on by the local talent of Alexander to be given at the Forest City H. S., auditorium Saturday night, March 28th, 7:45. The boys get 25 per cent of the proceeds and this is to be used toward purchasing new baseball uniforms, which are so badly needed.

The play, entitled "Captain Racket," has already been given at Marion, Mooresboro and Alexander, and is to be given at Shelby in the near future. Those who have seen it testify for its high quality of entertainment as a comedy.

Don't fail to see this play as it will give you an opportunity to help your own boys come out in new uniforms and that adds to the team in no uncertain measure.

Admission, adults 25c; children, 15 cents.

Yes, we have Thousand Island Dressing, 35c the jar. J. W. Sanders.

BAPTISTS CLEAR ALL INDEBTEDNESS

Bonfire Last Sunday a Happy Occasion—Have Valuable Church Property.

Members of the First Baptist church were in a happy frame of mind last Sunday morning when a large crowd gathered at their beautiful church edifice in this city to witness the joyful ceremony of burning the last evidences of debt upon the church property. The deacons were gathered at the altar, when Dr. R. L. Reinhardt struck the match and ignited the note evidencing the last indebtedness upon the new parsonage. This ceremony ended with a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving by the pastor, Dr. W. A. Ayers, who afterward preached a splendid sermon, having as his theme, "A Commendable Pride," Psalms 31:23.

The debt upon the church was occasioned by the erection of a handsome new parsonage, paving, planting of shrubbery and other improvements, amounting to a total of about \$12,000.00. This work has been projected and completed since the coming to Forest City of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Ayers, less than two years ago. The handsome new parsonage was completed and occupied last year, and the burning of the last vestige of indebtedness upon the property shows that the Baptists have stood solidly behind their pastor and have hearts and souls in the work of promoting the interests of their church.

In addition of the fine improvements made by the church, the membership has shown a wonderful growth and is destined for a great future.

The Baptists have one of the finest pieces of church property of any small city in the state. The church edifice was erected some few years ago at an approximate cost of \$19,000. With the great advance of city property values in these few years, property, including the new parsonage, is today conservatively estimated to be worth \$50,000.00. The membership has ever been liberal with their purse strings, generous in loyalty and devotion and solidly behind the pastor in carrying out the great work of the past few years, and are now ready to go forward with the same energy in working out the culmination of future plans.

The next plans for this church will be for a more complete equipment for Sunday School work.

The annual mission day in Sunday Schools of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at the church next Sunday. There are over 20,000 Sunday school which will observe the day throughout the South.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. PARKS

The Music department of the Woman's Club met on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Parks on Carolina Avenue, Mesdames J. H. Parks and R. R. Howes being joint hostesses. The home of Mrs. Parks never looked prettier than for this occasion, the spacious living room and dining room being thrown en suite and decorated throughout with beautiful white carnations and ferns and lighted with green candles in silver candelabra. A most delightful Southern and Irish program was given, of sketches of the lives of such authors and singers as Joel Chandler Harris and John McCormack. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Solo—"The Dusky Lullaby"—Mrs. W. A. Ayers.
Duet—"O! Carolina"—Mesdames J. F. Weathers and R. E. Biggerstaff.
Negro Readings—Miss Claire Reid.
Sketch of John McCormack—Miss Juanita Minish.
Solo—"My Wild Irish Rose";
"Mother Macree"—Mrs. Magruder.
Piano Duets—Miss Katherine Holmes Scoggans; Mrs. R. W. Minish.

After the program a most unique musical contest was held, the prize going to Mrs. C. M. Whisnant for having the most correct answers. The programs were printed in white ink on a green card in the form of a Shamrock, which were very attractive. A most delightful salad course with ice tea and green and white mints were served by little Miss Margaret Parks, dressed in white and green for the occasion.