

## COMMENCEMENT AT CITY HIGH SCHOOL THIS WEEK

**Dr. W. L. Poteat Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon — Class Day Exercises Held Monday — Dr. Frazier Delivers Commencement Address.**

## HONORS BESTOWED ON TWENTY-EIGHT

Commencement exercises of Forest City High school are being held this week, having opened Sunday night, the feature being an address to the graduating class by Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College. Dr. Poteat was introduced by Hon. T. J. Moss, graduate of Wake Forest and prominent young attorney of this city, who, after telling of the pleasure afforded him by this occasion, characterized the head of his alma mater as one of the foremost educators of the South—a point well taken and concurred in by all present.

Dr. Poteat's address was directed mainly to the graduates and was replete with suggestions that will remain long in the minds of every one within the sound of his voice. Noting the meagre number of boys in the graduating class, as compared with the girls, the speaker made a strong appeal to parents on their responsibility to keep their boys in school. His address was splendid throughout and highly enjoyed by all present.

Other parts of Sunday night's program were as follows:

Anthem—By United Choirs.  
Scripture Reading—Dr. W. R. Ware.

Solo—Mrs. Hague Padgett.  
Benediction—Dr. W. A. Ayers.

### Class Day Exercises.

Class day exercises were held Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Program as follows:

- School Song
- Welcome
- History
- Solo—"I Know a Bank"
- Henry Parker and Lillian Washburn
- Prophecy
- Oration—Ambition
- Poem
- Will
- Farewell Address to Senior
- Class
- Trophy Bearer
- Class Song

### Musical Comedy Tuesday

Exercises for Tuesday night consisted of a musical comedy, "The Wishing Well," a romance of Old Ireland. This program printed last week, was carried out in a most enjoyable manner, every one participating carrying out their parts in a most creditable manner.

### Declamatory Contest

The declamatory contest was held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Wednesday. The program:

- The New South
- The Eight
- In
- The Modern Farmer
- The Crushed
- Flower

### Reading Contest

- A Black Blue Grass
- Widow
- Rags
- Salute Your Brides
- Pro Patria
- "Voices of the Woods"
- Glee Club
- "Santa Lucia"
- Glee Club

### Presentation of Certificates of Attendance

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### Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises were held at 8:00 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, as follows:

- Invocation
- "Commencement Song"
- "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring"
- Presentation of Glee
- Speaker
- Address
- Presentation of Diplo-

## CIVIC DEPARTMENT ELECT NEW OFFICERS

**Former Betterment Club, Now a Part of Woman's Club, Holds Interesting Meeting.**

The Civic Department of the Woman's Club met on last Saturday evening at 8:00 at Padgett and King's store, at which time new officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:

Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff, chairman; Mrs. T. R. Padgett, vice-chairman; Mrs. W. C. Blanton, secretary and treasurer.

A splendid meeting was held and many places made for special work to be done by the club in our beautiful and fast growing city. A report was made by Mrs. C. E. Alcock of the Lyceum course held last winter, which was successful and the proceeds turned into the treasury.

A rising vote of thank was given to Mr. R. E. Biggerstaff, The Courier and to the Board of city Aldermen, for helping to sell tickets, advertising space given the lyceum course and to the Alderman for the many courtesies shown the ladies at all times in co-operating with them in every good work they have endeavored to do. A hearty welcome was extended to Mrs. I. B. Covington, of Wadesboro, but formerly of Forest City, who was always a faithful member while living here.

It was decided to hold a meeting on the first Saturday in each month. The Civic Department of the Woman's Club was formerly the Betterment Club, and each member is urged to attend the next meeting and renew their membership. We would like a 100 per cent membership to this department, as every one should take pride in our growing city and work for the many things we can accomplish in the way of sanitary measures and the beautifying of the town.

## SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY

**Court Has Busy Session of Two Weeks—Criminal and Civil Dockets Cleared.**

Superior Court adjourned Friday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock after clearing the criminal and civil court dockets. Judge John M. Oglesby, successor to Judge Ben F. Long, has been holding court for the past two weeks. This was the first court that he has held in this county since being appointed.

The following cases were disposed of since the last issue of the Courier to the time of adjournment Friday:

- State vs. Steve Greenway and John Humphries—Jury find for their verdict that defendants are guilty of having on hand material for the manufacture of whiskey. Judgment that each pay a fine of \$25 and the cost.
- State vs. Jeff Beeks and Wister

### Successful Term.

The closing of the Forest City schools this week marks one of the most successful terms in the history of the school. The school has made wonderful advancement under the able superintendency of Prof. J. W. Eaks, assisted by a faculty of 28, the enrollment reaching 987. The next term, beginning Sept. 1, will open in the splendid new township high school building if the contractors finish their work in time.

## CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN HERE NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 3

**Five Day Program in Forest City—Begins June 3rd and Continues Through Friday, June 5th.**

Redpath's big five-day Chautauqua will open in Forest City Monday, June 1st and continue through Friday, June 5th.

Ladies of the Woman's Club are engaged in placing the tickets already pledged and in selling to others who have not signed. If you have not gotten season tickets, be sure to get them, thereby making a big saving and at the same time giving support to a high-class series of entertainments of county-wide scope. Adult season tickets are \$2.50; for children \$1.25.

It is claimed that the events this year are a superlative class, above what has been brought here in other years and, if this claim can be verified, it means that those who patronize the Chautauqua this Spring, are going to find it unusually fine and enjoyable and wholesome, as well as stimulating and intellectualizing.

The Chautauqua is aimed to bring entertainments of a varied nature within reach of the multitude by bundling up a series of lectures, musical programs and wizardry exhibitions, and offering the lot at popular prices.

It generally happens that in these engagements are one or more individual attractions that, if brought to the community under any other auspices, would gobble up the price for the entire week's entertainment.

It is quantity production, we take it, therefore, that represents the genius of the Chautauqua management in that it is able to give the people a round of high-class entertainment for a price that the average family can well sustain.

The sparkling American comedy, "Give and Take," original musical production, "The Shepherd's Dream" the Great Laurant in magic and mystery extraordinary; lectures by such headlines as William Rainey Bennett and Dr. Hilton Ira Jones—these are among the exceptional attractions which will appear at the big 1925 Redpath Chautauqua.

The Jugo-Slav Tamburica Orchestra, one of the best-known and most distinctive musical organizations on the platform, will open the Chautauqua and the first afternoon with an outstanding program. Following the prelude concert by the Jugo-Slavs on the first night, Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, noted scientist and lecturer, will deliver a popular and informative lecture, "Science and the Future," illustrated with interesting platform demonstrations.

A novelty concert given on the second afternoon by The Faubel Entertainers will feature costumed sketches, character impersonations and instrumental numbers both classic and popular. At night, the Great Laurant and Company will appear in a lavishly staged, spectacular production of magic and illusions.

On the third afternoon Julian R. Arnold, distinguished traveler, author and savant, will deliver his fascinating, enthralling lecture, "Arabian Knights."

The great modern comedy success, "Give and Take," will be given on the third night by a cast of New York actors organized especially for the Redpath Chautauqua.

On the fourth afternoon the well-known Chicago Lyric Singers will give a grand concert. Beautiful songs of Wales, sung in typical Welsh costumes, and gypsy airs rendered in Spanish gypsy garb are special features of their offerings.

Following a prelude by this talented company at night, William Rainey Bennett, internationally known dramatic orator, will deliver his inspiring address, "Pathways to Power."

On the last afternoon, following a prelude by the Colonial Harp Ensemble Company, Everett Kemp, eminent reader-entertainer, will be heard in a notable rendition of a complete play or book.

"The Shepherd's Dream," original musical production, is the feature number of a grand concert presented by the Colonial Harp Ensemble company on the last night. This (Continued on Page Eight)

## THE COURIER TO WITHDRAW BOOK OFFER JUNE 3RD

**If You Want a Copy Of the "Tragedy Of Sand Cave" Free, Subscribe—New Or Renewal—Before Offer Expires.**

Hundreds have availed themselves of the liberal free offer of The Courier in giving as a premium a free copy of the "Tragedy of Sand Cave."

This subscription offer will be withdrawn after Wednesday, June 3. Get your order in now, if you wish a free copy of this thrilling book.

Do you appreciate the fact that The Courier, with ten, twelve pages per week, covering all the county news, only charges \$1.50 per year for subscription? Many county papers charge \$2.00. We are building a large circulation with our minimum charge of only \$1.50.

If you have recently received a card calling attention to the expiration of your subscription, please renew now. Don't miss a single copy of your county paper. Judge Morrow's articles alone are worth the price of subscription.

### RECRUITING OFFICER FOR U. S. ARMY HERE

Sergeant Andrew J. Rossett, of Fort Bragg, N. C., has opened a sub-station in Forest City for recruiting men from 18 to 35 years for the U. S. Army. Enlistments are one year or three years. The recruiting sergeant is located in the Post Office.

Enlistments are open in the following branches of service at the following places:

- Field artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C.;
- Infantry, Fort Screvens, Ga., Camp McClellan, Ala., and Fort Moultrie, S. C.;
- Coast Artillery Corps, Hawaiian Islands.

The following men have recently enlisted here: Thomas Huntsinger, Zeb Head, Charles Brady and Lonnie Moore. All enlisted for one year in the motorized Field Artillery, at Fort Bragg.

Sergeant Rossett will be here until May 31st. After that date he will be in Asheville.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Anyone interested in Summer school work in the grades, should see Miss Bertha Jones, Forest City.

## PRETTY WEDDING AT UNION MILLS

**Miss Mattie Harris and Mr. Deumont Green Married on May 21.**

(Special to The Courier) Union Mills, May 25.—Beautiful engraved announcements have been received here which read:

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris announce the marriage of their daughter

Mattie to Mr. Deumont Green

on Thursday, the twenty-first of May

nineteen hundred and twenty-five Union Mills, North Carolina.

At home after May twenty-third, 633 H. Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

The wedding was a quiet home affair, witnessed by only a few relatives and intimate friends. Rev. W. Reid Harris, of Trinity, N. C., brother of the bride, officiated, the ring ceremony being used.

The guests were received by Miss Nelle Harris, sister of the bride, and ushered into the living room where the ceremony took place. Miss Glenn Harris sang "I Love You Truly," after which the bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March," played by Miss Mary Kirby, of Dysartville. "To a Wild Rose" was played softly during the ceremony.

The bride was lovely in an ensemble suit of blue and tan with accessories. She is a graduate of Knoxville High School and has been one of Rutherford county's most successful teachers, having been employed (Continued on Page Eight)

## TRAFFIC OFFICER MORROW KILLED IN ACCIDENT

**Machine Runs Into Heavy Oil Truck and Officer Thrown, Sustaining Broken Back; Dies In Hospital.**

## OFFICER O. D. BARRS SEVERELY INJURED

## KIWANIS CLUB HAS BUSY MEETING

**Featured By An Address By Y. M. C. A. District Secretary; Invite County Club to Meet Here.**

A busy meeting was held by the Kiwanis Club Monday night, featured by an address by Mr. G. H. Leonard, of Hickory, district secretary of Y. M. C. A.

A committee, composed of Messrs. G. W. Rollins, R. R. Blanton and Dr. W. A. Ayers, was appointed to perfect plans for "Farmers' Night," to be held at the club at a date yet to be selected.

A resolution, inviting the County Club to hold its next meeting in Forest City, was unanimously passed. The meeting date of the club will be Tuesday, June 16th. The dinner will be given in Kiwanis Hall.

The attendance prize went to Mr. Thos. G. Stone, who guessed nearest correctly to the birthday of the speaker of the evening. This contest proved very interesting, a coincidence being that the speaker's birthday and that of Dr. A. C. Duncan, president of the club, is identically the same—day, month and year. However, maybe we had best not tell the ages of these two gentlemen.

Members of the club will please bear in mind that the hour of the meeting next Monday night has been advanced to 6:15, owing to the opening of the Chautauqua here next Monday.

### Tells Of Y. M. C. A. Work.

Mr. G. H. Leonard, of Hickory, who is a great worker in the interest of the boys, having done splendid work along these lines in connection with his post of district secretary of Y. M. C. A., was introduced by Mr. F. I. Barber.

Mr. Leonard made a pleasing and instructive talk, being listened to very attentively throughout. At the outset he urged the club to look after the welfare of the boys of the community. He then gave a short sketch of the work of the Y. M. C. A. from its origin down to the present day.

This great organization had its inception with the formation of a prayer group of only twelve, in London over 80 years ago. From this class originated the first Y. M. C. A., organization, which has grown thru all the years, until it has reached mammoth proportions and is a great power for the training and protection of the boys.

The history of Y. M. C. A. work extends back for fifty years in this state, which now stands above the average in the whole of the United States. The organization is a part of and is supported by the church. No officer of the Y. M. C. A. is not a member of the church, and its success is due to church people.

Mr. Leonard went on to tell of the need of the Y. M. C. A. work in the small cities and the rural communities, outlining the work of the Hi-Y Clubs. He took occasion to mention the good work accomplished by the Spindale club and expressed his hope of forming other clubs in the county.

He is now making plans to start work here next fall organizing a Hi-Y Club in the Forest City High School. Arrangements are also being made to organize one in the new Spindale - Rutherfordton Township school. It is expected that a Y. M. C. A. will be organized in Spindale when the new Tanner Memorial Building is completed.

Mr. Leonard will be pleasantly remembered by the boys of the county

Two motorcycle accidents, occurring Saturday and Tuesday, caused the death of one and severe injuries to another of the traffic officers of Rutherford county.

Traffic Officer O. D. Barrs was thrown from his motor cycle Saturday and sustained severe injuries, now laying in the hospital fighting for life with chances of victory in his favor.

At about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Speed Cop Clyde Morrow sustained injuries—when his motorcycle came into collision with a heavy oil truck—that caused his death at the county hospital about 8:00 o'clock that evening.

Mr. Roy Hamrick, truck driver for the Harris Oil Co., drove into the highway when the company's plant. An eye witness states to The Courier that Mr. Hamrick looked both ways before driving into the highway, and found the way clear. Just as he reached the paving he saw Officer Morrow approaching on his motorcycle. Fearing a collision, Mr. Hamrick put on more power and tried to drive his truck clear across the road. The onrushing motorcycle struck the rear of the oil truck, throwing Officer Morrow backward onto the concrete roadway and paring into a side ditch.

The fall to the concrete is said to have broken Mr. Morrow's back in several places, crushed his shoulder and also breaking his arm. He was unconscious when picked up.

The stricken man was carried into the office of the Harris Oil Co. At this time Mrs. C. S. Royster drove up and offered to remove the stricken man to the hospital. This was done, and he died about 8:00 o'clock without ever having regained consciousness.

The tragic death of Ernest Summey, the injuring of Officer Barrs and the fatal accident happening to Officer Morrow has caused grief and consternation throughout the county. It is said that the series of accidents to the stricken speed cops has caused others to seriously consider resigning their perilous posts—or do their work in automobiles in preference to motorcycles.

Officer Clyde Morrow was one of the most efficient and popular members of the county traffic squad. He had been on duty about two years and performed his work in a most fearless and efficient manner. He was always courteous and reasonable, but nevertheless firm in carrying out what he considered the duties of his position. An army experience, coupled with his bravery and fearlessness, made him an ideal officer, while his great strength made it child's play for him to handle the most obstreperous prisoner.

Clyde Morrow was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrow and about 39 years old. He married the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rollins. Surviving are his wife and two children, his parents and two brothers and two sisters. He resided with his family at Sandy Mush.

The body was removed to the home of his parents Tuesday night. Funeral services were held at Providence church Wednesday afternoon, interment taking place in the church burial grounds at 4:30 p. m.

A large crowd was present and (Continued on Page Eight)

who were delegates to the Annual Western North Carolina Older Boys' Conference at Statesville last November. Mr. Leonard was largely responsible for the splendid success of that conference. He reports that a excellent program is now being arranged for the 1925 Western N. C. Older Boys' Conference to be held in Shelby in November.