

## COUNTY CLUB HEARS FELIX ALLEY

Noted Orator Thrills Large Crowd With Beautiful Tribute to Old Rutherford.

A large crowd, approximately numbering 60 of the county's representative citizens, was thrilled with the beautiful word painting and oratorical flights of the Hon. Felix Alley at the meeting of the County Club Monday at Kiwanis Hall, Forest City.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. K. S. Tanner in his usual impressive manner. The dinner was served by Mesdames Biggerstaff and Blanton, who so satisfactorily supervise the culinary department of the Kiwanis Club. Quite a number of lady visitors graced the occasion. The Collins-Moore orchestra, of Cliffside, rendered splendid music.

The speaker of the occasion, Hon. Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, orator, statesman and lawyer, was introduced by Hon. M. L. Edwards, who paid him a graceful tribute, saying among other things that Mr. Alley was one of Carolina's most famous speakers, who had made more speeches than any one he knew, but who had never offered for nor held an office within the gift of the people he served so well.

From his opening remarks to the close of his beautiful peroration, Mr. Alley held the assemblage spellbound with his thrilling oratory and beautiful word painting in tribute to Western North Carolina and Rutherford county in particular.

Mr. Alley opened by saying that Rutherford county was the home of his ancestors and clearly showed his love and admiration for this county—the leader and parent of many of our neighboring counties. He told of the county's great development and frankly admitted its leadership—paying a glorious tribute to our sturdy men and virtuous women, who are inferior to none on earth.

"We must have leaders," declared the speaker, who said the other counties—daughters of Old Rutherford—took pride and delight in following the leadership of the parent county. Rutherford's spirit of progress has been contagious and our neighbors pray that our prosperity may never end, declared the speaker.

Mr. Alley then reviewed the program of the South from reconstruction days, saying much is due the administration of wise laws, equity and justice. He told of how the old soldiers who had lost all save honor, stacked their muskets and returned to desolated homes to win new victories in peace. They never despaired and had unshaken faith in the future of the fatherland. Struggling ever onward and upward until the realization of the glorious destiny of today. Cities now stand upon the ashes of desolated villages of the past. In the march of progress, North Carolina has ever been in the forefront—the first in war and first in peace and progress.

In a flight of oratory, winging its meteor-like flight from the battle of Kings Mountain to the sacrifices of the World War, the speaker reviewed the glorious history of the state, paying a splendid tribute to the gallant sons who were ever first to answer their country's call.

Mr. Alley then paid tribute to the state's development leaders, who just as bravely as the soldiers on the battlefield, have fought nobly to attain the present eminence, in which courage, energy and faith carried them through. The greatness of a people is exemplified in those who create—the founders and builders of this great state.

Mr. Alley paid a glowing tribute to the highlands of North Carolina and reviewed the great development of this favored section. "If you can't be a pine on top of the hill, be a bush in the valley—but be the best of your kind," urged the speaker, saying there is work for all to do.

The character and lovely spirit of the speaker was best illustrated in his reference to the Bible, he saying that the Christian world reads the Bible through the eye of faith. "God is revealed in everything," said Mr. Alley, who also said that in every breast rings the question, "What doeth thou here?" forcibly implying

## RECEPTION GIVEN BY M. E. CHURCH

Members Of the Methodist Church Give Delightful Party For New Members.

The Forest City Methodist church gave a reception Friday evening, June 12th, at eight o'clock, honoring fifty new members who had recently been received into the church.

The guests were received on the front veranda by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McDaniel and Mr. Glenn Abernathy. They were then shown to the register, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Magness presented the guests to the receiving line composed of the pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Ware and the Sunday school superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore and the stewards and stewardesses, the Sunday school teachers, their husbands and wives.

The guests were then directed to the punch room by Misses Nell Young and Mayme Martin where Misses Myrtle Doggett, Ollie Tate, Mary Crowell, Margaret Moore and Ruth Dorsey served delicious punch.

An appropriate program was rendered by the following: Mrs. Ernest Roberson, Mr. J. W. Webb, of Salisbury; Mrs. Henry Ware, of Greensboro and Mrs. Rendleman, of Salisbury, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Ware, who rendered vocal solos and duets. Mrs. Dick Minish and Miss Vera Whisnant delighted the guests with instrumental solos, while Misses Lila Gordon King and Agnes Davis in their gifted manner, gave appropriate readings. After short talks from Dr. Ware, Mr. C. C. Moore and Mr. Rendleman, of Salisbury, the guests were directed by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harris and Mrs. Burwell Moore into the Men's Bible Class room where ice cream and cake was served by the girls of Miss Minish's Sunday school class.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards bid the guests good-night at the east entrance.

The program:

Dr. W. R. Ware—Welcome Remarks—Prayer.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Ernest Robinson. Reading—Miss Agnes Davis.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Vera Whisnant.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Henry M. Ware, Greensboro.

Short Talk—Mr. C. C. Moore.

Duet—Mrs. John L. Rendleman, Salisbury and Mrs. Henry M. Ware.

Instrumental Solo—Mrs. R. W. Minish.

Short Talk—Hon. John L. Rendleman, Salisbury.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. John L. Rendleman.

Reading—Lila Gordon King. Song—John Webb, Salisbury.

that there is work for all to do.

The speaker closed with the beautiful thought that he looks to the time when "love" will be the universal law and brotherhood will have become an accomplished fact.

Mr. Alley is a native of Western North Carolina, is 52 years of age and a leader in the legal profession, being a member of the bar in five states North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tenn. He is a self-made man. His parents were poor but proud and hard working. He placed Locke Craig in nomination for Governor in Raleigh in 1912. He represented Jackson county in the Legislature in 1915 and was elected Solicitor in 1910. He was an elector for Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and again for Cox in 1920.

Mr. Alley will probably be a candidate for congress from the tenth district.

The County Medical Society will have charge of the July meeting which will be held at the Isothermal Hotel.

Report was made at the meeting Monday of the letting of contract for paving on highway No. 20 and also report on the new fair grounds. Mr. S. E. Elmore was heartily applauded when it became known that he was to be the secretary-treasurer of the fair organization. His appointment spells success.

## SUCH IS THE FAITH OF MEN

By A. B. CHAPIN



## ROAD CONTRACT TO BE LET IN JULY

Chairman Page Writes Kiwanis Club About Highway Project.

The most cheering news for some time was that contained in a letter from Chairman Frank Page, of the Highway Commission, to Secretary W. P. Hall, of the Kiwanis Club read to that body Monday evening. The letter states positively that the contract for project No. 883, between Forest City and the Cleveland county line, highway No. 20, will be let on July 22nd. The letting of the contract was also announced at the County Club meeting Monday.

This work on highway No. 20 will serve one of the county's most prosperous sections and means much to Ellenboro and Forest City. It is another important link in a highway that will ultimately be paved through to Asheville. No. 20 is now paved from Shelby through to Charlotte.

Slowly but surely the dusty gaps in the Asheville-Charlotte-Wilmington Highway are being closed up. From the Cleveland County line to the black top at Forest City, money is provided and meantime the grading is under way for the bringing of the hard surface this way to Shelby. The road will be open from Rutherfordton into Charlotte. The surfacing from Bat Cave into Asheville is progressing slowly, because the difficult part through Hickory Nut Gap has to be carved out of the solid rock. The Chimney Rock Development Company is engaged in making a new road around Lake Lure, and by another season it will be Main Street all the way from the mountains to the sea, barring the 13 miles from Wadesboro to the Pee Dee bridge. It is going to be a highway that in its entirety is worth waiting for.

## PENSION CHECKS ARRIVE

Semi-annual pension checks for Confederate veterans and their widows have arrived, according to announcement of Clerk of the Court J. Y. Yelton. The checks are ready for distribution and may be secured at Mr. Yelton's office at the courthouse. The Clerk of the Court reminds that the checks cannot be mailed out and must be called for in person. Where a veteran or widow is sick or unable to come in person check may be secured by an appointed agent calling at the Clerk's office.

## FOREST CITY TO HAVE CITY MANAGER

Town to Have New Form of Municipal Government Effective July 15th.

At a meeting of the board of commissioners of the town of Forest City last Friday evening it was decided to place the town under the city manager plan. This new plan of government will go into effect July 15th and will supersede the present commission form. Mr. John W. Webb, formerly of Salisbury, now with the Atlantic Bitulithic Company, was appointed by the board as manager.

Mr. Webb has been with the city of Salisbury, N. C., in its construction and building departments the past twenty years, eighteen of which he has been city engineer and building inspector. During that time he has handled and superintended and issued permits for buildings, sewer, water, street and other construction work to the amount of \$5,476,000 and every piece of this work has been put through without any controversy or lawsuits. He has probably held this position with the city of Salisbury longer than any other official in any North Carolina city or town has held a similar position, and has given full satisfaction to the officials of the various administrations under which he has served.

Mr. Webb resigned his position there a short time ago with the object in view of entering the municipal engineering field. Since that time he has been with the Atlantic Bitulithic Company.

In the case of Forest City the present board of commissioners, or aldermen, and the mayor will function as heretofore, subject to the suggestion of the city manager.

## POULTRY CAR COMING HERE NEXT WEEK

The Southern Produce and Commission Company, of Hamlet, will have another poultry car in this county next week. The car will be placed at the Seaboard depot, Rutherfordton, on the afternoon of June 23, and will remain there until noon the following day. The car will be removed to Ellenboro at noon Wednesday, June 24th and will remain there until the 25th. It will be in Shelby the 26th. Highest market prices will be paid for poultry. The following prices have been announced: hens, 20c; broilers, 30c; roosters, .08c; turkeys, 30c. All poultry must be free from feed.

## COURIER WILL GIVE AWAY \$20 IN GOLD

Will Put On Interesting Contest Next Week—Everybody Eligible to Enter.

The Forest City Courier has a rare treat in store for its readers next week. This newspaper will run a page devoted to the leading business interests of this city and there will be many questions asked or implied regarding the various business houses and the one giving the best, or the nearest to the correct set of answers will be given a \$20.00 gold prize. This prize is well worth going after. It may be said that the prize winner need not have all his answers correct, but he or she must have more of them correct than anyone else in order to secure the gold coin. Of course, every one cannot win, but when the contest is ended the participants will at least have a fair and comprehensive knowledge of Forest City and the leading business houses here. Watch next week's paper and start out with a determination to win the gold piece in The Courier's interesting free contest.

Any person not identified with the Forest City Courier is eligible to enter the contest and the best set of answers will certainly pull down the free prize.

This is not a newspaper contest. It is merely an interesting and entertaining way of bringing enterprising merchants—real community boosters—before the readers of the home town newspaper.

Read the page carefully next week. Then get your pencil and pad and enter the fascinating game. It beats the cross-word puzzle.

## DR. AYERS CLOSES REVIVAL

Dr. W. A. Ayers, who has been conducting a revival in Tryon, closed the meeting last night (Wednesday) after a successful meeting.

He will arrive in Forest City Thursday and will fill his regular appointments here Sunday.

Come to the Fair Store for real bargains in men's and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear.

There is talk of a new casket factory for Forest City. If the plans mature further announcement will be made.

## HIGGINS-EDWARDS WEDDING TUESDAY

Popular Young Couple Married in Rutherfordton—Honeymooning in New York.

Rutherfordton, June 17.—Central Methodist church was the scene of a beautiful wedding Tuesday morning at nine o'clock when the marriage vows uniting Miss Virginia Edwards and Mr. B. B. Higgins were solemnized, Rev. J. O. Ervin performing the double ring ceremony, in the presence of many mutual friends of this popular young couple.

The decorations consisted of graceful ferns, potted plants and masses of Queen Annie's lace banked around the altar in artistic arrangement.

Preceding the entrance of the bridal party Miss Lucile Tate, of Union Mills, sang "Union Square," "Thank God for a Garden" and "At Dawning," accompanied on the piano by Miss Ruth Edwards, sister of the bride, who also rendered Lohengrin's Wedding March as first the ushers, Messrs. C. D. Moore and Tom Osborne, of Shelby; G. A. Hines and M. R. Edwards, of Rutherfordton, took places on each side of the altar. Next came little Martha Edwards Yelton, niece of the bride, daintily clad in green crepe de chine, bearing the ring on a silver tray fashioned from the plate previously used in engraving the wedding invitations and Master Alton Edwards, dressed in a Lord Fauntleroy suit of black satin, carrying the ritual, marching up the aisle to their places inside the altar rail. Miss Una Edwards, maid of honor, of Cliffside, sister of the bride, handsome in a gown of printed chiffon and lace and carrying an arm bouquet of Sunburst roses, entered alone.

The bride came in with her mother, Mrs. Lorena Edwards, who gave her in marriage. Mrs. Edwards was dressed in pleated georgette with cream lace trimmings and a corsage of lavender and white sweet peas.

The lovely bride, becomingly gowned in a stylish suit of navy pleated chiffon over printed Gloria Crepe, wore a hat of braided maline and carried a shower bouquet of ostrich fern, bride roses and valley lilies, was met at the altar by the groom and his brother, Dr. H. B. Higgins, who acted as best man.

Mrs. Higgins, the daughter of Mrs. Lorena Edwards, is an attractive young woman of charming personality, and has been a successful and popular Rutherford county teacher since receiving her education at the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro.

Mr. Higgins, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Higgins, of Belwood, was educated at Rutherford College and Trinity and is a successful business man at Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins left immediately after the ceremony and will be absent several weeks visiting Washington, D. C., Niagara Falls, New York and other places of interest.

In addition to many friends from Cliffside, Forest City and other towns in the county the following visitors were here for the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Higgins, of Belwood; Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Higgins, of Spartanburg; Mrs. H. C. Chashion and Miss Evelyn Chashion of Lincolnton; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moore; Messrs. Tom Osborne, John Honeycutt, C. Jones and Coley, of Shelby; Dr. G. E. Dixon, Miss Adeline Alexandria, of Hendersonville; Miss Sallie Wacaser, of Cullowhee, N. C.

## SMALL CHILD RAN OVER BY AUTO

The small daughter of Mr. W. B. Hamrick was run over by a Ford car, driven by Davis Boyd, colored, Tuesday evening, about 7 o'clock in front of Whisnant's store. The small child started across the street and when stepping out from between two cars was hit by the Ford. The child's injuries were painful, but it is thought that they are not very serious. According to eye witnesses the accident seemed unavoidable.

The only way for a woman to keep an ideal man is to keep him an ideal.