

CONTRACT LET FOR FINE NEW BANK BUILDING

National Bank Of Forest City
To Build Modern Three-
Story Structure.

To Keep Pace With Increasing
Business and Demands of
Fast Growing City.

The National Bank of Forest City let the contract a few days ago to The Southeastern Construction Co., of Charlotte, for the erection of a handsome new bank and office building. The heating contract was given to Charles Christian Co., Charlotte, and the plumbing contract to Davis & Weathers, Forest City, N. C.

The National Bank's new home will be erected on the corner of the Public Square and Cherry Mountain street, the best location to be found in this fast growing city. The building will have a frontage of forty-three feet on the Public Square and will extend one hundred and twenty-five feet on Cherry Mountain street. Work will begin at once and be pushed to an early completion.

This handsome new bank and office building is to be three stories with twenty-five offices and four store rooms and is to be equipped with the vapor heating system and electric elevator. The building will be fire-proof throughout and, with all the latest conveniences, will be modern in every detail.

The National Bank of Forest City first opened its doors for business about eighteen months ago in a remodeled store room, the best quarters to be had at that time. This bank from the beginning has made safe, sound principles its motto and is the only National Bank in Rutherford County and is under the direct supervision of the United States Government. It being a National Bank, it is allowed to issue currency and it has put into circulation thousands of dollars in new, crisp five, ten and twenty dollar bills throughout this section of the country. This bank is also a member of the Federal Reserve System.

The National Bank's career has been marked from the beginning with success and prosperity and enjoys the confidence of this entire section. It having steadily grown since the day it opened for business, has felt the keen need of 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.

Mr. M. W. Harriss, the cashier, is a man of tireless energy and has the "pep" and personality which make for success. He is broad and liberal in his views. His business principles are safe and sound. He is a man of wide banking experience and business ability who is capable of giving good sound advice and is always glad to talk over with you any financial matters that you may have. 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 you will feel that The National Bank is "your bank."

The management of The National Bank has great faith in the future growth of this section and the handsome new building is to be erected in keeping with the steady growth of the bank, Forest City and the surrounding country.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR CHILD

Bettie Marie, two-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dorton, of Shelby, had a narrow escape from death Sunday when struck by an automobile in front of the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff. The child strayed from the pavement directly in front of a passing motorist. The car fender pushed the child from danger and she escaped with only a few slight bruises. Fortunately, the driver was going at slow speed. His name was not ascertained.

SOUTH CAROLINA BOY IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

His Four Companions More Or
Less Injured When Car Hits
Telephone Pole.

Accident Occurred On Chim-
ney Rock Road, About Four
Miles From Hendersonville.

Greenwood, S. C., July 19.—Edgar Yeldell, 22, was killed, and his four companions, Earl Snead, Wallace Garrett and Gus Bailey, all of Greenwood, and James Lawrence, York, were more or less seriously injured when the high-powered car in which they were riding was wrecked on the Chimney Rock road about four miles above Hendersonville this morning at 6:30 o'clock.

According to information received here, the car ran into a telephone pole, cut it in two about three feet above the ground and the suspended part swung back and struck young Yeldell who was sitting on the rear seat, killing him instantly. Young Garrett suffered a painful injury on the head while the others were badly shaken up.

The young men left Greenwood yesterday about midday with Earl Snead driving and went by way of York. They did not leave York until 11 o'clock last night and are supposed to have driven all night, going by way of Charlotte and Rutherfordton.

The injured were taken to a Hendersonville hospital soon after the accident. It is understood that all of them except young Garrett will return home tonight or tomorrow.

Edgar Yeldell, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yeldell, of this city. He completed his junior year at Furman university last session and had planned to return in September. He was one of the star members of the Furman track team and as a high school pupil here was noted as a football player. He was esteemed very highly for his study character and studious habits.

The body was brought to Greenwood this afternoon. Funeral arrangements have not been made. Young Yeldell's grandfather, W. H. Yeldell, Sr., met a tragic death here on the night of December 28 last when he was run down and killed by an automobile as he was crossing the street to attend services at South Main Street Baptist church.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Mr. G. S. Allen, of the Forest City Electric Repair Co., happened to a painful accident last week and as a result almost lost the sight of his right eye. A piece of metal struck him in the eye while working on an electric motor. It is not yet known for certain, but there are hopes that his eyesight will not be permanently impaired.

Mr. Allen is a hustling young man and a wide-awake member of a young firm that is fast building a strong business in our city. He is a war veteran, having been in the front trenches in the terrific fighting with the Germans.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TO PIEDMONT COUNCIL CAMP

Nineteen Boy Scouts of Forest City troops one and two and five Scouts from Alexander troop, under the leadership of Prof. J. W. Eaks and Scoutmaster Lee, left Monday for a week's camping trip at the Piedmont Council Boy Scout camp at Tryon.

This camp is located on the shore of Lake Lanier and is under the direction of Mr. R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia, Scout Executive of the Piedmont Council. This camp is for all Boy Scouts in the territory of the Piedmont council, which is composed of the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and Rutherford.

The camping program is varied and has many features that will be of great benefit to the boys.

In First Line Trenches at Dayton



Here are the headliners in Tennessee's court trial against the teaching of the theory of evolution in public schools. Left to right:—Wm. J. Bryan for the State; Judge Ralston, presiding; and Clarence Darrow for the Defense. Insert is of John T. Scopes, the young Dayton teacher who is charged with teaching the theory. The battle between Bryan and Darrow is of national interest and it is a shirt sleeved affair as the picture shows.

Dayton, Tenn., July 21.—The state of Tennessee against John Thomas Scopes, on trial for eight days in Rhea county court, tonight was the case of John Thomas Scopes against the state of Tennessee.

Conviction of Scopes today on a charge of violating the Tennessee law against the teaching of theories of evolution in public schools paved the way for an appeal to the state supreme court.

The scene of the "evolution test" will be shifted from Dayton to Knoxville, where under the regular order of procedure the Tennessee court will hear cases from this circuit the first Monday in September.

After both defense and state

counsel had agreed this morning that the defendant should be convicted, the jury returned a verdict in less than 10 minutes.

The minimum fine of \$100 was imposed by the court and bail was fixed at \$500. The defendant made a surety bond for his appearance in Rhea county circuit court the first Monday in December, when the supreme court was expected to have passed upon the case.

As soon as the verdict was returned the defense moved for a new trial and when this was overruled Scopes' attorneys made the other customary legal motions to complete the record and send the case on its way to the supreme court.

STANDARD STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ELLENBORO

Steps have been taken by the Ellenboro public school committee to make the school a standard state high school by the opening of the fall term. All of the necessary requirements for such have already been complied with and the members of next year's graduating class will be given diplomas that will admit them to college without further examination.

High school students of the adjoining districts may attend the Ellenboro school, tuition will be free.

The principal and high school teachers for the next year have been selected and the committee assures all that the school will have an able faculty.

A standard high school at Ellenboro is in keeping with the progress of that thriving community. It will fill a long felt need, as there are no standard high schools near.

PENALTY OF 20 PER CENT ON PRIVILEGES AFTER 31st

R. B. Boger, deputy commissioner of revenue with headquarters at Morgantown, asks The Courier to call attention to the fact that a penalty of 20 per cent will be placed on all state privilege taxes after July 31st. The new revenue act passed by the last legislature places a \$5 tax on all filling stations, \$2.50 tax on dispensers of soft drinks, \$5 tax on those selling hot weiners and a \$5 tax on automobiles outside of the mile limit. Inside the towns and within a mile of the town limits the tax is scheduled according to population.

WOODLAND TO RE-OPEN

Woodland Swimming Pool, flooded and filled with mud during the heavy rain on July 6, has been thoroughly cleaned and new sand placed in the bottom. Mr. Webb thinks he will be open again on Friday. He has gone to considerable expense to prevent a repetition of the losses sustained by the recent heavy rain.

Mr. Webb is contemplating the erection of a dancing pavilion, along with other improvements at Woodland.

The swimming pool has been a popular place, and the announcement of the opening will be received with pleasure.

SOME FISHING YARNS

Whether the hot weather affected the imagination of some of our fishermen or not, is left to the decision of the reader, but we give the stories as related:

Messrs. Wren Chambers, John Reid, G. M. Bennett and others went fishing at Shingle Hollow Thursday night. Wren says it was not a good night for fishing, but they did manage to land about 75 pounds, among the collection being a 7-pound eel.

Here is story No. 2: Messrs. J. E. Furr, O. T. Price, Vance Price, Conrad Kennedy, Forrest Vassey and others were fishing on the same night near Shiloh. The "bunch" report catching about 12 to 15 pounds of good fish and quantities of small ones.

Yes, fishing was good Thursday night—the fellows packed a good brand of "bait."

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Baptist Church, William A. Ayers, pastor.
Preaching by the pastor 11:00 a. m., and 8:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Chas. Flaack, superintendent.
Senior B. Y. P. U., Tuesday night, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-Week service Wednesday night, 8:00 o'clock.
Public cordially invited.

AUCTION LOT SALE AT CHIMNEY ROCK SATURDAY

The McNeely Land Co., will hold a lot sale at Chimney Rock, Saturday, July 25, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The sale will include 400 beautiful lots, for business or residential purposes. They are all finely located in the superb Chimney Rock section, opposite the rock, extending from the village to the head of Lake Lure.

The sale offers wonderful opportunities. Lots can now be purchased at private sale if you do not care to wait for the auction sale. See display ad in this paper for further particulars.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Elliott, on Sunday, 19th, a fine boy.

BELK MFG. CO. IS ORGANIZED AT ELLENBORO

Spinning Mill Plant to Be
Erected and in Operation
Before First Of Year.

Meeting Held, Officers Elected,
Site Secured, Arrangements
made Begin Work On Mill.

Ellenboro's proposed new spinning mill is assured, following a meeting of stock subscribers with Messrs. W. H. Belk and J. M. Lumley, of Charlotte, at Ellenboro, last Saturday.

At the organization meeting, Mr. J. M. Lumley was appointed chairman and Mr. J. A. Martin secretary.

On motion it was agreed that the new mill be named the Belk Manufacturing Company.

On motion and by a rising vote, the following were elected as officers of the company:

W. H. Belk, Charlotte, president.
E. A. Martin, Ellenboro, vice-president.

The stockholders then elected the following board of directors: W. H. Belk, E. A. Martin, C. M. Walker, Claude Duncan, Geo. Davis, Jr., J. S. Martin, J. A. Martin, M. L. Hamrick, Fred Harrill, W. A. Harrill, Geo. Jones, W. H. Payne, G. L. Jenkins.

Following a meeting of the directors, J. M. Lumley was elected superintendent and manager and J. A. Martin secretary-treasurer.

A glance over the list of directors will show that some of the best citizens of that section are behind the new mill, while the long list of stockholders comprises men of means who are amply able to back the new institution to the limit. These public spirited citizens not only realize the importance of getting the new industry for their section, but know that with the backing of the Belk interests, the project is an assured success from the very beginning.

The organization is to be capitalized at \$100,000. Nearly \$65,000.00 has been subscribed in stock, while Mr. Belk is putting into the company machinery valued at over \$20,000.00. More stock will be eagerly taken by the men of that section who realize the great possibilities of the mill and what it means to the town of Ellenboro and surrounding territory.

Fifty-three acres of ground have been secured, close to the railroad, and preliminary surveys began last Wednesday. The work of erecting necessary buildings, a railroad siding and other work will be pushed rapidly. Mr. Belk already has the machinery, which will be installed as soon as practicable. It is hoped to have the mill in operation before the first of the year.

Mr. J. M. Lumley, superintendent and manager of the plant, is an experienced textile man, having been for a number of years connected with the Henrietta Mills and is well known to the citizens of this county.

Mr. W. H. Belk, president of the company, is head of the great Belk interests in Charlotte. His connection with the new company spells success from the very beginning, as Mr. Belk's other plants will take the entire output of the spinning mill at Ellenboro, thus assuring disposal of every bit of the product of the new mill. Granting a successful operation of the plant, and there is no possible doubt of this, Mr. Belk has intimated that the Ellenboro plant may become eventually a million dollar proposition.

Ellenboro is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of the new plant. Appreciating the importance of the new industry and what it would mean to the town and community, and realizing the importance of the backing of the great Belk interests, citizens of that section hastily subscribed for the stock to start the concern and stand ready to back it to the limit. Set a million dollar plant as your goal, gentleman, and let there be no let-up until you get it. And then watch Ellenboro grow.

MILLINERY—See Mrs. A. C. Jones for the best in summer millinery.

KIWANIS TEAMS PLAY BASEBALL THIS AFTERNOON

Rutherfordton and Forest City
to Cross Bats On Local
Grounds at 4 P. M.

Kiwanis Club Making Efforts
to Locate Contractors On
Highway No. 20 Here.

Weather permitting—and who's afraid of rain these dry days?—there will be one of the most interesting games of baseball on the school grounds this afternoon (Thursday) at 4 p. m., that has ever been witnessed in this city.

When the Kiwanis clubs of Forest City and Rutherfordton hook up in a game of baseball, all the Ty Cobbs, Ruths and other luminaries of the big leagues will have to take a back seat. This game today is to be a real ball game. All the crack players of Rutherfordton are in line and "rearing" to go, while the Forest City boys say they are ready for 'em.

Some ball game, folks. Don't miss it.

The proceeds are to go to the worthy cause of underprivileged children. Ladies will be admitted free, while the men and boys are expected to produce a fifty cent piece at the gate.

Dr. R. R. Howes is field captain of the local Kiwanians and is lining up a strong team. We are informed that "Fatty" Price is to lead the cohorts from Rutherfordton.

Quite a number of visitors graced the Kiwanis meeting Monday evening.

A committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. J. M. Edwards, "Doc" Hall and A. R. Beam, to look after the matter of getting the contractors on highway No. 20 to locate their headquarters in Forest City.

The fun of the evening came with the farce trial of a prominent member on the grave charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was ably defended by "Weinie" Brown, while John Dalton made a hit as prosecutor. "Judge" T. G. Stone presided. The defendant was acquitted, after having almost turned the tables on the star witnesses.

GETTING INTO NEW HOMES.

Several moves have been made recently by residents of the city.

The family of Mr. J. A. Wilkie moved to Charlotte last week. Mr. Wilkie will continue to have his headquarters here.

Mr. R. W. Minish moved into the home he recently purchased from Mr. A. D. Mills.

Mr. J. W. Webb, new city manager, has rented the Burkholder residence on King street and will move into it within a few days.

Mr. G. C. King has moved into the Wilkie residence on Caroleen road.

Mr. C. E. Alcock moved into the Covington home on W. Main street, which he recently purchased through the Cyclone Auction Co.

A CALL TO PRAYER

All who believe in prayer are invited to come to the prayer service at the First Baptist church Wednesday night, July 22, that they may pray for rain. The Bible gives instances of prayer being offered for rain and the prayer was answered. God is just as able and willing to answer prayer now as ever in the past. The people are asked to give evidence of their faith in God and in prayer by attending this service in the true spirit of prayer.

GOING TO SHELBY

Mr. M. E. White, member of the firm of White Bros., Forest City, has rented a building at Shelby and will open a branch paint store there this week-end.

White Bros. are building a fine business in their handsome new quarters on Cherry Mt. street. The Shelby plant will make a specialty of automobile painting, along with the handling of a complete line of paints and contract work.