

NEW TEACHERS ARE ENTERTAINED

Floating Reception Given At the Kiwanis Hall Friday Evening Honoring New Teachers and Parents.

The floating reception for the teachers was given in the Kiwanis Hall Friday evening from 8:00 to 9:30 o'clock. The former teachers of Forest City entertained the new teachers, parents and patrons of the schools. A large number of the Forest City people as well as many of the parents out of town called during the evening.

Friday evening found, gathered at the Kiwanis Hall a crowd whose spirits even the rain could not dampen. The former teachers were there with a knowing smile. The new teachers were there with a catch in their breath and the parents were there with a cordial smile of welcome that made every new teacher feel as if she were already an old citizen of Forest City.

Demure young ladies from the high school served punch in bountiful quantities while everybody met everybody else with a hearty handshake. Informal music lent an air of gaiety to the gathering. At 9:30 the crowd had "floated on." The new teachers had passed inspection, the parents had met those who will have charge of their children's education for the next nine months and the former teachers wore a smile of pride at having afforded every one such a delightful evening.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The two divisions of the literary department of the Woman's Club which was to meet Thursday, Oct. 1, has been postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 4 o'clock. Let every member bear in mind the change in time of meeting and be present on Tuesday, Oct. 13th.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m., by Rev. G. R. Gillespie, the pastor.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the church on the third Sunday in Sept. They will meet at the church every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

POULTRY CAR COMING

The Southern Produce and Commission Company, of Hamlet, N. C., will have another poultry car in this county soon. The top market price is paid by this company. The car will be at Rutherfordton, October 6 and 7th, Ellenboro, Oct. 8th, and Bostic October 7th. Elsewhere in this issue will be found their ad. carrying the schedule of the car, and the prices paid for poultry, as well as instructions about preparing them for sale. Be sure to read this ad. and take a load of chickens to the car, when the date arrives.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N TO HAVE BOOTH AT FAIR

The Forest City P.-T.-A. will have a booth at the County Fair. We want every patron of our schools to contribute one of the following articles to wit: Frying size chickens, (dressed), chicken salad, pickles, cakes, pies, coffee, sugar, eggs. All rural students, please bring one frying size chicken (dressed) and 1-2 doz. eggs to the school building on Oct. 6th to 10th. Mothers who will, please volunteer for service during the Fair.

INDUSTRIAL BANK DECLARES SECOND 2 PER CENT DIVIDEND

At a director's meeting of the Industrial Bank, held Monday, a dividend of 2 per cent, the second since the opening of the bank, was declared. This bank declared its first dividend of 2 per cent July 1, just 64 days after its opening for business.

After paying these dividends the bank will have a good surplus. The institution is capably managed, has the support of an able board of directors and is making gratifying progress.

MR. A. L. M'FARLAND DIES AT CHARLOTTE

Well-Known Former Rutherford County Citizen Passes Saturday, at Age of 58.

The Charlotte Observer says:

Funeral services for Adolphus L. McFarland, who died at his home at 110 Caldwell Avenue, early Saturday morning, will be held at 4 P. M. Sunday, at his late residence. Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, Jr., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, will officiate.

Mr. McFarland, a native of Rutherford County, was 58 years old. He had been in ill health the last four years, following an attack of the influenza. He had been with the railway system of the Southern Public Utilities for thirteen years, and was chief inspector at the time of his death. He came to the company in 1912 as a street car conductor, and was promoted to position of inspector.

Previous to his connection with Southern Public Utilities, he had been a deputy collector in the United States Internal Revenue service, and also an employe of the Rutherfordton post office.

Mr. McFarland was regarded as a man of strict integrity by his associates on the street railway system and within the Southern Public Utilities Co.'s organization. He had a pleasing personality and his passing brought sorrow to his former associates.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and four daughters.

FERRY NEWS

Ferry, Sept. 28.—We had a good rain last Wednesday afternoon, which was greatly appreciated.

Miss Ruth Webster of Boiling Springs High School spent the weekend with Mrs. J. F. Kimball and Miss Lucile Sherlin.

Mr. Clinton Alexander of Orange, Texas, spent last week here, the guest of his brother, Mr. W. P. Alexander.

Mr. J. S. Sherlin and family spent Sunday at Spindale, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Monteith.

Mr. Gaither Kennedy and family spent last Thursday in Charlotte visiting the former's son, Mr. C. H. Kennedy and family at their home on Baldwin Avenue.

Rev. W. B. Jenkins filled his regular appointment at Floyd's Creek Sunday afternoon, delivering an interesting sermon.

Born, recently to Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Elmore, a fine girl, Ruth Lyon.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. L. C. Hardin to celebrate his 78th birthday Sunday, Sept. 27. A number were there from the two Carolinas. The names of whom are too numerous to mention. The table was spread in the grove and was heavily laden with good things to eat. Before dinner was served Rev. G. F. Settlemyre was asked to make a talk. He used as a subject for his talk Psalm 105, "O Give Thanks Unto God." After a few brief remarks he asked Mr. L. C. Hardin to speak. He said he was very thankful for God's love and blessings to himself and others. After dinner they were asked to march and a count was made of one hundred and fifty or more. It was impossible to count all accurately. We will say of Bro. Hardin, he is one of Forest City's oldest citizens, loved by young and old. Was a soldier in the war between the states. He is a charter member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, which he loves. We trust he may be spared to pass many more mile stones. May the richest blessings of God rest upon the entire connection and that they may have an abundant entrance into the city where we never grow old.

G. F. Settlemyre.

MULE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

A son of Mr. Lida Lowery of near Ellenboro, was driving a wagon last Wednesday afternoon during the thunderstorm when lightning struck his wagon knocking him out of it and killing his mule. He was not seriously hurt.

GREAT REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. R. J. Bateman Is Delivering Soul-Stirring Messages—Beautiful and Inspiring Cooperation By Other Denominations.

Dr. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, is delivering soul-stirring messages at 3:30 in the afternoons and 7:30 at night at the Baptist church in this city. Those who have heard this great preacher are letting nothing keep them away from the services. The hearts of men, deep down, are hungry for Christ. This man has a message with Christ and the cross at the center. Dr. Bateman was already



DR. R. J. BATEMAN

popular in Forest City, having held a great meeting here some three years ago, but it seems that his popularity has grown through these years. Surely he, too, has grown as an effective preacher. Standing, as he has through these years, for vital, New Testament Christianity in our mountain metropolis, he is not only convinced that Christ is the only adequate answer to the needs of men, the needs of the world, but he is able to convince others of this same great truth. Hence, the influence of his ministry is reaching out far beyond his home city and moving men, all over the state and the southland, to rediscover Christ and His cross as the only answer to the soul need. His messages, thus far, have throbbled with the dynamic power of the gospel of God.

All the preachers, churches and Christian people of the city are in-

terested. The co-operation manifest is beautiful to behold. The singing, under the direction of Mr. Fry, is one of the great features of the meeting. Every Christian is exhorted to make this a time of special prayer and personal work. Bring your unsaved friends with you to the services. Special prayer service is held in the hut each evening at 7 o'clock. The desire is that every man and woman, every boy and girl in the city may be blessed.

What Has Been Accomplished Under Pastorate Of Dr. Ayers.

Dr. W. A. Ayers came to the pastorate of the First Baptist church here from the First Baptist church of New Bern, N. C., about two and a half years ago. From the first the work has moved on in a most gratifying way. Congregations have been uniformly large and every department of the work has gone forward.

In winding up the 75 million campaign the church paid \$1,500 over its pledge of \$2,200. In the meantime they have built and paid for the handsome parsonage at a cost of \$12,000. The ladies have also beautified the church grounds at a cost of \$600. The increase in membership has been steady and substantial. Almost 200 have been received into the church under Dr. Ayers' leadership. In addition to his home work Dr. Ayers has had a number of demoniacal duties, being a member of the Baptist State Mission Board, a member of the Board of Trustees of Meredith College, also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute, of New Orleans. These general duties have taken a good deal of his time and thought. Then, in addition to this, Dr. Ayers was called on to direct, as chairman, the work in the Sandy Run Baptist Association with its 48 churches. The Association paid \$25,000 over their pledge in the 75 million campaign. The First Baptist church of Forest City had the honor of leading all the churches of the Association in this great campaign. With a loyal and united membership the church looks forward with great hopefulness.

Plans are already in hand for a modern Sunday School plant to be added to the church building. This will probably cost about \$40,000.



DR. W. A. AYERS

A "WHALE OF A WHALE"

A Courier reporter was shown the picture of "a whale of a whale" this morning by Mrs. E. E. McCurry. The monster of the deep weighed 50,000 pounds, was 58 feet in length and was captured at Port Arthur, Texas. The photograph was sent to Mrs. McCurry by her son, Mr. J. L. McCurry, who has a responsible position at Port Arthur. He did not state whether or not he was in the party capturing the whale, but it is assumed that he was.

METHODIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

The pastor will conduct services next Sunday at 11 a. m. This is the time for the regular quarterly communion service. It is earnestly desired that all the members of the church be present. The pastor would make this request. The doors of the church will be opened for any who may wish to join.

There will be no service at night. We will worship with our Baptist brethren in the revival meeting going on there.

FARMERS BANK INCREASES STOCK

Capital and Surplus Increased to \$200,000 Each—Stock Rapidly Subscribed.

The increase in capital stock of The Farmers Bank & Trust Company, from \$100,000 to \$200,000 goes into effect today, October 1st. Since the announcement of increase in capital stock, eager buyers have sought the new issue and a number of new stockholders in this great financial institution has resulted from the sale of the stock. The bank's capital and surplus are increased to \$400,000.

At a meeting of the directors, held at the bank Monday, it was decided to go on a 2 per cent quarterly dividend basis, with extra dividends from time to time. The bank has heretofore paid a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent with an added 4 per cent in January.

The Farmers Bank is the strongest country bank in the Tenth Congressional District and has been a powerful factor in the development of Rutherford county.

COTTON GINNED

There were 1042 bales of cotton ginned in Rutherford county up to Sept. 16, 1925. Cleveland county ginned 4755 bales up to the same time as compared to 122 for the same time last year. There were 110,046 bales ginned in the state up to Sept. 16th, 1925 while there were 22,212 ginned to the same date last year.

HENRIETTA NEWS

Henrietta, Sept. 29.—Mrs. D. D. Fortune is getting along nicely at the Rutherford Hospital. She was operated on for appendicitis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mahaffee had as dinner guests last Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee.

Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle preached an excellent sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday morning. Almost every service, since the revival some weeks ago, some have been taken into the church. Last Sunday he baptized one infant, received one by certificate and one took the church vows.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace were dinner guests of Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Caroleen, last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mahaffee, of Inman, S. C., spent the week-end here with Mr. Mahaffee's parents.

Every one seems to be very much interested in the fair which will open next week, especially the school children.

Rev. W. T. Tate who resigned as pastor of the Baptist church here some weeks ago will go to Pacolet, S. C. Mr. Tate's resignation becomes effective October 15th.

Many from this place are planning to attend the association at Spindale.

Mrs. C. B. Wiseman and daughter, Miss Cupid are visiting Mrs. Wiseman's sister, Mrs. Britt, at North Wilkesboro.

Since the good rains recently the mill here which had been having to stand on account of low water, is running about full time. In common with the other mills in this section the electric power is cut off two days each week.

MEMBERS OF CYCLONE AUCTION COMPANY GOING TO FLORIDA

Messrs. C. E. Huntley and G. C. King, members of the Cyclone Auction Co., which has extensive holdings in Florida, will leave this week-end with their families to locate in Kissimmee for the winter season.

Messrs. J. A. Wilkie and June Harrell, also members of the Cyclone Co., will look after the interests of the company during the absence of Messrs. Huntley and King.

In an announcement in this issue, the Cyclone Auction Co., lets it be known that they have great faith in this county and in this section. While land and lot sales are not at their best this Fall, the company expects a great awakening and business revival in the coming spring.

Ladies, have you seen the splendid hats at Mrs. E. E. McCurry's?

CLARENCE GRIFFIN GETS FINE POSITION

Appointed Depot Agent For the Southern Ry. At Spindale—Will Represent The Courier.

Mr. Clarence Griffin, who for over eighteen months has been connected with The Courier as editor of the Spindaleonian and office assistant, has been appointed depot agent for the Southern Railway Co., at Spindale, succeeding Mr. Max Watson, who has accepted a position in the office of the Stonecutter Mills. The appointment is effective October 1st.



CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN

Mr. Griffin's new position carries a handsome increase in salary over what he has had in the newspaper game, and there is no finer young man in the county and one more worthy. It is with deep regret that we lose him from our office, as we have learned to love him as a son. However, there is great consolation in the fact that he will not altogether cease his connection with The Courier, as he will continue to represent this paper at Spindale as agent and editor of the Spindale news columns. He has always been our loyal friend, doing a great work as correspondent for The Courier while in school.

Mr. Griffin has marked talents, the most pronounced of which is his writing of historical articles. There is no one in the county as familiar with the history of the county and state as he, and he has written many valuable articles along this special line. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Griffin and a graduate of the Spindale High School, where he made a splendid record. He spent about 12 months with the State Highway Commission prior to his acceptance of a regular position with The Courier. He is very popular in his home town. He is talented in many lines and The Courier predicts that he will make his mark in the world.

Mr. Griffin has a wonderful capacity for work. He has been active in church and Sunday school work, is deputy scout commissioner of Piedmont Council, official in the Spindale Band, correspondent for many daily newspapers, besides his work on this newspaper.

We regret losing him from our office force, but appreciate that his loyalty and love has caused him to consent to remain as our representative in his home town of Spindale.

While he will in no way allow his work for this paper to interfere with his duties to the Southern, he will have ample time during his leisure hours to take any order for The Courier, ads, jobs or subscriptions, besides overseeing the splendid corps of news writers at that place.

—C. E. A.

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

While standing on the streets, near Efrid's store, last Saturday afternoon, Mr. J. N. McMurry was severely injured when an automobile jumped the curb and jammed him against a brick wall. He is recovering nicely and no serious results are anticipated.

COUNTY WELL REPRESENTED AT CAROLINAS EXPOSITION

Rutherford county was well represented at the Fashion Revue of the Carolinas Exposition in Charlotte last Thursday. Among those taking part in this contest from this county were: Girls, 18 years and younger: Misses Ruth McDonald, Forest City, R-1; Bessie Harrill, Dawsey Thomas, Ferne Pruett and Lillie Atchley, Cliffside and more than 18 years of age: Mrs. Everett Walker, Ruth.