

## PRESBYTERIAL TO MEET AT ELLENBORO ON OCTOBER 17

Death Of Mr. John W. McFarland — Other News From Rutherfordton.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 13.—The group conference of Kings Mountain Presbyterial, will meet with the Presbyterial church at Ellenboro, on Saturday, October 17, at 10 o'clock, for one day only. The Presbyterial comprises the five counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford.

Plans are being made by the committee in charge for a full and helpful program.

The president of the Presbyterial announces that Mrs. D. C. Williamson, of Chilpancingo, Mex., and Mrs. S. C. Farrior, of Chikiang, China, missionaries representing the Southern Presbyterial church, are expected to be present and participate in the exercises. A box lunch will be served at the church at 12:30 p. m.

John W. McFarland, aged 82, a prominent citizen of Polk county, died at his home near Poores Ford, Sunday night at 10 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. McFarland was a native of Rutherford county but had resided in Polk county for many years. He was a prominent republican and represented Polk county in the North Carolina general assembly, for several terms.

Mr. McFarland was a member of the Rutherfordton Presbyterial church, and of Western Star Lodge No. 91, A. F. and A. M., of Rutherfordton, and was buried with Masonic honors at Kistler's Chapel, near his home, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Hunter conducting the funeral service.

Rev. J. O. Erin, pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church, will attend the 36th annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, which will convene at Statesville, on Wednesday, October 14. The many friends of Rev. Erin are expecting him to be returned to the Rutherfordton-Gilboa charge.

Rev. James C. Grier, pastor of the Presbyterial church here, will leave for Mooresville, Tuesday morning where he will attend the 112th annual stated session of the North Carolina synod of the Southern Presbyterial church which convenes at the First Presbyterial church there, on Tuesday evening, October 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hamilton Walker, of Crews, Va., spent a few days in Rutherfordton county visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Julian Walker, and other relatives. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Minnie Carrier Walker, who will be here some weeks with friends and relatives, who are glad to welcome her to Rutherfordton, her former home.

## HARRILL BROS. STORE VISITED BY BURGLARS

Thieves entered the store of Harrill Bros., in the West End, Tuesday night by breaking a small window in the rear of the store. A ladder was used to gain entrance through the aperture. All windows except this small one, high up in the rear, had been fortified with iron bars.

The thieves carried the cash register across the railroad, where it was found, practically demolished. There was no cash in the register. A metal case containing charge accounts was found intact near where the cash register was broken open.

Among the missing goods from the store were shoes, cigarettes, canned goods, etc. The loss could not be accurately estimated, but was rather small.

Officers are at work on the case, but with very few clues to work upon.

## OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

The seventh annual older boys' conference for the Western District will be held in Shelby Oct. 18-19. A wonderful program has been prepared. Many will attend from this county.

## COL. J. T. GARDNER DIES SUDDENLY AT FOREST CITY

One Of Cleveland County's Most Prominent Citizens and Widely Known Over State.

Colonel J. T. Gardner, brother of O. Max Gardner and brother-in-law of Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, died suddenly at Forest City, at the home of Mrs. Sue Biggerstaff, where he and his wife were visiting, at 9:30 o'clock last Friday night.

It is understood that Colonel Gardner, who was preparing to retire, stumbled suddenly and fell to the floor, expiring almost immediately. His death is attributed to high blood pressure. He was 64 years of age.

The funeral was held from the home in Shelby Sunday afternoon.

Colonel Gardner was mayor of Shelby thirteen times, serving a total of twenty-six years in this capacity. He was for many years connected with the military establishment of North Carolina. He was captain of a North Carolina company during the Spanish-American war, and was colonel of the First North Carolina regiment following the war.

Colonel Gardner was a son of Dr. O. P. Gardner. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Texie Nooe, of Mecklenburg county and five children, Tallmage and Louis Gardner, of Shelby; Dr. John Gardner, of Texas; Mrs. Helen Carrick, of Florida, and Mrs. Graham Morrison, of Lincoln county.

He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: O. Max Gardner, of Shelby; Pat Gardner, of Gastonia; Will Gardner; Mrs. J. J. McMurry, Mrs. Clyde Hoey, and Mrs. J. A. Anthony, of Shelby; Mrs. Cleo Robinson, of New York, and Mrs. Addie Farthing, of Charlotte.

## COUNTY CLUB MEETS OCT. 20

October Meeting At Isothermal Hotel, Rutherfordton—Interesting Program Prepared.

The October meeting of the County Club will be held at Rutherfordton, at the Isothermal Hotel, on Tuesday, October 20th, at 1 p. m.

The program committee has been successful in securing Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., president of the Black Bear Trail, Banker, Promoter, and Good Roads Advocate, as the principal speaker for the occasion.

The Black Bear Trail, scenic route for tourists between North and South, from Quebec, Canada to Miami, Florida. This highway will cross Rutherfordton county and will be a great asset to this county. It offers: First—The shortest distance. Second—The most wondrous scenery. Third—The greatest wealth of historic interest. It is the purpose of the club to arouse interest in the great possibilities of this North to South Scenic Highway. A large attendance is requested.

## MR. PHIL WOMACK DEAD

Mr. Phil Womack died at his home near Sandy Mush, Tuesday at 12 o'clock of infirmities incident to old age, he being about 80 years old.

He was widely known and highly respected and a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Womack had been twice married and is survived by his second wife and six children, Mrs. Lettie Hamrick, Mrs. Tommie Toms, Mrs. Lila McSwain, Messrs. Lawton, John and Burrell Womack.

Interment took place at Mt. Pleasant church cemetery at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

The Fair Store's big bargain sale begins Oct. 16, tomorrow. Best bargain event of the year. Don't miss your opportunity.

Save money by attending the mammoth sale of The Fair Store. See ad for full particulars.

## GREAT BAPTIST MEETING CLOSED WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Dr. R. J. Bateman Did Powerful Work — Fifty New Members For Church.

A most fruitful meeting closed at the First Baptist church on last Wednesday night. Dr. R. J. Bateman of the First Baptist church, Asheville, did the preaching. All who heard Dr. Bateman agree that they have never heard a more engaging, forceful, and effective preacher. Gleaning from the practical things of daily life he illustrated the truth in unforgettable ways. Christians were lifted to heights of spiritual vision and joy which moved them, almost without exception, to lay themselves on the altar for their utmost service. Young and old alike were faithful to the meetings. Great crowds attended both the day and night services. Faithfully did the Christians gather each evening at 7 o'clock, in the Hut, and pour out their hearts in impetuous prayer for definite individuals. Often in the church service, which followed the prayer meeting, individuals who had been the objects of prayer would step out and confess faith in Christ. And many of the unsaved came.

Already about fifty have been received into the membership of the church and quite a number went to other churches in the city. The pastor baptized 23 on last Thursday night. On Sunday night he baptized ten more. Many were received by statement and watchcare and letters. The religious life of the whole church has been toned up in a remarkable way. In fact, the entire community has been greatly blessed.

One of the great and important features of the meeting was the singing, under the direction of Mr. Q. L. Fry, of Atlanta, Ga. He is one of the most spiritual and consecrated song directors who has ever come to our town. He sings the gospel in a most appealing way, and one is made to believe, because he loves the Lord and wants to win the lost to Christ. The musicians also did such splendid work, Miss Goggans, the accomplished organist of the church, was at the organ and Mrs. Collins (Miss Hazel Tate) with such splendid talent, was at the piano. The singers, too, came from all the churches and lent their talent to make the meeting a success.

We feel that all the churches, the First Baptist in particular, and the city itself are better because of this great meeting. All the city would vote for these great workers to come to us again.

## FORMER COUNTY MAN IN TROUBLE AT CHARLOTTE

J. B. Vickers, formerly of this county, is facing a serious charge in Charlotte, according to the following article from The Charlotte Observer yesterday:

John B. Vickers is being held at the Mecklenburg jail without bond by order of a coroner's jury, to stand trial for the murder last Thursday morning of Ellison Y. Rogers, former Union county resident, who was found with his skull crushed on the old Tuckasee road about eight miles from Charlotte.

The jury resumed Monday the hearing begun Saturday, and took the testimony of five persons who identified Vickers as the man they had seen with Rogers Thursday and earlier in the week, when he was preparing to go to Detroit with a friend, alleged to be the prisoner. Vickers denies even acquaintance with Rogers, or with any of those who identified him. He retained Conley Robinson as his attorney during the day.

Two more men were positive in their identification of Vickers yesterday as the man they saw in Rogers' company Thursday morning. Taken to rural headquarters, they pointed him out to officers, even before they had been asked if he were the man, telling them and Vickers that they had drunk cold drinks with him and Rogers Thursday morning shortly before Rogers was seen dead. Vickers denied knowledge of any such meeting.

## FIRST NUMBER LYCEUM COURSE COMING WEDNESDAY

Pietro La Verdi, Man Of Many Talents, At The Graded School Auditorium.

The first number of the lyceum attractions to come to Forest City will be Pietro La Verdi, the man of many talents, who will appear under the auspices of the Woman's Club, at the graded school auditorium next Wednesday evening, Oct. 21st.

It is seldom that we find in one man such a great variety of talents as possessed by Pietro La Verdi, who is an entertainer in every sense of the word, as everything he does is entertaining. He is an impersonator, featuring impersonations from Harry Lauder in costume and Italian Characters of a very novel nature; a singer, presenting some humorous dialect songs, playing his own accompaniments; a lightning crayon artist of unusual ability, drawing clever and funny cartoons, trick drawings and beautiful landscapes in lightning fashion; a ventriloquist whose wholesome fun will keep you in good cheer for many weeks to come; and a musician playing a great variety of instruments, including the Piano Accordion.

## DR. WARE HAS GOOD YEAR

Dr. W. R. Ware, pastor of the M. E. church, has closed his first year's work in the city and is now attending conference at Statesville.

The good minister has not only endeared himself to the people, but has been a vigorous worker, as his first year's work will show. There has been 115 members received into the two churches, 48 on profession of faith, while 24 children have received baptism. The total raised by the Forest City charge, 1925, is \$9,423.00 for all purposes.

## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Meager news has reached this office of a fatal automobile accident, near Race Path, last week-end. Mr. Jas. Gardner died in the Rutherfordton hospital Wednesday, as the result of being struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Tom Patton, of the same neighborhood.

It is said that Mr. Gardner was walking on the wrong side of the road when Mr. Patton approached. The latter blew his horn, which apparently frightened Mr. Gardner, who, according to report, sprang directly in front of the car. He was rushed to the hospital, but succumbed to his injuries.

Mr. Gardner was a well known farmer of the Race Path section. He is survived by his wife. He was 59 years old.

The burial took place at Sandy Run this afternoon.

## AUTO THIEVES BUSY

The new Hudson sedan belonging to Mr. J. D. Mauney, of Caroleen, was stolen from the public square in Forest City, while Mrs. Mauney was shopping, last Saturday afternoon. Quick work by the police resulted in the capture of Walter Bridgeman, young white man of Shelby, in Charlotte that night and the recovery of the car.

Bridgeman was returned to Rutherfordton jail Sunday by Chief Stalaker. His preliminary trial was held Tuesday and he was held to criminal court under bond of \$1,000, which he failed to give.

A Ford roadster belonging to Mr. Boyce Wilkie, was stolen Friday night.

The Ford touring car belonging to Will Hampton, colored, was badly damaged when he collided with Don Yelton's Ford roadster, on the Alexander road Sunday night. Hampton's car was left by the roadside that night, when thieves stole everything removable from the damaged car. Sam Warren and Lacey Stewart were arrested Monday, charged with the robbery. At the preliminary trial Tuesday, Warren gave bond, while Stewart is being held in jail.

## SPECIAL TERM OF CIVIL COURT CONVENE OCT. 12

List of Jurymen For Criminal Term, Which Will Convene Nov. 2, Judge Harding Presiding.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 12.—A special term of the Supreme Court of Rutherford county for the trial of civil cases convened here today, with Judge Walker D. Siler presiding. The August term was not held because of lack of a suitable place. The docket was published in The Courier Oct. 1.

## Criminal Court Nov. 2.

Criminal Court will convene here Nov. 2, with Judge Harding presiding. Following is a list of jurors selected:

## First Week.

J. A. Martin, M. O. Mooney, W. V. Bartles, E. Phillips, G. C. Matheny, J. C. Fortune, G. W. Logan, M. Y. Tate, Crawford Watson, W. O. Henson, A. S. Rollins, H. F. Killiam, O. H. Hill, J. M. Roach, G. B. Henderson, Frank Camp, G. F. Spratt, J. M. Brackett, L. L. Weeks, N. L. Walker, J. B. Shitle, J. W. Hill, F. A. Simms, J. G. Watson, O. G. Wilson, A. I. Phillips, J. W. Lattimore, G. W. Long, J. C. Fortenbury, Z. E. Dobbins, G. P. Doggett, S. W. Sims, A. L. Hardin, John E. Wilson, E. E. Davidson, G. W. Matheny.

## Second Week.

C. C. Goforth, C. C. Bridges, J. H. Hill, Walter Young, F. D. Koone, D. B. McMurry, J. H. Campbell, Walter Jenkins, J. D. Link, Guilford Nanne, G. W. Hardin, Jr., G. O. Wall, C. C. Hollifield, John Earley, A. G. Morgan, Summey Matheny, A. O. Lynch, L. C. Jones.

## APPLETON GETS BROGDON MILLS

New England Concern Thus Increases Output By 25 Per Cent — D. D. Little Manager.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 13.—Brogdon mills, of Anderson, was sold Tuesday to the Appleton mills, of Lowell, Mass., according to messages received here from Anderson. The sale price was not made public.

D. D. Little, of Spartanburg, is southern manager for Appleton mills, and thus becomes manager of the Brogdon plant for the new owners.

The Appleton mills have sought a southern branch for several years. And at one time were known to be negotiating for a site in this section. By this purchase Appleton mills increases its manufacturing facilities by, roughly, 25 per cent.

It has 3,622 broad looms, 114,398 ring spindles and 672 twister spindles. The Brogdon has 30,468 ring spindles. Both concerns have facilities for dyeing, bleaching and finishing.

In normal times Appleton employs 1,850 and Brogdon mills 600 people. Appleton manufactures flannelettes, gingham and outing flannels, while the southern unit specializes on flannels.

The physical property of the Brogdon mills was carried on January 1, 1925, balance sheet at \$1,438,492, and excess of current assets over current liabilities amounted to \$976,979, a total of \$2,415,471. Capital stock was \$1,321,600 and profit and loss surplus \$1,122,279.

For the past few years the Appleton company has carried a reserve of \$2,000,000 for acquisition of a southern mill. As of October 31, 1924, it had additional reserves and surplus of \$3,355,618.

This sale comes after three years of efforts by Appleton company to find a southern plant which might be advantageously acquired.

Coats that you will like to wear. All the new popular shades and styles, and at popular prices. See Hoe's Department Store.

## ECHOES FROM SANDY RUN ASSOCIATION

Convened at Spindale Baptist Church Oct. 8-9—Spirit of Harmony.

The 36th Annual Session of the Sandy Run Association convened with the Spindale Baptist church October 8th lasting through the 9th. From the very beginning there were evidences that promised a most interesting and pleasant session and as was the unanimous testimony of those who sat through the two days of its meeting, we were not disappointed in our expectations. Even before the hour had arrived for the Association to convene there were already a large number of delegates as well as visitors on the ground. The house was comfortably filled and most of the time packed during each of its sessions. The report of our general denominational, as well as home work, for the past year was in many respects gratifying.

The writer never attended a session of an Association that was more thoroughly characterized by the spirit of harmony and good will. While there was interest manifested throughout, there was not even a heated discussion or dissent brought before the body. At the opening session Rev. C. C. Matheny was elected as Moderator to succeed Rev. Z. D. Harrill, who had served in this capacity for twenty-two successive years.

The Spindale church cared for the Association in a great way. There was food in abundance and a spirit of hospitality that was superb. Their new building served in a fine way for the needs of such a gathering.

According to letters handed in from the various churches the following report is given. In the fifty churches comprising the Association there were seven hundred and thirty-eight additions by Baptism last year with a total gain in membership of 774 members which swells the present total membership of the Sandy Run Association to 10,560. This is now one of the largest Baptist Associations in the state. While there was a gain of \$3,411.24 in the amount of money raised in the Association for Home Expenses over the previous year there was a falling off of \$2,515.82 in the amount raised for the denominational objects. This in part is accounted for when we recall that last year was the closing year of the Seventy-five Million Campaign together with the fact that this year has been a loan year following the five years of strenuous effort.

The amount of money raised for running expenses of the local churches and for Benevolences was \$5.00 per capita. In addition to this there was around a hundred thousand dollars spent last year in building and repairs among the churches of the Association.

## RUTHERFORD ALUMNI ENDORSE DR. CHASE

Rutherfordton, Oct. 14.—The Rutherford county alumni of the University of North Carolina held a get-together dinner at the Isothermal hotel Monday night. County Supt. Clyde A. Erwin, K. S. Tanner, D. F. Morrow, Charles F. Gold, M. L. Edwards, E. N. Washburn, Jr., and R. E. Price made short talks. A committee was appointed to sponsor an intercollegiate banquet here during the holidays.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Rutherford County Alumni association of the University of North Carolina approves of the broad view, courageous spirit and good work of Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the university.

"Second—That we urge the general assembly of North Carolina to be more liberal with the university financially, so that it may continue to grow and serve our state and enable more young men and women to attend it.

"Third—That we pledge our loyal support to the president, faculty and Alumni association for a greater university."