

## LARGE CROWD ATTENDS LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF NEW COURTHOUSE

### Impressive Masonic Ceremonies Marks the Occasion — Memorials Placed in Foundation Stone.

Despite the cold wind and dampness under foot a large crowd stood to view the Masonic Ritual of the laying of the courthouse cornerstone at Rutherfordton Monday.

The ceremony was conducted by Mr. J. W. Winborn, as Grand Master, assisted by other members of the Grand Lodge and officers and members from Lodges at Marion, Forest City, Cliffside, Caroleen and Western Star Lodge of Rutherfordton. There were also present the county officers, members of the Board of Education, Mr. Louis H. Asbury, the architect, and Mr. McGinnis, resident architect, assisting in the ceremony.

The procession, led by the Band and civic authorities, followed by Mr. O. H. Hill, as Grand Tyler; Messrs. R. E. Price and J. W. Whitesides, as Grand Stewards; Mr. C. T. Shytle as Principal Architect, with the implements of his office; Mr. J. L. Robinson, as Grand Secretary; Mr. J. P. Lewis as Grand Treasurer. The Bible, with square and compasses was carried by Mr. T. G. Stone, Worshipful Master of the Forest City Lodge, supported by his two stewards, Messrs. J. E. McFarland and S. K. Yelton, followed by Dr. John S. Wood, of Forest City, Mr. J. Cal Williams, as Junior Grand Warden, carrying a silver vessel with oil, Mr. J. H. Carpenter as Senior Grand Warden, carrying a silver vessel with wine; Mr. John B. Miller, as Deputy Grand Master, carrying the vessel with corn; Mr. J. P. Bean as Master of oldest lodge, carrying the Book of Constitutions. Deacon G. E. Hill, with rod; Acting Grand Master J. W. Winborn, Deacon, H. F. Maness, with rod; Grand Pursuivant, J. M. Edwards; Mr. J. Y. Yelton as Grand Sword Bearer with drawn sword and Mr. W. J. Beam as Grand Marshal.

An arch was formed by the rods of the stewards and the members of the procession arriving at the arch fell to the right and left, forming a line through which the Grand Master and his officers passed to the platform, the others gathering about, forming a hollow square.

Silence was commanded by the Grand Master which was followed by the singing of the Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." After which the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Most Worshipful Grand Master's order for proper silence and decorum during the ceremonies. Which was followed by the Masonic custom of invoking the blessing of the Deity before entering upon any great and important undertaking.

Mr. W. G. Harris of the building committee addressed the Grand Master stating the purpose of the erection and requested that the corner stone be laid according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry. The Grand Master then announcing the custom of the Craft on all such occasions to deposit in the cavity within the foundation stone, certain memorials of the period at which it was erected. A sealed box containing: Order of the County Commissioners to erect the new court house, June 11, 1925; Resolution of the County Commissioners to sell and move the old court house, made June 29, 1925; A Holy Bible; Lists of officers and aldermen of the town of Rutherfordton; Officers of Rutherford County including the Board of County Commissioners and County Board of Education; White teachers of Rutherford County, 1925-1926; Officers of the Davis-Dickerson Mills Chapter, U. D. C.; Officers Rutherford Camp Confederate Veterans; Officers William Corbett Camp, U. C. V.; Officers and members Western Star Lodge No. 91 A. F. & A. M.; Copy of The Sun, December 24, 1925, August 30, 1923; Copy Forest City Courier January 7, 1926; By-Laws of Western Star Lodge No. 91; Booklet "Rutherfordton at a Glance"; The Charlotte Observer, Rutherford County Special Number; The Sun of June 18, 1925; Copy of Blum's Farmers and Planters Almanac for the year 1926; proceedings of the Grand Lodge, A. F.

& A. M. of North Carolina for 1924; Rutherford County Economic and Social by R. E. Price and a partial list of Masons who took part in the laying of the cornerstone, January 12, 1926.

Rev. J. B. Carpenter, the oldest Mason in the County, attended the laying of the cornerstone, he having assisted in the laying of the corner of the old courthouse, erected in 1908. The deposited records were assembled by Mr. R. E. Price and others, placed with the old records and sealed in a copper box. The box being placed within the hollow of the stone, the stone was lowered by three successive motions with the Grand Honors given after each motion. The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden were then presented with the proper implements of their respective offices and ordered to try the stone which was done by the respective officers and the stone declared to be square, level and plumb, the craftsmen having performed their duty. The elements of consecration were then presented; the Deputy Grandmaster pouring the corn as an emblem of plenty and asking the blessings of a bounteous heaven to be showed upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings; he was followed by the Senior Grand Warden who poured wine upon the stone as an emblem of joy and gladness, invoking a similar blessing and lastly by the Junior Grand Warden who poured oil upon the stone as an emblem of peace, he also invoking a blessing.

The Grand Master then extended his hands gave the invocation, after which the implements of the profession were delivered to the architect, with full confidence of the lodge as to his skill to complete the work.

A short and splendid oration was given by Mr. Clyde Erwin, speaking of the glories of Masonry, who have assisted in the building of the most beautiful buildings of all time, since the erection of King Solomon's Temple. And of the Glories of Rutherford County, the mighty possibilities of her future.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed upon order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that the cornerstone had been found square, level, plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to ancient customs, which was followed by the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction. After which the procession again formed and returned to the lodge room.

The new Rutherford County Courthouse will be a two-story and basement building, and for size, second to none in the State. In designing this building nothing but the very best grade of materials were contemplated.

The exterior is to be of selected Indiana Limestone, of classic design and Corinthian order. On the interior the floors, except in the court room, are to be of terrazzo. The stairs at each end of the building are of wrought iron with marble treads. All interior furniture is to be of steel. The record rooms in connection with the Register of Deeds office and clerk of court's office are arranged so that all records up to January, 1927, may be placed in the first floor record room and all new records after this date on the second floor record room which is on the same level as the main floor of the building.

Ample space has been provided for all the court offices and all necessary court rooms. Besides the main court room, rooms have been provided for the judge, jury, prisoners, solicitor, grand jury and witnesses. The county physician's offices are on the second floor. The supt. of schools and the county commissioners have offices on the main floor, as well as the sheriff, treasurer, auditor, clerk of court and register of deeds. In the basement is located the farm demonstrator's office and recorder's court room, storage space and available

## MILLS RESUME FULL WORK TIME MONDAY

### Power Co. Announces Withdrawal Of Its Request For Curtailment Of Electric Current.

Textile workers and mill officials in Rutherford county rejoiced that the Southern Power Co., has notified its hundreds of customers in the Carolinas, textile mills and other industries using hydro-electric power, that "effective Monday, January 11, our request for curtailment is withdrawn."

The curtailment in the use of electric power has been on a basis of only one day each week for the last month or so. The curtailment was first made effective last August 26 and reached its peak on a basis of two and a half days each week in the fall, made necessary, it was explained, by the unprecedented drought in western North Carolina last year.

Officials of the company explained that recent precipitation is believed to have been sufficient, together with the operation of the company's steam plants, to make further curtailment unnecessary, provided frequent rains continue, but that without further frequent precipitation renewed curtailment might later be found necessary.

The State College Glee Club will give a program at the High School auditorium Thursday, January 28. Further announcement will be made next week.

## CAROLEEN NEWS

Caroleen, Jan. 11.—The first snow of the season fell Thursday night. This is the largest snow we have had for about two years.

We are glad to note the Southern Power Co. has given notice for the mills to resume their full time schedule.

Mr. S. O. Walker, the efficient cotton buyer for the Henrietta Mills, spent the latter part of last week in Atlanta on business.

Misses Mae Young and Glenn Harris of Sandy Mush were visiting in our town a while Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Will Grant, of Kershaw, S. C., has accepted the position as overseer of weaving at Caroleen. Mr. Grant succeeds Mr. H. E. Spratt, who has been with the Henrietta Mills for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Spratt will devote his time to his farm. We are glad to welcome Mr. Grant and his splendid family.

The Patriotic Sons of America, Washington Camp No. 99, of Caroleen, entertained the District Association during the holidays. A splendid supper was served to the visiting delegates.

Miss Nellie Harris has returned to school at Weaver College after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. G. C. Hardin. Miss Harris is a Junior at college this year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Colvin were shopping in Spartanburg last Thursday.

Mrs. Zula Rose has traded her Ford coupe for a new model Essex Coach.

## GOOD WATER REPORT

The January report from the state laboratory at Raleigh, recently received here, shows that water taken from private taps in the city is practically 100 per cent pure. There were absolutely no typhoid germs in the city water. This splendid showing will be appreciated by the public. The water supply at present is good.

## CITY WATER METERS

The city has recently contracted for 500 water meters and these will be installed as soon as possible after their arrival here. The installation of the new meters will entail no extra cost to householders.

space for any future offices that may develop. The building is to be of fireproof construction with marble wainscoting in the corridors and, all in all, nothing has been spared in making it a first-class, attractive and permanent building.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW GOING LIKE HOT CAKES

### Hundreds Taking Advantage Of Extension Of Holiday Offer Of \$1 Year.

Every person in Rutherford county is entitled to get The Courier at our Special Holiday Offer of one dollar per year, provided the offer is accepted before February 1st. Hundreds are subscribing to their favorite county paper and new and renewed subscriptions are pouring in daily.

It is a bargain offer that none should fail to accept. There are just two reasons why we have made this remarkable offer: First, to show our appreciation of the fact that our farmers had many difficulties to confront them during the past year, many of the textile employees were on short time and others are in position to appreciate the fact that we are offering to save every one 50c. Second, we are starting the new year with a largely increased subscription list and getting all paid in advance, as all subscriptions should be.

February first we will go back to the regular subscription price of \$1.50 per year, which is a fair rate for a weekly newspaper, and which can not be published at a less rate without a loss.

There are just a few who have not as yet sent in their renewals, and we hope they will not neglect this opportunity to get their county paper at the reduced price. Be sure to read the label on this week's paper and if your time is out, or about to expire, renew at once, before the special offer expires Feb. 1st.

The Courier management constantly strives for improvement and has the confident belief that the paper will be better in this good year of 1926 than ever before.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Gathered Here and There By Rev. H. C. Sisk.

Mr. Riley Baynard is improving some.

Mrs. Horace Sisk is on the sick list.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Doggett, Monday, Jan. 12, a fine boy.

Misses Nell and Daisy Deck, of near Logan Station and Mr. Henry Carson, Jr., visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman Sunday.

Little Miss Lois Henderson is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henderson of Chesnee, S. C.

Mrs. Dora Nanney visited her daughter, Mrs. Tom Baynard, of Caroleen Monday, who is the proud mother of a fine boy, born Jan. 3rd.

Mr. Fred Osborn and daughters, Misses Cordia and Mary Sue, of Ruth, were visitors here Sunday.

## CHERRY MT. NEWS

Bostic, R-2, Jan. 11.—The people of this section were glad to see the nice snow last week and enjoyed the day Saturday rabbit hunting.

Mr. Hoyle Kendrick left for Florida last Monday where he expects to work at the Carpenter's trade.

Mrs. Eugene Yelton and children have returned home after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fortune of Cliffside.

Mr. J. M. and Omer Hollifield made a business trip to Chesnee, S. C., Tuesday.

Misses Mozelle and Juanita Hastings spent the day with Miss Blanche Lovelace last Sunday.

Miss Mozelle Hastings entertained her friends at a party last Saturday night. Games were enjoyed by all present. Those present were: Misses Essie and Grace McKinney, Margaret Walker, Doreas Hollifield, Omer and Rex Hollifield and Rob Padgett.

Misses Mary and Mae Ezell, of Chesnee, S. C., visited their sister, Janette, at Mr. Hollifield's last week.

Mrs. Jerry White has been visiting relatives at Spindale the past week.

## CITY WILL HAVE RECORDER'S COURT

### Vote In Saturday's Election Resulted in 107 For and Only 28 Against Establishing the Court.

Forest City will have a Recorder's Court, according to the will of the voters in Saturday's election, which resulted as follows:

107 for the court.  
28 against.

The vote was a light one, as compared with the mayoralty race, when 371 votes were cast in the election. In Saturday's election there were only 135 votes cast. There are about 600 registered voters in the city. When this is realized, the falling off in Saturday's vote will be the more noticeable. Just why qualified voters will not come out to the polls and cast their ballots in an important election is beyond our ken. Anyway, the result Saturday seems to have given general satisfaction and Forest City is to get the Recorder's Court, which is badly needed in this fast growing city.

The order for the court will become effective within thirty days from date of the election. There has been much speculation as to who will be the new Recorder. According to the state law, the mayor may serve, or the Board of Aldermen may appoint a judge of the Recorder's Court. The Board will meet on the evening of Jan. 22, when the decision will be made.

## ALEXANDER NEWS

Alexander, Jan. 11.—The people of Alexander are rejoicing over the fact that the curtailment of the mill operation has been taken off. The streams are flowing freely again which means that electricity, the power by which the mill is run, will be plentiful from now on.

The mumps are beginning to spread over the Alexander hills, but with careful attention little harm will be done.

Mr. Monroe Holland died at the Rutherford Hospital last Friday and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

The first quarterly conference of Alexander and Spindale charge was held with the Alexander M. E. church January 7th at 7:15 p. m. The conference was called to order by Rev. E. O. Cole, the presiding elder of the Marion district. The business of the charge was transacted and every report was made in full up to date. The attendance was good and after the business session the Epworth League served sandwiches and hot coffee. Then the conference adjourned to meet with the Spindale church at the next meeting.

Mrs. B. B. Hester returned from the Rutherford Hospital last Tuesday afternoon and is now recovering rapidly. She will soon be able to resume her domestic duties again.

She and her husband wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown them during their illness.

Come to the Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church every Sunday morning. You will always find a warm room and a warm welcome there. Come!

## WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The Family Welfare Association of Forest City will be delighted to treat with courtesy and immediate attention any and all requests for aid reported by citizens who sign their names to such communications. The Association will not, however, pay any attention to anonymous letters, notes or communications. The Association was organized for the purpose of giving constructive aid intelligently and where needed, and denies that any citizens or group of citizens has the right to dictate its policy other than officers constituting the executive committee, selected and appointed by the representative temporary organization. Any one desiring to enlist the Association's services must sign name and address to request, otherwise no attention will be given it.

## LATEST NEWS OF INTEREST FROM HENRIETTA

### Interesting Items Covering the Happenings in This Hustling Little City.

Henrietta, Jan. 12.—Clarence Newton, young son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Newton, is again in the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia. Clarence has spent a great deal of time there in the last year, being treated for trouble in his hip.

Mr. M. E. Hyder, of Alexander, spent Sunday here with his son, Mr. Forest Hyder.

The Henrietta Inn, which is occupied by Mr. J. W. Camp and family, is being remodeled, after which it will be repainted.

Miss Elizabeth Hames, who has been assisting her mother, Mrs. R. T. Bryant, in the postoffice here since her graduation from high school, has accepted a position in the postoffice at Cliffside. Miss Hames has been highly commended by the postoffice inspector for her work here.

Miss Vena Camp, Messrs. Walter Mahaffee, S. B. Moore and Dennis Camp spent Sunday afternoon at Chesnee.

Messrs. Frank Kiser, Thomas Weece and Edgar Green, of Alexander, were the occupants of a Ford roadster which struck a snow bank and turned over at the cross roads near High Shoals Saturday night. Aside from being badly shaken up the boys were uninjured.

The teachers and officers of the Baptist Sunday school organized a Workers' Council last Wednesday evening after the prayer meeting services. This brings the Sunday School up to the standard of an A grade school.

A Ford touring car belonging to Charles Doggett caught fire in some unaccountable manner Monday afternoon and was badly damaged before the blaze could be extinguished.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. R. Hicks last Tuesday. It was decided to hold the monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Elmore. Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle is president of the Society.

Mr. J. M. Price and his force of hands made short work of the snow on the highway last Friday and the road to the South Carolina line is in fine shape.

Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle gave a series of studies on the life and missionary journeys of St. Paul before Christmas. Prayer has been the subject of prayer meeting talks since Christmas and beginning Wednesday evening he will give a series of talks on personal salvation. The prayer meetings are well attended and Mr. Hornbuckle never fails to bring a worth while message. Interest in the prayer meetings is growing despite the cold weather.

The Henrietta Stores, under the able management of Mr. W. S. Moss, are doing a splendid business notwithstanding the slack following the holidays. Some days during the pre-holiday trade it was not unusual for the day's sales to run into the thousands of dollars. There exists a friendly rivalry between Store No. 1 at Henrietta and Store No. 2 at Caroleen as to which store can sell the most goods.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore were business visitors at Rutherfordton last Saturday. Clyde Eugene Mahaffee, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mahaffee, probably has more living grandparents than any youngster in the county. His grandparents are: great grandfather, Mr. W. N. Dandridge, Walterboro, S. C.; great grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta Loper, Walterboro, S. C.; grandfathers, Mr. and Mrs. James Dandridge, Walterboro, S. C.; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Mahaffee, Alexander and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee, Henrietta. The combined ages of his grandparents will total more than five hundred years. He should be a good risk for the insurance companies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keeler, of this place, have been married sixty years. Boys, Uncle Jake says when you are married you are a long time married.