

## RUTHERFORD BANKS ARE ALL PROSPEROUS

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tory of County Banks.

Annual stockholders' meeting of the various county banks were held last week, and from deposits it is indicated that, despite some adverse conditions, the year 1925 was one of the best in the history of the county banks. Statements printed last week showed the condition of all county banks as of Dec. 31, 1925. A perusal of the Statements show that every County bank is in a strong and healthful condition and all made substantial gains last year.

**Farmers Bank**  
The Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of Forest City now has 17 men on the Board of Directors, two having died since the last meeting and two new ones being added, making a total of four new directors on the board as follows: Geo. F. Bradley, C. M. Young, H. M. Johnson and J. M. Steadman. The two above who have died since the last annual meeting are: J. F. Alexander and C. M. Holland. Mr. J. H. Thomas was elected president; B. B. Doggett, Chairman of the Board of Directors; B. H. Long Cashier with R. E. Biggerstaff and J. A. Dennis, assistant cashiers and R. W. Minish, assistant to the president.

This bank had the best year in its history last year. The total resources are now \$2,690,850. and will soon cross the three million mark. It is one of the strongest banks in Western North Carolina and is one of the fastest growing institutions in the state. The capital stock is \$200,000. with a surplus fund of \$200,000.

**National Bank**  
The annual meeting of the officers of the National Bank of Forest City was held Tuesday night, Dec. 12. While this is the youngest bank in Rutherford County it is one of the fastest growing. Total resources on Jan. 1, 1926 were \$338,959.01. Mr. J. D. Ledbetter is the president with M. W. Harris, cashier. A new modern three story home will soon be completed for this bank.

**Industrial Bank**  
The stockholders meeting of the Industrial Loan & Investment Bank was held Jan 12, at which time G. B. Harrill was elected cashier. All other officers remain the same. The stockholders were well pleased with the showing of this fast growing bank.

**Citizens Bank**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., was held Tuesday, Dec. 12. Mr. C. L. Miller was elected chairman of the board of Directors; J. H. Thomas, president; J. L. Taylor, vice-president; C. F. Cline and C. W. Keeter, vice-presidents; W. B. Walker, cashier with Messrs. R. L. Airail, assistant cashier of the Spindale Branch and W. G. Scoggin, assistant cashier of the Union Mills Branch. The bank has had a good year and has total resources of about \$750,000 with \$60,000 capital stock.

**Commercial Bank**  
At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Commercial Bank held in the bank office, the same officers were re-elected for another year, viz; K. S. Tanner, president; M. O. Dickerson, vice-president; T. F. Oates, cashier and W. W. Nanney, asst.-cashier. The total resources of this bank are over one million dollars. It had a most prosperous year in 1925 and earned 30 percent on the capital stock, which is \$50,000. The surplus and profits of the bank were \$62,687.16 on Jan. 1, 1926.

Statements printed by Haynes Bank, the Bostic Bank, Chimney Rock Trust Co. and the Bank of Ellenboro all show increased strength by these popular institutions.

Rutherford county on the eve of what promises to be its most prosperous year, is fortunate in the strength and stability of its banks, which play such an important part in the county's development.

## PRAISES FOREST CITY

On one of the thru buses Monday a traveling man said to a Forest City man, "I travel from Memphis to Wilmington and Forest City is the best looking town on the route. It seems to be a coming little city." This is fine publicity and it behooves our good citizens to keep up the reputation of our good town. Everybody be a booster, a constructive booster. Tell the world we have a good town.

## FALL FROM LADDER CAUSES DEATH OF MR. JOSHUA L. GRANT

Caroleen, Jan. 19.—On last Wednesday morning, Mr. Joshua L. Grant fell from a ladder while on duty as an employee in the Clifton Mill at Clifton, S. C. About two hours later he was carried to the general hospital at Spartanburg where he remained until death came Friday at 6:55 a. m. He remained unconscious from the time he fell until he died.

Mr. Grant had always enjoyed splendid health, having worked regularly in this same mill since he moved there in 1906, with the exception of six months he lived at Whitney, S. C., and one month with his daughter, Mrs. S. H. Scruggs, of Caroleen. His wife died 12 years ago. Since that time one of his granddaughters has made her home with him. His age was 67 years last Nov. He is survived by two sons, Messrs. A. M. Grant, Clifton, S. C., J. F. Grant, Caroleen and one daughter, Mrs. S. H. Scruggs, Caroleen; 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 16, with Rev. J. P. Felmet in charge at the Henrietta-Caroleen cemetery. Interment was in the Grant lot.

Mr. Grant had been a faithful member of the Baptist church since he was a boy.

## CALTON-DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spurgeon Calton, of Hurtsboro, Ala., announce the marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Jean, to Homer Allman Davis, of Macon, Ga., formerly of Eufaula, Ala.

The wedding took place December 26, 1925, at 4:30 o'clock in Hurtsboro, Ala.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Eufaula and from there to their home in Macon, Ga., 208 Hines Terrace.

Mrs. Davis, nee (Miss Calton), has often visited her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Tate of this city and has many friends who will be interested in her recent marriage.

## W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church of Forest City met in the hut Monday afternoon, Jan. 11. The regular monthly business meeting was to have been Friday afternoon, Jan. 8, but on account of the snow it was postponed until Monday. The weather was still unsettled so we only had a few at the first meeting of the new year. A very interesting meeting was held with our president, Mrs. B. B. Doggett, in charge. Plans for the new year were discussed and a mission study class was voted to begin at an early date with Mrs. W. A. Ayers as teacher. Everybody missed the face of our faithful secretary at this meeting, who was kept away on account of sickness. We truly hope she will be with us at our next meeting. In her absence Mrs. W. C. Bostic acted as secretary. The report is incomplete as one or two of the circles failed to send in their reports. Personal service report: Visits to the sick, strangers and shut-ins, 64; Trays sent out 10; garments given 21; collection \$43.50; to charity \$31.75; other objects \$2.50. The banner was again carried off by the Emily Logan Circle.

Mr. J. C. Powell has traded his house and lot in Forest City to the Cyclone Auction Co., for the J. R. Tate farm, which adjoins Mr. Powell's place, near Floyd's Creek church. While Mr. Powell will reside on his farm, he will continue as salesman for the B. B. Doggett Motor Co.

Mr. J. B. Duckett, of Whitmire, S. C., spent the week-end with his wife here. Mr. Duckett expects to locate in Forest City Feb. 1st.

## LOCALS LOSE TO GASTONIA IN FAST GAME

Round Hill Academy Here Fri-  
day Night 7:30—Basket-  
ball News.

The local high school lost their annual clash to the fast Gastonia team last Friday night by a score of 34 to 20. Neither team was able to find the basket for several minutes but when Schneider and Jackson got loose they counted for four baskets in as many minutes. The first half ended 8 to 18 for Gastonia. The second half was more evenly divided, ending 12 to 16 in favor of the winners. The game thruout was one of clean sportsmanship. The Gastonia team would be a mighty fine example for other teams to observe from the standpoint of playing for the love of the game and the school and not merely to win at any cost. The Forest City boys received the usual cordial greeting from the Gastonia fans and one that they will keep in their memory chest for days to come. For Gastonia Schneider was the outstanding player getting six goals from a guard position. For Forest City McKeithan and Caveneough played the most aggressive game but every other man could be counted for his share of the work.

With the exception of one game with Rutherfordton every game from now on is booked for home. Forest City fans should see some victories in the near future. The team is picking up right along and should give somebody a run for the money before the season is over. All the boys are in good shape with the exception of Blanton who suffered a torn ligament in the Gastonia game. It is hoped that Thomas will be back in the game within the next few days.

Due to a misprint letter a change in schedule has been made. Round Hill has been substituted for Dallas Friday night, Jan. 22nd. Dallas will probably be met here later in the season.

The schedule for the remainder of the season:

- Jan. 22 Alexander Schools, Inc. here.
  - Jan. 27 Waynesville, here.
  - Jan. 29 Rutherfordton, there.
  - Feb. 2 Boiling Springs, here.
  - Feb. 5 Marion, here.
  - Feb. 5 Marion, here. (Double-header).
  - Feb. 9 Henrietta-Caroleen, here.
  - Feb. 12 Rutherfordton, here.
  - Feb. 16 Boiling Springs, here.
- Tickets to these six games will be sold for one dollar.

## MUSIC CLUB

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 8th, Mrs. J. M. Edwards and Miss Juanita Minish delightfully entertained the Music Club at the home of the former. The house was artistically decorated with potted plants. The following program, which consisted of music by American Composers, was well rendered:

Leader of the program—Mrs. R. W. Minish.  
Piano—Valse Impromptu—Thorlow Lieurance—Mrs. R. W. Minish.  
Vocal—Homing—Theresa del Reigo Miss Bell  
Vocal Trio—Dreaming of My Ol' Home—Godfrey O' Hara Mesdames Ayers, Biggerstaff and Miss Meares.  
Piano—Valse Caprice—Joseph Hoffman—Mrs. Frank Wilkins.  
Vocal—One Fleeting Hour (Violin Obligato)—Dorothy See Misses Meares and Wilder.  
Piano Duet—Robin Red Breast—Mrs. Beach  
Misses Goggans and Taylor.  
Current Events—Mrs. Clyde Whisnant.

At the conclusion of the program a delicious and dainty salad course was served.

The favors which consisted of miniature music rolls, music satchels, and violins were in keeping with the occasion. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. F. R. Wilkins and Miss Luna Taylor, Feb. 20, at 3 p. m.

## GENERAL REPORT OF SCOUT MEETING HELD AT GASTONIA

Rutherford County Makes  
Splendid Showing—Of-  
ficers Elected.

One of the most profitable and largest attended meetings in the history of Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held in Gastonia Thursday night. Around the banquet table was heard the annual reports of all committees of the council attesting the magnificent growth and development of Scouting in Rutherford, Cleveland, Lincoln and Gaston counties during 1925. More than a hundred representative citizens, interested in Boy Scouts were guests of the occasion, together with all Eagle Scouts including Scouts Morrison and Geroge, of Cherryville, who were decorated as Eagle Scouts by Regional Executive Hunter.

Scout Executive R. M. Schiele made a fine report on work accomplished and spoke enthusiastically of the enlarged program for 1926.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were Fred L. Smyre, of Gastonia, president; F. C. Kinzie, of Spindale; L. A. Kiser, of Kings Mountain; J. F. Page, of Lincoln; vice-presidents, Geo. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, commissioner and H. P. Lineburger, of Gastonia, treasurer.

Judge A. C. Jones, of Gastonia, delivered an appropriate and instructive address and Judge O. C. Erwin, of Rutherfordton extended greetings of this county. Commissioner Gillespie, of Forest City, told of scouting progress in Rutherfordton county, setting forth the wonderful natural and acquired advantages of this county over all others as especially adapted to scout purposes and the fact if Rutherford still continued active in Piedmont Council, the headquarters of the new assistant scout executive must be located within her bounds.

Rutherford county, the farthest away, had the largest delegation of any county in the council outside of Gastonia. Those in the delegation were Messrs. Jones, Erwin and Shuford, of Rutherfordton; Messrs. Simpson, Kinzie and Howard, of Spindale; Mr. Buff, of Ruth, O. R. Coffield, of Ellenboro and Messrs. A. C. Duncan, Frye, Alcock and Gillespie, of Forest City.

Assurance was given that when ready the Annual Summer Camp of the council would be located at Lake Lure, if suitable site could be obtained. Commissioner Gillespie was appointed delegate to "Conclave of Councils," of entire South in Atlanta, January 28th.

## N. C. STATE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HERE JAN. 28

The people of Forest City have in store a real treat in the coming of the State College Glee Club, Thursday, Jan. 28.

Prof. J. W. Eaks, Superintendent of High School, and Prof. D. R. Sutton, head of agriculture department and a graduate of State College have secured another concert for the music lovers of Forest City.

This club comes highly recommended and is composed of thirty-five members, including an orchestra. The program will consist of ensembles, solos, quartettes and instrumental numbers.

The boys will arrive in Forest City Thursday afternoon, Jan. 28, and will give their concert that evening in the new High School building at 8 o'clock. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, Jan. 23, at all local drug stores. The admission will be 50c for adults and 35c for children.

A large crowd is sure to attend the concert and give the college boys a warm welcome to our city.

The Forest City Ministers Association, scheduled for last Monday, will meet in The Hut at the First Baptist church next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All ministers in Forest City are members and urged to be present.

## THE ADAMS WELSH QUARTET COMING FEB. 12

It is announced by the ladies of the Woman's Club that the next number of the lyceum course will be the Adams Welsh Quartet which will be at the High School Auditorium on the evening of Friday, Feb. 12. The Adams will present an exclusive southern directed program in classic, popular and humorous selections. Watch for further announcements in regard to this splendid program.

## CONSTRUCT HIGHWAY TO HENDERSON COUNTY LINE

Road Will Be Hard Surfaced From  
Rutherfordton With Funds  
Loaned By the County.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 19.—Highway No. 20 from Rutherfordton to the Henderson county line, 22 miles, will likely be hard surfaced, or a macadam road built this year. Mr. Kistler, state highway commissioner of the Eighth District of Morganton, made the principal address to the Rutherford county club at the isothermal here today and made a proposition to Rutherford county that if it put up the money the road would be built as soon as possible. The state highway commission, will of course, pay back the money in due time. It is estimated that it will take from \$400,000 to \$600,000 to build the road. The Rutherford county club endorsed the project and the commissioners decided to loan the state the money before the meeting adjourned.

## JUNIORS GIVE CARNIVAL

The High School Juniors put on a very clever and amusing carnival at the high school building on Friday evening, Jan. 15th. The attractions were unusual and the large audience enjoyed them very much. The sum of seventy dollars was realized from the carnival.

The feature of the evening was a negro minstrel. It was almost professional in character. The costumes, acting, singing and dancing were fine and kept the audience in roars of laughter all the time. Cortez Hamrick as interlocutor managed the minstrel band and was ably supported by the cast "Tootsie" Webb's interpretation of the Charleston brought down the house. The following students took part in the minstrel, Margaret, Ruby and Ethel Moore, Lilah and Phillip Padgett, John Lester Duncan, Adelaide Peeler, Agnes Davis, Lolan Kanipe, Craig McClure, Charles Dalton, Sue Collins, Kathleen Dorsey, Esther and Leona Rollins. Miss Bailey directed the carnival.

## ATHLETICS

What part should athletics take in the High School? Should we have athletics in the schools unless it makes better boys and girls morally and physically? Watch the basketball teams of the Cool Springs High School. Foundation is being laid for championship teams. The players are required to pass their work in order to make the trips on the teams. This does not deprive them of the privilege of practice which gives them good exercise. The principal of self denial is taught the players. The boys basketball squad voted unanimously to turn in the name of any player they saw smoking. Each player volunteered to turn in his uniform if he smoked. With this spirit Cool Springs High School will have a good team this year even tho they did not have a member of last year's team left. Come out and back up the team at the game. They deserve it.

## KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

Several matters came before the Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon Monday evening, among which was a resolution that the club place free of charge markers for the Black Bear Trail, which will be furnished to the club for distribution over the route in this county. Ladies' night will be observed on Monday evening, Feb. 15. Monday's program consisted of readings by Miss Julia Grayson, popular young Bostic girl who is connected with Dalton Bros. She is a reader of exceptional ability and her renditions were highly enjoyed. Among the guests of the club were Misses Julia Grayson and Emma Dalton and Mesdames J. W. Dalton and C. E. Alcock.

## CYCLONE AUCTION COMPANY IS GREAT DEVELOPING AGENCY

Optimistic Over Outlook In  
This Section and Expect  
Great Things in 1926.

A word from the Cyclone Auction Co., to the home seekers and investors of Rutherford County, adjoining counties and to the entire state:

The Cyclone Auction Co., by its fair and upright dealings with its customers, has grown strong during the past four years, and has helped many people to become land owners.

The Cyclone Auction Co., has grown each year since it has been in existence and is expecting to do greater things in this year, 1926, than in any preceding year, as property in Western North Carolina has increased in value second to none of any state in the union. It has doubled in value within the last twelve months.

The Cyclone Auction Co. sold property in 1923 and in 1925 were offered three times what they received for the same property.

It is thought by the officials of the Cyclone Auction Co., whose opinion is reliable, that this is the greatest opportunity for home-seekers and investors to purchase real estate. Any one interested in a home, wishing to invest in property, or any person wishing to sell, lease or option their land, please call on the Cyclone Auction Co., who will give you an attentive ear and honest advice in the real estate line.

## WEST HENRIETTA

West Henrietta, Jan. 19.—Rev. R. N. Childress filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m.

The training school taught by Revs. R. N. Childress, A. R. Waters and others, last week, was well attended and seemed to be a success.

Miss Kansas Frasure was very sick last week but is better now we are pleased to say.

Dixie, the small child of Mr. and Mrs. B. Alley, is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Odessa Huntley is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Ellen Huntsinger is on the sick list also.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ensley Bridges, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huntley a girl.

The first quarterly conference of the Missionary Methodist church was held here Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Those who attended from other places were, Revs. H. C. Sisk and C. J. Goforth, from Forest City and Rev. W. M. Reid, from Caroleen.

Most all of the ones holding different offices in the church were re-elected except that the class leader resigned and Mr. Alvin Bradley was elected assistant class leader.

There will be a few days prayer service held by the Missionary Methodist here beginning the 26th at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is invited to come out and worship together.

## MEET WITH MRS. DORSEY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Dorsey on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19th at three-thirty. The newly elected president, Mrs. A. W. Falvey, presided. The study was in charge of Mrs. G. C. McDaniel, Miss Mayme Martin and Mrs. Reid. Miss Juanita Minish made a report on the bulletin news. Miss Ruth Dorsey and Mrs. Ernest Robinson sang a beautiful duet, "What Hast Thou Done For Me?" As it was the first meeting of the new year pledges were made and a report of last year's work turned in. The report was excellent.

Mrs. Dorsey, assisted by her daughters, served delicious block ice cream, cake and home-made candy.

Mr. R. W. Minish was in Washington, D. C., on business last week-end.

Some great pictures are coming to the Movie. Read the program in today's paper.