

## DEATH COMES TO J. D. LEDBETTER COUNTY LEADER

President Of National Bank  
and Eminent Business Man;  
Victim Of Pneumonia.

Mr. J. D. Ledbetter, one of the best known and most prominent citizens of the county, died at his country home, near this city, at 12:20 Monday, following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Ledbetter was stricken on Tuesday, April 6, gradually growing worse until all hope was abandoned on Sunday. Double pneumonia developed and was more than this splendid man and citizen could withstand, causing the death of a man who will be sadly missed all over the county.

One of the largest crowds on record attended the funeral at the First Baptist church at 3:30 p. m., Tuesday. Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the deceased, conducted the services, assisted by Dr. W. R. Ware. Interment followed in Cool Springs cemetery.

Mr. J. D. Ledbetter was one of the outstanding citizens of the county. He was a self-made man, having amassed a fortune by keen foresight and natural ability. He was a man of sound judgment and tremendous energy. Being cast upon his own resources at the tender age of eleven years, he early showed evidences of indomitable courage and an unbending will and a natural business instinct that early carried him into leadership. He was noted for his integrity, his loyalty and his unflinching devotion to family and friends. He had long been a faithful member of the Baptist church.

James Dexter Ledbetter was born July 19, 1871, in Rutherford county, a son of Dr. Johnathan and Amanda Rucker Ledbetter. Most of his early life was spent in this county, after which he was in business at Marlon for about fifteen years. Coming back to his native county, he began his remarkable career which made him a leader in county affairs and in which he amassed his fortune.

He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Lalla Ruppe. Three boys were born to this union—Marion L., who is in California; Gold, who is attending Randolph-Macon Military Academy at Bedford, Va., and Gordon, of Asheville.

In 1912 Mr. Ledbetter was united in marriage to Miss Effie Harris, of Forest City, who survives. To this union were born two children, Doris and Frances. Mrs. L. P. Crawford, of Spartanburg, and Mr. J. R. Ledbetter, brother and sister, also survive. His father died when he was only eleven years old.

Mr. Ledbetter was a director of the first bank Forest City ever had, the old National, which was later absorbed by other interests. At the time of his death he was president of the National Bank of Forest City, chartered Nov. 12, 1923. This strong bank prospered under his leadership and has just completed one of the handsomest bank buildings in the state.

The large crowd and the beautiful floral offerings in a small way testified to the popularity and worth of the man.

Active pallbearers were Paul Reinhardt, Fred Webb, J. F. Weathers, C. O. Ridings, W. L. Horn, J. M. Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers, Adam Price, W. G. Magness, C. S. Hemphill, W. A. Harrill, M. L. Edwards, R. E. Price, J. D. Link, Dr. G. P. Reid, Dr. W. C. Bostic, M. T. Wilkie, B. B. Doggett, C. E. Alcock.

Among those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Crawford, Spartanburg; J. B. Ledbetter and Mrs. John Hogan, Marion; Mrs. C. E. Warner and Walter Moore, Lexington; J. R. Harris, Old Fort; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fisher and Mrs. R. K. Harris, Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harris, Charlotte.

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## CLEAN UP WEEK

This is Clean-Up Week in our little city and all property owners are urged to co-operate in getting their places of business, homes and vacant lots cleaned of all trash. The city truck began hauling Monday and will continue until all is finished. Please put trash out on curbing or where it will be convenient for truck to call for. All places of business are asked to clean up their back yards at this time. Let's all pull together and have a clean, healthy little city.

## DUKE GLEE CLUB TO APPEAR HERE 8 P. M. TONIGHT

Heralded As Best Musical Club  
Ever Sent Out By the  
University.

A treat is in store for tonight, (Thursday) when the Duke Glee Club will appear at Cool Springs High School auditorium at 8 p. m. The club, is composed of thirty-five students, comprises a glee club, a symphony orchestra, a jazz orchestra, a string band, a vocal quartette, and several black face comedians.

The jazz orchestra, which is composed of eight pieces and is under the direction of George E. (Jelly) Leftwich, of Wilmington, N. C., is said to be one of the most popular features of the club this season. The symphony orchestra has also won great applause.

Besides the usual variety of college music, the glee club this year is carrying a few classical numbers on its program for those in the audience interested in a higher class music than the popular sort Professor W. P. Twaddell, Durham musician, is conducting. Popular prices will prevail.

## CIVIL COURT

Rutherfordton, April 13.—Special term of court convened on Monday, April 12th for the trial of civil cases. Hon. R. Lee Wright, emergency judge, of Salisbury, presided.

The case of Thos. F. Turner vs. J. C. Patrick et al; involving title to valuable real estate at Chimney Rock, was the principal case on the calendar, and is still pending as court adjourned this afternoon. H. H. McLennon and T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro, and Guy Weaver and Judge Carter, of Asheville, are among the attorneys from out of town who are interested and are here attending the court.

Vernie Jones vs. Philector Jones, Fannie Lawing vs. Arthur Lawing, Will Donahue vs. Belle Donahue were granted divorce.

T. E. Harrill vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$121.63 and the costs of the action granted in recorder's court.

T. E. Harrill vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$121.63, not perfected docketed and dismissed and Recorder's judgment affirmed.

Miss Rabe and Miss Jennie Carpenter are visiting in Charlotte for a few days and attended "Blossom Time" last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miller, Mrs. L. D. Miller, Miss Laura Abrams, Mrs. Annie E. Logan, Master Claude and Miss Mary Miller made a trip to Spartanburg Friday afternoon. Mrs. L. D. Miller remained for a visit to Mrs. C. C. Clark and to attend "Blossom Time" Friday evening.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

MRS. J. D. LEDBETTER and FAMILY.

## READ CAREFULLY

Why a man quit using a Ford—He died.

## BIG REVIVAL BEGINS AT CAROLEEN SUNDAY

To Be Conducted By Rev. R. N. Childress, Assisted By Rev. E. Gibson Davis.

Caroleen, April 14.—On April 18, Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church of Mount Airy, will come to Caroleen Baptist church to assist the pastor, Rev. R. N. Childress, in a series of evangelistic services.



REV. E. GIBSON DAVIS

Rev. Davis is a well known pastor-evangelist in our state. He has done the preaching in each of the revival services held in his church in Mt. Airy, since becoming its pastor, and the visible results of his meetings have always been large numbers added to the church and the membership greatly revived. The same results have followed from the many meetings he has held in various places in our own State, as well as in Virginia and Kentucky.

Rev. Davis is an unusually gifted and eloquent speaker, as well as being a thoroughly consecrated minister. He preaches convincing and convicting Gospel sermons. We feel fortunate in having secured his services for our meeting and we are confident that all who hear him once will hear him as often as possible thereafter.

We cordially and prayerfully invite the public to attend all our services at 7:30 o'clock.

## CHILD'S STUDY CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Child Study Club held its April meeting Monday afternoon with Mrs. H. G. Bailey. The officers for the new club year are as follows:

Mrs. F. I. Barber, president.  
Mrs. H. G. Bailey, vice-president.  
Mrs. J. Worth Morgan, secretary.  
Mrs. John Dalton, treasurer.

The splendid program presented at this meeting was exceptionally good and one that would interest all people, the subject being "Labor."

Mrs. J. J. Miller read a most interesting paper on "Dignity of Labor as a Medium of Expression."

"Necessity for Every Human Being to Do His Work in the World," was the subject of an excellent paper read by Mrs. John Dalton.

Mrs. J. M. Edwards read a paper, especially interesting to young mothers, "Encouraging the Little Child to 'Help Mother' as a Method of Establishing Its Industrial Place in the Home."

A reading, "Whitewashing the Fence," from "Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain, was given by Mrs. F. I. Barber.

The club is delighted to have Mrs. G. C. King back after her long absence during the winter months. Also glad to welcome Mrs. Henry as a new member.

At the close of the program the hostess served delicious refreshments. Visitors attending this meeting were, Mesdames J. M. Edwards, J. E. Caldwell and Mrs. Lindsay.

Any one desiring to become a member of the Woman's Club for 1926-27, please send their name and \$1.00 for membership dues to Mrs. A. W. Falvey at once.

## POWER OF THE PRESS

A great response was shown by the public following the insertion of a two-page ad in The Courier by Sinkoe's last Thursday. Before opening the doors at 9 a. m., people thronged the sidewalks and streets for quite a distance, waiting for the doors to open for Sinkoe's supreme sale in this city. Manager Stein states to The Courier that the sale was the biggest the store has had since opening in this city. "When The Courier prints an ad it always brings results," Mr. Stein stated to this newspaper.

## OAK GROVE NEWS

Ellenboro, R-2, April 12.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrill, was born last Friday, died today (Monday) and will be buried at Concord tomorrow.

Mrs. J. M. Randall and daughter, Miss Olliere, spent the week-end at Mr. T. E. Randall's and also Mr. J. T. Webb and family spent a short while Saturday night.

Miss Mary Randall spent Wednesday night at Avondale with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Biggerstaff.

Mr. J. T. Webb and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Randall and little daughter, Louise, spent Sunday at Avondale with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor.

Miss Lucile Webb spent Friday night with Misses Pearl and Eugenia Randall.

Several from this community attended the Missionary play given by the Concord B. Y. P. U. at Goode's Creek Sunday night.

Mr. Rumpfelt who has been sick for several days doesn't seem to improve very much.

Mr. T. E. Randall and daughters Misses Clara and Ethel spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. K. M. Randall's.

Messrs. T. E. and Cletus Randall were in Forest City on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zora Dobbins and little daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sherlin at the Ferry Store near Henrietta.

Mr. Wilbur Kendrick who holds a position at Henrietta spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Edith Biggerstaff spent Sunday with Miss Maude Harrill.

Mr. T. E. Randall and family spent Thursday at Mr. L. D. Wilkie's.

Mrs. T. B. Harrill spent Sunday with Mrs. D. M. Dobbins.

Mrs. Emma Dorsey, the former teacher of the Young Men's Sunday school class at Oak Grove entertained them with a delightful picnic.

Friday night several interesting games were played and toasted marshmallows were served. Every one present seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Uncle George Bridges (colored) who lives in this community, died at his home today (Monday) and will be buried at Webb's church Tuesday. Uncle George has lived in this community for several years and has lots of friends who are sorry to hear of his death.

Mr. Earnest Magness and family, visited Mr. Cliff Magness Sunday.

## KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

The Rutherfordton club is to meet with the local Kiwanians next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. A large attendance is anticipated.

Prof. E. G. Lee had charge of the program Monday evening, presenting Troup 1 of the Boy Scouts. The Scout exercises were most interesting.

The club went on record as backing up the clean-up program now under way. An effort is to be made, also, to have Thomas Dixon appear here at an early date, if possible to secure this noted author and scholar.

The club also appointed a committee to draw resolutions deploring the death of Mr. J. D. Ledbetter.

Mr. S. V. Hooker was the winner of the attendance prize.

Several correspondent letters reached us too late for publication this week. Writers will please have their letters reach this office on Tuesday to insure insertion.

## MUSICAL COMEDY AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY EVENING

"In Old Louisiana," By Local  
Talent, Should Prove  
Highly Interesting.

"In Old Louisiana," a musical comedy of the highest grade, is to be presented by High School students Friday evening, April 16, at the school auditorium. Home talent plays always prove interesting and entertaining and this one will prove no exception to the rule. Much time and effort has been expended in preparing for this play and everything is in readiness for the opening curtain.

The story and cast of "In Old Louisiana" follows:

### The Chorus

The following popular young people will compose the chorus:

Ruby Moore, Rosella Gilliam, Elizabeth Barber, Brent McKeithan, Mildred Moore, Clio Hollifield, Bernice Kanipe, Merle Putnam, Ruth Doggett, Meriam Green, Aileen Padgett, Mae Hill, Alice Holmes, Blanche Womack, Alice Washburn, Fred Blanton, William Ayers, C. L. Moore, Philip Padgett, Hubert Moore, Chas. Crowl, Lolan Kanipe, Yates Holland, Susan Flack, Sue Collins, Alba Padgett, Louise Womack, Mary Meares, Evelyn Blanton.

Pilot Farley and a three-year-old child are the only survivors of the ill-fated steambot, "Winona." The pilot adopts the child and brings her up as his own daughter. The opera opens when this child, known as Rose Farley has grown to womanhood.

Rose is loved and returns the affection of Richard St. John, a young sugar planter, whose land, joins that of the "Sans Souci" plantation owned by Pilot Farley. Simon Scudder, overseer of the "Sans Souci" also loves Rose. Because she refuses his attentions Scudder plans with the help of Jake Martin and Holly Timms, a shady lawyer, to claim that the child rescued by Pilot Farley is the daughter of an octoroon slave purchased by Martin, who was being sent to him on the steamer Winona's fatal trip.

As the play progresses, the plot thickens.

Be there to see the outcome.

### Cast of Characters

Old Ned, a colored servant J. L. Duncan  
Rose, Pilot Farley's adopted child Margaret Moore  
Richard St. John Boyce Blair  
Simon Scudder Charles Dalton  
Holly Timms, a shady lawyer William Biggerstaff  
Jake Martin, from New Orleans Dwight Frye  
Martha St. John Emily Webb  
Monty Gray, a friend of Richard's George Stahl  
Pilot Farley Raymond Vogt  
Judy, Old Ned's wife Annie Biggerstaff

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF MRS. M. L. GROSE

On Sunday, April 11, the children grandchildren, great grandchildren and relatives of Mrs. M. L. Grose, of Bostic, R-1, gathered at her home to celebrate her seventy-fourth birthday. Mrs. Grose is the mother of eight children. She has thirty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, of whom a large number were present for the reunion. Other relatives present were: Mr. Kistler Tanner and family, of Chesnee, S. C., J. F. Moore, of Boiling Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Kistler Moore of Henrietta.

The large crowd present, the bountiful dinner which was spread on a large table in the yard and the presents Mrs. Grose received were to express the high esteem in which she is held. She has lived a good christian life, and has done much to make others happy, so it is with great pleasure that we gather each year to show our appreciation of the life she has lived and to wish for her many more happy birthdays.

## NOTED VIOLINIST TO BE AT SPINDALE SUNDAY

Mr. George Hurst, noted violinist, of Asheville, will play at the eleven o'clock service at the Spindale Methodist church next Sunday, April 20. Mr. Hurst is director of music for the Asheville schools. He attended the recent Older Boys' Conference banquet with Dr. R. J. Bateman and on that occasion rendered several selections. The Spindale congregation is unusually fortunate in having Mr. Hurst with them at next Sunday's service.

## MR. LEDBETTER RETAINS INTEREST WITH NATIONAL

Deceased President Takes  
Steps to Safeguard Interests  
Of Institution Of  
Which He Was Head.

Realizing the confidence the people of Rutherford County had in the late J. D. Ledbetter, who was President of the National Bank of Forest City, this is to say that our beloved President realized that he was going to pass to the great beyond and he arranged his business with the National Bank so that all his interests would remain with said bank, and he made proper arrangements before his death to safeguard the interests of the National Bank. We therefore wish to assure the general public that, while we have lost a great friend of the National Bank and a great financier, we have in no way lost the interests he had in said bank and the business will continue unhampered by his having passed.

We felt it our duty to give this information to the general public so they would not have any reason to feel any radical changes would occur. We also wish to state that his successor as President will be elected in due time.

Board of Directors of The National Bank of Forest City.

## EASTER CANTATA IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Spindale, April 14.—The First Methodist church choir of Forest City rendered the Easter cantata, "Redemption," at the Spindale House Auditorium Sunday afternoon. The choir consisted of some twenty or thirty well trained voices. The young male choirister who sang the angelic "Hosanna" deserves special mention.

The choir told, very beautifully in song the story of Easter; the prayer alone in Gethsemane; the bearing of the cross; the crucifixion; the burial; the visit of Mary to the tomb in the early morn; the Risen Lord and Hosannah, and the new era that comes with the resurrection was beautifully depicted.

The enunciation, the sacred impression which the Easter subject requires, showed that the choir was under able management. The audience consisted principally of the leading church goers and music lovers of the community, and the hour spent in listening to this band of singers was well expended.

This same cantata was given in the Forest City church Easter Sunday and was well received. Mrs. R. W. Minish is director.

May all the choirs of our county catch the spirit of this organization and train to such point where they may influence not only their own church but others. We wish to thank the Forest City choir for their visit here and hope that we may have them again soon.

## CYCLONE AUCTION CO. HAS FIRST BIG SALE

The Cyclone Auction Co., will have the first big sale of the season next Saturday when they will sell some choice business and residential lots and three houses and lots.

This is all choice property and the sale should draw a large crowd. There is \$200 in cash prizes and a band concert.

Business lots to be sold at 10:30 a. m.; residence lots at 1:30 p. m.

Don't miss this first great sale of the season.