

FLAMES DESTROY LEE ROBBINS STORE

Suffers Heavy Loss When Store Burned at Sulphur Springs, Saturday Night.

Fire, of undetermined origin, caused the total destruction of the stock of goods and the storeroom of Mr. Lee Robbins, at Sulphur Springs, Saturday night, entailing an estimated loss of \$7,500. The loss only partially covered by insurance.

When interviewed by The Courier Mr. Robbins stated that he closed the store about 8:30 Saturday night, he and a colored boy leaving the premises at the same time—when apparently everything was all right. He then left for Spindale, where he expected to get some goods from his brother's store. On his return he was informed on the way that his store had burned and upon his arrival he found it a total loss, as none of the stock had been saved.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. J. M. Robbins and a Miss Hopper, at 9:30 o'clock. The alarm was immediately given, but the flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save either stock or building. A large crowd had gathered but was helpless. The structure was a one-story frame with a metal roof. This roof served to confine the flames to the interior of the building, which burned fiercely.

The fire originated in the northeast corner of the storeroom, near the desk and safe. The only theory advanced is that a lighted cigarette, thoughtlessly tossed aside, must have fallen into some corner and slowly started the fire.

Mr. Robbins' residence, across the street from his store, might have been destroyed had not the wind been blowing from an opposite direction.

Mr. Robbins' many friends all over the county will be sorry to hear of his loss. He is one of the most clever young business men in his section and is very popular and energetic. By honesty, good service, an accommodating spirit and hustling qualities, he had built up a splendid business. He had been there since 1921. Asked about rebuilding, Mr. Robbins said he had not as yet decided upon just what he would do.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

Judge O. C. Erwin, of Rutherfordton, made a short but interesting talk at the Kiwanis Club Monday evening, in which he told of the opening of the Rutherford county stage at the Jackson Training school and of the good work accomplished at that institution. He was full of praise for the two Kiwanis Clubs of the county for their encouragement and backing of the building of the cottage, which is a credit to the county. The cottage, erected by Rutherford county at a cost of approximately \$25,000, is a modern structure, with accommodations for 30 boys. There are eight or nine boys at the institution now, and it seems that there will be quite a few more to follow, according to some of the youthful indiscretions indulged in lately. In describing the work of the institution, Judge Erwin stated that its greatest mission was the remodeling of delinquent boys into good citizens, and that the building of the cottage was the best investment the county had ever made. There is practically no form of punishment for the boys who are placed upon their honor and taught to become useful and upright citizens. The cottage is to be opened Thursday, July 1, and Judge Erwin urged upon the Kiwanians to be present upon the occasion. Before closing Judge Erwin told of the good work of the two Kiwanis Clubs and of how they are a help to each other, working in harmony for the upbuilding of town and county. He also urged the importance of members being regular in their attendance.

It was regretted that on account of the sudden illness of one of their members, the Avondale quartet was unable to be present. It is hoped to have them at a later date.

Dr. Duncan as chairman of the committee, reported that arrangements were being completed to hold a clinic here for crippled children the latter part of July.

HENRIETTA NEWS

Henrietta, June 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Hendersonville, spent Sunday here with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith. Mrs. Elise Herne, of Walterboro, S. C., who is spending the summer at her summer home near Hendersonville, visited her niece, Mrs. Clyde E. Mahaffee, Sunday. She was accompanied by two of her grandchildren, James and Elise Puerifoy.

Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle delightfully entertained her Sunday school class of boys and a number of young girls last Tuesday evening at an Indian party. A hidden key supposed to unlock the way to the new tribe was found by Walter Mahaffee whereupon he was made chief of the tribe. Much amusement was caused by the telling of fortunes and other interesting games. Delicious ice cream and cake was served also red lemonade which carried out the idea of the Red man's party. The young people all enjoyed the evening very much.

An Epworth League was organized at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening with 25 members. The young people seem very enthusiastic over the new organization as there has been no society especially for them in quite a while. The following officers were elected: Miss Edna McAbee, president; Miss Willie Sue Mauney, vice president; Walter Mahaffee, secretary-treasurer. The first meeting of the league was held last Sunday evening with every member present but one, who was sick.

Mr. W. C. McAbee, overseer of the clothehouse, took his clothehouse help on a picnic and fishing trip to Chimney Rock last Saturday. On account of the rain there was no fishing but all had a fine time and enjoyed the rain more than they would have enjoyed the fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Mahaffee, spent the week-end here with his parents. Mr. Mahaffee graduated at N. C. State College class of '25. For the past year he has held a position with the Inman Mills, Inman, S. C. He was a victim of gas during the famous drive through the Hindenburg line, September 29 and 30, 1918. His many friends will regret to learn that he has been ordered to Oteen for observation and treatment.

Miss Carrie and Verlin Biggerstaff entertained a number of their friends Monday night, complimentary to Miss Minnie Taylor.

SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE

On last Tuesday evening at 8:30 at the home of Miss Ruth Dorsey, a surprise shower was given to Mrs. Jack Harrill, a recent bride, by the Kathleen Alexander Missionary Society, and Frances Willard Sunday school class of the Methodist church. Miss Studie Young and Mrs. Ernest Robinson greeted the guests on the porch, where a delicious iced fruit punch was served. From there the guests were invited to register in a beautiful brides book. A "pan" guessing contest was greatly enjoyed and the prize, a large aluminum pan, was presented to Mrs. Harrill, for guessing the correct answers. The guest of honor was then presented with a shower of many beautiful and useful gifts, after which block ice cream and cake was served.

TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

South Mountain Industrial Institute will celebrate the glorious Fourth on Saturday, July 3rd. There will be a picnic dinner on the campus and patriotic speaking and singing in the chapel. See announcement next week. Plan to spend the day celebrating in the mountains at South Mountain Institute.

Avoid wounding or breaking plants when cultivating or working around them. In harvesting fruits and vegetables to be stored, avoid bruising them, as decay most frequently begins where the protective covering is broken. Certain insects, such as the potato tuber moth, gain access at points of injury.

Men's heavy overalls for 97c, at Dalton Bros. July Clearance Sale.

USES SOLID SILVER TROWEL



GENERAL A. J. BOWLEY

The U. S. Army Commandant of Fort Bragg, N. C., who officially dedicated North Carolina's newest town, Lake Lure, by placing the corner stone of the Administration building. This townsite is located on State Highway No. 20, in the Chim-

ney Rock Mountains of Western North Carolina. Citizens of the county gave an old-time picnic barbecue to 3,500 guests, including three Cherokee Indian chiefs, whose forefathers formerly occupied the ground.

FIRE PREVENTION AT LAKE LURE

Lake Lure, June 23.—Absolute vindication of the policy of forest fire protection through private enterprise—regarded as an advance step in the southern hardwood area, has been the outstanding result of the work performed by Thomas W. Alexander, formerly district fire warden for Western North Carolina, who has been appointed fire chief upon the 8,400 acre estate of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.

Under the direction of Mr. Alexander there has been organized since May 1 a trained fire prevention force at the site of Lake Lure, this step resulting from the reduction of costly fires at a greatly lowered cost of extinguishing, officials point out.

That the thoughtless or careless smoker is largely responsible for the forest fires of that area, is the finding of Mr. Alexander who calls attention to the danger of forest depletion from this source.

Definite plans for fire control in this area are now being pushed by the fire chief. The construction of many miles of trails, is an initial step now being taken with a crew of 10 trail builders in the field. These trails will skirt the boundaries of the Lake Lure estate, touching all possible interest points, many of them giving exceptional views of the lake area. Attractive direction signs will be erected along these trails as well as fire warnings.

Erection of a fire tower, either upon Harris View or on the western end of Rumbling Bald, is likewise considered imperative by the chief. At present a constant lookout is maintained from the top of Chimney Rock itself where a deputy warden with a powerful telescope, is ever on guard. The glass is used also by visitors who enjoy the increased range of vision it offers.

RECORDER'S COURT BUSY

Judge Stone had a busy day in Recorder's Court Monday. In the case of three boys, charged with stealing tires, the two younger ones were held for Juvenile court, while the elder was held for Superior court.

The case, in which a well known man is charged with receiving the stolen tires, will come up in Judge Stone's court next Monday.

Three other cases were drunkenness, speeding and driving through town with cut-out open. With the advent of the Recorder's court and the appointment of Chief McGraw, there has been quite a clearing up of rowdyism in and around Forest City. The officers have all been very diligent in the performance of their duties, and are making splendid records in the enforcement of the law.

Cowpeas, soybeans and sadan grass may be planted to furnish late hay and forage for livestock, say extension workers at State College.

81x90 bleached sheets for 88c, at Dalton Bros. July Clearance Sale.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Bertha Jones spent the week-end at Cherryville.

Mrs. J. D. Putnam and Mrs. Chas. Hamrick, of Shelby, were guests of Mrs. A. C. Jones last week.

Mrs. G. W. Long, Jr., who has been ill, is showing improvement.

Mrs. M. W. Harris has as her guests this week, her father, Mr. J. W. Goldston, her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Goldston and Miss Nannie Mae Burke, all of Goldston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ott and family and Miss Minnie Stroman, of Bowman, S. C., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Harrill have returned from a delightful trip to Spring Lake, N. J., and Washington, D. C., where Mr. Harrill was in attendance at the insurance convention at the former place. Mr. Harrill was granted this trip by McAllister, Baugh & Scales, of Greensboro, for making his quota in the volume of business done by his company, The Security.

Mrs. Burl Padgett, operated on for appendicitis at the Rutherford Hospital last week, is getting along nicely and expects an early recovery.

Mr. W. G. Magness returned Tuesday from Philadelphia, where he visited the exposition and also bought a carload of pianos.

Miss Francis Holmes has returned to her home at Walkertown, after a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. G. C. McDaniel.

Mr. George Holmes arrived from Walkertown Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. G. C. McDaniel.

Quite a large number of ladies from Forest City attended the reception given by Mrs. J. C. Cowan, Sr., at Rutherfordton, Wednesday evening, in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. J. C. Cowan, Jr.

ANOTHER GOOD SALE

The sale of lots and dwellings, conducted by the Cyclone Auction Co., last Thursday afternoon, was a success in every way. Quite a number of lots were sold on Broadway at good prices. In fact, everything offered was sold, as usual by this company. The dwellings were bought by Messrs. W. R. Harrill and M. H. Hewitt.

The Cyclone Co. also recently sold about \$20,000 worth of property at Hendersonville.

TOWN ORDINANCES

There are three important town ordinances published in The Courier today, and every one should be given a careful reading. The special privilege tax, the salacious literature ordinance and the paving ordinance are the new laws.

It pays to keep the cultivators going and to maintain a dust mulch during periods of drought.

Apron checks at 5c per yard at Dalton Bros. July Clearance Sale.

CAROLEEN NEWS

Caroleen, June 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson and four children and their cousin, Miss Maybelle Leake, of Rossville, Ga., arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Lou Brown and other relatives. Mrs. Clarkson is a daughter of Mrs. Brown.

Mr. P. C. Hawkins of Cliffside, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stalnaker spent Sunday with Mrs. Stalnaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fowler.

Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Childress have returned home from Raleigh, after a few weeks' stay there. Rev. Childress left again Tuesday morning for Raleigh, accompanied by Misses Alda Mae Sparks, Ruth Piercy and Amanda Head, of Caroleen, and Misses Mae Gillespie and Sadie McSwain, of Henrietta as delegates to the E. Y. P. U. state convention to be held there this week.

Miss Hazel Stalnaker, of Forest City, spent Monday with Miss Connie Fowler.

Mrs. Roy Holland and sons, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived a few days ago to spend some time with Mrs. C. M. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hill have returned from a trip to Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, and other points north. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick and other relatives here.

Mrs. Buren Phillips left Monday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wacaser, of near Marion, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wilson, of Hendersonville, spent a few days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bruner Beam.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Lipscomb and children of Blacksburg, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith, this week.

Mrs. Ella Fowles and sons, attended the funeral services of her sister, Mrs. John Sparks, of Ellenboro.

"O. G. CLUB" ORGANIZED

Rutherfordton, June 22.—An enthusiastic body of women met on Tuesday at 12:30 in the living room at the Carmont Tea Room. Miss Willard Powers was chosen temporary chairman and on request Miss Lila Lewis, in explanation of the object for which we had come together, stated that taking an inventory of the office employees in Rutherfordton, she with a co-worker were surprised to find such a large number and conceived the idea of forming an organization and at once began plans to that end with what success the attendance today evidenced.

Miss Logna Logan was elected president, Miss Virginia Grayson, vice president; Miss Lila Lewis, secretary; Mrs. Chas. Moore treasurer, and Mrs. Annie E. Logan, reporter. The business session was interrupted by the announcement that lunch was served. All repaired to the attractively decorated dining room where a sumptuous and appetizing dinner was enjoyed, interspersed with business and conversation by a jolly crowd.

Mrs. John Miller, Misses Lina Williams and Dorothy Moss were appointed a committee to arrange a program for the ensuing month. The "O. G. Club" was decided on as a title for the organization and the noon hour as the time to meet.

DALTON BROS. SALE

Dalton Bros. July Clearance starts tomorrow, June 25, and lasts through July 10. This sale is an annual event with this firm and their offerings are very attractive. For particulars read their page ad in today's Courier.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Michalove, on Friday, June 18, a fine 9 pound boy, at the French Broad Hospital, in Asheville. The young man has been named Jack, Jr. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Weeds and grass use valuable moisture during dry summers. Frequent cultivation will keep them in check.

The largest stock of electric fans in the county will be found at Farmers Hardware Company. 36-2t.

DEATH CLAIMS

THOS. J. WITHROW

Widely Known Citizen Dies Following Attack of Dia- betes—Burial Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Withrow, well known merchant and farmer of the West End, Forest City, died at the Rutherford Hospital Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of diabetes. He had been ill for some time, gradually growing worse until it became necessary to enter the hospital. The disease had made such inroads upon his health that he, despite the very best of care and attention, gradually sank to the end.

Mr. Withrow was born in this county on March 17, 1876, being in his 50th year. He was married to Miss Carrie McMahan, October 12, 1902. To this union nine children were born, all of whom, with his widow, survive, together with three sisters and one brother.

He joined the Baptist church when 17 years of age, since which time he had lived a consecrated Christian life. He was a successful business man and one who was widely known and highly respected.

Besides his wife, the following are survivors: Children—Alfred Thomas, Paul, Earl, Emmett, John Lester, Clarence, Reba, Joe Dennis and Wilbur Withrow; one brother, Mr. James Withrow, of Christopher, Ill., two sisters, Mrs. J. Hopper, Spartanburg; and Mrs. W. J. Green, Concord, S. C.

The funeral services were held at the First Baptist church, Forest City, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, being in charge of Dr. W. A. Ayers, and Rev. B. M. Bridges.

Fallbearers were O. C. Turner, R. L. Reinhardt, Chas. Z. Flack, W. L. Brown, Dr. W. C. Bostic and R. E. Blanton. Flower bearers were members of the Emily Logan Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Junior Order, United American Mechanics, had charge of the services at the grave.

SINKOE'S SALE

A double page ad in today's Courier tells of the big sale starting at Sinkoe's tomorrow, June 25. You should read the ad to see the wonderful bargains to be offered.

MRS. FLOY SPARKS DEAD

Mrs. Floy Sparks died at her home in Ellenboro, Tuesday, after a short illness of tuberculosis. While not unexpected, her death comes as a distinct shock to hosts of friends.

She was about 45 years old and the widow of Mr. John Sparks, who preceded her to the grave about eight years ago. Long a member of the Baptist church, she had lived a consistent Christian life, and made many friends by her accommodating spirit and lovely character.

Mrs. Sparks is survived by one son, Mr. Hoyt Sparks, and her father, Mr. O. O. Hamrick, both of Ellenboro.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel church, conducted by Rev. Z. D. Harrill, Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd.

NEW ELECTRIC SIGN

Dalton Bros. are being congratulated upon their enterprise in putting up a new electric sign, which adds very much to the attractiveness of the public square. This Florshiem sign cost \$250.

There would be fewer objections to Congressmen throwing ink bottles and things at one another, if their aim was only a little better.

Iron rust stains on white enamel may be removed with a solution of oxalic acid. Keep it out of the children's reach.

Dairy farmers of Wake and Durham counties recently sold 25 cows as a result of facts found by keep-