

DR. T. C. M'BRAYER DIES AT BROAD OAK SANITARIUM SUNDAY

Relief From Long Suffering
Comes at 9:45 P. M.—
Burial at Forest City.

In the death of Dr. T. C. McBrayer the county loses one of its most unique characters, a native son, who made a wonderful success in life in many ways and lived not in vain. Of a generous nature and a warm heart, he did much for humanity, administering to their ills as a physician and was never backward in rendering financial assistance to the worthy.

Dr. McBrayer, who had been suffering from a complication of diseases for several years, died at the Broad Oak Sanitarium at Morganton, Sunday at 9:45 o'clock p. m. Failing rapidly toward the last, relatives had him taken to the Sanitarium about one week ago, where he gradually declined until his death. He had made a long and brave fight for life, his afflictions bearing heavily upon him for the past several years, only his own skill as a physician and his indomitable spirit prolonging his days.

Dr. McBrayer was born in this county 69 years ago the son of Lorenzo McBrayer, who died during the Civil War. Later his mother was married to Frank Moore of this county. The survivors of this union—half-brothers and sister to deceased—are Mr. W. E. Moore, of Forest City, and Mr. B. C. Moore of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Mary Webb, of Forest City.

Deceased was never married. Taking up the practice of medicine many years ago, he became a most successful physician, becoming most expert in handling cases of Tuberculosis, typhoid fever, pneumonia and pellagra and was noted as a baby doctor of unusual ability. He built the structure now occupied by the Horn Cash Store as a sanitarium, but never got it successfully established on account of conditions beyond his control. He was also very successful in handling real estate and amassed a fortune estimated at about \$300,000. He also built the old Maybree Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1918.

A devout member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, Dr. McBrayer donated the handsome structure now occupied by this denomination in Forest City in its entirety, the building and lot being a free gift to the congregation. At the time of his death he was having erected a church building for the Wesleyan Methodists in the Hopewell section, of which Rev. Dan Hardin is pastor. He was always most liberal to the church and the poor and afflicted. He was not a man given to pomp nor display, but always sought to give of his wealth to those whom he felt were the most needy. It is said of him that a case of poverty or affliction never failed to touch his heart and he was most generous in coming to the assistance of his fellowman. He was truly the poor man's friend, and wealth given in this manner does far more good than wasted in temples and palaces erected for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the builder.

Dr. McBrayer has come and gone—lived the short span of the mortal—but there are many who will mourn his loss and bless his memory. He was following in the footsteps of his master, the lowly and meek Jesus, when he ministered to the poor and the afflicted.

Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Methodist church at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Among the officiating ministers were the pastor, Rev. H. P. Rich, Dr. W. R. Ware, of the Methodist Episcopal church, Forest City, and Dr. Black, of Asheville. Interment took place in Pleasant Grove cemetery, where he was tenderly laid away beside his mother.

Flower girls—Katherine Barber, Lilah Padgett, Ethel Moore, Mary King Harrill, Margaret Young, Myr-

MR. J. M. HOLLIFIELD SERIOUSLY INJURED

While at work Saturday morning, Mr. J. M. Hollifield, woodworker at Bostic, was struck in the eye with the end of a belt which had broken on a planer that he was using. He was immediately rushed to a doctor and was later taken to an eye specialist at Charlotte. On account of a hemorrhage of the eye it could not be determined whether he would lose eyesight or not.

Mr. Hollifield is well known in this section, and it was with much regret that his many friends heard of his accident.

Later—Mr. Hollifield returned to his home Tuesday. He can see some now with the injured eye, and the specialist thinks he will fully recover his eyesight.

COOL SPRINGS SCHOOLS OPEN AUSPICIOUSLY

Attendance Largely Increased
—School News of Interest
to Patrons.

The Cool Springs Township schools began work on a regular schedule Monday. The periods were cut short and the day ended at noon. Full work was given the second day. The orderly manner in which the schools began work was due to the planning of the work by the teachers, principals and superintendent.

All the schools have an increase in their enrollment. Alexander, increase —, Bostic, 123; Forest City grammar school, over 600; Mt. Pleasant over 100; Pleasant Grove around 30; Cool Springs High 260. This present enrollment shows an increase of 150 pupils in all the schools over last year's enrollment. The registration Monday will be increased over 50 per cent by the last of the school.

The reorganization of the high schools of North Carolina changed the class periods from 45 to 50 minutes. This change made it necessary for the school here to dismiss at 12:10 for lunch and have only 40 minutes for lunch. Perhaps the Forest City graded school will have only 40 minutes, beginning Monday, September 13th.

This year some pupils will be retained in a grade when their parents think they should be promoted. A pupil must have completed three units in order to pass to the second year high school. It will require seven units to get in third year and twelve units to get in fourth year. This rule will be strictly enforced this year. This will prevent a number of pupils going up in grades before they are prepared to do the work. Too, it will eliminate all of those from the senior class who can not finish the course.

The patrons of Cool Springs schools who live on farms are urged to start their children to school at once. If it becomes necessary to keep them out to pick cotton later in the year, they will have had some time in school. They will be in position to study at home and keep up with their class. This year the cotton crop is late and it will be at least two weeks before much cotton will be open.

FOREST CITY COURIER REACHES THE FOLKS

Caroleen, Sept. 6.—"Please publish enclosed program in The Courier this week. Your paper certainly reaches the folks.—SUBSCRIBER"

Thanks for the expression. Our advertisers have also discovered the fact that The Courier "reaches the folks." That's why we carry more advertising than any other paper in the county.—Ed.

tle Gudger Harrill, Kate Long, Evelyn Blanton.

Pallbearers—Rev. Dan Hardin, Archie Hardin, R. L. Reinhardt, E. O. Thomas, J. C. Scruggs, R. E. Biggerstaff.

VICKERS INNOCENT, STATEMENT MADE BEFORE HIS DEATH

Repeatedly Told Hospital Physician He Did Not Kill Rogers.

Did J. B. Vickers suffer conviction for a crime he did not commit, and lose his life at the hands of a prison guard who shot him down without cause or reason, has been the question foremost in the minds of Rutherford county relatives and friends of the unfortunate young man.

According to the deathbed statement of Vickers—and it is to be given serious consideration—he was an innocent man.

Mr. Crawford Vickers, brother of J. B. Vickers, and who was at the bedside at the time of his brother's death, made the following statement to a representative of The Courier: "The hospital doctor told me that Back told him at least a dozen times that he never killed that man. I never saw anyone die so happily and peacefully as Back did. Back was anxious to go. He made this statement to me before his death: 'I am ready and willing to go.' His death did not cast such a gloom over me, for I know Back was telling the truth on his dying bed."

J. B. Vickers, the second son of Mrs. Dolph Vickers, was about 32 years of age. In 1916 he enlisted in the cavalry of the first division of the U. S. Army and spent two years of active service in France. While on the firing line his knee and ear were badly injured. Mr. Vickers, whose father preceded him to the grave seven years ago, is survived by his mother, five brothers and six sisters, all of this county.

An article elsewhere in this paper gives full details of the events leading up to the death of the young man.

HENRIETTA MILLS MAY BE SOLD

Deal Pending For Purchase of
Big Plants at Henrietta,
Caroleen, and Cherokee Falls.

It has been rumored for some time that sale of the Henrietta Mills was pending, but announcement was withheld by The Courier on request of some interested parties. However, negotiations have progressed to the point where it may be stated that, without a doubt, the big deal will be consummated October 1st.

The Henrietta and Caroleen Mills are located in Rutherford county and the Cherokee Falls plant is in South Carolina. The deal, should it come through, would involve around two million dollars, it is said.

The three big mills were merged under one organization a few years ago following the death of S. B. Tanner, Rutherford textile leader. Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Forest City, Kenneth Tanner and other Rutherford citizens are stockholders, but the majority of the stock is owned by C. M. Woodford, of New York, and W. S. Forbes, Richmond capitalist. The business organization is maintained in Rutherford although controlling interests are in Richmond and New York. It is definitely stated that the proposed deal is with New York interests.

Details of the deal were not given by Mr. Thomas, who confined himself to saying that negotiations are on. The three plants are outstanding in the textile life of the Carolinas, and their sale would be another move southward by northern textile interests.

The Courier has good authority for the statement that, in event of the sale, there will be no change in the personnel of the forces at any of the big mills. The deal only means transfer of stock to other interests.

ONE MAN DIES, ANOTHER IS HURT, AUTO TURNS OVER

Jennings Harris Killed and
Robert Neighbors Injured
At Spindale.

Jennings Harris is dead and Robert Neighbors is in the Rutherford Hospital seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident at Spindale Saturday about noon. Neighbors was driving. They were in a Studebaker touring car, and it is reported that they crossed the railroad at 60 miles per hour. The auto overturned three times and was badly damaged. The injured men were rushed to the hospital and Harris died soon after reaching there; only the two men were in the car.

They were en route from Charlotte to Asheville where Harris was to enter Oteen Hospital. He was an ex-soldier of the World War and had taken treatment in Atlanta, Oteen and other government hospitals since the war. He was 24 years of age, single and the son of Mr. J. L. Harris, of Cliffside. The family moved to this county from South Carolina about six months ago.

Harris is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters. He was a member of Company D, 105th ammunition train in France, during the war. Papers were found on him from the United States Veterans' Bureau, Charlotte, which would admit him to Oteen Hospital. He was before the Veterans' Bureau Friday and got his papers fixed up.

Neighbors' home is in West Asheville. A message from the hospital at 1 o'clock Wednesday, stated that he was doing nicely and there were hopes for his recovery.

HENRIETTA NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

The Courier's Correspondent
Covers Every Happening
of Interest.

Death of Infant.

Henrietta, Sept. 7.—The six-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jule Carson died Saturday and was buried at High Shoals, Sunday afternoon. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle. The small grave was covered with a mass of beautiful flowers. This child was one of twins. The other twin died some time ago.

Ferry Road Completed.

The road force under Mr. A. G. Randall has completed the new road from Ferry to the Broad river bridge. This is a splendid piece of road construction and a great improvement has been made in the road as it approaches the bridge. Mr. Randall will probably be sent to Golden Valley, where Mr. Marvin Butler and his force of hands have been at work for some time on a new road from South Mountain Institute to Forest City.

Mrs. Robert McDaniel Dead.

Mrs. Robert McDaniel died at Spartanburg, last Saturday and was buried at Providence, Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Mrs. McDaniel had been in failing health for some months. Before her marriage she was Miss Emma Rollins, of this place. Since her marriage to Mr. McDaniel, they have made their home in Spartanburg. She is survived by her husband, two children, mother, three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Ingle, Mrs. Palmer Smith, and Mrs. Job Bradley; three brothers, Messrs. Fred Rollins, G. W. Rollins, and G. D. Rollins.

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FOOTBALL SEASON TO OPEN THIS MONTH

Coach W. T. Pool was greeted by approximately 24 candidates for the Forest City high school football team yesterday, when he assembled the squad for the first workout of the season.

The first day's practice was composed largely of discussions, light exercise and running. Coach Pool will give the squad plenty of light exercise before putting them down to real work. From the first glance at the material turned out the coach and school officials are well pleased with the prospects. A good schedule is being worked out with strong teams of this section. The first game will probably be with the strong Kings Mountain team on Friday, September 24. The team will report for practice regularly until the season opens.

MRS. CONNER MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car Bursts Into Flames and
Her Skull Fractured in
Jump to Paved Road.

Tragedy followed swiftly in a series of automobile accidents at Spindale, Saturday and Sunday, two meeting their death.

In returning from church services at Forest City Sunday night, a car driven by a Mr. Moore, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Conner and two ladies, burst into flames when just above the Spindale Furniture Store on the paved road.

In her fright, Mrs. Marion Conner leaped from the burning car and sustained a fractured skull in the fall to the paved road. She died at the Rutherford Hospital at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

None of the other passengers were injured. The driver, when he discovered the car on fire, hurriedly ran to the side of the road before stopping, and the remaining passengers leaped from the burning car.

Mrs. Marion Conner was 55 years old, and resided near Watkins school house, about three miles from Rutherford. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Burial took place at Bethel church, in McDowell county, Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

"CUPID UP TO DATE." FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Brought to Forest City by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, "Cupid Up To Date," a three act home talent musical comedy, is one of the newest, funniest and best shows ever presented to Forest City audiences.

The production opens with a musical prelude of barnyard setting, the chorus girls being dressed as chickens. The first act portrays a modern couple scrapping over a collar button, the second act takes all ahead one hundred years and the third act is a colorful and gay birthday party with Cupid reigning supreme. Fantastic costumes play a great part throughout, the chorus girls as well as members of the last, being garbed as chickens, pigeons, monkeys, cats, clowns, clocks, old-fashioned girls, moons and stars.

Little Miss Virginia Magness is Dan Cupid while Margaret Moore and Sue Finley play the leading roles, not to mention a superlative cast whose excellency is unquestioned.

No one can afford to miss this sparkling scintillating comedy when it is presented Friday, September 10th, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the High School.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON SOLD IN FOREST CITY

Mr. Cletus Reynolds, of near Ellenboro, sold the first bale of cotton of the season to the Forest City Oil Mill Co., last Saturday morning. The cotton brought 17 cents, and the bale weighed 419 pounds.

POPULAR COUPLE CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Padgett Re-
ceive Large Number of
Friends Friday
Evening.

One of the loveliest and most brilliant social affairs of the season was the reception given Friday evening, September 3 at the handsome new home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Padgett, celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary, or silver wedding. Their elegant home was tastefully and handsomely decorated throughout in pink and white roses, ferns and clematis in silver baskets, vases and urns. The home with its brilliant lights and flowers formed a most beautiful scene as the guests wended their way throughout this spacious home. Receiving at the reception hall were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Hague Padgett, Mrs. Thomas wore a green beaded dress and Mrs. Padgett a blue brocaded velvet.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King received at the drawing room door, Mrs. King wearing a black charmeuse, trimmed in crystal beads. Mr. King, the only brother of Mrs. Padgett, introduced the guests to the receiving line, in which stood Mr. and Mrs. Padgett and their lovely daughters and three sons—Mrs. Nellie Padgett Norris, Messrs. Charles and James Padgett, Miss Lilah Padgett, Mr. Phillip Padgett, Misses Meriam and Marjorie Padgett, and Mr. Padgett's mother, Mrs. Priscilla Padgett. Mrs. T. R. Padgett wore an orchid and silver lace dress, with a handsome spanish shawl, and a corsage of roses tied with silver ribbon, showered with valley lilies. This Spanish shawl, worn on this twenty-fifth anniversary, will be handed down as an heirloom.

Mrs. Nelle Padgett Norris wore a pink chiffon, heavily beaded in rhinestone and carried a gorgeous peacock fan. Miss Lilah Padgett wore white with rhinestone hair trimmings, and carried a pink ostrich fan. Miss Meriam Padgett wore pink georgette, trimmed in silver lace. Little Miss Marjorie Padgett wore a white dress of satin ribbon ruffles with tulle shoulder bows. Mrs. Priscilla Padgett, the grandmother, who sat in an easy chair at the end of the receiving line, wore a black radium silk dress trimmed in soft folds of tulle and jet. The father and three sons wore conventional evening suits.

From the receiving line entering the solarium, the guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Doggett. Mrs. Doggett wore a black and gold lace dress.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter greeted the guests at the register. Mrs. Carpenter wore a jade green beaded georgette dress. The register, which was hand-painted and tied with silver ribbon and showered with valley lilies, painted and arranged by Miss Ellis Credle, was beautiful and unique. The sketch on the front of the register represented a bride and groom, the bride wearing a dress sketched from the original wedding gown of Mrs. Padgett, worn twenty-five years ago.

From the register the guests were directed to the punch bowl, which was presided over by Misses Fannie and Alice King and Otilie Long, these young ladies being twin cousins of the family. A delicious iced punch was served from a table with lace cover interwoven with a mass of pink roses and ferns. From there the guests were directed to the east end of the salarum where were seated the aunts of Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, Mesdames H. D. Harrill, Tom Moore, S. A. Bridges, J. B. Long, Sue Biggerstaff and Mrs. Mollie Homesley, of Charlotte, an intimate friend of the family. This was indeed a lovely picture, as these ladies, with beautiful gray hair, faces wreathed in smiles and dressed in lovely black and gray silk dresses, greeted each guest on this happy occasion.

From there to the drawing room where the guests were greeted by

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