

J. T. FORTUNE DIES AT HIS HOME IN FOREST CITY

Death Comes Friday Afternoon to Claim One of County's Best Known Citizens.

Mr. J. T. Fortune, one of Rutherford county's best known citizens, died at his home in Forest City Friday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. The immediate cause of his death was attributed to heart disease. He had only been confined to his room for about ten days, but had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Fortune was a native of this county, being the son of Pleasant and Patsy Fortune, and was born Nov. 12, 1852. His entire life was spent among the scenes of friends of his childhood and through it all he was an example of the best traditions and character of a splendid old family. He was the soul of honor, a man of tender heart, but firm character, and a Christian gentleman at all times.

Early in young manhood, Mr. Fortune was married to Miss Carrie Philbeck, who survives. Also surviving are four children, Mrs. C. J. Young, Auburn, Ala., Mrs. C. E. Lowe, Brevard, N. C., Mrs. R. V. King and Mrs. Minnie Blanton, of Forest City. The latter is treasurer of Rutherford county. There are also surviving three sisters, Mrs. William Bridges, Mrs. Mary Philbeck and Miss Lou Fortune, all of Cleveland County; three brothers, Dobb and H. L. Fortune, of this county, and Wm. Fortune of New Jersey. There are nineteen grandchildren, all of whom were at his funeral.

Mr. Fortune had always been active in affairs of the county, civic, religious and political. At the time of his marriage he was engaged in farming. Later he was superintendent of construction in the building of Caroleen and Henrietta Mills, also later serving in the same capacity in the building of Florence Mills at Forest City and the big mills at Cliffside. He was superintendent of the first cotton mill built in Forest City, which was later merged into Florence Mills. For quite a number of years he was manager of the Florence Mills store. Quitting this work he engaged in the livery business in Forest City. It was during this time that he was elected Mayor of the town, and he filled this position with the same just and impartial manner and judicial temperament for which he was ever noted.

He was also county superintendent of roads for a number of years and made one of the best the county ever had. His sound business judgment and industry, coupled with an experience in county affairs, enabled him to make a splendid record in this work. Afterward, he entered the mercantile business in Forest City under the firm name of Fortune & King. He made a success of this venture, retiring a few years ago after an honorable record of twenty years of fair and just dealings with his fellow man.

Dr. W. A. Ayers came from Greer, S. C., where he has been engaged in a meeting, to preach the funeral Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The First Baptist church was crowded to overflowing, many having seats in the gallery. A great throng of friends had come out to pay their last respects to a good and just man a friend to all. Dr. Ayers made a splendid talk, after reading several most appropriate passages from the Bible, emphasizing more particularly this verse from First Peter: "A meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price." He dwelt particularly on the meek and strong character of the deceased, stressing his loyalty to friends and his devotion to his family. Referring to his cheerfulness and strong spirit, Dr. Ayers related how Mr. Fortune had within the year undergone a serious operation at the hospital, how bravely and quietly he went through with this ordeal, and then told of his patience and cheerfulness throughout his last illness. Using the life of Mr. Fortune as an illustration, the pastor said, "It is a real benediction now for real Christians to cultivate

KLAN CEREMONY AT FOREST CITY

Exercises of Klansmen Prove Interesting To the Large Crowd Here Thanksgiving

Despite rainy weather, one of the largest Klan celebrations ever held in Rutherford County, was held at Forest City, Thanksgiving day by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Province 3. There were about 300 Klansmen present, delegates coming from 29 counties of Western North Carolina.

The program began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with a football game between Cool Springs high school and the Marion Hi. This was about the best game played on the local gridiron this season, neither side scoring until the fourth quarter, when V. G. "Red" Whitlock made a touchdown for Cool Springs. Tom Blanton made a 30-yard gain for Cool Springs in the fourth quarter but failed to score, although he liked just about a foot of making a touchdown.

Following the football game was the presentation of Flag and Bible to the Cool Springs high school by the local Klan. On account of the rain this took place in the auditorium of the school. Prof. J. W. Eaks, superintendent of the township schools, introduced Rev. W. B. Jenkins, of Forest City, who in turn, introduced the speaker, Rev. W. E. Abernathy, of Rutherford College, who presented the flag and Bible to the school. Professor Eaks, on behalf of the school accepted them.

Judge Henry A. Grady, Grand Dragon of North Carolina, who was to deliver an address at this meeting, was unable to be present. However, his place was ably filled by Rev. Abernathy, who made a very fine talk, using as his subject, "Internationalism," "Racialism," "Religion" and "Morals." From these four points he drew his theme, saying "This has always been a Christian nation, must be kept one and will be kept one." Dr. Abernathy, who is considered one of the best speakers in the state was at one time pastor of the East Main Street Methodist church of Forest City, and his address was heard by a large audience.

A barbecue dinner was served the Klansmen at 6 o'clock in the Kiwanis Hall by the ladies of the Woman's Klan of this place.

At 7 o'clock they formed in a parade, marching from the Kiwanis Hall to the high school ball park. Marching at the head of the parade was the Great Titan of the Third Province and Four Exalted Cyclops the latter being the highest officer of any Klan. The members of the Woman's Klan of Forest City also marched in the parade.

At the ball park they formed in a big circle and sang several songs. Then the degree team from Asheville took charge and publicly naturalized five candidates to membership in this order. Following this was the burning of a large fiery cross. This brought the celebration to a close and as a benediction, a member of the Asheville degree team blew "Taps."

THIEVES BUSY AT CHIMNEY ROCK

Sometime Monday night thieves entered two garages at Chimney Rock and took between \$200.00 and \$300.00 worth of tires and other automobile accessories. Although every effort has been made to locate the guilty parties, no trace has yet been found, and none of the stolen goods recovered.

OWENS—HENDERSON WEDDING

Miss Beulah Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Henderson, of the Shiloh section, was married Thanksgiving day to Mr. Thomas W. Owens, at Hendersonville. Rev. O. E. Simpson performed the ceremony.

a quiet spirit in these days of rush and bustle."

After the services at the church, the body was taken to Cool Springs cemetery for interment.

FOREST CITY GIRL VOTED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AT MEREDITH COLLEGE



MISS VIRGINIA LINK

Miss Virginia Link, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Link, of Forest City, was recently voted the most beautiful girl at Meredith College, Raleigh. She is a graduate of Cool Springs High School and is now in her third year at Meredith. She has passed on every study and is a brilliant student.

ASSISTANT NURSE IS SECURED AT SPINDALE

Spindale, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Heurbert Sherrill, of Richmond, Va., reported for duty this morning at the Spindale House, where she will assist Miss Evelyn Waddell with the exacting duties of community worker. Mrs. Sherrill comes to Spindale well recommended, for the position which she is about to take up. She was formerly engaged in similar work with the Liggett and Myers Co., of Richmond, Va., and was for four years with the P. Lorillard Company, also of Richmond.

Mrs. Sherrill is a graduate of Richmond School of Public Health and Social Service, which is an extension of William and Mary College, also of Wannamaker Institute, of Philadelphia. Her training as a nurse was received at the University of Oklahoma and Providence Hospital, of El Paso, Texas, and is a member of the National Order of Public Health Nurses and American Nurses Association.

Her husband, Dr. Heurbert Sherrill, who is one of the outstanding men of the day in the medical profession, is engaged in research work, and is at present in Pittsburgh.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The Cool Springs High School has arranged the following games to be played in Forest City:

- Dec. 10—Alexander Schools, Inc.
- Dec. 17—Boiling Springs High School.
- Jan. 14—Central High.
- Jan. 21—Lincolnton (Double header.)
- Jan. 25—Boiling Springs.
- Jan. 28—Marion H. S. (Double header.)
- Feb. 4—Gastonia.
- Feb. 8—Open.

There will be a series of eight basketball games to be played on the local court. It is hoped that Forest City will have a very fast team this year, since all of the members of last year's team with the exception of one, are back in school this year. In addition to this group there are three or four new players which will be a big asset to the team this year. In order to accommodate the fans of Forest City and adjacent communities it was decided to sell the students of the Cool Springs High School season tickets for 75c, also we have decided to sell a season ticket to the public for \$1.50. This is a very low price, considering two of the eight games scheduled will be

SPINDALE HAS TWO DEATHS THIS WEEK

Mr. Tom Allen and Mrs. O. C. Clements Dead. Railway Employees Injured. Other News of Interest.

Spindale, Nov. 30.—Mr. Thomas Allen, an aged citizen of the Stonecutter section, passed away at his home early last Thursday morning. His health had been declining for some time. The cause of his death was paralysis. Funeral services were held from the Rutherfordton Baptist church Friday afternoon, and interment was in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

He is survived by his wife. He was about seventy years of age.

Mrs. O. C. Clements Dead
Mrs. O. C. Clements, of this place, died Saturday night, Nov. 20th, following an illness of nearly a year. Her death, while not unexpected, has brought sorrow to the hearts of many.

Mrs. Clements, before her marriage a few years ago, was Miss Clara Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cannon, of Rutherfordton. She was twenty-eight years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from Piedmont Baptist church Sunday afternoon, Rev. L. N. Epley, of Forest City, being in charge.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. O. C. Clements, four children, Louise, eight years old; Inez, seven years old; J. T., aged four, and Francis, aged fourteen months. The following sisters also survive: Misses Bertie, Susie and Josie Cannon, of Rutherfordton, and Mrs. Byron Hanrahan, whose husband in connected with the Virginia State Highway Commission; one brother, Carl Cannon, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cannon.

Railway Employees Injured

Messrs. G. F. Goforth, of Union Mills, and J. R. Logan, of Blacksburg, members of the freight train crew on the Southern Railway, were injured here Tuesday in a very unusual accident. While "kicking" a box car from the spur to the main line, at the Spindale depot, the pole, or beam, used for that purpose broke when impact of the engine came against it. Messrs. Logan and Goforth were supporting the beam, and were injured, Logan about the chest and shoulder and Goforth about the head. They were removed to the hospital at Rock Hill. At latest reports both are convalescing nicely. These men are considered fortunate to escape so lightly from such dangerous predicament.

Missionary Society Bazaar

The Woman's Missionary Society, of the Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar Saturday afternoon and evening at the Spindale House. Stewed and fried oysters will grace the menu, along with chicken salad, lemon pies, coffee and homemade candy. The receipts from the bazaar will be devoted to outfitting the parsonage with new furniture.

"Y" Team Wins Two Basket Ball Games

Spindale "Y" Basket Ball team played their first game of the season Wednesday evening at the Spindale House, winning by a score of 17 to 34 against the Henrietta Mills team.

For the locals Nanney led in the scoring making ten points. Sherrill, center, ran close with nine points and Clay made three field goals and one foul shot. Yelton, forward, made five points. The three remaining points were made by Cowan and Lentz. Mahaffee and Weese, of Henrietta, tied, both making three field goals and one foul.

The attendance was unusually good, about three hundred fans being present.

On Friday evening at locals won the second game by defeating Alexander Schools, Inc., of Union Mills, by a score of 73-28. Sherrill, center, led the "Y" team in scoring, securing twenty-one points. Nanney scored fourteen and Clay twelve. A Buchanan was high scorer for the visitors, securing nineteen of the twenty-eight points made by them.

The locals will meet the Pacific Mills team of Lyman, S. C., Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. A good game is assured.

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HON. J. P. D. WITHROW "MERCHANT PRINCE OF HOLLIS" DEAD

Benefactor, Philanthropist and Civic Leader Passed Thursday After Protracted Illness.

Funeral services for the late Hon. J. P. D. Withrow, of Hollis, were held Friday afternoon, at 2 p. m. from Big Springs Baptist church, Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. C. Swofford of Granite Falls.

Mr. Withrow, familiarly known as the "Merchant Prince of Hollis," died Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, at his home following a protracted illness of heart trouble and high blood pressure. A family reunion was held at the home during the day and he was in high spirits and apparently on the path to recovery. Late in the afternoon he entered the bath room, where it is supposed that due to the excitement of the day, he fell dead with heart trouble, and was found shortly afterwards by the family.

Cleveland Lodge 202, A. F. & A. M., of Shelby assisted the Hollis Lodge with the funeral ceremony. Mr. Will Hoey, past master of the Shelby Lodge, was in charge of the ceremony. Special music was prepared for the services, which was under the direction of Mr. H. M. Pippin, of the First Baptist church, of Shelby. At the conclusion of the funeral ceremony the grave was banked with armfuls of beautiful flowers, brought by loving friends and neighbors. Two robed members of the Ku Klux Klan also placed a beautiful wreath on his grave.

Mr. Withrow lacked two weeks of being sixty years of age. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Lauro Hamrick, preceded him to the grave eighteen months ago. He is survived by one son, Grady, of Hollis, a daughter Mrs. R. L. Thompson, of Tate Springs, Tenn., one brother, Mr. James Withrow, of this county, Mrs. W. A. Royster, a sister, of Fallston. His aged mother, Mrs. Susanna Withrow, still lives at the old Withrow home place at the age of eighty-four years.

Following the death of his wife about eighteen months ago, Mr. Withrow's health declined, and he turned the store over to his son Grady, who has continued to operate it. Mr. Withrow had since been somewhat retired but he never lost his youthful spirit, maintaining his interest in his friends and all uplifting causes. He sought the best medical attention in an effort to regain his health, but his once strong, robust body gradually withered under the physical troubles with which he was afflicted.

"The Merchant Prince" was born in Duncan's Creek township and spent his life in that section of the county, devoting of his time and means of making it a law-abiding and prosperous section. For thirty-five years he was a merchant at Hollis, building that little mountain town from a cross roads store to a thriving little village. Durham Withrow was known far and wide for he was a big-hearted, jovial character who radiated joy and sunshine among all with whom he came in contact. He was honest in every particular, broad minded and public-spirited, a quick wit and quaint philosopher who lived a life of service for others. Evidence that he was a friend to man was often shown in the fact that he contributed liberally to all denominations and to all fraternal orders, promoted many rallies and patriotic gatherings at the little town of Hollis, erected a monument to the soldiers who served in the world war, was a staunch advocate of good roads and better schools and was happy over the fact that he lived to see many of his dreams come true.

In 1917 Mr. Withrow was honored by being elected as representative of Rutherford county in the state legislature, which position he filled with trust and fidelity. He was prominent in church affairs, being a member of the Big Springs Baptist church

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THANKSGIVING AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Bostic, R-4, Nov. 30.—The Catawba River Association, Dysartsville, First Baptist Church in Shelby and the loyal community and church, started early plans for Thanksgiving "poundings" for the benefit of South Mountain Industrial Institute, Inc. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving saw more than one truck load of provisions winding up our mountain roads. Among other good things were golden pumpkins, corn, potatoes, canned fruit in abundance, flour, molasses, chickens, etc., and with these were included the blessings of friendship and good-will for the school at this glad season, indicated by these gifts for which the little school on the hill-top is deeply grateful.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in the usual way, the whole community being invited to join the school family in an outdoor dinner. The weather made an indoor dinner advisable, but rainy weather did not dampen spirits, nor prevent the girls' basketball game in the afternoon. Following this, a program was rendered by the children of the school, consisting of a playlet, story-telling, songs and readings suitable to the occasion. Visitors from Charlotte and Hendersonville added to the enjoyment of the day.

BETHEL CHURCH BAZAAR

Ellenboro, Nov. 29.—The ladies of the W. M. U. Society of Bethel Church, with the aid of all the church members, will hold their annual bazaar December 11, in the K. of P. hall. A large collection of useful and fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be on sale. The ladies will also serve oysters, fried chicken, salads, rice, pickles, cakes, pies, coffee, cocoa, candy and other good things. We cordially invite you to come out and take dinner or supper, and bring the whole family along.

Save money by going to Dalton Bros. great December sale.

double headers. Both Marion and Lincolnton will bring the boys and girls for double headers. This is equivalent to ten games.

It is hoped that the people of town will take advantage of this opportunity.