

## DR. L. V. LEE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY

### Lattimore Physician Loses Eye and Receives Chest Injury When Car Goes Over Embankment.

Lattimore, Dec. 7.—Dr. L. V. Lee, prominent physician of this place lost his left eye and received a serious injury to his chest as a result of an auto accident Sunday morning. Dr. Lee was riding alone and was near the old David McBrayer farm between Lattimore and Mooresboro when his car left the road as it approached the creek, landing about ten feet upside down in the bed of the creek.

It is reported that he was on his way to see one of his patients when the accident occurred, about 10:30 Sunday morning. He was found by a colored passerby about 11 o'clock and taken home. His clothing was soaked with water as a result of his fall into the creek.

Sometime ago he was at the point of death from an attack of pneumonia, so with his chest injury and exposure to cold, his friends are anxiously watching developments, and special attention is being given to his chest at the Rutherford Hospital, where he was removed Sunday afternoon.

When the car went into the creek Dr. Lee's chest struck the steering wheel and smashed it, while it is supposed that flying glass from the wind shield cut his eye. His eye was removed at the Hospital Sunday night.

### PIANO RECITAL

The patrons and friends of Miss Goggans' piano class are anticipating a real treat next Thursday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock, at the high school auditorium.

A special feature of the program will be "The Doll's Musical Festival," in which all the dolls we love best will be guests of honor. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

## KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

J. M. Edwards, President and J. W. Dalton, Vice President—Other Officers and Directors.

The annual election of officers of the Kiwanis Club came off in a most harmonious meeting held Monday evening. As a result of the balloting, some new faces appear on the board of directors and other deserving ones are elevated to different stations.

Mr. J. M. Edwards, vice-president and who has from the inception of the movement to form the club here, been a staunch supporter and indefatigable worker, was elected president, while Mr. J. W. Dalton, was elevated to the vice presidency. Mr. Dalton has also been prominent in the affairs of the club, and ever ready to lend of his time and talent for any object sponsored by the organization.

The election for all officers, with the exception of Secretary, who is named by the board of directors, resulted as follows:

President—J. M. Edwards.  
Vice-president—John Dalton.  
District Trustee—Howard Doggett.  
Treasurer—Thos. G. Stone.

The above officers, the secretary and the retiring president are automatically members of the board of directors.

Other directors elected were C. E. Alecock, R. R. Howes, R. W. Minish, Terry Moore, R. L. Reinhardt, Geo. W. Rollins and J. H. Thomas. While the tellers were counting the ballots, quite a discussion was held in regard to a potato house for Forest City, after which a com-

### "KNEELING EVANGELIST" AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. J. S. JONES

Great interest has been shown in the first four services held by this well known evangelist. Beginning last Sunday morning, large crowds have been attracted to the services and already ten persons have united with the church. Rev. Mr. Jones, was born a cripple. In spite of his handicap he worked his way through the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. He has been in evangelistic work for more than twenty years and has preached in twenty states with more than 10,000 additions to Baptist churches alone.

He is not only a preacher of ability but sings the gospel with power as well; his solos being one of the features of his meetings.

Rev. Jones has a wife and four daughters. He preaches on an elevated platform, stands on his knees while preaching, never having stood on his feet. He weighs 230 pounds and wears a number 20 collar. This kneeling preacher will be heard with pleasure and profit at the First Baptist church for the next ten days. All the people of the city, irrespective of denominational affiliations, are cordially invited.

### MISS POWERS CHAIRMAN

Miss Willard Powers, of Rutherfordton, has been appointed by Mrs. James M. Gudger, of Asheville, chairman of the Rutherford County Stone Mountain Children's Foundation Roll. Miss Powers attended a luncheon at the George Vanderbilt Hotel at Asheville recently at which nation and State directors were speakers.

### HAMES—MOORE WEDDING

Mr. Clarence Hames and Miss Clyde Moore surprised their many friends by going to Gaffney, Wednesday, Dec. 1, and getting married. The bride is one of Avondale's well-known and talented young ladies, while the groom is a young man of exceptionally fine character.

### SINGLETARY—DALTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dalton, of Chimney Rock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Louise, to E. G. Singletary, of Charlotte. The marriage will take place the latter part of December.

mittee was appointed to go into the matter and report at the next meeting. Several feasible plans were advanced, and it seems that we are assured of the storage house.

The Courier feels that it is voicing the sentiment of every Kiwanian when we pay a deserved tribute to retiring president F. I. Barber. He has served faithfully and well and has never faltered in the face of any duty, giving always heartily of his time and means to promote the best welfare of the club. A man of pronounced public spirit, he has worked hard and efficiently to advance the best interest of the section served by the club.

New members were added Monday evening, and with the passing of the holidays and the beginning of the new year, it is expected that a hearty growth in membership will be enjoyed by this organization which is working hard for the community.

## SOUTHERN TRAIN WRECKED MONDAY AT SPINDALE

### Loosened Rails Wreck Passenger Train 113, Early Monday; Detectives on Trail.

Spindale, Dec. 7.—Southern passenger train No. 113, from Marion to Rock Hill, was wrecked Monday morning at 6:20 o'clock, between the Rutherfordton Seaboard depot and the Spindale Southern depot, about three hundred yards north of the Spindale depot. No one was seriously injured. The engine and tender turned over, the baggage and mail car turned upside down, and the negro coach derailed and partly turned over. The white passenger coach was left standing on the track.

Will Wilson, a negro passenger, of Shelby, received a few minor injuries when he jumped from the car, but they will possibly not prove serious.

Very few passengers were on the train, owing to the early hour which it runs, and which accounts for no one being injured.

The train was in charge of Captain McKinley Albergotti, with Mr. George Hammersley, engineman and Roy Gaston, fireman. None of the crew were hurt.

Investigation showed that at least ten spikes were drawn from the cross ties on the east side of the track while several others were partly down. Apparently a heavy crowbar was used for the purpose of pulling the spikes. The official report, made by the officials of the Railway investigating the wreck, to Charleston office, was to the effect that the wreck was caused by some party, or parties, who pulled the spikes, causing the rails to spread.

A wrecking crew was immediately dispatched from Charlotte and arrived at the scene of the wreck near noon, Monday. Traffic on the line was held up until 9 o'clock Monday night. A temporary track was constructed around the wreckage and train No. 114 went thru on time Monday evening at 9:20.

The wreck occurred at the end of a long curve and near the Spindale depot. The trains diminish speed for the curve, also begin slowing for the stop at the depot. This fact explains why the entire train was not derailed and how serious injury, if not death, to the train crew and passengers, was prevented.

It is reported on good authority that Southern Railway detectives and police are seeking the alleged vandals, who removed the spikes.

### HENRIETTA MILLS STORES TO LAUNCH A BIG SALE

The Henrietta Mills Stores, Henrietta and Caroleen, are advertising a big Christmas saving sale, to begin Friday, Dec. 10, and continue through Dec. 18th. Manager W. S. Moss says that no one will be disappointed when they visit the sale, for they have decided to reduce their stocks regardless of price. Nothing in the two big stores is restricted except the holiday goods.

### MRS. WILLIAM HUDSON DEAD

Mrs. William M. Hudson, age 77 years, died Monday, Nov. 29, at her home near Logan Station, of pneumonia. She had been ill only about a week. She lived alone near the home of Mr. James M. Edgerton.

Funeral services and interment took place Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon with Rev. E. P. White in charge. A large crowd attended. She joined the church about 50 years ago and was a devoted Christian. She leaves several children, Messrs. Noah and Joe Hudson and Mrs. Maggie Goins being three of her children, who live near Logan Station.

JUST RECEIVED a splendid new line of Spring Hats in beautiful varieties, which will be sold very cheap. Get your new hat before Christmas. Mrs. R. E. McCurry.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION HELD FRIDAY EVENING

### Rutherford County Leaguers Gather at Henrietta For Interesting Meeting.

Henrietta, Dec. 6.—The last quarterly meeting of the Epworth Leaguers of Rutherford County for 1926, was held Friday evening in the Henrietta Methodist Church. The attendance reached the high-water mark of the year, near two hundred Leaguers being present.

The devotional program was in charge of the Spindale junior Epworth League, Gaynelle Brackett, presiding. Opening prayer and scripture lesson was by Elma Sue Griffin, followed by a play and dramatization by the children of the Spindale junior league. Rev. T. C. Jordan addressed the conference, and brought to the young people assembled a worth-while message and spoke in high terms of his appreciation of the League and its work. A musical feature of the program was the Spindale Quartette, Messrs. G. E. Howard, D. C. Cole, T. O. Hendrix, and J. W. Starnes, who rendered two selections very effectively.

At the opening of the program Miss Evie Lee McAbee, president of the Henrietta Epworth League, welcomed the conference members in a few well chosen words.

### Officers For 1927

At the close of the devotional exercises the election of officers for the Rutherford County Epworth League Group Conference for 1927 was held, and resulted in the selection of the following officers: President, Mr. Byron Carson, Forest City; secretary, Miss Evelyn Waddell, Spindale. Superintendents of the various departments were filled by the following: Devotional, Miss Evie Lee McAbee, Henrietta; social service, Miss Evelyn Peeler, Cliffside; recreation, Mr. Fred C. Kinzie, Spindale; missionary, Miss Statha Long, Forest City.

### Merit Pennants Awarded

The business session was concluded by a discussion of questions pertaining to the leagues of the county. As is customary, two banners, one for efficiency and one for group attendance, was awarded, the honor of presenting them being given to Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle. The efficiency banner was won by the Henrietta Epworth League, and was received by the president, Miss Evie Lee McAbee. Spindale Epworth League was presented the group attendance banner, and was received by the president, Mr. Clarence Griffin.

A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the business. The ladies of the Methodist Church served refreshments of cocoa and wafers to the assembly.

The next group meeting will be held at the Spindale House, Spindale, on Friday evening, March 4th.

### MR. J. M. McFARLAND OF DUNCAN CREEK, DEAD

Hollis, R-1, Dec. 7.—Mr. Bryant Monroe McFarland died at his home in Duncan's Creek township, Hollis, R. F. D. 1, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4th. Mr. McFarland was a faithful member of the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church and had served as an elder in this church since September, 1921. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. T. Baker at Duncan's Creek church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A large crowd attended the services. He was 55 years of age.

The church has lost a good member and the community one of its best citizens.

Mr. McFarland leaves his wife, Mrs. Etta C. McFarland, a sister, Mrs. Margaret Towery and three brothers, Mr. Wheeler McFarland, Mr. Martin McFarland and Mr. John W. McFarland.

WE HAVE a nice line of bouquets for coats. Also Christmas boxes. Give us a call. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

### \* \* \* \* \* THE COURIER TO PRINT SANTA CLAUS LETTERS \* \* \* \* \*

Boys and girls, it will not be long until ol' Santa Claus will be looking over his lists to see what you want him to bring you this year. It is getting time to decide and drop him a few lines and let him know what you want. The Courier will print all letters that the little boys and girls write to Santa Claus and send to this paper. Start now and write your letter so that Santa will be sure and get your gifts. Address letters to Santa Claus, care The Courier, Forest City, N. C.

## JOINT MEETING KIWANIS CLUB WELL ATTENDED

### Shelby, Rutherfordton and Forest City Clubs Met Here Dec. 2

The joint meeting of the Shelby, Rutherfordton and Forest City Kiwanis Clubs, held in this city Dec. 2, was well attended.

Bro. Lee Weathers, of the Shelby Star, tells the story as follows:

"There has not been a just and fair distribution of the State road funds and if I am elected governor, one thing I will see to it that there is a fair and equitable distribution of the State road money," declared Max Gardner, one of the principal speakers at the joint Kiwanis banquet at Forest City last night when the clubs of Shelby, Forest City and Rutherfordton met to celebrate the completion of the link of highway No. 20 from Shelby to Forest City. Mr. Gardner was not making a pre-campaign pledge but announcing a principle and in so doing, drew a round of applause, for Cleveland and Rutherford have drawn no road construction out of State funds except the one trunk line, No. 20, which traverses both counties.

"The celebration was attended by 125 or more men from the two counties and the program was short and snappy, with speeches, singing and fellowship. President Barber, of the Forest City club, delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by J. C. Newton on the part of the Shelby visitors, Mr. Newton making a most eloquent deliverance on the high and noble purposes of Kiwanis. M. L. Edwards, of Rutherfordton, responded in a most happy manner for the Rutherford club. Dick Minish acted as toastmaster. Mr. Minish is always equal to an occasion of this kind for he has a droll humor and a good voice which was heard in a number of popular vocal selections.

A bevy of teachers from the Forest City school whom he presented as "Southern Peaches" also rendered several quartet numbers, while the famous Spindale male quartet added greatly to the pleasure of the evening with the old time melodies and "Georgia Grand Opera." So well did their numbers take, they were called on for encores repeatedly.

"Cleveland and Rutherford are closely related by ties of blood and marriage. Cleveland was carved from a part of Rutherford and for this reason the two counties enjoy a solidarity of purpose and aim that is not found elsewhere in North Carolina. The new road ties them up in closer contact and it was in celebration of the completion of this new highway that brought representative men together from the two counties to rejoice and fraternalize in a closer fellowship.

The meal was one of the best the Shelby Kiwanis club members has been privileged to enjoy for some time."

LADIES, listen to this: We have a nice line of velvet and felt hats which we are closing out at half-price. We also have one table of hats as low as 25c. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

## FARMER'S NIGHT PROGRAM TO BE AT ELLENBORO

### Free Entertainment and Instructive Agricultural Talks to Be Feature On December 14th

Ellenboro, Dec. 6.—To give the farmers and other people living in the eastern part of Rutherford County an evening of free entertainment and instructive talks on agriculture by county agricultural workers, the agricultural teacher for the Ellenboro school and his advisory board have planned a program which they have named "Farmer's Night," and which will be held in the Ellenboro school auditorium, Tuesday evening, December 14, at 7:15 p. m. Everybody who is interested in hearing good string music and instructive talks on how to remedy the present farm situation is urged to be present next Tuesday evening. The following is the program as worked out by the committee:

1. Music by string band of Ellenboro.
  2. Talk: "Diversification as a means of remedying the present farm situation," by D. H. Sutton, agricultural instructor, Cool Springs High School.
  3. Talk: "Profitable farm enterprises for Rutherford County farmers," by F. E. Patton, County Agent.
  4. Remarks: A. B. Bushong, agricultural instructor, the Ellenboro High School.
  5. Awarding of prizes.
- In addition to the music and talks prizes will be awarded to farmers living in Colfax township. W. A. Harrill Co., who are selling their entire stock at a 25 per cent. reduction have decided to give another reduction and present a pair of work shoes to the farmer in Colfax township who wears the largest shoes.
- A. B. Bushong, agricultural instructor for the school, will give a cash prize of \$1.00 to the farmer present who has the largest family. For the most recently married couple living on a farm in Colfax township, A. L. McKinney is offering \$1.00 in cash.

## TWO TELEPHONE LINES MERGED

### Southern Bell Company Absorbs The Piedmont Company Effective Jan. 1

Gastonia, Dec. 7.—Of unusual interest not only to Gaston County folks but those of six adjacent counties as well was the announcement made today by officials of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, that it has absorbed the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company, and will take over the active management of the latter on January 1.

This was consummated at an executive meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Piedmont company, meeting with officials of the Southern Bell company at the general offices of the former concern here yesterday. Every share of stock of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company was purchased by representatives of the Southern Bell. The price paid was not stated.

According to a statement made today by Southern Bell officials here there will be no change in the personnel of the local staff.

The Piedmont Telephone Company's exchanges cover seven counties, namely: Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford, Cleveland, Catawba, in North Carolina, and York and Cherokee counties, South Carolina. Mr. R. B. Babington is general manager of the company, having held this position since the company was organized about 20 years ago.