

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF SHOTGUN PROVES FATAL

Young Freeland Vickers Has Part of Head Torn Away Last Friday Afternoon When He Accidentally Discharges Gun

One of Rutherford County's most horrible accidents occurred near Logan Station last Wednesday afternoon, when Freeland Vickers, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tom Vickers, met death by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

Young Vickers, who was fifteen years of age, had spent the larger part of the day hunting. He was returning to his home near Logan Station, and meeting some boy friends in an automobile, he stopped to talk with them.

He started to rest the butt of the shotgun which he was carrying on the running-board of the car. It is thought that the stock slipped and that the hammer hit on the fender as it went down. The blow against the hammer discharged the gun, sending a full load of shot through the left side of the boy's face and head. Half of his head was blown off, making his features almost unrecognizable.

His friends rushed him to the Rutherford Hospital immediately. He died late Wednesday night without regaining consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Mt. Hebron Methodist Church, with Rev. J. B. Tabor in charge of the ceremony.

Young Vickers was the youngest child of a large family, and leaves several brothers and sisters, his parents and a host of friends who regret his untimely death.

BETHANY GIRL BURNED

Miss Pauline Doggett, who lives near Bethany, was seriously burned last Sunday morning. She was kindling a fire with kerosene and when the fuel ignited her clothing, resulting in serious and painful burns about the body.

WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB IN SPLENDID PROGRAM

A large crowd greeted the Wake Forest Glee Club, Thursday evening of last week. The program was splendid throughout. Outstanding features were "A Brunswick Stew," the violin solos of Mr. C. R. Tew, and the quartet in the rendition of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." In all, sixteen numbers were given. The club always receives a warm welcome in Forest City. Our own Joe Hamrick enacted a stellar role throughout.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Sunday School of the Methodist church has arranged a most delightful program, consisting of Christmas carols, anthems and other special numbers to be given at the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

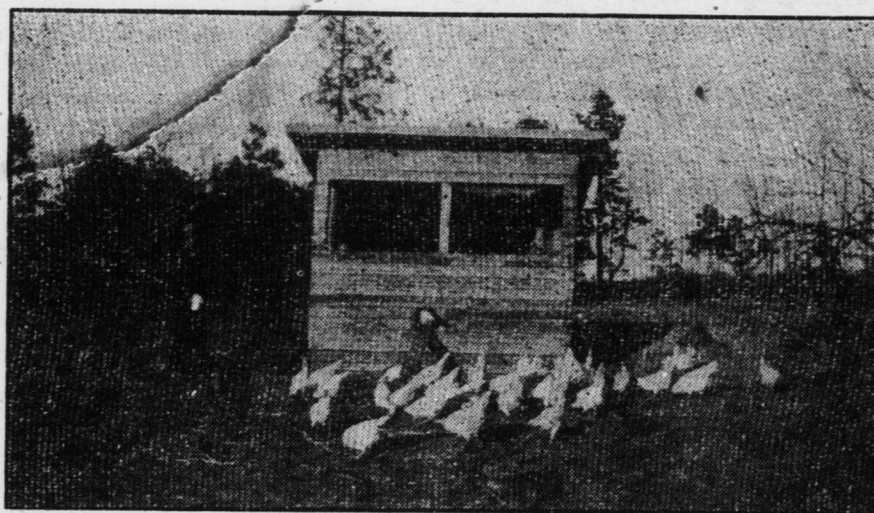
DONATES ORANGES TO CHURCHES

The Cyclone Auction Company will donate five bushels of oranges to each of the local churches for Christmas, also to churches in the surrounding community. They have just received a carload of oranges from their plantations in Florida and are selling them here this week. See their ad in this issue of The Courier.

MR. ROBERT MOORE DEAD

Mr. Robert Moore died at the home of his son, Mr. J. H. Moore, Rutherfordton, R. 1, Monday. Burial was at Blacksburg Tuesday.

MAKING SUCCESS IN GAME OF POULTRY ART



Lester Toms is growing into the poultry business. Growing into a business is a much more practical method than going into it. As a beginning he has a flock of 56 White Leghorn pullets which, prior to Dec. 1, had produced 84 dozen eggs, and at that date they were producing an average of 30 eggs daily, which were worth 60 cents a dozen on the local market. This history of this flock is interesting and is an illustration of what can be done with poultry. 290 chicks were hatched in Mr. Tom's incubator the last of March. Accurate records of every expense of this flock including the eggs, oil for the incubator, a brooder and all the feed, have been kept. They amount to \$82.25. The cockerels, cull pullets and eggs sold before Dec. 1 brought in \$84.25. That leaves the 56 pullets as clear profit. They should net a profit of from \$2 to \$4 per head in a year's time.

Mr. Toms is building a modern brooder house for 300 baby chicks.

from one of the large breeds to sell. He plans to fill it first with chicks for broilers on the early spring market, when they will sell for 50 cents a pound. The profit from his original flock should pay for the brooder house, its equipment, the baby chicks and their feed and leave the proceeds from his brooders clear. He expects to brood a flock of 300 White Leghorns, April 1. From this flock he will get his pullets for next winter's laying. The expenses of this second flock will be met by the proceeds from the original flock.

This flock has been cared for by the most scientific methods. They were from an early hatch. They began laying early and are producing steadily through the period of highest prices. They will bring him in at least \$1 per bird more than if they come from a late hatch. He is feeding the flock according to approved methods and he keeps an accurate record of the expenses of and proceeds from his flock.

'FARMERS NIGHT' WELL ATTENDED

Large Number of Farmers and Their Families Attend Interesting Meeting

Ellenboro, Dec. 14.—"Farmer's Night," which was held in the Ellenboro school auditorium last Tuesday evening, was attended by more than three hundred people who enjoyed the program which consisted of string music, talks on timely agricultural subjects and the awarding of prizes, donated by local people.

After the "Titled and Refined String Orchestra" of Ellenboro, had played many selections, the audience was called to attention and the speaking began. Professor D. H. Sutton, agricultural instructor for the Cool Spring High School, spoke on "Diversification as a means of remedying the present farm situation." He told his audience that Rutherford County was growing too much cotton, and that poultry, hogs, and dairy cattle should help to solve the farmer's problem. He was followed by County Agent, F. E. Patton, who talked on "Profitable farm enterprises for Rutherford County farms." During his talk he pointed out the value of the different crops and livestock grown in Rutherford County last year. The other chart showed the value of hay, pork, fertilizer etc., shipped into the county. Then, he told the farmers what enterprises should be profitable for their farms. Mr. Patton stated that he believed more hay, small grains, poultry, hogs and dairy cattle are the things that farmers in this county should raise at home.

He also proposed short farming courses for the farmers during the winter time along the lines of their desires. More than fifteen people expressed themselves as wanting the instruction. The first meeting of the class will be next Tuesday evening, December 23, at the school building.

With the awarding of the prizes the program ended. Mr. A. M. Bridges won the cash prize of one dollar, offered by A. B. Bushong, for having the largest family. He stated that he was the father of thirteen children. A. L. McKinney, who has a family of nine, was his closest competitor. C. H. Wilson won the prize of one dollar for being the

COUNTY GIRL WINS READING CONTEST

Miss Mennen, of Rutherfordton-Spindale High Awarded Decision At Mars Hill;

In the first Western North Carolina Readers' and Declamers' contest which came to a close at Mars Hill Saturday morning Miss Libbie Mennen, of Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High School, and John Sinclair, of Fruitland Institute, bore away the trophies for reading and declaiming, respectively.

Twenty-four high schools, with forty-three representatives participated in the contest, each representative being a winner in his or her local school.

Those entering the contest from Rutherford County were as follows: Rutherfordton - Spindale Central High, Libbie Mennen and John Killian; Ellenboro High School, Hubert Cooper and Gertrude Philbeck; Cool Springs High School, Forest City, W. M. Ayers and Sara Bridges; Cliffside High School, Paul Nannery.

Miss Mennen used as her subject, "The Black-Blue Grass Widow."

The interest and co-operation among the high schools of Western North Carolina were highly gratifying to the promoters of this contest. Though this meeting this year was to some extent an experiment, Mars Hill College expects to make this contest an annual event. The college provides entertainment for the contestants and offers the awards. The awards for the winners in declamation and reading are silver living cups, these to remain property of Mars Hill College until won twice consecutively by the same school. Those in the semi-finals will be given free subscriptions to the college annual. To professor R. M. Lee should go the honor for the success of the contest which has just closed.

most recently married man in the audience. This prize was given by A. L. McKinney. The pair of work shoes, number twelve, given by W. A. Harrill Company, of Ellenboro, to the farmer presented with the largest foot, was awarded to Grover Green. Mr. W. L. Loudon was Mr. Green's closest competitor.

The orchestra, directed by L. R. Brooks, played as the people started for their homes.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Philip Coker, of Asheville, Presided; Several Suits Were Disposed Of

Rutherfordton, Dec. 15.—A special term of court was ordered by the Governor for Rutherford County to convene on December 6, 1926, and continue for one week, or until the business was disposed of. Judge Philip Coker, of Asheville, Emergency Judge, was commissioned by the Governor to preside at this term.

The following cases were up for trial and judgment rendered as follows:

Railroad Company vs. Williams Grocery Co., claim for balance of purchase price on car load of hay, incorrectly billed, judgment for defendant.

J. B. Cost Company vs. J. A. Connor. Plaintiff claims defendant bought a light plant from plaintiff and refused to pay for same. Defendant claims to have bought same with understanding that it was to be paid for if he decided to keep it. Judgment that plaintiff recover nothing.

Logan Morris Furniture Company vs. Mrs. W. B. Hollifield. Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$82.84 with interest.

Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., vs. W. C. Doak. Judgment for plaintiffs in the sum of \$22,540 with interest thereon.

A number of other cases were compromised and agreed between contestants.

The purported will of George Carson, compromised and settled. C. L. Miller appointed administrator. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Royster to receive the sum of \$500.00 in full settlement of their claims, under said non-captive will.

C. C. Conway, Hallet & Davis Piano Company vs. W. G. Magness. Plaintiff takes non-suit.

Pension Checks Ready
Pension checks for Confederate soldiers and widows are now ready for delivery.

There are 45 soldiers who receive \$100.00 each and 70 widows who receive \$50.00 each.

County Officers Sworn In
All of the Rutherford County officers took oath of office Monday, December 6, with exception of Recorder, who takes office Jan. 1st. Mr. W. O. Geer was the only new officer sworn in. He has appointed Miss Willard Powers as Deputy Register of Deeds.

NEWS OF INTEREST OF HOLLY SPRINGS

Latest News of the Section Noted By Special Correspondent of The Courier

Harris, R-1, Dec. 12.—The farmers of this section are very busy gathering up their crops.

Miss Veela McCraw entertained a number of her friends with a singing Saturday night. Among those present were: Misses Mary and Georgia Champion, of Mayo, S. C., Lillie, Maudie and Ina Robbins, Lucy and Virgie Pinson, Myrtle and Ebbie Sue Matheny, Estelle and Joyce Bland, Alice, Ira and Tena Painter, Magdalene Green, Grace Hester, Estelle Henderson, Mavis McEntire, Ella, Veela, Ada and Tula McCraw, Messrs. Arthur Cole, Camon and Caldwell Robbins, Fred and Gordon Green, Fletcher and Bleece Collins, Collier and Coffer Green, Berymon Hamrick, M. F. Hopper, Dennis Jenkins, Brittan Henderson, Barney Cudd, Ambrose McEntire, John Bland, Shuford Splawn, Herman Matheny, Jay Pinson, Fred Price, Riley Padgett, Willard Cudd, Lum Dexter, Joyce and Guy McCraw. All reported a nice time and went away wishing Miss McCraw to entertain some other time.

The Holly Springs church has three B. Y. P. U's—junior, intermediate, and senior. If you wish to hear (Continued on Page Four)

SOUTHERN RY. TO BUILD DEPOT AT SPINDALE SOON

Approximately \$8,000 to Be Spent in the Erection of Depot and Warehouse

GREAT PROGRESSIVE STEP

Spindale, Dec. 13.—Mr. Paul A. Moore, agent of the Southern Railway here, announced Saturday that plans for a depot had been approved and construction would begin at an early date.

This good news is being hailed with delight by the business institutions and mills at Spindale, and a new depot will fill a long felt need in town. Since the Railway authorities designated Spindale as a shipping point, four years ago, the town has been served by two box cars, one as an office and the other as a warehouse; and have been insufficient for the traffic handled, since the day they were placed.

The proposed new depot will be of ample size to easily care for the town's large freight traffic. It will be on almost the same plan as the building proposed three years ago, and disapproved by local authorities for business reasons. It will be remembered that in the early part of this year that another depot was proposed for this point, and construction was actually begun, but was held up by the town officials as being too small.

The Spindale depot ranks near the top of the stations on the Charleston Division in freight and express traffic handled. The October business for Spindale exceeded \$16,000 and during November the receipts ran near \$20,000, while it is expected that this month's business will go beyond that. Very few other points on this division goes above that record in receipts.

Mr. P. A. Moore has served as agent here for over three years. Despite the many handicaps under which he has been forced to labor, he has filled the position efficiently, and has many times won commendation from his superior officers for his splendid attention to duty.

Engineers are on the ground this week surveying the site of the new depot, and construction will start immediately following the completion of their work. It is understood that the outlay for the building will be approximately \$8,000.

Baptist Sunday School Dinner

About two months ago the members of the Hunt Baraca and Junior Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school began a contest to stimulate interest in Sunday school attendance. The two classes were divided into groups under captains. The losers were to pay the expense of a supper and get-together rally. The classes worked strenuously thru the two months and closed the contest last week. Friday evening the supper was held at the Spindale House. The menu was all that could be desired, and was served by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church.

The feature of the evening, following the dinner, was an address by Rev. Zeno Wall, of Shelby. Dr. Wall was introduced by Dr. M. A. Adams in a few well-chosen words. Taking as his subject "Evangelism," and using Luke 14:23 as a key verse, Dr. Wall delivered one of the greatest lectures on the subject ever heard here.

Mr. J. H. Hill acted as toastmaster. In all about sixty plates were served, and the meeting was a splendid success in every respect. Much benefit is expected to result from this meeting.

These two classes are taught by Messrs. W. R. Wells and J. H. Hill. Sunday School to Remember Poor
Mrs. B. L. Smith's class, of the Spindale Methodist Sunday School, assisted by Mrs. T. O. Hendrix's young ladies class, are preparing presents to be donated to the poor at the county Home, Christmas. The two classes are entering heartily into this laudible undertaking.