

## MANY VISITORS THROUGH NEW S. S. BUILDING

Over 500 Pass Receiving Line  
at New Alexander Memor-  
ial Building Monday  
Evening

On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock the handsome new Sunday school building, which shall be known as the Alexander Memorial, was thrown open to the public for inspection. The main church and the Alexander Memorial building were very handsome and stately looking, being artistically decorated throughout with pretty new hangings, potted and cut flowers here and there adding a touch of color where needed. The ladies of the church have been untiring in their work getting ready for this occasion. The main church has been redecorated with dark red velvet hangings, all the brass railings gone over and flowers placed at different parts of the auditorium make a veritable scene of beauty and elegance.

Inside of the main entrance visitors were greeted by Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Moss, they directing them to the receiving line which was composed of the pastor, officers of the church and their wives: Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Ayers, Miss Katharine H. Goggans, organist; Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bostic, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Long, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meares, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Davis and Mr. O. C. Turner, superintendent of Sunday school. From there you entered by a flight of stairs the first floor of the Memorial building. At the head of the stairway hangs a handsome oil painting of Mr. J. F. Alexander, with a handsome background of rose velvet and a huge basket of pink roses, and in whose honor and memory this building stands. This portrait was presented by his wife, Mrs. J. F. Alexander. This building is finished in the rough, grey walls with wood-work in ivory, and mahogany furnishings.

At the right of the stairway you come to the Cradle Roll Department, which is furnished with three baby cribs and desk, two tables and chairs, one sand pile stand and cabinets, all in ivory, with draperies of pongee. Here the mothers may bring their babies and leave them in perfect safety while they attend church services. You go down the hallway and enter the Beginners' Department, which is also furnished with tables, chairs, desk, cabinets and a miniature size piano.

On the left side of the hallway are class rooms for the intermediate department. At the end of the hall you find the secretary of the Sunday school, with the superintendent's office. In here they have a desk, chairs and a bell system throughout the building, where he notifies the classes when time of adjournment comes. You then enter the Primary Department, which has eight class rooms off of the general assembly room. These rooms are furnished with chairs, desk and piano in mahogany. The Intermediate Department also has eight class rooms and general assembly room which is also furnished with chairs, desk, cabinets and piano in mahogany.

On the left at head of stairway is the Mother's room, in charge of Mrs. Alice McDaniel, which is furnished with chairs, desk, etc., in mahogany, with pongee draperies.

On the second floor, at head of stairway, at your left is the Fidelis class room, furnished with chairs, desk, etc., in mahogany, with pongee draperies. Leading up from the first floor at the first landing is a beautiful arched window with dark red velvet hangings, making a very artistic and tasteful view.

At head of stairs you enter the Senior Department, which consists of three spacious rooms which can be thrown ensuite, giving ample room for the young people's B. Y. P. U. unions. This is a lovely room, furnished with seats, desks, piano in mahogany with the ivory cabinets and  
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## MR. P. A. M'GREGOR PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Retired Lumber Manufacturer  
Dies at Rutherford Hos-  
pital Thursday.

Funeral services for Mr. P. A. McGregor, aged 45, retired lumber manufacturer, was held here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Methodist Church. Revs. M. F. Moores of Forest City, and T. C. Jordan, of Spindale and Mr. C. C. Moore, of Forest City, being in charge of the service.

Mr. McGregor died at the Rutherford Hospital Thursday morning at 2:15 after more than a year's illness. About twelve months ago Mr. McGregor retired from the lumber business and placed himself under the care of an Atlanta, Ga., physician for treatment for kidney trouble and high blood pressure. His condition did not improve and he removed to his former home here. He was recently taken to the Rutherford Hospital where his death occurred Thursday.

Mr. McGregor was originally from Wadesboro, but moved to Forest City early in life and made his home here until he became connected with the Doggett Lumber Company, of Cottonwood, Ala., about ten years ago. He moved to Cottonwood and remained there until about a year ago.

He is survived by his wife, two children, John W. and Theresa, of Forest City; two brothers, J. T. McGregor, of South Carolina and John McGregor, of Wadesboro, N. C.

Interment was in Cool Springs cemetery. The large crowd that gathered at the church to pay their last respects to Mr. McGregor were at the grave and heaped many wreaths of flowers on it as a token of esteem to the departed.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. H. B. Doggett, R. R. Harris, Hicks Kiser, Dr. Verner, G. C. McDaniel, and Paul Reinhardt. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. C. C. Moore, J. C. Crocker, E. O. Thomas, R. E. Biggerstaff and W. G. Magness.

## COUNTY POULTRY CLUB ORGANIZED

Poultry Raisers of County  
Form Association Satur-  
day. Officers and Di-  
rectors Elected

Rutherfordton, March 14.—County Agent F. E. Patton called a meeting of poultry raisers and those interested in raising poultry, at the court house Saturday afternoon, and a County Poultry Association organized. The attendance was good, about twenty-five being present all of whom became members of the association. Officers elected were Mr. R. E. L. Freeman, president; Paul Duncan, secretary. The directors of the association are Messrs. R. E. L. Freeman, Rutherfordton; Paul Duncan, Forest City, M. L. McDade, S. D. Walker, F. E. Patton of Rutherfordton; H. A. Biggerstaff, Spindale, and D. H. Sutton, Forest City.

The object of the association is to handle poultry and poultry products and establish a better market for same, and to encourage poultry raising in the county. The association will also have charge of the poultry exhibits at the Rutherford county Fair.

A total of 12,048 pounds of poultry was loaded here and at Ellenboro Monday afternoon and Tuesday March 7 and 8th. About 800 pounds of this came from Polk county through the efforts of County Agent, John Artz. This poultry netted the farmers of Rutherford county \$2,588.26. This was one of the largest shipments in the history of the county. The highest cash prices were paid at the car door.

Another car will be operated March 21 and 22nd. The market is very anxious for broilers that weigh about 1 1/2-2 pounds.

Mr. Fred Webb left Tuesday for Atlanta, where he will be examined and treated by a specialist.

## COUNTY CLUB HAS MEETING IN FOREST CITY

Principal Address by O. M.  
Mull, of Shelby, Who  
Urges Farmers to  
Avoid Debt

The County Club met in Kiwanis Hall Monday with only a fair attendance. Dinner was served by Mrs. R. R. Blanton. President Chas. H. Haynes presided.

Several committee reports were heard. A committee, composed of Secretary Lindsay, O. C. Erwin and R. E. Price, was appointed to confer with the two Kiwanis clubs relative to putting on a Rutherford County program over the radio from Asheville.

When the matter of furnishing half-page ad in the county papers came up, Editor Alcock offered to donate this space in The Courier to the club, the same offer having been made to the local Kiwanis club. The Courier is glad to donate this space to such a worthy cause.

The club was invited to meet with Lake Lure Inn third Tuesday in April. Kings Mountain Presbytery will be in session at Chimney Rock on this date and a joint meeting will probably be arranged.

Mr. R. E. Price introduced the speaker, Attorney O. M. Mull, of Shelby. Mr. Mull made a strong plea against farmers going into debt, forcibly portraying the evil effects of the farm mortgage. He described conditions in Georgia resultant from land bank loans and its evils, declaring the farm loan a more serious menace than the boll weevil in that section.

To keep away from this evil, the speaker urged our farmers to make their farms self-supporting, to buy nothing that can be raised on the farm.

"Don't spread out too much," urged the speaker. "Four or five cows are better than thirty. Raise your own feed for stock and chickens, don't buy it. Farming is the most delightful of all occupations and the most independent, insuring a home of freedom and contentment. Our future leaders will come from these homes of right ideals, faith and industry," said Mr. Mull.

Our farmers will have much to gain by pondering well the advice given them by such splendidly equipped and well informed men as O. M. Mull. Get busy, keep out of debt, diversify intelligently and all will be well in Rutherford County.

## AGED CONFEDERATE VETERAN PASSES

Mr. Bynum Freeman, Dies at  
Home Near Bostic at Age  
of 95 Years

Bostic, March 15.—Mr. Bynum Freeman, aged 95 years, died at his home near here early Monday morning following a short illness. The cause of his death was attributed to old age.

Funeral services were held at Brittain Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

He is survived by six children, four boys, Messrs. James, Charles, George and Wright Freeman, all of Logan Store Township, and two daughters.

He was a Confederate Veteran, being a member of the Sixteenth Regiment during the war between the states.

## MRS. C. F. RICKERT DEAD

Mrs. C. F. Rickert, of near Statesville, died at her home there Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted at Statesville Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Rickert was about seventy-five years old.

She was a sister of Mrs. E. H. Dalton, of Forest City, R-2, Mrs. E. M. Carpenter and Mrs. J. P. Norville. These three sisters, accompanied by Mr. G. D. Dalton motored to Statesville Tuesday to attend the funeral.

## LARGE NUMBER ATTEND FUNERAL OF J. C. ELLIOTT

Funeral of Beloved Citizen  
Held at Gilboa. Died Sat-  
urday Following Stroke  
of Paralysis

One of the largest crowds ever assembled at Gilboa church attended the funeral services of Mr. John Calvin Elliott Sunday afternoon. Dr. W. R. Ware, of Rutherfordton, and Rev. M. F. Moores, John S. Wood, of Forest City, were in charge of the funeral services.

Mr. Elliott died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. P. Reid, following a stroke of paralysis a few days previous.

Mr. Elliott was seventy-eight years of age. He was born in this county, near Gilkey, in 1849. At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Kilpatrick and went to live on the farm near Gilkey where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife died about twenty years ago and he has since lived alone.

Four children were born to them two of whom are dead. The two surviving are Mrs. G. P. Reid and Mrs. C. L. Moss, of Forest City. Eight grandchildren also survive and one brother, Mr. J. C. Elliott, of Gilkey.

Mr. Elliott was universally loved and respected by the hundreds that knew him. He was an honest, straightforward man, and a short time before his death he was told that a biographical sketch of his life was to be written, and was asked what he would like to have said about him. He replied "Say I'm an honest man. I've always paid my debts and owe no one anything."

For many years he was a consistent member of Gilboa Methodist church. The immense crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends at the last sad rites was proof enough of the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. The largest number of people ever attending at Gilboa were present Sunday afternoon. Many of Mr. Elliott's friends walked for miles in order to be present at this service.

Practically all of the members of the Forest City Methodist Church choir were present, and a beautiful quartet was rendered by Messrs. G. B. Howard, D. C. Cole, T. O. Hendrix and J. W. Starnes, of Spindale. The pallbearers were Dr. F. R. Wilkins, Messrs. J. B. Duckett, H. B. Doggett, T. G. Stone, Hoyle Elliott and Festus Bridges.

Interment was in Gilboa cemetery.

## ELIJAH MORGAN DIED TUESDAY

Father of County Commis-  
sioner G. E. Morgan Passes  
After Long Illness

Rutherfordton, R-4, March 16.—Mr. Elijah M. Morgan died at his home near Mt. Vernon Tuesday morning at 1:30, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mt. Vernon Baptist church, where he had been a member about forty-five years, and were in charge of Rev. D. J. Hunt, assisted by Dr. Dillard.

Mr. Morgan lacked only six days of being eighty years old. He was a Confederate veteran, and served with distinction with the class of 17 years old boys. Originally from Buncombe county, he moved to Rutherfordton about fifty years ago, and has since made this county his home.

He is survived by eight children, as follows: M. G. E. Morgan, Rutherfordton, R-4, county commissioner; Mrs. A. G. and S. R. Morgan, also of Rutherfordton, R-4; Mrs. G. E. Erwin, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Ola Perry, Gaffney, S. C.; Mrs. W. O. Justice, Rutherfordton, R-4; and Misses Corie and Nan Morgan, at home. He leaves eighteen grandchildren, also one brother, G. G. Morgan, of Marion; three sisters, Mrs. G. G. Pendegress and Mrs. Lou Reel, of Marion; and Mrs. Nell Bradley, of Old Fort.

## OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE MARCH 25-27

Cliffside Ready For Biggest  
Conference Yet Held. Pro-  
gram for Session

Cliffside, March 16.—Everything here is in readiness for the Third Annual Older Boys' Conference. Cliffside expects a larger attendance at the conference than has ever before assembled here for any purpose.

Beginning Friday afternoon, at 4 p. m. with registration of delegates at the First Baptist Church, followed by the banquet Friday evening at the Haynes Memorial Building every session until Sunday will have something of vital interest to every boy attending.

Moody Henry will be the speaker at the Saturday morning session. Mr. Henry is a senior at Wofford College and will bring to the conference an inspirational message of high ideals and clean living.

Prof. C. A. Denson, of Cliffside High school, will have a number of athletic contests for the field meets Saturday afternoon, and it is hoped that every delegate to the conference will take part in one or more of the events. Harold McCurdy, who was one of the two delegates from this state last year to the International Y. M. C. A. Conference, at Helsingfors, Finland, will address the boys on Saturday evening.

Rev. W. E. Poovey, of Lenoir, will close the conference on Sunday afternoon with an address to the conference.

Rev. M. W. Heckard, of Cliffside, requests that all boys who contemplate attending the banquet Friday evening to please send their names and one dollar to him before Wednesday, March 23rd.

Messrs. Paul Wooten and Fred Culbreth of Shelby were in the city for a short while Monday afternoon, stopping on their way home from Hendersonville and Asheville where they had been on business.

## FREIGHT TRAINS WRECK AT BOSTIC

Seventeen Cars Derailed When  
C. C. & O. and Seaboard  
Freight Trains Collide  
Early Sunday

A wreck of two freight trains at Bostic Yards early Sunday morning resulted in the derailment of seventeen cars, part of which were considerably damaged, tearing up of several hundred feet of track and the tying up of traffic on the main line of the C. C. & O. until 11:30 Sunday morning. No lives were lost and no one was injured.

About eleven o'clock Saturday night the Seaboard freight from Charlotte, in charge of M. Z. Wright, conductor, with Fred Williams engineer came into Ellenboro. The engineer uncoupled from his train and took his engine into the sidetracks to do some switching. While doing this the air leaked out of the brake cylinders of the train, releasing the brakes. The cars being on a down grade, begun moving, gathering momentum as it moved that carried it through Bostic and on to the Bostic Yards. A C. C. & O. train of merchandise cars was standing on the track on which the runaway Seaboard train was coming. The two trains collided, tearing up track, cars and scattering merchandise over the right of way.

About forty cars were in the two trains that collided, although only seventeen cars and cab left the track. Eight carloads of Ford Motor parts, bound for Charlotte were derailed, the cars and contents being damaged considerably. Three cars of coal "telescoped" and left the track and two tank cars were damaged. Four other cars of merchandise were demolished and the wrecking crews burned the cars on the right of way.

A Seaboard wrecking crew from Monroe and a C. C. & O. crew from Erwin, Tenn., arrived about eight o'clock Sunday morning and built a temporary track around the wreck-

## MAX GARDNER WARNS AGAINST DEBT MENACE

Shun the Farm Mortgage, Di-  
versify Intelligently and  
Live at Home, Farmers  
Only Salvation

A large crowd gathered at the Forest City Kiwanis Hall Monday evening to hear O. Max Gardner, who brought a ringing message of cheer and also of warning to the farmers of the county, the gist of which was to shun the farm mortgage, diversify intelligently and to live off the products of the farm.

Mr. Gardner was introduced by Mr. R. R. Blanton, who also urged business methods in farming. The eloquent speaker of the evening started out by saying that the farmer should also have a little play time, and urged that all make their home life attractive to keep the boys and girls on the farm. He applauded the efforts of the Kiwanis Club in promoting fellowship and co-operation between town and county.

The securing of the potato house and chicken hatchery are results of this team work and will benefit all parties. Mr. Gardner then went into detail in explaining the results obtained in establishing potato houses in Cleveland county. Over 35,000 bushels of potatoes were stored there in 1926, the output bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel, producing a constant stream of revenue for the farmers.

Consult with the farm demonstration agent before selecting seed potatoes, urged the speaker, who also suggested that all get one type of potato. With proper storage facilities the market end will take care of itself. Storage potatoes are worth 50c per bushel more than those kept in the hills. The speaker then warned against raising too many potatoes and urged the farmers to not go into extremes in raising any one crop.

Diversify intelligently and not specialize on any one crop was suggested as the best plan for the farmer. The evil effects of dropping all crops for dairying in his county was related by Mr. Gardner, who said that the farmer starting on a small scale was uniformly successful.

"Go into potato and chicken business with care, and don't neglect other things," urged Mr. Gardner. The trade demands a small round potato, uniform in size. Potash is an essential in raising potatoes, and the farmer was urged to exercise care in selecting fertilizer for this crop. Farmers lose much money by buying fertilizer without knowing its value.

Mr. Gardner predicted success for the chicken hatchery because it has an experienced man at its head.

He also suggested a cannery for Forest City, explaining its benefits to all concerned, and suggesting its successful operation would largely depend upon local people using the products exclusively at home. Successfully conducted, the cannery would provide a market for local products.

In telling of the benefits to accrue from the operations of the Farmers Federation, Mr. Gardner said that this county was ahead of Cleveland in this line. He also urged farmers to raise cane for stock food, to plant less acreage of any crops and try to increase productiveness. Plant cotton and corn, but also raise other crops.

Mr. Gardner went into the debt problem in a way to interest every farmer, strongly urging that all shun debt, as our forefathers did before us. Iowa was cited as a definite example of mortgage evil, to which this state is rapidly drifting. Live economically and live at home, or debt will eventually destroy our county and state, warned the speaker.

age. Traffic over the C. C. & O. line was restored by 11:30 Sunday morning.

No estimate of the damage is available, however it is expected to run into a large figure.

Fortunately no one was injured in the wreck as both train crews were on duty elsewhere when the wreck occurred.