

LARGE SUM GIVEN IN J. R. HUNSINGER SUIT ON RAILROAD

Widow of Forest City Man
Awarded \$15,000 in
Cleveland Courts In Suit
Against C. C. & O.
Railway

Shelby, April 11.—The jury in the Hunsinger suit against the C. C. & O. railroad brought in a verdict Thursday afternoon awarding \$15,000 damages to Bertie Hunsinger, wife of the late J. R. Hunsinger whose body was found on the railroad tracks of the C. C. and O. near the Forest City station in June. The suit was removed here from Rutherford county, and the award by the jury ties the largest damage award ever given in this county, says the Cleveland Star.

The case is that wherein Bertie Hunsinger, administratrix of John R. Hunsinger, sued the C. C. & O. railroad for \$40,000 damages alleging the death of her husband due to the negligence, or caused by the railroad. Hunsinger, it will be remembered, was found dead on the C. C. & O. tracks at Forest City in June, 1925. It is alleged, it is said, that he was killed by a freight train at 2:45 in the morning. Able counsel appeared on both sides of the big suit and a stiff legal fight was made. C. R. Hoey, of Shelby and W. C. McRorie, of Rutherfordton, appeared with the Hunsinger counsel. The case was removed here from Rutherford county.

Following the verdict railroad counsel endeavored to have the verdict set aside. Judge McElroy refused to do this and then they asked that it be modified as it was too excessive. Judge McElroy also refused this request, and an appeal to Supreme court was entered.

Although plaintiff counsel managed to keep much of that type of evidence out it was hinted in the evidence offered by the defending railroad that Hunsinger had been killed and placed on the tracks, being dead before the train came along according to their view. Attorneys in arguments also touched on the murder theory. However, as has been said circumstantial evidence tending to bring in a murder angle was not admitted.

Hunsinger was a section foreman for the railroad at Forest City, it is said.

The suit was perhaps the outstanding point of interest in the recent session of court. Able barristers were employed on both sides and the case was hard fought. Scores of Forest City and Rutherford county people were down for the hearing taking a part of two days, while scores of local people were drawn to the court house by the large suit and the opportunity of hearing the legal by-play.

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and W. C. McRorie of Rutherfordton, represented the Hunsinger interests and the jury arguments of both men, particularly that of Hoey offered the high peak of court interest. Counsel for the railroad included: J. H. McLaughlin of Johnson City, Tenn., assistant to the general counsel of the road; J. W. Pless, formerly of Marion and now of Asheville, division counsel of the railroad, and Fred D. Hamrick, of Rutherfordton.

FARMERS FEDERATION MEETING SATURDAY

Spindale, April 12.—A meeting of the farmers of the county will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the Farmers Federation Warehouse here.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the growing of cantaloupes, tomatoes and sweet potatoes, brand, grade, etc.

It must be remembered that farmers contemplating storing sweet potatoes with the Federation must set out slips from potatoes that have been treated in order to prevent potato diseases.

Mr. Geo. Stahl has accepted a position with the Atlantic and Pacific Store in Gastonia.

WINNERS IN THE DECLAMATION AND READING CONTESTS

More Than Fifty Students Take
Part in the Township
School Contest. Finals
April 22

Much interest has been shown in the declamatory and reading contests in the Cool Springs grammar grade schools. Fifty or more boys and girls took part in these contests. The winners in the finals at the different schools will contest for the township honors Friday night, April 22, at 8 p. m. The following won in the preliminary contest:

Alexander school: Alice Matheny—"The One Legged Goose"; Esper Brown—"Jane Jones."

Bostic school: Sybil Moore—"Dot Entertains"; Frank Washburn—"The House by the Side of the Road."

Forest City: Dorothy Greene—"Diddy Dumps and Chris"; Philip Chambers—"Shall the Statue of Lee Stand in the Hall of Fame?"

Mt. Pleasant school: Pauline Matheny—"Home"; Tommie Sommers—"Mr. Johnson's Defense."

The public is cordially invited to attend these contests. The program will last about an hour.

Mrs. J. L. Stroup has returned to her home in Shelby, after a week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. Hoyle Elhott. She was accompanied home Friday by Mrs. Elliott and two sons who spent the week end there.

MR. O. P. BLANTON PASSED THURSDAY

Venerable and Highly Respected
Citizen of Harrilltown,
Caroleen Dies Following
Four Years Illness

Caroleen, April 11.—The entire community was struck with a cloud of sadness last Thursday when the death Angel claimed and took away one of our best citizens, Mr. O. P. Blanton. He was well known throughout Rutherford County and loved by everyone who knew him. His life was a life to be admired for it was a life that only a few people live.

His death was caused by pneumonia which developed Monday night, following a fall at his home Sunday, suffering a broken hip. He had been in ill health for about four years, yet he was cheerful all through his sickness and never seemed to be discouraged in any way.

The funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Methodist church, of which he was a member, the service being in charge of Revs. J. P. Hornbuckle and J. E. Hipp.

The flower girls were his granddaughters, whom he always loved and admired. He always spoke of his grandchildren as resembling flowers just ready to bloom. The pallbearers, very close friends of Mr. Blanton, were Messrs. H. B. Doggett, Dock Phillips, C. M. Robinson, R. V. King, G. V. Frye and Landrum Phillips. They visited him quite often during his illness and seemed very much interested in him.

Mr. Blanton is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Blanton and six children, Thomas Blanton, of Ellenboro, Mrs. Jane Harrill, of Spartanburg, Joseph Blanton, of Spindale; George Blanton, of Forest City; John Blanton, of Caroleen and Elijah Blanton, of Ball Creek.

Thirty-two grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren survive.

Had Mr. Blanton lived until June he would have been 87 years old.

LIMESTONE GLEE CLUB

Limestone Glee Club gave a pleasing program to a large audience at the High School auditorium, Tuesday evening. Two Forest City girls were in the cast, Misses Alice Barber and Emily Camp.

EASTER

They laid the Lord safe in the grave,
And thought his life had come to naught.
They sealed his tomb their act to save,
Which made secure what they had sought.
But still he rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

The soldiers watched his grave by night
With eager eyes, and sword in hand,
With shield and spear as if to fight
The Jews who might their king demand.
But still he rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

The stone was great which closed the door,
To every race of every land,
Of Joseph's vault with granite floor
In which was sealed the Son of Man.
But still he rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

The women came with spices sweet,
In early morn at break of day,
To place them on Christ's head and feet,
And last respects their Master pay.
But still he rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

The power of death was vile and strong,
But life's small germ was stronger still,
Which caused the loud triumphant song
To ring throughout the Heavenly Hill.
Because He rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

O, bitter death, where is thy sting?
O, grave, where is thy victory?
God raised His Son from earth to bring
Complete and full salvation free.
Yes, yes, he rose in glad array,
And then was born an Easter Day.

—B. B. HESTER.

BROWN-LEEPER WEDDING JUNE 21

Miss Katherine Brown, Charm-
ing Forest City Teacher,
to Wed Mr. Price
Leeper

Miss Juanita Minish and Mrs. D. H. Sutton were joint hostesses to the Cool Springs High school teachers and a few guests at the home of Mrs. Sutton on Monday evening, April 11th. The occasion was a combination announcement party and shower for Miss Katherine Brown, who will be married to Price Leeper on June 21st.

The house was beautifully decorated with baskets of brides-wreath, narcissus and iris and lighted with pink candles. Soon after the arrival of the guests a telegram was delivered to Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff. She read aloud to the party the interesting announcement. "Delighted to tell you that Katherine and Price will be married June 21st. Signed Dan Cupid." Hand painted cards were then passed to each guest and they were requested to write a recipe and wish for the bride to be.

The hostesses served a beautiful ice course with fancy cakes and salted nuts. Immediately after the refreshments were served the dining room doors were thrown open and Miss Brown was ushered in there. The table on which the shower of gifts were arranged was exquisitely decorated. It was covered with a handsome Irish lace cloth and the centerpiece was a silver basket of spirea tied with a bow of white tulle. Hanging from the chandelier was a shower bouquet of spirea and narcissus and the room was lighted with tall pink tapers in silver candlesticks. The gifts were arranged on the table. Just before Miss Brown opened the gifts Miss Gladys Harrison read Sidney Lanier's exquisite Marriage Hymn.

Miss Brown is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Brown of Gates. She was educated at Meredith College and for the last year has taught English in the Cool Springs High School. During her stay in Forest City she has made

VOTERS ARE URGED TO REGISTER

Registration Books Will Close
Saturday, April 23, at
9 P. M.

Forest City's municipal election will be held Tuesday, May 3. Those not registered are hereby given warning to do so before registration books close Saturday, April 23, at 9 p. m. It is important that voters express their choice in this election, which so vitally concerns our little city. Do your duty by registering and casting your ballot on election day. It is especially urged that the ladies vote in this election.

A mayor and five aldermen are to be elected. Forest City must have the very best set of officers, and this can only be obtained by a full vote, thus expressing the real will of the majority.

Do your duty. Vote for your choice.

TRUCK TURNS OVER

Sampson Spicer, aged 28, and Joyce McCraw, aged 18, of Harris, were hurt when a truck driven by the former overturned on the detour to Lake Lure Tuesday. Two men escaped uninjured. Mr. J. C. Crocker, of Forest City, who arrived just as the accident happened, carried the injured men to a physician, who sent them home after giving first aid. The men were returning from the mountains with a load of apples. The heavy truck turned over three times but was only slightly damaged. The men were not seriously hurt.

many friends whose good wishes will follow her.

Mr. Leeper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leeper, Jr., of Belmont and is a young man of the highest type. He is a graduate of Duke University and is the popular and efficient High School principal of Lenoir.

SPRING TERM COURT CONVENES MONDAY, MAY 16

Criminal and Civil Term of
Court to Open on May 16,
With Judge Park-
er Presiding

Rutherfordton, April 12.—Criminal and civil court will open here Monday, May 16. The first week will doubtless be devoted to trying criminal cases followed by the civil court term. Judge Raymond G. Parker, of Winston-Salem, will preside. The following jurors have been drawn to serve during the two weeks:

First Week
S. B. Biggerstaff, J. Lloyd Taylor, H. L. Carpenter, S. M. Flack, T. W. Owens, W. Marvin Doggett, E. M. Toney, A. W. Lynch, J. O. Griswold, R. L. Culbreth, P. E. Morrison, R. R. Horn, Herbert Carroll, F. J. Morris, C. J. Glasco, R. Wilkie, J. J. Edwards, W. A. Harrill, Jr., L. C. Toney, W. E. Geer, J. L. Crow, J. M. Calton, C. H. Ross, H. S. Jenkins, H. C. Ward, R. E. Biggerstaff, J. A. Wilson, J. J. Manning, J. M. Dycus, J. P. Toms, Clyde Mahaffee, J. B. Condry, O. H. Sinclair, Q. J. Deviney, D. W. Andrews, Ernest Cole.

Second Week
C. L. Moss, J. L. Dobbins, C. M. Logan, J. W. Coveny, W. R. Callahan, B. C. White, W. A. Warlick, B. G. Moore, E. G. Summey, Frank Doggett, Roy Fortune, J. C. Nanney, W. O. Taylor, R. E. Whiteside, J. J. Rollins, J. P. Randall, Edgar Neal, A. C. Roach.

HOME CLUBS MEET IN RUTHERFORDTON

Womans' Clubs of County Hold
Joint Meeting With Home
Demonstration Clubs

Rutherfordton, April 12.—There was a treat in store for the women of Forest City, Lake Lure and Rutherfordton when they were invited to meet with the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in the Court House Monday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. G. C. McKinney, president. After a brief business session in which the conditions of a cake contest to be held in May were stated, motion carried to re-open the curb market in Rutherfordton, a similar market suggested for Forest City, and a committee appointed to make a uniform price, etc.

Mrs. M. M. Young of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. P. D. Carpenter of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. John Martin of Ellenboro made reports on garden contest, the prizes awarded to successful contestants, who were Mrs. Dave Carpenter and Mrs. Monroe McDonald, tied for first prize \$15.00, second and first was combined and equally divided; Mrs. J. A. Martin won third prize, \$7.50 and Mrs. M. M. Young fourth \$5.00 and Mrs. Whitaker fifth prize.

Mrs. C. F. Gold in a happy manner introduced Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State agent of Home Demonstration work who addressed the women (and a few fortunate men) on the "Business of Home Making" in a most interesting and instructive talk. Mrs. McKimmon, a charming woman, had her subject well in hand and presented it in a way to grip and hold the interest of her hearers. At the close of her address Mrs. Grant Allen welcomed all those present to an informal gathering until summoned to lunch, served in the basement.

Miss Laura Howard presided at the lunch and called for roll call of clubs, visiting women from Forest City, Lake Lure and Rutherfordton, newspaper representatives, County Commissioners, and F. E. Patton Farm Agent. Your correspondent, on failure of Forest City Courier to respond, rashly volunteered to represent that paper, but was terror stricken at the prospect of being called on to compete with the representatives of the news at the task confronting us. However, as each one present seemed anxious to show individual appreciation of the

PARALYSIS ENDS LIFE OF PROMINENT AVONDALE CITIZEN

Mr. Martin Morehead Died
Saturday Afternoon Fol-
lowing Stroke of Pa-
ralysis on Thurs-
day

Avondale, April 12.—Mr. Martin Morehead, aged 72 years, died at his home here Saturday afternoon, after being confined to his bed for six months with paralysis. He suffered a stroke Thursday morning, from which he never fully recovered.

Funeral services were held at Sharon church in Cleveland county Sunday at 3 o'clock, and were conducted by Revs. M. W. Heckard, Cliffside, Stouendemire of Avondale, and Waters, of Shelby. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. W. Sprouse, T. A. McNeely, J. D. Wells, T. A. Biggerstaff, Ike Biggerstaff, and B. F. Ferree. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. J. N. Goode, B. P. Freeman, D. E. Hawkins, Hatcher Melton, G. C. Gentry and Will Huskey. The huge wreaths and bouquets of flowers which covered the grave were borne by Misses Bessie Harrill, Dorsey Thomas, Hazel Cantrell, Ruth Cantrell, Lillian Smith, Selma Debrule, Lucile Frye, Maude Morehead, Ruby Smith, Beatrice Hawkins, Mary Jenkins.

Mr. Morehead is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. J. R. Frye, of Avondale, Mrs. S. J. Debrule, Avondale, Messrs. Bate and Walter Morehead of Avondale, and John, of Cleveland county. Two sisters, Mrs. Mat Smith, of Avondale and Mrs. Ellen Plemmer, of Cleveland county also survive.

Mr. Morehead was formerly with the Avondale Mills, but retired some time ago. He was a member of the Methodist church and was very regular in attendance. He was well known over the county and had hundreds of friends in Cleveland and Rutherford counties. The funeral procession was more than three miles long, and the church was filled to capacity during the services, and many stayed outside.

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE TEAM PLAYS SPINDALE

Spindale, April 12.—The Spartanburg team of the South Atlantic baseball league will play the Spindale team at Spindale park on Friday afternoon at 3:30, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mr. L. J. Thomason, manager of the Spindale team. This game promises to be good, and will give sport fans an opportunity to see the newly reorganized Spindale team in action against one of the best teams in the two Carolinas.

OPENS BRANCH IN RUTHERFORDTON

The City Dry Cleaning Co. has opened a branch plant in Rutherfordton to be known as the Spotless Cleaners & Dyers. Miss Winifred Mode was awarded a \$5 prize for being the best name for the Rutherfordton plant.

This firm, under the able management of Miss Katie Summey, has enjoyed an increasing business from its very beginning in this city. They have an up-to-date outfit and are well equipped for the business.

BIBLE CLASS TO GIVE SUPPER FRIDAY

The Mens' Bible Class, of the First Baptist Church will hold a get-together meeting and supper at the church Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. This concludes the contest between the "reds" and the "blues", which has been running in the class for some time. All members of the class are urged to be present. Please notify Mr. A. B. Flack if you expect to attend. Plates will be 75 cents each.

good things provided, there was no time to check up and the day was saved. It would be impossible to do justice in a description of this dinner prepared by the women belonging to the various clubs over the county.