

## CHAS. Z. FLACK ELECTED MAYOR BY MAJORITY OF 350 VOTES

V. T. Davis, G. V. Frye, B. B. Doggett, W. E. Moore and R. K. Hollifield Elected Board of Aldermen

### THE LARGEST VOTE EVER POLLED IN FOREST CITY

Election Passed Quietly, But of Intense Interest—Splendid Officers Are Elected

The most interesting and hotly contested municipal election ever held in the history of Forest City came to a close Tuesday at sunset. At the conclusion of the count of ballots, at 11 o'clock that night, the results were announced as follows:

#### FOR MAYOR

CHAS. Z. FLACK	626
L. C. LOWRANCE	276
Flack's majority	350

#### FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN

V. T. DAVIS	688
W. E. MOORE	588
G. V. FRYE	510
R. K. HOLLIFIELD	489
B. B. DOGGETT	338

Above are the winners and the order in which they finished in the race.

The other ten candidates received the following vote:

JOE P. HARDIN	321
M. E. DORSEY	273
M. JUNE HARRILL	272
W. L. HORN	231
J. NEWTON JONES	230
GEO. F. BRADLEY	205
J. C. HARRILL	128
M. C. HARDIN	68
J. ED GROSE	62
A. L. McDANIEL	56

It will be seen from the above table that 902 ballots were cast for Mayor, the largest vote ever polled in the history of the city. The increase can be better appreciated when it is stated that the vote for Mayor in the 1925 race resulted in only 368 votes being cast, L. C. Lowrance winning with a total of only 182. Bridges received 169 votes and J. C. Harrill, 16.

It will also be seen from the above table that a hot fight was waged in the race for Board of Aldermen. Only two of the old board are returned winners, B. B. Doggett and G. V. Frye. However, the vote in this race fell eleven short of that in the Mayor's race.

While considerable interest was manifested in the race for Board of Aldermen, the real fight was made in the Mayor's race. From the very tap of the gong, the friends of Mayor Lowrance and Chas. Z. Flack rolled up their sleeves and went to work for their respective choice. That a deep interest was aroused is indicated by the vote in Tuesday's election.

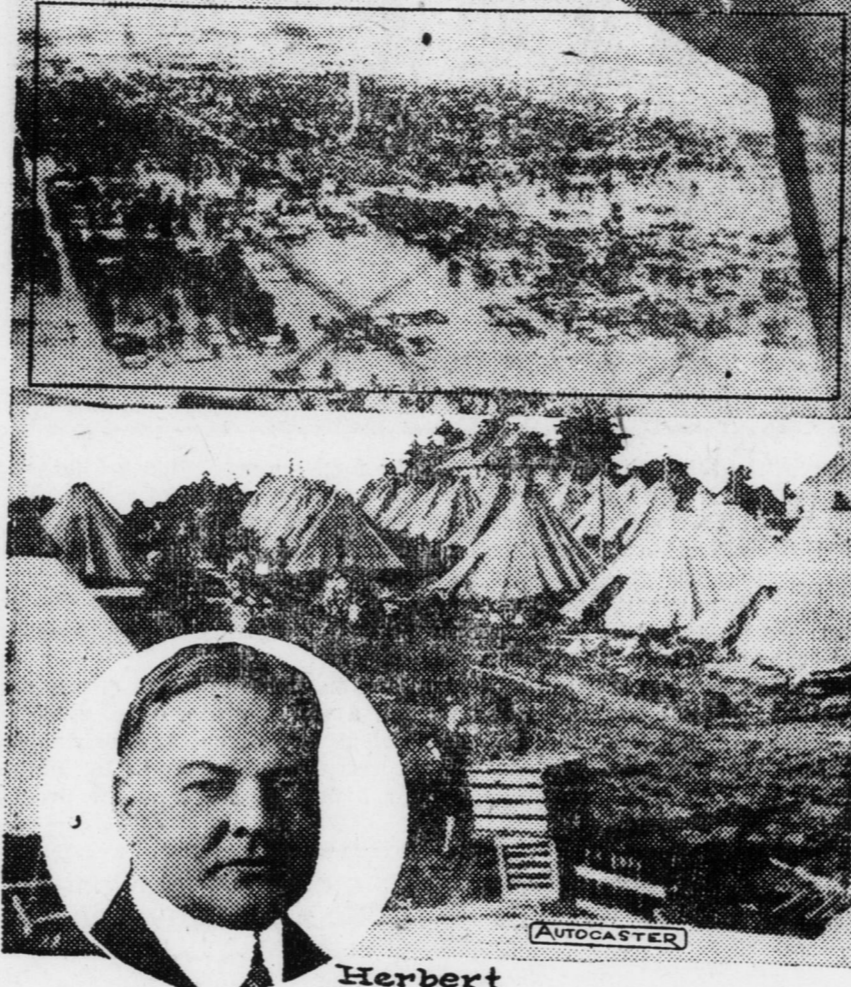
The Courier is glad to see the voters express their will by the ballot. It is only in this way that the real choice of the people can be made. When it is noted that 534 more ballots were cast in Tuesday's election than in the 1925 race, it will be seen what interest the voters took in the election. Also there were more women voters than in any previous election. We are glad to see the ladies vote.

The good people of Forest City are to be congratulated upon the orderly manner in which the election went off. With the intense rivalry, the excitement attendant upon a hotly contested election, the strenuous work of rival factions, the day was perfect in orderliness, nothing whatever occurring to mar the day nor interfere with the voters in exercising their right of suffrage in a peaceable and orderly manner. Even the ladies came to the polls in perfect confidence. This augurs well for the future in encouraging the ladies to take an interest in municipal affairs and exercise their right of the ballot. And it is a standing testimonial to the benefits of prohibition. It makes one shudder to think of what might have happened had the Red Demon been loosed at Tuesday's election.

The election is over now, and it behooves every one to stand with and back up our new set of officers in the performance of their duty. The voters have shown a wise choice in their selection. Every man is well qualified for the place he has been given. Forest City expects to go forward and accomplish great things in the next two years, and can and will, if these men are given the proper support by the people of the city.

The new officers were sworn in at a meeting held Wed. evening. They will, in all likelihood, continue to hold the board meetings on Friday nights as heretofore.

## Nation to Relief of Mississippi Homeless



More than 300 dead and 200,000 homeless are in the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys as waters recede on the most destructive river-flood the nation has ever known. Secretary of Interior Herbert Hoover has been assigned by the President to personally direct all relief work as the nation contributes funds. Upper photo is an airplane view of Greenville, Miss., under 20 feet of water. Lower photo a typical tent city which now dot the highlands, St. Louis to New Orleans.

## COUNTY ASKED TO AID MISSISSIPPI FLOOD SUFFERERS

Thousands Made Homeless by Overflow of Mississippi River Are in Dire Want and Misery

The President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have each issued proclamations calling on the people of the state and nation to lend their aid to the 200,000 people made homeless in the flooded Mississippi Valley. Many of these people are suffering dire misery, homeless, hungry, property and homes swept away, caused by the greatest flood ever known on the Mississippi River. Eight states are seriously affected.

To date more than 600,000 acres of land have been inundated by the overflow of the mighty Mississippi, causing more than \$200,000 property damage and a heavy loss of life.

Miss Virginia Grayson, secretary of Building and Loan Association, of Rutherfordton, has been appointed treasurer for Rutherford County. It is earnestly urged that all who can do so please send or hand their contribution to Miss Virginia Grayson, Commercial Bank, Rutherfordton.

This money will be turned over to the Red Cross organization which is in charge of the material relief of the sufferers, assisted by every branch of the Government.

Prof. B. L. Smith, of Spindale, is county chairman of the Relief Committee.

### RUTHERFORD COUNTY TEXTILE LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY

The Rutherford County Textile League, composed of baseball teams of Alexander, Caroleen, Henrietta, and Cliffside, was organized last week.

The organization is controlled by a central body of officers, with Mr. Z. O. Jenkins as chairman. The individual teams are managed as follows: Caroleen, Mr. J. L. Brown; Alexander, Mr. Ed Cantrell; Cliffside, Mr. Reinhardt.

The first game of the season was scheduled for last Saturday at Caroleen, but owing to rainy weather was called off.

Lime, cement and builder's hardware. See Weathers.

## DONATIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND NOW TOTALS \$368.90

List of Citizens and Institutions of Rutherford County Who Have Contributed to Flood Relief

Rutherfordton, May 4.—Miss Virginia Grayson, county treasurer of the Mississippi Flood Relief Committee, announced this morning that a total of \$368.90 had been contributed by the people of the county. This money is sent direct to the headquarters of the American Red Cross, at Washington, who are doing a great work in the flood zone. The following have contributed to the relief fund to date:	
Mr. John Norris	2.00
Mr. M. O. Dickerson	1.00
Mr. T. F. Oates	1.00
Mr. A. A. Abernethy	.25
Mrs. A. J. Jones	.50
Mr. J. W. Bost	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Price	2.00
Mr. C. T. Hamrick	5.00
Mr. Geo. Biggerstaff	1.00
Dr. M. H. Biggs	10.00
Mr. S. E. Elmore	10.00
Mr. K. S. Tanner	50.00
Brittain Presbyterian Ch.	10.00
Mr. T. C. Roberson	1.00
Bills Creek Bapt. Ch.	10.01
Mr. H. L. Carpenter	5.00
Woman's Club of Forest City	
Mrs. E. B. Doggett, Treas.	10.00
Citizenship Dept. of Woman's Club of Forest City, Mrs. C. E. Alcock, Treas.	10.00
Mr. J. W. McCraw	3.00
Mr. R. P. Geer	5.00
First Broad Bapt. Church	22.00
Spindale Methodist Sunday School	58.00
Mr. Fred McBrayer	5.00
Mr. S. W. Blankenship	1.00
Miss Virginia Grayson	10.00
Presbyterian Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.	42.82
Methodist Church and S. S. Rutherfordton	45.15
Methodist Church, Gilboa	6.20
Mr. J. L. Wells	1.00
Cash	2.00
The Sun Printing Co.	5.00
St. Francis Parish	12.94
Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.	16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$368.90</b>

Farmers, get it at Farmers Hardware Co.

## MR. JOHN BLANTON DIES AT CAROLEEN

Yelton Child Dead—Delegates to B. Y. P. U. Convention—Other News of Interest from Caroleen

Caroleen, May 3.—On last Friday evening, April 28, Mr. John Blanton died at his home here following a long illness. He had been confined to his bed for sometime and his death was not unexpected. However, his passing has cast a gloom over the entire community and home.

Mr. Blanton was born March 20, 1867, having been sixty years old at the time of his death. He had been living here only a short time with his daughter, who is a telephone operator, having moved here from his home near Lawndale. Mr. Blanton leaves a wife, six children, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. The brothers surviving are Frank Blanton, Boiling Springs, Green Blanton, of Earl, N. C.; the sisters are Mrs. Mollie Williams, of Rutherfordton; Mrs. Nan Hawkins, of this county; Mrs. Lizzie Kellie, of Boiling Springs; and Miss Martha Blanton, of Boiling Springs. The children are Geo. H. Blanton, of Hickory; Ella Janie Blanton, Caroleen; Grigg Blanton, Shelby; Elmer D. Earwood, Fallston, N. C.; Verdie Blanton, Caroleen and John Bates Blanton, of Caroleen. He also leaves four grandchildren. The funeral services were held Saturday at Sharon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. C. Hightower, who had charge of the funeral arrangements, Hoyle Hughs, Derwood Hughes, Ervin Guffie, Kinyon Blanton and Cowan Blanton. The flowers, which were many and beautiful, were carried by the following young ladies, Misses Ruth Piercy, Ella and Margaret Lynch, Minnie Harrill, Isabelle Blanton, Lorine Blanton, Mrs. Waldo Lynch and Mrs. Lenore Blanton.

### Yelton Baby Dead

The four months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yelton was found dead in bed Wednesday morning and was buried Wednesday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends during their sorrow.

The revival meeting which has been conducted at the Baptist church here for the past week closed Sunday evening. Rev. Bryant, of Kannapolis, brought us some wonderful messages and a number of young folks were added to the church. The baptismal services will be held at the church Sunday night week.

Mr. S. A. Matheny left last week for Chester, Pa. for a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. H. Ware. After a stay there he will stop over in Washington, D. C., for a few days with his brother, Mr. W. B. Matheny, of the city fire department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawkins recently a fine baby son, Mother and child getting along fine.

Misses Emily Hollifield, Lila Freeman, of Avondale, and Mr. Memory Freeman attended the alumni banquet at Boiling Springs last Saturday evening.

Miss Ellen Hogan, of Spindale, spent the week-end here with Miss Myrtle Mitchell.

Rev. R. N. Childress left this week for Louisville, Ky., to attend the Southern Baptist Convention held there this week.

Misses Alda Mae Sparks, Eunice Melton, Amanda Head and Mr. Morris Wilson, each a delegate from the Junior, Intermediate and Senior B. Y. P. U. attended the B. Y. P. U. convention held at Canton, N. C. last week. Much valuable information was received from the convention and these delegates will make an interesting report on their trip at the prayer meeting service here Thursday evening.

Mr. L. B. Robbins of Cherokee Falls spent the week end here visiting his family. They are moving this week to Cherokee Falls and we trust they will like their new home fine.

Miss Reba Phillips, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hoke and daughter of Charlotte, spent the week end here. Mrs. Hoke and daughter.

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## COOL SPRINGS COMMENCEMENT

MAY 22-24

School Rounding Out Best Session in its History—Outline of Commencement Program

The Cool Springs Township Schools are rounding out one of the best sessions in their history. In a short time commencement exercises will be held and the 1926-27 session will be a thing of the past. One of the largest classes of the high school will graduate this year. Much effort has been put forth to give the people of this town and surrounding communities one of the best commencement programs in the history of the schools.

A complete program of the commencement exercises will be published at a later date. The following is a short outline of the exercises: Baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening May 22, at 8:00 p. m. Dr. H. S. Snyder of Wofford College will deliver the address. Music will be furnished by the choirs of the churches of the town. The first practice will be held in the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon May 7, at 3:00 p. m. Monday night, Senior class day exercises.

Declamation and Recitation contest Tuesday, May 24, at 11:00 a. m. Commencement sermon Tuesday evening, May 24, 8:00 p. m. Dr. Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers College will deliver the address. Music by the high school glee club.

## COURIER NEWS EDITOR WEDS

Marriage of Mr. Clarence Griffin and Miss Thelma Clay is Announced

Spindale, May 2.—Announcement of the marriage of Mr. Clarence Griffin and Miss Thelma Clay was made here today. The wedding occurred Saturday, April 30, in Buford Street Methodist Parsonage, Gaffney, and was performed by Rev. L. E. Wiggins, pastor of Buford Street Methodist church.

Mrs. Griffin is the attractive and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clay, of Spindale, and was educated at Spindale High school. She has hundreds of friends over the county, won by her charming personality and manner.

Mr. Griffin is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Griffin, of Spindale. He holds a position as News Editor of the Forest City Courier, of Forest City, and is prominently connected with the civic life of the county, being publicity director of the Rutherford County Fair Association, in addition to holding several other important posts in civic and religious organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are making their home at the present in Spindale.

—C. E. A.

### AN APPRECIATION

To the Citizens of Forest City: We wish to express our thanks to the people of Forest City for the vote of confidence in the municipal election of yesterday. It is our hope that we may be of real service to our City and that we may merit the confidence expressed by the ballot.

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W. E. MOORE,  
G. V. FRYE,  
R. K. HOLLIFIELD,  
B. B. DOGGETT.

The birds mate in the spring, but they don't have any rent or grocery bills, or taxes to pay.

Dry agents are advised to lead a spotless life, so had better tuck their napkins under their chins.