

## ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED IN AUTO CRASH THURSDAY

### Lee Mathis Dies En Route to Hospital Following Auto Accident Near Forest City

Joseph Lee Mathis was killed and Tommie Culbreth, Howard Sherrill and General Harris injured as result of an automobile wreck at Concord Filling Station, midway between here and Ellenboro on Highway 20, Thursday morning about 10 o'clock.

The three were in a Studebaker touring car, driven by Sherrill, going toward Ellenboro, when General Harris entered the highway from the Concord Church road, driving a Ford touring car. Sherrill states that the Ford slowed down as it approached the highway and he sped up to pass it, but the Ford shot across the road in front of him and he struck it in the rear. The Studebaker ran off the concrete highway, down an incline and turned over twice, lodging right side up near a barbed wire fence. The Studebaker was almost demolished. The Ford driven by Harris was slightly damaged in the rear by the impact.

It is thought that Mathis fell out as the car turned over the first time, crushing the life out of him. He was rushed to the Rutherford Hospital immediately, but died en route. His left arm was broken, and he suffered internal injuries as well as a number of severe bruises and scratches.

Culbreth was injured about the head and suffered minor cuts and bruises, while Sherrill was hurt about the mouth and suffered a number of body bruises. Both were under the care of a physician during the week end. Mr. Harris, driver of the Ford, had two ribs fractured and his spine injured.

The three occupants of the Studebaker were young men. Tommie Culbreth is the twenty-one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Culbreth, of Spindale, and Sherrill is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, of Spindale. Mr. Harris is about fifty-five years old and lives near Concord Baptist church.

It is reported that the Studebaker was running at about thirty miles per hour when the accident occurred.

### Funeral For Mathis Sunday

Funeral services for Joseph Lee Mathis was held Sunday afternoon at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, and were attended by what was possibly the largest number of people ever gathered at that church. It was variously estimated that between two and three thousand attended the service, showing the high esteem in which he was held. Only a small part of the large assemblage was able to get seats in the church.

The services were in charge of Rev. John Smith, of Gaffney, assisted by Revs. Loss Wright, William Hardin and W. V. Tarlton. Interment was in Sulphur Springs cemetery.

Mr. Mathis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mathis, of the Sulphur Springs section. During the last eight years he had been a barber, and had worked over the entire county. He had been located at Spindale during the last three years, associated with the Ridings barber shop. He survived by his parents, three brothers, Messrs. Henry, Minter and Horace, all of Sulphur Springs and one sister, Miss Magdalene Mathis, of Sulphur Springs.

His former barber associates acted as pallbearers and were as follows: Messrs. Wilber Ridings, Boyd Dobbins, W. G. Godfrey, Harris Morgan, Elbert Sisk and Robert Culbreth.

Mr. Mathis was twenty-eight years old and unmarried. During his eight years as a barber he had made hundreds of friends over the county by his wonderful personality and manner. People from every section of Rutherford county were present to pay their last respects to him Sunday as he was laid away in the cemetery. For some time he had been looking

## NEGRO SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FIGHT

### John Allen, Negro Hurt With an Axe in Fight With Another Negro at Chimney Rock

Chimney Rock, May 9.—John Allen, is seriously hurt and Alvia Moore, negro woman, is in jail at Rutherfordton and Jack Hartson, another negro, is at large as a result of an affray Thursday night at the rock crusher of Ziegler Bros., road camp near Chimney Rock.

Deputy Sheriff C. Ray Dalton captured the woman about three o'clock Friday afternoon in a car with another negro one half mile from the scene of the fight. According to her testimony she says that a number of the men were drinking and Allen and Hartson got into a fight and Allen came on Hartson with a knife. She handed Hartson an axe and he hit Allen on the forehead with it, bursting his head partly open. He was rushed to a hospital in Asheville. His home was formerly in Asheville. Alvia says that she has lived with Hartson about four years but that she is not married to him.

The woman and her accomplice are originally from Wadesboro, N. C. Officers are doing everything possible to locate Hartson. He left here coatless and wearing leather leggings. He weighs about 160 pounds and is a young man.

The case will be tried in Rutherfordton before Judge Raymond G. Parker the week of May 16.

All the negroes were employees of Zeigler Brothers road force.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT CLIFFSIDE

### Annual Event Observed Sunday—A Tribute to the Messrs. Haynes

Cliffside, May 9.—Annual memorial day, which is always the second Sunday in May, was observed yesterday by hundreds of people who came from far and near to place flowers on the graves of loved ones and of friends. From the early morning until the evening shadows, loving shadows, loving hands were scattering flowers here and there in the cemetery at Cliffside. Words of praise and appreciation for Mr. Chas. H. Haynes were expressed by many for his kind and thoughtful consideration in keeping the cemetery as clean and beautiful, not only on "Memorial Day," but throughout the year. The mound of each grave was carefully raised and smoothed, and not a blade of grass, or weed could be seen.

Each square lot is marked by marble corners and the walks planned straight and accurate, and as we stood in the center of the silent city of the dead, and viewed its beauty and the hand-carved work of man, the fragrance of sweet flowers wafted on the breeze reminded that tomorrow they, too, would be dead, and that we likewise shall pass away. We turned our eyes to evergreens, which seemed to stand in silent watch around the granite tombs of our loved ones, and in the sacred stillness, came the sublime and eternal words of our Savior, "I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25."

Standing beside the tomb of the late R. R. Haynes, our friend and brother, we bowed our heads in silent tribute to his memory, realizing that it was through him the foundation of beautiful Cliffside was established; and it is through his son, Mr. Chas. H. Haynes, whose every courtesy speaks for him the true gentleness, for which he is, and who is held in the highest esteem by his fellow workmen, and employees, that we enjoy the many privileges we have today in Cliffside.

forward to attending Memorial services at Sulphur Springs which were held Sunday, and it was very appropriate that his funeral should be conducted on Memorial Day.

## AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS RALLY IN RUTHERFORDTON

### State Commander Paul Younts Addresses Ex-Service Men. Public Meeting of Legion at Avondale May 16

Rutherfordton, May 9.—A number of former service men and civilians attended the rally of Fred Williams Post No. 75, American Legion here Monday night of last week. Music by Rutherfordton's new brass band was a feature of the meeting. The band was sponsored by the post. Commander S. P. Dunnagan introduced State Commander Paul Younts, of Charlotte, in a short eloquent address. The State Legion chief stressed community service and the close contact of the Legion with community progress; told why the Legion was organized and traced its accomplishments briefly. The duty to our ex-service men was emphasized.

The speaker urged that each post in the State or county at least be represented at the Paris convention in September. North Carolina has practically reached her allotment of 362 now, he said. "We plan to take 400 Tar Heels with us to Paris. Within the next few days we hope to invite five distinguished citizens of the State, who rendered special service during the World War to go with us to Paris."

The membership of the Legion in North Carolina is greater now than it has ever been in the history of the State, he said. He urged the boys to "carry on for the Legion and their country."

Mr. Younts said Rutherfordton needs a woman's auxiliary of the Legion. The Legion is furnishing \$4,000 per year for a nurse and clinics at Oteen Hospital for our disabled buddies. It has helped to secure the passage of 3247 bills before Congress and the various State Legislatures for the benefit of ex-service men. Mr. Younts declared the Legion is for the masses and not the classes.

After the meeting adjourned it was decided to hold the next meeting at Avondale public school building, May 16th, 7:30 p. m. and invite the public and especially all ex-service men of the county to attend. The program will consist of special music and speaking. It is hoped to have Judge Raymond G. Parker and Solicitor J. W. Pless to be present and make short talks.

## ONE INJURED IN FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT

Chimney Rock, May 11.—James Mathews, young white man, engaged as a truck driver at the Zeigler Brothers road camp near here, was injured Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock when he was assaulted by a drunken negro. According to reports reaching the Courier several negroes engaged in a free-for-all fight Tuesday morning. During the fight Mathews came near the negroes and one hit him on the face with knucks or billet breaking his jawbone. Deputy Sheriff Curtis Hardin was called to the scene of the fight and arrested three negroes. They were tried in recorder's court Tuesday. The negro charged with assaulting Mathews received a twelve months' road sentence, while two others were fined \$50.00 and costs for fighting and drunkenness.

## COOL SPRINGS HIGHS DEFEATS CENTRAL HI

The Cool Springs High school baseball team defeated the Central High school baseball team Tuesday afternoon by a score of 7-3. Batteries for Central High were Wilson and Hardin and for Cool Springs were McKeithan and Moss.

Central High plays here Friday afternoon at 3:45. This is the last game of the season and the last opportunity to see the high school boys in action.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK IN FOREST CITY MAY 16 TO 21

### Citizens are Requested to Co-operate With Authorities in Making Forest City Cleanest Town in State

The week of May 16 to 21 has been set aside as clean-up week in Forest City, and the people are requested to co-operate with the officials in charge and make Forest City a 'spick-and-span' town. Visitors and tourists passing through Forest City frequently pass on remarks about the cleanliness of Forest City. Let's keep up the good work, and not only clean up the town next week, but keep it clean afterwards.

### Clean-Up Proclamation

As health officer of the Town of Forest City, I wish to call the attention of the citizens of Forest City, that the week beginning May 16th has been set aside as clean-up week. I will appreciate and expect a hearty co-operation of all the people of our good town. Please clean up all the rubbish on your premises and put it in boxes, or barrels, as our help will not have time to get it unless it is in a container. Do not leave any old cans, buckets, or barrels on your premises that will hold water as they make a very suitable breeding place for mosquitoes.

I wish also to call your attention the ordinance relatives to hogs and hog-pens. If you do not understand this law, inquire at the town hall and they will be glad to explain it to you.

We have one of the prettiest little towns in Western North Carolina so let us all strive to make it the cleanest.

AMOS DUNCAN, M. D.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

There will be a general meeting of the Womans' Club Thursday afternoon May 12th at 4 o'clock in the Kiwanis Hall. It is desired that every member of the Womans' club be present and let all who intend to be members for next year come prepared to pay their membership dues to the general club of \$1.00 per year.

Remember the time and place of meeting. Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Kiwanis Hall.

## COUNTY RAISES \$607.16 FOR MISSISSIPPI SUFFERERS

To date \$607.16 have been donated by the people of Rutherford county to alleviate the suffering of those made homeless by the overflow of the Mississippi River, according to a report from Miss Virginia Grayson, county Treasurer. Prof. B. L. Smith, county chairman of the Relief Committee, states that he is gratified with the response of the people of the county in contributing to this worthy cause. "We are not poorer, but richer by our donations, which will do much to relieve the dire misery and want of our fellow citizens of the Mississippi Valley States," says Capt. Smith.

Rutherford county was asked for only \$250.00 for the Relief Fund and the committee is delighted with the manner in which people have responded and went "over the top" with their contributions.

Manager W. L. Horn, of the local movie, has been warmly congratulated upon the installation of a new Seeburg orchestion. He has also been giving some splendid pictures. "The Last Frontier," shown Saturday, was pronounced by many as one of the very best. The program for the ensuing week is unusually good.

New phonograph records. Come in and see them. Courtney's 5c and 10c Store.

## MRS. MARTIN'S 95TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

### Large Number Gather to Honor One of Rutherford County's Oldest Women

About one hundred friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Ibbie Martin, on Duncans' Creek, Sunday May 8, in an all day celebration of Mrs. Martin's ninety-fifth birthday. At noon a bountiful dinner was spread on a table prepared for the occasion. Mr. J. O. Gettys read a poem, the subject being "Mother," and very appropriate for the occasion. He made a short talk on "Mother," and was followed by Mr. S. G. McAllister, of Gastonia who asked grace.

Mr. Martin, in his talk, stated that Mrs. Martin was ten years older than Cleveland county, having been born ten years before the formation of Cleveland from Rutherford.

Mrs. Martin has spent seventy-five years of her life at the place where she now resides. She is the mother of eleven children and has twenty-nine grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Five generations were present at the dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Martin was the daughter of Allen Crowder and Phoebe Grigg Crowder, and had fourteen brothers and four sisters.

A large number attended the reunion and dinner from all sections of Rutherford and Cleveland counties as well as from Charlotte and Gastonia.

## TOWNSHIP MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD

### Children From All Schools in Township Participate in National Music Week Program

National music week was observed in Forest City in a unique and delightful way. A music Festival was put on by all the schools in Cool Springs Township at the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, May 5th at 8 o'clock. The auditorium was packed with people from all over the township and the program was a revelation to the citizens of the township. It was a splendid exhibition of the quality of work in public school music that is being done in the schools. 200 children took part in the program and they showed excellent training.

The program opened with a musical play, "A Picnic Day in the Woods" by the Forest City grammar school. This was a pretty tuneful litle play. The costumes were bright and the children took their parts extremely well.

A group of choruses from the Bostic and Mt. Pleasant grammar schools, the Forest City grammar school sextette and the boys quartette from the high school came next. These choruses showed good training, well matched voices and were much enjoyed by the audience. This group closed with a violin number by six violinists from the high school. They played Barcarole first, then a selection from Rose Marie. The grammar grade sextette from Forest City sang Rose Marie with the violins. This last proved to be one of the most popular numbers on the program. All the members of the sextette have lovely voices and they carried the two part choruses beautifully. The group of choruses was an excellent illustration of the work the children are doing. The value of this kind of training in the schools can not be over estimated. It will show in church, in school, in every type of community work and Forest City is rapidly becoming a musical center.

The program closed with an operetta given by the 4th and 5th grades from Alexander school. It was entitled "Day Before Yesterday" and was a story of History from pre-historic days down to the present. The

## RUTHERFORD COUNTY TEXTILE LEAGUE OPENS

### Teams Representing Six Towns of the County Organize Baseball League. First Game Played Last Saturday

The Rutherford County Textile League opened the season Saturday with games over the entire circuit. The league was recently organized and is composed of six teams from Caroleen, Cliffside, Henrietta, Avondale, Alexander and Ellenboro. Z. O. Jenkins is Club president. The Alexander team has E. L. Cantrell as president, D. B. Randall, secretary and treasurer and C. W. Halford as manager. Ellenboro is managed entirely by Mr. Garrett Edwards. The officials of the Henrietta Club are J. M. Mauney, president, L. O. Newton, manager and Frank Weast, secretary-treasurer. Prof. F. S. Hall is president of the Avondale Club with W. Smith as manager. J. L. Brown is manager of the Caroleen team while Mr. Reinhardt manages the Cliffside team.

Each club will play every Saturday, as shown on the schedule below. The season will be split, the winner of the first half of the season playing the winner of the second half of the season. Saturday's games were the openers for the first half, which will close July 2. The second half of the season will open July 9th and close September 10th.

The following is the schedule:

### Schedule Rutherford County League

- May 14. Alexander at Cliffside; Ellenboro at Caroleen; Henrietta at Avondale.
- May 21. Cliffside at Alexander; Caroleen at Ellenboro; Avondale at Henrietta.
- May 28. Ellenboro at Alexander; Henrietta at Caroleen; Cliffside at Avondale.
- June 4. Alexander at Ellenboro; Caroleen at Henrietta; Avondale at Cliffside.
- June 11. Alexander at Avondale; Ellenboro at Henrietta; Cliffside at Caroleen.
- June 18. Avondale at Alexander; Henrietta at Ellenboro; Caroleen at Cliffside.
- June 25. Alexander at Henrietta; Ellenboro at Cliffside; Caroleen at Avondale.
- July 2. Henrietta at Alexander; Cliffside at Ellenboro; Avondale at Caroleen.
- (Close of first half of season.)
- July 9. Alexander at Caroleen; Henrietta at Cliffside; Ellenboro at Avondale.
- July 16. Caroleen at Alexander; Cliffside at Henrietta; Avondale at Ellenboro.

(The schedule repeats from top to close of first half of the season, constituting the second half of the series.)

### Results Saturday

Saturday's games resulted as follows:

- At Alexander 12; Caroleen 5.
- At Henrietta, 9; Cliffside 3.
- At Ellenboro, 8; Avondale 7.

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. L. Cantrell, of Alexander, the Courier will carry the results of each week's games and the standing of the clubs, beginning next week.

Mr. C. A. Wilkie had his hand badly lacerated at a saw mill. No serious results are expected, although the wound was a painful one.

costumes in this play were beautiful and it was an illustration of how the work in public school music can be correlated with other studies. The costumes and dances were most effective displays of each period in history and the songs were beautiful. The most popular dances in this play were the minuet and the Virginia Reel illustrating "Day Before Yesterday" in the United States.

The festival was an unqualified success and the work of Miss Wilkie and the township teachers in music is a source of gratification to many citizens in the township.