

SELECTS COURIER NEWS EDITOR AS COUNTY HISTORIAN

Mr. Clarence Griffin Appointed by Board of Education Last Monday

Rutherfordton, July 12.—At a meeting of the County Board of Education here yesterday, Mr. Clarence Griffin, of Spindale, News Editor of the Forest City Courier, was selected as historian of Rutherford county, in compliance with a request sent out to the Boards of Education in each county of the state by the Historical Commission recently.

The Board had before it two nominations: that of Mr. Griffin and Mr. O. C. Erwin, of Rutherfordton. As Mr. Erwin had recently withdrawn, Mr. Griffin received the appointment without opposition.

Mr. Griffin's selection is gratifying to those who are interested in the preservation of local history. For about eight years he has been engaged in collecting, preserving and publishing Rutherford's history, and his ability, experience, interest and accuracy eminently qualify him for the position. During this period he has done extensive research work that has carried him over half of the state, in the interest of preserving local history.

His work as collector of war records of Rutherford county, in 1923, won for him commendation and praise, and Rutherford's part in the World War is well represented and preserved in the State Hall of History, due to his efforts.

He is already well known over the county through his writings on local history, appearing in county papers during the past few years, having furnished approximately three hundred columns for publication. During the last three years he has endeavored himself to many of the county's school students, and students of the county in colleges, through his assistance in preparing local history essays and gathering historical information for their use in class room.

Mr. Griffin is News Editor of The Courier and is the youngest News Editor in North Carolina. He is the fourteenth county historian to be appointed in the state since the inauguration of the plan for providing each of the hundred counties with a historian.

Save money by buying toilet necessities at Stahl's Ten Cent Store.

BOY SUCCUMBS TO BLOOD POISONING

Harvey Hardin, Twelve Years Old, Dies in Hospital Monday Morning

Harvey Hardin, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hardin, died at the Rutherford Hospital, Monday morning, from blood poisoning in a tooth caused by an abscess in the tooth. About eight days ago he became indisposed and an examination revealed that the tooth was infected. After much pain he was later removed to the hospital. Blood poisoning had already developed and little could be done to allay its ravages.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hardin, of this city, besides five brothers and two sisters. Interment took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Cool Springs cemetery.

The funeral services were in charge of Rev. T. C. Harvey, pastor of the Loray Wesleyan Methodist church, of Gastonia.

The pall bearers were Messrs. J. A. Hardin, C. E. Hardin, D. L. Hardin, Rev. Hill Kiser, Harrill Whitesides, Wesley Gordon.

Closing out my line of children's fancy silk socks. 10c to 25c. Mrs. A. C. Jones.

Rutherford's Historian



CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN

KIWANIS CLUB MEETS AT THE LAKE LURE INN

Enjoy Splendid Dinner and Outing at Rutherford County's Beauty Spot

"They came, they saw, and they conquered," might well apply to the visit of the local Kiwanis Club to Lake Lure Inn for their regular weekly meeting Monday evening. This visit to Rutherford county's beauty spot proved one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the club, and every one came away hoping that they might some day soon have a summer home in this delightful spot, even though denied the pleasure of permanent residence in this wonderful mountain scene.

About forty were present, including many of the wives and sweethearts and a few guests of the Kiwanians.

The regular business session was held in the spacious dining room of the splendid hotel, President Dalton presiding in his usual happy and snappy style. This took but a short time, as all were anxious to enjoy the most excellent dinner provided by the management of the Lake Lure Inn, which did not disappoint the most optimistic of the visitors. The dinner was most pleasing in its every appointment and every Kiwanian was fervent in his hope that the club would again meet there at an early date.

The program was also eagerly anticipated, as word had gone out that Messrs. Thomas and Doggett had something good to offer. And again there was no disappointment, as these gentlemen had turned the arrangements of the program over to Mrs. Howard Camnitz, an entertainer of national prominence who has had numbers of years' experience on the chautauque platforms. She provided a short and snappy program that was enjoyed throughout, judging from the rounds of applause greeting each individual taking part, and also, at the insistence of several knowing of her unusual ability, Mrs. Camnitz prevailed upon to give two readings and rendered a Kentucky race horse story and an Edger Guest poem.

The first number was a dance by little "Buddy" Graham, a young Florida visitor at the hotel. The little lad, only eight years old, delighted the audience and received a hearty encore. The piano accompaniments were rendered by Mr. Earl Phillips, who showed complete mastery of that instrument.

Mrs. J. B. Phillips, whose lovely contralto voice has been heard and appreciated by many Forest City folk, was at her best in two solos which delighted the audience. She was followed by Mr. Howard Camnitz, who rendered two solos in his pleasing tenor voice that captivated the crowd.

It was a most enjoyable program, well planned and executed in a manner proving the unusual ability and talent of those taking part.

After the end of the session, bringing to a close one of the most happy occasions enjoyed in the history of the club, all were invited by Mr. B. B. Doggett to enjoy a boat ride on beautiful Lake Lure, which was specially lighted for the occasion by a brilliant and accommodating moon, which shed a soft glow over the beautiful setting.

MR. E. M. LAVENDER KILLED THURSDAY BY LIGHTNING

Gilkey Farmer Loses Life in Terrific Storm That Swept County Last Week

Gilkey, July 12.—Ed M. Lavender, aged 42 years, prominent farmer of near here was killed Thursday noon by a bolt of lightning while standing under a tree where he had taken refuge during one of the series of storms that swept the county that day.

Mr. Lavender had been working in a field on Piney Knob Mountain, one mile from Gilkey, and at noon his lunch was brought to him by his wife. He told her that he would be home as soon as he finished lunch, on account of threatening weather. She returned to the house and when Mr. Lavender did not return home within a reasonable length of time his wife became alarmed and returned to find him. She found him dead, leaning against the tree under which he had eaten lunch. It was evident that he remained there awaiting for the rain to cease.

His shoulder and hip were fractured but the skin was not broken anywhere on the body, an examination revealed. His clothes were badly torn, especially his shoes. His watch stopped at 12:11 p. m.

His mule, which was tied nearby, was also killed by the same bolt that killed Mr. Lavender.

He is survived by three brothers, Thomas, Charles and Wilbur, all of Spindale; two sisters, Mrs. Otto Ruppe, of Kannapolis and Mrs. James Silvers, of Spindale. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston W. Lavender are living. He leaves nine children, Thomas, (deaf and dumb), James, Willis, Annie Lewis, Walter, Albert, Arthur and Nellie, all at home except James, who is married and resides in Spindale.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Gilkey Methodist church. The services were in charge of Rev. J. B. Tabor, Sr. Interment was in the Gilkey cemetery.

Storm Causes Damage
Thursday's storm was one of the most damaging that has swept this county in sometime. Considerable property damage is reported from Bostic Routes one and two, while some damage was done in the Union Mills community. Mrs. John Stallings, of Union Mills, was painfully shocked by a lightning bolt Thursday afternoon. Damage to growing crops was reported from Forest City Routes two and three and community surrounding Spindale. Residents of the Poor's Ford and Kistler's Chapel sections report that the storm swept through there Thursday, but that the worst damage was done by Friday's storm.

Damage in Forest City
On Thursday afternoon a large tree in the yard of Mr. A. C. Jones was blown down, tearing a hole in the roof and damaging the veranda. Shade trees were damaged and in many cases uprooted along Main street. An awning at Dalton Brothers was blown loose, breaking out a plate glass. A similar occurrence at Courtney's Five and Ten Cent Store caused some damage to the front glass. The roof of the firehouse was considerably damaged.

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We have a complete line of picnic supplies and camping necessities. D. M. Stahl's Ten Cent Store.

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FIRST SEABOARD PULLMAN TRAIN GREETED SUNDAY

Large Number of Citizens Welcome Train Crew at Forest City and Rutherfordton

Rutherford county's first Pullman and dining car service was inaugurated Sunday over the Seaboard, and out of appreciation for the new service scores of citizens of Forest City and Rutherfordton met the train Sunday and welcomed the crew to the county.

The new train looked good as it came steaming in with six nice coaches and all along the line people gathered to see it, not because the sight of a Pullman is unusual, but in appreciation of the Seaboard's forward step for this section. Since the recent visit over this division by President Davies Warfield of the Seaboard, reports are current that the Seaboard eventually will be extended from Rutherfordton through the mountains and that other extensive improvements will be started when the Seaboard's Florida development is finished.

Florida Points
A twelve section sleeper operates from St. Petersburg via Hamlet, Charlotte and Rutherfordton on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, another twelve section sleeper operates between Miami and West Palm Beach via Hamlet, Charlotte and Rutherfordton. When travel will warrant from Florida to the mountains of Western North Carolina, the Seaboard officials expect to operate the two sleepers every day.

Portsmouth and Wilmington
Starting from Norfolk and Portsmouth at 8:35 p. m. there is a drawing room sleeping car coming as far as Charlotte where connection is made with the Seaboard at 10 a. m. for Shelby and Rutherfordton. Going north passengers can leave Forest City at 4:32 for Norfolk without changing trains and reach Norfolk at 8:20 the following morning.

Each train is met at Rutherfordton by a big motor bus to take passengers to and from Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and Bat Cave, the one way fare from Rutherfordton to Lake Lure being \$1.10 or \$2 round trip; Chimney Rock \$1.25 or \$2.25 round trip; Bat Cave \$1.50 or \$2.25 round trip.

Summer Fares
In order to stimulate summer travel, low round trip rates have been established, effective July 7 to July 31. One day round trip tickets are sold at fare and one-third. Five day round trip tickets are sold for fare and a half. As the busses operating between Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock are owned by the Motor Transportation Co. it is presumed that these low fares do not apply on the bus line, but for one day or five days round trips the reduced fare applies to the railroad and the above published fare to the bus line which meets all Seaboard trains incoming and outgoing from Rutherfordton.

MR. ROY MORRIS UNDERGOES OPERATION

In a personal letter to friends here this week, Mr. Roy Morris, who is now at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital in Atlanta, stated that he expected to undergo another operation Tuesday, which he hoped would help his ear condition. He has also had his tonsils removed since going to the hospital.

Mr. Morris, who is one of "our boys" who served in the great World War, has suffered greatly since the close of that conflict and has spent much of his time in different hospitals trying to regain his health and strength. His hosts of friends hope he may have a speedy recovery so that he may return to his home and be with the friends who know and love him best.

Banker and Good Fellow



G. B. HARRILL

From time to time The Courier publishes pictures of leading business and professional men. This week we present a cut of Mr. G. B. Harrill, cashier of the Industrial Bank and secretary and treasurer of the Security Insurance Co.

Mr. Harrill is the son of the late S. B. Harrill, of Bostic, and a young man who has made a success in the business and social life of his native county. A leader in every civic movement, in church and lodge work, and in business circles makes him a very busy man, but with it all he carries a smile and a word of welcome that endears him to hosts of friends.

MR. J. H. THOMAS IS HURT BY AUTO

Mr. S. E. Elmore Is Also Given Treatment at Biltmore Hospital

Asheville, July 12.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, president of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, Forest City, and S. E. Elmore, prominent cotton mill executive, of Spindale, were given treatment at the Biltmore hospital Monday night for minor injuries received in an automobile accident on the Fairview road, as they were coming to Asheville.

Mr. Thomas was given treatment for an injured arm, hospital attendants said, but suffered no broken bones. Mr. Elmore's knee was bruised and he received scratches. Both were dismissed from the hospital last night.

Messrs. J. H. Thomas, K. S. Tanner and S. E. Elmore left by auto Monday night to catch a train for Detroit at Asheville. The accident happened when the driver of a Ford, behind whom they were driving, turned across the road in front of them without warning. Mr. Elmore's chauffeur, seeing the danger, and to avoid a collision, swerved his car to the right, going out of the road. In turning back into the highway the big Studebaker car straddled the curbing of a small bridge, skidding across and turning over when the car reached the end of the bridge.

Messrs. Tanner and Elmore continued their trip to Detroit, after reaching Asheville. Mr. Thomas returned to his home in Forest City Tuesday about noon. His injuries are reported as not serious and he is expected to be out within a few days.

INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Ellenboro, July 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack McSwain of this place were seriously injured yesterday when the car in which they were riding collided with a Charlotte-Asheville bus, near here.

Their car was almost demolished, Mr. and Mrs. McSwain sustained several bodily injuries and were immediately rushed to the Shelby Hospital, where at latest reports both are in serious condition.

No one on the bus was injured.

A pretty line of laces selling at reduced prices. Mrs. A. C. Jones.

FAIR PREMIUMS TO BE PAID ON DAY AWARD IS MADE

Fair Association Directors Make Other Drastic Changes in Rules—Premiums Increased.

Spindale, July 12.—A full meeting of the directors of the Rutherford County Fair Association was held here in the Sunlight Mills office Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting was opened with a report from Mr. Geo. Rollins on the Fourth of July picnic at the fair grounds. He stated that the affair had been a great success from every standpoint.

Several changes were made in the rules of the Association. The outstanding one is that in the future the treasurer will pay all premiums the same day that the award is made. The judges for the different exhibits will give the winner an order on the treasurer when awarding the prizes which the prize winner can immediately take to the treasurer and have cashed on the fair ground. This is being done to prevent any delay in obtaining premiums as there has been in the past.

It has been so arranged in the past that fancy work could be handled and in several cases had been stolen. It will be so placed that it will be protected from handling and there will be no chance for it to be stolen during the fair.

It was decided to increase by \$25 the premium to the four best Fair exhibits and that the community fair exhibits would also be awarded \$25 premium as in the past, and that through oversight last year's premiums had not been paid to the community fairs and the treasurer was ordered to pay these immediately.

It was voted to turn over to the Rutherford County Poultry Association the management of the poultry show and that the Fair Association remodel the pens so the poultry can be shown to better advantage.

It was decided to put in the prize list three prizes for the best community exhibit not agricultural. These prizes for the best community exhibit are in order to stimulate interest in communities which are not agricultural.

The president was authorized to appoint a director to be sponsor for each department of the fair.

The next meeting of the association will be held at 4:00, July 20th, at the Sunlight Mills Company office, Spindale.

CHIMNEY ROCK WILL BROADCAST RADIO PROGRAM

Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor Program Over Station WWNC at Asheville Thursday Night.

Asheville, July 12.—The Chimney Rock Chamber of Commerce will broadcast a special program over station WWNC here Thursday night (tonight), beginning at 8:30 o'clock. All arrangements have been completed, according to an announcement, with J. Dale Stentz, director of the local radio station, operated by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to individual artists of the Lake Lure-Chimney Rock communities, talent has been recruited from the Chimney Rock Camp for boys.

Special attention will be called to the forthcoming jubilee planned at Lake Lure on July 30, which will be held under the auspices of the Rutherford County Club, in celebration of the opening of Highway No. 20.

Mrs. J. B. Phillips, contralto and Mr. Howard Camnitz, tenor, of Chimney Rock, both well known in Forest City, will be on the program.