

AUTOS COLLIDE NEAR HENRIETTA

Two are Injured When Automobiles Wreck—Reception for School Teachers—Locals

(Special to Courier)

Henrietta, Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lovelace attended the funeral of Mrs. Lovelace's uncle, Mr. Ed Latimore at New Bethel church Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ostine Whisnant and Miss Lucile Wright of Ellenboro left Monday for the Missionary Training school at Louisville, Ky.

Beginning Tuesday of this week the high school went on a schedule that will give the pupils who live on the farm an opportunity to help in the cotton picking without losing time from school.

Mrs. T. C. Lovelace accompanied by Misses Dovie Sue Harris and Sue Koone went to Smith's Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Lovelace is Superintendent of the Missionary work in the Sandy Run association and it was intended to organize a Missionary society at Smith's Grove Sunday. A number of the ladies signified their intention of joining but the election of officers was postponed. About thirty ladies from Bostic Missionary society was present Sunday afternoon.

An automobile wreck occurred Saturday night about eight thirty, near Floyd's Creek, when a Ford touring car driven by Mr. Claude Powell, struck a Ford Sedan occupied by Messrs. Vernon Hyder, Tommy Weese, Miss Bernie Dobbins and Miss Putnam. The sedan turned over, pinning the occupants underneath it. The young men escaped injury. Miss Putnam was cut about the face and Miss Dobbins suffered severely from shock. The sedan was badly damaged. The young people were on their way to a party at Mr. Esper White's when the accident occurred.

The Henrietta Parent-Teachers' association will hold a reception for the teachers at the elementary school building Friday night. County Supt. C. A. Erwin will be present. Parents who have children in the high school are especially invited to be present. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle is president of the Henrietta P. T. A.

Mrs. O. J. Mooneyham was hostess to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. J. Asbury led the devotional service. Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee spoke on "The Christ Mastered Life." Mrs. Mooneyham on "The Woman of China." Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. O. J. Mooneyham, president; Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee, vice-president; Mrs. S. J. Asbury, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Clyde Mahaffee, Supt. Children's department, Mrs. W. C. Lightower, agent for the Missionary Voice. At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Mooneyham, assisted by Mrs. Clyde Mahaffee, served delicious ice cream and cake and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

MISS LIZZIE AVANT PASSES SUDDENLY

Spartanburg, Sept. 21.—Miss Lizzie Avant, 77, died suddenly at her home at 677 East Main Street Tuesday night shortly before midnight. News of her death will come as a shock to friends in the city, of which she had many. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

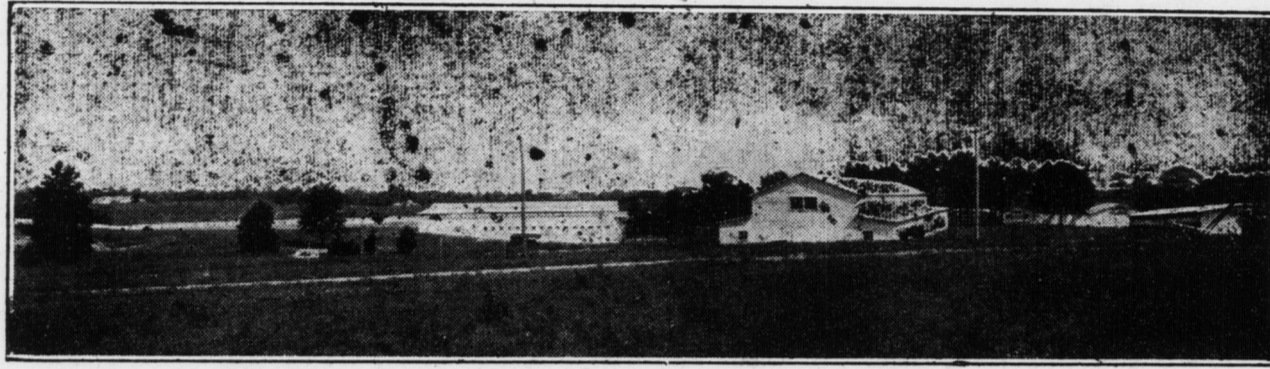
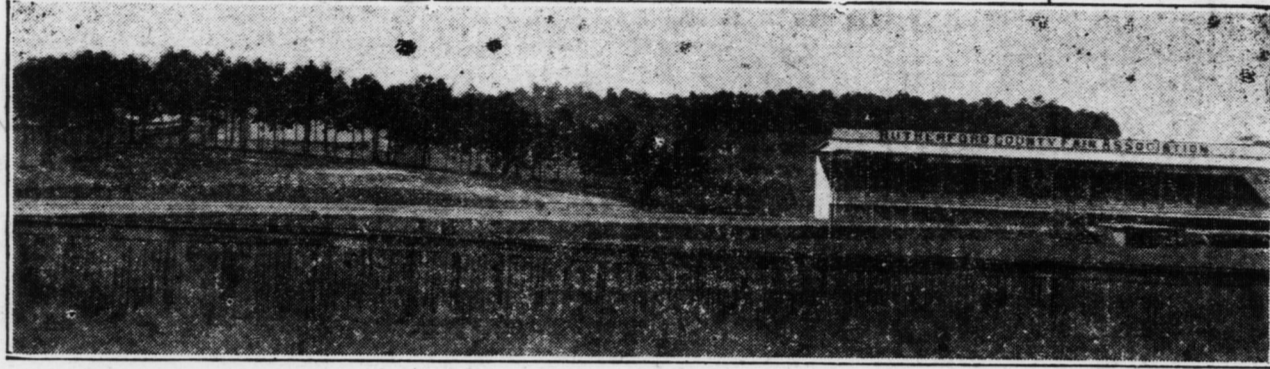
Miss Avant was born in Cleveland county North Carolina, July 18, 1850. She was educated at Spartanburg Female College and moved to Spartanburg to live in 1873. She was the eldest daughter of Rev. A. P. and Mrs. Sara Avant.

She affiliated with the Methodist church when 10 years of age and had been a member of Central Methodist church in the city for the past 54 years.

Miss Avant is survived by one brother, William N. Avant, and two sisters, Miss Alice Avant and Mrs. Lula E. Ward. One niece, Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and two nephews, George and Billie Avant of Forest City, N. C.—Spartanburg Herald.

Charley Lindbergh overlooked a good bet when he didn't learn to smoke for now he can't sign any cigarette testimonials at so much per sign.

Where Rutherford's Bigger and Better Fair Will Be Held



Rutherford County's biggest Fair opens on Tuesday, October 4th and continues through Saturday October 8th. The new management promises the biggest and best fair in the history of the county.

A few of their many features will be a football game on the first day between Central High and Cool Springs High, two ancient rivals,

that in itself will be a big drawing card; mammoth fireworks every night of the fair; big free acrobatic acts twice daily before the grandstand; horse races daily; good music and entertainment; the best midway since the Fair association was organized, besides the many other regular features found at the fair.

The new management states that

it is doing its best to place the Rutherford County Fair at the head of the list of the best fairs of the state.

The school children of Rutherford county will be admitted free on the opening day of the fair. Tickets for school children may be obtained from Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin's office.

ELLENBORO NEWS

Bridges-Farris Wedding—Presbyterian Revival Closes—Other News of Interest Briefly Told.

Ellenboro, Sept. 21.—Mr. W. D. Bridges and Mrs. Farris, both of Ellenboro, were quietly married at Gaffney Friday morning, September 15th. They returned to Ellenboro that evening where they will make their future home. They have many friends in the community who wish them much happiness.

Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, has just closed a very successful meeting at the Presbyterian church here. He is a very able and interesting preacher and made many friends while here. The singing for the meeting was especially good.

Rev. W. R. Montgomery, the newly elected pastor of the Presbyterian church here is very popular with the people of the town and community.

Mr. J. E. Bland accompanied his son Charles to Wake Forest College where he will enter the Fall Term. On his return home he stopped off at Sanford to visit relatives and friends.

Misses Lucile Wright and Osteen Whisnant left Monday for Louisville, Ky., to enter the W. M. U. training school of the Baptist church. Their friends wish them abundant success.

Mr. John Mauney, a faithful employee of the Southern Railway, has been seriously ill at his home here but is some better now.

Mr. Ed Callahan the popular insurance man here has been sick for the past week but is much better now.

Miss Kate Harrill has been quite sick for the past ten days, but to the delight of her friends she is considered much better.

Mrs. Katie Flack has been visiting her daughter at Lenoir and will not return until October 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Falls, of Shelby, were visiting here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR RUTHERFORDTON

Rutherfordton, Sept. 21.—The Model Steam Laundry, located in the Harrill building here, will open next Monday, September 26th, for business. The new shop is equipped to take care of all forms of laundry, and is completely outfitted with new and modern machinery.

The promoters are planning to give to Rutherfordton first class laundry service. The plant will be operated by Messrs. W. B. Hamrick and W. C. Huntley, of Forest City.

PICNIC

A picnic will be held at Rock Corner Sunday at 12 o'clock, at the spring near the school house. Everybody is invited to attend who wishes to do so, also to bring a well-filled basket.

YOUNGEST CHIEF OF POLICE IN U. S.



CHIEF CHAS. R. PRICE

Forest City is claiming the honor of having the youngest police chief in the United States and there's a basis for such contention.

Recently a picture of Layton Mitchell, chief of police at Pawhuska, Okla., appeared in the newspapers with the statement that he was the youngest police chief in the United States, being only 27 years of age.

Charles R. Price, chief of police at Forest City, and also 27, telegraphed Mitchell, asking him the date of his birth.

Replying, Mitchell said that he was born February 25, 1900.

Chief Price of Forest City was born June 20, 1900, making him about four months younger than Mr. Mitchell.

Price began work on the police force in 1920. He was chief of the West Hickory police at the age of

CAROLEEN NEWS

Methodist Missionary Society Meets—Birthday Celebration for Mr. Robertson—Local and Personal Happenings.

Caroleen, Sept. 21.—On last Tuesday afternoon the members of the Methodist Missionary Society met with Mrs. C. C. Hardin. The usual program was carried out and was very helpful and interesting throughout. There were twelve or more members present for the meeting, and after the business and program hour, Mrs. Hardin served delightful sandwiches and tea. Tuesday of this week the society met at the home of Mrs. A. T. Phillips where an all day quilting was enjoyed. All members carried filled baskets and a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed. Mrs. E. B. Doggett, of Forest City, was present besides the regular members of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hamrick spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Abernethy of Avondale.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Robertson and relatives enjoyed a splendid birthday celebration at the Caroleen hotel Monday, September 19. The occasion celebrated Mr. Robertson's birthday. A large number of relatives were present and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Price and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick and family spent Sunday at Indian Lake, where a picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamrick, Mrs. T. C. Smith and Miss Ada Smith spent Monday in Charlotte attending the races.

25. He has also served as a motorcycle policeman. He has been chief of the Forest City police for about a year.—Charlotte Observer.

Rutherford's Tax Rate is \$1.46

Rutherford county's tax rate for 1927 is \$1.46 on the \$100 property valuation, according to announcement by the county commissioners Tuesday. This is thirty-seven cents above the rate of 1926.

The 1927 levy is divided into the following items:

Schools	.67
Debt service	.58
General, County	.08
Roads	.08
Poor	.05

TOTAL \$1.46

The levy for schools does not include the special taxes for districts, but for general county schools purposes. The debt service is for retiring outstanding bonds, interest on bonds, etc. The county general expense takes care of all county officials' salaries, expenses of maintaining county offices and officers, county buildings (except schools and county home) and other items which are not covered above. The eight cents levy for roads is for the maintenance of county roads, while the five cents levy for poor takes care of county home expenses.

The 1926 tax levy was \$1.09 compared with the \$1.46 of this year.

COUNTY CLUB HEARS SUPT. A. T. ALLEN

Members Are Told of Powers of Legislature and Purpose of Equalization Fund

Rutherfordton, Sept. 21.—The September meeting of the Rutherford County Club held here Tuesday at 1 p. m. in the dining room of the First Baptist church was well attended and was one of the best meetings the club has ever held. The menu was served by the ladies of the church and was all that any one could ask for. President Chas. H. Haynes presided while secretary, David Lindsey was on the job.

Messrs. C. S. Royster, keeper of the County Home, K. E. Simpson, groceryman and W. E. Sweatt, principal of Alexander Schools, Inc., of Union Mills were presented to the club as new members.

Mr. S. E. Elmore reported that the County Fair would be held October 4-8th and that the directors were meeting weekly and doing everything possible to make the big fair a grand success. Those desiring space for booths should apply to Mr. F. C. Kinzie, treasurer, Spindale at once, as most of the space has already been taken. A feature of the fair will be horse races each afternoon.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Seaboard Air-Line railway relatives to bus service from here to Linville, Boone and Blowing Rock next year and to urge that highway No. 19 from here to Marion be put in excellent and dependable condition for all the year travel.

County Supt. of schools, Clyde A. Erwin introduced the principal speaker State Superintendent of Education, A. T. Allen of Raleigh, who delivered a most instructive address on the State School System. Mr. Allen began by complimenting Rutherford County on her marked school progress. He quoted figures on the school growth of the county as follows: The total value of the school property of Rutherford increased from \$438,050 in 1921 to \$1,255,782 in 1927. The school property of the county is worth more now than all the school property of the state 25 years ago. The number of school houses has decreased from 112 to 92 in the last six years, while the average term of the white schools of the county increased from 128 days to 147 in 6 years. The county now has 14 consolidated schools with seven or more teachers and has 328 public school teachers.

In discussing the Dual support of our public schools, Mr. Allen said in part: The Constitution of the state requires that all schools be run a minimum term of six months and that they be open free to all children between the ages of 6 to 21 years.

There is a difference in the relation between the States and the Federal Government and the counties to the state. The Federal Government is composed of 48 sovereign states. North Carolina is made up of 100 subdivisions. The Legislature has more power over the counties than Congress has over the states. Not one cent of tax money can be collected or spent without authority from the Legislature. The General Assembly, in its next session, if it saw fit, could abolish Rutherford, or any other county, break it up, sub-divide it, or split it into several counties. It could vacate all your elective offices and substitute for them, officers of its own choice.

The Legislature can authorize, empower and direct a county out of its own resources to support the schools for six months. The Legislature could levy taxes in every way authorized by the Constitution and devote them to the maintenance of the six months school term and require the schools to be kept open for six months with the funds in this way.

The Legislature can join with the county in a form of dual support in which a county is authorized, empowered and directed to utilize its own resources to which the State will add out of its resources, a definite amount of money in order to maintain the schools for six months.

About twenty-five years ago the State began to share the burden of taxation with the poorer counties. At each succeeding session of the General Assembly it has been increasing this help to the counties until last session it contributed \$3,250,000. The equalization fund undertakes to do

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO GIVE PLAY

Salem Young People Will Stage "My Irish Rose"—Local News of Interest

Bostic, R-1, Sept. 21.—The Salem Epworth League enjoyed a picnic supper at Andrews Mill Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Washburn left on last Monday for the N. C. C. W. Greensboro, N. C., where she will take up the Sophomore work.

Mr. Chalmers Weast who was operated on for appendicitis Monday morning at the Rutherford Hospital is getting along nicely, we are glad to note.

Miss Vernie Threatt spent several days in this section last week, visiting relatives, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Melton and family.

Mrs. Robert Martin of Winston-Salem is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hipp and family visited at the home of Mr. B. F. Weast's Tuesday afternoon.

A play, "My Irish Rose" will be given at the Bostic School auditorium September 23, 1927 at 8:00 o'clock, by the Salem Epworth Leaguers. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church. The cast of characters are as follows:

Colum McCormack, a prosperous farmer of County Kildare, Allen Melton.

Maurice Fitzgerald, a rich young Dublin artist of Dublin, Gilmer Philbeck.

Terry Creighan, McCormack's nephew, a young Irish Patriot in exile, Durham Digh.

Mr. Archibald Pennywitt, a wealthy English tourist, Rex Weast.

Mr. Michael Peppardine, an eminent Dublin barrister, Carmel Cooper.

Shawn McGilly, the laziest man in County Kildare, Baine Cooper. Ann Mary McCormack, Colum's sister with a true Irish heart, Lucy Higgins.

The Widow Hannigan with money in the bank and an eye on Colum, Vernelle Weast.

Eileen Fitzgerald, a Dublin heiress very dignified indeed, Maude Murray.

Lady Agnes Barricklow, who hesitates at nothing, Maxine Melton.

Pegeen Burke, a servant on the McCormack farm, Layette Weast.

Rose Creighan, a Wild Irish Rose, Alpha Melton.

Come! Don't fail to see this play Friday evening. A good time in store for all who are present. Admission only 15c and 25c.

COTTON 20¢ TODAY

Cotton is selling on the local market for 20 cents per pound today, according to the Forest City Oil Mill. This company is also paying \$35.00 per ton for cotton seed.

two things; To equalize the burden of taxation among the various counties in the support of the six months school term.

To equalize the educational opportunities in the several counties, so far as the six months school term is concerned. Under this plan of dual support the local enterprise is left free to exercise itself to the fullest extent.

The State, in my judgment, has very wisely left the administration of the schools almost entirely to the counties. Take your own scheme of county-wide consolidation here in Rutherford County, which is one of the most ambitious schemes undertaken by any county. The whole thing was laid out and determined here in your own county by men who were selected by a vote of the people, and no outside authority should interfere with the kind of plan that you have set up. The authority to do and initiative to begin rests with the local people. In the matter of locating a school house, the County Commissioners say what it shall cost; the county board of education selects the location, secures an architect, gets the materials for building and lets the contract.

All college credits are accepted by the State Board of Education.

Debts take interest, but they are not even an interesting experience.