

DAVID CLARK HAS VITAL MESSAGE FOR TEXTILE MEN

Large Crowd Hears Noted Editor at Kiwanis Club Monday Evening

"Textile Night" at the Kiwanis Club brought out a large representation of officials and others from every textile mill in the county, and all were much pleased with the stirring and optimistic speech of Mr. David Clark, editor of the Southern Textile Bulletin, who brought out many telling points of interest to the textile representatives present. Mr. Clark, thoroughly conversant with the textile situation, made no set speech, but just brought to the attention of his hearers a message that proved interesting and instructive. He was introduced by Mr. G. V. Frye, of the Florence Mills, who said among other things, that in his estimation, Mr. Clark knew more about the textile situation than any man he knew, and had done more to promote better conditions than any one single man he knew of.

After a few complimentary remarks, Mr. Clark said he would discuss the textile interests—past, present and future. Going away back to the very inception of the yarn grading industry in Bavaria, the speaker traced its history and that of cotton textiles down to the present. Driven out of England by unjust taxation, a large number came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania. Later, learning the advantages of the Piedmont section, about one-half of them came to the Carolinas and have prospered until today they lead the nation in the industry. The speaker also told of why the industry has come to the South, discussed wage and living problems and child labor law, showing very conclusively that better conditions exist in the South.

In discussing the so-called depression in the textile industry, Mr. Clark stated that the retail sales in January have been the largest on record. The public is buying, but Mr. Clark thinks there is a concerted move upon the part of certain interests to drive the price of cotton down so as to dislodge what is still held by the farmers at a low price. Stating that Southern mill men prefer to have cotton stay up in price, the speaker declared that he thought cotton would advance in the spring. He also declared that, in his opinion, there is not now an overproduction of cotton goods.

Mr. Clark touched upon a very vital subject in discussing the question of bringing mills down from the North, declaring that many promoters were unloading a lot of junk on many of our towns which were over anxious to secure new industries. "Don't take stock just for the sake of a new mill," said Mr. Clark, "but buy new machinery and start with new equipment." There are too many promoters in the South now, according to the speaker. He also deplored the activity of Paul Blanchard, socialist agitator now fomenting trouble in the South.

Mr. Clark created a sensation when, digressing from his subject, he gave a warning against the practices of certain colleges in breaking down the fabric of decency and modesty in the teaching of psychoanalysis, quoting just one set of questions propounded to young ladies from one of the textbooks which shocked and startled his audience. He went on record as deploring such teaching and advised that we adhere closer to the coveted heritage, principles and ideals practiced by our forefathers.

Mr. Clark made a profound impression in his masterful speech and was roundly cheered and given a rising vote of thanks for his appearance at the Club.

KIWANIS NOTES

Terry Moore taking over the program in the absence of N. H. Welsh, who was unable to be present on account of illness, neatly "passed the buck" when he shifted the job of introducing the speaker over to G. V. Frye. His "youth" saved him a job he did not relish.

The next supper will be held at the High School on account of the appearance that night of the Converse Glee Club, whose coming is sponsor-

CONVERSE GLEE CLUB HERE NEXT MONDAY EVENING

Kiwanis Club Will Sponsor Their Appearance at High School Auditorium

Many are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the appearance of the Converse College Glee club here next Monday evening, February 6, at the High School auditorium. The Glee Club is making its first appearance in Rutherford county. The local Kiwanis club is sponsoring the program.

The committees recently appointed by the Kiwanis club have done their work well and all plans have been made toward receiving the beautiful and talented girls of Converse College, and seeing that they are well entertained.

Converse has been noted a long time for its high standing in the college world. It was one of the first credited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Also it was one in the front ranks to be accredited by the American Association of Colleges. The college has a splendid music department and a good program is assured.

The Kiwanis Club has sponsored every good cause which it has been called upon to do. The club has never received any aid from any of the projects which it has sponsored. The use of the hall and the equipment has been freely and generously offered to all worthy organizations. At this time all organizations, corporations, etc., are urged to put their shoulders to the wheel and help the Kiwanis Club get a full auditorium for this performance. For the first time the Kiwanis Club will be benefitted in a financial way, should the gate receipts be larger than the guarantee.

The general admission will be 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seats 75c. All students in the county schools will be admitted for 25 cents, or may secure reserved seats for 50 cents. Schools desiring to take advantage of this opportunity for their schools may get tickets at the high school building, Forest City, or the County Superintendent's office, Rutherfordton.

I have a shipment of imported Hats coming in this week. Latest materials and styles. The only imported Hats in the county. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

BOSTIC FIRE DOES \$9,000 DAMAGE

Bostic Mercantile Company and Seaboard Depot Burned Tuesday Morning

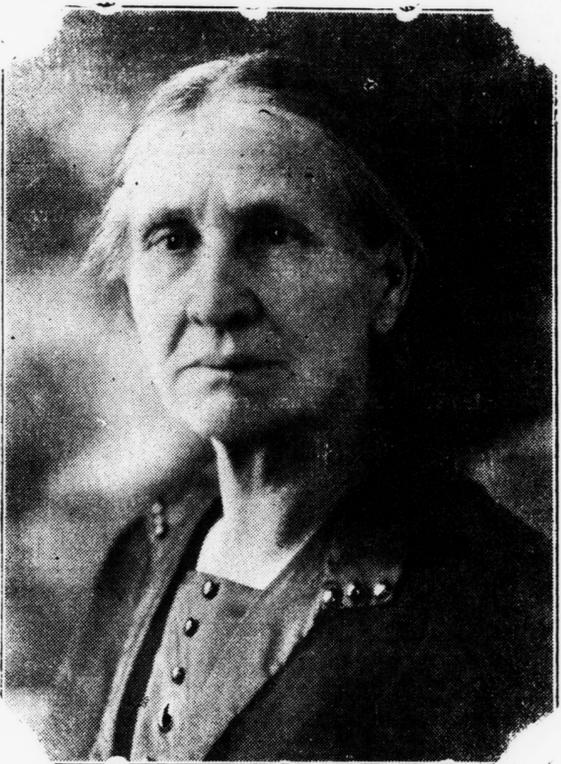
Bostic, Feb. 1.—The Bostic Mercantile Company, owned by Mr. D. F. Walker and son, and the Seaboard Railway Depot, of this place, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin at one o'clock Tuesday morning.

The blaze was first discovered by Mr. Thomas Harris, in the building of the Bostic Mercantile Company at an early hour. He gave the alarm, but the flames had already gathered such headway that nothing could be done to check them or save any of the contents of the building. When discovered the building was a mass of flames which made it impossible to enter it.

Shortly after the discovery of the fire the Seaboard depot caught fire from the burning store building. The absence of fire fighting apparatus and water made fire fighting extremely hazardous, and after carrying a few pieces of freight from the burning building the depot was left to burn.

The depot was erected at a cost of about \$3,000 and was insured. The freight loss is unknown. The Bostic Mercantile Company's loss is approximately \$9,000 which is entirely covered by insurance, it is stated. The building of the Bostic Merc. Co. was owned by Mrs. L. S. Thomas and was insured. Mr. E. E. Smart is the Seaboard agent at this place.

State's Most Remarkable War Mother



MRS. J. O. LONG

Mrs. Ruth Spratt Long of near Ellenboro, who died December 24, 1927 is Rutherford County's most remarkable war mother. She had two sons who made the "Supreme Sacrifice" in the World War. She had five sons to register for service in the World War. Her father, Mr. Sam L. Spratt, who was 89 years old January 11, 1928 and is still living near Ellenboro served over three years in the War Between the States. She had an uncle, Mr. M. G. Spratt who lost his life serving his country in the same war. Her father-in-law, Long died during the first of the War Between the States. Four members of her family have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, while two others were in action.

This record is doubtless not surpassed by any lady in the state. Mrs. Long is the oldest of a family of ten children. She is the second member of the family to die, a brother having died in infancy about 45 years ago. Her mother is still living, about 85 years of age. Her parents have the unique distinction of having lived together over 66 years and never had a "fuss or quarrel." Mrs. Long was the mother of eleven children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Mr. Arthur Long, who holds an important position at Wilmington; Chas. Long, Ellenboro; C. Rex Long, teaching at Cherokee Falls, S. C., and is an honor graduate of Wake Forest College; Russell Long, Ellenboro; Mrs. C. C. McKinney, Ellenboro; Mrs. S. U. Lovelace, Bostic and Mrs. A. B. Padgett of Bostic. Three of her boys served in the Great World War. Only one returned. Private Samuel R. Long was the first one to be called into the service of his country on October 4, 1917. He was trained at Camp Jackson, S. C. He made one short visit home after he entered the service. He left home on Christmas morning, 1917 for the last time. In March 1918 Samuel crossed the Atlantic and was attached to Co. G, 18th Infantry of the first division. He fought on five different sectors. He was killed in action one year from the date of his entry into the service, October 4, 1918 by a high explosive shell in the heat of battle in the Argonne Forest. His body was buried in the largest cemetery in France at Baulny, where 30,000 other brave young Americans sleep and the poppies grow. In one letter to his mother in the summer of 1918 he wrote: "Mother I have been in one of the

greatest battles of the war, but I'm safe." Arthur Long, the oldest son was called in the summer of 1918. He was a member of the 81st Division. He went through the great war safe and returned home in the early summer of 1919.

Private Fay E. Long was the youngest son to be called into the great conflict. He entered the service of his country, August 27, 1918 and was trained at Camp Jackson, S. C. He landed in France, November 11, 1918, Armistice Day. While marching towards Central France he died on the 23rd day of December, 1918 and was buried at Haute-Marne, France. He was a member of Battery D, 321st Field Artillery, 82nd Division. Fay died on the same day that Samuel's death was confirmed by the War Department to his family in Rutherford County. Fay's death was not definitely known until two weeks later.

Three years later the bodies of both boys was brought home. They rest today beside their parents in the little cemetery at Hopewell church, between Ellenboro and Hollis. The father, Mr. J. O. Long died June 25, 1924. His death, as well as that of Mrs. Long was hastened by the death of their two sons, who never returned from France alive. Up to the time of Mr. Long's death he could be heard almost daily exclaiming, "Oh, My Boys, How I wish they could have come back home alive." When the boys went away to the War, Mrs. Long's hair was not gray. Soon it became almost white. Her health began to fail from the day she lost her first son in the great struggle. In the dead hours of night she could often be heard praying for her boys, whom she loved so much and never returned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Long were married in 1889. They were originally from the upper section of Rutherford County and lived at the Thompson place on Cane Creek for many years. They lived in the old log house which still stands. Most of the Long children of two generations were born there.

Mrs. Long was a devoted Christian and a kind mother. She was temperate in all her habits. She had a large circle of friends. Her home was an ideal place for the rearing of noble children. Indeed she gave her life for her children and her country. She was all that one could ask of "Mother."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas will leave Saturday for Columbia, S. C., where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith. Mrs. Thomas will continue her visit for several days, then go to Union Springs to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, and also friends in Atlanta before returning.

RUTHERFORDTON'S TWO BANKS ARE CONSOLIDATED

Citizens and Commercial Banks Merged into Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 1.—The Commercial Bank and The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Rutherfordton, have consolidated and will in the future be known as the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Company, according to an announcement made Tuesday by officials of the new institution.

The officials of the two banks brought about the consolidation after careful consideration, and decided that it was to the best interest of the community, the customers and stockholders to consolidate the two banks in order that the town might have the benefit of a large bank which will be better able to serve the needs of a growing community, and at the same time enable the bank to be more economically operated.

At a recent stockholders' meeting the proposition was brought forward and the vote was unanimously in favor of it. The two banks merged and began business as one yesterday (Wednesday.)

Officers

The officers of the new bank are M. O. Dickerson, chairman of the board of directors; J. L. Taylor, president; T. F. Oates, active vice-president; and W. B. Walker, cashier. The other vice presidents are K. S. Tanner, C. F. Cline, S. E. Elmore and C. W. Keeter.

The directors are J. W. Beason, C. F. Cline, R. H. Crawford, M. O. Dickerson, S. E. Elmore, G. E. Erwin, J. F. Flack, W. A. Harrill, W. W. Hicks, C. E. Justice, C. W. Keeter, Dr. T. B. Lovelace, W. L. Long, J. O. Ledbetter, T. F. Oates, J. L. Robinson, K. S. Tanner, J. L. Taylor, W. C. Twitty, W. B. Walker and W. G. Wilson.

Capital and Resources

The capital stock of the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co., is \$200,000. The total resources of the new bank is \$1,767,428.58, according to the report of the two banks at the close of business December 31, 1927.

The new institution is using the building of the old Citizens Bank on Main street.

The branch banks at Spindale and Union Mills will be continued.

PIANO RECITAL AT RUTHERFORDTON

Miss Ruth Rankin to Appear at High School Feb. 9—Mrs. Camnitz Also on Program

Rutherfordton, Jan. 31.—Music lovers in Rutherfordton and nearby towns are looking forward to the appearance here Thursday evening, February 9, of Miss Ruth Rankin, a noted pianist, who will give a piano recital at the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Rutherfordton Woman's Club.

Miss Rankin, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, of Boone, and the niece of Capt. and Mrs. B. L. Smith, Spindale, is one of the outstanding concert artists of the South. She began the study of music at an early age and played in public concerts at Scarritt-Morrisville College, where her father was a teacher when she could barely reach the pedals. She graduated at Winthrop with high honors in 1925, and immediately afterwards represented the South Atlantic States in the national music clubs' contest in Portland, Oregon. She was the youngest contestant participating. Following this, she won a \$1,000 scholarship in a competitive examination held in New York City. She studied under Madame Olga Samanoff, a Russian concert artist of renown.

In the spring during the Beethoven centennial celebration Miss Rankin was presented a set of Beethoven Sonatas on account of her achievements in the musical world.

She won the Juilliard Foundation scholarship contest for the third year in succession. During the first two

SECOND LYCEUM NUMBER SATURDAY AT SPINDALE

The Rocky Mountain Quartet To Give Program Of Merit and Quality

Spindale, Feb. 1.—The Rocky Mountain Quartet, the second number of the lyceum coming to Spindale, will give a program at the Spindale House Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. This quartet lays claim to the distinction of being the most unusual quartet on the road. They will give a program replete with novelty features, such as organ chimes, xylophones, orchestra bells, marimbaphones, fiddles, singing, pianologs, comedy, wit and humor and western sketches.

The work of the Rocky Mountain Quartet is based on experience of twenty years, it is stated, Herb Morris, manager of the quartet, has been a successful lyceum entertainer for two decades and he brings to the people the fruits of his observations and labor. Mr. Morris himself is most versatile, and he sings, acts, reads, and on musical instruments he is well at home. Many of the instruments played by the quartet have been invented by him.

These artists will present a varied program of music and songs Saturday evening, and will afford a rare opportunity to music lovers of Rutherford county to hear a program of exceptional merit and quality.

DISCUSSION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS THURSDAY

Mr. J. B. Johnston, former secretary of the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce, is in Forest City this week sponsoring the organization of a Chamber of Commerce here. He is visiting the various business houses and is working on an idea of a chamber of commerce organization affiliated with the other civic clubs. A meeting will be held in the local Kiwanis Club Thursday night at 7:30 to consider plans for organizing. All business men and others interested in Forest City are urged to be present at that time.

Mr. Johnston was secretary of the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce for three years.

GET APPOINTMENTS TO WEST POINT

A report from the Washington Bureau of the Charlotte Observer Monday was to the effect that Forest City boys had secured two of the four appointments and alternate appointments to West Point Military Academy, from the Tenth Congressional District.

The Forest City boys named were George Reed Parks, principal, and Phillip Grover Padgett, first alternate. The appointments were made by Hon. Zebulon Weaver.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION OF RUTHERFORD MEETS

Rutherfordton, Feb. 1.—The Profit Farm Loan association met in the county agent's office Tuesday.

The following officers were elected: O. J. Holler, president and director; J. D. Link, vice president and director; R. E. Freeman, J. C. Powell and M. L. McDade, directors; F. E. Patton, county agent, secretary-treasurer. Loan committee: Henry C. Carson, B. G. Moore and J. W. Matheny.

The association has 278 members and has over \$300,000 loaned in Rutherford county.

Mr. Forest Butler, who has also been ill, is improving.

years she also did accompanying for singers and violinist, and the past year was organist in one of New York's oldest churches.

In spite of her success and distinction those who have heard her say that she is a most modest and unassuming girl whose greatest delight is in bringing joy to others through her music.

Mrs. Howard Camnitz, of Chimney Rock, who is with the Piedmont Bureau and who is a very fine reader, will appear on the program with Miss Rankin.

The price of tickets will be 50 cents.