

"AUNT" NANCY JOHNSON, 91, HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN HOME BURNS

Neighbor, Unable to Rescue Aged Lady, Rushes for Help—Barely Manages to Crawl From Burning Building Before Walls Fall In

The Building One of the Oldest in The County— "Aunt" Nancy Now Ill From Effects of Burns, Shock and Exposure

Union Mills, Feb. 7.—Last Wednesday night at 10:15 o'clock, the home of Miss ("Aunt") Nancy Johnson was completely destroyed by fire. Not an article of any kind was saved from the flames. "Aunt" Nancy, ninety-one years of age, and very feeble, has lived alone for the past many years. She is not able to tell exactly how the fire started but says it seems to her as if all the ceiling was in flames over her head at once.

Mr. W. E. Sweatt, who lives about half mile from "Aunt" Nancy's home, was the first to discover and reach the flames, from the outside. Hearing the screams of "Aunt" Nancy, within the house with the flames creeping out of the crevices of the large room, he made every effort to get to "Aunt" Nancy, but failed. In his efforts to break down the doors and get in the window, Mr. Sweatt received a few minor burns. Knowing he could do nothing alone, he rushed away to find help, and on returning with others he found "Aunt" Nancy had managed to unbar the door, and crawled out of the house and had gotten about twelve feet when she became exhausted and

could go no further. She was very seriously burned and it is a miracle how she managed to get out of the mass of flames with her life. The house was one of the oldest in the county, being used for a residence. It was a two room log structure and was built about seventy years ago. This was the only building standing that was put up when the town of Union Mills was founded. The amount of the loss is not exactly known, but there was no insurance carried on the building. "Aunt" Nancy is living now with relatives near Rutherfordton. It is reported that she is very ill at the present from the burns and fever, due to exposure on Wednesday night.

REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA HERE MAY 26-31.

The Redpath Chautauqua will be in Forest City for five days, beginning May 26th, according to an announcement made by Rev. G. R. Gillespie this week. Mr. Gillespie states that this year's program will be the best and biggest of any ever given here before.

MR. A. K. FREEMAN INJURED

Mr. A. K. Freeman, connected with the Clinchfield Coal Storage plant at Bostic, was severely injured Tuesday morning. Two men were prizing open a car door when the crowbar slipped and struck Mr. Freeman across the forehead, cutting a bad gash. His wound was dressed by Dr. Duncan in Forest City, requiring a number of stitches. The accident, though painful, is not considered dangerous.

JUDGE M'ELROY CLEARING COURT DOCKET RAPIDLY

Spring Term of Superior Court Disposing of Civil Cases As Scheduled

Rutherfordton, Feb. 8.—The Spring term of Superior court for trial of civil cases opened here Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, is presiding. As The Courier goes to press the docket is being rapidly cleared and the cases are being tried as scheduled. Indications are that court will convene through next week. In that case, judging by the dispatch made during the last three days, the court calendar will be entirely cleared.

The following cases had been disposed of up to Wednesday morning: **Corn Littlejohn vs. Littlejohn (col.);** Pauline Brown vs. Lewis Brown and Gustie Bradford vs. Erwin Bradley, divorces granted.

A. T. Withrow vs. Atlantic Fire Insurance Company plaintiff recovers \$500.00.

A number of suits were non-suited Tuesday, none of them being instances in which large sums were involved, except the **W. J. Cole vs. Frog Level Gin Co.**

In the case of **Wm. McKinney vs. Lloyd and Ada Williamson**, in which a land boundary was in dispute, a verdict in favor of the plaintiff was given.

As The Courier goes to press the case of **Annie Whitesides vs. Will Owens** is being tried. In this case **Anna Whitesides** is suing Owens for \$10,000 damages for alleged injuries in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Petty and Mesdames F. T. Davis and Alla Mae Davis Ellis spent Sunday afternoon in Spartanburg.

MR. CALVIN HARRILL DIED LAST FRIDAY

Well Known and Aged Citizen Buried Saturday at Walls Church—Personals

Bostic, R-2, Feb. 6.—Mr. Calvin Harrill died February 3rd and was buried at Walls church Saturday. Revs. M. L. Buchanan and Z. D. Harrill conducted the services. He was 79 years and a few days old.

He had thirteen children, seven of whom are dead. His wife died five years ago. The children living are: **Dr. L. B. Harrill, of Caroleen;** Mrs. Landrum Lee, of High Point; Mrs. W. D. Edwards, of the Hopewell section; **Mrs. Baxter Melton, Mr. Plato Harrill and Miss Janie Harrill,** of this community. He also leaves one sister, **Mrs. Elizabeth Beam, of Forest City.** He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Baxter Melton where he has made his home since his home was destroyed by fire in September. He had influenza in December and never fully recovered. He was a man that was loved and respected by all who knew him. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

CONVERSE GLEE CLUB PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

Delightful Concert Program Is Enthusiastically Received by Capacity Audience

The Converse College Glee club gave a delightful concert at the Cool Springs High School Auditorium on Monday evening, February 6th. The concert was sponsored by the Forest City Kiwanis club and was enthusiastically received by a large audience. The program was varied and showed much talent and excellent training. The glee club as a whole, was much above the average college group and their ensemble singing was splendid. The director, **Glen Stables**, is one of the best known musicians in the South and the club responds perfectly to his direction.

The program was divided into two parts. The first half was a highly artistic presentation of classical music and it was a genuine treat to the music lovers in the audience. The glee club as a whole sang two groups of songs, the most popular of which were "A Song of India" and "Sleep Miss Lindy." In the former the blending of the sweet girlish voices was a wonderful example of ensemble singing. A sextette of the best voices in the club sang the always popular Schubert's Serenade. This was one of the most beautiful numbers. A violinist, **Miss Mary Lou Kirby**, played two brilliant numbers with all the skill and technique and expression of a professional. One of the music seniors played two brilliant piano solos. These two numbers were excellent examples of the very high quality of work done at Converse. The crowning feature of the first half of the program was a group of three songs by **Mr. Stables**. These songs, "My Desire," "The Scarecrow" and "The Great Awakening" suited Mr. Stable's magnificent voice and he responded to an enthusiastic encore with **Oley Speak's** arrangement of, "On the Road to Mandalay."

The second part of the program featured some lighter singing and some very pretty dancing. The first numbers, the opening chorus from "Artists and Models" was very attractive, the grouping of the tableau of models making an exquisite scene. A solo dance by **Miss Louise Smith** was professional in nature. "The Black and White Chorus" was as pretty and attractive as it could be, and "Harlequin and Columbine" by **Misses Smith and Wright** was an exquisite bit of fantasy. "Nothin'" was a charming jazz chorus and "Memories" a lovely dance. The audience received this half the program most enthusiastically and every number was greeted with vociferous applause. The girls were gracious with encores and nearly all the number on this half of the program were repeated.

Before the concert the club was entertained at dinner by the Kiwanis club in the High School Cafeteria. **Mrs. Martin** was one of Rutherford county's oldest citizens. She was born May 7, 1832 in the Hollis community and had lived in the house in which she died for seventy five years. Her mind was remarkably clear up to her death. She remembered four wars in which the United States had been engaged in and could tell of the inauguration of more than twenty presidents. She well remembers the institution of slavery. She slept well and could hear well until a short time before her death, although she had been unable to read during the last four years of her life.

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MRS. JANE PADGETT DIED SATURDAY

Aged Lady of Near Bostic Succumbs to Paralysis

Bostic, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Jane C. Padgett, aged 80 years, died at her home near here Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock. She had been sick a week or longer, suffering from a stroke of paralysis from which she never rallied.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mt. Harmony Baptist church with her pastor, **Rev. B. M. Hamrick**, assisted by **Revs. K. N. Snipes** and **W. W. Rimmer** in charge. Interment followed in Mt. Harmony cemetery.

She is survived by eight children, as follows: **Ben and Bob Padgett**, who live with their mother at the home place; **J. M. Padgett**, of Asheville; **J. H., of Sellers, Ala.**; **G. M. Padgett**, owner of Padgett's Barber Shop in Forest City; and **A. B. Padgett**, of Bostic; the two surviving daughters, **Misses Zula and Ida**, reside at the home. A large number of grandchildren and great grandchildren survive, as well as a host of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Padgett would have been eighty years of age had she lived



MRS. EBBIE MARTIN

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One of Rutherford's Oldest Women Passes After a Few Week's Illness.

Hollis, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Ebbie Martin, aged ninety-five years, succumbed to pneumonia at her home four miles north of here Thursday. She had been sick about three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at **Duncans Creek church**, with **Rev. R. T. Baker** in charge. An unusually large number of people were present to pay their last respects to this aged woman of the hills.

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Mrs. Martin was the oldest of a family of nineteen children. She is the last of the family. One brother, **Andy Crowder** lived to be 92 years of age, while all the others lived to be from 80 to ninety years of age, with one or two exceptions. Her parents **Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crowder**, lived to an old age.

It is a legend in the Martin family that **Abraham Lincoln** was related to the family. The husband of Mrs. Martin always claimed to be a half-brother of the Great Emancipator. A large framed picture of **Lincoln** hangs in the Martin home beside that of **Mrs. Ebbie Martin's** husband.

Mrs. W. A. Ayers left Sunday afternoon for Philadelphia to be with her daughter, **Miss Mary Ayers**, who underwent an operation for eye trouble Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends here received messages Wednesday morning that the operation was over and **Miss Mary** was doing very well.

until March 6th. She was married at an early age to **Mr. J. L. Padgett**, who preceded her to the grave three years ago. At the age of fourteen she joined the Baptist church and was a consistent member and was found regularly in her place at the church. The large floral offering and the unusually large attendance at the funeral attested in a small measure the esteem and love in which **Mrs. Padgett** was held in her community.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS A BUSY MEETING

Board is Well Within Its Financial Budget—To Erect Two New Buildings

Rutherfordton, Feb. 7.—The County Board of Education met here Monday with **Plato Gettys**, chairman, **Mrs. Wiseman** and **W. W. Nanney** present.

The annual budget was examined and it was found that the Board was well within its budget for this school year, which ends June 30. The year will likely be closed with a balance.

Mr. L. Burge Beam, of Salisbury, building supervisor for Rowan county, has been secured to consult with the Board of Education on plans for the \$30,000 school building to be erected at Ruth this year. At a recent meeting of the State Equalization Board Rutherford County was given \$50,000; \$30,000 to be used in the construction of a new building at Ruth and \$20,000 for the building of a school in the Sunshine district, provided that district votes for an eight months term.

The Board arranged for the release of taxes on eight and one-half acres of land belonging to the **Mary B. Mullen** school for colored, in the Uree community.

The standard of teachers certificates will be raised next year, thereby guaranteeing a more highly trained type of teachers for Rutherford county.

MRS. SARAH WILSON, AGED 84, DEAD

Aged Woman Passes at Home of Daughter in Alexander Monday

Alexander, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Sarah Wilson, aged eighty-four years, died at the home of her son-in-law, **Mr. J. G. Price** here Monday after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant church Tuesday afternoon with **Rev. C. C. Matheny** in charge of the service. Interment was at Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by four daughters, **Mrs. J. G. Price**, of Alexander; **Mrs. J. H. Neal**, of Caroleen; **Mrs. E. L. Whitesides** and **Mrs. Kendrick Whitaker**, of Ellenboro, R-2. One son, **John McMahan**, died about twenty years ago. Her husband preceded her to the grave about 30 years ago.

Mrs. Wilson was a good neighbor and friends and was loved by all who knew her. She was born December 19, 1843 and was one of the county's oldest citizens. She was taken ill a few weeks ago and her death was not unexpected.

DR. VERNER IN NEW QUARTERS

The partnership heretofore existing between **Drs. A. C. Duncan** and **C. H. Verner** was dissolved by mutual agreement Saturday, **Dr. Duncan** remaining in his old quarters and **Dr. Verner** establishing new quarters in the **Farmers Bank Building**.

Dr. Verner will occupy rooms 301-302 and is splendidly equipped. He will have **Mrs. W. P. Chaney** as registered nurse, while **Miss Merle Putnam** has accepted a position as office assistant.

Dr. Verner has been practicing in this city for over a year and has made many friends in his new home.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met Wednesday, February 1st, at 4:00 p. m. at the home of **Mrs. F. B. Long** on Carolina avenue, with twelve members present.

After the business session and program, it was decided to change the day of meeting to the first Tuesday of each month.

The hostess served a delicious salad course with hot coffee, carrying out the Valentine idea.

The guests for the afternoon were **Mrs. F. F. Black**, **Mrs. J. Worth Morgan** and **Mrs. John Dalton**.

Mr. Clyde Hardin has accepted a position with **J. M. Price & Co.**

LATEST NEWS FROM SPINDALE

Basketball Games—Crawford Child Dead—Local and Personal Notes

Spindale, Feb. 7.—The Spindale Athletic Club defeated the Converse, S. C., cagers here Tuesday night in a very good game of basketball. The home boys made a good start ending the first quarter 14-6 in favor of Spindale and the half 20-12 in favor of Spindale. The Converse players staged a comeback in the third and fourth quarters and ended the game two points behind Spindale, the final count being 43-45.

Berry and Bullington tied for scoring honors with 15 points each, while **Sherrill** came next with eight, **Yelton 4**, **Grose two**, and **Walker one**. **A. Quinn**, lanky center for the visitors scored 26 of his team's 43 points.

On Thursday evening Spindale plays at Spartanburg against the Spartan Y team, and on Friday evening they meet the Converse club at Spartanburg. The Kings Mountain Hilltoppers will be in Spindale for a return game on Saturday evening.

Boiling Springs Athletic Club came back Thursday evening to defeat the Spindale cagers 25-27 after suffering defeat a few weeks previous by a score of 31-38. The pep and snap of the home team was sadly lacking Thursday night. **Berry and Sherrill** were the high scorers, while **Thompson and McDonald** led for Boiling Springs, **Bullington's** and **Yelton's** fast floor work at forward availed them little as they were unable to make good the many opportunities they had at the baskets.

The small thirteen months old baby of **Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Crawford** died here Friday evening. It had been ill with whooping cough for several days, and this brought about the child's death. Funeral services were held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Biggerstaff left last week for Berea, Ky., where they will make their home. **Mr. Biggerstaff** was until recently connected with the Town of Spindale as water and light superintendent. The many friends of this family regret very much to give them up.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Citizenship Department of the Woman's Club will meet on Monday evening, February 13th, at 7:45 in the Kiwanis Club room. It is urged that every member of the Woman's Club be present as there are matters of importance to come up at this time which will be interesting to each one. Let's have a full attendance on Monday evening.

NEAR EAST WEEK

This is the week in which we are asked to do our part for the orphans of the Near East. Every year this appeal comes to us and we usually do our share.

This year the campaign is under the general supervision of **Rev. G. R. Gillespie**, of Forest City, formerly of Gastonia. Among the many things **Brother Gillespie** can do better than anybody else, staging a campaign for funds for any cause whatever, and putting it properly before the public, is his forte. For several weeks he has been laying plans for this drive and this is the week. The quota is smaller than it has ever been in this county and there should be no great big amount of trouble in raising it.—Gastonia Gazette.

HUNTLEY & WILKIE TAKE OAKLAND - PONTIAC AGENCY

Mr. W. P. T. Mills, representing the Oakland Motor Car Co., Charlotte, was here Monday and placed the agency with **Huntley & Wilkie** for the Oakland and Pontiac cars. The new agency has opened in the handsome new brick building just completed on **W. Main street**, where the cars can be seen and inspected. This is a splendid line of cars, a **General Motors** product that will find immediate popularity in Rutherford county. The agency will also handle all parts and accessories.

Watch The Courier for advertising of the Oakland and Pontiac, this paper having been selected as the best medium in which to promote sales in this territory.

INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. J. D. BROWN DEAD

Alexander Mill, Feb. 7.—Marion, the eleven months old son of **Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown**, of this place, died in **Dr. Smith's** hospital in Spartanburg Sunday afternoon at 3:45. The baby was being treated for trouble in the head.

Funeral services were held at the **Alexander Baptist church** Monday afternoon with **Rev. C. C. Matheny** in charge. Interment was in **Mt. Pleasant cemetery**.

DIES AT GREENVILLE

Mr. Wallace McDaniel, 20 year old son of **Mr. and Mrs. P. N. McDaniel**, formerly of this city, died at his home in **Greenville, S. C.**, at 7 a. m. Tuesday after a short illness. The young man was a grandson of **Mr. J. W. McDaniel**, of this place, where he made his home until removing to **Greenville** about one year ago.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home. Interment took place in **Cool Springs cemetery** at 2 p. m. Wednesday.