

HOME OF DR. AMOS DUNCAN BURNED SATURDAY MORNING

Home of Prominent Doctor and State Klan Dragon Is Destroyed

The home of Dr. Amos C. Duncan, prominent physician and grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning at six o'clock. The total loss will amount to approximately \$8,500.

Dr. Duncan was the only one in the house at the time and was asleep when the fire occurred. His wife and children were out of town visiting. The fire was discovered by Mr. J. B. Meares, who immediately turned in the alarm. The fire truck responded and a short time later the truck belonging to the Forest City Motor Company was pressed into service, and with the aid of volunteers an effective fire fighting corps was organized, which kept the blaze from spreading.

Neighbors and volunteers assisted in removing the furniture from the house. Practically all of the furnishings were brought out, but much of it was damaged from rough handling.

Dr. Duncan had let the contract to paint the house the day previous and much of the furniture was bunched into one or two rooms in order to give the painters ample working room. This accounted in a large measure for so much of the furniture being saved. All of Mrs. Duncan's and the children's clothing was burned, also the bed linens, much personal belongings and some valuable papers were destroyed.

After the arrival of the fire fighting apparatus the volunteer fire companies soon had the fire under control, but not in time to save the house. While it was not burned completely down it is a total loss, it being impossible to rebuild the part that was burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that it was caused by rats or a defective wire. The house was partially covered by insurance.

Dr. Duncan has not made any plans for rebuilding as The Courier goes to press.

MISS MARIE REID BRIDE OF J. M. BOYD

Rutherfordton Lady Weds Greenville, N. C., Man Monday

Rutherfordton, June 19.—A marriage, charming in its simplicity, occurred on Monday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Reid of Rutherfordton when their eldest daughter, Marie, became the bride of Mr. James Morris Boyd of Greenville, North Carolina. The Reverend Mr. Latham officiated.

Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus was played by Miss Claire Reid as the bridal party entered the living room, and McDowell's "To A Wild Rose," during the ceremony. The only attendant was Miss Dixie Reid.

After an informal reception, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd left for a wedding trip to Blowing Rock and Savannah. They expect to return to Rutherfordton for a few days, and from there, go to Atlantic City. They will live in Greenville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Boyd was a student at Elizabeth, Flora Macdonald, and Queen's College and a teacher in Forest City and in the city schools of Greenville. Mr. Boyd, who was educated at Wake Forest College, is a business man of Greenville.

Only the family of the bride, Dr. and Mrs. George P. Reid, Misses Claire and Ruth Reid and Mr. John Reid of Forest City, and Mr. Ben U. Ratchford of Cornell University were present.

REV. TRAMMEL VISITING HERE

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. B. Trammel and little son, of Washington, N. C., are visiting relatives and friends in the county. The Rev. Mr. Trammel has made a wonderful record in his charge at Washington, and is gaining distinction in the ministerial field.

Democratic Convention Highlights



Houston, Tex., June 20.—The twenty-sixth! That is the date toward which everyone here is looking, for on that date the Democratic National Convention opens its doors.

Many will be the colorful personalities taking part in the sessions. Of course there will be Clem Shaver with his gavel. And everyone looks forward to the keynote speech of brilliant Claude G. Bowers.

Bowers, a New York editorial writer, historian and editor, attracted great attention by his address at the last Jackson Day Dinner, which is

considered a masterpiece. It is believed this speech led to his selection as the keynote. It was beautifully written, effectively delivered. Everyone is sure Bowers will surpass himself at this convention.

Senator Robinson is expected to be extremely active at the convention, and New York's bright, well-dressed Mayor Walker, a brilliant, shining personality if ever there was one, is expected to put real "pep" into the proceedings.

William G. McAdoo will be there, and will, it is believed, play a prom-

inent part. And then all will be greeted at Houston by Jesse H. Jones, Houston philanthropist, financier and publisher, who became the hero of the city when he led the fight to have it selected for the convention. Jones has thrown his hat in the ring, too, as a favorite son of Texas.

Other convention personalities will include, among many, John Taggard, "Big Bill" Brennan and Governor Moody of Texas; Senator Heflin, the prominent orator, one of the most forceful fighters in politics, is expected there, too.

SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT STILL IN SESSION

Court Will Continue Throughout This Week—Several Cases Continued

Rutherfordton, June 19.—The special term of superior court for trial of civil cases, which convened here Monday June 11, will likely continue throughout this week. A crowded docket faced the court at the beginning of the session, and the session has been slowed up on account of a number of cases being continued. Since the last issue of The Courier the following cases have been disposed of:

W. A. Warlick vs. C. B. Justice. Case dismissed. Non-suit. Plaintiff appeals to supreme court. The point of issue in this case is the claim that land sold by Justice to Warlick was misrepresented.

Chambers and Turner vs. Martin Burnes. Cloud on title to land. Court declares that land is owned by Martin Burnes.

D. Childress vs. Chambers and Turner. Mistrial. The defendant was sued by plaintiff for damages arising out a business transaction.

W. M. Owens vs. Dr. Thompson. Claim for damages resulting from automobile wreck. Parties agree to abide by decision handed down by recorder's court prior to appeal.

Mrs. C. B. Justice vs. Citizens Bank & Trust Co., executors for Rev. J. B. Carpenter. Court award Mrs. Justice \$1,000 for services for late J. B. Carpenter.

Edith Martin vs. Claude Martin. Divorce granted.

Several cases have come before the court during the last week that have been, for various reasons, continued.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Randall, of Asheville, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keeter.

BASEBALL FOR THE HALF HOLIDAY

Forest City-Alexander Plays Lincolnton Today at the Forest City Hi Park

Lincolnton will come to Forest City Thursday (today) for the first time this year in a Western Carolina League game. The team has suffered quite a lot this year because of the lack of interest on the part of local fans. The team needs your support and is counting on you to help the team in the league.

The season is just getting under way and there is still plenty of time to have some good games. One of the features of the game Thursday will be "Ladies Day." All ladies are going to be admitted free. Now that the business houses close at 12 noon it will afford a pleasant afternoon for you business men to bring your wives to the game.

"Lefty" Edgens, hurling ace will be on the mound for the local nine, while "Slick" Harrill will do the receiving. Cooper, a new chunker, has been signed and also Wall and they will be available for relief duty. Joe Wofford, Laughridge and "Flash" Bragg will cavort in the outfield. Blanton, McKeithan, Moss, and Hamrick will be on the firing line.

Let's show the boys that we are

PENSION CHECKS READY

Rutherfordton, June 19.—Pension checks for Confederate veterans and their widows have been received by the clerk of court and are now ready for distribution on proper identification. There are seventy-three widows on the list who will receive \$50.00. Forty-one soldiers in the county will receive \$182.50. Pensions are paid semi-annually. Notices have been mailed to pensioners, but in case anyone on the list has not received notice they may secure their check by calling at the clerk's office.

DEATH CLAIMS RUTHERFORDTON WOMAN FRIDAY

Mrs. Isaac Crawford Dies After Undergoing Operation on Wednesday

Rutherfordton, June 18.—Mrs. Isaac Crawford, aged 60 years, died at the Rutherford Hospital Friday afternoon at 5:30, after undergoing an operation on Wednesday, for gall stone. She had been suffering for some time with this ailment, and went to the hospital for treatment Tuesday, June 12.

Funeral service was held at Bills Creek Baptist church, near Chimney Rock, Sunday at noon. The services were in charge of Rev. L. M. Epley, and Rev. H. C. Sisk, of Forest City.

Mrs. Crawford's husband preceded her to the grave five years ago. She is survived by ten children, Mrs. T. P. Wilson, Spartanburg; G. H. Crawford, Rutherfordton; Mrs. E. C. Flynn, Greer, S. C.; Mrs. H. A. Blue, Greer, S. C.; Mrs. W. D. Harris, Shelby; Mrs. C. R. Dalton, Chimney Rock; Mrs. John B. Smith, Rutherfordton; Mrs. G. H. Dalton, Rutherfordton; Mrs. S. M. Neal, Charlotte; Clyde Crawford, Rutherfordton. Two brothers, J. C. Hyder, of Shelby and Jim Hyder, of Spindale survive, also five sisters, Mrs. John Grant, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Kistler Collins, High Point; Mrs. Acy Miles, Gastonia; Mrs. Erwin Nanney, Cliffside and Mrs. George Morrow, Rutherfordton, R-1. Forty-nine grandchildren and one great grandchild survives.

Mrs. Crawford was a member of the Baptist church, having joined Bills Creek more than 46 years ago, and was a member there when her death occurred.

BEE SPECIALIST COMING

Mr. C. L. Sams, bee specialist, will be in the county Monday, June 25, and will address the bee keepers at Mr. Watson Clarke's, Rutherfordton, on the American fowl brood diseases of bees. All bee keepers are urged to be present and hear Mr. Sams.

WOMANS' CLUB SPONSORING SHOW

Will Give "Mile a Minute" Here Friday, June 29

The progressiveness of the Forest City Womens' Club is shown in the fact that soon this organization will engineer an immense affair in the way of a local talent show. So successful has been the Womens' Club in any project it has chosen to lay its hands to, that Forest City is looking forward to June 29 when unique feature songs, clever dances and many wise-crack lines which are woven into the musical oddity "Mile a Minute," will delight Forest City people.

This show is under the direction of Miss Lucile Smith. She arrived in Forest City this week and is now making preparations for the show. The large cast includes many humorous character parts, and a number of attractive choruses with colorful costumes.

These characters will be played by local people, and the show will be put on by local talent.

ROOK PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas entertained at three tables of Rook on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Minish, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King and Mr. Mrs. E. O. Thomas. A delicious salad course was served by Misses Helen Thomas and Ethel Young.

with them one and all, win or lose, but we want them to win. Don't forget the date, Thursday. Ladies admitted free. Come out and enjoy a good game.

MRS. JOHN AMOS DIES AT SHILOH

Funeral Services Held Wednesday—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Beheler's Child Dead

Rutherfordton, R-1, June 18.—Mrs. John Amos was buried at Shiloh last Friday. Rev. A. G. Melton conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. M. M. Huntley and B. M. Hamrick. She leaves husband, four girls, Mrs. Dee Banard, Misses Ila, Lou and Laura and one son, Mr. Clyde Amos.

Her grave was covered with masses of flowers.

Miss Lena Allen of Forest City spent Sunday with Miss Velma Morrow.

Mrs. W. K. Collins, of High Point and Mrs. Kiser, of Gastonia, spent Saturday night at Mr. George Morrow's and attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Crawford, near Rutherfordton, Sunday.

The nineteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Beheler was buried at Shiloh Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Jones and son, Mr. Oscar, of Polk County, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Ledbetter, of Spindale, were dinner guests at Mr. B. M. Jones' Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Allen and family of Forest City visited Mr. and Mrs. James Dobbins Sunday.

J. D. SMITH APPOINTED ASSISTANT RECORDER

Rutherfordton, June 19.—Mr. J. D. Smith, of Forest City, Route 2, has been appointed assistant recorder, according to an announcement made here today.

Mr. Smith's duties will be to relieve the recorder and take over his duties in case of sickness, or at any time he is unable to fill his duties. The statue creating the recorder's court provided for an assistant, but until now there has never been an assistant.

DELIGHTFUL PICNIC

Last Thursday evening a party enjoyed a delightful picnic at Pine View Lake near Shelby. Those joining in the evening's pleasures were: Misses Myrtle and Ruth Doggett, Christeen Roper, Mildred, Rubye and Della Collins and Messrs. George Stahl, Marion Dickens, of Ocilla, Ga., Clarence Parks, "Cap" Freeman, Newton Ferree and George Lambert, of Asheville. A portable victrola and ukeleles furnished music for dancing later in the evening.

DINNER PARTY

Miss Lilah Gordon King gave a lovely four-course dinner party on Monday evening at 6 o'clock in honor of Miss Sara Firesheets, of Reidsville who is the guest of Miss Lois Moores.

Plates were laid for eight: Misses Lois Moores, Sara Firesheets, Dorothy Doggett, Kathleen Alexander, Dorothy Edwards, Mary Logan King, Kathrine and Lilah Gordon King.

Miss Claire Reid has returned from New Jersey, where she spent several months with her uncle.

HEARTBROKEN MOTHER PLEADS FOR CLUES TO LOST SON'S WHEREABOUTS

Mrs. J. L. Rumble, of Spindale, Has Waited Ten Months to Hear From Ex-Soldier Son.

Ten months of silent waiting have revealed nothing of the whereabouts of William Jethro Rumble, former Spindale worker, who disappeared last August, according to a tearful story told Thursday in Charlotte to a reporter of The Charlotte Observer, by his mother, Mrs. J. L. Rumble.

Mrs. Rumble, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Lindsay, in Spindale, said that she had asked the police to assist her in the search for her lost son and would call upon the veteran's bureau for the same purpose. He was in service in the army during the World War in 1917-18.

Mrs. Rumble stated that her son was all she had to depend upon. "If I just could know where he is. I am afraid he has been killed, he never did this way before," she said.

Since the war, she explained, her son, who is thirty-two years old, has at times shown an inclination to travel. She said she considers it possible that her son has been overcome by wanderlust, but that she couldn't understand why he hasn't written. "My neighbors have told me to wait," she said, "that he would write.



W. J. RUMBLE.

I have waited and waited, and now I am going to call upon the public to help me find him. I have waited as long as I can."