

Rutherford County Club to meet at the Spindale House, Tuesday, January 15, at 1 o'clock.

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ROMINA THEATRE FORMALLY OPENED LAST THURSDAY

Record Breaking Attendance on Opening Evening—Mr. Haynes and Associates Entertained by Kiwanians

The handsome new Romina Theatre was opened at 7 o'clock last Thursday evening, January 3rd, following a meeting of the Kiwanis Club at which Mr. Walter H. Haynes and about fifty of his guests and members of the Good Fellows Music Makers club of Charlotte were special guests of the Kiwanians. The occasion was a most happy one, at which the Kiwanians made every effort to show their appreciation of Mr. Haynes' efforts in giving the city its splendid new theatre, and to show hospitality to the benefactor and his guests.

The success of the supper is largely due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Blanton and their efficient help, who served the repast in their elegant and perfectly appointed dining room over Blanton's Cafe. Everything was done in a manner to elicit the warmest praise from the delighted visitors, many of whom openly stated that they were surprised at the perfect manner in which the large crowd was served. About eighty Kiwanians and visitors were present.

President Chas. Z. Flack, who is also Mayor of the city, presided and welcomed the guests. Mayor Flack made a short talk in which he told of the club's appreciation in having such a large number of honored guests. He then told of the appreciation of the club and the city and county at large of Mr. Haynes' selecting Forest City as the home of one of the handsomest and most completely equipped theatres in the state. All are proud of Mr. Haynes' efforts and are equally sure of his meeting with success in his enterprise, for he will have the backing of the county in giving us this modern playhouse, according to the speaker.

Mayor Flack was followed by Mr. J. C. Hames, the well known and popular young banker of Cliffside, who made a most happy response.

Prof. Chas. C. Erwin then introduced Mr. C. O. Kuester, the popular Charlotte booster. Mr. Kuester was short and snappy in his remarks, as he wished to expedite the meeting in order that all might get through with the supper in time for the formal opening of the theatre at 7 o'clock. After some announcements, Mr. Kuester complimented the Kiwanis Club upon the supper and expressed the hope that he could shortly return to our progressive city. He then introduced Mr. David Ovens. The latter expressed his pleasure at being present, thanked Mr. Haynes for inviting them here and expressed his delight over the lovely new theatre, which he pronounced a credit to the city. Mr. Ovens handsomely complimented the supper being served. His talk was interspersed with stories which elicited much mirth.

The next speaker was Dr. Oren Moore, who convulsed the house with witty stories, after which he assumed a more serious tone and made an eloquent talk on the ideals of Kiwanis. Other speakers followed and at the conclusion of the program all repaired to the theatre for the formal opening.

The streets were blocked with a throng which exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine, and the "seats all sold" sign had to be displayed in a very few minutes. The crowd was so large several hundred found it impossible to gain entrance to the new theatre. The disappointed ones—their being eagerness, of course, to attend the opening of the new theatre—were not compelled to miss a good show, as Horn's Theatre, as usual, had a good program and all found solace there. With the advent of the Romina, Forest City becomes the amusement center of the county, with two splendid theatres giving varied and up-to-date pictures and features matinee and night.

This reporter is a bit hazy about the opening program at the new theatre. Caught in the crush of the large crowd striving for admittance,

Young Clergymen



Jack Yancey, 24 years old, left, is assistant pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Picher, Mo. Delbert Chostner, right, 13 years old, is an ordained preacher of the Missionary Baptist Church.

NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR FOREST CITY

City's New \$6,500 Fire Fighting Apparatus and Truck Delivered Here This Week

Forest City's magnificent new \$6,500 fire truck and fire fighting apparatus has arrived and is ready for immediate service. The truck is a product of the General Motors Corporation and is equipped with Boyer apparatus.

The truck is a five hundred gallon pumper type. It is outfitted with new hose and is capable of taking care of any emergency that may arise in Forest City for years to come, says Mayor Charles Z. Flack.

A full time fireman will be employed at an early date and he will be on duty at the new fire house day and night. The present volunteer fire department system will remain in force for the present. Mr. Flack is very enthusiastic over the new equipment. The truck and its equipment is of the very best and latest type that can be secured, and will serve the town for a number of years.

Mr. Flack states that a siren will be installed at the new city hall and fire station at an early date and that a fire alarm system will be inaugurated. The siren has been bought and is expected to arrive within a short time.

the writer failed to get in in time to make note of the opening proceedings. However, we are told, it was a brilliant and happy ceremony.

Some few changes were made in speakers as appearing on the printed program of the presentation exercises. Prof. B. P. Caldwell, head of the Cliffside school, representing Mr. Haynes, the owner, introduced Mr. C. O. Kuester, who presented the theatre to Forest City. Acceptance speeches were made by Mayor Flack and Capt. B. L. Smith.

At the conclusion of the presentation exercises, the Good Fellows Music Makers presented their program. Space forbids a presentation of the number in full, which were printed in our last issue. The program was pleasing throughout. Director Brown's organization includes great talent. In fact, the excellence of the program was far beyond expectation. Forest City most heartily enjoyed hearing the music makers and hopes to have a return visit from them.

The evening's entertainment was closed with the beautiful picture, "Ramona." Music for The Romina is provided by the new Photophone, an instrument, which reproduces from records electrically and gives the effect of an orchestra playing. Orchestra music is in charge of Mr. Wesley Norris and his talented wife, Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris, who has been receiving warm applause in her appearance in solo numbers.

Mr. Haynes is to be congratulated upon the auspicious opening of his new theatre. It should meet with complete success in its new field.

Forest City is virtually the center of a populous and rich county. With two splendid playhouses here, the city should draw large crowds and become the amusement center of the county.

C. O. KUESTER ADDRESS THE COGNAC CLUB

January Meeting Will Be Held In The Spindale House Next Tuesday

Spindale, Jan. 9.—The January meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held in The Spindale House here on Tuesday, January 15, at one o'clock, according to an announcement made today by the secretary, Mr. Ivy Cowan.

Mr. C. O. Kuester, business manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Kuester will bring a message of vital importance to the club and one that will be well worth hearing.

The dinner will be served by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Spindale Methodist church.

Other business of importance will be discussed and reports from several committees will be given.

N. C. LEGISLATURE CONVENED JAN. 9

Many Important Measures to Be Considered at This Session — Governor's Inauguration Jan. 11

The North Carolina Legislature convened Wednesday, January 9. It is said by those who are in close touch with the political conditions of the state that this General Assembly will be one of the most conservative sessions held in years. Despite this fact there are a number of important matters that will be considered, among them the Australian ballot law, or a revival of the present ballot system, a "tightening-up" of the present highway laws, and an attempt to establish a state highway patrol system; a nine months school term law and others. It is understood that Governor Gardner will recommend, in his message, the enactment of a law for advertising the state through-out the nation.

Messrs. A. R. Beam and George Biggerstaff left early this week for Raleigh.

Governor Max Gardner will be inaugurated governor on Friday January 11.

SPINDALE NEWS OF LATE INTEREST

Ladies' Aid Society Meets—Birth Dinner for Mrs. Morgan—County Epworth League Union Meets

Spindale, Jan. 9.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. W. R. Wells Monday afternoon. A number of items of business was transacted. Mrs. W. A. Barber gave a delightful reading which was enjoyed by all the members of the society. Following the business session refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were Mesdames S. K. Yelton, R. R. James, Elizabeth Payseur, W. A. Barber, G. B. Howard, W. M. Clay, W. R. Wells, Lewis, Shuford and Mrs. T. O. Hendrix.

The Rutherford County Epworth League Association held its January meeting in the school auditorium here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Morgan, aged 74, was given a pleasant surprise birthday dinner at her home near the Seaboard depot Tuesday. The plans of the children to honor her at this time were carefully guarded and secretly arranged, and Mrs. Morgan knew absolutely nothing about the dinner until it was served. Among those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Trammel, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Montredo and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan, Messrs. Luther and Howard Sherrill, Misses Sudie Morgan and Joe Landis, Mrs. Susan Allen, and Rev. W. W. Rimmer.

MUST HAVE CITY TAGS TO OPERATE CARS

Chief Charles R. Price stated yesterday that all automobile owners in Forest City must display city license tags. It is a violation of the city ordinances to operate a car without the city tags, and all owners should call at the clerk's office and purchase tags at once.

DOUBLE WEDDING OF MUCH INTEREST

Miss Winifred Mode Weds John K. Reid and Miss Ethel Scruggs Bride of J. W. Reid

On last Wednesday afternoon January 2, a beautiful wedding was quietly solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scruggs in Hickory, when their daughter, Ethel was married to Mr. Jay William Reid, of Rutherfordton and Miss Winifred Mode became the bride of Mr. John K. Reid of Forest City.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Hutchins pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hickory, N. C. The double ring ceremony was used. The color note of green and white was carried out in the living room and reception hall. An improvised altar was arranged in the living room, before which the vows were spoken. Seven branch candelabra were used effectively with trailing ivy and tall baskets filled with ferns and white roses formed a lovely background.

The wedding music was furnished by Miss Virginia Pendleton of Hickory, and former school mate of Mrs. John Reid. Prior to the ceremony Miss Pendleton played "I Love You Truly" as a piano solo. To the strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin Mr. J. M. Boyd best man for Mr. John K. Reid and C. L. Reid who attended his brother J. W. Reid as best man entered together. Next to enter were the maids of honor, Miss Edna Scruggs, twin sister of Mrs. J. W. Reid, and Miss Leona Feagan, former school mate of Mrs. John K. Reid. Both the bridesmaids were attractively attired in afternoon dresses of tan georgette with touches of cream lace. They wore shoulder bouquets of Killarney roses and valley lilies.

Miss Scruggs with Jay W. Reid and Miss Mode with John K. Reid entered the room from opposite directions and met before the altar. The brides were lovely in imported afternoon frocks of blue crepe and carried shower bouquets of Killarney roses and valley lilies.

During the impressive double ring ceremony, Miss Pendleton played softly McDowell's "To a Wild Rose." Immediately after the delightful informal reception both couples left for a short wedding trip through Western North Carolina and Virginia.

Mrs. J. W. Reid is a charming young woman of Hickory and was educated at Lenoir-Rhyne College. Mr. Reid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Reid of Rutherfordton and is in the brokerage business with his father. He was educated at Central High School and at Davidson College.

Mrs. John K. Reid is the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mode, of Rutherfordton. She was educated at The North Carolina College for Women, graduating with the class of 1926. She has been a teacher in the public schools of the county since that time. Her father is Judge of the Recorder's court of this county.

Mr. John K. Reid is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. George P. Reid, of Forest City. He received his education at Forest City high school and Weaver College. Mr. Reid is well known in the county and for some time was connected with the Sun as assistant business manager. He has also been connected with The Courier as special advertising representative and is an experienced newspaper man. A young man of many talents, with a pleasing personality, he is destined to succeed in any business enterprise. He has recently accepted a position as salesman for the Southern Biscuit Co., of Richmond, and will make his headquarters at Winston-Salem.

Wooded by Letter



Miss Mercedes Groitze, the swimmer, and William Ferrance, the Soldier in India who fell in love with her picture in a paper and wooed her by letter. Now he has returned to London and the two have met.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED WOMAN

Mrs. Caldonia Grose Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke Thursday

On Thursday, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. J. M. Tate and claimed as its victim, Mrs. Tate's mother, Mrs. Caldonia Grose. Mrs. Grose suffered a paralytic stroke in September, and gradually grew worse until the time of her death. Mrs. Grose, though an invalid for the past ten years, has been a patient sufferer and never complained even in the last days when her suffering grew so intense.

Mrs. Grose is survived by five children, her husband having preceded her to the grave several years ago.

"Grandma Grose" as she was generally known was loved by all. She always spoke a word of kindness wherever she went, and her children will be comforted in knowing that her life was spent on earth preparing for the Heavenly home to which she has gone.

The children are as follows: Mrs. J. M. Tate, of Forest City; Mrs. C. S. Calton, of Eufaula, Ala.; Mrs. J. M. Hughes, of Greensboro; Lee L. Grose, of Red Level, Ala.; and O. B. Grose, of Forest City; R-2, She also leaves to mourn her death one brother, two half-sisters, three half-brothers, twenty-six grand-children and nineteen great-grand children.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, of which she has long been a faithful member. Services were conducted by Rev. M. F. Moores and Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr.

The church was filled with sorrowing friends and relatives who gathered to pay their last respects to a dearly beloved woman with whom no one ever found fault. She was seventy-seven years of age.

WILL ENFORCE SCHOOL BUS LAW, SAYS MR. EDWARDS

Mr. Garret Edwards, traffic officer, asks The Courier to state that the school bus law will be rigidly enforced. It is a violation of the law for a car to pass a school bus which is loading or unloading school children. Mr. Edwards states that this law is for the protection of our children and will be enforced.

ATTENDS NATIONAL MUSIC TEACHERS' MEET

Miss Katherine Goggans, who has recently returned to Forest City as piano teacher in High School, attended the National Music Teachers' Association, which convened in Cleveland, Ohio, December 27-30th. This was the 50th annual meeting, and the main theme of the convention was the "Progress Made in Music During the Last Fifty Years." Miss Goggans was accompanied to Cleveland by Mrs. Crosby Adams, of Asheville, N. C.

P. T. A. MEETING

A meeting of the Forest City Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the Cool Springs high school building on Wednesday afternoon, January 16, at 3:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

CAROLEEN HOST TO SANDY RUN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Pennant Won by Mt. Pleasant Sunday School — Next Meeting in Cliffside

Caroleen, Jan. 7.—One of the most successful meetings of Sandy Run Sunday School Association was held in the Caroleen Baptist church on Sunday afternoon; January sixth. The song service was most excellent. The Caroleen orchestra added much to the attraction of the music. The Avondale quartette rendered most effectively two or three selections, while Dobbins and Smith gave one or two selections.

The devotional was led by Rev. R. N. Childress, his subject being 2nd Kings 20: 22.

The seating capacity of the church was filled with interested representatives from many churches. Mt. Pleasant (R) won the banner for having the greatest number present, there being fifty-five from that church, or 47 per cent of their Sunday school enrollment. Haynes Memorial had 34 per cent of their school enrollment present. In all there were around four hundred representatives present. This was the twelfth meeting of the organization and great strides have been made toward improving the Sunday schools of the Sandy Run Association. Cliffside church went on the standard this month.

A few brief remarks were made by Mr. G. C. Harrill expressing his appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the Sunday school in this great movement.

The climax of the meeting was reached when Rev. R. C. Smith of Cliffside brought a great message on the subject "The Work of the Holy Ghost." We have never had a finer message delivered before the Association than this. The audience was highly pleased with the message, and many expressed their wishes that Mr. Smith speak to us again at an early date.

Dismissal was pronounced by Rev. C. C. Matheny of Alexander.

BANKS HERE IN FINE CONDITION

Industrial Loan Bank and Farmers Bank Face New Year in Flourishing Condition

At a meeting of the stockholders of The Industrial Loan and Investment Bank Tuesday officers for the year 1929 were elected, the surplus fund of the bank was increased, and the affairs of that institution were found to be in excellent condition.

The bank has had a very successful year and the present condition of the bank is in fine shape, with the prospect of a prosperous year ahead. Mr. J. W. Smith was elected vice-president of the institution, which was the principal change made in the officials of the bank. The officers and directors for 1929 are president, J. H. Thomas; vice-president, J. W. Smith; cashier, G. B. Harrill; directors, J. H. Thomas, Hugh F. Little, B. B. Doggett, T. R. Padgett, D. F. Beachboard, J. R. Carroll, B. H. Long, T. J. Moss, J. W. Smith, W. M. Whitaker, W. E. Moore, Fred E. Webb, G. B. Harrill.

The stockholders of The Farmers Bank & Trust Co., held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon. The old officers of that institution were re-elected to serve during 1929. The prospects of this bank for a good year are many. Last year's business was unusually good, but indications are that this institution will have an outstanding year during 1929. Considerable progress has been made along all lines during 1928.

LAUGHRIDGE - McKEITHAN

Mr. Charles Hugh Laughridge, of Forest City and Miss Brent McKeithan, of Bostic, were married in Gaffney, S. C., last week, according to a report appearing in the Gaffney Ledger on Tuesday of this week.