

## LEADER STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY

Damage of Undetermined Origin Causes Approximately \$16,000 Damage Saturday Night

The stock of goods of the Leader Department Store of this city, valued at over \$13,000, was completely destroyed when the store caught fire Saturday night about 11:45. While the fire was in the rear of the building and in the joist of the ceiling, the building was badly damaged and the stock of goods was almost totally ruined by fire, water and smoke. The fire was discovered by Corp. Austin Price, of the local police force, who immediately turned in the alarm. The fire department responded quickly with both trucks, the new pumper equipped apparatus and the old fire truck. Arriving at the scene of the fire three lines of hose were run off, the emergency fire pump at the water works turned on and with the pump on the new truck, three strong streams of water were turned on the building. For over twenty minutes, however, very little good was done, as most of the fire was between the ceiling and the roof. Two lines of hose were carried to the roof of the adjoining building but it was impossible for the axemen to cut through the roof of the burning building, so the water could get to the fire. The smoke was so dense in the store that for some time it was impossible to get through the ceiling but it was finally accomplished and the fire was extinguished.

This was one of the hardest fires the local firemen have ever had to fight. It was right in the heart of the business section of the city, and for some time a little fear was felt for the adjoining buildings, but they were not damaged.

Mr. Jack Michalove is the proprietor of the store. The building, which is owned by Mr. Cowan Blanton, will be remodeled at once and as soon as it is completed Mr. Michalove will again open for business.

Defective wiring was reported as the cause of the fire. The stock of goods and the building both were partially covered by insurance. Mr. Michalove carried approximately \$10,000 in insurance. Mr. Blanton's loss on the building was about \$3,500, covered by insurance.

Great crowds gathered on the streets to watch the fire, which was not so spectacular but was one of the stubbornest local boys have ever faced. The blaze for a long time was confined between the metal ceiling and an unusually heavy metal roof, and the firemen were unable to reach the flames for some time. The firemen fought bravely in the bitter cold, finally conquering it, but not until the stock of goods was almost totally destroyed and the building badly damaged. By good work the fire was confined to the one building.

### Notes of The Fire

There were many things to be observed during the excitement of the fire and possibly a few lessons to be learned. For one thing the public should appreciate the work of the volunteer firemen. Mostly young men, brave and impetuous, these youngsters never balked at danger or exposure. Dripping wet in the bitter cold, they never faltered in their line of duty. Their leaders and the boys are to be commended for the good work.

There was no fear for the new Romina Theatre, adjoining the blaze, on account of its thick brick walls, but the Harrill building, adjoining on the East, was thought to be in danger several times. Good work on the part of the firemen, however, prevented any danger to this building.

A lesson to be learned from the fire, we think, is to be convinced of the necessity of stronger leadership and more practice for the firemen. Better control of the crowd is also badly needed. A fire zone should be established and the crowd roped back. There is entirely too much meddling of the crowd in making suggestions to the fire fighters. It only creates confusion and hinders

### Bride At Eleven



Selinda Clendenin, 11, Carbondale, Ill., became the bride of Rev. Joseph M. Benton, 55, who is now in jail at Marion, Ill., charged with bigamy and perjury, while his young bride is back at school.

## SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA AT AGE OF 106 YEARS

Death Claims "Aunt" Becky Byers at Home Near Cliffside Saturday Morning

(Special to The Courier)

Ellenboro, Jan. 28.—Aunt Becky Byers, 106 years of age, died at her home near Cliffside Saturday morning at 4 o'clock and was buried at High Shoals Baptist church Sunday at 2 p. m. She was the oldest woman in this section of the country, and considering her advanced age, she was in fairly good health up to the time that she developed influenza. She joined the State Line Baptist church 21 years ago, and attended services regularly when her health would permit her to go. She was kind hearted, and ready at all times to be of assistance where she was needed. The funeral service was in charge of her pastor, Rev. M. M. Huntley. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket and grave. Before her marriage she was Miss Becky Parris and lived near Henrietta. She leaves two children Mrs. Rose Kennedy, and Mr. Tom Dare, both of Henrietta.

### COURT OF HONOR HELD TUESDAY IN ELLENBORO

Ellenboro, Jan. 30.—The Rutherford County Boy Scout court of honor was held in the school house, in Ellenboro, Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Former county vice-president Fred C. Kinzie presided. A dozen or more scouts came before the court for advancement in tenderfoot and second class work, while a number of merit badges on various subjects were awarded by the court to ten or more boys. The attendance was the largest of any court of honor held for some months. The February court will be held in Cliffside Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. W. A. Ayers returned home Friday night from New Orleans where he attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Bible Institute.

The work. We would suggest that the fire chief should give all orders at a fire, if the best results are to be obtained. And again, too much confusion not only hinders the work, but makes for danger to the firemen being rushed, in the excitement, into dangerous situations because of ill-advised suggestions from the crowd. Placing a ladder upon the front of the burning building Saturday night, when the wall adjoining would have served as well, might have created a dangerous position for the boys with the hose if more level heads had not suggested the removal of the ladder from that particular wall.

It is said that Mr. Foy Horn had a narrow escape from being pinned against a brick wall when the fire truck arrived in the rear of the burning building. The Horn brothers had to fight manfully to prevent water damage in their large warehouse. Streams of water from the fire house created a rivulet that was hard to prevent from entering the warehouse.

## FARMERS TO STUDY COTTON GROWING AT MT. PLEASANT

First of a Series of Meetings to Be Held at Mt. Pleasant School Tonight

The first of a number of weekly meetings with farmers will be held at the Mt. Pleasant school house Thursday night, (tonight) January 31, at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of the Department of Agriculture of Cool Springs High School. These meetings will be held for the purpose of studying the best way to make money growing cotton. A number of meetings and fertilizer demonstrations were held in this community last year by D. H. Sutton, teacher of agriculture, and some improvement has resulted in the growing of cotton.

The first meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the best variety of cotton for this community. There is a demand for a longer staple cotton in our community than we grow. The mills have to go outside the community for their supply. Tests run by the Department of Agriculture of Cool Springs High School last year show conclusively that the kind of cotton the mills desire can be grown here to advantage.

At this meeting those who desire to grow a variety of cotton to meet this supply will be given an opportunity to do so. Mr. J. W. Matheny has secured prices on some good quality Coker No. 5 seed and will sell them to the farmers at cost.

Mr. J. R. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer of the Alexander Mills will be present and tell the farmers why the mill men desire a longer staple cotton.

All the farmers in the community are urged to attend the meeting Thursday night.

## DEATH COMES TO MRS. R. J. NORRIS

Ruth Woman Passed Sunday After Extended Illness—Funeral Held Monday

Ruth, Jan. 29.—Mrs. R. J. Norris of Ruth, widow of the late Robt. Norris died at the Rutherford Hospital Sunday noon after an extended illness. She has been in declining health for some time.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at three o'clock with Rev. E. B. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rutherford, in charge. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended. Mrs. John A. Miller sang a solo while Mesdames Miller, E. B. Jenkins and Messrs. C. W. Keeter and M. H. Jones sang several selections. The teachers of Ruth consolidated school acted as flower bearers. Interment followed in the Rutherford cemetery.

Mrs. Norris is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grady Jones and Miss Adnah Norris, both at home; three brothers and two sisters, as follows; Messrs. J. Bynum Whiteside, Mayfield, Ga.; Alonzo Whiteside, Polk County and Solon Whiteside, Uree section; Mrs. Isaac Williams, Uree section and Mrs. J. M. McKinney of the Westminster section. Her husband died about fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Norris was 62 years of age and was a devoted member of the Baptist church, being a member of the Rutherford Baptist church. She was kind and considerate of one and all. She was a good neighbor, a kind mother and a loyal Christian. She was a native of Rutherford County and had many friends who will be grieved at her passing away.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PRACTICE TWICE MONTHLY

The Forest City fire department members will have practice twice monthly, according to an announcement made Tuesday. The practice will be held on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 o'clock.

## KIWANIS CLUB LEADING THE FIRST DIVISION

Quarter's Average Attendance is 92 Percent—Monday Evening's Attendance 97 Percent

In the Kiwanis race for the loving cup, offered by the Hickory club for the club leading the first division in attendance percentage this year, the Forest City club rolled up a percentage of 92 for the first month of 1929. The percentage of attendance was 97 at the Monday night luncheon. The program was in charge of Ted Cashion, chairman of the music committee and was rounded out with a splendid address by Dr. Bolton, Kiwanian and Baptist pastor of Hendersonville. A new committee on "Guidance and Placement", was appointed by the president. This committee will inaugurate a schedule calling for short talks each fortnight, by professional, mercantile and manufacturing members of the club to the boys of the junior and senior classes of Cool Springs High school. The agricultural committee reported the beginning of an agriculture contest among the farmers and farm boys of this immediate section of the county to terminate in the late fall with Kiwanis entertainment of contestants and the awarding of prizes.

The board of directors, in called session after the program, appointed the music committee as sponsors of the music memory contest to be conducted in the city schools by Miss Catherine Goggans. This committee will join the Womens Club in raising the necessary funds with which to purchase the music and records needed. "Our Clubs Major Objective", in charge of the Public Affairs committee, will be the program for next Monday and it is believed the importance of this will bring a 100 per cent attendance of the members.

## HENRIETTA NEWS OF LATE INTEREST

Eventful Week for Basketball Team—Mr. and Mrs. Hand Entertain—Local and Personal Notes

Henrietta, Jan. 29th.—Last week was an eventful one in athletics with the Twin High School. The "Red Devils" played three games, out of which two victories were added to their credit. On Wednesday they defeated Spindale School in a close game 24-23, and on Friday lost to Spindale school in return game 32-23. Again on Thursday evening they defeated Ellenboro 21-14. In all three games Paul Tate, Captain of Twin High quintet, was outstanding in his excellent team work; and Yates Hawkins, right forward, deserves praise for "Gettin' 'em in."

On Thursday evening the Twin High Girls quintet also defeated Ellenboro 57-12; and were victors in a well-earned and well-fought game with Forest City on Monday evening with final score of 24-17. This game showed some excellent team work on the part of our girls, as at the end of the first half the score was 8-14 in favor of Forest City, but the Twin Hi girls came back with wonderful defensive play in last half, gaining the final victory.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hand entertained at a most delightful party on last Thursday evening. Bridge was played at five tables, final scores giving Mrs. S. J. Asbury, Jr., high score ladies' prize, Miss Virginia Poole, consolation; and Mr. Henry Jenkins high score men's prize. The guests enjoying this pleasant affair were, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Timmerman, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Asbury, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Buren Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Mooneyham, Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins, and Misses Virginia Poole, and Goldie Lee Morrisette. The hostesses served a delicious salad course consisting of

### Joins U. S. Army



Mr. William Butler, familiarly known as "Bill," joined the U. S. Army last week and is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., as a member of the Finance Department. Mr. Butler has been a clerk in Sinkoe's store here for several years, and is well known to the hundreds of customers that frequent that store. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler, of Forest City.

## KIWANIS CLUB ADOPTS PROGRAMS FOR QUARTER

Committee Outlines Program Topics Through Month of March at Special Meeting

At a meeting of the program committee of the Forest City Kiwanis Club, held this week, the following programs for the first quarter of 1929, were adopted, and approved: February 4, Our Club's Major Objective, Public Affairs Committee. February 11, Our First Membership Objective. Feb. 18, Joint Meeting with Marion at Forest City. February 25, Farmers Night. March 4, Business Standards, Merchants Night. March 11, High School Athletics Night. March 18, Our Church Relations. March 25, Our Constitution and By-Laws.

The local Kiwanis club has set for its goal this year the best record of attendance in the history of the club and calls upon every loyal, local Kiwanian to make this record possible by 100 per cent attendance. The program committee will endeavor to make each and every program more constructive, entertaining and interesting than the preceding one.

Mrs. A. C. Jones went to the Gaston Sanatorium, Gastonia last Tuesday where she had an operation on her foot. Friends will be glad to know that she is improving nicely and hopes to be home in a few days.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Posey M. Flack is improving after an operation for appendicitis at the Rutherford hospital.

Mr. Abe Glickman left this week on a business trip through Kentucky, and will also spend several days with Mrs. Glickman in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is studying voice at the Conservatory of Music.

chicken salad, wafers, sandwiches, molded aspic, tea and mints.

Miss Ruth Robertson, of Caroleen, is now with the Henrietta Mills Store; having charge of the piece-goods department. Miss Robertson takes over the position of Mrs. Bryon Hamrick, who, up until the time of resigning, had been with this store for a period of seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Neal, Mr. Edgar Neal and Miss Ruby Neal went to Patterson Springs Sunday to attend the funeral service and interment of Mr. Neal's sister-in-law, Mrs. Victoria Neal. The deceased is survived by her husband and five children, and was 67 years old.

Mr. F. H. Price will begin his annual Mission Training Class at the Henrietta Methodist church on Wednesday evening at 7:45. He is planning an interesting and instructive study and hopes to have a large class attend.

## SUPERIOR COURT DOCKET FOR THE FEBRUARY TERM

Civil Term of Superior Court For Trial of Civil Cases Convenes February 4

Rutherford, Jan. 29.—The February term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene here Monday, February 4, with Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, presiding. The docket of cases for trial is as follows:

**Monday, February 4th**  
W. A. Thompson vs. Town of Rutherford; S. M. Gallert vs. F. M. Largent; B. M. Scoggins vs. Hunt et al.; Logan & N. C. vs. Charlie Logan; Chimney Rock, Inc., vs. Mrs. Kerber; J. J. Sullivan, Brisco and Allen vs. Castle Valley Land Co.; Nora Quinn vs. Morris Quinn; Geo. W. Porter vs. Lillie M. Porter; Etta Mills vs. Herbert Mills; Carl E. Deaton vs. Ida Ward Deaton; Kathleen James vs. Roy James.

**Tuesday, February 5th**  
Lynchburg Sign Corporation vs. Lure Bakery & Cafe Co., Inc.; W. D. Galloway vs. I. Goodman; J. H. Campbell vs. Champion, et al.; D. Childers vs. Chambers & Turner; Harrill vs. Silvers; Doggett & Champion vs. G. M. Self; Mrs. J. D. Ledbetter vs. W. A. Harrill, et al.; Mack Lee Logan, minor, by Bank Guardian vs. Farmers Federation; Rosco Laughter by W. M. Laughter vs. Grace Mill.

**Wednesday, February 6th**  
Blankenship, Assign., for Allen vs. Brisco, et al.; Jas. Millard vs. Otis and Mary Logan; Jackson vs. Thomas (Protest); Campbell vs. Mrs. J. D. Ledbetter, Admr.; Rutherford Contracting Co., vs. Selvy; Givins vs. Ellenboro Mfg. Co.; Givins vs. Ellenboro Mfg. Co.; T. R. Moore vs. Jas. Millard.

**Thursday, February 7th**  
Forest Grocery Co. vs. Paul Withrow; Chimney Rock Mts. vs. Mrs. Grace Little (Protest); Roberts vs. Wilkie, Hardin and Eaves; W. B. Phillips vs. Frances Hook; Swift & Co., vs. J. C. Hampton.

**Friday, February 8th**  
Padgett vs. Town of Forest City; Geo. Jones vs. Hugh Little; B. C. Horn vs. Harrill, et al.; Ralph Morgan vs. G. E. Morgan, et al.; Mrs. Ina Geer vs. Wilson & Haines; Scriven vs. Bell Telephone Co.

**Monday, February 11th**  
In the matter of the will of Jno. Edgerton; J. T. Burke vs. Henrietta Mills; C. R. Hardin vs. William Moore, Admr.; Toney vs. Self; H. M. White vs. Dr. W. C. Bostic.

**Tuesday, February 12th**  
W. A. Harrill vs. Dickerson, Receiver; Gordon Ledbetter, et al., vs. Mrs. J. D. Ledbetter, et al.; D. D. Littlejohn vs. Lawrence Carmichael; T. E. Nanny vs. Pink Williams.

**Wednesday, February 13th**  
G. W. Roberson vs. Charles Williamson; Forest City Co. vs. J. H. Campbell, et al.; Farmers Bank vs. J. H. Campbell; Floyd Whiteside vs. Geo. Jones (Protest.)

**Thursday, February 14th**  
W. L. Wallace vs. Lake Lure Lr. Co.; Mary Virginia Miller, by her next friend, vs. Forest City Motor Co.; Roy Miller vs. Forest City Motor Co.; Robbie Miller vs. Forest City Motor Co.; R. M. Twitty vs. Grayson Harrill; Mrs. Julia Collins vs. Federal Mtg. Co.; J. L. Collins, et al., vs. Federal Mtg. Co.

**Motion Docket**  
Cliffside Mills vs. Hedrick & Wade; Mrs. E. G. Dixon vs. Chas. Wilson, et al.; Lucy Phillips vs. Robt. Phillips; W. P. Watkins vs. Croker & Co.; G. A. Trout vs. Ed Koon; Turner vs. Turner, T. R. Moore vs. James Millard; Rutherford County Bank vs. Kendall, et al.; Rutherford County Bank vs. Williams; Carolina Mtg. Co. vs. R. G. Hill.

### COOL SPRINGS VITAL STATISTICS REPORTS

Mr. George F. Bradley, vital statistics registrar for the Cool Springs township reports that during the year 1928 there was thirty-nine deaths in the township, and 126 births. There were forty-nine deaths in Forest City to 124 births.