

COUNTY TO SEND SIX MEN TO SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

Four Former Spindale Players and Two From Forest City Signed For Try-outs

Rutherford County will be well represented in the South Atlantic League this year if the players from the county now under contract for try-outs, make the grade. Six players, all stars of the Carolina Textile League, have been signed.

Gus Hartsoe, mainstay of the Spindale pitching staff of last year has been taken up by Charlotte. Grady Harrill, catcher on the Forest City team of the Carolina Textile League of last year, and a former Blue Ridge League performer has been also signed by Charlotte. Bragg of Forest City, Bullington, snappy infielder, of Spindale, and Scott, former Spindale outfield man, go to Spartanburg. Alton Grose, of Spindale, who has had several years experience in the 'bush leagues' of North Carolina and Georgia, will be given a trial on the Augusta pitching staff.

To Sing for 3 Kings



Miss Fay Marvilius of New York has gone to Europe to sing before three monarchs, the rulers of Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

HENRIETTA WOMAN DIED SUNDAY

Funeral For Mrs. Eliza Walker Held at Dysartsville Monday Afternoon

Henrietta, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Eliza Walker, aged 76, died here Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Brandle, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Dysartsville Baptist church. Rev. R. N. Childress, of Henrietta conducted the funeral services. Interment was in the Dysartsville cemetery.

Her husband preceded her to the grave sometime ago. She leaves five children, four sons and one daughter, as follows: J. W. Walker, F. H. Walker and M. P. Walker, all of Burke county and J. H. Walker of Caroleen, and Mrs. H. J. Brandle, of Henrietta. One brother, G. W. Warlick, of Burke, also survives.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the Baptist church.

DEATH CLAIMS DR. A. J. WHISNANT

Prominent Rutherford Dentist Succumbs to An Attack of Heart Trouble

Rutherfordton, Feb. 25.—Dr. A. J. Whisnant, popular and well known dentist, of this city, died here Thursday night at his home after an extended illness, of heart trouble.

Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church, with the pastor, Dr. W. R. Ware in charge. Interment followed in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

He is survived by his widow and four children, George Crawford Whisnant, age 21; William Whisnant, age 17; Ethel Jane, age 11; and Lucy Bell, 10 years old. He leaves three brothers, Dr. J. F. Whisnant, prominent dentist, of Henrietta; W. C. Whisnant, Shelby a former merchant and P. C. Whisnant, farmer of near Hollis.

The deceased was born February 29, 1868. He was educated in the schools of the late Capt. W. T. R. Bell of this section and graduated in dentistry at the University of Maryland in 1905 and has been practicing dentistry here since. He was a native of Cleveland county but has made Rutherfordton his home for the past 28 years.

Dr. Whisnant was born in February, married in February and died in February. His father, the late Absolom Whisnant was born on Christmas day and died on Christmas day. Dr. Whisnant was an active member of the Methodist church and was honest and industrious. He knew dentistry as few men know it. He was well known in both Rutherford and Cleveland counties. Mrs. Whisnant is the daughter of the Hon. George Biggerstaff, representative in the legislature at present from Rutherford county. Western Star Lodge, No. 91 A. F. and A. M. of Rutherfordton had charge of the burial services.

BROTHER OF MRS. W. A. BARBER DIES IN ATLANTA, GA.

Mr. Frank Burton Succumbs to Injuries Received in Accident Saturday in Atlanta

Spindale, Feb. 27.—Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Barber left Spindale Monday morning for Atlanta, Ga., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Barber's brother, Mr. Frank Burton. Mr. Burton was injured in an accident Saturday, dying late Sunday evening. Word was received by Mrs. Barber Monday of the death, but the message failed to state the nature of the accident.

Mr. Burton is survived by his mother, wife, nine brothers and sisters, Mrs. Barber being one of the sisters. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Atlanta Ga.

Mr. Burton was thirty-six years of age, and was a native of Georgia. He was a traveling salesman and had made his home in Atlanta for a number of years.

PNEUMONIA FATAL TO A. C. ALLEN

Prominent Insurance Official Died Thursday After Short Illness

Mr. A. C. Allen, aged 35 years, died at the Rutherford hospital Thursday morning at 2:45 o'clock, of double pneumonia and other complications. He was taken ill a few days previous, and he and his friends did not consider his illness a serious nature. His condition became worse, necessitating his removal to the hospital Wednesday, where death claimed him Thursday morning.

His body was taken to Enfield, N. C., his old home, Thursday, and funeral services were held there Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Anderson was in charge of the funeral services, which were held at the home of his brother, Mr. L. L. Allen. Interment was at Enfield. The Masons had charge of the interment service.

Pall bearers were Messrs. C. C. Tate, L. E. Ramsey, O. G. Nanney, G. G. Briscoe, J. H. Lee and Grady Carpenter, all of this county.

Mr. Allen is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Maude Horton, of Raleigh, and two children, A. C. Jr., and Charles Allen. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, as follows: W. H. and L. L. Allen, Enfield, N. C. and Mrs. D. M. Dew, of Rutherford College, N. C.

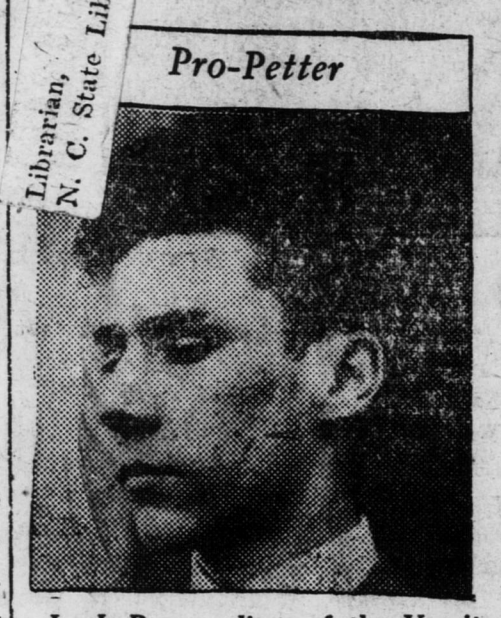
Mr. Allen came to Forest City from Raleigh several years ago, and was assistant manager of The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of this district. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Forest City and was a member of the local Masonic lodge. He was born July 14, 1893, in Enfield. He spent several years at Raleigh and later came to Forest City.

CITY VISITED BY CHAMBER COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE

Forest City Business Men Favorable to Organization, Survey Shows

Mr. Floyd C. Bonham, of Washington, D. C., a representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce, spent several days in Forest City last week in the interest of that organization.

While Mr. Bonham's trip here was principally to interest the citizens of the city in the national organization, he canvassed the business men of Forest City in regard to organizing a local Chamber of Commerce here. He reports that the prospects for such a step are encouraging. Of the business men interviewed more than twenty-five signified their willingness and desire to enroll in a local



L. J. Ryan, editor of the Varsity, daily newspaper of the University of Toronto, who caused a sensation by writing an editorial in which he said "petting never hurt anyone."

MOTHER OF MRS. G. B. HOWARD DEAD

Mrs. Mary B. Mitchell Dies in Charlotte Tuesday After Brief Illness

Spindale, Feb. 26.—Word was received here Tuesday by Mrs. G. B. Howard of the death of her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Mitchell, which occurred in Charlotte Tuesday.

Mrs. Mitchell, aged 75, had been ill only a short time and her death came as a shock to the family and immediate relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Steel Creek Presbyterian church. Interment was in Steel Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by four daughters and two sons, and a number of grandchildren. Her husband preceded her to the grave sometime ago.

W. M. S. TO OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 4 TO 8

The W. M. S. of The First Baptist church will observe a week of prayer beginning Monday, March 4, and continuing through March 8. The Missionary and Aid societies will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday of the same week at the church. The program will be in charge of the Young Matrons. All meetings will be held at 3 o'clock in the church.

CHIMNEY ROCK PICTURE IN NATIONALLY KNOWN PAPER

The current issue of Holland's Magazine, a household journal, published in Kansas City, carries a fine picture of Chimney Rock and a view of Lake Lure from the rock. This picture was one of a group of a half dozen illustrating an article on Southern resorts.

PLAY "THE 44 FLAPPER" AT CAROLEEN SATURDAY

Caroleen, Feb. 26.—A humorous, three act play will be given at the Caroleen elementary school Saturday evening. The title of the play is "The 44 Flapper," which depicts fashions of 1944. A large number of Caroleen folk will take part in the play.

Forest City Youth Attacked By Thugs

Adelaide Peeler Sandbagged in Bout With Strangers Who Refuse to Pay For Gas

FOREST CITY MEETS CHARLOTTE TONIGHT

Cool Springs high school basketball team, champions of group seven, will play Charlotte, winners of group six championship, at Gastonia Thursday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock. Asheville High, of group eight and Mt. Ulla, of group five, will clash at the same time at Asheville.

If Forest City and Asheville win tonight they will play at Spindale Monday. If Forest City and Mt. Ulla win they will play at Hickory Monday night.

The winner of Monday night's game will meet the winner of the Lexington-Winston-Salem-Candor-High Point contests, Thursday night, March 7, at Salisbury. The Salisbury winner goes to Chapel Hill for the state finals, March 9.

SPONSORS COTTON GROWING CONTEST

Prizes Offered to Ellenboro Farmers Who Produce Most Cotton Next Season

Ellenboro, Feb. 26.—The first evening meeting for farmers which was held in the Ellenboro school building Monday night by A. B. Bushong, teacher of agriculture, was attended by more than thirty farmers who gave their names to enter a cotton growing contest now being sponsored by the agricultural department of the school.

Twenty-five dollars in cash have already been donated to be given in three prizes to the farmers who produce the most cotton on five acres, and more money is being raised to be given as prizes for the purpose of stimulating more efficiency in growing cotton in the Ellenboro community, because after all it is not how much cotton is grown on an acre that counts but how much profit is made.

During the meeting the teacher of agriculture gave the results of the cotton variety tests conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the local school last year with percent lint, length of staple, yield of ginned cotton per acre and value of lint per acre for each variety. These facts helped the farmers to decide on the variety to grow. Before the close of the meeting the teacher of agriculture took the farmers' names to get them more good seed.

The next meeting is set for Friday evening, March 1st, when fertilizing cotton will be discussed. At this time the cotton fertilizer tests conducted by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau and the Agricultural Department of the local school co-operating will be explained, and prices on fertilizing materials will be available for the group. All who are interested are invited to be present.

The names of those who were present are: W. M. Campbell, L. L. Ledford, A. L. McKinney, A. L. Burns, M. B. Burns, A. M. Bridges, G. C. Hamrick, L. R. Webb, A. D. Bridges, F. L. Sparks, E. S. Bridges, G. B. Hamrick, G. J. Padgett, W. W. Bridges, Oscar Padgett, W. E. Padgett, M. E. Bridges, W. R. Philbeck, E. B. Wilson, W. C. Stockton, M. E. Heltton, B. E. Greene, B. C. Greene, E. B. Dycus, C. B. Harrill, E. E. Hamrick, L. W. McKinney, G. L. Jenkins, and A. H. Greene.

Adelaide Peeler, twenty year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peeler, of the Mt. Pleasant community, who was sandbagged Monday morning by some unknown parties who refused to pay for some gasoline they had just bought from young Peeler, returned from the Rutherford Hospital Tuesday morning after undergoing treatment.

Young Peeler, football star and captain of the Cool Springs football squad, was found lying in the road in front of his home in an unconscious condition about 8 o'clock Monday morning by a school bus driver, after he had been hit over the head with a sandbag by thugs.

Peeler left the house a short time before he was found, to catch the school bus, which carried him each morning to Cool Springs high school, where he is a student.

When found he was carried to the house and medical aid and the police were summoned. Chief of Police Chas. R. Price, of Forest City, and Garrett Edwards, county motorcycle officer, made a thorough investigation. Near the spot where Peeler was found they discovered a flour sack with about a half-pint of sand in it. A Ford coupe was in the garage with the hood raised. A pet-cock in the gas line was open and gasoline was dripping out of it. In front of the car was a half gallon bottle that had gas in it.

Peeler who part of the time was in a semi-conscious state but was unable to talk clearly, would raise up once in a while and say, "They won't pay me for the gas." He would also raise two fingers and say "two men in a Ford roadster."

He was taken to the hospital at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. An examination revealed that he had suffered no bodily injuries, but that he was severely bruised about the head where he was struck by the sandbag. He remained in a semi-conscious state until Tuesday morning. Shortly before noon Tuesday he was able to give the officers a connected, coherent account of the affair.

While waiting for the school bus two young men in a car stopped and inquired if they might purchase some gasoline. Young Peeler went to the car shed nearby and drew out a half gallon of gas which was put in the strangers car. They made preparations to leave without paying for the gas, and one of the men started the car. Peeler reached inside and cut off the switch. As he did that, one of the men struck at him with a knife cutting his arm and his coat along the arm and lapel. Peeler hit him with his fists, and as he did this the other man struck him over the head with the sandbag.

The men said they were from Georgia. Their car bore a Georgia license plate. To date the police have found no clues that would lead to the arrest of the guilty parties.

SCOUT OFFICIALS MEET TUESDAY

Executive Board of Piedmont Council Will Hold Meeting at Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton, Feb. 26.—The executive board of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scout of America, will meet at the Iso-Thermal here Tuesday night at 6:30 o'clock. The meeting will be presided over by Mr. J. W. Atkins, president of the Council, and managing editor of the Gastonia Gazette, of Gastonia. About twenty-five officials, representing the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford will be in attendance. Several matters of importance will be brought up at this meeting for action.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. NORA ALDRIDGE

Alexander Woman Succumbs to Long Illness—Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Nora Aldridge, aged 45, died at the home of her son, Mr. Isaac Randall, of Alexander, where she had been making her home, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Aldridge had been ill about eighteen months with cancer, and had undergone an operation for that ailment.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Providence Methodist church. Interment was in the Providence cemetery.

Mrs. Aldridge was twice married. Three children by her first marriage survive, as follows, Isaac Randall, Alexander, with whom she made her home; Mrs. Monnie Buckner, of Alexander; and Lewis Randall, of Alexander. Her second marriage was to Mr. Aldridge, who preceded her to the grave about 18 months ago. To this union were born three children, Vernon, Mary and Vera Aldridge, all at home.

THE BIG FIGHT OVER THE WIRE

Romina Theatre Has Special Western Union Wire for Ringside Report of Stribling-Sharkey Fight

Wednesday night, Feb. 27th, is to be a big night at the Romina Theatre. Principal interest is centered in the Stribling-Sharkey fight at Miami, and this event will be covered by a special Western Union wire report direct from the ringside. The Olympia Players and Rod La Rocque in "Love Over Night" are also on the program. This trio of features should draw a large crowd to the Romina. Manager Hughes has been unstinted in going to heavy expense to provide these features for Romina patrons, and is to be congratulated upon his enterprise. Elsewhere will be found a complete week's program for the Romina Theatre, which shows some rich things are in store for their patrons.

Results of the championship basketball game at Gastonia Thursday night will be given at the Romina. Forest City plays Charlotte on this night, and local interest in the outcome of the game will be intense.