

Local High School Closes Next Week

Rev. H. G. Hardin, of Gastonia, Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night—Dr. R. J. Bateman on Program

The commencement exercises of the senior class of the Cool Springs High School, of Forest City, will begin Sunday, May 19th and continue through Friday, May 24.

Sunday, May 19 at 8 p. m. Rev. H. G. Hardin, of Gastonia, will deliver baccalaureate sermon. Music will be furnished by the church choirs. The choir directors of the different churches are co-operating and working with Miss Katherine Goggans in this work. It is a custom for all the churches to suspend services and join in a union service on this occasion.

Tuesday night, May 21st, 8 p. m., Miss Goggans' pupils will give a recital. The toy orchestra and other numbers will furnish entertainment on this evening.

Thursday night, 8 p. m., the program will be given by the senior class. A class day program has been arranged by the class for this occasion. A jolly good time is in store for all who attend these exercises.

Friday morning the annual declamation and recitation contest will be held. This program will be at 10 a. m.

Friday night, 8 p. m., the address to the senior class will be delivered by Dr. R. J. Bateman of Asheville.

All the patrons of the township have an earnest invitation to attend the exercises planned for the senior class. The principals of the elementary schools have arranged their programs in such a manner as to make it possible for patrons of the different communities to attend these exercises.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET TONIGHT

Fourth Annual Class Banquet to be Held at High School Building

The fourth annual junior-senior banquet of the Cool Springs high school will be held Thursday night (tonight) at the high school building, beginning at 8 o'clock. At the conclusion of the dinner a number of speakers will be heard. The topic will be an aeroplane flight, and the speeches will follow on aeronautical terms. "The take-off," will be the subject of Fred Blanton, president of the Junior Class. Macon Hewitt, president of the senior class, will speak on "The Flight." Other topics will be "The Engine," by Leona Hardin; "Our Cargo," by Mr. R. L. Reinhardt; "The steering-gear," by Carter Thomas; "Contact," by Miss Ruth Moore; "Aeronauts," by Lila Gordon King; "Wings," Glenn McKeithan; "Engine Trouble," by James Moss and "The Landing Field," by Frances Hollifield. The glee club, quartet and Moore's Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Officers of the senior class are Macon Hewitt, president; Marie Hughes, vice-president, and Wilson Crocker, secretary. Junior class officers Fred Blanton, president; Lila Gordon King, vice-president; Delle Wofford, secretary.

NEW FURNITURE STORE OPENS IN RUTHERFORDTON

Mr. Reuben McBrayer, of the Forest City Furniture Co., is opening a new furniture store in Rutherfordton today in the building next door to Stahl's Ten Cent Store. Mr. R. B. McBrayer will be manager of the new store. A full line of new furniture will be carried and also several of the best radios.

Mr. McBrayer has had years of experience in the furniture business and should make a success of his new enterprise.

Receives Most Votes



G. B. HARRILL

Mr. G. B. Harrill, recently elected member of the board of aldermen of Forest City, is one of the city's outstanding business men. He received a larger number of votes than any other candidate in the recent municipal election.

NEW OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED BY KIWANIS CLUB

Given Backing of Club in Management of City's Affairs—New Members Received Into Club

The new city officials were guests of the Kiwanis Club Monday night, where they were given welcome and the endorsement of the club upon the work they have before them in the management of the city's affairs. The program was in charge of Dr. A. C. Duncan and J. W. Dalton, both of whom, and President Flack, made talks of encouragement to the new officers, and explained the club's attitude and co-operation with these men.

Among the officials present were Mayor V. T. Davis, J. E. Caldwell, clerk-treas., Aldermen F. E. Webb, G. B. Harrill, Francis Little, Chief Chas. R. Price and A. A. Price, of the police force, Broad Green and Frank Dorsey.

The meeting was a most interesting one and a large attendance was present to greet the new city officials. Five new members were also received into the club: Messrs. Arch McKeithan, formerly of Darlington, S. C., Francis Little, G. B. Harrill, W. S. Moss and E. G. Abernethy.

Report of the Milwaukee trip was made by M. H. Hewitt, who reported that the new Ford car had been received and that sufficient space had been sold to the wide-awake business men to pay for the car. This car will be decorated with the advertisements of the subscribers to this fund and taken on the trip to Milwaukee, serving as an advertisement for Forest City to all points going and coming and at the convention city. It is a most unique idea and should attract much favorable notice. Accompanying the car as delegates to the convention will be M. H. Hewitt, Rev. G. R. Gillespie and President Chas. Z. Flack. These gentlemen will advertise Forest City all along the route and will visit newspaper offices and chambers of commerce at all points. A big pep meeting will be held on the square June 10th to give the delegates a good send off and wish them God speed.

On next Monday night the club will meet with the Rutherfordton club and all members are requested to meet at the hall at 6:30 p. m. in order to get an early start to the sister city.

MISS MURIEL BARNES TO WED MR. CHAS. ERWIN

Announcement of Approaching Marriage of Popular Couple Made at Lovely Social

Rutherfordton, May 13.—Mrs. W. O. Geer and Mrs. G. A. Hines were joint hostesses at a bridge party Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Geer's beautiful home on Ridgecrest Avenue, announcing the engagement of Miss Muriel Barnes to Mr. Charles C. Erwin, the wedding to take place in July.

The house was attractively decorated with snapdragons, roses and peonies, carrying out the color scheme of pink and yellow.

Miss Viola Cowan held high score and Miss Mae Shirley cut consolation. The honoree was presented with a dainty box of linen handkerchiefs. The hostesses were assisted in serving a delicious ice course to the following: Misses Muriel Barnes, Winifred Hoyle, Ruth Moore, Annie Taylor, Viola Cowan, Rachael Niblock, Florine Herman, Amelia Stephenson, Madge Wilkins, Sarah Taylor, Olivia McGowan, Merle Davis, Lela Morris, Ruby Pryor, Ruth Tilby, Frances Whitney, Inez Waters, Laura Howard, Mae Shirley, Theresa Taylor, Mesdames Arthur Harrill, Leroy Dobbins, Iva Lovelace, L. E. Spikes, W. R. Hill, J. R. Anderson, B. L. Smith, J. R. Keeter, James McMahan, Fannie Cantrell, W. C. Logan, C. D. Geer, A. G. Harrelson.

DR. L. A. CROWELL TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY CLUB

May Meeting Will Be Held Jointly With County Medical Society At Spindale

Spindale, May 13.—The May Meeting of The Rutherford County Club will be held in the Spindale House here Friday at one o'clock, according to an announcement made today by the secretary, Clarence Griffin.

This will be a joint meeting with the Rutherford County Medical Society. In addition to the members of the Rutherford County Club practically every member of the medical profession of the county will be present. Dr. L. A. Crowell, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, will be present and address the joint meeting of the clubs following the luncheon.

The luncheon will be served by the members of the Womans Missionary Society, of the First Baptist church, with Mrs. R. M. Hill in charge.

Anyone who does not belong to the Rutherford County Club or the Rutherford County Medical Society, who wishes to attend is cordially invited to do so. If you expect to be present for luncheon please notify the secretary or Mrs. R. M. Hill to that proper reservations may be made.

PROF. B. L. SMITH ELECTED HEAD OF SHELBY SCHOOLS

Rutherfordton-Spindale Superintendent Selected Over Twenty-Five Applicants for Position

Spindale, May 15.—Captain Benjamin L. Smith, present superintendent of the Rutherfordton-Spindale-Ruth school system, has been elected superintendent of the Shelby County schools, to succeed Prof. I. C. Griffin, according to word received here yesterday.

Captain Smith was selected from a list of approximately twenty-five applicants for the position, by the Shelby school board, at a meeting held Tuesday.

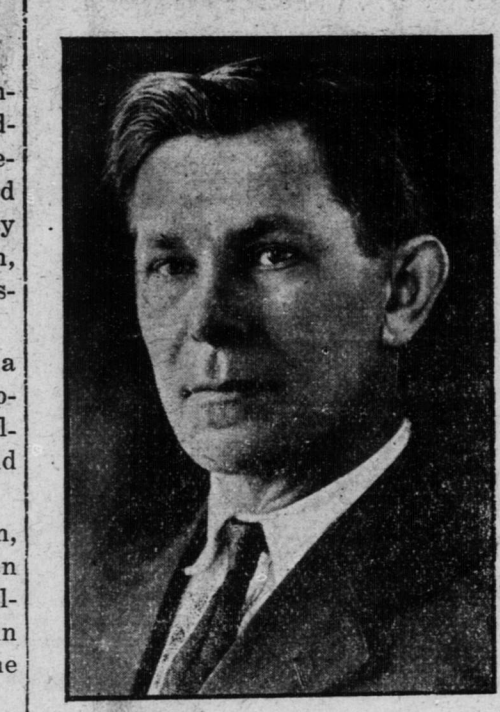
He will succeed Prof. I. C. Griffin, resigned, who has served for thirteen years as superintendent of the Shelby schools. Mr. Griffin will leave in July, and will be connected with the University of North Carolina.

Prof. B. L. Smith came to Rutherford county in 1919, shortly after being discharged from military service. He was head of the Forest City schools from 1919 to 1925, resigning that year to go to Spindale where he has since been head of the Rutherfordton-Spindale-Ruth school system. Prof. Smith is recognized as one of the outstanding educators of the state. One notable fact about his career in Rutherford county is the fine constructive work done by him in the county. Coming to Forest City in 1919 the city had one poorly equipped school building. Through Mr. Smith's efforts the city built a larger, and better equipped building. Mr. Smith was responsible, in a large measure, for the present magnificent system of township schools in Cool Springs, and spent much time and effort in putting across the election called for that purpose.

Mr. Smith's efforts in securing a centralized school system for Spindale and Rutherfordton were no less spectacular than his work in Forest City. During the short period of time that he has been here he has seen the small, inadequate school buildings of Rutherfordton, Spindale and Ruth give away to modern elementary schools, with one of the best central high school buildings in North Carolina, erected for the high school pupils of the three towns.

Ability was justly rewarded in 1927 with the appointment of Mr. Smith as a member of the state textbook commission, for a term of five years. His work on this commission,

Veteran Alderman



Mr. W. L. Horn, recently elected alderman of Forest City, enters his sixth term in that capacity. Mr. Horn has served five terms, or ten years, as a member of the Forest City Board of Aldermen, prior to his election May 7.

REV. M. F. MOORES ILL

Rev. M. F. Moores, pastor of the First Methodist Church, is confined to his room this week with acute indigestion. Mr. Moores was taken ill last Friday, and has been confined to his room since. As we go to press his condition seems to be improved.

Mr. W. L. Brown and nephew, Glen Justus spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brown in Hot Springs, Mr. Geo. Brown, of Laurens, S. C., returned home with Mr. W. L. Brown from Hot Springs, and spent Monday night here.

With the removal of Mr. Smith to Shelby, Spindale and Rutherford county will lose a loyal supporter of the church, an educational leader of superior talents, and the community and civic clubs a leader whose place will indeed be difficult to fill.

A successor to Mr. Smith has not yet been named by the Spindale-Rutherfordton school board.

New Hotel to Open In Forest City Soon

To Be Known As Hotel Blanton and Operated By C. C. Blanton in Jones' Building on Depot Street

New Mayor



V. T. DAVIS

Mr. V. T. Davis, who was elected mayor of Forest City in the municipal election of May 7. Mr. Davis served one term, during 1927-29, as alderman. He also served, during that period, as mayor pro tem. Mr. Davis is a young man of fine character and ability. He is 38 years old, and was born and reared in Forest City. During the late World War he spent nine months in France as a member of Headquarters Company of the 324th Infantry, and participated in the battles along the Meuse-Argonne front in October, 1918.

LATE CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT

Cases Coming Before May Term of Court Tuesday

Rutherfordton, May 15.—The following cases came before the superior court Tuesday for trial:

State vs. Dennis Flack and Onie Flack. Defendant Dennis Flack pleads guilty. Onie Flack pleads guilty. Not guilty as to Onie Flack. Judgment as to Dennis Flack that defendant be confined in county jail four months and be assigned to work on public roads of county.

State vs. Jess Kennedy. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgment of the court that defendant be imprisoned in County jail for a period of six months and assigned to work on the roads. The sentence of the Recorder of four months to run concurrently with sentence imposed in this case.

State vs. Ben Johnson. Nol prosequitave.

State vs. Vaden Mayse. Consolidated for trial: In first case prayer for judgment in this case continued on payment of costs. Capias to issue for punishment when ordered by court on motion of Solicitor. The court is of opinion after reading Statute and hearing the evidence in this case that the defendant is not liable to pay officers fee of \$25.00, that the evidence was not furnished by the officers according to the evidence. In second case, judgment of the court is that defendant pay a fine of \$20.00 and the cost. It is ordered by court that defendant need not pay a penalty of \$25.00 to the officer as the court is of the opinion after hearing the evidence in the case and after reading the Statute that the law does not allow the officer to receive \$25.00 in this case.

State vs. G. R. Connor. Grand jury in a body comes into open court and returns a true bill for murder.

State vs. Robert Gordon. Continued for defendant.

State vs. Lathan Williams. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgment of the Court that defendant be imprisoned in County jail for four months and assigned to work on public roads.

Forest City is to have a new and up-to-date hotel, something that has been sadly needed for the past few years in order to keep pace with the growth of the city.

Mr. Cowan C. Blanton, of Blanton's Cafe, this week closed a deal with Mr. Geo. W. Jones for the lease of his brick building on Depot street and is now rapidly making all arrangements to open the new Hotel Blanton about June 15th.

The new Hotel Blanton will have twenty-six rooms and will be modern in every respect. The building, which is a handsome brick structure, was originally planned for a hotel and is admirably suited for the purpose. It carries steam heat and is fittingly arranged throughout for a modern hostelry.

Mr. Blanton's plans call for handsome new furnishings throughout, with the lobby on the first floor. In front a handsome marquee will be added, while in the rear ample parking facilities will be provided. All work of interior decorating and furnishing will be rushed, and Mr. Blanton hopes to open the new hostelry by June 15th.

Mr. Blanton, one of the most successful Cafe owners in the state, is finely qualified in every way from experience and affability to make a success in the hotel business. He will make his home in the new Hotel Blanton and give the hostelry his undivided attention. Meals for all guests will be provided in Blanton's Cafe, one of the finest in the State and in close distance to the hotel.

Forest City has badly needed a new hotel and our citizens will give Mr. Blanton solid backing in his new enterprise.

The opening of the new hotel will be a boon to hundreds of traveling men, who have so often expressed their regret at the meagre hotel facilities in our city, and who were often compelled to leave the city, many times at a late hour, to find accommodations elsewhere.

DAVIS GOFORTH DIED TUESDAY

Funeral In Forest City Wednesday—Revival Closes—Births Reported

Florence Mill, May 14.—Word was received here today of the death of Davis Goforth who died of pneumonia in Kings Mountain. Funeral services will be held Wednesday of this week in the Missionary Methodist church here, in charge of Revs. E. L. Beachboard and H. C. Kiser.

The deceased is the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Goforth of Caroleen and a brother of Mrs. C. E. Hardin of this place. Interment will be in Cool Springs cemetery.

One of the most successful revival meetings ever held in the Florence Baptist church is now in progress there. A number of professions are made at practically every service, and a goodly number of accessions to the church have already been made. Rev. L. N. Eppley is assisting the pastor, Rev. Z. D. Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Randall are the happy parents of a son, Chivovs Dorsey, born last Sunday.

Born, recently to Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Adams, a girl.

Mr. Robert Sisk is suffering from blood poison in his hand. Mr. C. E. Hardin is nursing a sore foot, caused by a poisoned wooden splinter.