

## DR. WM. ANDERSON GIVES FACTS ON BECHTLER FAMILY

Remembers Christopher Bechtler, Jr., From an Incident Occurring in Boyhood.

Dr. William Anderson, of Blacksburg, S. C., in a recent letter to The Courier, speaks well of the pamphlet "The Bechtlers and Bechtler Coinage", recently published by The Courier News Editor, Clarence Griffin, and gives an interesting sidelight on Christopher Bechtler, Jr. Dr. Anderson, a native of Rutherford County, lived for a number of years in Rutherford county. Portions of Dr. Anderson's letter follows:

"I extend to you my heartfelt and sincere thanks for a copy of your booklet, 'The Bechtlers and Bechtler Coinage'. Without any flattering I consider it not only a literary, but an historical gem for all Rutherford county and North Carolina, and shall preserve it among my most valuable and cherished papers.

### Remembers Bechtler.

"I can remember Christopher Bechtler, Jr., as an old man, who lived opposite the home of cousin Matt Miller, as you say, 'on the corner of Washington and 6th street.' I was a small boy and lived in the country with my grandmother. She had a gold watch which needed repairs, and she sent it to Mr. Bechtler. After several weeks, on coming to town one day, I was sent into his shop expecting to get the watch. The old man was sitting at his bench, with his clay pipe and cane stem, bushy eyebrows, tousled hair and stern face, and when I made known my call, he simply said 'not done,' and I was glad to make my escape from such forbidding reception. Several times again I was sent in, but always entered his august presence with great trepidation and awe. I don't know that my grandmother ever did recover the watch.

"Christopher Bechtler, Jr., had one daughter, Louisa, who married a German, I have forgotten his name, and two sons, whom I remember, Edward and Christopher. They were handsome young fellows and dress-

ed always in the latest style. When I came here (Blacksburg) in 1876, I met up with both of them. Edward had married a Miss Wylie, a very worthy woman and of a good substantial family. She had inherited a small tract of land from her father's estate, and he had built a home on it, and went around repairing watches, clocks, etc.

"Chris was just over the line in North Carolina and was practicing medicine without a diploma or license, near Earls Station. He also had married a most excellent woman, Miss Bettis, but he did so badly she secured a divorce. Both are dead now, leaving one son, a successful farmer and good citizen, living near Earls. His wife is the daughter of a German and they have a family of five children."

### MOVIES RAISE GRADES.

Some interesting tests with a view to determining the benefits derived from supplementing ordinary instruction by motion picture films illustrating the subjects taught were recently made in schools in San Diego and eleven other California cities.

In all more than 11,000 children were tested, each school being divided into two groups, one of which received both book and film instruction, the other being taught through text-books only. The tests covered a period of ten weeks, at the end of which examinations were held.

Pupils having the advantage of the motion pictures made grades averaging 33 per cent higher in geography and 15 per cent higher in general science subjects than those who used books alone. This experiment appears to have been extensive enough to warrant the conclusion that the combined book-picture method is highly advantageous in such subjects as those mentioned.

Not only is this method beneficial to the individual pupil, but by reducing the number of failures in examinations, it reduces the number of pupils who must repeat courses, thus effecting a saving in expenses for school purposes.

The introduction of educational films is becoming widespread, and there is little doubt that they will become standard equipment for schools of the future.

## ONE RUTHERFORD MAN MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN U. S. N.

Navy Department Records Just Published Show J. L. Beam Died in Service During World War.

One man from Rutherford county in the naval service of the United States, during the World war, made the supreme sacrifice, according to records of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, of the Navy Department. This sailor, Joshua Lawrence Beam, of Ellenboro, died on March 21, 1918, and to date no mention has been made of him in any county records, and his name does not appear on the monument on the public square in Forest City.

One hundred and five enlisted men and officers, from North Carolina, in the Naval service made the supreme sacrifice during the World war, according to information just compiled and published for the first time in the Congressional Record. A demand for this information arose in several counties of the state and Senator F. M. Simmons recently called on the Bureau of Navigation for statistics, names, etc., of North Carolina's men in the Naval Service. This information was compiled and furnished him and made public last week in The Congressional Record.

The number of men in the Naval service of the United States during the World war from North Carolina and other statistics regarding their service, by counties, is a mere matter of speculation, for, unlike the War Department, this has never been made public.

According to the records of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, of the Navy Department, J. L. Beam enlisted first as apprentice seaman at Atlanta, Ga.; November 18, 1912, and was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Va., on November 17, 1916. He re-enlisted on January 5, 1917, at Richmond, Va., with a rating of Fireman, first class. Death occurred at the Naval Hospital in Charleston, S. C., on March 21, 1918, diagnosis ulcer of the stomach. His remains were shipped to his father, Foster Beam, of Ellenboro, and were interred at Bethel Church, Ellenboro.

### SOLVING A PROBLEM.

Where is the Forest City motorist who hasn't at some time or another wondered what actually becomes of automobiles after they reach the point where human ingenuity can't coax them to run an inch farther. We've wondered ourselves, and now that we have read of Henry Ford's plan to dispose of worthless flivvers, we want to pass it on. Ford is building a plant away up in the northern edge of New York City. It will be equipped to separate the metal in old machines worth saving from the waste material; to reclaim the hair in cushions and bale it for further use; to smooth out such metal sheets as can be salvaged and to melt up such as cannot. In a word, it will be a modern flivver reduction plant, and will solve New York City's problem of what to do with worthless junk that once rolled over the streets as autos. But that still leaves us wondering what will become of the millions of others annually falling into that class in other parts of the country.

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## AUTO LICENSES WILL BE SOLD AT RUTHERFORDTON

Hunter Auto Co., Headquarters For Rutherford-McDowell and Polk Counties.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 2.—North Carolina automobile license plates will be sold here, beginning Dec. 16th by the Hunter Auto Co. Rutherford, Polk and part of McDowell counties will be served by the Hunter Auto Co.

Car owners will be allowed to place on the new plates on their cars immediately after the purchase.

About six tons of State license plates were received here last week, or around 8,000 plates. This may not fill the demand. The plates this year will be in pairs, as it will refill the demand. The plates next year. All owners of automobiles and trucks must secure a new license plate by the first of the year.

The State law requires that every automobile driver must have his car headlights tested and approved before a new license can be issued. The headlight adjusting station at the Hunter Auto Co., has already been opened and certificates can be secured any time.

The selling of license plates here will be a great convenience to the people of Rutherford and adjoining counties. Plan now to get your license plates early and avoid the rush on Dec. 31st, 1929.

### HIGHWAY 19 COMPLETED.

The improving of Highway No. 19 to Union Mills has been completed. The highway has been relocated, graded, top-soiled, gravelled and tarred. It is an all the year-round road now and will mean much for the upper end of Rutherford county. It will soon be water-bound macadam road all the way to Marion.

### WORLD'S DEEPEST WELL.

While aviators are breaking records for height, oil men are breaking records for depth, with the further difference, however, that in the latter case the descent is made by drilling tools and pipes, instead of men themselves.

The deepest hole ever drilled into the earth was completed as an oil producer a couple of weeks ago, when a well in Reagan County, Texas, reached a depth of 8,520 feet, or about one and five-eighths miles. It is producing about 600 barrels of oil a day.

Other deep holes include one in Orange County, Calif., 8,201 feet, which was a failure; a gas well near Ligonier, Pa., 7,756 feet, and a small producing oil well in the Rosecrans

field of California, 7,591 feet deep. Besides opening up a vast field for deeper drilling, the new well will make a contribution to education, the royalty of one-eighth of all the oil produced being owned by the University of Texas, which has already received more than ten million dollars from its oil land holdings since 1923.

When it is recalled that the first producing oil well in the United States, drilled near Titusville, Pa., in 1859, was only 34 feet deep, the amazing advance made by the industry since that time may be better appreciated.

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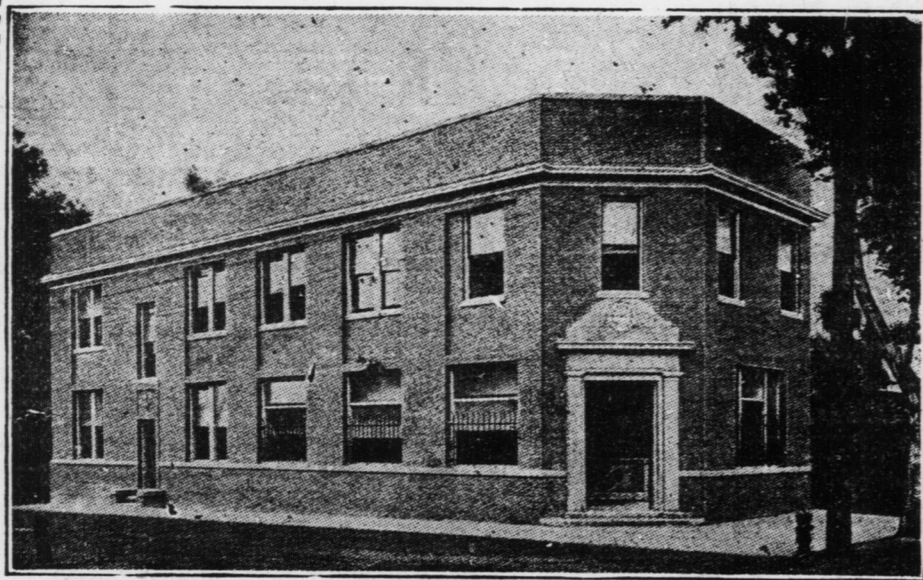
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