

Much Building Here During Past Year

Building Permits Totaling \$42,400.00 Issued During 1929 by City Clerk—Agricultural Departments of Four High Schools Have Prominent Part in Progress of Rutherford County.

By ARVAL ALCOCK.

The largest town in Rutherford county, for the past five years Forest City has steadily grown and the year that has just passed was no exception. Although building permits issued in 1929 were slightly lower than those issued the previous year, much building was accomplished, permits totaling \$42,400.00 being issued by J. E. Caldwell, city clerk. Among these permits was one for the construction of a \$12,000.00 residence by Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace, and one for the construction of a \$12,000.00 display room for the Model Chevrolet Company. Other permits issued during the year called for the construction of one garage, five dwellings, three stores, one cotton gin and one filling station. The Jones' building on Depot street, which was built a few years ago, was converted into a model hotel building and was leased by C. C. Blanton during 1929. This hostelry is operated under the name of Hotel Blanton.

From all indication, however, the year 1930 will be one of the best, from a financial and business viewpoint, that Forest City has had for sometime. Plans are already under way for the organization and building of a new textile plant, which will employ about 100 persons. It has also been rumored that a new hosiery company will move into the building now being vacated by the Forest City Hosiery Mill, which is being merged with the plant at Spindale.

Work has already started on the

paving of the side street on which the postoffice is located. On this same street just across from the postoffice a handsome brick building, which will be occupied by the Hewitt Roller Works, is rapidly nearing completion.

The Kiwanis Club, one of Forest City's most active civic organizations, has several projects in view, pertaining to the future growth and development of the city, as well as the club, according to Howard Doggett, newly elected president of the Club, who stated that as soon as their organization could be perfected, the 1930 officers having just been installed, committees would be appointed to formulate plans for the growth and expansion of Forest City.

Another great work that is being done that has not only proved beneficial to Forest City and this township, but to the county as a whole, is that being done by the vocational agricultural departments of the high schools at Forest City, Rutherfordton, Harris and Ellenboro. These departments by working with the farmers in the townships in which these schools are located and by holding various contests and demonstrations have found which grade of cotton is best suited to the particular soil that the farmer is trying to cultivate. As a result of this work, during a contest recently held by the agricultural department of the Forest City high school, together with the Kiwanis Club of this city, Tom Harris made over ten bales of cotton on five acres of land. Seventy men and boys participated in this contest and grew 350 acres of cotton, each acre averaging over a bale of cotton per

acre. The ten making the highest score averaged over eight bales to the five acres.

As a result of cooperating with the agricultural department of the Ellenboro school, E. G. Summey received eleven bales, 5192 pounds of lint cotton, from seven acres of land. If a person had told a farmer of Rutherford county a few years ago that he could grow a bale of cotton to the acre, he would have been thought insane, but it has been done and then some, and if as much progress is made agriculturally within the next few years as in the past, Rutherford county will be one of the richest agricultural centers of the state.

Rutherford is not only coming to the forefront as a cotton growing county, but is also producing a large variety of other crops. Diversified farming has been taught from one end of this county to the other and as a result Colfax Township is rapidly becoming a sweet potato center. Three curing houses, with a capacity of 15,000 bushels have been built at Ellenboro within the past three years. Tomatoes, cantaloupes and fruit are also being grown to some extent, while corn production per acre has more than doubled during the past ten years. Dairying is also a profitable side line being carried on by the farmers.

The Rutherford County Club, a country-wide civic organization which has sponsored and assisted in sponsoring many agricultural projects in the county during the past eight years, will soon outline an agricultural and industrial program toward which to work during 1930.

Mr. W. W. Hicks Resigns Position

Rutherfordton, Jan. 6.—Mr. W. W. Hicks has resigned as active vice-president of the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Company, his resignation being effective December 31, according to an announcement made last week. Mr. Hicks resigned on account of the pressure of personal business matters.

To Drive Out Scrub Bull



Standing from left to right: O. J. Holler, F. E. Patton, County Agent, and Dr. W. A. Thompson, President Rutherford County Jersey Breeders Association.

Through the Educational Department of the Farmers Federation the first gate has been opened to drive out the scrub bull from Rutherford county.

The above is a picture of the first purebred bull purchased by the Federation, he is a grandson of the noted S. A. Golden Gumbo on one side and a descendent of Golden Lad on the other. This bull will be kept in the outlying sections of the County, three months in one community and then moved to another.

More bulls will be purchased next year for the same purpose. The object is to improve the dairy cattle so that Rutherford County can produce enough cream to operate a creamery in the county.

Joseph Edwards Claimed By Death

Union Mills, R-3, Jan. 6.—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 28, at the Mountain Creek Baptist church for Joseph Edwards, who died at the age of sixty-six years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Curtis Cardell, where he had made his home during the past summer. The Rev. Mr. Brindle, Gilkey, officiated and the service was an impressive one. There were many beautiful flowers which had been sent by friends and loved ones and the floral offerings were carried by

Misses Mamie Blanton and Helena Geer.

The late Mr. Edwards was born October 14, 1863. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He had been married to Miss Annie Higgins, who preceded her husband to the grave. The deceased at an early age joined the Mountain Creek church and remained a faithful member throughout his life. He is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Lula Geer, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Carrie Monteith, Mountain Creek; Mrs. Daby Geer, Rutherfordton, and five grandchildren, Margie, Katie and Elizabeth Edwards, J. D. and Mary Willie Cardell. Interment was made in the churchyard.

JAMES MILLARD AGED 64, DEAD

Prominent Rutherfordton Citizen Succumbs to Pneumonia—Funeral held Saturday, January 4.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 6.—Mr. James Millard, aged 64, of this place, died at his residence here Friday afternoon, at 5:45 o'clock. He took pneumonia on Wednesday prior to his death which claimed his life despite all that medical skill could do.

Funeral services were held at Green River Baptist church Saturday, with Rev. B. M. Hamrick, Rutherfordton, R-1, in charge of the service. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Millard is survived by his widow, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Bessie Blackwell, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Davie Connor, of Landrum, R-3, S. C.; Mrs. Martha Rowe, of Landrum, R-4, S. C.; Walter Millard, Landrum, S. C.; Mark Millard, Rutherfordton, R-2; Mrs. Meldora Camp, of Rutherfordton, R-2; Mrs. Daisy Free, Rutherfordton, R-2; T. F. Blackwell, Gaffney, S. C.; Mrs. Alice Huggins, Asheville; Miss Lizzie Millard, Rutherfordton. Two brothers, Dick Champion, of Landrum, S. C., and Bob Champion, of Rutherfordton, survive.

Active pall bearers were: Messrs. Calvin Hardin, W. D. Ledford, J. L. McClure, O. E. Summers, T. D. Holland, J. H. Rollins, Sheriff W. C. Hardin and Ex-Sheriff, J. W. Beason.

Mr. Millard was one of Rutherfordton's most prominent citizens. He had been a life long resident of Rutherfordton, and was prominent as a business man and farmer. He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

There were many beautiful floral offerings sent as tokens of love and respect. They were carried by Misses Lillie Roddy, Willie D. Splawn, Nellie Williams, Dora Byers and Leona Rollins.

Statement of Condition of

FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO.

FOREST CITY, N. C.

At The Close of Business

DECEMBER 31, 1929

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$1,437,872.70
Overdrafts	1,934.40
Stocks and Bonds.....	121,827.79
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	144,031.21
Cash and Due From Banks.....	205,171.10
Total.....	\$1,910,837.20

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 250,000.00
Surplus	250,000.00
Profits	13,055.20
Bills Payable	155,000.00
Deposits	1,242,782.00
Total.....	\$1,910,837.20

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