

FIRE DOES \$2,000 DAMAGE SATURDAY

Blaze Saturday Night Destroys Home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hill, on Broadway.

Approximately \$2,000 damage was caused by fire when the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hill, on Broadway, was burned Saturday night. A garage located the rear of the house was also burned, and an adjoining house occupied by John Henrick caught on fire from the intense heat and was damaged, while the house on the other side was badly scorched. The fire is thought to have originated from a defective wire.

When the city's two fire trucks arrived the entire house was ablaze and was beginning to fall in and all they could do was keep the fire from spreading to the adjoining houses.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Hill's furniture was destroyed. They carried no insurance. The house was owned by George D. Horn and was valued at about \$1,500.

A peculiar coincidence in reference to the fire is reported by a Forest City man who visited the charred ruins of the house of Sunday morning. While looking over the ruins he discovered a small object a short distance away, and when approaching closer found that it was a Bible, which was only slightly burned and scorched. It is thought that the book was protected by some of the furniture which was wet from steady streams of water played on the fire by the fire engines.

Knights Templar Elect Officers

At a regular meeting of Forest City Commandery, No. 30, Knights Templar, held in the lodge rooms here Friday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- J. M. Burkholder, Eminent Commander.
- J. S. Rudisill, Generalissimo.
- Max W. Higgins, Captain General.
- C. E. Aleock, Senior Warden.
- C. C. Erwin, Junior Warden.
- Dr. C. S. McCall, Prelate.
- E. E. Biggerstaff, Treasurer.
- Dr. J. S. Wood, Recorder.
- M. H. Hewitt, Standard Bearer.
- Dr. C. H. Verner, Sword Bearer.
- F. I. Barber, Warden.
- J. B. Long, Sentinel.

Funeral Held For Mrs. C. C. Bridges

Rutherfordton, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Columbus C. Bridges, 71, died at her home about five miles North of here Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for a year but was critically ill for only a few days. She ate lunch with the family Sunday and was able to go about the house Friday.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with her pastor, the Rev. J. A. Brendell, in charge. A large crowd attended.

She leaves her husband, five sons, Oscar Bridges, Opelika, Ala.; Coran Bridges, Meriwether, S. C.; Guss Bridges, Pelzer, S. C.; Carl Bridges, near home, and Ralph, an adopted son, at home and three daughters: Mrs. O'la Bowen, and Mrs. Maude Biggerstaff, of near Bostic, and Miss Bessie Bridges, at home. She also leaves one brother, John Blanton of Lincolnton, and five sisters, Mrs. Susan Waters, of near Bostic; Mrs. Mary Guffey, Mrs. Jonathan Whitaker, and Mrs. Roxanna Nance Spindale, and Mrs. Eliza Mills, Rosemary N. C. Mrs. Bridges was a devoted member of the Baptist church and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and relatives.

NOTICE, DEPOSITORS!

A meeting of the depositors of the Farmers Bank will be held in the Kiwanis Hall, Forest City, on Thursday evening (tonight), at 7 o'clock. Please all come.

DEPOSITORS.

MASS MEETING.

A citizens mass meeting will be held in the court house at Rutherfordton, Thursday evening (tonight) at eight o'clock.

Mr. John A. Goode, of Asheville, past president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, will be present and deliver an address on "Economic County and State Government." Mr. Goode is an authority on government and has made a study of it. He will discuss sound economy from a view point of a good business man and loyal citizen. This is a non-partisan meeting, and there will be no admission charges. All men and women of Rutherford county, who have an interest in good government, are urged to attend this meeting.

Funeral Held For Rev. G. W. Rollins

Rev. G. W. Rollins, who was about 55 years of age, died at 6 o'clock Friday night at his home at Warsaw, N. C.

Mr. Rollins had been pastor of Baptist churches at Leonard Fork, near Lincolnton, Globe, Concord, Benson and Ingold and was at this time pastor of the Warsaw Baptist church. He was born at Forest City and is survived by his wife and two sons, Glenn and Virgil.

Funeral was held at Warsaw Sunday.

State Patrolman Warns Motorists

State patrolman K. B. Mann made one arrest Sunday night for drunkenness. He also arrested one automobile driver for improper lights, and one for improper license on truck. Mr. Mann states that no leniency will be shown drivers of "one-eyed" cars from now on. All drivers are expected to watch carefully their lights, and if trouble develops, have it fixed at once. This also applies to tail lights.

Music Club Has Enjoyable Meeting

One of the most interesting programs of the year was enjoyed by the members of the music department and several guests Friday afternoon, February 21st, at the home of Mrs. T. R. Padgett, with Mesdames C. A. Petty, L. C. Eddington, and Mrs. W. C. Bostic, Jr., as joint hostesses.

The handsome parlors were attractively decorated with red carnations and ferns.

During the business session Mrs. F. E. Webb read a letter from Gov. Max Gardner in which he urged the clubs throughout the state to contribute to the many needs now occasioned by the financial difficulties occurring. At the suggestion of Mrs. Webb the club voted to dispense with elaborate refreshments in order that the money might be used for other worthy causes.

The program was composed of selections from the composers whose birthdays come in February, and proved to be a delightful one. The compositions given were from Mendelssohn, Massenet, Debussy and Fowell Weaver.

At the conclusion of the program the hostesses served hot tea and cakes to the members and the following guests: Mesdames G. C. McDaniel, Arthur McDaniel, F. R. Wilkins, A. C. Duncan and Blanton Biggerstaff.

MR. R. Y. TURNER ILL.

Mr. R. Y. Turner, owner of the Model Steam Laundry of Rutherfordton, and the Forest City Laundry, of Forest City, and operator of other laundries in this state is critically ill with pneumonia at his home in Rutherfordton, as The Courier goes to press. According to reports Mr. Turner was taken ill last Thursday, and his condition has grown steadily worse. He is under the constant care of physicians and nurses, and no one except members of his immediate family are allowed to see him.

CLOSE STEPHENS MEETING TONIGHT

Six Weeks Tabernacle Service Will Be Concluded Thursday, (Tonight)—Large Number Converts.

Cliffside, Feb. 25.—The Stephens tabernacle meetings, which began January 19th, will close Thursday night, (tonight) and the people regret very deeply to see them close. If it was left to a vote of the large audiences that packed the tabernacle every night, it would not close soon, for these meetings will go down in history as the greatest blessing that has ever come to Cliffside, and surrounding country.

Rev. Stephens was in the hospital at Charlotte on last Tuesday and Wednesday, on account of hoarseness and Rev. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church at Rutherfordton, preached a most excellent sermon on Tuesday night.

The Cliffside high school attended in a body on Tuesday night. A large delegation of several hundred from Avondale, attended Wednesday night, and a delegation equally as large from Henrietta came on Saturday night.

There were three services on Sunday. Rev. Powell Lee, the choir leader, preached a forceful and convincing sermon on Sunday morning.

The large Bible class from the Baptist church at Henrietta attended the meeting Sunday afternoon.

The tabernacle was packed on Sunday night, and there were about one hundred conversions.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the mills at Cliffside and Avondale will stand, from ten o'clock a. m., to one o'clock p. m., and every place of business will close during the morning services.

Thad Marks Has Both Legs Broken

Mr. Thad Marks, son of Mr. P. L. Marks, of this city, who is a resident of Marion, had both legs broken when hit by an auto in Marion last Wednesday night. He was removed to the hospital and when visited by his father Sunday was found to be doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. While his injuries are severe, it is thought that he will make rapid recovery, no complications arising.

Baptists To Meet In Greenville

A hundred years ago on March 26, 27, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized with 14 charter members, seven ministers and seven laymen, in Greenville, N. C. At that time, according to Dr. Thomas Meredith and Dr. Samuel Waite, leaders in the new organization, there were in North Carolina around 15,360 Baptists all told, Missionary, Anti-missionary, O-missionary, Free Will, white and colored, who were grouped into 272 churches and 14 district associations.

At the session of the Convention in Shelby last fall it was agreed to meet in extraordinary session in Greenville on Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, March 26 and 27, to celebrate in a fitting way the centennial anniversary of the organization of the convention. It is not expected that any business will be transacted. Only inspirational addresses will be made pointing out the growth and years and the challenge of the next hundred years.

Dr. William Louis Poteat, Wake Forest, is the chairman of the special committee to arrange the program, which has been completed. Many outstanding men of this and other states are included in the program. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the East Carolina Teachers' College. The pastor of the Memorial Baptist church, Rev. A. W. Fleischmann, and his committee on arrangements are prepared to take care of the hundreds of delegates and visitors that are expected development of the past hundred to attend.

ELLENBORO NOW HAS CHAMBER COMMERCE

Organization Formally Perfected Last Friday Evening—A. B. Bushong is President.

Ellenboro, Feb. 24.—A chamber of Commerce for the town of Ellenboro was officially organized last Friday evening when more than fifty progressive citizens of the town and township were present to bring into existence a club for the purpose of developing the financial, social, educational and religious interests of the town and community. Another meeting is called for Friday evening, February 28, at 7:30 p. m., to complete the organization of the club.

At the close of the meeting the following were elected to be the officers for the year: A. B. Bushong, president; Professor R. B. Tapp, vice-president; Professor Curtis Price, secretary-treasurer; M. O. Harrill, business manager; Fred Harrill, publicity manager, and Rev. W. C. Rourke, chaplain.

After further explanations as to the purposes of the club, the constitutional committee made its report at the very beginning of the meeting, and a constitution was formed after suggestions from the committee. Any male citizen of the township may be a member of the club, and it is the hope to have at least half of the membership farmers.

All male citizens are urged to attend the next meeting and become members.

Bank Statement Will Be Filed Next Week

According to Mr. W. S. Coursey, head examiner in charge of the affairs of the banks closed in the county recently, a statement will be filed with the Clerk of Court some day next week, showing the condition of the banks. Nothing definite for publication this week.

McGregor To Manage Isothermal Hotel

Rutherfordton, Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Suiter will give up the Isothermal Hotel here as managers about March 15. They came here from Rocky Mount. Mr. Suiter first went to Lake Lure where he was the successful manager for two seasons. He became manager of the Isothermal in the fall of 1927 and has held high the reputation of this well known hostelry. Mr. and Mrs. Suiter have made many friends here and with the traveling public who regret to see them leave. Mr. Suiter will be succeeded by J. T. McGregor now manager of the Newberry Hotel at Newberry, S. C. Mr. McGregor was formerly superintendent of the Florence Mills of Forest City. On account of ill health he quit the cotton mill and went into the hotel business and has made an enviable reputation for himself at Newberry.

MODEL CHEVROLET CO. IS RE-ORGANIZED

Some changes have recently been made in the Model Chevrolet Co., Mr. J. C. Ellen becoming manager. Mr. H. C. Morris remains with the company while Mr. J. C. Powell retires. Mr. Henry C. Carson, of Rutherfordton, is with the new company as salesman and Mr. J. R. Logan remains as bookkeeper. Mr. G. O. Goode is head of the shop department and is one of the county's finest mechanics.

The company has a large ad in this issue showing big list of used cars. They have also received a shipment of new Chevrolts this week.

FIRE ALARM.

A fire alarm was turned in Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock when a grass fire was discovered on Powell street. The blaze was soon extinguished without any damage.

DAIRY MEETING

County Agent, F. E. Patton announces a dairy meeting to be held in the court house at Rutherfordton, Thursday, February 27th, which all farmers and others interested in the important work are urged to attend.

To realize the greatest returns from cows and suffer a minimum of loss from diseases, F. R. Farnham and Dr. A. H. Kerr of the Department of Agriculture have been asked to be present and discuss the following subjects: Grain mixtures, reducing cost of ration, raising calves, contagious abortion and prevention of diseases common to cattle.

Time will be given for discussion to allow everyone to ask questions on local dairy problems. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock.

Rutherford Writer Joins Associated Press

William J. Davis, reporter of The Asheville Citizen for the past three years, left Monday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will become associate feature editor of the Southern division of The Associated Press. Mr. Davis came to The Citizen from The Hendersonville Times-News.

Mr. Davis is a native of Rutherford County, and formerly worked in Forest City.

Sunday School Banquet Tonight

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the year at the First Baptist church is the annual Sunday school teachers and officers banquet, which will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the social hall of the church. This banquet is usually held in January but was postponed this year on account of the pastor being out of town.

Mrs. B. B. Doggett will have charge of preparing the supper. Mr. O. C. Turner, associate superintendent of the Sunday school, is donating three large turkeys for the banquet; Mr. J. W. Eakes, superintendent of the adult department, is furnishing oysters; while Mr. E. E. Smart, general superintendent of the Sunday school, is furnishing cranberries.

This is expected to be a most enjoyable affair and every teacher and officer in the Sunday school is cordially invited and urged to be present.

Atlanta Policemen Here On Business

City detective Sam Smith and policeman Marshall J. Price, of the Atlanta, Ga., police department, arrived here Wednesday morning and will return with Henry and Reuben Dutton and Ralph Brown, who were captured this week with a stolen auto near Ellenboro. The officers will also take the automobile back with them. The three men were captured in a stolen car early Monday morning at Ellenboro by state patrolman K. B. Mann and county traffic officer Garrett Edwards. It is stated that the three men are escaped convicts, and are wanted in Georgia on other charges.

Officer M. J. Price is a brother of Chief Charles R. Price and corporal A. A. Price.

MOVING BARBER SHOP.

Mr. W. R. Curtis is moving his barber shop from Depot street to the storeroom next to Farmers Bank building on Main street. The room has been handsomely fitted up and will prove a fine location. Mr. Curtis has a four chair shop, splendid barbers and will be better prepared to take care of his growing trade.

Mr. Salem Suber went to Charlotte this week to consult Dr. Sloan in regard to his eye which was hurt last Monday night in a basketball game. We are delighted to say that the injury was not of a serious nature and Salem will be home in a few days after taking treatment.

MR. J. C. SCRUGGS DIED SUNDAY

Prominent Forest City Man Passes After an Illness of Two Years—Funeral Monday.

Mr. J. C. Scruggs, aged 59, died at his home here Sunday night at ten o'clock after a lingering illness. He had been in ill health about two years, but his condition grew worse about two months ago and terminated in his death Sunday.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church here Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and was in charge of Dr. W. A. Ayers. Several hundred people attended the services filling the church to its capacity. Dr. Ayers delivered an eloquent funeral discourse, and favorite hymns of the deceased were sung. Interment was in the Cool Springs cemetery.

Mr. Scruggs is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. W. G. Blanton, Forest City and Mrs. E. C. Sanders, of Burlington. Two brothers, B. L. Scruggs, of Charlotte, and L. D. Scruggs, of Erwin, Tenn., survive, also four sisters, Mesdames Octavie Scruggs, C. H. Queen, Robert Moore and Ed Martin, all of Mooresboro. His mother, Mrs. T. D. Scruggs, of Mooresboro, also survive.

Mr. Scruggs was a member of the First Baptist church, of Forest City where he took an active part in the church's work. He was for a number of years superintendent of the Sunday school, and was teacher of the Philathea class. He was also church clerk for several years.

Mr. Scruggs was a member of the Knights of Pythias. This order had charge of the burial ceremony.

Members of the T. E. L. Class, which is taught by Mrs. Scruggs, were flower bearers.

Pall bearers were Messrs. C. C. Moore, Joe Harrill, F. T. Davis, H. B. Doggett, B. A. Stalnaker and G. M. Metcalf.

Kings Mountain Man "Taken For A Ride"

When one is "taken for a ride," in gang infested Chicago he usually loses his life. Mr. J. C. Jolley, of Kings Mountain was more fortunate. He was "taken for a ride" Tuesday morning by two young men, who at the point of a pistol entered his car and demanded that he drive them where they wished to go. Helpless, he directed his course toward Shelby, came on through that city and into Rutherford county. Turning off at Ellenboro, the party drove on toward Henrietta. Leaving there on the road to Harris, he ran out of gas. The hold-up men then robbed him of \$30 in money and made their escape on foot. Officers were notified, but after strenuous search failed to locate the desperadoes.

Both were young men. One was tall, black hair and dressed in dark clothes; the other was low and heavy set, of reddish hair and complexion and dressed in grey clothing.

Club Seeks Better Telephone Service

The matter of improved telephone service was taken up at the Kiwanis Club at its meeting Monday night, and is a move in the right direction, for the city and county has been feeling the effects of poor and inadequate service for some time.

The matter was referred to the Public Affairs Committee, which will take it up with the Board of Aldermen with the view of getting that body to request of the company an improved service.

CHILD HIT BY CAR.

The small daughter of Mr. C. O. Blanton, of Broadway street, was injured last Friday afternoon when she was hit by a car while crossing the street. The child was rushed to Dr. A. C. Duncan's office where her injuries were dressed. At latest reports she is resting nicely, and her condition does not seem to be serious.