

Rutherford County Offers Unequaled Opportunities To Manufacturers and Others

FOREST CITY COURIER

14 Pages

FOREST CITY—"ONE OF THE TEN BEST PLANNED AND MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES IN THE U. S. A." U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SURVEY.

84 COLUMNS

PUBLISHED IN THE INTEREST OF FOREST CITY AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY

Vol. XII—No. 22.

FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1930

\$1.00 Per Year in Advance

BANK DEPOSITORS HOLD MEETING

Expect to Form Organization for Protection—Meet Again Saturday Night.

Bank Examiners to Make Preliminary Report to Clerk Superior Court Next Monday.

The called meeting of the depositors of the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., held at the Kiwanis Hall last Thursday night, attracted such a large crowd that the room would not hold the half of them, in consequence of which it was moved that the crowd go to the High school building so that the mammoth crowd could be accommodated.

Conservative estimates of the crowd at the school building give the total at well over five hundred. The meeting was opened by Mayor V. T. Davis, who explained that he had been requested to open the proceedings and then turned the meeting over to Dr. A. B. Holland. The Doctor then took the floor and in an interesting talk explained the purpose of the meeting, the main object of which was to form an organization for the purpose of looking after the interests of the depositors of the defunct bank and, if agreeable to those interested, employ one or more lawyers to represent the depositors.

Attorney O. J. Mooneyham was elected chairman of the meeting and presided in a most satisfactory manner. He made a talk in which he explained some of the banking laws applying in the case of a bank going into the hands of receivers. He was followed by Attorney B. T. Jones, who also went into the matter of explaining the laws in the case. After these talks a committee of five was appointed to perfect the organization and to call another meeting of depositors. Attorney B. T. Jones was made chairman of this committee; other members of the committee are: Dr. A. B. Holland, Dr. Geo. P. Reid, J. B. Grose and M. H. Hewitt. This committee has called another meeting of the depositors to be held at the Forest City High school building, Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Another large crowd is expected to be out at this time and a permanent organization will be effected and other matters disposed of.

At the meeting Thursday night, a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. J. H. Thomas, former officer of the bank, requesting him to defer his visit to Florida until after the bank examiners had made their report. This committee was composed of Mayor V. T. Davis, chairman; J. L. Butler and C. E. Alcock. Mr. Thomas has a letter in this paper explaining why he left at the time set for his going.

Bank Examiners to Make Preliminary Report Monday.

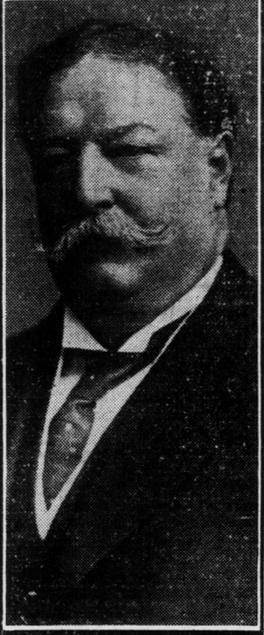
Bank examiners have completed pencil reports on their examination of the six closed banks in the county, and will, according to Mr. W. S. Coursey, head examiner, make preliminary report to the Clerk of Superior court on next Monday, March 10. However, full report cannot be made until the work of the examiners has been typed and gotten in due form. This work will be done at Charlotte and it will be about three weeks before this final report is made. One copy will be filed with the Clerk of Court, one copy with the liquidating agents, The Union Trust Co., and one copy filed with the state banking department. When the statement is filed with the Clerk of Court it will be open for the inspection of the public and any one desiring to look over the papers will have the right to do so.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Literary Department.

The Literary Department of the Woman's Club will meet Thursday afternoon (today) at 3:45 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. M. W. Harris. All members are urged to be present.

★ WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT ★



William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States and former chief justice of the United States Supreme court is critically ill, and death is just a matter of a few days or hours. He has been in failing health for some months.

B. B. HIGGINS DIES OF INJURIES

Former Rutherford County Man Ran Over by Truck in Roanoke Rapids.

Roanoke Rapids, Mar. 5.—Funeral services for B. B. Higgins, aged 53, a son of A. C. Higgins, of Bostic, N. C., was held February 18, from the Roanoke Rapids church, and interment followed in the local cemetery.

Mr. Higgins died Sunday, February 16, of injuries received when he was struck by a truck while riding a bicycle Saturday evening. According to reports Mr. Higgins was returning to his home from his work on a bicycle. A large truck, driven by a negro, struck the bicycle, knocking Mr. Higgins from the vehicle and ran over him. He was rushed to a hospital where he died Sunday. The negro was later arrested.

Mr. Higgins is survived by his widow and two children, a Mrs. Freeman and son, Curtis Higgins. His father, A. C. Higgins, of Bostic, survives also two brothers, C. C. Higgins, Caroleen; I. S. Higgins, Spartanburg; two half brothers, M. A. and B. L. Higgins, of Bostic; and five half sisters, as follows: Mrs. H. M. McGaha, of Greensboro; Mrs. T. S. Bolic, Newton; Mrs. J. W. Jenks, Apex; Mrs. Howard, Hollifield; and Mrs. Gilmer Philbeck, of Bostic.

A number of Rutherford county relatives and friends of the deceased attended the funeral services.

Mr. Higgins was a native of Rutherford county. He had been living in Roanoke Rapids about 26 years.

CAROLEEN BRANCH BANK OPENED

Union Trust Company Opened Caroleen Branch Saturday Morning—Good Business First Day.

Caroleen, Mar. 5.—The Caroleen Branch of the Union Trust Company opened here Saturday morning for business in the quarters formerly used by the now defunct Farmers Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. W. L. Hicks is cashier of the branch, and Mr. M. G. Goforth is bookkeeper. Mr. Eskridge was present Saturday morning at the opening and gave each customer a hearty welcome.

A large number called during the day, and a number of deposits were made.

STATEMENT OF MR. J. H. THOMAS

Former Official of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. Leaves Message Upon Departure For Florida.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, former official of the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., was waited upon by a committee from the meeting of depositors held at the High School building last Thursday night with request from that body that he defer his departure to Florida until after report of the bank examiners had been filed.

Upon the eve of his departure, Mr. Thomas filed for publication the following statement, giving his reasons for not complying with the request of the committee:

Forest City, N. C., Feb. 28, 1930.—For the past year I have been in very bad health and the last of November I completely broke down and have been in the house continuously since that time. Dr. Frederick M. Haynes, of Winston-Salem, medical director of a Life Insurance Company in which I am insured, came to see me on December 10th, and said that I must stay in bed for six months at least. I have been examined by four other doctors and they all agree that is the only thing that will do me any good. Examination was made by two doctors this week and they advise that if I expect to get better I will have to go to Florida for a month or two.

I have Bright's disease, enlargement of the heart, myocarditis, and blood pressure running from 245 down to 235. The doctors say that I must have absolute quiet if I am ever to improve. And on advice of these doctors I am going to Daytona Beach, Florida, and take my family.

The closing of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company was a terrible shock to me. I had worked with it and had helped build it up from a small beginning for nearly twenty years, and to see it all come down at once was a shock almost more than I could stand. I appreciate the co-operation and the help that I have had from everybody, and if there is any way on earth that I can be of service to the depositors I stand ready to do whatever I can. I have been severely criticised in a great many cases, but I hold no malice towards anyone, for I realize that it is a hard thing for people to have their money tied up.

My aim in life has been to build up the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, and at the same time to help build up the people and the community. During these twenty years I have never let an opportunity pass that tended in that direction.

This bank's money is loaned largely to the people of Rutherford county, and I believe in Rutherford county and its people and that they will pay back the money that they have borrowed and that the depositors will get every cent of the money they have in the bank. The bank has five hundred thousand dollars in capital and surplus to take care of losses.

I believe that the liquidation of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. will be handled better by Mr. C. C. Blanton and his organization than any other way it could be liquidated. I believe that if you will co-operate with Mr. Blanton that he will co-operate with you, and that the whole thing will come out better than it may now seem possible.

I expect to make my home in Forest City as long as I live, and appreciate the friendship that has been displayed to me by a great many people during the last few weeks, and I will always be ready to use my best efforts in behalf of this section and its people.

J. H. THOMAS.

NOTICE DEPOSITORS!

A meeting of the depositors of the Farmers Bank will be held in the high school auditorium, Forest City, on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Please all come.

COMMITTEE.

HOLD FUNERAL FATHER, AGE 83, AND SON, A 60

John Kennedy and M. B. Kennedy Die Few Hours Apart—Double Funeral For Father and Son.

Avondale, Mar. 4.—A father and son, both prominent citizens, died at their respective homes near Avondale Wednesday night and Thursday morning, within twelve hours of each other.

John Kennedy, aged 88, died at his residence one mile from Avondale Wednesday night about one o'clock. He had been in ill health about two years but during the past two months and been desperately ill, and his death while a shock to the community, was not unexpected. He was of a prominent family, and a highly respected citizen. He was a Confederate veteran, serving four years in Company I, 34th North Carolina Volunteers as a private under Capt. James O. Simmons. Following the war he returned to Rutherford county where he engaged in farming. He lived an exemplary life and his influence has been felt over a wide area. He was a member of the High Shoals Baptist church, where he moved his membership over forty years ago. He had been a consistent christian during this time and attended regularly to all church activities.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruthie Kennedy, one daughter, Mrs. C. M. Holland, of the Ferry community, and two step-sons, Elijah Matheny, of Forest City and George Matheny, of Union Mills. One brother, Peeler Kennedy, of Georgia, also survives.

Pall bearers for Mr. Kennedy were all grandsons, as follows: Messrs. Summie Holland, Odus Holland, Roy Holland, Dewey Holland, C. M. Holland and Eugene Holland.

Son Dies.

Within a few hours after his father's death, Mr. Moses B. Kennedy, aged sixty, died, at his home near Henrietta. He had been ill only about six weeks. He was one of the county's most prominent citizens, and had been a member of the Henrietta Baptist church about thirty years, and was a deacon in that church at the time of his death. He was a general merchant, and was widely known for his generous dealing. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Members of that order were pall bearers at his funeral and were as follows: Messrs. T. B. Weese, Herbert McDaniel, J. B. Mahaffee, W. R. Piercy, J. S. Clayton and Roy McDaniel.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josie Kennedy, and the following children: Messrs. Hoyt and Alvin Kennedy, Spindale; M. B. Kennedy, Henrietta; Miss Virginia Kennedy, Henrietta; and Mrs. John Dobbins, of the Ferry community. One sister, Mrs. C. M. Holland, of the Ferry community survives, also two half brother, Elijah Matheny, of Forest City and George Matheny, of Union Mills.

Both father and son had extensive business interests and also had a large interest in the Cliffside Mill.

Double Funeral.

A double funeral service for father and son was held at High Shoals Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The ministers in charge of the funeral were Rev. J. A. Brock pastor of the Caroleen Baptist church; Rev. D. G. Washburn, Rev. W. T. Tate, of Pacolet, S. C.; Rev. I. N. Kimbrough, pastor of the Mt Pleasant church.

More than a thousand people were present to pay their last respects to the couple. The church was filled to its capacity, and many could not gain entrance, but stood outside. Each minister paid a tribute to the deceased and spoke of their great influence on the community. The choir sweetly sang the favorite songs of the father and son which were "Abide With Me," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Does Jesus Care," "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," "No night There," and "Rock

She Busts Bronchos



Miss Grace Runyon of Cheyenne, Wyo., who has been acclaimed the world's champion woman rough rider.

DEATH CLAIMS MR. WAKE A. BARNES

Funeral Services Held Sunday Afternoon at Golden Valley Methodist Church for Prominent Citizen.

Bostic, R-3, Mar. 3.—Funeral services were held at Golden Valley Methodist church Sunday evening at 2 o'clock for the late Wake A. Barnes who died at his home on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock after many years of illness, being helpless for six years. But he bore all his suffering with patience until the end.

Rev. Martin Gold, pastor of First Broad Baptist church, officiated. The deceased was 66 years, three months and six days of age. About eleven years ago he was married to Miss Emma Bowder, of Virginia, having been married twice before.

Mr. Barnes joined the First Broad Baptist church ten years ago and lived a christian life.

The pall bearers were: Messrs Berry Rollis, Creed Fortune, Bob Rollins, Roy Fortune, Dock Crow and Rush Rollins.

There were many lovely flowers. They were carried by Misses Nannie Melton, Eva Propes, Lucy Fortune, Mrs. Creed Fortune, Mrs. Cle Rollins, Mrs. M. O. Mauney, Mrs. Roy Fortune and Miss Ranie Blankenship. The mound of earth was made beautiful with lovely flowers.

The deceased leaves to mourn his departure his widow, Mrs. W. A. Barnes and one sister, Mrs. Ida Hull of Lincolnton, besides many friends.

He will be greatly missed especially in the home. Interment was made in Golden Valley cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mauney of Spindale, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Roosevelt Hunt spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Melton.

Miss Muriel Hunt, of Cliffside, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edly Hunt.

Mrs. Julia Early is very sick, we are sorry to note.

Mr. J. D. Houser and family went to see their little grand daughter, Virginia Beatty, of Spindale, Sunday who is very ill.

of Ages." Messrs Will and Ed Husky sang two special selections, accompanied by Mrs. Bate Morehead at the piano.

The caskets were banked with a profusion of beautiful flowers which were sent by friends and relatives as a last mark of respect and esteem. These flowers were borne by Misses Elizabeth Smith, Edith Holland, Pauline Harrill, Pauline Hollifield, Mary Lou West, Annie Sue Kiser, Mrs. Vance Wilkins and Mrs. J. L. Hames. The bodies were taken from the church to the cemetery where they were interred with appropriate but simple rites. The flowers were divided and placed on the graves of father and son.

TWO NEW SWEET POTATO CURING HOUSES SOON

Farmers Federation Will Open New Potato Curing Houses at Spindale and Union Mills This Fall.

Rutherfordton, Mar. 5.—The Farmers Federation will have two new sweet potato curing houses open for this fall season, one at the warehouse in Spindale and the other in Union Mills. This will give the Federation three warehouses, the other being in Forest City, with a total capacity of from 20,000 to 25,000 bushels. The Federation hopes to have enough potatoes stored this fall to be able to make carlot shipments.

Where a farmer has 100 bushels of sweet potatoes on hand now to be marketed he has \$100 or more to be applied on his fertilizer bill. The Federation help the grower to market his potatoes. When the potatoes are well graded in the field, it saves regrading when sold, thus saving much valuable time and money.

The Federation urges each farmer to plant one or more acres in potatoes this season. They are easier raised than cotton and mean much more per acre. Mr. Ezra Roberts raised 665 bushels per acre of sweet potatoes last fall. Can you equal that in cotton? At \$1 per bushel, which you can be practically assured for your potatoes, you would have to raise five good bales of cotton on the same acre to equal that. This cannot be done. Potatoes are a surer crop than cotton, for they have a more stable market and the yield is much greater.

Good seed and the right kind of fertilizers are most essential in raising potatoes. When potatoes are cured in a specially built curing house they sell much easier for they are sweet and in big demand. When you store your potatoes in a Federation warehouse you are sure of the Federation's help in marketing them and that they will be well cared for. Farmers should not be discouraged because last fall was most unusual and there was so much rain that it was next to impossible to "Dig" potatoes. This will likely not happen again in many years.

Grow at least one acre of potatoes for commercial purposes, and have a pay day in the spring when it is most needed. Potatoes will do that for you if you will only let them.

Ellenboro Boys Study Terracing

Ellenboro, March. 3.—The vocational agricultural students of the Ellenboro school got real agricultural training under the supervision of their teacher recently when they terraced twelve acres of land for two farmers in the community. The jobs were done in connection with their agricultural training, and during their 90 minute class periods.

Before going on the field trips the boys were taught the principles and rules for terracing in the classroom, and then on field trips they put their knowledge to practice.

Vocational agriculture in the high school aims at teaching information when their is a need for it, and lays much stress on learning by doing.

Change In Star Mail Route Effective 17

The change in the star mail route from Rutherfordton to Gaffney, which was scheduled to take place March 1st, has been postponed until March 17. At that time the present Gaffney-Rutherfordton star route will be changed to run from Spartanburg to Rutherfordton, and a change made in the schedule.

Mr. H. B. Jolley was the successful bidder for carrying mail on this route.