

HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR M. HARRILL SUNDAY

Large Number Present at Second Annual Birthday Dinner Honoring Martin Harrill.

The second memorial birthday picnic honoring Mr. Martin Harrill was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Ford, who is a grand daughter, and who lives at the old Harrill homestead. Mr. Harrill, in whose honor the dinner was given, died December 31, 1914.

Relatives from a number of places in North Carolina were present, also a number from South Carolina.

At one o'clock the dinner was served in the yard, where a row of tables were placed, and a most bountiful supply of food was spread. The tables were covered with a white cloth and baskets filled with early spring flowers made a pretty scene, around which the guests gathered. Rev. W. A. Ayers invoked the blessing after which interesting talks were made by Rev. Z. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro; Dr. W. C. Bostic, Sr., and Rev. W. A. Ayers, of Forest City; and Mr. B. Arp Lowrance, of Charlotte, who is a grandson of the late Martin Harrill.

About 100 descendants and invited guests were present. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. Arp Lowrance and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Williamson and children and Master Billy Williamson, Mr. McKinley Harrill, of Charlotte, Mrs. T. W. Barrett, Mrs. S. E. Wylie.

Miss Eloise Wylie, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Harrill, of Chester, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Harrill, of Rock Hill, S. C., Rev. Z. D. Harrill and Mr. Garrett Edwards, of Ellenboro, Mrs. J. R. Gamble and Misses Mary, Betty and Jamie Gamble, of Hickory Grove, S. C.

Due to the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Ford a picture of Mr. Martin Harrill and his wife, Mrs. Viana Harrill was placed on the front porch that all who came might see the picture of their ancestors.

B. & L. STOCKHOLDERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of president; new directors, G. V. Frye, the Forest City Building and Loan Association was held at the City Hall Wednesday, March 12th.

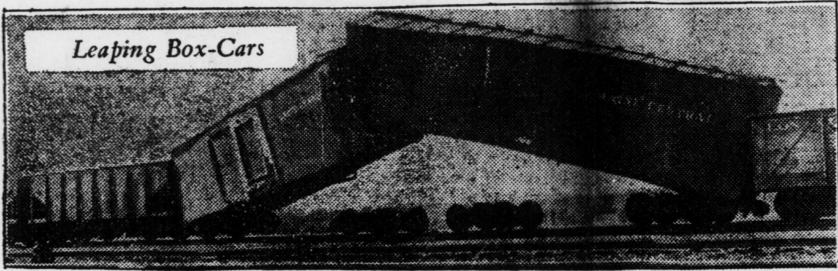
New officers were elected as follows: R. L. Reinhardt, re-elected as president; W. L. Brown, re-elected as secretary-treasurer; G. F. Bradley and W. S. Moss re-elected as vice presidents; new directors, G. V. Frye, John T. Poole and H. Francis Little Jr. Mr. J. A. Dennis resigned as director after a service of two years. Other directors were re-elected.

An amendment to the by-laws was passed to include nine directors instead of seven, as in the past.

The secretary's report was read and approved. It was most gratifying to all concerned that the earnings of last year were found to go well above six per cent and that the company had enjoyed a most successful year. Elsewhere in this issue will be found an interesting editorial from the Charlotte News on the successful operation of building and loan associations and their value to the community in which they operate. It seems that not only the local company, but those elsewhere had a most successful year.

TO STOCK STREAMS OF COUNTY WITH BASS

Rutherfordton, Mar. 18.—Mr. W. J. Hardin, county game and forest warden, went to Marion Wednesday and returned with a large number of bass with which to stock a private fishing pool on his farm north of Rutherfordton, and for several streams in the county. Mr. Hardin states that individuals may secure fish for private lakes by applying to J. S. Hargett, of Raleigh.



An engineer on the Pennsylvania Main Line put on the brakes too suddenly with this curious result.

Rutherford County Club To Meet Next Friday

OBSERVES SEVENTY THIRD BIRTHDAY

Mr. Frank Byers, Progressive Ellenboro Citizen, Honored Last Sunday on Birthday.

Ellenboro, Mar. 18.—Mr. Frank Byers of Ellenboro celebrated his 73rd birthday Sunday when his children and friends gathered at the Byers home here to do honor to the occasion. He is widely known in both Rutherford and Cleveland counties and has many friends. His life history and splendid service to his friends place him in a unique position among the ones of the present age. He has maintained a reputation for loyalty and good citizenship.

He remembers Ellenboro when it was a mere country cross-road; when the principal industry of the people was spinning and weaving, and the "home spun fabrics" were most fashionable, when the only means of transportation were wagons and ox carts; electricity was unknown and the best lighting facilities were candles and torches.

Mr. Byers was the first resident of Ellenboro, and being a contractor built most of the houses, including the Seaboard depot and the Piedmont House. He owned and operated the first cotton gin and saw mill here. He also helped in the construction of the Seaboard road from Shelby to Rutherfordton. He is a prominent member of Oak Grove Methodist church, and has lived in this community all of his life. Mr. Byers' children are: Mesdames Tom Wiggins, of Kenton, Okla., J. W. Griffin of Forest City; Will Matheny, of Washington, D. C.; L. C. Stover, of Washington, D. C.; Messrs Chas. Byers, of Standard Oil Company, Charlotte; Bert Byers, of Shelby; Misses Kansas Byers, of Philadelphia; Minnie Byers, of Washington, D. C.; Cliden Hamrick, of Ellenboro. One sister, Mrs. Nan Blanton, of Charlotte.

BANKING TRUSTEE IN CHARGE MONDAY

Chas. C. Blanton Declines to Act and Eastern Carolina Man to Act as Liquidating Agent.

Courier readers evidently think it high time this newspaper was giving some authentic news on the banking situation, but despite our most strenuous efforts we have been unable to find out anything of any importance, except that it was given out here Wednesday morning that Mr. Chas. C. Blanton had definitely decided not to act as liquidating agent for the closed banks.

However, The Courier was told that an agent had been decided upon and that he would take charge of the affairs of the banks on next Monday. We could not learn the name of this man, but it was said, on what we consider good authority, that the man was from the Eastern part of the state and well known in state banking circles. It is also taken for granted that the agent will have quarters at the Union Trust Co.

It is also understood that the pencil copy of the bank examiners is still in the hands of the firm making the typewritten copies and not ready as yet to be filed, but will be in a short time.

Program of Particular Interest Will be Given for Farmers—Meeting at Spindale House.

Spindale, Mar. 18.—The March meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held at the Spindale House Friday, at 1:00 p. m. The luncheon will be prepared and served by the girls of Miss Laura Howard's Home Demonstration Clubs and will be the first 50c luncheon served under the new ruling of the Club.

Walter Haynes, of Asheville, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Haynes is one of Buncombe county's best known and most progressive farmers, and is also a dairyman, lawyer and a good speaker.

The program will be of particular interest to the farmers and there will be one or more men from out of the county to address the club on diversified farming in the county in line with Gov. Gardner's stressing of the importance of this subject, particularly now with the price of cotton below cost of production.

At the last meeting of the Club it was voted to urge as many as possible who cannot arrange to eat their luncheon with the club to come immediately after the luncheon and hear the speakers and join in the discussion, and arrangements will be made to take care of all that can come. It is further urged that each member try and bring one or more farmers with him to this meeting.

THE PIRATE'S DAUGHTER.

Regardless of whether you like pirates, you will want to meet the pirate's daughter in the musical comedy "The Pirate's Daughter" to be presented at the high school auditorium on Friday night, March 28.

Full of pretty songs, clever lines, "snappy" choruses, and picturesque settings, the operetta will be entertaining from the time the curtain rises until it "rings down." Seventy-five students take part, nineteen of whom are listed among the major cast. The costumes are both modern American and Dutch, each type blending in an appropriate setting.

The operetta is being directed by Mrs. Glickman, assisted by Miss Jennie Aiken, who is directing the dances and Miss Johnnie King, who is directing the dramatics. Under the capable leadership of this trio of workers, "The Pirate's Daughter" on Friday night, March 28 is bound for success.

Don't miss seeing "The Pirate's Daughter". Watch for the entire cast of characters and synopsis of the comedy in next week's issue of The Courier.

The proceeds will be used to pay the expenses of the Girl's and Boys' Glee Club when they enter the state contest at Gastonia.

SERIES MATURE MARCH 22

It will be of interest to many to know that our 38th series mature March 22. With the maturity of this series, we will cancel thirteen thousand, eight hundred dollars in mortgages and pay to members four thousand dollars. You who are entitled to receive this will present certificates, if holding any, for cancellation.

Forest City Building & Loan Association.

R. R. REYNOLDS TO SPEAK TUESDAY IN RUTHERFORDTON

Asheville Orator to Address County Merchants Protective League—May Form Permanent Organization.

Rutherfordton, Mar. 18.—Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, attorney and well known orator of Asheville, will make an address at the courthouse in Rutherfordton at 7:30 p. m., next Tuesday, March 25, when there will be a meeting of Merchants' Protective League of Rutherford county which will be open to the general public without any admission charges. Mr. Reynolds is attacking the foreign owned chain stores and has made many notable speeches throughout the state during the last six or seven weeks. When the Mountain City orator spoke at Hendersonville recently the hall, large as it was, could not accommodate all who came to hear him and over three hundred people had to be turned away from the doors.

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds consented to speak here, because of his great personal friendship with the chairman of the temporary board of directors of the Merchants' Protective League of Rutherford county, Morris Littman. The other officials of the local league are B. D. Wilson, president; J. H. Burwell, secretary and as directors, M. L. Edwards, K. E. Simpson, W. C. Ellis of Spindale; J. T. Harris, Tommie Jones, B. C. Horn, C. O. Ridings, all of Forest City; Z. O. Jenkins of Cliffside; Carl Higgins of Caroleen; F. B. Edwards of Henrietta; C. F. Ward of Avondale; E. N. Washburn of Bostic and Washburn; J. S. Harris of Harris; B. E. Logan of Logan; Grady Withrow of Hollis; H. F. Killian of Union Mills and J. R. Morris of Chimney Rock.

S. P. Burton, President of the Buncombe County Merchants' Protective League, will accompany Mr. Reynolds to Rutherfordton and may speak a few words. The meeting is not intended to be a lengthy one and at its conclusion it is very probable that a permanent organization will be formed and officials and directors elected.

It will be remembered that the first meeting of the Merchants' Protective League of Rutherford county was held Monday night, February 3, in the courthouse; owing to the closing of six banks in the next two days, February 4 and 5, action has been delayed, but it is felt now that the present time is excellent for the merchants to get together and to cooperate.

CHILD'S ARM BROKEN.

Sillus Michalove, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Michalove, suffered a fracture of his right arm last Sunday when a swing turned with him, throwing him to the floor. The little fellow was swinging with a little cousin when the accident happened. His arm was broken between the elbow and shoulder. He has been getting along nicely and should soon recover.

Hat special: We have one lot of ladies' spring hats, worth up to \$4.95 selling in this sale at \$1.00 each. Don't fail to see the bargains. Forest City Shop. Allie Mae Ellis, Jennie Davis.

State and county fishing license sold by Farmers Hardware Co.

Chimney Rock Has \$60,000 Fire Sunday

Nine Buildings Destroyed by Wind-Whipped Blaze—Origin of Fire Unknown—Small Amount of Insurance.

Presbyterian Gospel Services

A series of revival services will begin at the local Presbyterian church Sunday, March 30, and will continue through April 6. Preaching will be held every night at 7:45. Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., pastor of the Rutherfordton Presbyterian church, a former missionary to Japan, and well known to many in Forest City, will preach daily. Good gospel singing will be a feature of each service. Prayer service will be held every morning at ten o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

ALLEGED GAS THIEF CAUGHT IN GAFFNEY

Former Forest City Boy Gets 90 Days in Gaffney Court on Three Charges.

Gaffney, S. C., Mar. 18.—An alleged gasoline thief, captured Sunday night after a hot chase lasting an hour or more, was sentenced in recorder's court here Monday to pay fines totaling \$64.50 or to serve 90 days in the roads. He gave his name as George Bennick, of Forest City, N. C. Three charges were lodged against him, stealing gasoline, reckless driving and having in possession contraband liquor. He denied the charges.

The chase began on Race street in front of the home of E. C. McArthur, of the McArthur-Wood Chevrolet Company, when Joe McArthur discovered someone siphoning gasoline from the tank of his automobile, which was parked in front of the house, about 7:30 o'clock. The thief had backed his own car up to Mr. McArthur's, and was drawing the gas into a can. Seeing what was going on, Mr. McArthur ran out. The man jumped into his coupe, in which a girl was seated, and drove away towards Limestone College but turned to the left at the Central school corner.

Mr. McArthur got into his own car and drove around the block, meeting the coupe at the intersection of Petty and Montgomery streets. The coupe turned north with Mr. McArthur following almost at its side to prevent the man from getting into a side street. The two cars after circulating around, finally reached East Frederick street where Mr. McArthur bumped the other car as it slowed down near the office of Garroll & Byers Company.

The coupe stopped, and the man began saying something about being hit. Mr. McArthur started calling for a policeman. The other man dashed away again. He was finally located in the yard of the Victor Cotton Oil Company, where he had hidden, but managed to make his escape again. While Mr. McArthur was finding a policeman, the chase was taken up by William Austell, Steedly Cook, and some others.

Bennick was finally overhauled on the Shelby road north of the Stacy Ferry bridge over Broad river. He returned to Gaffney without resistance, but stoutly denied that he knew anything of the attempted gas theft.—Gaffney Ledger.

MR. GEO. H. BLANTON TO HANDLE COTTON SEED

Mr. Geo. H. Blanton informs The Courier that he will receive a carload of pedigreed Wilson Big Boll cotton seed from Arkansas this week. This seed is said to be of very superior quality. Mr. Blanton is well qualified as a judge of cotton seed, having been a successful grower for a number of years.

Chimney Rock, Mar. 18.—Half the town of Chimney Rock Monday was in ashes, following the most disastrous blaze in the town's history Sunday night and early Monday, which destroyed nine buildings.

Estimating the loss Monday business men of the town placed the damage at \$60,000 or more. The total insurance carried on the nine buildings burned amounted to only about \$6,000. The insurance rate here is very high, it was explained Monday.

Starts At 11:30.

The fire started at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night in Oscar Shytle's cafe, and a strong west wind fanned the fire and soon half the town was in flames. Calls for aid were sent to the Rutherfordton, Hendersonville and Asheville fire departments, and the latter responded, but when the combination truck from the Biltmore station, in charge of Assistant Fire Chief J. C. Fitzgerald, arrived the last building had caved in. A shift in the wind was given credit for saving that part of the town not burned.

The fire raged for about an hour and a half.

No one was hurt.

Nine Buildings Burn.

The buildings destroyed with the estimated loss, follows:

- G. W. Logan inn, \$15,000 to \$20,000.
- Miller Hardware building, furnished but unoccupied, \$6,000.
- Shytle's cafe, \$5,000.
- McIntyre's garage, \$3,000.
- An office building, furnished but not occupied, the property of a Dr. Hord, of King's Mountain, \$4,000.
- Tar Heel Inn, owned by M. L. Edwards, \$10,000.

A vacant office building owned by Mr. Edwards, \$3,500.

Carolina Home, owned by Mrs. J. Grayson, \$10,000.

A small residence on the north side of the highway, \$500. All other buildings burned were on the south side of the highway.

Other Losses.

Other losses included one of \$600 suffered by the Bell Telephone company to poles, wires, etc. J. M. Flack also reported damages of \$500 to his power plant.

Guests in the boarding houses escaped unhurt, but many of them, it was said, lost their personal effects.

When the fire was discovered, Shytle's cafe was a mass of flames. While the cause of the fire had not been definitely determined Monday, the general belief was that it was due to a defective flue in the cafe.

Volunteers valiantly fought the fire as best they could with buckets, but their efforts were unavailing in the face of the strong wind which rapidly carried the flames from one building to another.

Chimney Rock does not have fire-fighting equipment, and the insurance rate on buildings is almost prohibitive, which accounts for the small amount of insurance carried.

LEE MOSS REINHARDT RECOVERING AT HOSPITAL

Lee Moss Reinhardt, who was seriously injured when struck by a car in front of the high school building on March 6, is doing as well as could be expected and showing gradual improvement at the Rutherford Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reinhardt and one of Forest City's finest young lads. Hundreds of friends all over the county have closely followed the course of his recovery and all are much gratified that the young man is now thought to be out of danger and well on the road to recovery. It is now expected that he will be able to return to his home here next Sunday.