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AWARD FIFTY-TWO DIPLOMAS FRIDAY TO GRADUATES

Awards Made Friday Evening Dr. Harrold D. Meyer Delivers Literary Address.

The Cool Springs high school commencement exercises came to a close Friday evening with graduating exercises and the literary address by Dr. Harrold D. Meyer. Awarding of diplomas, medals and other awards took place at that time.

The \$50.00 scholarship, awarded by Mrs. J. F. Alexander as a memorial to the late Hon. J. F. Alexander, went to Miss Lila Gordon King this year. The best all-around student gold medal was won by Fred Blanton. This medal is awarded annually by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff as a memorial to the late John Newton Biggerstaff. The gold medal, awarded to the best debater, went to Miss Lila Gordon King. This medal is given each year by the daughters of Dr. Young, Misses Margaret and Nell Young and Mrs. J. F. Alexander, as a memorial to Dr. Young, Miss Leona Hardin won the medal in the reading contest, which was presented by the Industrial Loan and Investment Company. In the declamation contest Phillip Chambers was awarded the medal, which was given by Dr. A. C. Duncan. The gold medal for five years perfect attendance, presented by the Rutherford county board of education, was awarded Nell Thomas. Leona Hardin was awarded a gold medal for winning in the county reading contest.

The class day exercises were held Thursday afternoon at five o'clock in front of the school building. The exercises were well attended. The piano recital of Miss Katherine Goggans' music pupils was held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. These exercises were also well attended.

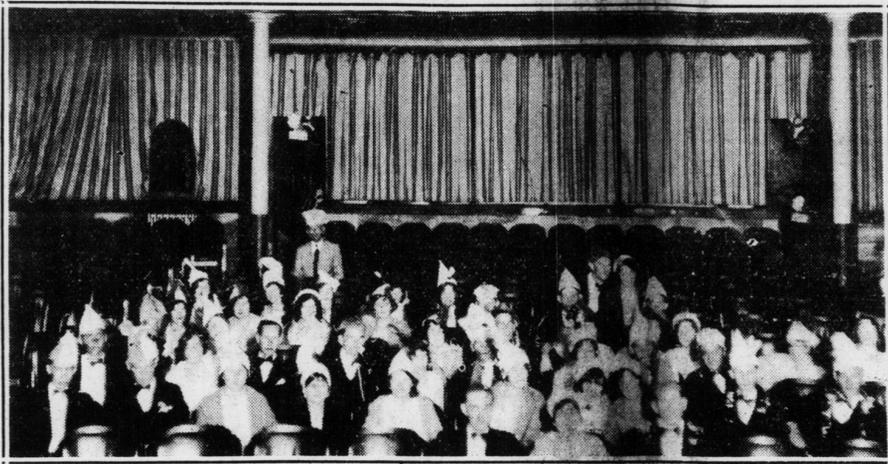
In the declamation and recitation contest, held Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, four students participated in each contest. In the reading contest the contestants were Leona Hardin, Eunice Hardin, Sara Bridges and Ruth Lewis. The medal was awarded to Leona Hardin, John Blanton, Phillip Chambers, Howard Magnus and Guy Vess were the declaimers. The medal was won by Phillip Chambers.

The graduating exercises were held Friday evening. Dr. Harrold D. Meyer, of the University of North Carolina, was presented by Supt. Clyde A. Erwin. Mr. Meyer brought a great message to the graduating class, as well as to the members of the other classes. After his address Prof. J. W. Eakes awarded diplomas to fifty-two members of the senior class, as follows:

Fifty-Two Graduates.
Fred Blanton, Rudolph Blanton, Kenneth Bostic, James Carson, Tom Dorsey, Charles Duncan, Roy Freeman, Alfred Gilliam, Hoyle Griffin, Claxton Horton, Albert Harrill, Charles Kirby, J. P. Lewis, Woodrow Mathoney, James Moss, Joe Neal, Jack Rudisill, Salem Suber, Carter Thomas, Reid Washburn, Horace Yelton, Jackie Harrill, Sara Bridges, Joy Brackett, Jessie Blanton, Dorothy Doggett, Inez Hamrick, Alma Hardin, Leona Hardin, Sara Holland, Pearl Irvin, Alice Keeter, Lila Gordon King, Gladys Long, Eleanor Meares, Virginia Mills, Katherine Moore, Mary Moss, Madge Moore, Kathleen McMurray, Margaret Neal, Clema Philbeck, Zennie Randall, Christine Sutton, Lee Ellen Tate, Frances Tinsley, Rosaline Thompson, Ruby Toms, Annabel Ware, Delle Wofford, Miriam Padgett.

Perfect Attendance.
Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to the following students: Eleanor Meares, Leona Hardin, Lee Ellen Tate, Dorothy Greene, Hazel Harrill, Hazel Horn, Wilneda Wilkerson, Frank Vess, Eva Griffin, Grace Reid Jones, Frances Ledbetter, Johnnie Washburn, Lois Long, Lorena Beheler, William Sanders, Nell Thom-

Seniors Have Happy Graduation Party



Friday night, after graduation exercises at Forest City High School, the seniors were all invited to the Romina Theatre for a party and good time. Each senior was provided with a novelty paper hat, confetti and serpentine and then the fun began. The management of the Romina presented each senior with a pass to the theatre good until June 15th. After this, Grover's Soda Shop, together with the theatre, served ice cream and drinks to each one present. The Russell Ice Cream Company, of Hendersonville, made up a white lily with green stem from ice cream and these were served. The theatre was then darkened and the picture "Call

of the West" was shown together with a cartoon.

The following graduates were present: Kenneth Bostic, Fred Blanton, Rudolph Blanton, Sara Bridges, Joy Brackett, Jessie Blanton, James Carson, Charles Duncan, Tom Dorsey, Dorothy Doggett, Mary Frye, Roy Freeman, Alfred Gilliam, Hoyle Griffin, Claxton Horton, Albert Harrill, Oscar Harrill, Inez Hamrick, Alma, Hardin, Leona Hardin, Sara Holland, Pearl Irwin, Alice Keeter, Charles Kirby, Lila Gordon King, J. P. Lewis, Gladys Long, Woodrow Mathoney, James Moss, Eleanor Meares, Kathleen Moore, Virginia Mills, Katherine Moore, Mary Moss, Madge Moore,

Joe Neal, Margaret Neal, O'lema Philbeck, Jack Rudisill, Zennie Randall, Christine Sutton, Salem Suber, Carter Thomas, Lee Ellen Tate, Frances Tinsley, Rosaline Thompson, Ruby Toms, Reid Washburn, Anna Belle Ware, Delle Wofford, Horace Yelton.

Guests, other than the teachers and graduates, were Miss Mabel Hord, Shelby; Howard Doggett and C. E. Alcock.

Manager Whitacre, of the Romina Theatre, was given much praise for the success of the party, while Grover's Soda Shop came in for a large share for the excellence of the refreshments.

LAKE LURE DAM AND POWER PLANT SOLD MONDAY

Dam and Power System Brings \$544,500 in Foreclosure Sale Changes Planned.

Rutherfordton, June 3.—Representatives of the first mortgage holder of the Carolina Mountain Power Company bid in Lake Lure, Lake Lure dam, power plant and equipment, transmission lines to Turner Shoals on Green River, and the local distribution system here Monday afternoon at a foreclosure sale for \$544,500.

The bond issue for the dam, lake, and power plant was \$550,000. The sale was made subject to approval by the Federal Court, according to terms advertised here.

It is understood that two bidders qualified, persons representing the bond holders committee of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., and the successful bidders.

The bidders were required to deposit cash or a certified check for \$25,000 three days prior to the sale.

It is stated that the power plant generates from \$50,000 to \$70,000 worth of current annually.

The dam was completed in September, 1920, and the first water poured over it March 11, 1927. The lake covers 1500 acres.

It is reported that other changes will take place later at Chimney Rock which will mean much for the famous resort. Despite the sale, the future is considered bright for it.

as, Melvin Price, Ruth Keeter, Hughy Hollifield, Donis Bradley, Woodrow Fortune, Margaret McKinney, Robert Stalnaker.

Romina Tickets.
Cool Springs high school students receiving tickets to Romina Theatre for highest averages for last six weeks term:

Lila Gordon King, Carter Thomas, Woodrow Mathoney, Lee Ellen Tate, Von King, Dorothy Rudisill, John Blanton, Sara Moss, Grace Reid Jones, Curtis Beddingfield, Johnnie Washburn, Frances Ledbetter, Annie Moore, Frank Ramsey, Winnie Gilliam, R. H. Owens, William Sanders, Martha Moores, Paul Hamrick, Minnie Belle Barber, Florence Searcey, Glenn Hollifield, Ollie Beddingfield, James Settlemyre.

Gas Franchise Passes Final Reading; Work to Begin Soon

Material For Laying of Gas Mains To Be Shipped June 15.

The gas franchise passed its third and final reading at a meeting of the city council held here last week. The franchise has finally passed in Spindale and Rutherfordton, and Mr. R. P. Freeze, district manager, states that material will be shipped by the 15th of June, and that work will begin immediately after receipt of the material here.

According to Mr. Freeze it will require about six months to complete the work in Forest City. The work will represent an expenditure of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in Forest City, Spindale and Rutherfordton. Work on the gas lines will begin simultaneously in the three towns. This work will afford employment for a number of men and teams during the six months.

The proposition of the Carolina Mountain Gas Co. is one of the most important matters coming before the city council in many years, and means a big construction work for the city in the next few months, the employment of about sixty-five local people, the buying of large quantities of materials, etc., all coming at a time of depression, and when the expenditure of a large sum of money will be a vast benefit that promises very little in construction work, due to the present financial depression prevailing all over the country. It was also promised that large quantities of materials will be purchased in Forest City while the work is being prosecuted.

The plant will be established within the city limits and it is estimated that the company will pay taxes in the sum of \$1,500 to \$2,000 yearly. Work will be carried on in such a manner as not to damage any property or city streets in any manner. Owing to its central location Forest City will more than likely be made divisional headquarters for the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel F. Gray and little son, of Atlanta, Ga., have moved to Forest City to make their home. Mr. Gray will be with the Hewitt Reller Works.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME MONDAY

Home of Mr. S. R. Suber Burned at Midnight Monday—Loss About \$4,000.

The home of Mr. S. R. Suber, located on Beaver street, was burned Monday night about midnight, resulting in a loss of several thousand dollars. The fire was discovered near midnight, and the alarm turned in. The fire department responded promptly, but the flames had gained such headway that the department could only prevent the spread of the fire.

All of Mr. Suber's household goods were burned, including the clothing of the members of the family. The family had retired about 10:30, and were awakened in time to get out of the building, escaping in their night clothing. Among the articles of household furnishings that were burned was a baby grand piano, some oriental rugs and silver, and many priceless oriental furnishings from the old country.

The house was a frame building. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it doubtless originated in the ceiling overhead, as the entire top of the house was a mass of flames when discovered.

The building and furnishings were insured for about \$4,000.

Mr. Suber and family have been residing in Forest City about four years, during which time he has been operating the Sanitary Lunch here. Mr. Suber experienced a heavy loss in three bank failures in recent months. He is a splendid citizen and has the sympathy of a host of friends in his severe losses.

MR. C. H. WILSON SUFFERS FROM SEVERE BONE FELON

Mr. C. H. Wilson, clever and accommodating manager of Haynes Store No. 1 at Avondale, has been suffering from a severe bone felon on his foot, causing him much discomfort and loss of time from his duties. However, at last reports he was showing much improvement, to the great gratification of his host of friends.

Rutherford County's Population is 40,449

Official Census Figures Show Gain of 9,023 People—Cool Springs, Rutherfordton and High Shoals Townships Largest

Farmer Has Hen That Lays Egg Within Egg

Mr. Joe Bailey, who resides near Shiloh church, on Rutherfordton, R-1 was in town Tuesday, and exhibited one of the most peculiar eggs ever seen here. The curio was an egg within an egg. The outside shell measured seven inches around and nine inches in circumference the long way. Inside of the large shell was another perfectly formed egg, about normal size. The egg was found about a week ago by Mr. Bailey, in a nest of a year old black Giant hen.

Rutherford county has a population of 40,449 as compared with 31,426 in 1920, or a gain of twenty eight percent over a period of ten years, according to figures given The Courier by Mr. R. K. Hollifield. The figures are official, having been furnished to Mr. Hollifield by R. P. Caldwell, assistant director of the census of the sixth district.

Official figures show Forest City with a population of 4,068, an increase of six over the preliminary report issued a few weeks ago. Cool Springs Township is one of the three most populous townships in the county; Rutherfordton coming first, with a count of 7,937 High Shoals second with a population of 7,910; and Cool Springs third with a population of 7,870. These three townships have 23,717 people, and contain over one-half of Rutherford county's population. The remaining eleven townships have a total population of 16,732.

Official figures show the population of Rutherford county incorporated towns as follows:

- Lake Lure, 204.
- Ellenboro, 435.
- Alexander Mill, 831.
- Bostic, 238.
- Forest City, 4068.
- Hampton (Ruth), 297.
- Rutherfordton, 2020.
- Spindale, 3066.

A total of 297 people were unemployed in Rutherford county when the census was taken.

Camp Creek Township, census 1930, 1,268; number farms, 166; census 1920, 1,128; number farms, 173.

Lake Lure Town, census 1930, 204; number farms, 17. No figures for 1920.

Chimney Rock Township, census 1930, 922; number farms, 135; census 1920, 1,277; number farms, 229.

Ellenboro Town, census 1930, 435; census 1920, 382.

Colfax township, census 1930, 3,216; number farms, 528; census 1920, 2,622; number farms, 511.

Alexander Town, census 1930, 831; number farms, 8; no figures for 1920.

Bostic Town, census 1930, 238; census 1920, 206.

Forest City Town, census 1930, 4,068; number farms 38; census 1920, 2,312; number farms, 48.

Cool Springs Township, census 1930, 7,910; census 1920, 2,241; number farms, 306.

Duncan Creek Township, census 1930, 1,029; number farms 181; census 1920, 649; number farms 128.

Gilkey Township, census 1930, 858; number farms, 124; census 1920, 776; number farms 140.

Golden Valley Township, census 1930, 867; number farms, 147; census 1920, 876; number farms 158.

Green Hill Township, census 1930, 1,214; number of farms, 187; census 1920, 1,148; number farms, 199.

High Shoals Township, census 1930, 7,910; number farms, 406; census 1920, 7,839; number farms 381.

Logan Store Township, census 1930, 2,624; number farms 445; census 1920, 2,399; number farms, 422.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The summer school will begin next Monday morning, June 9, at 8:30 at the high school, at which time the schedule for classes will be arranged. The summer school will run six days a week for 5 weeks. Pupils will be allowed to take two half-courses or one whole course. All who intend taking any subject should report the first day for the assignment and schedule of work, in order that no time will be lost.

—A. C. FINCH