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## "UNCLE" JOHNNY LONG RETIRES

Half Century of Business Activity Closed Monday by Sale of Business.

A business deal of interest to a large number of people throughout the county took place here Monday when Mr. Charles E. Hardin purchased from "Uncle" Johnny Long the Long Drug Company. The sale was made Monday and Mr. Hardin immediately took possession.

Mr. Hardin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hardin, of Forest City, R. C., and has been with Mr. Long for four and a half years. During that time he has made a large number of friends by his suavity of manner and splendid business dealings. He is a young man of ability and promise, and will make a success at the business in which he is engaged.

Mr. Long, who has just sold the place of business, was rounding out a half century of service in the mercantile and drug line.

"Uncle John" as he is known to his many friends, was born in Logan Store Township, Rutherford county, in 1857. When he was about ten years of age his mother, with her brother, two nephews and four children moved to Waynesville. This was at the close of the reign of the original Ku Klux Klan and when anyone thought to be a member of this organization was being arrested by Federal officers. Mr. Long's uncle and two cousins were all members of the Klan and left the county to escape arrest. Living in Waynesville for about a year, Mrs. Long, her brother and her four children, left there to move to Texas. Getting as far as Morristown, Tenn., they decided to stop, and made their home there for about eleven years.

Mr. Long lived in Morristown until he was about twenty years of age and then on account of ill health he returned to Rutherford county.

After returning to Rutherford county, Mr. Long worked in the store of I. N. Biggers in Logan Store Township for about two years as a wagoner and clerk. Most of these two years were spent on the road as a wagoner.

After working at Logan Store for about two years Mr. Long came to Forest City to open a store for Mr. Biggers and a Mr. Taylor. It was Mr. Long's intention at that time to go to Texas as soon as he could get the store opened and someone could be secured to take his place. After coming to Forest City, however, he decided to stay here. He was employed by Biggers and Taylor for about six months then he went to work for Blanton & Young, where he was employed for about two years. Mr. Long then decided to go into business for himself in Forest City and he opened a general store. According to Mr. Long he sold everything from a sewing machine needle to a threshing machine.

In the year 1884, about the time he went into business for himself, Mr. Long was married to Miss Josephine Harrell, of Forest City.

Mr. Long came to Forest City just after the name had been changed and in telling of his return said: "There is quite a lot of difference between the Forest City of that day and the Forest City of the present time. Then it was only a fork in the road, one of which went to Spartanburg and the other to Shelby. As to the business houses there were only five or six wooden buildings.

"Aside from the few business houses here at that time," Mr. Long went on, "there was nothing here but forests. Pine trees would have fallen in what is now the public square had they been cut down. It was nothing but a regular forest. That," stated Uncle John, "is where Forest City gets its name."

According to Mr. Long there is not a business house in Forest City that was here when he came to Forest City. The population of the town at that time was about 150, while the population is now over 4,000. Mr. Long has seen the entire business square destroyed by fire and has also seen every building on the square torn down to make way for newer

and more modern buildings. There are only three residences here now that were in Forest City when Mr. Long moved to the city. They are the "Old Yarboro House," on West Main street, the home of Miss Panola Logan, also on West Main street, and the old Padgett home on East Main street.

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## RETIREES



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## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. P. M. REINHARDT

Caroleen Woman Passed Saturday After Long Illness—Aged 78 Years.

Caroleen, June 23.—Mrs. Eliza Ann Reinhardt, aged 78, wife of Pinkney M. Reinhardt, died at her home in Caroleen Saturday after an illness of several months of complications. She had been critically ill for about three weeks, and death claimed her Saturday.

Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Methodist church Monday afternoon, with Rev. H. E. Waldrop in charge of the service. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Pall bearers were Messrs Homer and Chaise Bates, Grady Millwood, Andy Bates and Pierce Reinhardt.

Flower bearers were Misses Opal Lena and Nellie Price, Lucille and Ruth Reinhardt, Mabel, Bedie and Mae Bates.

Mrs. Reinhardt is survived by her husband, P. M. Reinhardt, and three children: W. M. Reinhardt, of Caroleen; Mrs. J. F. Price, of Shelby, and R. P. Reinhardt, of Caroleen. A number of grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Reinhardt was a daughter of the late Alfred E. Michael, of Burke county, but has been residing in Rutherford county almost since young womanhood. She was a member of the Caroleen Methodist church.

## STEIN'S DEPT. STORE BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin broke out in Stein's Department Store Thursday night about 10:30 damaging the large stock of goods to an almost total loss from flame and water. Good work upon the part of the fire department saved the building from a heavy loss.

It was stated that the stock of goods had an estimated value of about \$20,000. Insurance to the amount of \$11,000 was carried by Mr. Stein.

The loss to the building, owned jointly by Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Mr. A. C. Alexander, was fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Stein, busy with the adjusters yesterday, said that his loss could not be determined until their work was completed. He stated, however, that he would open up for business in temporary quarters pending repairs on his present damaged stand. He has been in business here for the past six years, where he has been successful and made hosts of friends.

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## THE COUNTY CLUB MET FRIDAY

Decide To Ask Piedmont Boy Scout Council For Part-Time Executive for County.

The June meeting of The Rutherford County Club was held in the banquet hall of the First Baptist church here Friday at noon. Approximately forty plates were served at the luncheon by the ladies of one of the church organizations.

Rev. Wm. C. Rourke, of Ellenboro, asked the blessing. President O. J. Holler called upon R. E. Price to outline the program. Mr. Price stated that a frank discussion of the Boy Scout situation in the county was necessary, and gave figures showing amount paid to the Piedmont Council by Rutherford county, each year, and stated that the county, apparently, was not securing full value for the amount invested.

Mr. S. E. Elmore, present vice-president of the Piedmont Council, for Rutherford county, spoke next and outlined the situation fully. He stated that little interest had been shown in the work in the county, and that he feared such situation would have a demoralizing effect on the scouts now registered in troops in Rutherford.

Dr. A. C. Duncan read a telegram from the Forest City troop, now in camp at Lake Lanier, with their scoutmaster, C. P. Parks, urging the club to take no definite action in respect to withdrawing from the Council. Dr. Duncan also reviewed briefly the situation.

Mr. J. H. Hill, scoutmaster of Spindale troop one, of Spindale, Rev. Wm. C. Rourke, of Ellenboro, Mrs. L. B. Moss, county welfare superintendent and Rev. E. B. Jenkins, of Rutherfordton, each spoke briefly in regard to the scout work.

On motion of Dr. Duncan a committee of five men were appointed to confer with the other civic clubs in the county, and Rev. Wm. C. Rourke, Dr. A. C. Duncan, R. E. Price, J. H. Hill and Z. O. Jenkins were appointed for this purpose. On motion S. E. Elmore was instructed to notify the Piedmont Council officials that the consensus of opinion is that Rutherford county is entitled to at least a part time executive, and request the council to take steps to secure an executive for the county.

County Agent F. E. Patton spoke on the county fair, and told of some of the plans for this year's fair, which will be held September 23-27.

Mr. Boyd of the Farmers Federation was introduced by O. J. Holler, who spoke briefly.

## Funeral Held For Mrs. B. M. Hamrick

Rutherfordton, R-1, June 23.—Mrs. B. M. Hamrick, wife of Rev. B. M. Hamrick, well known Baptist minister, died at her home Tuesday, June 17th, after a long illness and was buried at Shiloh Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Twelve ministers took part in the services as follows: Rev. E. P. White in charge, assisted by T. M. Hester, M. M. Huntley, E. Roberts, F. H. Fikes, W. W. Rimmer, C. C. Matheny, D. J. Hunt, G. P. Horn, H. C. Culbreth, Tom Ruppe and N. L. Wright. A large crowd attended. The floral offerings were numerous, attesting to the love and esteem her many friends held for her.

Mrs. Hamrick was 74 years old and was a loyal member of the church for over 50 years.

## FINDS TARANTULA.

Mr. J. W. Sanders caught a small tarantula Saturday morning in his store here, that had been transported from its tropical home to Forest City in a bunch of bananas. Mr. Sanders first noticed the tarantula crawling along a shelf near the bananas, and later succeeded in capturing the insect, which was placed in a bottle, and is now on exhibit.

## PRETTY WEDDING BAPTIST CHURCH TUESDAY EVENING

Miss Ruth Meares Becomes Bride of Mr. Arval Alcock in Beautiful Ceremony.

A wedding of unusual charm and beauty was that of Miss Lillian Ruth Meares and Mr. Arval Leach Alcock, which was solemnized Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the First Baptist church. Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the bride and groom, performed the ceremony in his usual impressive manner.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Pines and English ivy, with Queen Anne's lace, were banked in profusion against a background of white. The soft glow of interspersed Cathedral candles completed the picture of loveliness. From the choir loft, which formed a part of the background, floated the soft strains of the wedding music, rendered by Miss Louise Wilkie, of Charlotte, cousin of the bride, at the organ, and Mrs. Nelle Padgett Norris, of Charlotte, and Mr. A. M. Hughey, of Gastonia, rendering beautiful solos. Miss Wilkie wore a powder blue chiffon crepe, with shoulder bouquet of roses and snapdragon. Mrs. Norris wore a rose pink organza, long waist, full circular skirt, and shoulder bouquet of roses and snapdragon.

Prior to the ceremony, Miss Wilkie played Schubert's serenade, and Mrs. Nelle Padgett Norris, accompanied by Miss Wilkie, sang, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," by Victor Herbert, and "At Dawning," by Gaudin. Miss Wilkie played "Romance," by Sheppard, and Mr. A. M. Hughey, accompanied by Miss Wilkie, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" by Malloy, and "Sweetest Story Ever Told," by Stults.

During the ceremony, Miss Wilkie played "To a Wild Rose," by Cadman.

As Miss Wilkie swung into the beautiful strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," Dr. W. A. Ayers entered from the side and took his place behind the marriage altar. The ushers, Messrs. Cecil Meares, brother of the bride, and Chas. Z. Flack came down the aisles, crossed and took their places on either side. They in turn were followed by Messrs Chas. Crowell and Willie Moss. Following the ushers came the bride's maids, Miss Elizabeth Wilkie, of Charlotte, cousin of the bride, and Miss Alda Freeman. Miss Wilkie wore a powder blue chiffon crepe with large pink bow at the side of long waist line. Miss Freeman was attired in yellow chiffon with large bow in the back.

Next came Mrs. Cecil Grice, cousin of the bride, wearing pink lace over pink satin, and Miss Mary Crowell, in Nile green net over green satin, with large green flat rose finishing the low waist line.

Then followed Miss Dorothy Bostic and Miss Sarah Ruth Doggett. Miss Bostic wore pink lace over pink satin, with large bronze bow at back of low neck line. Miss Doggett's gown was of natural color silk net combined with lace over satin.

All the bride's maids wore gowns made of long lines with very full skirts and carried arm bouquets of roses and snapdragons tied with pink tulle.

Next entered the matron of honor, Mrs. F. F. Black, sister of the bride. Mrs. Black wore orchid chiffon crepe in basque style, with very long full skirt. Following Mrs. Black came the maid of honor, Miss Mary Meares, another sister of the bride. Miss Meares was gowned in rose chiffon crepe, basque waist, with long full skirt. Both matron and maid of honor carried gladiolas.

The bride's nieces, little Betty Black and Dorothy Meares, clad in orchid point d'esprit, scattered rose petals down the aisle, and were followed by the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. J. B. Meares. Mr. Theodore Alcock was his brother's best man. The groom, accompanied by his brother, entered from a side

## DEMOCRATS TO MEET SATURDAY

County Convention Will Be Held In Rutherfordton Saturday at 2:30—Precinct Meetings.

The Democratic party of North Carolina Saturday officially took its first step of preparation for the fall general election when precinct meetings were held throughout the state to name delegates to the county convention, which will name delegates to the State Convention.

Each of Rutherford county's twenty-seven voting precincts held a meeting Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, at which time five active Democrats were named as a precinct executive committee, the chairman of which will also be a member of the County Executive board.

The County Convention will be held in the court house at Rutherfordton next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at which time delegates from the county will be elected to the state convention which convenes in Raleigh July 3. Any other business properly coming before the convention Saturday will be attended to.

The precinct meetings over the county Saturday were featured by a fine spirit of harmony and optimism. The meetings brought together a large number of the active, leading Democrats of the county, and all are determined on one course—that of turning in the largest Democratic majority this fall that has been seen in the county and state for a number of years.

The names of all precinct delegates and executive committees elected Saturday are not available as The Courier goes to press. The lists which have been received follow:

**Cool Springs No. 1**  
Delegates: A. C. Keeter, Henry Giles, R. R. Blanton, Milson Bostic, W. C. Bostic, Jr., R. C. Ledbetter, E. W. Matheny, A. A. Price, Ray Burnett, Zeb McKinney.

**Spindale Precinct.**  
Precinct Executive Committee: O. A. Harrill, chairman; J. D. Morris, S. K. Yelton, J. H. Puckett and Lloyd Williamson.

Delegates: Roland Mayse, Joe Rollins, Clarence Griffin, N. A. Gregg, Herbert Crenshaw, J. H. Forrester, O. G. Nanney, J. T. Bland, J. H. Hill, Alternates: S. K. Yelton, J. H. Puckett and E. B. Cobb.

**Cool Springs No. 3.**  
A. C. Duncan, P. D. Harrill, Spurgeon Moss, G. P. Moore, John Jones, O. R. Duncan, B. A. Stalnaker, N. A. Hardin, John McMurry.

door to meet the bride at the altar, which was flanked on either side by menora candelabras holding white tapers and over which hung the beautiful wedding bell.

The bride was gowned in heavy ivory satin, Patou design, with long train falling from the waist line. The sleeves were short and puffed and long white gloves were worn. Her veil of illusion was worn cap style and held with orange blossoms, and she carried a bride's shower bouquet of roses and valley lilies.

Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was used as a recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Alcock left on a motor trip to Charlotte, Raleigh, Washington, D. C., and other points. The bride's traveling costume was a fleet blue crepe ensemble with matching accessories.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meares. She was educated at Meredith college, Raleigh, and for the past two years has been a member of the faculty of the public schools. She studied pipe organ at Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., and is organist at the First Baptist church, which place she has filled for the past two years.

The groom is the son of Mr. C. E. Alcock, editor of The Courier, and for the past eight years has been associated with his father in the publication of this newspaper. He also serves a number of daily papers as Forest City correspondent.

## SHOTGUN WOUND FATAL TO YOUNG SPINDALE MAN

Gordon Green Dies In Hospital as Result of Wound Accidentally Received Saturday Morning.

Spindale, June 23.—Gordon Green, 21 years old, son of Policeman George F. Green, of this place, died Saturday morning at ten-thirty o'clock in the Rutherford Hospital as a result of a gunshot wound, received earlier in the day.

He, in company with three companions, Herman Martin, Kenneth Clay and Odell Dimsdale, all about the same age, spent Friday night camping near Central High school. About six o'clock Saturday morning, after awakening, the youths were seated on their blankets talking.

Green, who had brought along a small gauge, sawed-off shot gun, was trying to remove an unfired cartridge from the gun, which had become fastened, due to poor or defective breech mechanism. In trying to breach or unbreach the gun the shell exploded, the entire load taking effect in the lower abdomen and groin. He was immediately snatched up by his comrades and rushed to the Hospital. An examination there revealed that the discharge from the gun had severed three large arteries. Attempts were made to staunch the flow of blood, but were unsuccessful. He became weaker, and died at 10:30 o'clock.

No coroner's inquest was held.

**Funeral Service.**  
Funeral services were held at Tanner's Grove Methodist church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The service was in charge of Rev. M. M. Huntley, pastor of the Spindale Baptist church; Rev. T. M. Hester, of Spindale and Rev. B. P. Parks of Spindale.

Approximately three thousand people attended the service. Less than one-third of the huge number were able to gain admittance to the church.

Rev. B. P. Parks gave the scripture reading, followed by a prayer by Mr. Huntley. Rev. T. M. Hester, a close friend of the deceased, delivered an excellent funeral discourse, and spoke highly of the character of the young man and paid a deserving tribute to his popularity, among his associates.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Greene, of Spindale, with whom he made his home; three sisters, Madgalene, Mary and Lula Mae, at home; five brothers, Fred Green, of near Harris; Frank Green, of Lattimore; Leroy Green, of Chesnee, and Wade and George W. Green, Jr., at home. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Green, of Henrietta, also survive, also his grandmother, Mrs. Barney Fite, of near Gastonia.

Pall bearers were members of the Stonecutter Mills office force, and included Messrs Russell Northy, Hugh Armstrong, C. Carpenter, O. C. Smith, J. H. Puckett and Merrill Freeman.

The beautiful floral offering entirely covered the casket and was banked over the chancel rail. These flowers were borne by the following flower girls: Misses Sarah Montfread, Mary Rollins, Grace Hester, Ruth Giles, Annie Reed, Nannie Sue Ledbetter, Mary Yelton, Maggie Melton, Lucille Giles, Winifred Yelton, Henry Reed, Virgie Scoggins, Letha Reed, Clara Bell Hamrick, Jimmie Duncan, Imogene Yelton, Blanche Giles and Mary Lou Goode.

After a brief service at the grave the family and friends were dismissed.

Gordon Green was born March 22, 1909, and was twenty-one years and three months old. He was a young man of many fine characteristics, and was popular among a large circle of friends. His cheerful disposition and jolly nature endeared him to all who came in contact with him and the tragedy of his sudden passing has left a pall of gloom and sadness over his hundreds of friends and relatives.