

FARMERS-KIWANIS PICNIC MONDAY

Large Attendance at Annual Picnic, Held at Home of Mr. Joe Doggett.

About three hundred people attended the Kiwanis-Farmers picnic Monday evening held at the home of Mr. Joe Doggett, south of Forest City. The farmers of the township, and their wives, were present. A basket luncheon was spread in the grove near the house.

Mr. T. T. Long was in charge of the Kiwanis program. The blessing was asked by Rev. W. A. Barber, who also welcomed the Kiwanians, on behalf of the farmers, in a most gracious manner. His welcome address was appropriately responded to by Attorney B. T. Jones, Mr. W. L. Brown put on several stunts for the women, and Dr. A. C. Duncan was in charge of the stunts for the men, and both gentlemen brought forth much laughter and merriment over the manner in which they conducted the contests.

County agent F. E. Patton presented Mr. J. S. Howard, of Raleigh, who is connected with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational bureau. After preliminary remarks, Mr. Howard gave some interesting facts and figures on the cost of crop production.

Mr. Howard said that when 120 pounds of lint cotton was produced on an acre that it cost 28 cents to produce it. When 160 pounds is raised on an acre it cost 21 cents. It cost 17 cents per pound to raise two hundred pounds of cotton and ten cents per pound to raise 480 pounds to the acre. With cotton selling at ten cents per pound a farmer must raise at least 480 pounds of lint cotton per acre to "break even." It cost 9 cents per pound to raise 520 pounds to the acre, and 8 cents per pound to raise 580 pounds to the acre.

In a like manner he showed that when 13 bushels of corn was produced to the acre the production cost was \$1.32 per bushel. It costs 73 cents per bushel to raise thirty bushels to the acre; 65 cents to raise 40 bushels to the acre; 45 cents to raise 70 bushels and 35 cents per bushel to raise 100 bushels to the acre.

It costs \$2.82 cents per bushel to raise six bushels of wheat to the acre; \$1.45 to raise 11 bushels; 92 cents to raise 22 bushels and 82 cents to raise 25 bushels per acre.

ASKS STAR ROUTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Recommendations Made for Change in Spartanburg-Rutherfordton Star Route Schedule.

Recommendations have been made to the post office department to change the hours of arrival and departure of the Spartanburg-Rutherfordton star route mail carrier, in order to facilitate mail service in the county, according to Postmaster T. T. Long. At the present time the mail from Spartanburg arrives here on the star route about nine o'clock and returns late in the afternoon. This gives Forest City and other towns morning westbound mail service, as does the morning Southbound train and the noon Seaboard train, but no southbound mail service. Recommendations have been made to have the star mail carrier return from Rutherfordton to Spartanburg immediately after his arrival, or after making connection with the Asheville star route carrier.

In this manner mail intended for the air route lines will make connection with the air mail routes as formerly.

Since the discontinuance of the southern trains Nos. 113 and 114, the mail schedule in the county, and more especially in Forest City, has been demoralized and confusing. No mail will be carried on the local rural routes Monday, as it is a legal holiday—being Labor Day. The post office will also be closed.

Forest City Wins State Semi-Pro Title

In a three series baseball contest, played last week-end between Forest City and Badin, at Badin, the local club won two games and lost one. This brought to a conclusion the six game series for the semi-pro baseball championship of the state. On August 14, 15 and 16th Forest City won three games from Badin here. These games were returned at Badin last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The game played Thursday resulted in a 5-1 score for Forest City; the game Friday was 5-3 in favor of Forest City, while Saturday's game was won 2-0 by Badin. By winning five games out of six, Forest City may lay claim to the state semi-pro baseball title.

MRS. ELIZA L. HILL DIED SUNDAY

Well Known Alexander Lady Passes After Short Illness—Funeral Monday.

Alexander, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Eliza L. Hill, the twenty-nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vandyke, of this place, died Sunday after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the Alexander Methodist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock, with Rev. C. C. Matheny in charge of the service. Interment was in the Bethany church cemetery.

Mrs. Hill is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vandyke, and one daughter, Vonnie Ruth Hill, of Alexander. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Tommie, Paul and D. Vandyke and Mrs. Bob Goode, all of Alexander.

The pall bearers were Messrs Oscar Carter, C. L. Mauney, E. M. Upton, R. E. Buckner, J. C. Buchanan, W. L. Roach. The flower girls were Misses Jennie Waters, Ruby Mode, Laura Branch, Eunice Honeycutt, Nellie White, Marie Hawkins, Mary Aldridge, Lillian Enloe, Viola Johnson, Ruth Wilkerson, Jennie Branch, Vera Aldridge, Jennie Pearl Newton and Mildred Nalley.

Mrs. Hill was a member of the Methodist church.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1

New Pupils to Register Friday—Farm Students to be Given Leave of Absence This Fall.

The Cool Springs schools will open Monday, September 1st, for regular work. Those residing in the rural communities are requested to start their children the first day, and when cotton is ready to be picked special leave of absence will be allowed.

The new pupils and the first grade pupils who did not take a physical examination last May, will be enrolled at 9 o'clock Friday morning, August 29th. If new pupils and first graders are not registered at that time, it will be inconvenient for them later. It is the plan of the superintendent to begin regular work the first day. This is the reason why all new pupils should be registered. The eighth grade pupils will also register Friday at the high school as well as other new high school pupils.

The parents are urged to get books for their pupils ahead of time since the supply of books run low some time on account of other schools getting books in Forest City. Also the parents are requested to exchange as many of the last year's books as possible. Pupils can not do efficient work unless they have books. For this reason the parents should begin now to make plans for books.

A book list appears elsewhere in this issue of The Courier.

County Singing Convention Sunday

Rutherfordton, R-1, Aug. 25.—The Rutherford County Singing convention will be held next Sunday at the Mountain View Baptist church, near Oakland. The program opens at 10:15 o'clock Monday morning with the devotional. F. F. Roberts will welcome the choirs and singers at 10:30 o'clock, and Mr. Rector Robbins will respond to the welcome. The program for the singing convention follows:

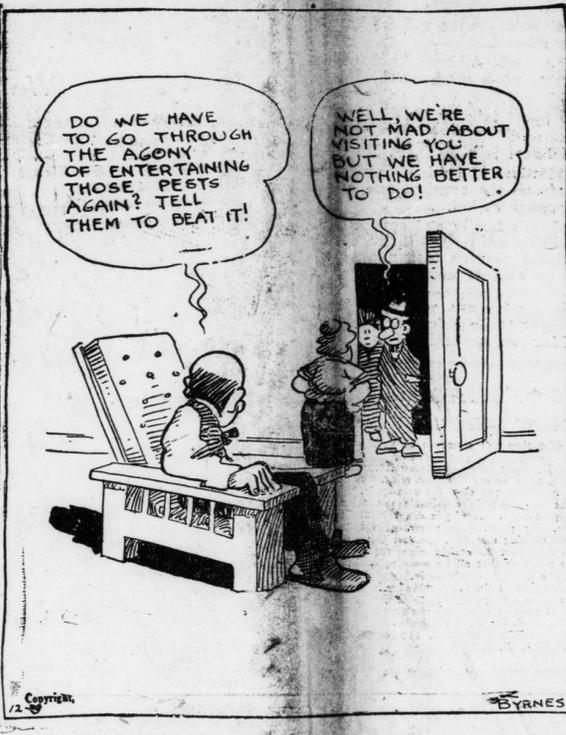
10:45 a. m.—Singing by Mountain View choir.
11:05 a. m.—Visiting Quartets.
11:20 a. m.—Singing by Adaville choir.
11:40 a. m.—Singing by Shiloh choir.
12:00—Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Singing by Holly Springs choir.
1:20 p. m.—Singing by Bethany choir.
1:40 p. m.—Singing by Sulphur Springs choir.
2:00 p. m.—Singing by visiting choir.
2:20 p. m.—Quartets.
3:00 p. m.—Time and place of next convention.

W. L. STALLINGS MOVES SHOP TO ROMINA BUILDING

Dr. W. L. Stallings has moved his jewelry shop to the Romina Theatre building. Mr. Stallings moved his stock of goods last week, and is now open for business in his new stand. Workmen are busy this week in arranging the interior of the new place of business and installing new display cases. Mr. Stallings states that he is now in position to give his customers the very best of service, either in repairing jewelry and time pieces, or selling them new jewelry, watches or clocks.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



Four Good Reasons For Sale Of Utility Plants

Sale Will Lower City and County Tax Assure Industrial Development and Serve Rural Communities.

By O. J. HOLLER.

Union Mills, R-2, Aug. 25.—The farmers of Rutherford county are not only vitally interested, but they have a very real concern in the outcome of the forthcoming elections in Rutherfordton, Spindale and Forest City on the question of selling the electrical distribution systems and water works plants to the Southern Public Utilities Co. This interest and concern is based primarily upon two or three specific facts.

In the first place the properties in question, of very considerable value, are at present not subject to taxation. Being owned by the municipalities they are exempt by law. If these properties are sold to the Duke interests they will immediately become taxable, not only by the cities in which they are located, but all three of them by the county. Such an increase in taxable values as this would represent, would enable Rutherford county to quickly, if not immediately, make a substantial reduction in tax rates. Tax rates have recently been increased and our people are going to be more burdened than ever as a result.

In the second place, according to all reports, the Southern Public Utilities Co. has pursued a very liberal policy in the matter of extending service to rural communities surrounding and lying between the cities and towns which they serve. It is to be assumed that the same policy would be pursued by the company in this county. This would mean that probably hundreds of Rutherford county families at present without electric service would be able to secure service on liberal terms with a comparatively short while. Electric service means just as much if not more to people in the country as it does to people in town and the extension of this service into the rural communities would unquestionably increase, not only the comfort and convenience of those families receiving it, but in many instances would enable them to either reduce expenses or increase income. In either one of these events it means more purchasing power for our people, just as the reduction of taxes

Rutherford Man Wounded By Son

Rutherfordton, Aug. 20.—Charles Moore, age 38, of the Grace Mills place here, was shot by his son, James, 16, here Friday but was not seriously injured.

According to reports, Mrs. Moore had been away on a visit, and while she was away her husband sold most of her chickens. Upon her return she quarreled with her husband, whereupon he proceeded to strike her, the boy states, and he could not bear to see his mother abused, so he used a sawed off rifle, 22-calibre, and shot his father through the arm.

He had his arm dressed at the hospital and is going about his usual duties today. There has been no arrests or court action in the matter, to date.

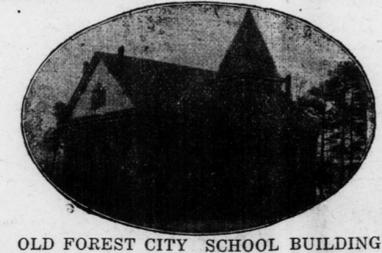
New felt hats. You will be surprised at the price. Courtney's 10c Store.

would mean more net purchasing power.

There is a feeling too, among the people of the county who have given thought to the matter that if the Southern Public Utilities Co. should come into Rutherfordton, Spindale and Forest City it would bring greater assurance of a continued and more rapid industrial development of this section, with more payrolls, more taxable values and a greater market for the products of the farm. The urban communities interested and the people of the county both would naturally profit from this sort of development.

Our people feel that the interests of the urban communities concerned and the people of the county are identical. The more rapid the growth of the towns the larger the markets and the lower the taxes for the county. The greater the purchasing power of the people of the county the more business there is for the merchant and other business men of the towns. It is not unnatural therefore that the people in the county are interested and concerned in these forthcoming elections which will determine whether or not the Southern Public Utilities Company becomes a part of our towns and county. In the face of the facts which I have recounted we are very naturally hopeful that the election in all three towns will be favorable to bringing that organization into Rutherford county.

Destroyed By Sunday Morning Fire



OLD FOREST CITY SCHOOL BUILDING

Landmark Destroyed By Spectacular Blaze

Sunday Morning Fire Sweeps Old School Building Occupied By Superior Laundry—\$15,000 Damage

Register Now For Special City Election

The attention of the people of Forest City is called to the fact that if you wish to vote in the special election to be held soon to determine whether or not the public utilities are to be sold, you must register on or before Saturday, September 6th.

Mr. J. E. Caldwell, at the city hall, is the registrar for Forest City and has the registration books. Every Forest City man or woman who wishes to vote for or against the sale must register. The election will be held September 16th. The registration books opened August 16th, and will remain open until September 6th.

MARATHON PIANIST PLAYS 76 HOURS

Thousands See Johnnie Good-nough in Endurance Contest at Dutch Grill.

Johnnie Goodnough, better known as "dizzie fingers", who began a 101-hour piano playing marathon at the Dutch Grill here last Friday evening at 8 p. m., ended his endurance contest Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock after playing the piano for seventy-six and one-half hours. Although Mr. Goodnough was unable to continue playing until his 101 hours were up he made quite a record, one that has never been equalled in this county, and so far as is known, by only one other. A picture of this other party, who played the piano for one hundred hours, appeared in the state papers some time ago.

The monotony of continually playing a piano and the terrible strain on Mr. Goodnough's physical condition did not show to such a great extent until Monday. Then the only signs of discomfort were his bulging, blood-shot eyes and his heavy beard. The terrific strain, however, was too much for Mr. Goodnough, who is just a young man, being in his early twenties, and at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning he surrendered to dire need of sleep, sore fingers and aching muscles, after making a record of which he can be justly proud.

Mr. Goodnough has never tried to play a piano for such a long period of time before but has played for 33 1/2 hours at Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. Goodnough is formerly of Eastern Tennessee but his home at present is at Greenville, S. C. Had Mr. Goodnough been able to complete his 101-hour marathon he would have quit playing Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. He only lacked twenty-three and one-half hours of completing his endurance contest.

Mr. William Morgan Died Last Week

Rutherfordton, Aug. 25.—Mr. William Morgan, age 25, was found dead in bed Monday morning, August 18th. He had been in declining health for some years and was well known and highly respected in this section, where he spent his life.

Funeral services and burial were held at Round Hill Baptist church, Union Mills, Tuesday morning, August 19, at 11 o'clock with Revs. A. A. Walker and C. C. Grogan in charge. A large crowd attended. Granddaughters were flower girls while grandsons were pall-bearers.

Mr. Morgan leaves two sons, Milford Morgan of near Rutherfordton and Lawrence Morgan of Rutherfordton, two brothers George Morgan, Rutherfordton. His wife died about fifteen years ago.

Mr. Morgan had been a loyal church member for fifty years and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and relatives.

COUNTY'S BIG TAXPAYERS.

Rutherford county has some big taxpayers. Last year the Henrietta Mills paid the most, \$55,877.21, while the C. C. & O. Railway was second, paying \$43,221.16. Cliffside Mills was third, paying \$38,575.06 while the Seaboard Railroad paid \$19,876.15 and came near tying with the Florence Mills of Forest City, who paid \$19,037.89. Alexander Mills came next paying \$15,205.25 while the Southern Railroad paid \$5,655.22.

Memories of by-gone days were vividly and startlingly recalled here Sunday morning about 4 o'clock when a building that was one of the city's most familiar landmarks, and which was occupied by the Superior laundry, was destroyed by a fire that did more than \$15,000 damage.

This building was constructed about 1903 by the town of Forest City as a grammar and high school and the majority of the people in this vicinity attended school in this building.

Nothing but the walls were left following the fire that raged for more than an hour. The fire was not discovered until the flames were shooting through the roof. People living close to the building were the first to discover the fire, the light and crackling of the flames awakened them. By screaming and shouting they managed to give the alarm. In spite of the fact that the engine house is only a block from the building, firemen were unable to save a thing after arriving at the scene. The building was so near destroyed that the firemen had to remove telephone and electric wires from the ground where they had fallen after fastenings had burned from the building before they could get to the fire plug.

The building was valued at about \$4,000 and was owned by Mrs. Roy Smith, of Charlotte. No insurance was carried on it. The plant was owned by J. H. Bell, of Asheville, and O. B. Bell, of Forest City, was manager. More than \$10,000 worth of laundry machines were destroyed. These included five washers, one tumbler, five presses, one collar machine, two collar finishing machines, two extracts, adding machine, a drying room machine and several small machines. O. B. Bell, manager of the plant, had stored in the attic more than \$250 worth of household furniture. About \$800 worth of laundry supplies were destroyed and about 12 bundles of laundry that had not been delivered Saturday. Usually all of the washing is delivered Saturday but this week there were a few bundles left over.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The plant did not run Saturday and there was no fire in the boiler room. About \$4,500 fire insurance was carried on the plant equipment.

COOL SPRINGS CEMETERY IS WELL TAKEN CARE OF

Mr. J. W. McDaniel, who takes care of the Cool Springs cemetery, has cleaned off all the plots and the cemetery is in unusually good condition. Those having relatives and friends buried at this place are asked to visit the cemetery next Sunday and see for themselves how well Mr. McDaniel takes care of it.

MERRY SUNSHINE KINDERGARTEN OPENS SEPT. 1

Miss Nell Young will open her Kindergarten Monday, September 1, in the Methodist church Sunday school building. This Kindergarten has had two successful years with an enrollment of eighteen to twenty children.

All parents who are interested in enrolling their children from three to six years, please call Miss Young at her home between now and the first. 47-1t.

BEGIN REVIVAL SERVICES AT WESLEYAN M. E. CHURCH

Revival services will begin in the local Wesleyan Methodist church, Sunday morning, August 31, and will continue several days, according to an announcement made last Sunday.

Rev. J. L. Bolen, the pastor will do the preaching, while the music will be under the direction of local talent, with special instrumental and vocal selections featuring each service.

Rev. Mr. Bolen has just recently moved his family into the parsonage on Beaver street, to succeed Rev. H. B. Hiatt as pastor.

Rev. Mr. Bolen has had about seventeen years experience as pastor having served some of the large pastorates in this state and Virginia. He and his wife, two sons, and daughters were formally received and welcomed into the church last Sunday morning.

We are giving away free—Pencils, peanut butter kisses and chewing gum when you make a purchase in our stationary department.