

# NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

## Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Commissioners, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Coroner Sworn in Monday Morning.

On last Monday morning Rutherford county's recently elected officials took charge of the county government. Each official appeared, in turn, before Mr. M. O. Dickerson, clerk of the court, and were sworn in, after Mr. Dickerson had taken the oath of office. Those sworn in Monday were Sheriff Edgar McFarland, Clerk of Court M. O. Dickerson, Register of Deeds W. O. Geer, Treasurer Mrs. M. F. Blanton, Coroner W. C. Hightower, Commissioners George H. Blanton, A. B. Jones, and A. W. Deck. All are Democrats except Mr. McFarland.

Rutherford county is fortunate indeed in having such a splendid corps of officials to carry on its government during the next two years. The County Recorder, Mr. Fred McBrayer, and the County Solicitor, Mr. O. J. Mooneyham, will not be sworn in until January 1, while the members of the school board take the oath of office at a later date. Mr. O. R. Coffield, representative-elect, will be sworn in when the General Assembly convenes.

We give here brief sketches of the new officers who took oath of office Monday:

**J. Edgar McFarland.**  
Mr. J. Edgar McFarland, who took oath of office as Rutherford county's new Sheriff Monday is among the youngest sheriffs in North Carolina, being 34 years of age. Mr. McFarland won over the Democratic nominee, Sheriff W. C. Hardin, by a majority of 139 votes in the recent election, while the entire county Democratic ticket carried by a good majority. It is interesting to note that his father, Mr. James V. McFarland, was Rutherford county's first Republican sheriff. He is also the third member of the same family that has held this office in the county. His grandfather, the late John E. McFarland, was sheriff of the county from 1874 to 1878, while his father Mr. James V. McFarland was sheriff from 1894 to 1908. Mr. McFarland is one of the county's outstanding young business men.

**W. O. Geer.**  
W. O. Geer, who took oath of office Monday as register of deeds,

begins his third term in that important office.

Oscar Geer was born April 15, 1887, near Gilkey. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fred Geer. He received his education in the common schools, and at Round Hill Academy. Much of his early life was spent on his father's farm, near Gilkey. In 1920 he entered business in Rutherfordton and was a member of the Geer-Warlick Motor Company, the Ford agency. Prior to this he was married to Miss Alice Keeter.

In 1926 Mr. Geer became a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, and in the primary was given an unusually large vote. Since that time he has led the ticket in each election, which attests to his popularity among the people of Rutherford county, regardless of party, and to his efficiency in office.

Mr. Geer is a member of the Baptist church; secretary of the Rutherfordton Kiwanis Club; member of the Western Star Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., and a member of the Royal Arch.

**M. O. Dickerson.**  
Col. Marcus O. Dickerson was sworn in Monday for a four years term as clerk of the superior court. Mr. Dickerson is considered one of the best officials in the state, and recently drew from one of the state's superior court judges the comment that Mr. Dickerson is the most efficient clerk in North Carolina. Mr. Dickerson, was born November 6, 1860, a son of the late Capt. M. O. Dickerson, Sr. With his father on the battle-front during the War Between the States, and the attendant disorders following the war, his educational opportunities were scant, but through sheer perseverance he secured the equivalent of a grammar school education, and has let no opportunities pass to improve it. In young manhood he married Miss Anne Twitty, and has seven children.

Mr. Dickerson has held this important office before, and has a first hand knowledge of how it should be conducted. He succeeded Mr. J. Y. Yelton as Clerk, following the latter's death in January, 1929. He has been honored in many other ways and has for years been connected with various business enterprises in Rutherfordton. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a Mason, Knight of Pythias and the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton.**  
Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton, county treasurer, entered upon her fifth term in this important office Monday. Mrs. Blanton is the widow of the late esteemed F. R. Blanton, who prior to his death in 1919, was successfully connected with the cafeteria business in this county. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Blanton continued to operate the cafe business successfully for seven months. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Fortune, her father having been a prominent merchant. Mrs. Blanton received her education in the local schools and at Fassifern, in Asheville. She was also at one time bookkeeper for the Florence Mills in Forest City. She became a candidate for office of treasurer in 1923 and has since been nominated at each election without opposition. Mrs. Blanton takes an enthusiastic interest and an active part in civic affairs. She is highly public spirited and is a great advocate of progress in every solid and constructive form, and is found at all times willing to cooperate in any worthy movement designed for the moral and material welfare and progress of Rutherford county and its people.

**County Commissioners.**  
Messrs. George Blanton, A. W. Deck and J. P. Jones, the recently elected board of county commissioners, took oath of office Monday. All are business men of the highest type, and all have made a success in their various lines of endeavor.

Mr. Blanton, of Forest City, R-2, is a progressive farmer, and is listed as one of the most successful men in that vocation in Rutherford county. He is also a dealer in fertilizer, and an enterprising truck farmer.

Mr. Jones has held the office of register of deeds for Rutherford county for a number of years, and

has served as a county commissioner prior to this term. He was the only member of the old board of commissioners to be re-elected this year.

Mr. Deck is from Logan Store township, and conducts a large farm near Logan Station (Itom), as well as a successful mercantile business. This is his first term as county commissioner.

**W. C. Hightower.**  
Mr. W. C. Hightower, of Avondale, entered Monday upon his third term as Coroner. He is familiarly known to his thousands of friends in Rutherford county by the simple title "Bill." He is the senior member of the well-known undertaking establishment of Hightower and Matheny.

### Adults Contract Children's Diseases.

Adults can, and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms an ailment usually associated with children. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults—White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at Peoples Drug Store.

### JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB HAS EXCELLENT MEETING

The Junior Music club held its monthly meeting on November 19, in the music studio.

The composer studied for the afternoon, was Edward MacDowell.

The following program was rendered:

Club song, "America, the Beautiful."

Reading, "Thanksgiving" Frances Stalnaker.

Story, "Jean and Her Picture Composers," (Elvira Jones), Mary Frances Harrill.

Vocal solo, "There is Sunlight in Your Eyes," George Harris accompanied by Miss Katherine Goggans.

Vocal solo, "Old Folks at Home," (Stephen Foster), John Washburn, accompanied by Ben Washburn.

Piano solo, "Humorsque," (Dvorak) Katherine Bradley.

Piano solo, "Impromptu in A flat major," (Shubert), Doris Ledbetter.

Vocal solo, "Little Mother of Mine," (Burleigh), John Blanton accompanied by Miss Katherine Goggans.

The hostesses, Katherine Bradley and Kathleen Alexander served delightful refreshments.

Musical games were played. Doris Ledbetter and John Washburn won the prizes.

The club was delighted to have as its guests, Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff, Miss Goldie Lee Morrisette and Mrs. L. L. Moore and Mrs. R. B. Biggerstaff, both of Bostic.

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### Auxiliaries Hold Joint Meeting

Rutherfordton, Nov. 24.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fred Williams Post No. 76, American Legion of Rutherfordton held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon in the city hall. The main guest and speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Reece, of Hendersonville, who is district chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. The entire membership of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Willis Towery Post, of Forest City, were also invited guests and sixteen members from here attended. A delightful program and get-together meeting was held and after all business was disposed of a delightful social hour was engaged in at which time the hostess served delicious refreshments.

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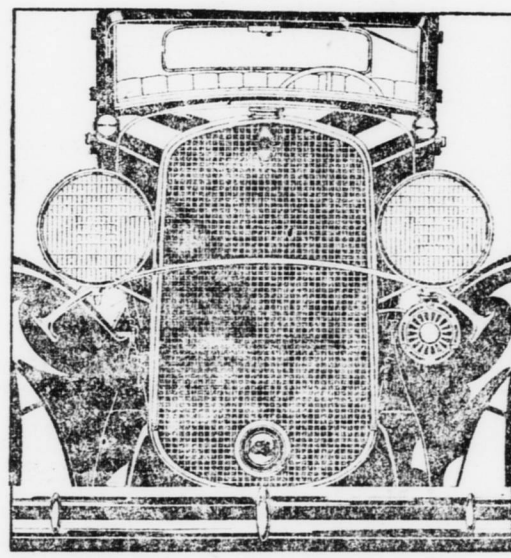
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