

MANY EXPECTED TO ATTEND TRADE DAY HERE MONDAY

Occasion is Fast Becoming Trade and Social Event—Merchants Offer Many Bargains.

Trade Day will be observed in Forest City next Monday. Already the merchants of the city are planning for this event, and all are planning to offer one or more leading commodities at cost or less than cost to the trade for that day.

With the coming of spring there are many items that are needed in the farm home especially, and the merchants of Forest City expect to offer their customers many of these things Trade Day at prices considerably under the regular price. That the merchants do offer splendid bargains for these monthly occasions is evidenced in a recent statement made by a substantial citizen of Morgan township. This man who resides near the McDowell line, attended the January Trade Day here, and, although he lost the entire day, he estimated that he saved several dollars by visiting Forest City and purchasing several necessary items for his family, home and farm.

Trade Day is becoming more and more a social event as well as a Trade event. A casual trip about town on these occasions will reveal faces of friends from every section of Rutherford county. This is an excellent opportunity to do your trading, thereby saving money, and to meet your friends.

Below is given a resume of the special offerings made by the Forest City merchants for Trade Day. A page advertisement elsewhere in this issue will give you more information.

Gray Drug Co.—Stationery at one-half price.

Courtney's—Six big specials. See ad.

Dalton Bros.—Men's \$22.50 and \$25.00 suits, \$15.00.

Pender's—Fat back, 3 pounds for 25c; four cans No. 2 tomatoes, 29c.

Efird's Dept. Store—Six specials. See ad.

Doggett Motor Co.—Special on inner tubes.

Farmers Hardware Co.—Four big specials. See ad.

Stahl's Ten Cent Store—Special on gold band plates, cups and saucers.

Piggly Wiggly—Matches, 6 for 15c; salmon, can 10c; cheese, pound, 19c.

Stein's Dept. Store—Men's \$45.00 tailored suits, \$12.50 and \$15.00.

Graham Cash Co.—Ladies' Cotton Stockings, 10c; LL sheeting, 6 1-2c yard.

The Bee Hive—Men's union suits, \$1.50 values, 69c.

Peoples Drug Store—Tooth paste, brush and holder, 74c value, 39c.

A&P Store—Pinto beans, 5c pound sugar, 5c pound, lard, 8 lbs. 87c.

Forest City Salvage Co.—\$4.00 work shoes, \$1.95.

Sanders Groceries — Specials every day.

Forest City Courier—Your choice of self-propelling pencil or nice pair of scissors with each \$1.00 subscription.

Hoke county farmers will plant about 1200 acres to watermelons this year and will market the crop through a local produce association recently organized.

Poultrymen of Burke county had 1,441 hens blood-tested to be used for breeding purposes. The flocks have also been rigidly culled, says County Agent R. L. Sloan.

Alleghany sheep growers have organized a county cooperative sheep growers association to market the spring crop of lambs and wool.

A new publication which will aid the gardener in starting his early plants has been published by the State College Extension Service and is now ready for distribution. Ask for extension circular 182.

Champion Orator



Gerard Davidson, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Davidson of Cliffside, who won first place in the Rutherford county high school orators contest recently at Rutherfordton. He will represent Rutherford and the nineteenth district in Raleigh March 20 in the state finals of the orators contest sponsored by the American Legion.

CONFEDERATE VET, J. A. KELLER, DIES

Passes Suddenly at Home of Daughter in Rutherfordton While Reading Newspaper.

Rutherfordton, March 3.—Mr. Jacob A. Keller, aged 85, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lee Biggerstaff, here Monday night suddenly. Mr. Keller, apparently in best of health, ate his supper as usual and retired to the sitting room and picked up the evening paper, and while reading it slumped back into his chair dead.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at the Providence Methodist church. Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church, and Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor of the Henrietta Methodist church, were in charge of the funeral service. Interment was in the Providence cemetery, beside his wife, who preceded him to the grave about a year ago.

Mr. Keller is survived by three children: Mrs. C. Lee Biggerstaff, of Rutherfordton; Mrs. Ellen Webb, of South Carolina, and Mr. J. Worth Keller, of High Point. A number of grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Keller was a Confederate veteran, having served during the War Between the States in Company C, Seventy-Second Regiment of North Carolina Troops.

He was formerly a resident of Henrietta, and for many years had been a faithful member of the Methodist church at Henrietta and Providence. Since the death of his wife he had made his home with the children, and was residing with Mrs. Biggerstaff at the time of his death.

The granddaughters acted as flower bearers.

Mr. Keller would have been 85 years of age had he lived until May.

Ellenboro Man Is Laid To Last Rest

Ellenboro, March 3.—Funeral services for Rufus Davis, 69, were conducted at Walls Baptist church Sunday. Mr. Davis had been in ill health for a year, but seriously sick for two weeks. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. The rites were conducted by the Rev. J. D. Bridges.

Mr. Davis was the father of fifteen children. He was twice married. The first marriage was to Miss Dinah Lovelace, who died eight years ago; his second marriage was to Miss Fannie Lovelace, who survives, with the following children: R. C. Davis and Claude Davis, both of Mooresboro, Fred Davis, of Lattimore, two daughters, Mrs. M. G. Newton, of Mooresville, and Mrs. Gibson Holland, of New House; two brothers, D. M. Davis, of Cherryville, and George Davis, Bostic. He was a leading member of Walls church.

MR. JESS BLAND DIES SUDDENLY

Well Known Young Man Found Dead in Yard Following Heart Attack—Funeral Today.

Mr. Jess Bland, aged 24, was found dead at his home here Tuesday afternoon about 5:30. He had left the house a short time before and went to the garage to get his car. While cranking the car he had a heart attack, which brought about instant death.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at Mt. Vernon Baptist church, and interment will take place in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bland, of East Main street, with whom he made his home, and three brothers.

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With the municipal election still several weeks off, quite a bit of interest is being shown, as local men announce themselves as candidates for the offices to be filled. Including those announcing this week there are now three candidates for mayor, while twelve are seeking a place on the board of aldermen. Other are expected to announce within the next few weeks.

LOCAL ORATORICAL CONTESTS HELD

Mary Morris Winner in Readers' Contest—Howard Magness Declamation Winner.

The annual reading and declamation contest of the Cool Springs high school was held Tuesday night, March 3rd, in the high school auditorium. Heretofore the contest has been held during commencement week but it was thought best to hold the contest earlier in the year to avoid the rush of activities at the close of school. Considerable interest was shown in the contest this year by the boys and girls. There were more boys and girls to participate than before. Fourteen boys and girls spoke Tuesday night. There were seven girls in the reading contest and seven boys in the declamations contest. Mary Morris was the winner from the girls group and Howard Magness won the declamations medal. These two students will represent the Cool Springs high school in the county contests. The following were the students taking part in the contest:

- Reading Contest.**
 Keeping a Seat at the Benefit, Ruth Bolen.
 By Courier, Winnie Gilliam.
 How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost, Eunice Hardin.
 Sis Hopkins and Her Beau Billious, Dorothy Greene.
 Ole' Mistis, Lillie Marks.
 Wild Zanderilla, Foye Bland.
 An American Citizen, Mary Morris.
- Declamation Contest.**
 Spartus To The Gladiators, William Sanders.
 The Romance of the Busy Broker, Flay Hunt.
 The Meaning of Americanism, Guy Vess.
 The Supreme Menace, John Blanton.
 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Barney Morrow.
 The Power of Ideas, Howard Magness.
 The New South, Steve Kirksey.

P-T. A. MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The regular March meeting of the Forest City Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the Forest City grammar school building next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

RECORDERS COURT A BUSY PLACE

One Hundred Six Cases Tried During February—Road Sentences Total 13 1/2 Years.

Rutherfordton, March 2.—A total of 106 cases were tried in the Recorder's Court during the month of February. Of these seventy-eight were convicted and a total of 100 days in jail given, also thirteen and one-half years on the county roads and three months at the county home. Hon. Fred McBrayer, recorder, compiled the following list, which is furnished The Courier through courtesy of Solicitor O. J. Mooneyham.

Total number of cases tried, criminal, 106.
 Total number of convictions, 78.
 Total number of acquittals, 28.
 Total jail sentences, 100 days.
 Total sentences to County Home 3 months.
 Total sentences to County roads, 13 1-2 years.
 Total fines collected, \$600.90.
 Total costs collected for county, \$370.35.
 Total costs taxed against county, \$459.38.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will meet on Thursday afternoon, March 12, at 3:45, at the home of Mrs. T. R. Padgett. A delightful program has been arranged. The feature of the program will be a lecture on "Interior decorating" by Mr. E. L. Vogel, of Vogel and Son, Spartanburg.

The program will be as follows:
 Chairman, Mrs. Arthur McDaniel.
 Lecturer, Mr. E. L. Vogel.
 Solo, "Thank God For a Garden," Mrs. W. C. Bostic, Jr.
 Piano Solo, Spring Song, Mendelssohn, Mrs. I. J. Edelstein.
 The hostesses are Mesdames T. R. Padgett, R. E. Biggerstaff, W. T. Meares, Jack Michalove, Broadus Moore, Bert Moore, J. W. Morgan, Misses Kora Myers and Lilah Padgett.

MILITARY PARK AT KINGS MOUNTAIN ASSURED BY \$225,000 APPROPRIATION

Washington, March 4.—The senate surprised even the most enthusiastic supporters of the bill to create Kings Mountain National Military park when Tuesday it voted unanimously to appropriate \$225,000 for that purpose.

The Kings Mountain bill was passed by the senate as introduced by Representative Jonas and thrice approved by the house.

When the senate military affairs committee Tuesday recommended the bill for passage, it was accepted that this action was well meant but made at an hour when approval by the senate seemed next to impossible. Senator Blease, leader of the Kings Mountain fight in the senate committee, then entertained hopes of securing perhaps \$5,000 for the acquisition of additional land, but said that he had almost given up

hope of the passage of the measure.

Bleese Enthusiastic.
 Nevertheless, Senator Blease and the other supporters of the bill received its approval Tuesday very enthusiastically, realizing a bitter fight had been won.

Senator Morrison, in commenting on the bill soon after its passage, lauded the foresight of Senator Brock and the consistent efforts of Senator Blease that saved the measure from oblivion. Morrison said that at one time it looked bad for the bill and that it would have been lost but for the fact that Senator Brock was alert enough to vote against the bill in the committee so that he might reconsider at a later time when the Kings Mountain bill had a chance of gaining the recommendation of the committee.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. MARY MOORE

Aged Henrietta Woman Passes After Brief Illness—Funeral Monday.

Henrietta, March 3.—Mrs. Mary Moore, aged 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Weese here Saturday, after a short illness. She had been confined to her bed for a short time before death due to declining health, and a stroke of paralysis brought about her death Saturday.

Funeral services were held Monday at Hopewell church, near Blacksburg, S. C., with Rev. J. A. Brock, pastor of the Henrietta Baptist church in charge. Interment was in the Hopewell church cemetery.

Mrs. Moore is survived by six children, H. C. Moore, of Charlotte; A. S. Moore, of Marion; J. B. and W. S. Moore, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. R. H. Hamrick, Jeffersonville, Ga.; and Mrs. C. F. Weese, of Henrietta. Mr. W. S. Moore was former superintendent of the Henrietta Mills.

BOXING BOUTS HERE SATURDAY

American Legion Post Will Sponsor Fight—Twenty-Three Rounds and Battle Royal on Card.

Forest City has a treat in store for Saturday night, March 7, when twenty-three rounds of boxing and a battle royal will be staged at the Padgett building, next to Padgett & King Furniture Company. The show will begin at eight o'clock, and will be under the auspices of the Willis Towery Post, American Legion.

Jack Blanton, 134 pounds light-weight champion of Rutherford county, will meet Jerome Spangler, 132 pound Shelby champion in the six round main bout. Spangler fought in Charlotte Tuesday night and made an excellent showing.

Wildy (Kid) Blanton, 170 pound sparring partner of Jack Blanton, will meet Albert White, 175 pound Shelby heavyweight in another six round bout.

Preliminaries will be: "Red" Whalen, 125 pound Appalachian State College boxer against Solon Wilson, 130 pound Cliffside pugilist, in a four round affair; K. O. Scruggs, of Cliffside against "Battling" Scruggs, of Chesnee, four rounds; and one other three round bout. Scruggs of Cliffside tips the scales at 145 and Scruggs of Chesnee weight 142 pounds.

A feature that will afford much amusement will be a battle royal of several colored boys, who will complete the card.

Admission will be twenty-five cents for ladies and children and fifty cents for others.

The American Legion post is sponsoring this show, and assures all patrons that a good clean sport will be the rule.

A string band will furnish music for the occasion.

Mrs. Evelyn Thayer Succumbs Tuesday

Rock Hill, S. C., March 4.—Mrs. Evelyn Frew Thayer, 37, died here Tuesday. She was found dead in her bed Tuesday morning. She had suffered with a heart affection.

Mrs. Thayer was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Frew of this city.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home on Hampton street, with interment in Laurelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Thayer was married to Norman Thayer, formerly of Charleston, in 1918. She is survived by her parents, two daughters, Evelyn and Martha Thayer, a sister, Mrs. Ernest Sasmasson of Fort Worth, Tex., and two brothers, W. Lewis Frew, Greensboro, N. C., and Robert Maurice Frew, a teacher in Rutherfordton-Spindale high school, of Rutherfordton, N. C.

CIVIL COURT WILL CONVENE MARCH 9

Judge Cameron MacRae Will Preside Over Special Term of Superior Court.

Rutherfordton, March 2.—Judge Cameron MacRae of Asheville, will convene the Superior Court of Rutherford county here Monday, March 9th for the trial of civil cases. To date there are around 300 cases on the docket. It is estimated that it would take a month or more of continuous court to clear the docket at present and more cases are added, almost daily.

LEGION ATTORNEY IN COUNTY MONDAY

Will Speak at Rutherfordton—Will Assist in Bonus and Compensation Matters.

Rutherfordton, March 2.—Mr. J. D. DeRamus, regional attorney of the U. S. Veteran's Bureau of Charlotte, will address the Fred Williams Post No. 75, American Legion here on Monday night, March 9th at 7:30 o'clock in the City Hall. The regular meeting of the Post comes on the first Monday night, but it has been postponed a week in order to secure Mr. DeRamus for the meeting.

The Post invites every ex-service man in the county to attend this meeting. Attorney DeRamus will spend the night here and will confer with any ex-service men who have any matters regarding bonus, compensation, hospitalization, Government insurance, etc. He is coming to serve the ex-service men and you are invited to tell all you can about this meeting.

Attorney DeRamus served as a Lieutenant in the infantry with the A. E. F. and took part in the St. Mihiel operations and Neuse-Aargonne offensive. He is an able speaker and is familiar with the workings of the Veteran's Bureau. He will remain here until about noon Tuesday, March 10th to confer with any who cannot meet him Monday night.

Play "College Days" Thursday-Friday

The Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs of Cool Springs high school will present "College Days", an opera, at the high school auditorium, Thursday evening and Friday evening, beginning each evening at eight o'clock.

The play opens with the close of an exciting college baseball game. The hero of the game enjoys a brief period of glory, but is "framed," and sent from college in disgrace, charged with shady practices in a bail game. The World War occurs and the hero of the game is vindicated when the "framer," about to "Go West," tells of his part in the plot. An interesting love plot appears in the play.

Among those taking part in the cast are Phil Chambers, Howard Magness, Harry Kendrick, Virginia Magness, Dorothy Greene, Robert Whitlock, Robert Hamrick, John Blanton, Sara Duncan, George Harris, John Washburn and James Bolen.

The proceeds of the entertainment Thursday and Friday nights will go to defray the expenses of the contestants in the music contests this year. The Cool Springs high contestants were fortunate enough last year to win the district contest and go to Greensboro. It will take about five or six dollars per contestant which goes to Greensboro. Last year forty-six survived the district contest and went to Greensboro. We are making our plans to go again this year. For this reason it was thought best to charge 25c and 50 cents for admission. Last year the boys and girls had to defray part of their expenses. It is hoped that the gate receipts will be great enough to take care of all expenses so the pupils will not have to pay part of the fare.