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## MRS. H. D. HARRILL AGED 85, PASSES

Passes Sunday in Same Home She Entered Long Ago As Bride.

Mrs. H. D. Harrill, affectionately known to a large circle of friends and relatives as "Aunt Patsy," died at her home here early Sunday morning, at the advanced age of 85 years. She died in the house which she entered sixty-five years ago as the youthful bride of a Baptist minister. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the First Baptist church with her pastor, Dr. W. A. Ayers, in charge, assisted by Rev. S. N. Watson. The service was largely attended, the church being filled to its capacity. Interment followed in the Cool Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Harrill, widow for five years, was born July 16, 1845, and was married April 2, 1866. Before her marriage she was Miss Patsy King, daughter of the late Barney and Susan King, and was a member of a family long prominent in this section.

Mrs. Harrill was the mother of seven children, only four of whom survive. They are Mrs. W. F. Gridler, of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. W. B. Moore, Joe Harrill and Zora W. Harrill, all of Forest City. One brother also survives, Mr. W. P. King, of Shelby.

The pall bearers were Messrs G. C. King, M. J. Harrill, Robert Harrill, C. C. Moore, W. Grady Moore and Robert V. King.

Aside from being one of the oldest persons in Forest City, Mrs. Harrill was also one of the oldest members of the First Baptist church here where she was an active and devoted member until her last illness.

## JUST KIDS—Preparedness!

By Ad Carter



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INTERNATIONAL CARTOON CO.

## BOXING SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT

Twenty Rounds of Boxing Scheduled Here Friday, Under Auspices of the American Legion Post.

Forest City is to have one of the best boxing shows ever held in Rutherford county when Mike O'Brien, who hails from Asheville, meets the up and coming Wildy "Kid" Blanton, Cliffside knockout artist, in the main bout of a twenty round card, sponsored by the American Legion, Friday night, April 10.

In the semi-finals K. O. Scruggs recent victor over Henry Byers, Chesnee, S. C., flash, meets Battling Ramos, who says he hails from Spartanburg, S. C.

Two other good bouts will complete the card. A large crowd is expected from all parts of the county.

## City Library To Observe Birthday

Next Saturday the city public library will be two years old. Everybody visiting the library Saturday are asked to bring a book in honor of the occasion. It is suggested that if you wish to draw out a book on Saturday that you choose some good, interesting book from your own shelves and bring it as a birthday gift to the public library. The book donated should be in good condition. Everybody is invited to visit the library Saturday and are urged to tell their friends of the "birthday party."

The library management extends thanks to Mr. Arval Alcock for a donation of several good books, also to Esper Brown for his donation of books recently.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will meet on Thursday afternoon, April 9th, at 3:45 in the home of Mrs. G. C. McDaniel. The joint hostesses will be Mesdames G. C. McDaniel, R. L. Reinhardt, W. W. Richbourg, J. S. Rudisill, Ernest Roberson, Walter Smith, W. L. Stallings and Misses Rebecca Perrin and Joy Shaver.

## RUTHERFORD COUNTY BIRTH RATE FOR 1930

During 1930 Rutherford county had a birth rate of 30.5 to each 1,000 white population, while the negro birth rate was 26.1 per 1,000 population. During the same period the white death rate was 10.6 per 1,000 and the negro death rate 16.1 per 1,000.

plied have already received their checks. It usually takes about 15 days.

## Music Week To Be Observed May 6-11

The annual observance of Music Week will take place the first week in May. Last year the various organizations of Rutherford county voted to make this celebration an annual affair, to be held at Forest City.

All the music clubs and other civic organizations have been requested to furnish a number for the programs, and many have already responded generously with their talent. The schools of the county are also preparing to contribute musical numbers to the week's program.

## Police Arrest Store Breakers

Determined to put a stop to the store breaking, robbery and petty thievery that is so prevalent in this section at present, the local police department under the supervision of Chief Chas. R. Price, is making a concerted effort to catch the guilty ones. Suspects are snatched up and placed in jail, their houses are raided and searched for stolen goods and as a result a general clean-up of the guilty parties is being made.

The latest robbery occurred in this city Wednesday night when the A&P store was broken into and between \$50 and \$65 in cash stolen. Two were arrested Friday night on suspicion, Texas Red and Will Tolbert, negroes of this city, and they later confessed. Both are in jail charged with store breaking. They were arrested by Chief Price, Austin Price and Jim Marlowe.

All of the money stolen was not recovered but it is believed that the largest part of it has been hid at the homes of the two negroes and police believe that it will be found.

The negroes were given a hearing Tuesday morning in the recorder's court, and were bound over to the criminal session of the superior court under a \$500 bond each. They failed to make bond and were remanded to jail.

## Locals Continue Winning Streak

The local highs continued their winning streak by winning the only contest played last week, because of inclement weather. Forest City made it five straight by defeating Ellenboro there 25 to 9 in a slugging match featured by the all-around hitting of the local high nine. Coach Seitz used Kirksey, Kendrick and Moss on the mound, while Ellenboro used five hurlers in an attempt to halt the hitting of the visitors, led by Paul Hamrick.

Forest City plays at Shelby Tuesday with Kendrick probably hurling. Friday afternoon Central high, of Rutherforddon, will be met here in what should be the most interesting game to be played here. Kirksey probably will pitch this game.

## THE COUNTY CLUB MEETS APRIL 17

Joint Meeting With Izaak Walton League at Spindale House

Spindale, April 8.—The Rutherford County Club will hold its April meeting in the Spindale House here Friday afternoon, April 17, at one o'clock. This will be a joint meeting with the Rutherford County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. The members of the Spindale Methodist church will serve the luncheon.

J. W. Harrelson, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, of Raleigh, is expected to be present, and will make the principal speech. James G.K. McClure, of Asheville, and J. Quince Gilkey, of Marion, will also be present and speak. R. Grady Rankin, of the State Senate, Raleigh, has been invited to attend, but it is not known at present whether Mr. Rankin will be able to attend, on account of his senatorial duties.

In addition to the address of Mr. Harrelson, Messrs Gilkey and McClure will speak briefly. The winners in the Izaak Walton League's essay contest will be announced at that time, and the prizes will be donated.

## COUNTY EPWORTH LEAGUES MEET

Six Chapters Represented in Monthly Meeting Held at Spindale Friday.

Spindale, April 6.—The April meeting of the Rutherford County Epworth League group meeting was held at Spindale Friday evening, April 3rd, at eight o'clock.

The devotional service was conducted by the Spindale chapter. Two short plays were given by the members of the home chapter. These were enjoyed greatly.

The business session followed. Mr. Ralph Jolley introduced the new county president, Mr. Ken Wells. The roll was called by the secretary and the following chapters were represented: Rutherforddon, Pleasant Grove, Spindale, Alexander, Mt. Hebron and Oak Grove. Spindale was awarded the cross for scoring the highest on the standard of efficiency for the month while Oak Grove was awarded the banner for having the largest number present.

Committee composed of Miss Eugene Randall, Mr. Ralph Jolley and Mr. W. A. Barber was elected for the purpose of making the plans for the annual picnic which will be held in June.

The next meeting will be held the first Friday night in May at Alexander.

Following the benediction the Leagues were asked to go down in the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served by the Spindale chapter.

## Five Men Escape Rutherford Jail

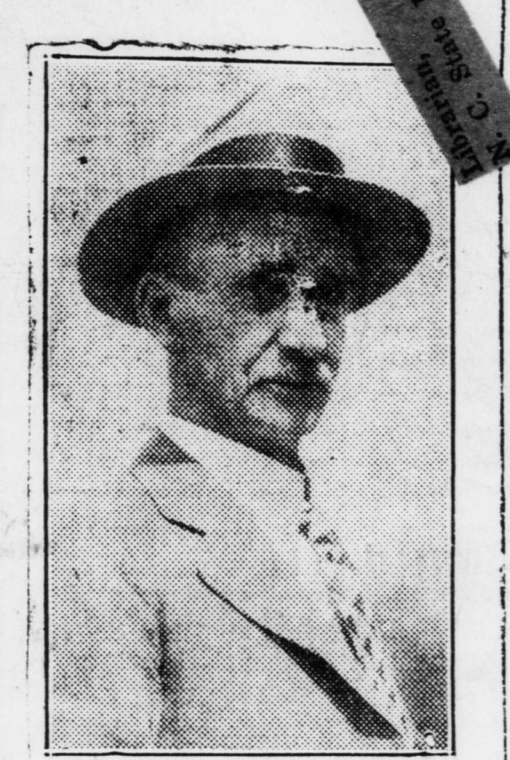
Rutherforddon, April 6.—Five convicts escaped from the Rutherford county chaingang here Wednesday night in the second recent jail break by sawing two iron bars into with a hacksaw, lowering a cross bar and jumping from a four foot window.

They were all young white men: James Toney, 36; R. L. Ammons, 27; Arie Lane, 22; James Herring, 23; and Bill Emory, alias Horace Brookshire, 33.

Toney, Lane and Herring were serving sentences for violating the prohibition laws, while Ammons and Emory were charged with larceny. Toney has served two months of his six months' sentence, Ammons three of his five months' sentence, Lane, two of his four months' sentence, Herring two of his 14 months' sentence, and Emory four of his five months' sentence.

Their escape was soon discovered by the night watchman and officers have made every effort to apprehend them, but so far have failed.

## KILLED THURSDAY



Horace Kephart, a native of Pennsylvania, but an adopted son of Bryson City, N. C., who was instantly killed Thursday morning in an automobile wreck while enroute to Asheville. Mr. Kephart was one of the best known men in Western North Carolina. As an author his book "Our Southern Highlanders," is regarded as without peer in mountain literature. He was a moving force in having the Great Smoky Mountain National Park created and formally transferred to the federal government. In magazines and books he urged the creation of the park for a score or more of years. He was an official on the Park board. In 1930 he was president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, the first president in the history of that society that was born north of the Mason-Dixon line. Mr. Kephart had tentatively accepted an invitation to address the Rutherford County Club at the May session.

## NAME SPINDALE TOWN OFFICIALS

Candidates Nominated for Municipal Election in Harmonious Convention Tuesday Evening.

Spindale, April 8.—A convention was held in the Spindale House here Tuesday night at which time candidates for municipal offices were nominated to be voted on in the municipal election of May 5. G. B. Howard was nominated for mayor and T. M. Plonk, S. K. Yelton, G. A. Williams, W. R. Morgan and J. H. Hill were nominated as candidates for board of aldermen. The administration of S. E. Elmore was endorsed, and a vote of thanks extended to him by the convention.

The convention was well attended and was one of the most harmonious meetings of its nature ever held here. R. R. James acted as temporary chairman and was selected as permanent chairman. Clarence Griffin was selected as secretary. Mr. James explained the purpose of the meeting and asked that each individual present express his views on any subject coming before the convention.

W. R. Wells stated that S. E. Elmore, present mayor, would not be a candidate for re-election and nominated G. B. Howard. G. A. Williams was next nominated for the post, and after a vote G. B. Howard was nominated.

Eight men were nominated for board of aldermen: J. O. Williams, T. M. Plonk, J. A. McCraw, S. K. Yelton, G. A. Williams, Hicks Hill, W. R. Morgan and J. H. Hill. A vote was taken on the eight, in order to select five for the board. The vote resulted in the nomination of T. M. Plonk, S. K. Yelton, G. A. Williams, W. R. Morgan and J. H. Hill. The first two, Plonk and Yelton, are members of the present board.

G. B. Howard, J. H. Hill, Hicks Hill and T. M. Plonk spoke briefly, and thanked the convention for their support, and urged the full support of the people in administering the affairs of the town.

On motion the administration of S. E. Elmore was endorsed, and a rising vote of thanks extended to him for the efficient and capable manner in which he has handled the town's affairs since its incorporation.

## MR. B. H. LONG ELECTED CASHIER FIRST NATIONAL

Mr. G. B. Harrill Forced to Resign on Account of Ill Health.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, held last Monday, the resignation of Mr. G. B. Harrill, cashier, was accepted and Mr. B. H. Long, one of the most efficient and best known bankers in the state, was elected to succeed Mr. Harrill as cashier of the institution.

Mr. Harrill, who was the prime mover in the organization of the First National, was forced to regretfully tender his resignation as cashier on account of the breaking down of his health, brought about by the terrific amount of work devolving upon him for the past few months. Possessed of tremendous energy, he soon became ill from overwork and was advised by his physicians to take a rest and get out from under the strain of so much work. He was head of the Security Insurance Co., cashier of two banks, the First National and the Industrial Bank. At present he is confined to his room, but with sufficient recovery will, health and strength permitting, resume his duties with the Industrial Bank and the insurance company. One of the most popular men in the county, who numbers his friends by his acquaintance, his breakdown in health is keenly felt in all circles.

Mr. Emmet Kerr, official of the American Trust Co., Charlotte, corresponding bank for the First National, was in the city Tuesday and held an informal meeting with some of the officers of the First National. Mr. Kerr is deeply impressed with the progress of the new bank and stated to the officials, after a look through the books, that the bank is absolutely liquid in every respect, and has made a wonderful showing for a new institution. A perusal of the bank's statement, elsewhere in this paper, will show the standing of the bank.

## MANY EXPECTED FOR TRADE DAY

Monthly Event Becoming Popular With Hundreds in Forest City's Trade Territory.

Trade Day will be observed in Forest City next Monday. Hundreds of people from every locality in the large trade territory of Forest City, and from every township in Rutherford county, are expected here, as usual, for the big event.

With the advent of spring it is expected that much livestock, particularly pigs, horses and mules, will change hands Monday. It is reported that there were from 800 to 1,000 pigs on the market here one month ago, when more than 2,000 people attended the event, despite inclement weather. Several breeders of pure bred pigs have already announced their intention of having a nice selection of pigs here Monday, from which prospective customers may select their needs. As there are several growers of pigs and hogs in close proximity to Forest City, the town is becoming a great market for this type of livestock.

Forest City merchants, as usual, will have many special bargains for Trade Day.

You are cordially invited to visit our city next Monday, meet your friends and do a little trading.

The Bee Hive—bargain center of the county.

In August, 1923. Mr. Elmore has served eight years as mayor.

A preliminary meeting was held last Thursday evening at Hill's Store, on Spindale street, at which time five men were suggested as aldermen, four of which were voted on at the convention Tuesday night.

The municipal election will be held May 5. J. D. Morris has been named registrar and Earl Yelton and G. D. Davis judges of the election.