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Chicago, Ill., June 2.—When Don Marquis set the "Old Soak" to the task of writing a "History of the World" that amiable character started his chronicle by asserting that our interest in the past centered about what the people of the ancient days "eat and what they drank." I find myself in disagreement with the "Old Soak," in that what people eat and what they drink concerns me very little. But as I read The Courier each week and reflect on the happenings in and about Forest City, what those who live in its columns say and think, holds me fast.

The Courier is always interesting, and 'tis easy to understand why its readers renew their subscriptions with unbroken regularity. Each issue of this good paper brings to me the power to read the thoughts of the people of Forest City, and even to hear what they say as they meet on the streets or the country roads, or as they gather happily in groups for pleasure or for the performance of useful service. As I read last week's paper, there came to my ears ever so many important things.

At the commencement exercises during which the graduating class of the Cliffside High school were handed diplomas, the young folks said very little, outside of those who recited well practiced essays during the program. But they thought of the future. So did the fathers and mothers in the audience; but they could not help think of the past a little, too. Then, when the exercises were over, the young folks indulged in much conversation, some frivolous, some serious. The fathers, just as proud as the mothers, although they try to hide the fact, talked to their boyhood chums and recounted the pranks they played on teachers when they were students. But they, too, were thinking of the future and what life might hold in store for the graduates.

Words set to sacred music were sung at the Rutherford County singing convention held at Sulphur Springs Baptist church the report of which was published in last week's paper. Words are human sounds. Such music is divine in its origin. The hymn sung by a mortal to his Lord is the expression of the divinity in man.

Over to the Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Snow residence, in Salem and the James Butler home in Providence, our scribes say, went many folks from these parts to take a peek at the little babies who now fill such important places in these happy homes. Can't you just hear snatches of the conversation? "Does the little darling eat and sleep well?" "What cute little hands and feet." "Town't be long until the baby's teething, and that's when you'll have your troubles." "Yes, you know the daddy, when he was little, cried for seventeen and one half days without a stop, trying to cut one tooth; but right now he's so happy he doesn't seem to care whether he has a tooth in his mouth."

Not only did Rev. J. N. Snow move the hearts of those who listened to his exhortations, but all who read last week's paper know of his zeal. The fervent words of the preacher and the "Amens" of his congregation were on my ears as I read last week's paper. And they told me of serious men and women turning from the pleasure of this world and seeking eternal rest for their weary souls in the life that is yet to come.

Among the readers of this column who have been indulgent enough to read down this far, there may be some who would like to hear me read from The Courier over the radio some night. I plan to do that in the near future; and you can hurry that

WORLD WAR DEAD ARE HONORED

Graves Decorated Saturday by Legion Posts—Memorial Services Held Sunday Evening.

Annual memorial services for Rutherford County's World War dead were held Sunday evening at eight o'clock at the First Baptist church. On Saturday, the Willis Towery Post, American Legion, of Forest City, and The Fred Williams Post, of Rutherfordton, decorated the graves of the deceased soldiers. Each post was responsible for the graves in seven of the county's townships.

Mr. W. L. Brown, commander of the Willis Towery Post, American Legion, presided at the services Sunday evening. A large number were in attendance, and the services were opened with the singing of "America." Dr. W. A. Ayers led in prayer, after which Capt. T. T. Long read the list of Rutherford County's World War dead, including therein the name of Roy Nanney, whose funeral was held a few hours previous. Mrs. E. A. Millican recited in a beautiful manner the poem "Forget Not the Fields." A hymn, "God of our Fathers, Known of Old," was sung by the congregation. An appropriate musical selection, prepared especially for the occasion, was sung by the Spindale Quartette, composed of Messrs G. B. Howard, D. C. Cole, T. O. Hendrix and J. W. Starnes. Dr. Ayers next presented Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church, who delivered the memorial message. After the prayer by Mr. Hoyle, the Spindale quartette sang the words to "Taps," and at the conclusion "Taps" was played by a bugler as benediction flowers were placed Saturday on sixty graves of World War veterans who are buried in Rutherford county.

JUNE ISSUE OF RADIO BULLETIN PUBLISHED

The June issue of The Amateur Radio Bulletin, published by Messrs Arval Alcock, Theodore Alcock and George Tate, was mailed out last week. This issue has been enlarged, both in dimensions and number of pages. An editorial page, news and notes on amateur radio work, and a feature on telegraph technique are among the outstanding features of this month's issue. A splendid line of advertising is carried, representing a number of states. The magazine is well gotten up, and reflects great credit on the sponsors. It is printed monthly by The Forest City Courier.

W. M. S. MEETING.

The regular business session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Wednesday p. m., June, 10th at 3:00 o'clock in the choir room. Every member urged to attend as important matters are to be discussed.

THE COURIER NEWS EDITOR HONORED

Clarence Griffin, The Courier News Editor and County Historian, is listed in the 1931 edition of "Who's Who in American Genealogy," a publication of the Institute of American Genealogy, of Chicago, Ill. This publication, issued at intervals of several years, carries biographical sketches of those whose work in historical and genealogical research in the United States and Canada is outstanding and of merit.

FLAT ROCK SWIMMING POOL TO OPEN FRIDAY

The Flat Rock Swimming Pool will open Friday. Those who furnish their suits may swim in the pool free Friday. Many new improvements have been made at the pool.

date along if you'll just sit down now and write me a letter telling me that you'd enjoy hearing the voice of "Chicagoan" coming out of your receiving set. Send your letters to The Courier and it will be forwarded to me.

A VIEW OF FOREST CITY'S PUBLIC SQUARE



FOREST CITY HAS MANY ADVANTAGES TO OFFER

The City Beautiful in the Carolinas; Nestling High in the Appalachians; Populated by a Rugged, Honest People; Invites New Industries.

It has been said and is still true that Forest City, North Carolina, nestling serenely in the foot-hills of the Appalachian ranges, is "one of the best planned and most beautiful cities in the United States," so stated and so substantiated by the United States Bureau of Agriculture, and let us, the good citizens of this section tell you that this statement is in no wise exaggerated.

Forest City, North Carolina, is the ideal and logical center for both the manufacturer and as a home center; it is so situated geographically and topographically that it invites the attention and commands the careful and scrutinizing consideration of all those who are interested in the industrial and commercial pursuits of the day, who desire to locate in a community where all advantages are available and at the same time, offers health, owing to its high altitude, and promises you all the natural and made advantages of modern day business and commercial life. Good homes, a good God fearing, honest and substantial citizenry; ideal factory sites for the manufacturer; three trunk line railroads—Seaboard, Air Line, Southern Railway and the C. C. & O.; ample electric power for manufacturing and light purposes and domestic use; an abundance of pure water capable of taking care of many manufacturing plants; adequate churches with most modern structures; good schools, graded and presided over by competent teachers; hard surfaced roads leading in all directions of the state and into our border states; surrounded by a rich and fertile farming community which is productive of cotton, grains, potatoes, etc., while trucking and dairying and poultry afford good incomes and are becoming a popular avocation in this section of North Carolina.

Forest City, North Carolina, has during the past decade more than doubled its population and is continuing to grow even through our period of depression, this for the reason that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the local Kiwanis club are alert to the present day situation and leave nothing undone that will enhance and further promote the best interests of the city and its people, and their activities are in no small measure responsible for our fast growth as an industrial and commercial center, and in this review edition of the Forest City Courier, we wish to extend to both these civic bodies our most hearty felicitations, feeling positive of the fact that if they continue their activities in the same directions, pursuing their modern policies, Forest City and its good people, will continue to grow and prosper and will each day become bigger, better and brighter and thus each and every citizen will profit materially.

The City Fathers and the Kiwanis club stand willing and ready to jointly co-operate with any individual or firm who is seeking a new

location. Land sites will be provided most liberally and our diverse units for light, water and power will be mutually arranged for so that nothing of the extortion kind will be a burden upon the new (or old) investor in Forest City.

Not only will our Mayor and the other members of the City Council wani club welcome you to Forest City, but you will find a hearty greeting waits you by more than four thousand pure Anglo-Saxon people, true to their city, their native state and to an undivided nation, asking only those things which will help them to become more aggressive, more prosperous and more diligent in the interest of Forest City, Rutherford county and its good, honest, sturdy citizens.

Good, pure mountain water is here in abundance; ample electrical facilities are offered the manufacturer; building sites can be had for the asking; labor can be secured at nominal wage scales; abundance of power (electrical and water) for the manufacturer; ample railroad facilities leading in all directions; wholesale houses, good, substantial homes; an aggressive citizenry; hard surfaced roads, wide-awake business, commercial, professional and industrial men abide in Forest City. We are, truthfully stated, in the "Land of the Sky" in western North Carolina and we want the world to know that we are an industrious and progressive people, filled with the spirit of the times, destined and determined, to become one of the leading manufacturing centers of the South, and in view thereof we invite all those seeking new locations, whether it be but a mere individual, a family or an extensive manufacturing concern, to get in touch with our City or County Commissioners, or our local Kiwanis club, for information other than is given in this article.

Forest City invites you hither, Forest City and its people will gladly and willingly lend its co-operation to any good citizen or manufacturer who seeks information concerning what we have to offer from an industrial, commercial or individual standpoint, and we have much to offer and proffer to those willing to come this way. Our climate is ideal, with an average temperature of 60 degrees. The country surrounding is thickly populated, with 2,000,000 people within a radius of one hundred miles.

Already Forest City possesses many textile industries, hosiery mills, cotton seed oil mills, lumber mills, wood working plants, wholesale houses, one of the largest weekly newspapers in the state—the Forest City Courier; a most representative line of commercial enterprises of a class that cannot be outdone in any city in the state, professional men of every class, and a people who are ambitious, alert, willing, patriotic and in very way conducive to high-class citizenship who are boosters for the "Home Town" and are ready to co-operate in any move that will

DEATH CLAIMS BARNEY HARRILL

Funeral Held Sunday For Well Known Forest City Man—Interment in Cool Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Barney Harrill, aged 54, died at his home here Saturday morning after a short illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, at the First Baptist church, with Dr. W. A. Ayers in charge, and immediately after the funeral service interment was in the Cool Springs cemetery.

Mr. Harrill was one of the well known citizens of Forest City, and a member of the Baptist church. He was a carpenter-contractor by trade. He is survived by a widow and several children.

The beautiful floral offering was in charge of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church, and were carried by Mesdames R. K. Hollifield, J. L. Griffin, B. E. Hamrick, G. C. Hill, George Poteat, Annie Ware, A. H. McDaniel, Emma Kirby, J. B. Meares, G. M. Huntley and C. E. Alcock.

ROBT. R. SUMMEY, OF ERLANGER, PASSES

Had Number of Connections in Forest City and Rutherford County.

Mr. Robert R. Summey, aged 46, died at his home in Erlanger Sunday. He had been ill two years, and had undergone treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, for a peculiar nervous ailment. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Methodist church in Erlanger, and interment followed in the Gaffney cemetery at Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Summey is survived by his widow and four children, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. W. McKinney, Forest City; Miss Kate Summey, Forest City; E. G. Summey, of near Ellenboro; L. M. and S. A. Summey, of Alexander; T. A. Summey, of Gastonia.

Mr. Summey was a charter member of the Erlanger Methodist church, and was a steward in the church at the time of his death.

MISS RUTH DOGGETT GRADUATES AT BRENAU

Gainesville, Ga., June 2.—Miss Ruth Doggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Doggett, of Forest City, received the A. B. Degree from Brenau college Conservatory, Gainesville, Ga., last Monday morning, June 1, at the graduating exercises held in the college auditorium. The Baccalaureate address was by Dr. William F. Ogburn, Professor of Sociology at the University of Chicago.

Eyelet batiste, all colors, Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

help us become the garden spot of the south, and this can be accomplished by a united citizenry joining hands for the betterment of the community in which they live. F. J. PAYNE.

COOL SPRINGS TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS HAD RECORD YEAR

A Short Resume of Accomplishments of Local School for Year Just Closed—A Splendid Record.

Cool Springs Township schools have just closed the most successful year in the history of the schools. The word successful indicates that the attendance, the quality of work, the number of promotions, and the achievement of the pupils have been better than ever this year. The number of promotions and the grades made on the state tests agrees with the above statement.

Attendance.
The average daily attendance based on the membership ranged from 86.5% to 98.6%. The average for all the schools in the township averaged 95.1%. This splendid attendance shows two things: first, the parents were interested in the welfare of the pupils; second, the quality of the work was good. It takes interested patrons and capable teachers working together in order to have a good school system.

Promotions.
The promotions in percentage ranged from 80% to 92%. This record is unusually good when the method of figuring the percentage is understood. The pupils who had entered school this year and had not moved out of the district were counted on the membership. The average for all the schools ranged around 89%. This means that 89% of all pupils belonging to school, that is, all pupils in Cool Springs Township on May 22nd were counted. A number of pupils dropped out of school to farm and engage in other kinds of work. If only the pupils who were actually in school had been used in figuring the promotions, the percent would have been much greater.

State Exams. for Seventh Grade.
This year the State Department of Education gave the seventh grade in all the schools an examination. It was gratifying to know that all four elementary schools in Cool Springs Township ranked far above the average of the state. This examination shows that the seventh grade pupils are ready for high school work. The efficiency of the schools in the academic subjects can be measured in a large way by attendance, the number of promotions, and the ability of the pupils to do the work in the next higher grade. The elementary and high school grade up extra good along these lines.

School Band.
The School Band was organized this year. The local school system has all the departments of a modern up-to-date school system. The boys and girls have an opportunity equal to any high school in the state. The band was the last department that the school lacked. The school band will give a public concert within a few weeks. An announcement will be made in next issue of The Courier about the concert.

Honor Students.
The following boys and girls made an average of over 90% during the four years in high school. This is a distinction that very few pupils are able to make:

Von King, Guy Vess, Pauline Erwin and John Blanton.

Teachers Attending Summer School.
Many of the teachers of Cool Springs Township school will attend summer school this summer. The state will not increase the salary for the next two years. Also the department of education notified the superintendents and principals that it would not be necessary to go to summer school since the increments stopped for two years. However, about twenty-five percent of the teachers will attend summer school in order to prepare themselves better for next year's work.

Parent-Teacher Association.
The Parent-Teacher association rendered a valuable service to the schools during the past session. The association accomplished many things but the outstanding piece of work was that of feeding, clothing, and furnishing books to a number of boys and girls. This made our attendance show up better. If these (Continued On Last Page)