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**VIEWS OF OUR NEWS**  
By CHICAGOAN  
LAST WEEK'S NEWS REVIEWED BY A STRANGER IN THE WINDY CITY.

Chicago, Ill., June 23.—There are some things that are just beyond the imagination of Millie, the titian-haired disturber of the serious thought in this office. A transcontinental automobile trip is one of them. But her green eyes danced with excitement when she read the account of the ride enjoyed by Mrs. "Skiff" McCurry and son, Mr. Mack and grandson when the Golden Valley correspondent spied them on their way to Lake Lure. "Boy," she exclaimed! "Think o' speedin' speedin' along the country roads on one of those swell June days, 'n stoppin' at one of those keen joints along a- bout sundown to eat and drink and then hummin' on in the moonlight! Take it from me, those folks are lucky to get a break like that trip." And then Millie mouthed a fresh piece of the material which builds Wriggly Towers and baseball teams that contend for championships.

Big institutions are built by attracting the attention of the buying public and then holding its confidence. J. C. McNeely and Company know this. Their large advertisement in last week's Courier attracted the attention of many readers. And they in turn learned that the advertisement was a statement of truth when they investigated the quality of the goods sold for such low prices. Then the sales sheets of this growing concern show the wisdom of its action. And Forest City benefits because of its good fortune in having such progressive merchandisers.

Speaking of opinions: Just consult Sillus Michalove and Margaret Green on what they think was the finest day in 1931. They'll tell you promptly that it was the day on which they were five years old. And why not? You older folks can still remember such days in your lives when there were parties and cakes and candles and mysterious packages all wrapped up in tissue paper. That's why you have such a good time when Sillus and Margaret and their playmates are happy.

Of course, there's C. C. and Walsh Moore, who, according to The Courier, took a trip over to Toccoa, Ga., last week. As they visited about the town, they saw some things that were mighty fine. The business buildings and the pleasant residences and perhaps a city park. But when they checked the advantages of Forest City against those which were before their eyes, they were glad. Glad that everybody did not see things as they did. If they did, they'd all want to move to Forest City. And then the population would increase so rapidly, that some of the good neighbors might be forced to move.

Although the members of the Oak Grove Epworth League may not have agreed at times on matters of their organization's policy, you need but mention the picnic near Caroleen which was reported in last week's paper, and they'll agree to a man (or woman) that they had the time of their lives. And that they're looking forward to a repetition of the affair in the not too distant future.

Kiwanis Clubs are voluntary organizations in which men of various vocations have united to dedicate their efforts to the service of their fellows. The account of last week's meeting was in itself the answer to the question, "What do you think of Kiwanis?"

Now there's another place where a difference in opinion is interfering with my plans. I'm satisfied that enough of my readers wish to hear a radio broadcast to warrant the allotment of time I'm asking from a large broadcasting station. The managers of this station are still of another mind. And although I insist

## MINE CAVE-IN NEAR ELLENBORO FATAL TO MR. BOB DAVIS

Son of Mr. Davis Has Narrow Escape As Mica Tunnel Caves Wednesday.

Bob Davis, of Ellenboro, was instantly killed and his son narrowly escaped injury Wednesday morning, about 9:30, when an old mica mine, near Hopewell, on Ellenboro R-3, that they were working, caved in, about a truck load of dirt and rocks falling on Mr. Davis. The boy, hearing the crackling of the rocks and dirt as it began to fall, jumped back just in time to miss being trapped under the debris.

The mine belonged to C. O. Dycus of the Hopewell section, and had not been worked for some time. Mr. Davis and his son, whose name could not be learned, had only started to work in the mine this morning. They were really only prospecting, having gone into the mine to see if there was enough mica left in it to pay them to work it. It is thought that the cave-in was caused by them tapping along the sides of the mine as they broke off parts of the mica formation. There were several tunnels leading from the entrance, which was a big hole dug into the ground. They had not entered these, however, but were standing at the foot of the hole examining the sides. The cave-in fell from the top of the hole, falling on Mr. Davis. About a truck load of dirt had to be removed before his body could be recovered.

The son, jumping back when he heard the dirt and gravel coming, heard his father scream. Climbing out of the mine he ran to the home of E. B. Dycus nearby and summoned help. Mr. Dycus, who was a brother of the owner of the mine, with the aid of several others who gathered, dug the body from under the debris.

Mr. Davis was about 45 years of age. He was married and had several children. He is also survived by three brothers: T. B. Davis, of Marion; Will S. Davis, of Lattimore, R-1; and Ed Davis, of Gastonia.

Mr. Davis had only been living in Ellenboro since last winter, moving to that place from the New House section.

The body of Mr. Davis was removed to the undertaking establishment of Hightower & Matheny, at Avondale, by W. C. Hightower, coroner, after he had viewed it at the mine this morning. As The Courier goes to press the inquest had not been held, but was scheduled to take place some time Wednesday afternoon or night.

## Henrietta Man Died Saturday

Henrietta, June 22.—Funeral services for Mr. Bret Suggs, of this place, were held Sunday afternoon at the Henrietta Baptist church. Mr. Suggs died Saturday at his home here after a short illness. He was well known throughout the entire community, and had been engaged here for sometime as a shoemaker. He has one son at Cliffside.

## CHAS. PRICE DETECTIVE FOR HOTEL CHARLOTTE

Charles R. Price, former chief of police of this city, has been made hotel detective for the Hotel Charlotte, in Charlotte. Mr. Price was appointed to this position June 19, to succeed J. W. Cohen, who resigned to go into business.

The Hotel Charlotte is a member of the Southeastern Hotels Company and is one of the largest in the state.

that hundreds of people are intending to write the letters I have requested, but have put the matter off until a later date, the "radio boss" comes back with the assertion that such postponement is evidence of a lack of interest. Well, folks, there you have the decision in the matter. (Why not write those letters, folks? We are sure you want to hear this broadcast. Send your letters direct to The Courier and they will be forwarded—Editor.)

## Awaits Trial For Slain



Fred Smart, who is being held in custody charged with the shooting of Chief A. A. Price here on the night of June 6th. It is probable that a special term of Superior Court will be called for his trial.

## Spindale Man Accidentally Killed Wednesday Morning

Boyce Elders Electrocuted or Died of Heart Failure—Coroner's Inquest Now Being Held.

Spindale, June 24.—Boyce Elders, aged 31, was electrocuted or died of heart failure Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock while employed in the Spencer Mill here. As The Courier goes to press a coroner's inquest is underway, and a coroner's jury will decide in what manner he met death.

According to witnesses, Mr. Elders was standing on a ladder, drilling a hole in the roof near the skylight, with an electric drill. He was in close proximity to some high tension electric wires. He suddenly stiffened and fell backwards, across the top of the ladder. The electric current in the mill was shut off, and his body removed from the ladder. When examined a few minutes later at the hospital he was found dead. A coroner's jury is considering the facts in the case this afternoon, and will decide as to how he met death.

Mr. Elders was a young man well known and admired by a large host of friends here. He had been employed by The Spencer Mills for a number of years, and at the time of his death was a spare hand in the weave room.

He is survived by his widow, who

prior to her marriage four years ago was Miss Elma Kistler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kistler, of this place. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elders reside near Belmont. One brother, John Elders, of Henrietta, and two sisters, Mrs. Mal Pittman, of Spindale and another at Belmont also survive.

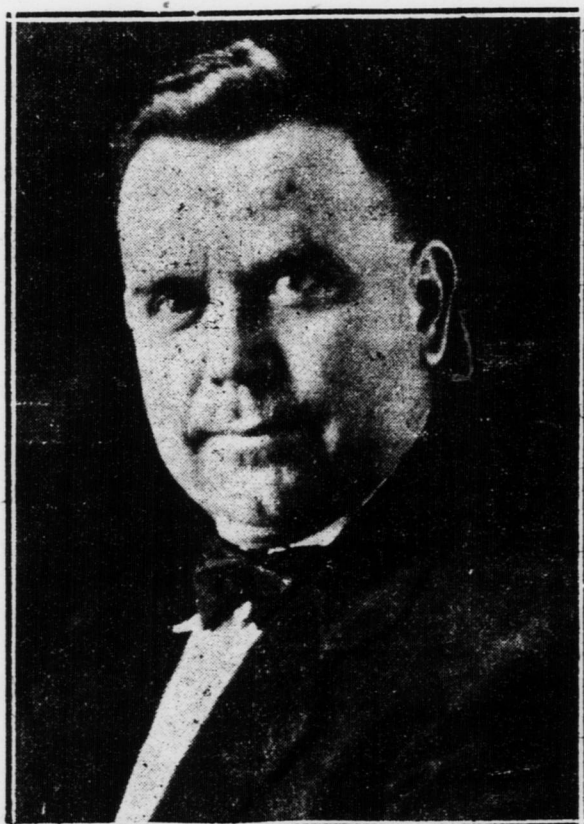
Funeral arrangements have not been fully completed as The Courier goes to press, however, it is expected that the service and burial will be held at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, at West End, Forest City, Thursday.

## ELLENBORO STORE ROBBED.

Ellenboro, June 23.—Paul Tisdale's store, in the mill section of Ellenboro, was robbed sometime Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. A number of articles were taken including overalls, shirts, guns, lard, flour, meal, hams, bacon, cigarettes, tire patching, and gas. Entrance was gained through the back door, a crowbar being used to break the lock. The loss totals around \$150. Officers have been investigating the case but so far no arrest has been made.

Miss Zeldia Yelton, of Nebo, and Misses Fannie Dorcas and Mary Helen Gettys, of Oklahoma City, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lattimore.

## Honored



Prof. A. C. Lovelace, superintendent of the Caroleen-Henrietta High school system, who was the recipient of an educational degree at Duke University recently.

## Two Drowned At Flat Rock Friday

Dewitt Harrill of this City and Miss Mary Etta Parker, of Marion, Lose Lives While Swimming Late Friday Night.

## Fire Destroys Transfer Truck Here Tuesday

A Mundy transfer truck, from Roanoke, Va., was burned Tuesday night, on West Main street, near the Forest City Seed and Fertilizer plant. The truck passed through the city about 9:30, and bystanders noticed sparks flying from the truck. Several started after the truck in cars, to warn the driver. In the meantime the fire alarm was turned in, and both trucks responded to the alarm. The burning truck was stopped near West End. The truck was carrying 95 gallons of gasoline in the tank and emergency tank, both of which exploded and threw burning gas over the street. The truck was completely destroyed. Seven cases of silk rayon was destroyed, also some items of freight which was being transported in the truck.

## PROF. A. C. LOVELACE HONORED AT DUKE

Twin High Superintendent Gets Degree—Outline of His Work at Caroleen.

Superintendent A. C. Lovelace, of the Henrietta-Caroleen school, received his Master of Education degree at Duke University on June 10. Only ten other persons received this degree at the recent commencement. Mr. Lovelace has the honor of graduating with the first class on the new Duke campus. An unusual coincidence was that three boys who graduated at Shelby High, while Mr. Lovelace was their principal, graduated with the bachelor's degree in the same class.

Mr. Lovelace has done all his course work during the past two summers, and written his thesis during the past school year. A new ruling requires everybody to spend five terms for this work now. By hard work, Mr. Lovelace was able to average between 90 and 95 percent on all his studies, and as a result was elected to the Educational honorary fraternity for outstanding students in education at Duke University. Mr. Lovelace made an average of over 95 percent for the four years at Wake Forest college where he received his A. B. degree with the following honor, "Magna Cum Laude."

Mr. Lovelace is starting his eleventh year in school work at Henrietta, and his fifth year at Caroleen. When he came to Henrietta in 1919, there was no school building, the upstairs of the company store being used for school purposes. Neither was there any high school work. He developed a high school that has become a member of the Southern Association. The elementary schools, there were the first in the county to become standard schools. He was instrumental in having the building at Henrietta erected. Later Prof. J. B. Jones came to Caroleen and these two men laid the plans for the present district system. Prof. Jones had charge of the schools during the actual construction period. Mr. Lovelace went as head of the Sylva schools in Jackson county. From there he was called to the principalship of the Shelby high school, but he was called back to Henrietta-Caroleen as superintendent, where he has started his fifth year.

The recent legislature makes it necessary to curtail expenses in this school system. The superintendent's salary will be reduced five hundred dollars next year. One principal will get 16 3-4 percent cut. All teachers receive 10 percent cuts, and with the increase that would have been made, some will receive 20 percent to 25 percent less than they would have received under the former law. In addition to these cuts, the number

"Death caused by means of accidental drowning", was the verdict returned Monday afternoon by the coroner's jury in the inquest of Dewitt Harrill, of this city, and Mary Etta Parker, of Marion, who were drowned in Flat Rock Swimming Pool Friday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. The inquest was held Monday afternoon in the city hall here at 1 o'clock.

The tragic and sudden passing of these two young lives was a great shock to the people of this section. Mr. Harrill was one of the best known young men of this city, and had hundreds of friends to mourn his passing. He was known throughout this section of the state for his ability as an automobile trader, which business he was in until a few months ago, when he opened a furniture store here with his brothers.

Grady Harrill, a brother of the deceased, made the following statement to a Courier representative Monday afternoon following the inquest:

"Dewitt and I had gone to Marion last Friday afternoon to do some automobile trading. When we returned to Forest City we brought Mary Etta Parker and her aunt, Nannie Parker, back with us. There was a ball game Friday night, which I wanted to go to, thinking that I might get to play, and as Dewitt and the girls didn't want to go, we picked up P. D. Harrill to stay with them until I could get out of the ball park. Mr. Harrill and Dewitt were great friends and he stayed with Dewitt while I was at the game for this reason."

Account of Tragedy. According to P. D. Harrill and other witnesses heard during the inquest Monday afternoon the events leading up to the tragedy were as follows:

When about time for the game to be over Dewitt and P. D. Harrill and the two girls had driven out to the ball park to get Grady. The game not being over they had driven on out to Flat Rock swimming pool, where Dewitt wanted to go in swimming. He asked Nannie Parker to go in, but she having a bad cold did not want to, so Mary Etta Parker had gone in with Dewitt. The pool had already closed for the night, but Dewitt persuaded Bob McDaniel, who operates the swimming pool, to let them go in. In addition to Mr. McDaniel there were three other boys at the pool, Claude Morrow who had been acting as life guard during the day, Baxter Butler and J. B. Robbins.

During the day part of the water had been drawn off on account of some children that had gone in. Dewitt was told by Claude Morrow, according to his statement during the inquest, that the water was shallow and not to dive in. Dewitt evidently didn't hear for he did dive in and came up on his side, according to Mr. Morrow. He was not hurt, however, and he swam out in the pool, coming back for Miss Parker, tell-

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of students per teacher will be increased. This makes a hard situation for the children. It is difficult to see how the same efficiency can be maintained as heretofore, but like other school men, Mr. Lovelace is determined to make the best of the situation.

It is doubtful if there is another native Rutherford county boy who has done so much for the children of this county as has been done through the school-room work of Mr. Lovelace. While he was at office work during the World War, seeing the large number of boys who could not sign their names, he determined to go back to the masses and give his life in service for education. It is a source of pride for him to see the progress that has been made in this county since he started teaching at Henrietta twelve years ago.