



Chicago, Ill., July 7.—I'm sure Charlie Peterson, who, according to last week's Cliffs News has found it rather warm in Cliffside, joins the many others I know in the opinion that a moratorium from the heat would bring as many benefits as will the forgiveness of war debts for the period of one year. Yes, sir, someone should organize a political party, having for its purpose the agitation of governmental action to provide that the excess heat of the summer be "canned" and laid away as a surplus to be drawn upon when the snow flies again.

Back fifteen years ago this summer, Oris Reid Coffield became Mayor of Ellenboro, a position he still holds with honor to himself and the town, so the account of last week reveals. And I suppose even in that day as he took his first oath of office and later wiped from his brow the perspiration caused by the sun of 1916 there were some who tormented him by asking, "Is it hot enough for you?"

When Miss Flora Jefferies came from Charlotte to be the house guest of Mrs. S. J. Asbury, Jr., she probably did not expect to attend as gay an affair as the luncheon given in her honor on Tuesday. Those privileged to attend the event reported in last week's paper were afforded the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the charming and cultured lady from Charlotte. And the friendships she has made this summer will make her visit to Forest City remain forever pleasant in the memory of Miss Jefferies.

Let none complain of hot weather so long as he is in good health and able to be about. I can smile at the discomfort of those who complain of hot weather, yet who are in reality so little affected by it. But my sympathy goes forth to Mrs. Annie Scruggs, of Floyd's Creek, confined, so last week's paper says, to her home by illness. Attendants may be most loving and painstaking, and the sick room equipped with highly improved ventilating devices, and nearby tables banked with beautiful flowers, all of which bring comfort, 'tis true. But there is nothing that will take the place of the open air and the cooling winds of the eventide. And I hope Mrs. Scruggs may enjoy them soon again.

Under the spreading trees of Chestnut Hill, says last week's paper, the Huntley family gathered, drawn together by the invisible yet strong ties that band the members of good families to each other. In his long climb toward civilization man first recognized his family in addition to himself. Later the family united into clans, which in time linked together to form nations. Perhaps the time will come when all the people of the earth will regard each other as members of one huge family. If it does, the blessings of that age will be due in part to the spirit that was kept alive by the families of the nation now holding their reunions.

There are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge who, reading of their trip to Washington, D. C., and other places of interest, have wondered whether or not the heat in the places visited has been as intense as that of Forest City. But when postcards arrive from the travelers bearing the message "wish you were here!" those who receive them very likely look up at the weather reports. And when they see what the temperature in other cities has been, they are content to leave such "wishing" to their wandering friends. They are perfectly willing to remain in Forest City, which, according to the charts, has

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAYS

Closing Agreement Went Into Effect Yesterday and is to Continue Through July and August.

In order to give their help a half holiday during the hot summer months, practically every business house in the city—with the exception of the drug stores, theatres, cafes, etc.—will close their places of business at 12 noon on Wednesdays, beginning yesterday and continuing through the months of July and August.

Our friends in the country, and in the city, too, will please bear the closing hours in mind and do their Wednesday shopping before noon each week. Stores will close promptly at 12 o'clock and remain closed for the day.

Those signing the Wednesday closing agreement are:

Stein's Dept. Store; Graham Cash Co.; The Boston Store; The Bee Hive; A&P Tea Co., Efrid's Dept. Store, Jones Grocery Co., Farmers Hardware Co., Stahl's Ten Cent Store, Piggly-Wiggly Store, Pender's, Electric Appliance Co., J. C. McNeely & Co., Vassey & Hemphill, Forest City Shoe Shop, Padgett's Barber Shop, Geo. F. Bradley, Mrs. A. C. Jones, Mark's Shoe Shop, Birtie Beauty Shop, The Davis Shoppe, Forest City Furniture Co., Padgett & King, Moss Furniture Co., Dalton Bros., Building & Loan, Courtney's Ten Cent Store, Sanders' Groceries, Palace Barber Shop, Gilbert's Studio, Doggett Motor Co., W. L. Stallings, Union Trust Co., Curtis Barber Shop, Security Insurance Co., Forest City Motor Co., R. W. Hardin, Industrial Bank, McMurry's Barber Shop and the City Pressing Club.

ELLENBORO TAKES TWO FOURTH OF JULY GAMES

Ellenboro, July 6.—Ellenboro celebrated the fourth of July in an auspicious manner by defeating the Charlotte Boosters here in morning and afternoon games. The morning game was thrilling with an exciting climax, Ellenboro coming from behind in the final frame to win 6 to 3. The Charlotte team had led up to this time 3 to 0 with quick hurling fine ball. Red Wilson, first up, hit a double to start the rally. Nanny who led the hitting for the game secured another bingle, the rally was climaxed by Hollifield hitting a two-bagger with two men on. After the second inning Lee Green hurled runless ball for Ellenboro.

The afternoon game was featured by the pitching of Kirksey and the hitting and playing of the entire Ellenboro team. Lloyd Green, Allen and Padgett led the hitting against Farrell, star Charlotte high pitcher, while Buchanan featured on third base for Ellenboro. Charlotte was unable to do anything with the curves of Kirksey who deserved a shutout. Hollifield and Kirksey is trying out with the Spartanburg team of the Palmetto league this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hemphill and children are spending a few days in Wilmington.

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been cool, compared with some other places.

Food experts may proclaim so loudly about the dangers of certain edibles in hot weather that they become prostrated with the heat of the sun and their language. But good food of the right kind may be safely eaten in large quantities even in the most torrid weather. And it will take more than the assertion of a long faced specialist to keep Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kennedy, of Henrietta and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, of Arkansas, from insisting that their visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kennedy, of Providence, last Saturday was brought to a most enjoyable end when they ate so heartily of the well prepared meal Mrs. "M. B." set before them.

Elevated to Presidency



S. CLAY WILLIAMS of Winston-Salem, N. C., who has been elected President of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, manufacturers of Camel cigarettes and Prince Albert smoking tobacco. He succeeds Bowman Gray, who was made Chairman of the Board.

STATE TAKES OVER ROADS OF COUNTY

Highway Commission Takes Over 685 Miles in County—Rollins and Cline Bridge Overseers.

On July 1st the State Highway Commission took over Rutherford county's roads, and will maintain them in the future. A total of 685.15 miles of roads was taken over in this county. This mileage is divided into three groups: Class A, topsoiled and graded, 263 miles; Class B, graded roads, 299.30 miles; and Class C, unimproved roads, 122.85 miles. These roads serve every section of every township in Rutherford county.

At the same time the state took over all county highways in the 100 counties in the state totaling 45,091 miles which with the 8,992 miles that previously made up the state's system of roads gives the new highway commission over 54,000 miles to maintain. The maintenance is to be taken care of by a six cent tax on gasoline, relieving real property of all state or county road taxes, leaving only the township or strictly local roads of minor importance to be built and repaired by the road boards of the individual townships with money provided by land taxes.

Mr. C. F. Cline of Gilkey, former member of the General Assembly from Rutherford county, and Geo. W. Rollins, former county commissioner of this county, have been appointed by the resident engineer, J. M. Poteat, of Marion to have charge of bridge work and working convicts on the public roads of the county. They began July 1. This is a temporary arrangement, but it is understood that they are doing excellent work on the roads and bridges of the county at present. Mr. Poteat is engineer for the counties of Rutherford, Burke, Cleveland and McDowell.

WAIVE HEARING.

George Harris, young white man, who was wounded by a trap gun while entering the store of O. B. Biggerstaff, at Bostic, two weeks ago, and two companions, were arraigned in recorder's court in Rutherford Tuesday, but waived hearing and were bound over to superior court under bond. The three men are charged with breaking and entering. Harris was shot by a trap gun as he went in.

FIRE DEPT. CALLED.

Soot falling on the roof at the home of Prof. E. V. Seitz, on Magnolia avenue, at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, caused a fire alarm to be turned in. The fire laddies responded promptly and extinguished the blaze with practically no damage to the property.

MRS. J. T. FORTUNE DIED WEDNESDAY

Succumbs to Long Illness—Funeral Thursday at Home on West Main Street.

Mrs. J. T. Fortune, one of Forest City's most widely known women, died at her home on West Main street here Wednesday morning, at the age of seventy years. Death came after an extended illness, and was not unexpected, yet it cast a pall of gloom over the residents of Forest City, who had known her so long.

Funeral services will be held Thursday (today) at the home, with Dr. W. A. Ayers, her pastor, in charge of the service. Interment will be in the Cool Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Fortune is survived by four daughters, as follows, Mrs. C. J. Young, of Auburn, Ala., Mrs. R. V. King and Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton, county treasurer, of Forest City, and Mrs. Fannie Lowe, of Auburn, Ala. Twenty grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive. Her husband preceded her to the grave four years ago.

Mrs. Fortune was born in Cleveland county May 24, 1861. Before her marriage she was Miss Corrie Philbeck. She was married to the late J. T. Fortune February 11, 1877, at the age of sixteen years. A few years later they removed to Forest City, where she has been a resident for the past forty years.

Mrs. Fortune has been a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist church since early childhood. She was a good neighbor. She had been in ill health for the past ten years. Her daughter, Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton, with whom she made her home, gave her every attention and care. Her devotion to her mother was beautiful and faithful until the end.

Hon. S. P. Dunagan Retains Position

As The Courier goes to press Hon. S. P. Dunagan informs us that he has reconsidered, and withdrawn his resignation as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, of Rutherford county. Mr. Dunagan called a special meeting of the Committee Monday, at which time he offered his resignation as chairman. An account of the proceedings are published elsewhere in this issue of The Courier. A committee was appointed to interview Mr. Dunagan, in reference to retaining the chairmanship. The committee was very insistent, and after reviewing Mr. Dunagan's splendid record for the past year, requested that he retain the chairmanship. After considering the matter, Mr. Dunagan yielded to the Committee's request.

Hold Funeral For Caroleen Man

Caroleen, July 8.—Mr. Jess Amos, aged 35, died at the hospital Tuesday following an operation. He was removed to his home here, and funeral services were held from the home Tuesday night at seven o'clock, with Rev. J. A. Brock, pastor of the Caroleen Baptist church, officiating. The body was taken to his old home in Parisville, Tenn. Wednesday, where interment took place Wednesday afternoon.

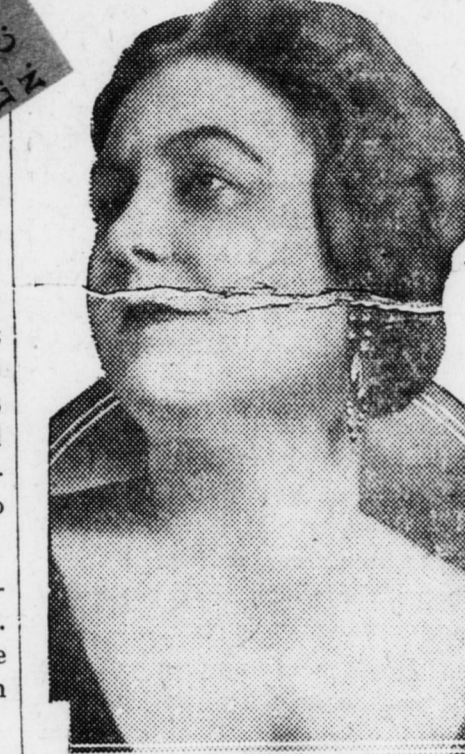
Mr. Amos is survived by his widow, also two brothers who reside in Tennessee. He was a member of the Caroleen Baptist church, and had been residing here about two years. He was a native of Tennessee.

NEGRO HURT.

A young negro man, by the name of Abrams, was seriously injured Monday morning when he was struck by a car driven by a Mr. Skipper, of Polk county. The accident occurred near Rutherfordton, on the highway. The negro suffered two broken legs and other injuries. Mr. Skipper was given a preliminary hearing Tuesday, and released under a \$200.00 bond.

Fifty hats at one dollar each, this week only. Mrs. A. C. Jones, City.

Brings Opera to Air



MARTHA ATWOOD, Soprano, who first triumphed on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, later became widely known throughout the United States during her extended concert tours. Frequent appearances at American Legion Conventions endeared her to Legionnaires from all sections of the country. During the summer months she is returning to radio, being featured as a frequent guest soloist on the General Motors Monday night broadcast—when she sings numbers from some of the best known operas.

Cotton Blossoms Are Reported

The first cotton blossom of the season was reported Thursday from Caroleen. This cotton bloom was found in Mr. John Skinner's field on the farm of Mr. B. M. Melton, of Caroleen, and was reported Thursday about four o'clock.

The second blossom was reported Saturday, the fourth, by Mr. T. C. Hardin, who resides near Forest City.

Mr. W. B. Harrill, of Forest City R-2, of the Providence section, brought a cotton bloom to the office Monday morning, which he stated was found July 3.

Mr. Earl Stacey, of the Salem community, Bostic, R-2, reported cotton blooms Monday, also several cotton blooms in his neighbor's fields.

Mr. J. S. Waters, of Forest City, R-3, also reported cotton blossoms Monday.

Mr. S. E. Harrill, of the Bethany community, Forest City, R-2, found cotton blooms on July 5. Mr. Harrill reports one of the finest crops of cotton on his farm, at this time of the year, that he ever grown on it.

FOREST FINANCE COMPANY OPENS IN FOREST CITY

The Forest Finance Company is opening in this city this week, having banking rooms over The Bee Hive. Mr. A. D. Carter, of Hickory, will be local manager of the company, which promises a service for Rutherford county in private loans. The especial purpose of the finance company, as outlined to The Courier, is to take care of the small borrower, free of all red tape, etc.

Gives Blood To Save Father's Life

Rutherfordton, N. C., July 7.—The offer of his 14-year-old daughter to give as much blood as necessary for a transfusion, is credited with saving the life of R. L. Crisson, a well known farmer of near here.

Last week he entered the Rutherford hospital and was informed he needed a transfusion of blood to save his life. Several persons went to the hospital and took tests, but none of the blood "matched."

Hospital physicians were becoming discouraged when the daughter, Alma, volunteered to give her father all the blood needed to save his life.

It was found that her blood matched perfectly. With a quart transferred into the veins of her parent, he is recovering rapidly from his illness.

"Until a better day, Halifax county is slowly bidding cotton goodbye," says County Agent J. R. Britt in recounting the acreage to small grain, hay and pasture now being grown over the county.

SPORTSMEN OF N. C. TO MEET THIS WEEK AT CHIMNEY ROCK

Isaak Walton League of North Carolina To Hold Semi-Annual Convention Friday and Saturday.

The state meeting of the Isaak Walton League will be held at Mountain View hotel, at Chimney Rock, Friday and Saturday of this week, according to an announcement made by the county secretary, Mr. Ivy Cowan, of Spindale.

This is the semi-annual meeting of this body, and a large number of sportsmen from every county in North Carolina are expected to be present. The first session will be held from three to five o'clock Friday afternoon, at which time the program for the remainder of the convention will be announced.

At the Friday evening session, which opens at eight o'clock, a large delegation of sportsmen from Rutherford county are expected to be present. All interested in hunting, fishing, conservation, etc., are requested to be present, regardless of whether you are a member of the Isaak Walton League or not. It is probable that a meal will be served at this time.

Every sportsman in the county should attend, and assist in extending to visiting sportsmen of other counties of the state a welcome to western North Carolina.

As The Courier goes to press information received here is to the effect that Dr. Seth Gordon, of New York City, president of the American Game Association, will be the speaker at the Friday night session, at which time a dinner will be served. Mr. Gordon is one of America's greatest sportsmen and is vitally interested in conservation. Mr. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, has also been invited to attend this session.

WOMANLESS WEDDING.

Bostic, July 7.—On Saturday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock, the W. M. U. of the Bostic Baptist church will sponsor a "Womanless Wedding" to be given in the school auditorium. A small admission of five and ten cents will be charged. After the program home made ice cream, lemonade and cake will be sold for a small amount. The proceeds will go to the Bostic Baptist church. Steve Kirksey will be the groom and the "blushing bride" will be T. W. Calton, while Kimball Smart will act as the minister. There will be quite a number of "guests" and "relatives" present.

DIXIE GOLF COURSE HAS NEW PRO

The management of the Dixie Golf Course, Rutherford county's new golf course which was just opened for play a few weeks ago, has secured the services of Mr. Charles Moss, of Spartanburg, a Clemson football star as well as being the Bobby Jones of Clemson golf team. Mr. Moss served as Pro. and gave golf lessons at the Gaffney Golf club during his vacation last summer. It is understood that Mr. Moss already has a large class taking lessons and no doubt the number of would-be golfers will increase as it is understood the course is in splendid condition.

Mr. Pete Webb, of Shelby, the Pro. of Cleveland Springs Country Club, and his brother, Fred, who is the Junior Champion of the Carolinas, played the local course last week in an exhibition round. Fred Webb set a course record of thirty-four for the nine holes, and both of the Webb boys commented very favorably on the present condition of the golf course and its being well laid out, and it is thought that the possibilities and future of the course are splendid due to its central location.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills are spending this week at Wilmington.