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VIRGIL E. EVANS PURCHASES THE RUTHERFORD SUN

Moving Plant This Week and Will Establish New Weekly Paper at Spartanburg.

A deal was consummated Monday whereby the Rutherford Sun was sold to Mr. Virgil E. Evans, who will remove the outfit to Spartanburg this week, where he will shortly begin publication of a new weekly publication to be known as the Carolina State News. Mr. Evans bought the physical plant and the subscription list of the Rutherford newspaper, but his publication will have no connection whatever with the Sun, which goes out of existence with the closing of the deal. They will, however, continue an advertising sheet for a week or so in order to fill out the unexpired legal advertising contracts and to carry only a valedictory and no other news.

With the closing of this deal, Rutherford county's oldest newspaper goes out of existence and that honor now goes to The Forest City Courier. The Sun, as is well known, had a long and varied career and was a leader in county affairs and prosperous until the establishment of another paper in Rutherfordton, The News, and since that date has had to struggle under the handicap of two newspapers in a one paper field, inevitably leading up to its dissolution this week.

Mr. Virgil E. Evans, purchaser of The Sun plant, is a newspaper man of wide experience and at present owner and operator of radio stations WSPA at Spartanburg and WNOX at Knoxville, Tenn. He is a man of experience, wealth and ability and should meet with instant success in the publication of his new paper at Spartanburg. He has been associated with some of the largest and most influential publications in the country, starting with the Huntsville, Ala., News and later with the Atlanta Georgian and Hearst and Pulitzer publications in New York.

Mr. John Ed Pearce and Mr. Donald Thomas, former editors of the Sun, will take positions with the new Spartanburg publication. Some weeks ago the Sun people removed their job printing outfit to Forest City and attempted the publication of a small job press "Daily," which was never granted mailing privileges, but delivered by boys on the streets. After a very short existence this sheet was discontinued before the deal for the sale of the Sun went through. It was no field for a daily, small or otherwise, and the promoters soon found this out. The plant was included in the Sun trade and will go out with that outfit this week.

Below will be found a short history of the Sun:

The first issue of The Sun made its appearance on January 1, 1903, with Clarence D. Wilkie as editor and publisher. Capt. W. T. R. Bell became associate editor of the Sun, March 12, 1903, but resigned in July of the same year to enter upon his new duties as superintendent of public instruction, leaving the paper in charge of Clarence Wilkie.

At first the paper was a five column, 8 to 12 pages weekly. With the issue of July 30, 1903, the paper changed to a six-column paper, 8 to 12 pages weekly. A stock company was formed in July, 1904, to take over the plant, but Wilkie was left in charge as manager and editor, and remained until his death in 1907. The Rutherford Press, which was started about 1896, was leased in January, 1900, to The Tribune Publishing Co. W. F. Rucker was editor of The Tribune. On January 1st, 1903, Mr. Rucker withdrew from the editorial chair to devote his time to his duties as representative in the General Assembly, and L. D. Miller became manager and editor, and was assisted in his new duties by Miss Annie Bell Erwin. In December, 1904, The Tribune was discontinued and the plant bought by The Sun Printing Company.

W. H. Miller leased The Sun and was in charge during 1907. Capt.

HOTEL MAKES IMPROVEMENT.

The New Central Hotel has just completed finishing and furnishing a very attractive lobby downstairs in connection with the dining room. Chairs, tables and writing desks are arranged to give comfort and accommodation to their patrons.

BAPTISTS OF SANDY RUN TO MEET

Fortieth Annual Session of The Sandy Run Baptist Association Will be Held on October 7th-8th.

Alexander, Sept. 29.—The Fortieth annual session of The Sandy Run Baptist Association will be held with the Alexander Baptist church on Wednesday and Thursday, October 7th and 8th. The sessions open at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning with devotional by Rev. L. N. Epley. This will be followed by enrollment of delegates; organization; report on order of business; report of executive committee, and at 10:45 Mrs. Charles McCurry will discuss religious literature. Welcome will be extended to new pastors and visitors, and after the appointment of committees Rev. P. A. Hunnicutt will deliver the sermon. Lunch will be at noon.

The devotional for the afternoon session will be by Rev. M. M. Huntley. The co-operative program will be presented by Prof. A. C. Lovelace, with discussion by Dr. Chas. E. Maddy, J. A. Brock will present the Unified Budget and the South-Wide Every Member Canvass.

Wednesday night's session will open with devotional by Rev. T. M. Hester, followed by B. Y. P. U. Report by M. D. Blanton, with discussion by Kenneth Dobbins, B. P. Parks will make a report for the Sunday schools, and W. A. Ayers will lead the discussion. Immediately after this Perry Morgan will deliver the inspirational address.

Talks and reports for Thursday morning will be by Rev. Z. D. Harrill, Walter Hicks, Dr. Zeno Wall, Frank Jarvis, W. A. Ayers and Dr. Luther Little.

Reports will be made Thursday afternoon by Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, Mrs. J. A. Hunnicutt, G. B. Pruet, S. E. Welch, D. J. Hunt, M. M. Huntley and C. C. Matheny. Miscellaneous business will also take part of the program Thursday afternoon.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mr. John Graham, Jr., owner of the Graham Stores, underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday night at the General Hospital in Spartanburg. According to latest reports he is resting nicely.

W. T. R. Bell was made editor in 1908, and was assisted by L. D. Miller as News Editor. Capt. Bell resigned in September, 1910 to become superintendent of the Rutherfordton school. He was succeeded by L. D. Miller, who acted as editor until R. D. Marsh purchased controlling interest and operated it with Mr. Miller in charge. In 1918 R. E. Price became editor with L. D. Miller business manager.

In January, 1926, The Sun, which had been purchased by The Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., came under the control of the late John R. Norris, with Clyde S. Wilson as editor. Following Mr. Wilson's resignation in January, 1927, Mr. Norris assumed editorship, a position which he held until his death in April, 1929, when he was succeeded by his brother, Dr. Philip Norris. Controlling interest was sold to John Ed Pearce in July, 1930, who continued as editor until last week.

Incidentally, Mr. John B. Miller, now of The Rutherford County News printed the first issue of The Sun, and remained with the paper almost constantly until the organization of The News Publishing Company in 1926. He also designed the masthead. Mr. L. D. Miller, who acted as manager and editor of The Sun for a number of years at various times prior to 1926, is now with The Rutherford County News.

DISTRICT MUSIC CLUBS TO MEET

Fifth Annual Session To Be Held October 3 At Mars Hill.

Mars Hill, Sept. 28.—The fifth annual meeting of the Western district of the North Carolina Federation of Music clubs will be held at Mars Hill Saturday, October 3. The hostess groups will be the music department of the Mars Hill women's club and the Schubert Junior club.

The senior program, which begins at 10 o'clock in the Mars Hill college auditorium, is as follows: hymn, "America the Beautiful," federation collect; invocation, the Dr. Oscar E. Sams, welcome, Mrs. J. A. McLeod; response, Mrs. S. J. Asbury; minutes Mrs. Charles A. Harris; vocal trio, "Ave Maria" (Marchetti), Mesdames J. C. Morrow, Larry Bobst, C. A. Meyer; message to the district, Mrs. Eugene Davis, State president; Mars Hill college chorus, "Unfold Ye Portals" (Gounod); message, Mrs. Cora Cox Lucas, South Atlantic district president; vocal solos "Papillon" (Fouadain), Truit D'Etoiles" (DeBussy), Mrs. J. C. Morrow; short talks by delegates on "what helped me most at the State convention, Mrs. O. C. Hamilton; presentation of officers and chairman; string quartet, Hendersonville club; plans for the year's work, by presidents of senior clubs; selection by the Aeolian choir of Asheville.

Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock, at which time a question box for club problems will be conducted by Mrs. A. H. Kiser.

The afternoon session will be devoted to junior music clubs. The program, which will be held in the college auditorium, will be as follows: "America"; welcome, Elizabeth Fleetwood; message, Mrs. A. W. Honeycutt, State junior counselor; piano solo (selected) Phyllis Prunty; violin duet, "waltz" (Brums), Howard Battle and Sadie Battle; piano solo, "Slumber Song" (Schubert), Evelyn McLeod; message, David Bennett; vocal solo, "My Heart's in the Highlands" (Courtney), John Washburn, Bennie Washburn, accompanist piano duet, "Shooting Stars" (Walter Rolfe), Marjorie Padgett and Katherine Bradley; piano solo, "Chanson Creole" (Jules Devaux), Mae Jenkins; Junior club reports; report of committees.

Mrs. George S. McCall, of Marion is director of the western district of the North Carolina Federation of Music clubs, and Mrs. Preston Stringfield is district junior chairman. Mrs. J. A. McLeod is president of the Mars Hill women's club, and Miss Zula Coon is chairman of the music department of the local club. Pages for the meeting Saturday October 3, will be Misses Mildred Elmore, Mildred Sorrell, Lillian Crowe, and Helen Keeler.

There will be several members of the music department of the local Women's club who will attend the district meeting in Mars Hill, Saturday, October 3.

Sunday School Meeting Sunday

The Sandy Run Sunday School Association will meet in the Florence Baptist church here next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The topic for discussion at this session is "Promotion." Prof. R. L. Leary, of Spindale, will discuss "The Importance of Promotion." Mr. Hatcher Melton, of Avondale, will talk on "The Superintendent's part in Promotion." Miss Mildred Hamrick, of Henrietta, will talk on "Visitation after Promotion."

All Sunday schools are urged to have a full delegation present.

Election of officers will also be held at this time. The present officers of the association are Mr. G. C. Harrill, president and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace, secretary.

Mr. Jim Cherry, of Asheville, Mr. Rayburn Joiner, of Canton and Miss Pauline Duckett, of Canton, were week-end guests of Mrs. B. E. Doggett and Mr. Doggett.

WIN PRIZE IN ESSAY CONTEST

Courier Offers Three Cash Prizes Totaling \$18.00 For Best Essays.

The Forest City Courier is offering three cash prizes, totaling \$18.00 for the three best essays on the subject "The Forest City Courier as a Factor in Upbuilding and Growth of Forest City and the County and its Value to the Community." The first prize will be \$10.00 in gold; the second \$5.00 in cash and the third \$3.00 in cash. The contest closes Monday, October 5th, at 6 p. m. The winning essays will be used in the anniversary edition of The Courier on October 8th. The contest rules follow.

Contest Rules. Any man, woman or child in Rutherford county is eligible to compete in this contest, excepting employees of The Courier and their immediate families.

Essays are limited to 1,000 words. Write on one side of paper only. Essays must be written with pen and ink or typewriter. No discrimination will be made between typewritten essays and hand written essays on this point alone.

All essays must be in The Courier office not later than Monday afternoon, October 5, at 6 p. m. Do not write name on essay. Place your essay, unsigned, in an envelope, and write your name and address on the envelope. On receipt of the essays, they will be numbered and name and address of writer and number assigned will be recorded in The Courier office. This will be done in order to conceal identity of writers to judges.

Three disinterested judges will be elected, who will grade the essays, and announce the winners. Their decision will be final. Prizes will be awarded immediately after the judges announce the winners.

It is understood that when an individual submits an essay, whether it is awarded a prize or not, the same becomes the property of The Courier and may be published if desired.

The essays will be graded by the judges upon a system formulated by them, in which neatness, length of essay and adherence to subject will be considered.

Milk Grades Are Announced

Mr. Frank Dorsey announces the following milk grades, effective September 28: Grade A, Dairies: W. S. Bridges, James Crow, Bailey and Wilkie, J. T. Camp and Ed. Thompson. Grade D, Dairies are Zora Harrill, George Wells, Frank Robertson, John Smith, Frank Smith, G. W. Hardin, Bob Cook Harrill, (S. M. Flack, Mr. Robertson is installing Grade A equipment and will be given a grade A rating as soon as he completes the installation of the equipment.

Mr. Dorsey states that all dairymen must place Grade A or Grade D caps on their bottles after October 1st.

At the present time the five Grade A dairies are furnishing 211 gallons of milk daily, from 92 tested cows. On May 1st of this year there was only one Grade A Dairy which furnished 32 gallons of milk daily.

On May 1st there were 92 Grade D, dairy cows being milked, and ten dry cows. The 92 cows furnished 170 gallons of milk daily. On September 28th, there were 33 Grade A milk cows furnishing 49 gallons of milk daily.

USING COTTON BAGGING AT ELLENBORO

Ellenboro, Sept. 28.—The first bale of cotton to be bound with cotton bagging at Ellenboro was ginned and bound at O. C. Turner's gin last Saturday. However, cotton bagging is not very popular with Ellenboro farmers since the cotton binding costs the farmers more and makes the bale weigh less.

Mr. I. B. Covington, of Wadesboro spent Saturday and Sunday here.

STUDENTS IN COLLEGE.

In last week's issue of The Courier three names were omitted from the list of students who are in college from this county. They are Wyman Wood, of Forest City, Blaine Jones and Clifford Crow, of Bostic, R-3.

MATHENY HEIRS CASE SETTLED

Suit Involving Over \$21,000 Concluded at Last Term of Superior Court.

Rutherfordton, Sept. 28.—The Matheny heirs were awarded \$9,000 by the Superior Court here in the will of the late John G. Kennedy. In the court proceedings as published in The Courier this case was mentioned after court adjourned, but no details were given. This closed a suit in which over \$21,000 has been involved for several years.

Plaintiffs in the Matheny case were Mrs. L. P. Hamrick and husband, Geo. Matheny, Jr., Elijah Matheny, J. L. Matheny, Jr., G. W. Matheny, Mrs. Lester Hopper and Mrs. O. R. Norville, T. C. G. A., S. A. and W. B. Matheny, Chas. Ware, Lucy Keeley, Pauline Lottman and S. A. Matheny, administrators of Elijah Matheny. The defendants in the case were: Mrs. C. M. Holland, administratrix and S. A. Holland, administrator with the will annexed of John G. Kennedy, deceased; Mrs. C. M. Holland, individually, Mrs. Josie Kennedy, individually and as executrix of M. B. Kennedy, deceased; Thos. Kennedy, Hoyt Kennedy and wife, Albert Kennedy and wife, Thos. Dobbins and wife, M. B. Kennedy, Jr., and wife and Virginia Kennedy, minor.

The case was compromised by the defendants agreeing to pay plaintiffs \$9,000.00 out of funds now in hands of said administratrix and administrator of the will of John G. Kennedy, deceased. This is to be paid out of \$21,700 now in the Haynes Bank at Avondale. The court further decreed that the \$9,000 is in full settlement of all claims any of the plaintiffs may have against any of the defendants.

The court further ordered that the \$9,000 is in full settlement of the amount provided for in the will to go to the plaintiffs. The defendants to pay the cost of the action.

Cool Springs Grid Team To Meet Shelby

Cool Springs high will play their very strong rivals, the Shelby high school here Friday afternoon at 3:45 p. m. Forest City and Shelby have been strong rivals on the gridiron for a long time and Shelby always brings a fighting team to Forest City. This strong rivalry will assure the fans one of the best games to be played on the local gridiron this season. Forest City has shown they can play good football in the game last Friday night with Lenoir. The high school faculty extended a cordial welcome to the local fans, hoping that they will give complete support to our team. The admission will be 25 cents for ladies and students and 50 cents for men. Come out and support the home team.

Forest City high school defeated Lenoir at the Alexander Park 6 to 0 before a crowd of four or five hundred people. Friday night, Forest City outplayed the Lenoir team throughout the contest. Forest City scored in the first quarter when Calton returned a punt to the 20-yard line and on the next play P. Hamrick went over the goal line standing up.

Calton, P. Hamrick, Whitlock and Marks played a good game in the Forest City backfield, with Captain R. Hamrick, Abernathy, Padgett and Womack doing notable work in the line. This was the first high school game played at night in this section and was a great success.

Mr. Billy Kendrick is in the Shriners' Hospital, in Greenville, undergoing treatment.

OVER 50,000 PEOPLE ATTEND COUNTY FAIR

Exhibits Best Ever Shown at Fair—People From Several Counties Attend.

The Rutherford County Fair came to a close Saturday night after one of the most successful sessions in history. The weather, while rather warm, was ideal throughout the week, which helped to swell the attendance. The entire five days' weather resembled some mid-August weather, and thousands thronged the grounds day and night. The largest crowd in the history of the fair was on the grounds Wednesday night. The attendance for the five days was estimated at about 50,000. The immense throngs of people came from Rutherford, Polk, McDowell and Henderson counties, and many other points. While the fair was officially for the four counties named above, hundreds from other counties were present. School children from Polk, Henderson, McDowell and Rutherford were admitted free of charge on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The conduct of the large crowds was exemplary, and above the average. A surprisingly few arrests were made by the officers during the fair. These were mostly for minor violations of the law, traffic rules violations and drinking.

The free acts each afternoon and evening, while not as varied as usual, made up in quality what they lacked in variety.

The exhibits were above the average this year, and elicited wide comment.

Products of the fields and gardens were exhibited in abundance, while a greater amount of canned goods and home produce than usual was shown.

Among the booths which were not mentioned in last week's issue of The Courier were those of Mrs. A. V. Hamrick, of Sandy Mush; Wright Manufacturing Co., of Rutherfordton, and Mr. Freeman, dealer in antiques, of Rutherfordton. Mrs. Hamrick's booth displayed a pleasing array of home grown vegetables and produce, canned goods, etc. The Wright Manufacturing Company displayed some excellent pieces of furniture which were made by them. Mr. Freeman's exhibit of old furniture and other curiosities attracted much attention.

The Page Shows were on the midway throughout the week, and apparently did a good business.

MANY EXAMINED AT EYE CLINIC

Clinic Sponsored by Kiwanis Club—156 School Children's Eyes Examined.

The eye clinic held last week, sponsored by the Forest City Kiwanis Club, was a great success in that one hundred and fifty-six school children of Cool Springs Township had their eyes examined. The children examined were found to have defective vision by Dr. Twitty, our school physician, when he examined all our school children last year. Dr. Duncan who had charge of the clinic states: Of the hundred and fifty-six children 28 had normal vision, 45 had defects, not sufficient to need glasses. Seven were found to have severe defects that could not be aided by glasses, and 76 or nearly half had visual defects that could be corrected by the use of glasses. The Kiwanis Club is to be congratulated for sponsoring this important work.

BAPTIST W. M. S. MEETING.

The Women's Missionary Society of The First Baptist church will hold their regular business meeting next Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock in the church. All members and ladies of the church are urged to attend the meeting.