

STATE WELFARE CONFERENCE MEETS IN RUTHERFORDTON

Western District Meeting to be
Held in County Seat Friday,
October 22—Many Prom-
inent Speakers.

The annual Conference of the western district welfare association, which comprises nineteen counties, will meet in Rutherfordton Friday, October 22.

The state welfare conference is divided into six district conferences, namely: Southeastern district, this year meeting in Wilmington, October 8th; the Central district, meeting in Goldsboro, October 9; Northeastern meeting in Edenton, October 10; Southwestern in Gastonia October 21; and the Western district meeting in Rutherfordton, October 22.

Mrs. Fannie W. Cantrell, superintendent public welfare of Rutherford county is chairman of the Western district which is composed of 19 counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, Haywood, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, McDowell, Burke, Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk. Attending the Western district conference on October 22 there is expected representatives from the 19 counties, among whom are superintendents of public welfare, school superintendents, members of welfare boards, educational boards and county commissioners.

The Rutherford county welfare department urges that local people attend as this is the best means of learning of the welfare program for the coming year. It is hoped that representatives will be present from all civic clubs, church organizations and public-spirited people over the entire county.

An excellent luncheon has been arranged and will be served at a cost of 75c per plate which each attendant will pay upon registration at the conference. Following is a program:

Program.

Morning session held in Isothermal hotel, Rutherfordton.

General Theme: The Challenge of Hard Times.

9:45 Registration.

10:00 Devotional, Rev. John W. Hoyle, Jr., Rutherfordton, N. C.; A Message from the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, by Mr. George Lawrence, president.

10:40 Community Planning for the coming winter: 1. City Resources, Mr. F. H. Coffey of Lenoir; 2. Rural Resources, Miss Cora Lee Sikes, Rutherfordton school, (10 minutes discussion).

11:20 The State-wide Plan for Relief, Prof. R. W. Henninger, Executive secretary to Governor's Council on unemployment and relief.

11:50 Pellagra Control, Dr. John R. Hamilton, State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

12:20 The Problems of School Attendance, Particularly as it relates to Truancy, Dependency and Mental Incapacity to benefit by attendance upon school, by Mr. Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent schools Rutherford county. Discussion led by Mr. Homer Henry, Waynesville, County Superintendent schools and public welfare.

Luncheon and afternoon session held in dining room.

1:00 Luncheon, Mrs. C. F. Gold, presiding.

1:45 Introducing luncheon speaker, Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C.; social work and law enforcement agencies, by Mr. Albert Coates, Chapel Hill, N. C.

2:15 A Message from the conference: Mrs. W. B. Waddell, president N. C. Conference on social work.

2:40 Placement: A program of the individual child: (a) The Juvenile delinquent, (b) The Juvenile dependent, Miss Lily E. Mitchell, State

TAXPAYERS' MEETING NEXT MONDAY

A meeting of the taxpayers of Rutherford county has been called to meet next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the court house at Rutherfordton. All interested in the tax situation are asked to be present.

FOREST CITY DAY TO BE BIG EVENT

To Be Celebrated Here Oct.
30-31—A Feast of Bargains
and Rich Prizes.

A movement for a big bargain day and trade event in this city, first started by members of the Kiwanis Club, culminated in a meeting held at the City Hall Wednesday evening of last week, at which time committees were named and plans formulated for the holding of the co-operative trade event in this city on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31.

Plans have already advanced to the point where The Courier is authorized to announce that the event will be one of the biggest and best ever held by the merchants and business men of Forest City. Every merchant in the city has indicated his intention of joining the movement and to provide some big money saving special for the occasion. Committees are hard at work perfecting the plans. In addition to big specials by all the merchants—real specials that will mean a saving of money by all who buy—there will be three prizes amounting to \$50.00 in gold for all who participate in the trade event. Tickets will be given free by every merchant on all purchases of 50c, and these tickets will entitle the holder to a guess for the prizes. There is no lottery or work. The tickets are given free. Details of how the prizes are to be awarded are being worked out and will be announced later.

Forest City Day is to be the biggest event ever pulled off in this city. All the merchants are working together to make the event a great big success, and going to do this by offering specials that will attract visitors here from all the surrounding country.

COMMERCIAL CLASS AT COOL SPRINGS SCHOOL

This class is for young men and women of Forest City and surrounding communities. There will be a small fee of \$1.50 per month for the use of the typewriters. The total fees will be only \$1.50 per month. The class will meet at 7:00 p. m., during the school week. This class is for men and women who are working and would like to prepare themselves for a better position. The school authorities want to cooperate with the people of the community in every way possible. High school graduates who have not had typewriting and short hand will be eligible for the course.

If interested call J. W. Eakes, Cool Springs telephone 86. Only twenty can be accommodated in this class. The applicants will be taken in the order in which the applications are made.

Nine students have signed up for the course. The work will begin Wednesday, Oct. 15th.

FUNERAL FOR INFANT.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Penson was buried Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at Providence. Rev. Hill Kiser conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Charles Z. Flack and Mrs. John Dalton attended the annual state convention of the United Daughters of The Confederacy held in Charlotte, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Child Welfare department, Raleigh, N. C.

Business.
Adjournment.

Western district officers: Mrs. Fannie W. Cantrell, superintendent public welfare, Rutherford county, chairman, presiding Mrs. R. D. Wall secretary, Newland, N. C.

UNION MILLS HOST TO COUNTY CLUB

October Meeting Will Be Held
Friday At Alexander
Schools, Inc.

The October meeting of The Rutherford County Club will be held Friday at one o'clock at Union Mills. The meeting will be held at the Alexander Schools, Inc. The children of the school, under direction of Prof. W. E. Sweatt, will put on a program. The luncheon will be served by the school. The program will be out of the ordinary, and one that will be both pleasing and instructive. All members are urged to attend the meeting, and learn something of the wonderful work being done by the Alexander schools.

FELLOWSHIP DAY AT PLEASANT GROVE SUNDAY

Fellowship Day meeting at Pleasant Grove church next Sunday, October 18, with special speakers and special music morning and afternoon, with dinner on the grounds.

We are counting on your presence. Come and bring a basket, and let's have a great time together.

BRUTALITY OF "KANGAROO COURT"

Practicing Attorney Tells of
Horror Existing in County
Jail—Wants "Court"
Abolished.

Editor Courier:

During the past ten years I have been practicing law in the criminal courts of Rutherford county, and during that time, my attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a certain court within the jail of Rutherford county known as the "Kangaroo Court."

As I understand this court, when a person is arrested and carried to jail, he is tried by this court by the hardened criminals who are unable to make bond, or their crimes are so revolting that the law will not permit bond. You know that a great number of men are arrested through accident or by some frivolous provision of the law and placed in jail. He may be a nice young man; he may not be guilty of any crime at all, but through some kind of misfortune is arrested and placed in jail. When this is done, this kangaroo court prefers a charge against this man for breaking and entering the jail. As you know, prisoners are searched before being placed in prison, and usually his money is taken from him and his weapons, if any he has. When this is done, these prisoners whom I have mentioned who are unable to make bond, for some cause or other try with their own judge, their own solicitor and with their own testimony, and convict him, and then proceed to have him pay to them a certain fine in money. If the prisoner is unable to pay the fine, he is then strapped down or beaten down by all the prisoners in the jail until he is beaten, possibly unconscious. Time and again, I have seen prisoners, nice men, come out of the jail with their faces skinned, their eyes blacked and hardly able to walk, due to the fact that they had been beaten by these hardened criminals in jail, when the poor fellow was unable to protect himself in any way, but was at the mercy of the criminals who were unable to get out of prison, but who took a delight in beating and humiliating the new arrival.

On last Friday I saw a strong, robust young man who had never been in jail before who was brought into the recorder's court. One of his eyes had been beaten until it was a blood-shot mass; one side of his face was skinned and one of his ears was practically cut into. There were probably other bruises on his person not visible. He received all of these bruises, cuts and the black eye at the hands of these men who are in jail as hardened criminals. This young man was placed on trial and the State of North Carolina could not get along with its case, and therefore took a nol pros, but this young fel-

GOLDEN VALLEY LADY PASSES

Funeral Held Sunday For Mrs.
Ben Towery, Who Died
Saturday.

Bostic, R-3, Oct. 13.—Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Golden Valley Methodist church for the late Mrs. Ben Towery, who died at her home Saturday morning about four o'clock, after a lingering illness of several months. Rev. Kingston West, her pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Green, pastor of Golden Valley Methodist church.

Mrs. Towery was 82 years old and had been a member of the Brethren church of Golden Valley, for a long time.

Mrs. Towery before her marriage was Miss Lettie Melton. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Mr. Ben Towery, four children, Mrs. Joe Francis Smawley, Mrs. Joe Harrison, two sons Messrs. Rufus Towery, and Mack Towery. She also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Oliver Melton, and Jack Melton. The many lovely flowers were carried by her grand children and two great grand children.

AGED MAN FOUND DEAD FRIDAY

Mr. C. C. Koone, Aged 77,
Bachelor, Dies at Ther-
mal City.

Thermal City, Oct. 12.—C. C. Koone, 77, better known as "Uncle Dock", was found dead in his home at Thermal City Friday morning, it was learned Saturday. He had not been seen since Tuesday night. He was a bachelor and lived alone.

The funeral service was held Friday afternoon at the Montford Cove Baptist church.

It is thought that Mr. Koone died of a heart attack as there were no signs of foul play and the doors to the home were locked. Neighbors not seeing him for several days, forced their way into his home and found the body.

Mr. Koone is survived by one sister, Mrs. R. V. Flack, of Forest City. His brother J. G. Koone, died in January, 1929.

Misses Louise Camp, Mabel Scruggs, of Chesnee, Mr. Clarence Broswell, of Spruce Pine, Mr. Clifford Harris, of Cowpens, S. C., Miss Donis Gamble and Mr. Amos Nanney, of Cliffside were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Roberson, Sunday.

low must go out in his community having been whipped unmercifully and more severely than if he had been whipped at the whipping post back yonder when the whipping post was considered a savage act and the people who administered it were uncivilized.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have no political ambitions, but I have seen the weak and the pitiful abused and beaten until it is absolutely on my nerves. I have heard talk of missionaries, welfare workers, civic organizations of every description, and I am thoroughly convinced that something should be done about this. I do not accuse any officers, nor any political party, as this has been going on in Rutherford county to some extent since I have been in Rutherford county. I am just wondering if it is used all over the state of North Carolina.

I ask that you place this in your paper, that the public may understand just how men are being treated in our own county, and if there is not some remedy for it. I'm asking that you use the influence of your paper in bringing this about, and through this paper I appeal to all the humane societies, both Christian and non-Christian and to all persons who have a feeling for suffering humanity, to raise their voices against such barbarous treatment our citizens are receiving.

You may use my name if you think best and proper, and remember, what I am saying is for the betterment of a civilized county.

C. O. RIDINGS.

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY MORNING

The Mt. Pleasant grammar school will open Monday morning, according to an announcement made by Prof. J. W. Eakes. The school closed some weeks ago, in order to allow the children to assist with gathering the crops.

MR. B. E. ROACH LEAVES CLIFFSIDE

Editor of the Cliffside News,
Welfare and Church Work-
er Will Take Needed
Rest.

It is with the keenest regret that The Courier chronicles the resignation of Mr. B. E. Roach, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., custodian of the Haynes Memorial Building, welfare and church worker, editor of the Cliffside News at our beautiful little neighboring city of Cliffside, after years of hard, faithful and efficient work. His resignation was brought about on account of failing health and the imperative need of rest and recreation. He will retire to the home of his father, near Harris, and recuperate his health before undertaking renewed work of any kind.

The following dispatch was sent out from Cliffside last Saturday:

"Mr. B. E. Roach, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Cliffside, resigned his position today. A notice was posted in the lobby of the Haynes Memorial building that after Monday, Oct. 12, this department would be closed indefinitely.

Mr. Roach has been here about 24 years and has done a great public service, which will be greatly missed by the people of Cliffside and surrounding community. He was intimately connected with the Baptist church here in the capacity of organist, Superintendent of the Sunday school and other branches of the church work. He has been Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America of this place for a number of years."

Years of close association with Mr. Roach, who has been the editor of the Cliffside News since the inauguration of that page in The Courier, has given us an insight into the lovely character of this good man. He has been a loyal friend to this paper and did a great work in keeping his beloved little city in the limelight of proper newspaper publicity; he did noble work for the boys and girls of that city, and the grown-ups alike. Ever in the lead in any and all worthwhile work for the people or the community, his worth can not be estimated. He will be sadly missed and The Courier believes, or hopes, that after he has had time in which to recuperate his health he will consider the matter of coming back to Cliffside and take up again the noble work he has carried on for so long.

As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held, the following resolutions were drawn up and passed by the Cliffside Baptist church at a meeting held Oct. 11:

Whereas, We, the members of the Cliffside Baptist church of Cliffside receive with regret the resignation of our faithful and efficient member, Broadus E. Roach as Superintendent of the Sunday school, organist and deacon, and who has served the church unselfishly in various capacities during the past twenty-four years.

And Whereas, We, the members and co-workers are indebted to him for his loyalty, fidelity and worthy example as set by him in his untiring efforts in all phases of church work, especially in the building up of our Sunday school and directing it towards the standard of excellence which is our ultimate aim.

And Whereas, We desire herein to express to Brother Roach our appreciation for the excellency of his labors and service, not only as a loyal member of our church, but in the way he has endeared himself to us through his unselfish service in the community.

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the resignation of Brother Roach, our church sustains an irreparable loss, and it is with great reluctance that we accept his resignation and

BAPTISTS OF SANDY RUN CONCLUDE ANNUAL SESSION

Forty-Second Annual Association
Held Last Week—Pro-
test Modification of Eigh-
teenth Amendment.

Alexander Mill, Oct. 12.—The Sandy Run Baptist Association met in its forty-second annual session with the Alexander church on Oct. 7th and 8th.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. C. C. Matheny, moderator; S. E. Welch, vice-moderator; J. A. Hunnicutt, secretary; S. C. Gettys, treasurer.

Rev. J. A. Hunnicutt preached the introductory sermon. His subject was "Bringing the Lord Back." His sermon was well prepared and delivered very effectively.

The high tide of the meeting was reached Tuesday afternoon when George Burnett of Memphis, Tenn., brought a great message on stewardship. He also spoke at the night service along with Perry Morgan of Raleigh.

The outstanding events of Thursday's session were the addresses of Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby and Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte.

The W. M. U. of Alexander church served lunch each day in the dining room of the church. About 600 people were fed each day.

There was a great spirit of harmony throughout all the sessions. There was not a single debate in all the discussions. The meeting was characterized by a spirit of earnestness and a purpose to solve all difficulties. The next session will be held with the High Shoals church near Henrietta.

Resolutions protesting the modification or annulment of the 18th amendment were unanimously adopted Thursday.

Other resolutions protesting the operation of pool rooms in the county and gambling, especially at county fairs, were also adopted.

There are over 12,000 members in the Sandy Run association, with 51 churches, located in Rutherford, Cleveland, Polk and Cherokee counties, S. C.

All of the reports during the two days of the convention were good, giving evidence that the churches had made progress during the past year.

R. F. AUSTIN, OF LENOIR, SUCCEEDS CHIEF F. L. SMITH

Forest City now has a new chief of police in the person of Mr. R. F. Austin, of Lenoir, who assumed his duties as chief here Wednesday morning.

Mr. Austin is a young man, but has had years of service. For eleven years he was Lieut. of Police at Winston-Salem, and went from there to Lenoir, where he served about 12 months prior to accepting the place as chief here.

Mr. Austin comes highly recommended, and should make good here, as he did elsewhere. He will move his family here at an early date.

City policeman Green has resigned, effective Nov. 1, and will be succeeded by Mr. J. H. Randall, Mr. Toney, who has made a wonderful record in service here, will continue on the job.

part with his loyal and unselfish service.

That with pleasure and confidence we commend him to his new field of service and bid him Godspeed in a career of greater usefulness for his country in the Master's kingdom.

That we extend to Brother Roach this confidence and high esteem with our sympathies and prayers.

That these resolutions be read and adopted by the church, a copy be furnished the county papers, the Biblical Recorder, a copy be spread upon our minute book and a copy be furnished Brother Roach.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Chas. McCurry,
B. E. Gold,
D. C. Whitaker,
Committee.