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BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS MEET

High Shoals Host to Sandy Run Sunday School Association.

Caroleen, Nov. 2.—The members of the High Shoals church were most hospitable to the Sandy Run Sunday school Association on last Sunday afternoon.

The services began by the congregation singing "Loyalty to Christ" and "Come we Who Love the Lord." The devotional was led by Rev. Charles Taylor, who read seven verses from the seventh chapter of Ephesians.

The topic for the afternoon discussion was "How to Interest and hold people in Sunday school." One means of doing this is by the departmental plan, which was discussed by Mrs. Charles McCurry of Cliffside. She said that in order to successfully use the departmental plan, we must have (1) a correct record system; (2) the right kind of teachers; (3) the lesson properly taught; (4) the right kind of lessons, and (5) teachers who know how to put across the lesson.

Another means of holding people in Sunday school is through the use of good music. This was discussed by Mr. Rector Robbins, in the absence of Miss Georgia Debrule, who was scheduled to discuss this topic.

Rev. C. C. Matheny ably discussed the work of the pastor with the superintendent, in holding people in Sunday school. He said that the pastor was the Lord's undershepherd and that he should keep ahead of his forces in order to keep out of the way of his Sunday school. He said further that the large churches of today did not "just happen." They major in large Sunday school work. Mr. Matheny was at his best, and as usual, he held the attention of his audience to the end of his talk.

The Avondale quartet rendered special music for the meeting. This was one of the most attractive features of the meeting.

There were present seven pastors, twelve Sunday school superintendents, and 407 officers and workers. Henrietta church sent 126 representatives, which was the largest delegation. Shiloh won the banner for having the greatest number of their Sunday school workers present, based on their monthly average attendance. A collection amounting to \$9.54 was taken to meet the expenses of the secretary.

The next meeting will be held with the first church of Spindale, the second Sunday in December.

SALEM NEWS

Ellenboro, R-2, Nov. 2.—The weather of the past few days makes us feel like winter is just around the corner. The rain that fell last week softened the ground so the farmers are busy sowing small grain.

Mr. Thomas Blanton is much improved from his recent illness. We are glad to note.

Mr. Edgar Price's condition remains about the same.

Mr. Columbus Jones, of New House, was the dinner guest of his son, Mr. G. C. Jones, Saturday.

Misses Fannie Stacey, Doris Williamson and Aileen Wright, of Shelby, visited at Mr. George Jones, Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Blanton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stacey.

Mr. Bud McDaniel has returned home after spending several days at Gilkey with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Lackey and children, of Polkville, visited at Mr. Edgar Price's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Goforth, of Bostic, were visitors at Mr. Earl Stacey's, Saturday.

Miss Jessie Stacey spent the week end with her cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Goforth.

Mr. Earl Stacey and family visited at Mrs. Cordie Bostic Wednesday night.

Cotton is about all picked in this section.

Miss Sue Thompson, of Greensboro college, Greensboro, visited Miss Mary Moss here Saturday.

CRADLE ROLL SHOWER.

A shower for the cradle roll department of the First Baptist church will be given Sunday morning, at the church. Anyone having anything suitable for donation to this department are asked to bring them along.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT HERE TUESDAY

Mr. L. D. Beddingfield Kills Self as Shot Gun is Accidentally Discharged.

A tragic accident occurred here Tuesday morning when Mr. L. D. Beddingfield accidentally shot and killed himself. Mr. Beddingfield, aged 47, was instantly killed about 6:45 o'clock when a shot gun, which he had carried from the house to shoot a dog that had been killing his chickens, accidentally went off. The animal had slipped away from Mr. Beddingfield, and he had started back into the house when his foot slipped through a crack in the steps at the back door of the house, causing him to stumble and hit the trigger of the gun against the steps. The entire load of the gun, a single barreled shot gun, entered Mr. Beddingfield's head through the chin, horribly mangling his face. The shot entered under the chin and ranged upwards, almost blowing his entire face off. Death was instantaneous.

Surviving Mr. Beddingfield is his widow and five children: Mrs. T. L. Fletcher, Mrs. R. S. Early, of Forest City, and Curtis, Ollie and Homer Beddingfield, who resided with their parents. Two brothers, Jerry and Steve Hollifield, of Hendersonville, survive, also three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Maxwell and Mrs. Major Barnwell, of Fletcher, and Mrs. Lou Laughter, of Rutherfordton.

The body was removed to a local undertaking establishment, where it remained until Wednesday morning. The body was taken Wednesday to Fruitland where funeral services were held in the Baptist church at that place at eleven o'clock. Mr. Beddingfield was a member of the Fletcher Baptist church. Interment took place in the family cemetery.

Sheriff J. Ed McFarland viewed the body a short time after the tragic accident, and stated that an inquest would not be necessary.

Mr. Beddingfield had been residing in Forest City several years, and operated a garage and filling station. He was widely acquainted and very popular, and his host of friends will regret very much to hear of his untimely death.

Senators Oppose Special Session

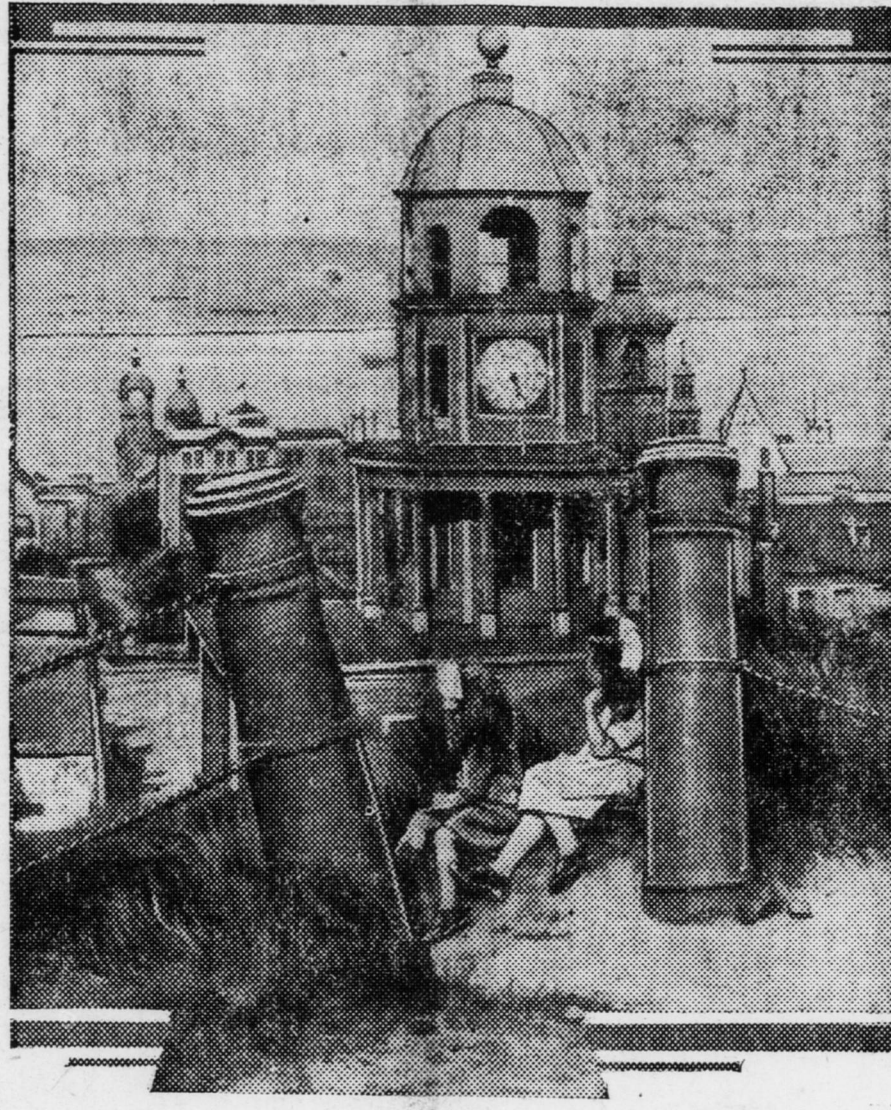
Shelby, Nov. 2.—A big percentage of the representatives and senators in piedmont and western North Carolina appear to be strongly opposed to calling a special session of legislature to reduce cotton acreage in North Carolina and by so doing, as one terms it, "attempt to play wet-nurse to North Carolina farmers."

In the eastern section of the state several counties have insisted that Governor Gardner call a special session. The governor is personally opposed to a special term and fails to see the wisdom of it or any benefit that might result, but it is up to the people and not him, he says, what should be done about it. If a majority seem to desire it, they may have it, he says. That statement, in a dispatch from Raleigh, left the impression that he would like to know just how the majority of the average people feel about it.

A number of legislators, after talking it over with the people of their sections, have been writing and wiring the governor. Reports from the messages of many lawmakers in piedmont and western Carolina indicate that the most of them are unfavorable to "lawing" anything upon the farmer, particularly when they believe the step would be without worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McBrayer and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Toms in Shelby.

+ Do You Know? +



Photograph, Canadian National Railway

THAT one of the oldest town clocks in North America is situated in Halifax, Nova Scotia? It was erected in 1802 and except for a few intervals for repairs it has been giving the time continuously since that date.

FOREST CITY DAYS SUCCESS

Big Trade Event Attracted Visitors From Wide Area—Wonderful Bargains Offered.

Forest City Days, so termed by the promoters of the big trade event held in this city last Friday and Saturday, was the most successful ever held in Forest City, and those responsible are to be congratulated upon the success of the big sales event.

A little questioning by the reporter reveals the fact that visitors to Forest City during the two days came, not only from every section of the county, but from eight different surrounding counties and others from still farther distances. Many things go into the making of the success of the occasion, chief of which was that the merchants offered real bargains for the trade days, the co-operation displayed by them and the publicity given. Not only was The Courier called upon for its fullest power in advertising—which was distinctly demonstrated upon this occasion—but expense was not spared in distributing circulars and in other means of advertising. Also there were the large stocks and wide variety of offerings for the sale.

With every merchant in the city participating, all offering real and varied specials, the success of the trade days was assured from the very beginning.

Forest City is fortunately situated for a trade center, its ample parking facilities and easy access, the courtesy of the merchants and their helpers, all go toward making this a desirable place in which to trade.

Any number of our foremost merchants report that they had the largest sales of any days in the year and all are gratified at the large numbers coming here to trade, and will make every effort to have those from a distance to come again by offering inducements and courtesies that will be sure to attract and hold them.

Forest City Days were so successful, it is a certainty that the merchants of the city will at some future date join together in another of the co-operative sales events.

The Courier worked hard and faithfully for the success of the Forest City Days, and is much gratified to receive the following communication from one of our leading merchants:

"Forest City, Nov. 3.—Editor Courier: I have been asked by various

persons as to my opinion of our first Forest City Days. As a merchant I desire to say that I was more than pleased with the outcome. It surely was a great day of co-operation (by the merchants of Forest City) and good sales. Every merchant, evidently, had rare bargains for the people, and the people of the surrounding territory most surely did show their appreciation by the way they crowded in to buy merchandise.

"I personally desire to thank The Courier for the efficient way they carried out their part, by the good editorials and advertising, as well as the distributing of hand bills. I am quite sure that you helped more than a little in getting word to all the people in this part of North Carolina about the two great days.

Hoping for bigger and better Forest City Days in 1932, I am,
Sincerely yours,
JOHN Q. DAVIS,
Mgr. Graham Cash Co."

Mr. Davis, by the way, reported the longest distance buyers on Forest City Days, having had customers from Lone Star, S. C., which is below Columbia.

THE THREATENED REVOLT.

Massachusetts Congressmen are confident that they have saved the Boston navy yard from abolition by telling President Herbert Hoover that the State will go Democratic if the yard is closed.

South Carolina Congressmen, seeking to preserve the Charleston navy yard, can follow the precedent set and declare confidently that South Carolina next year will vote Democratic if the Charleston yard is abandoned.

ROMINA THEATRE OFFERS TREAT FOR THE CHILDREN

Here's a great chance for the kiddies: The Romina Theatre has a coupon with their ad in this paper, which when clipped and presented at the box office will entitle the holder to admission Saturday at 10:30 o'clock for only five cents. Remember, children, its only five cents if you clip the coupon.

Instead of serving the same type of menu day after day, introduce a little variety in plan, yet have the kinds of food needed for a balanced diet. If you have been accustomed to serving a fruit for dessert and a starchy vegetable with the meat, have a fruit appetizer and a starchy dessert, for a change. For example, cantaloupe for the appetizer, of fruit cup, and hot gingerbread with or without cream, for dessert.

SERVICES AT SHELBY.

Shelby, Nov. 2.—It has been announced that Dr. Garr, from Charlotte, would be at the Missionary Methodist church in west Shelby on next Friday p. m., but the date has been changed until next Tuesday, Nov. 10. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOV. 9-14

One-Half of Amount Raised in Rutherford This Year Remains in County.

The fiftieth anniversary roll call campaign of the American Red Cross opens in Rutherford county Monday, and will continue through Saturday October 14th. Plans are being made to make this the greatest roll call in the history of the county.

This year one-half of the amount donated to the Red Cross in Rutherford county will remain in the county. Last year only twenty-five per cent remained in the county. Rutherford is included in the drought-stricken area, and for that reason a larger percentage of the money will remain at home. It is planned to use the fifty percent accruing to the county organization in purchasing warm clothing, medicine, etc., for the underprivileged children of the county. This sum will be distributed through the various schools of the county. The county roll call will be conducted through various local chairmen. One-half the amount collected in each locality will remain in that locality for use of underprivileged children. The calls made upon the county superintendent of welfare for aid and assistance are so many that these amounts raised in the different sections will be a great aid in supplementing the work of the welfare department.

In addition, the American Red Cross will distribute free seeds to the drought-stricken farmers of the county next spring.

The county chairman appeals to all to give their fullest support to this cause. Unstinted contributions to the Red Cross will not only benefit the county and localities in the county, but will also be furthering a great work in the nation. School teachers, especially, have a great opportunity to render a distinguished service by supporting the program, and urging the children to assist.

Local organizations will have charge of the roll call in Rutherfordton, Spindale, Forest City, Cliffside and Lake Lure. When a representative calls on you be prepared to subscribe as liberally as possible.

The local organizations follow: Spindale, Mrs. R. M. Hill. Rutherfordton, Miss Viola Cowan. Ruth, Mrs. E. H. Walker. Union Mills, Prof. W. E. Sweet. Forest City, Mrs. A. C. Duncan and Mrs. C. E. Alcock.

Committees for Cliffside and Lake Lure have not been selected as The Courier goes to press.

The county organization follows: Chairman, Rutherford county chapter, Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., Rutherfordton.

County Roll Call Chairman, Prof. R. L. Leary, Spindale. Secretary, Prof. W. R. Hill, Rutherfordton.

Treasurer, Mrs. Badger Williams, Rutherfordton.

Home Service Secretary, Mrs. Fannie W. Cantrell, Rutherfordton.

Publicity director, Clarence Griffin, Forest City.

Work in the State.
The work of the American National Red Cross is so generally known that it is not necessary to mention its great work during the past year. A supplement, appearing with this issue of The Courier, outlines in concise form the organization accomplishments. In North Carolina, up to and including June 30, 1931 the Red Cross furnished food to 3,743 families; furnished clothing to 916 families; furnished feed for stock to 457 families; furnished garden seed to 9,075 families; furnished thirty school children with

BIG PARADE ON ARMISTICE DAY

Shelby Unit of National Guard in Parade—Big Air Pageant—Other Features.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 2.—Plans are rapidly maturing for one of the greatest Armistice day celebrations ever held in the county. This celebration will be held here Wednesday, November 11th, and will be an all day affair.

One of the big features of the celebration will be an air pageant, such as has never been held in the county before. A mammoth parade will also be a feature of the day, while public speaking is on the program.

Co. K, 120th North Carolina Infantry of Shelby, will be in the parade here on November 11. This is one of the best companies of the North Carolina Militia and will have sixty men in the parade, all in full United States Army uniforms with guns. They will blow taps and fire a salute in honor of the men who made the "supreme sacrifice in the World War," or the heroic dead. This military unit will add much to the day and parade. Hon. Peyton McSwain is captain of this company.

The Spindale Band will furnish music for the day and will lead the parade. This is one of the best bands in the state and will add much to the day.

The committee has contracted with Mr. S. Bernoloh of Asheville to decorate the town and to help local merchants and business men decorate their places of business, also to build floats. He will have a representative here today and it is hoped that every business firm in town will decorate and have a float.

The local firemen, twenty in number have agreed to march in the parade in full uniform. The parade will begin forming on North Main street, at 10 a. m., and will move off promptly at 11 a. m., down Main street, turning at Main and Court streets going to Washington street and up to Third St., disbanding at corner of Washington and Court streets, near the jail. The parade should be about a mile long. All clubs, civic organizations, schools, etc., are urged to join the parade.

It is hoped that all mills of the county and schools, as much as possible, will close for the day or in time to witness the mammoth parade.

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Nov. 3.—Rev. J. W. Kennedy filed his regular appointment at Providence church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. J. W. Phillips is spending a few days with her parents.

Mr. J. Francis, of Caroleen, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Butler, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Grayson and Mrs. B. E. Price, of Shelby, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDaniel had as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen, of Spindale and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lancaster, of Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kennedy visited Mrs. Kennedy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Womick, of Spartanburg, were the Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs. L. L. Womick.

lunches; and expended \$54,310.34 in drought relief work.

This year the Red Cross is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Jubilee year calls for reunion. Millions who admire Red Cross ideals, traditions and purposes will wish to share in the Golden Anniversary celebration. The American Red Cross was founded in 1881. Through a half century it has given relief in thousands of disasters, culminating in the largest one of them all—the great drought of 1930-31. Memberships make the Red Cross what it is. More memberships are needed to carry on the work. Be sure to join!