

HALL DEDICATED TO HEPPNER MAN

Municipal Building Memorial to Rufus Burroughs Who Went From Heppner to War.

More detail, than was given in last week's issue of the Gazette Times, relative to the dedication of the Burroughs Memorial hall in Galax, Virginia, named in honor of the late Rufus Burroughs who enlisted from Heppner to enter the World war, has been received in the following news story which appeared in a Galax newspaper following the dedication:

Entirely in keeping with the fitness of character of the man to whom they did honor, were the services held Thursday afternoon when the assembly hall of the American Legion and the Volunteer Fire Department was dedicated to the memory of Rufus Burroughs. The hall, in itself, is a thing of beauty which reflects great credit on those who designed it and those who so ably superintended the execution of those plans.

It is not large but has space enough to provide for local gatherings for several years. Opposite the entrance door is a nicely proportioned stage with ample dressing rooms and toilets. At the left of the entrance door is a small but convenient kitchenette with hot and cold water and a beautiful electric stove. The latter is made possible by free will offerings of friends of the two organizations.

From the beamed ceiling of the hall hang six beautiful lights in prismatic glass shades that give a delightfully subdued light. The woodwork of the room is American walnut finish which further adds to the dignity and beauty. The stage was decorated with American flags.

As guests entered the auditorium shortly after two o'clock, they were greeted by Mrs. Beverly F. Eckles, who was in charge of the reception committee, and several wives of Legionnaires and Firemen. From an artistically decorated table they dispensed punch and wafers to all.

While the audience was gathering and being seated, Miss Pauline Phipps gave a delightful program of piano solos.

The meeting was called to order by Heath Melton who gave Mayor Carrico the honor of extending a welcome to those present. The opening invocation was then given by Rev. Sidney McCarty of the Presbyterian church. After him came R. E. Jones who is noted for his gift of oratory and who spoke feelingly of all the handsome new Municipal building means to the citizens of Galax.

This was followed by a beautiful solo by Mrs. Sam Hampton accompanied by Miss Mamie Osborne.

The chairman then read the joint resolution of the Galax Post No. 145, American Legion, and the Galax Volunteer Fire Department, naming the hall after their beloved comrade and fellow townsman, Rufus Burroughs. At the command of Mr. Melton, Walter and Jim Anderson approached the center of the flag-draped stage while the two small sons of Rufus Burroughs pulled the cord which raised the flag and unveiled a large portrait of the honored man, then the audience standing with Legion men at salute.

After the guard of honor had retired, Floyd Landreth, in whose office Mr. Burroughs was a well loved member at the time of his death, paid touching and glowing tribute to the man and the soldier as well as the friend. So keenly felt were his sentiments, there were but few dry eyes in the audience.

Rev. J. R. Johnson, whose privilege it was to receive Rufus Burroughs into fellowship in the Baptist church and to go down into the pool with him, spoke of the beauty of his character and emphasized the value of keeping the room which was to do him honor as clean and undefiled as was the soul of the man himself. He referred to the resolution, passed several weeks ago by

both organizations, to forbid entrance to anyone who was in any way under the influence of liquor and said he hoped that they might be strong enough to enforce their desire. He closed his remarks with a brief but pertinent word of prayer.

Chairman Melton then called upon several out of town visitors who merely rose and acknowledged the introduction with a bow, and upon the "Mother of the Galax Post," Mrs. E. B. Crabill who did likewise. He then spoke of Rufus Burroughs and his great loss in his passing and his connection with the post and at the close of his remarks Mrs. Kate Kapp solemnly played "Taps" on the piano.

On the second floor is the Mayor's court and back of that is the jail with accommodations for eight, several small rooms and the Chief of Police's private quarters. (Incidentally, the Chief of Police is being held up as an example to many of the housekeepers of Galax because of the extreme neatness of his room and especially the orderly row of shoes under the bed.)

The first floor is given over to housing accommodations for the fire fighting apparatus and street equipment. The City Manager's office will remain the same.

A banquet was held at night in the dining room of the Methodist church with two hundred and thirty persons attending. Arrangements were in charge of Garfield Childers, chairman of the invitation and banquet committee, and the banquet was served by the Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Heath A. Melton was master of ceremonies and Mayor Carrico delivered a message of greeting. Town officials and numerous other guests were present. The Wytheville orchestra furnished music at the banquet and at the dance in the hall following.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.

According to the laws as passed at the last session of the Legislature the fees for dog licenses will be \$2 for males and \$3 for females if purchased before March 1st each year, or if purchased before the dog has been in possession for 30 days or before it is 8 months old. If purchased after such time a penalty of \$2 per dog is added to the license fee.

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