

## W. A. BUTLER, YOUNG FARMER, ENDS HIS LIFE WITH SHOTGUN

### Fires Load of Shot Into His Heart at the Home of His Father Last Monday—Rash Act Attributed to Despondency

Despondent from continuous brooding over ill health and the effects of a severe accident in a Colorado mine several years ago, Mr. William Arthur Butler committed suicide at the home of his father Monday by shooting himself with a shotgun. The gun's discharge pierced his heart and he was dead when members of the family reached his side.

William Butler made his home on the farm of his father, Mr. B. R. Butler, in the Flat Rock section on Route 1, Forest City. Monday at noon he entered the parlor of his father's home and quietly went about the desperate act of taking his own life. It is assumed that he placed the loaded gun to his breast and fired it by reaching over and pulling the trigger. Only one load of the double barreled gun was discharged. It is said that his body was not badly mangled, but death was instantaneous.

Members of the family heard the shot, but the first one to reach the stricken man was Mr. Ben Gowan, an employee of the place, who was cutting wood at the woodpile, and rushed into the parlor ahead of afrightened members of the family.

There was no warning as to the desperate act, although members of the family knew that Mr. Butler had brooded over his condition and was very despondent at times over his continued illness. About five years ago he was badly injured in a mine accident in Colorado. He returned to the home place of his father and since then had been conducting a poultry ranch. His broken limb had always caused him trouble, refusing to yield to the best efforts of doctors and specialists. Desperately brooding over his condition, it is assumed that his mind finally gave way and in a temporary fit of insanity, he committed the desperate act.

Mr. Butler married Miss Ellen Edwards while a resident of Colorado. To this union was born three children. His residence was on his father's farm, very near to the home place. He could do only the lightest work and complained continually of pain in the broken leg.

Besides his wife and three children, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Butler; sisters, Mrs. J. D. Wells, Henrietta; Mrs. Dewey Holland, Alexander; Mrs. Geo. Fox, Cliffside; Mrs. Rush Bridges, Alexander; Misses Lois, Jennie Sue and Mary Francis Butler; two brothers, Marvin and Baxter Butler.

Mr. Butler belonged to one of the county's prominent families and his untimely death has cast a gloom over the county. Expressions of condolence and sympathy went out to the stricken family.

The deceased was 30 years of age. He was a member of the Methodist church and bore his afflictions with fortitude up to the time of the undermining of his reason, which eventuated in the rash act of taking his own life. He was a nephew of Mr. J. L. Butler, of Forest City.

The burial was at Providence M. E. church Tuesday at 2:00 o'clock p. m. A large crowd was in attendance, while the floral offerings were profuse. Funeral obsequies were in charge of Revs. Gentry and Jenkins.

#### BARBER SHOP REMOVED.

The J. H. Crawford barber shop has been removed from the post-office building to the storeroom formerly occupied by Mr. Oscar Huntley on Mill street. The room has been thoroughly fitted for the purpose and "Dad's Barber Shop" is now one of the best equipped in the city. There are four chairs and bath, with expert workmen to wait upon you. Give them a call in the new location.

#### BASKETBALL TONIGHT

The Forest City Town Team will play Rutherford College at the fairgrounds court tonight. This should prove an interesting basketball contest and all lovers of the sport should make it a point to be present.

## CYCLONE COMPANY MAKES BIG DEAL

### Back From Successful Incursion Of Florida and Starting Big Spring Business.

Members of the Cyclone Auction Co., composed of Messrs. J. A. Wilkie, C. E. Huntley, June Harrill and G. C. King, returned last week from Florida, where they consummated two big land sales, one in Deland and one in Kissimmee.

In an interview with a Courier reporter Tuesday, Mr. Huntley stated that they were well pleased with their incursion into the land of flowers and that the company had pulled two successful lot sales, getting good prices in both instances. He also said they did some considerable private trading and also had under consideration a deal for 2,300 acres near Sanford. If this deal goes through, the Cyclone company will pull a North Carolina development of great magnitude. Having to come home at present to take care of their big business interests here, Mr. Huntley stated that they expect to do a great deal of business in Florida next winter.

Since returning from Florida, the Cyclone people have pulled one of the biggest real estate deals since the new year, when they purchased this week the storeroom of Mr. C. S. Hemphill on Main street. The purchase price of this property is about \$25,000 and is a very desirable site. Mr. Hemphill will occupy the store for a time, but the property will be developed later by the Cyclone company.

Another deal was to buy some desirable property on West Main street, which will be developed at an early date. The Cyclone Company is getting ready now for a big Spring business and have some important deals under consideration.

This company is a big asset to the town and county. Composed of men of large means, they do a great work in developing and aiding in the growth of the community.

## Shot Her Mother



Dorothy Ellingson, 16, of San Francisco, who shot and killed her mother in a quarrel because of objections to her night life. Dorothy admits she is a "Jazz Maniac" and shows no remorse at her act. The night she killed her mother she went to a dance. Two days later she was located in a cheap rooming house. Her father and brother advocate hanging or life imprisonment for her.

## BAPTISTS HAVING TRAINING SCHOOL

### Four Workers Representing Baptist State Convention Leading in Great Work.

The Baptist church here is having a Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Training School this week. Four workers, representing the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are leading in the work. J. N. Barnette, Hickory, Sunday school specialist; Miss Sophia Berghauer, Raleigh, Elementary Sunday School secretary, Edwin S. Preston, Marion, B. Y. P. U. Field Secretary and Perry Morgan, Raleigh, B. Y. P. U. secretary, are conducting simultaneous classes from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening.

The services Sunday were featured by an address in the morning by Mr. Barnette on "The Sunday School as a Reaching-Out Agency," and in the evening by an illustrated lecture by Mr. Morgan. The class work began Monday night with an attendance of about a hundred. Much interest was manifested at the first session and the attendance and interest has grown from day to day.

The following is the schedule of work for each day:

- 7:00—Devotional.
- 7:15—Classes.
- 7:55—Address.
- 8:15—Classes.
- 9:00—Adjourn.

The address of the evening is given by a member of the faculty. Mr. Morgan spoke Monday night; Miss Berghauer Tuesday night. This evening Mr. Preston speaks and on tomorrow Mr. Barnette will speak.

Led by Mr. Mays Flack and a corps of more than forty workers, a religious census was made of the town, and although the tabulation is incomplete, more than 1,500 possibilities were found for the Baptist school. The school will continue through Friday evening when examinations will be given on the books taught.

## TANNER FAMILY TO GIVE MEMORIAL

### Architects Planning Building At Spindale to Honor Father and Brother.

M. E. Boyer, Jr., Charlotte architect, has completed the preliminary sketches for the community building at Spindale to be erected as a memorial to the late S. B. Tanner and Spencer Tanner, his son.

An old colonial brick dwelling will be the nucleus around which a handsome community house will be built. Together with the tract of land upon which it will stand the place will be presented to the town by Kenneth Tanner, of Spindale; S. B. Tanner, Jr., of Charlotte, and Mrs. R. H. Crawford, of Rutherfordton, sons and daughter of the late S. B. Tanner and brothers and sister of the late Spencer Tanner.

The total gift will represent an investment of approximately \$75,000. Bids on the work will be invited the middle of February and the building is expected to be opened next fall.

The present house, formerly the Spindale inn, will be remodeled and repaired. At the rear will be added locker and shower rooms, a gymnasium, which will also be used as an auditorium; a kitchen, small dining room, library with shelves for 5,000 volumes, offices for the community work director and a social room. The second floor of the structure will contain an apartment for the director.

The community house will be located in the heart of Spindale and will set back 150 feet from the main highway. A splendid old oak grove provides an excellent setting. The building will be 100 feet wide with depth of 160 feet.

Mr. Boyer will draw the plans and supervise the construction of work.

WANTED—One A-1 insurance man. Attractive proposition. Apply in own handwriting to X. Y. Z., care The Courier, Forest City. 16-2t

## OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CONFERENCE OF OLDER BOYS

### To Be Held in Rutherfordton in March—Program Outlined For Great Meeting.

S. E. Elmore of Spindale was elected president of the Rutherford county older boys' conference organization, at the meeting of the general committee held in the Spindale school building Friday evening, January 23. The conference will be held at Rutherfordton March 13-14-15. With certain exceptions where an organization leader so recommends, the committee ruled that all delegates must be fourteen years old or over. Schools, Boy Scouts, Sunday school classes and other boy's organizations will be entitled to official delegates in the ratio of one for every eight boys actively enrolled, within the age group specified.

A strong tentative program was outlined by the committee, and Captain B. L. Smith, secretary of the organization, was authorized to get in touch with the speakers at once. The program includes an organization meeting Friday afternoon, March 13 at which boys from all parts of the county will elect their president and other officers to serve throughout the three days of the conference; a banquet at the Iso-Thermal hotel Friday night; special meetings Saturday morning, afternoon and evening, with a strong athletic program following the afternoon session. The final and, it is said, perhaps the most important session, will be held Sunday afternoon in one of the Rutherfordton churches. It was announced that an effort will be made to secure Harry Price, senior at Davidson college and holder of tennis singles championship for North Carolina, to deliver one of the speeches. While the keynote for the conference discussions was not decided upon, it is expected that all discussions and addresses will center around some phase of life work and that they will be both instructive and inspirational.

On selecting the place for the conference, friendly rivalry developed between Forest City and Rutherfordton. Dr. Duncan, who extended an invitation on behalf of Forest City, withdrew in favor of Rutherfordton, but served notice that Forest City is on deck for 1926.

In accepting the chairmanship of the general committee, Mr. Elmore said he was profoundly impressed with importance of older boys' conference. He expressed pleasure at being permitted to serve actively in its organization and promotion.

The following officers were elected: S. E. Elmore, president; Dr. A. C. Duncan, vice-president; B. L. Smith, secretary; W. R. Hill, recording secretary; J. C. Cowan, Jr., treasurer.

The president announced the appointment of the following committees: Entertainment, K. S. Tanner, C. F. Geer, Dr. A. C. Duncan, O. C. Erwin, H. L. Carpenter; Publicity, Oscar L. Simpson, R. E. Price, C. E. Alcock, J. B. Jones, Clyde Erwin, C. C. Sorrels; Finance, G. B. Howard, Charles Z. Flack, F. I. Barber, C. F. Cline, Z. O. Jenkins, D. C. Colvin, Dr. R. H. Crawford; Reception Committee, to serve with W. R. Hill in connection with his work as recording secretary, J. W. Eaks, R. H. Houston, Chas. Erwin, H. J. Cherry, Frank Hall, J. M. Michael.

#### BUYS INTEREST IN MOSS FURNITURE CO.

Mr. B. H. Wilkins, well known real estate dealer, has purchased an interest in the Moss Furniture Company and the firm will now be known as the Moss-Wilkins Furniture Co. The addition of Mr. Wilkins to this strong firm should add prestige and enable an expansion of the already large volume of business. Mr. Wilkins asks that The Courier let it be known that he does not intend to relinquish his real estate business, but will be ready at all times to buy or sell real estate.

Ground was broken this week for the erection of the new brick building of Moss & Wilkins, next to the Long Drug Store. An account of this structure was given in a recent issue of The Courier. It will be a handsome addition to the business district of the city.

## CIVIL COURT MEETS FEB. 2

### Judge B. F. Long to Preside; List Of Cases to Be Tried.

(Special to Courier)

Rutherfordton, Jan. 27.—Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, will convene the Superior Court of Rutherford county, civil term, here Monday, February 2nd. There are a total of from 75 to 100 cases on the docket to be considered. The jury list was printed in this paper last week.

The following is part of the calendar which has been arranged by the attorneys:

- Monday, February 2nd**
- Bachman Lumber Co., vs. Belk.
  - Wells vs. Greene.
  - Burnett vs. Hall.
  - McBrayer vs. Harmon.
  - Powell vs. Bradley.
  - Nettie Greene vs. Greene.
  - Harrill vs. Bostic.
  - Connor vs. McEntyre.
- Tuesday, February 3rd**
- Scott vs. Kenyon.
  - Quinn vs. Taylor.
  - Mills vs. Waste.
  - Cobb vs. Henrietta Mills.
  - Revis vs. Henrietta Mills.
  - Payne vs. Mosteller, et al.
  - Rutherford Hospital vs. Boyd, et al.
  - Carroll vs. Hardin.
- Wednesday, February 4th**
- Harrill vs. Seaboard.
  - Burgess vs. Magness.
  - Rutherford Hospital vs. Stonecutter Mills and Vess.
  - Mask vs. Champion.
  - In re Will J. J. Harrill.
  - Ledbetter vs. Glover, et al.
  - McAlister vs. Morris.

#### LOCATES IN ELLENBORO

Dr. C. L. Buchanan of Union Mills, has moved to Ellenboro and will follow the practice of his profession. He is an able and experienced physician and the people of Ellenboro feel fortunate that he is among them.

## BEAUTIFUL WEDDING OF WIDE INTEREST

### Miss Edna Schenck and Mr. Geo. W. Hill Married At Rutherfordton Sat.

(Special to The Courier)

Rutherfordton, Jan. 27.—A marriage of interest throughout the county was that of Miss Edna Schenck and Mr. Geo. Walter Hill, at the home of the parents of the bride, Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Schenck, on Saturday evening at six thirty o'clock. The hall and living room were beautifully decorated with ferns, ivy and evergreens, an altar of green and white being arranged in the large bay window of the living room, over the center window a large American flag was draped, tiny red, white and blue lights and white candles softly lighted the room. As the first notes of Lohengrin's Wedding March were sounded, Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, at the piano, Master Theodore Marrs, nephew of the bride, carrying the ring in a pink carnation and little Erma Clark Carpenter, daintily gowned in pink tulle, bearing a silver basket of pink carnations, entered from the hall. Mrs. L. D. Marrs, sister of the bride, wearing black velvet lavishly embroidered in green crystal beads and carrying pink carnations, preceded the bride, entering with her father, who gave her in marriage. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. A. Rymer, where these two hearts and lives were united by Rev. J. O. Ervin of the Methodist church, using the impressive ring ceremony.

The bride was becomingly gowned in bronze silk bengaline with accessories to match, her bouquet being white carnations. The groom, who is a member of Battery D, 5th Art., stationed at Fort Bragg, was in full uniform. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hill, of Cliffside. Mrs. Hill, is an accomplished, attractive and popular young woman, formerly of Rutherfordton, but for the past year has been located at Nashville, Tenn., as an efficient trained nurse, where she has made many

## LAKE LURE POWER SOLD TO BLUE RIDGE CO.

### Dam and Power Development to Be Completed in Eighteen Months; Work To Be Pushed.

Spartanburg, Jan. 26.—The Blue Ridge Power Co., of Spartanburg, South Carolina, has completed negotiations for the purchase of the electric power to be created by Lake Lure at Chimney Rock according to an announcement by John A. Law, treasurer of the Spartanburg company.

Final details of the contract were arranged at a meeting in Spartanburg Thursday attended by directors of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., officials of the Blue Ridge Power Company, Charles W. Tillet, Jr., of Charlotte, Attorney for the Mountain Company, C. A. Mees of Mees and Mees, hydraulic engineers of Charlotte, and H. L. Bomar, attorney for the Blue Ridge Power company.

"This additional power production of the Lake Lure Dam," said Mr. Law, "estimated at thirteen and one-half million kilowatt hours per annum will materially add to the power resources of the Blue Ridge Power company, and increase the available service of the company.

An interesting feature is that the Lake Lure plant is to be operated from the Turner plant of the Blue Ridge Power company through electric control and that an automatic governor will maintain at all times the level of the lake at Chimney Rock, thus assuring the attractiveness of the lake from a resort standpoint."

Mr. Law stated that the right-of-way for a transmission line from the recently completed Turner Shoals Power station of the Blue Ridge Power Company to the site of the Lake Lure dam, a distance of six miles had been practically all acquired and the line would be built immediately. This line will serve to carry power to the Lake Lure dam site for construction of the dam, and later convey the purchased power back to the Blue Ridge system connecting at the Turner Shoals station.

Eighteen months will see the completed construction of the Lake Lure dam and power development, according to C. A. Mees whose firm of hydraulic engineers has designed the dam. The construction will be of the multiple arch type, 685 feet across and 104 feet in height. Across the top of the dam a bridge will be constructed and the entire design of as great beauty as possible to fit into the development plans of the Chimney Rock Mountains Company, at the same time of as durable economical and efficient character as modern science can devise. Immediate construction is contemplated and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings, of Charlotte, Miss Thelma Womack and Messrs. Dave Kistler and Cobb, of Lincolnton, and Messrs. Joe Martin and Fred Harrill of Ellenboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Falvey and Miss Mayne Martin on Sunday.

friends who will be interested to learn of her marriage.

Relatives of both families and a few friends witnessed the ceremony. Miss Carrie Beason presided at the punch bowl. The first slice of the beautiful wedding cake was cut by the bride and served to the guests by Mrs. Marcus Justice.

The happy couple left for Marion on the 9:30 train amid a shower of rice, old shoes and good wishes.

Many lovely gifts attested the popularity of the young couple. An interesting event connected with the date of marriage was that it occurred on the forty-first anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Schenck and the sixty-sixth anniversary of Mrs. Schenck's parents.

Among the out of town guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schenck, of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hill, Miss Annie Hill and Miss Gamble; Messrs. Rhymer and Lovelace, of Cliffside and Mr. Gordon Yelton, of Spartanburg.