

BIG BOOSTER MEETING HELD AT SPINDALE

Col. D. C. Collier Forecasts
Great Growth For West-
ern Carolina.

Spindale, Feb. 6.—The booster meeting of the Rutherfordton Kiwanis Club held last night in the Spindale House was a great success. A large delegation attended from the Forest City Club while a number attended from Charlotte and various portions of Rutherford County. Past President R. E. Price was in charge of the program and introduced Harvey Hollman, publicity man of Chimney Rock Mountains, who introduced the principal speaker, Col. D. C. Collier, of San Diego, Cal.

Col. Collier soon captured his audience for each one soon caught his great vision of Western North Carolina and his excellent booster spirit. Col. Collier told of his visits to various summer resorts all over this country and declared that "the mountains of Western North Carolina surpass them all" because they have a climate "which is most delightful all the year around. Being close to the great centers of population with good roads, a booster spirit will make this the section the most famous resort on this continent, declared the famous builder.

He predicted that within the next five or ten years people from the West Indies, Panama, Florida and even South America will be coming to Western North Carolina. He showed the advantages of tourists and told how they had built up Southern California. Col. Collier declared that the Florida boom had not hurt or affected California, for the later State had over two million visitors last year who came into California from outside by automobile, alone.

The audience enjoyed most enthusiastic speeches by Joe Garibaldi and Charlie Williams, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Garibaldi told of the great growth and progress of North Carolina and how proud he was of the Old North State. He predicted great things for the future of this section and declared that no town grows greater than the people who make it up.

President F. I. Barber, of the Forest City Kiwanis Club, spoke briefly. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a short humorous program by Miss Marie Davenport, of Charlotte, well-known Kiwanis entertainer and promoter of "Kiwanis Frolics."

WELSH SINGERS HERE THIS WEEK

Will Give Splendid Program
At High School Auditor-
ium Friday Evening.

Welsh male voices have the reputation of making up the best singing combination in the world, and on Friday evening at the High School auditorium the Adams Welsh Quartet, recognized as one of the most famous quartets of its kind in the world, will appear in a combination of classic, popular, and humorous programs. Each member of this quartet is from the famous Royal Male Chorus of Wales, and the quartet entertained hundreds of audiences abroad and in the United States. Their program includes a combination of classic, popular, and humorous numbers, superior vocal work, solos, duets, ensemble numbers of the better sort, and unusually attractive and popular sketches in costume. While primarily singers, the men are none the less entertainers of unquestioned ability and their programs are replete with new and novel features.

Forest City is, indeed, fortunate in having this famous quartet visit it and a large crowd of music lovers, both young and old, is expected to attend the entertainment. The Quartet is brought to Forest City through the management of The Piedmont Bureau of Asheville, North Carolina. Admission Friday evening will be 25c and 50c. Don't miss this splendid number.

LITERARY CLUB

Mrs. B. B. Doggett and Mrs. F. R. Wilkins were very gracious hostesses for the Literary Club, Division 1, at the home of Mrs. Doggett on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4th.

The subject for the afternoon was Women's Part in Politics. A very interesting program was carried out and one new member received.

The hostesses, assisted by Miss Ruth Doggett and Miss Annie Lee Biggerstaff, served delicious refreshments, manifesting the valentine season.

DEATH CLAIMS GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. Rosalie Splawn Dies At
Home Of Her Son, Mr.
Dick Splawn.

West Henrietta, Feb. 8.—The death angel visited the home of Mr. Dick Splawn, on Fingerville, S. C., Route 1, last Sunday and claimed his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Splawn. She was 79 years, 5 months and 15 days of age. Mrs. Splawn had been in feeble health for about one year but was only seriously sick since last Thursday.

Funeral services were conducted by her brother-in-law, the Rev. S. P. Jones, Monday at 2:30 p. m., at Sandy Springs Baptist church near the state line. She was a member of Sandy Springs Baptist church. She was before her marriage Miss Rosalie Westbrooks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westbrooks. Her husband, Mr. Thaddeus Splawn, preceded her to the grave April 14, 1914. Six daughters and one son preceded her to the grave several years ago. She is survived by the following sons: Mr. Dick Splawn, of Fingerville, S. C.; Volney and Carroll Splawn, of Bessemer City and four brothers, Messrs. Foster and Dick Westbrooks, of Chesnee, S. C.; Tom Westbrooks, of Glendale, S. C.; D. H. Westbrooks, of Fingerville, S. C., Route 1 and five sisters, Mrs. John Cantrell, of Fingerville, Route 1; Mrs. Rachel Jones, of Cherokee, S. C., Route 2; Mrs. Margaret Head, of Melvin Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Temmie Turner, of Landrum, S. C., Route 1 and Mrs. M. T. Kimbrell, of Henrietta. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other relatives and a host of friends mourn her departure, for she was a most estimable Christian lady and to know her was to love her.

We will say with the poet:
"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding
O'er the spoils that death has won,
Let us all this solemn meeting
Calmly say, "Thy Will be done."
Though cast down we're not forsaken;

Though afflicted not alone;
Thou didst give and thou hast taken:
Blessed Lord, thy will be done.
Fill us now with deep contrition;
Take away these hearts of stone:
While we all with true submission,
Meekly say, "Thy will be done."
Though today we are filled with mourning,
Mercy still is on the throne,
With Thy smiles of love returning,
We can sing, "Thy will be done."

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR RECORDER'S COURT

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen Friday night of last week, the following officers were elected for the new Recorder's Court of Forest City:

L. C. Lowrance, Recorder.
J. W. Webb, Vice-Recorder.
J. E. Caldwell, Clerk.
C. O. Ridings, Pros. Atty.

The new court is expected to be in operation by Monday, Feb. 15.

Mr. Ridings Resigns

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the Town of Forest City and your Honorable Mayor:
I have been informed that at the last meeting night of your honorable Board that I was elected by said board as Prosecuting Attorney for the Municipal Recorder's Court, recently established for the town of Forest City. I assure you that I am always willing and anxious to do anything in my power to help out in the advancement of Forest City. I appreciate your kindness in offering me the honor of being your first Prosecuting Attorney, and I regret to say that owing to certain circumstances,

THE FARMERS FEDERATION NOW ASSURED SUCCESS

Organization Building Slowly
But Surely—Meeting To
Be Held Feb. 20.

(Special to Courier)

Rutherfordton, Feb. 10.—The work of establishing the Farmers Federation in Rutherford county is going on slowly, but surely, building on a firm foundation—that foundation being the reliable men of the county. A great many of our leading farmers have already shown their interest by subscribing stock.

The Farmers Federation will be organized and will succeed in Rutherford county, because there are enough progressive farmers in the county to make it a success. It will succeed because it is endowed with the two things that are essential to the success of any business organization—good leadership and business. The Federation has one of the ablest executives in North Carolina in the person of J. G. K. McClure, Jr. He has won the honor and respect of practically every farmer in Western North Carolina as well as of scores of the leading business men. He has not won it through a desire for publicity, but through a desire to serve his fellowmen. He has given practically five years of his life to the Federation and has received no compensation for his labors. The Farmers Federation fills a missing link in the farming industry, therefore it has been, is, and will be a success. No matter how much capital a business has it cannot be a success unless it gets business. The Farmers Federation should handle 100 car loads of fertilizers, 50 car loads of truck crops, 25 car loads of poultry products and at least \$30,000 worth of feeds, seeds and spraying material this year.

The farm relief question has been debated quite a little in Washington recently, and on Jan. 1, the newspapers came out with the headlines "Co-operative Plan Hope of Salvation For U. S. Farmers." If the officials of our country think this is the best plan and the only plan for the farmers to adopt we should consider it very carefully. Robert W. Biggam, chairman of the national council of Farmers Co-operative Associations, said in Washington Jan. 12, "We are just at the threshold of the real accomplishments of co-operative marketing, and we are learning from our failures to make our new efforts promise great success." He also says, "I shall never forget the interference of government in the marketing of farm crops, until co-operative marketing has had a fair trial on a large scale and has proved a failure. Before I urge men to become peasant-minded, to ask some one else to work out for them what they can do for themselves, I must first exhaust every opportunity to keep them independent American farmers." We as farmers of Rutherford county should feel proud of the fact that we now have offered the very type of co-operative marketing that these men are advocating. And we should not be satisfied until the Farmers Federation is firmly established in Rutherford county.

Mr. J. Z. Green, who has had many years experience in farmers' organizations, who is probably the greatest authority on co-operative marketing in North Carolina and who is now editor of the Farmers Federation News, will address the Rutherford County Club Feb. 16.

There will be a meeting at the Rutherfordton Spindale High School Saturday, Feb. 20, 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of perfecting the Federation of Rutherford county. At this meeting Mr. Green and also Mr. J. G. K. McClure, president of the Federation, will speak. No farmer in this county should miss this meeting.

Mr. Austell, of Rutherfordton, has opened a new store in the rooms formerly occupied by the Royal Store at Spindale. He is just back from New York with a splendid new line of goods.

best known to myself, I shall have to decline the office. It will be impossible for me to serve.

Best wishes to you and your court,
C. O. RIDINGS.

DEATH OF MR. T. M. HEMPHILL

Mr. T. M. Hemphill, brother of Mr. C. S. Hemphill, of this city, died at his home in Marion, Feb. 1 of paralysis. Deceased was reared in the upper end of this county, but had been in business in Marion for a number of years. He was about 56 years of age and is survived by his wife and six children.

Mr. Carl Huntley has purchased Capt. B. L. Smith's house on West Main street. This is a handsome home, well located.

SECOND POULTRY CAR COMING NEXT WEEK

To Be Loaded Under Supervision
Of Division Of Markets
and County Agent.

The second poultry car of the year, to be loaded under the supervision of the Division of Markets, Raleigh, and the County Agent, will be loaded in Rutherford county next week. Shipments will be made from Rutherfordton Monday and Tuesday and from Ellenboro Tuesday, over the Seaboard railway. An advertisement in today's Courier will give full particulars as to prices to be paid and shipping time. Our poultry raisers will please take notice of the county agent's announcement.

Where cars are advertised by the County Agent, the money is guaranteed by being placed in Rutherford county banks before the poultry is loaded. The agent is not responsible for other firms or people loading in the county.

The object of the poultry shipments under the supervision of the County Agent is to get a better price for the poultry and encourage breeding of better stock in the county. The poultry is sold to competitive bidders and goes to the ones paying the highest prices.

There was sold in this county last year over 75,000 pounds of poultry at a gross rate of \$15,000, three cents above the local market prices.

The County Agent has just ordered 5,000 baby chicks for broilers to be ready for April sales. He hopes at this time to ship the first carload of broilers ever sent out of the state. Let our farmers encourage this move so as to gain this distinction.

Farmers should take note of the steadily growing poultry business Rutherford county is getting a good start in pure bred poultry. A recent buyer here said that he was getting better grade poultry here now than even in the western states, where the industry is given much attention. With the influx of visitors to this entire section this summer, there will be a great demand for poultry, which should command steadily increasing prices.

COUNTY CLUB MEETS FEB. 16

Special Address By Mr. J. Z.
Green Of Interest to
Farmers.

The next regular monthly meeting of the County Club will be held at the Isothermal Hotel, Rutherfordton, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the usual hour of 1 o'clock.

Mr. J. Z. Green, of Asheville, editor of the Farmers Federation News, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. Mr. Green is well known in this section as a progressive farmer and is a speaker of ability. His speech will be of special interest on account of the plans underway for the formation in Rutherford county of a branch of the Farmers Federation.

Every farmer should make it a point to be present at this meeting.

SINGING AT MT. LEBANON

There will be a singing at Mt. Lebanon church next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, at 2:30 o'clock. Every body invited to come.

READ CAREFULLY
Why a man quit using a Ford—
He died. B. B. Doggett

GUFFEY MILL AT UNION MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire Originated In Engine
Room—Loss About
\$6,000.

(Special to Courier)

Union Mills, Feb. 10.—Fire, originating in the engine room of the J. P. Guffey corn and wheat mill at 11:20 Tuesday morning, burned with fierce intensity and destroyed the building and contents within the short space of about twenty minutes. The loss is estimated at from five to six thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Guffey was on the second floor when he noticed smoke issuing from the engine room, but nothing could be done to stay the flames already under great headway. Very little was saved from the mill, the two-story frame structure and contents being practically a total loss.

The mill, which did a large custom grinding business, was started about twelve years ago by Guffey & Flack, but was now owned by Mr. Guffey and his son-in-law, Mr. W. G. Scoggins.

It has not as yet been determined as to whether a new mill will be erected to take the place of the one burned.

LATEST NEWS FROM HENRIETTA

Happenings Of Interest Told
In Brief By Courier
Correspondent.

Henrietta, Feb. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith spent the week-end with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harmon, near Gaffney, S. C.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Wiseman are expected home today. They have been spending a few days in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Joe Whisman, of Shelby, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Jake Moore, who has been overhauling machinery in the card room here, has gone to Ellenboro to help install the machinery in the mill at that place.

Mr. S. F. Padgett, who has been with the Henrietta market, will go to Ellenboro to take charge of a market there.

Mr. H. M. Norman had the misfortune to have a finger almost severed from his hand while grinding cards last week.

The little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowery was severely burned last Saturday when its clothing caught fire from the open grate.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hightower, who fell off the porch while riding a tricycle and broke its arm, is getting along nicely.

A serious accident was narrowly averted last Tuesday when the automobile of Mr. Ben Hicks and the train collided at the crossing on Henrietta street. By quick work Mr. Hicks managed to turn his car but the steps from both front and rear of the train coach were knocked off before the train could be brought to a stop.

Two of the most interesting basketball games which Henrietta-Caroleen High has played this season were played at Rutherfordton last Thursday night, when they met the Rutherfordton teams. The girls game which was refereed by Miss Elizabeth Stroupe of Henrietta, was eight to nine in favor of Rutherfordton. Both teams expressed themselves as highly pleased with Miss Stroupe as a referee. The boys' game was 32 to 35 in favor of Rutherfordton. Coach Everett Spike of Rutherfordton was referee.

In order that the customers may receive prompt attention during the heavy trading on Saturdays, a cake, candy and fruit department has been installed in the Henrietta Store with Miss Willie Sue Mauney in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore delightfully entertained at a six o'clock dinner last Friday evening. The guests were Supt. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace.

NEW TEN CENT STORE

Mr. D. M. Stahl, of Oxford, N. C., will open a new ten cent store in Forest City March 1st. Workmen are now putting in a partition in the large storeroom of the Farmers Hardware Co., building, the West side of which will be used by Mr. Stahl for his new storeroom.

Mr. Stahl is an experienced ten cent store man, having been connected with Kresge, Rose and others for a number of years. He is now on the market purchasing goods for the new store.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL NEWS

Win Two From Marion—Play
Rutherfordton Friday In
State Championship
Series.

Last Friday was a big night for the Cool Springs High basketball teams. Marion, a dangerous but friendly foe came upon the scene of action after once tasting victory from our boys this year and from the way they played were determined to repeat but it was a case of just a bit too much determination on the other side. The girls played first and had an easy overwhelming victory over Marion's fairest. The score being something like a five to one standing. But the boys had more to contend with. The first half ended 9 to 3 for Forest City and might have been much more had not so many of the easy shots rolled off the ring. In the last half Marion struck a faster stride and scored 12 points while our boys were making 8. The final score then stood 17 to 15 and might have been tied had not the timer's whistle blown just before a final marker left a Marion player's hands. The goal did not count. The game was one of the best seen on the local court this season, due in part, no doubt, to the splendid refereeing of Dr. Howes whose eyes never failed to catch the infringements upon the rules.

The first game in the championship series will be played on Friday night of this week at the Forest City High School, with Rutherfordton as their opponents. A meeting was held in Greensboro on Tuesday night where the faculty managers got together to make out the schedule for the first elimination. The local highs are very anxious to get into this contest and see if they can't beat their performance of last year which will be remembered as a group championship and then lost to Charlotte by three points in the semi-finals. The boys are expecting to enter the tournament at Mars Hill also. This comes off the latter part of this month.

Forest City Wins Again.

Last Monday night was another big night for Forest City basketball fans. The first game between the Old Maids and Flappers proved a corker for thrills. The Old Maids seemed to have the edge and kept the lead until the last few minutes of the game when a sly Flapper slipped in a goal and then another to make the score 12 to 10 for the Flappers.

The boys won by a somewhat larger margin of 22 to 15, but not without stiff opposition. Caroleen brought a good team and one that will give trouble to most any of them. In the second quarter Moss and Watkins went scoring wild and ran the score up to 18 to 6 for the first half. In the second half the visitors made a splendid effort but could not approach the lead.

Mr. U. S. Courtney is now on the Northern markets purchasing new goods for his ten cent store. Mr. Courtney told The Courier before leaving that he expected to buy a splendid line and proposed to keep his store up-to-date in every particular. He is a believer in advertising and says he will keep Courier readers informed as to the many good things that he always keeps in stock.

Mr. C. B. Harris and wife have been visiting the former's father, Mr. Thos. Harris, at Alexander and other relatives in the county. He is with the Atlantic Bitulithic Co., now located at Dalton, Ga.