

## KIWANIS FROLIC FRIDAY, FEB. 26

### Brilliant Home Talent Show to Be Given By Local Kiwanians.

The curtain of the High School auditorium will rise promptly at 8:15 p. m. on next Friday evening, Feb. 26th, on the largest, snappiest and most brilliant home talent show ever presented before a local audience. The cast will include each and every member of the Kiwanis Club, ten lovely chorus girls in the latest songs and dances, sixty lovely little lassies under ten years of age in a gorgeous butterfly ballet and a number of the town's most gifted singers and dramatists, all supported by a peppy jazz orchestra. Playing a cast of 125 local people from start to finish, the Kiwanis Frolic represents two hours of music and merriment.

The play opens with a formal introduction of Kiwanis to the public, introducing the Club and setting forth the origin, motto, ideals and work of the Kiwanis Clubs locally and internationally. Other acts in the olio are taken from present New York shows. For example have you ever seen "Fib" Barber, the "Coca-Cola King," all dressed up in a pink night shirt trying to get a nap, or the graceful "Hop" Thomas and Dick Minish as little "Cullud" boys in purple and gold, tripping the light fantastic?

The Frolic is a glorified mixture of musical comedy, light opera and minstrels, and with each member of the Kiwanis Club armed with a bright red tambourine, a melodious voice and lots of pep, the Club expects to go over the top in this their initial bow before the footlights of Forest City. The proceeds will go to the Kiwanis Charity Fund. Tickets are at popular prices, 35¢ and 75¢, and from present indications a record-breaking crowd will be in attendance.

### BRIDGES-GRAYSON

The friends of Miss Irma Bridges, of Shelby, and Mr. Albert Grayson, of Bostic, will be surprised to learn of their marriage, which took place Friday afternoon, Feb. 12th, at the Methodist parsonage in Henrietta, Rev. J. C. Hornbuckle performing the ceremony. Mrs. Grayson is one of the school faculty in Bostic and is a very efficient teacher. Mr. Grayson is connected with the C. C. and O. Railroad yards in Bostic and is a splendid young man. They will make their home in Bostic. Their friends join in wishing for them much happiness.

## HIGH SHOALS NEWS

Mooresboro, R-1, Feb. 15.—We are having some stormy weather at this writing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ramsey, Feb. 12th a 8-pound boy, as it was dead it was laid to rest in Hopewell cemetery. Mrs. Ramsey is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune's grandchildren from Charlotte, were pleasant visitors with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGinnis visited Mr. and Mrs. Roke Greene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Toney is very sick at this writing, but we hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. Ivory Holcombe received a telegram Friday that his father was dead. He left Saturday to see him laid to rest.

A large crowd was present at Mrs. Ramsey's birthday dinner Sunday. All reported a nice time and wished her many more, happy, returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shires spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Greene.

Mr. Marshall Giles, of Clarksville, W. Va., is spending a few days here with his cousin, Mrs. J. T. Thomas and Mr. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Barber entertained with a six o'clock dinner for the directors of the Kiwanis Club on last Friday evening.

Miss Viola Randall spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

### MR. D. F. BEACHBOARD TO OPEN IN WHISNANT STAND

Mr. D. F. Beachboard, of Caroleen, and one of the county's good and substantial citizens, will open a new grocery store in the building recently vacated by Mr. C. M. Whisnant. Mr. Beachboard, who is proprietor of a flourishing store at Caroleen, also owns the store building in Forest City. He will not come to Forest City at once, but will place Mr. R. V. King, an experienced merchant, in charge of the Forest City store. He and his excellent family may later become citizens of Forest City. He says he will only handle the very best of groceries in the store here and will appreciate the patronage of our people.

### MR. T. J. TOMS CLAIMED BY DEATH

#### Prominent Farmer of the Mt. Pleasant Community Died Saturday, February 13.

Mr. T. J. Toms died at his home in the Mt. Pleasant community Saturday, Feb. 13, his death coming as a great shock, as he had been sick only a short while and was thought to be improving. He had been afflicted with rheumatism and later his heart became affected, hastening the end. Mr. Thomas Jason Toms was born Dec. 27, 1867. He was 58 years, 1 month and 17 days old. He married Miss Amanda Jane Womick, Nov. 3, 1893. To this union was born eight children, two boys and six girls. One boy died in infancy. He leaves a wife and seven children, Mr. Gordon Toms, Mrs. Joe Randall, of Caroleen; Miss Maudie, Ossie, Mattie, Pauline and Dee Toms, all at home. Three grandchildren and one brother, Mr. J. O. Toms, who lives in the Mt. Pleasant community and is the only living member of a large family of eight children.

Mr. T. J. Toms became a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church in early boyhood and lived a consecrated Christian until death. The scripture says that we know a tree by its fruit, so we know a Christian by their work. Mr. Toms was deacon of Mt. Pleasant for more than twenty-five years and was never absent from Saturday services but a few times, and that because of sickness. What greater proof could he have offered his neighbors and children than this? We sometimes wonder why God takes a good man like Mr. Toms away from his wife and children. But when we think again we remember that Jesus said He would go and prepare for his people and would come again and call them home.

A comforting thought which should come to his loved ones is that he lived a kind father and loving and faithful husband and was in every sense of the word a Christian gentleman.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church last Sunday at 3 p. m. Those in charge of the services were Revs. C. C. Matheny, Alexander; Rev. W. T. Tate, of Paoli, S. C., and the pastor, Rev. M. L. Buchanan, of Union Mills. The large crowd and the beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which he was held.

### CHANGES AT FARMERS BANK

At a directors meeting, held last Thursday, Mr. B. H. Long, cashier of the Farmers Bank, tendered his resignation. He will accept a place as assistant treasurer of Chimney Rock Mts., Inc. Mr. J. A. Dennis will take Mr. Long's place at the bank. Mr. Long will remove to Chimney Rock about March 15th. He has made a wonderful record as cashier of the Farmers Bank and is a leader in state banking circles. Starting as assistant cashier, he later succeeded Mr. J. H. Thomas as cashier when the latter was elevated to the position of active vice-president. Mr. Dennis has been with the Farmers for some time and will fill the duties as cashier most acceptably.

Sneak thieves entered the Leader Store Sunday night and stole a quantity of clothing and shoes. Entrance was gained by breaking a glass in a rear door. Officers are working hard on the case. An effort is to be made to break up the gang of loafers in the city and it is thought there will be less petty stealing when this is done.

## FOREST CITY A Few Things Every Citizen Should Know About the Town He Lives In.

Forest City's population, within two mile circle, city limits is 3,500.

Assessed valuation of city property, \$3,000,000.00. Forest City recently constructed approximately six miles of bitulithic and concrete paving at a cost of approximately \$300,000.00.

Forest City has four sewer systems consisting of approximately ten miles of mains and outfall lines, in addition to four new, septic tanks, constructed during 1925, and valued at \$142,000.

Forest City owns and operates one of the finest small water systems in the state. The source of supply is from springs flowing into Brackett's creek. The quality of the water is excellent, as the monthly report from the State Board of Health shows. Bacteriological examinations of the water are made daily at the city laboratories located at the filter house on Green street. The average daily pumping capacity is 230,000 gallons. During the year of 1925 three new pumps were installed, one of which is a 150-horse power Sterling gasoline emergency fire pump which pumps 1,000 gallons of water per minute. A new concrete dam, with regulating sluice gates, brick pump station and an eight-inch cast iron force main was part of the installation work at the creek during the past year. Forest City has 8.75 miles of water mains in service. The estimated value of the water plant and equipment is \$110,000.00.

Forest City owns its electric light system and has one of the most attractive "white way" centers in the state.

Forest City building permits issued during the past year amounted to approximately over \$300,000.00.

Forest City has the lowest fire record of any town or city in the state.

Forest City has the strongest country bank in the Tenth Congressional District.

Forest City has a strong National Bank which is just completing a handsome new building which would be a credit to a much larger city.

Forest City has ample parking facilities.

## BOSTIC NEWS

Bostic, Feb. 26.—On Wednesday, Feb. 10th from three until 4:30 p. m., Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lee Smith, celebrated her sixth birthday by giving a party. Valentine decorations were used, red hearts and other decorations were used in the living room. Pink and white being used in the dining room. Jello with whipped cream, pink and white heart shaped cake, pop corn and candy were served. Small baskets of pink and white filled with heart-shaped candy was at each plate. The cake, with six pink candles, in rose bud holders, surrounded by pink hearts formed the centerpiece. The boys were given balloons and the girls valentines as favors. Prizes were given for pinning the tail on the donkey.

The little hostess received many beautiful and useful presents. The children all went away wishing Ruth many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Wilburn, Marion and Max Gunter, "Buster" Chapman, Robert Howell, Marjorie Hollifield, Samuel Washburn, Howard Hollifield, Jr., Alda Witherow, Harold Hollifield, Herman and Roy Harrill, Betty Ross Tolbert, Chas. Jr. and Fred Wright, Kent and John W. Lee, Jr., Jennings and Hubert Harrill, Summey Green, Francis and Robert Calton, J. H., Jr., Doris and Edward Whitaker, Edwin and Eugene Jones, Marjorie and Louise Harris, Jeannette and Lewis Johnson, Eleanor, Louise, Lillian and Rodger Hollifield, Eugene and Hal Smith.

On last Saturday at 3 o'clock little Miss Minnie Bell Barber entertained her little friends with a birthday party celebrating her eleventh birthday with a theatre party and later on went to her home where delightful refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Many delightful games were played and all wish for her many happy returns of the day. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Barber and family visited Mr. Barber's mother in Hendersonville last Sunday.

### OLD FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Music lovers and others are interested in the announcement that an old fiddlers convention will be held at the school auditorium at Ellenboro on the evening of Feb. 2. The contest is to be given under the auspices of the boy scouts. Quite a number of prizes will be awarded in the contests and some of the best fiddlers and banjo pickers in the South are expected to be present.

Mrs. O. C. Turner spent Saturday in Spartanburg.

## PINEHURST NEWS

Ellenboro, R-2, Feb. 15.—We are having some fine weather at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Smart and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Smart, from Forest City, visited Mr. U. V. Smart in Shelby Sunday.

Little Robert Brooks, son of Mr. L. R. Brooks, had the misfortune of falling and breaking his arm Sunday afternoon, after which he was taken to the hospital and had it fixed. He is back home now and is doing nicely.

The little son, M. C., of Oran Brooks, is sick at this writing, we hope for his speedy recovery.

Those visiting M. M. Brooks Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Bridges, from Bostic; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brooks and children, from Mooresboro; Misses Alma and Ostine Philbeck and Mr. Carl Philbeck.

Miss Beulah Philbeck was the guest of Miss Vernie Wright Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Z. D. Harrill filled his regular appointment at Walls Sunday afternoon.

There was a pound supper at Mr. Charlie Spratt's Friday night. The following were present: Misses Blanche Bowen, Eula and Hattie Brooks, Bertha Martin, Ostine and Beulah Philbeck, Dorcas and Mabel Jones, Sarah and Vernie Wright; Messrs. Harland Greene, Byron Bridges, Ringo Greene, Tom and Fletcher Dobbins, Carl and Earnest Philbeck, Huey Bowen, Bunyan Brooks, William Martin, Hershell Greene, Clarence Davis, Miles Love-lace, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Smart and children, all reported a nice time.

Mrs. Lillie Martin and children, from Ellenboro, spent Friday night with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Brooks.

Mr. A. C. Spratt and family from this section visited relatives in Caroleen Sunday.

Mrs. Lula McDaniel is on the sick list this week.

Mr. A. C. Spratt has purchased a new Chevrolet.

Miss Alma Philbeck spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Bill Philbeck is getting along nicely.

### IMPORTANT TO FARMERS

Do not forget the meeting to be held at Central High School building Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 p. m. It is planned to perfect the organization of the Farmers Federation at this time. It is important that all our farmers be present.

### MISS ANNIE LEE BIGGERSTAFF WINS LINCOLN ESSAY CONTEST

The medal for the Lincoln essay contest was presented at chapel Monday. This contest on Abraham Lincoln was one of decided interest among the students and was participated in by about twenty-five boys and girls. The five best papers were selected by the faculty and submitted to outside judges for their first and second choice. The winner was Miss Annie Lee Biggerstaff of the 11th grade. Miss Margaret Moore and Craig McClure tied for second honors. The medal is a very beautiful bronze plate with the head of Lincoln on it and is given by the Illinois Watch Company.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL NEWS

### Drop Elimination Game—Play Friday Night—County Tournament.

The only alibi Forest City has to offer for her defeat at Spindale last Friday night is that too many shots rolled off the basket. Certainly it was not the lack of fight in our team for the boys were there with the goods, nor could it be attributed to anything the referee might have done. The game was fast and meant so much to both teams that the players just got a bit excited, too much so at times to play at their best. The first quarter was a Forest City day and ended 6 to 4 in our favor. Then something broke loose on the other side and enabled Rutherford to score 9 points while we were trying to keep them from it. The half ended 13 to 6 in their favor. In the second half Forest City came back with blood in their eyes and ran up 12 points while Central High was making 8. By winning this game Rutherford gets to play the Asheville High School at Asheville, Wednesday night.

Line-up:

Forest City	Pos.	Rutherfordton
McKeithan	R. F.	Grayson
Blanton	L. F.	J. Grose
Walker	C.	Elliot
Blair	R. G.	Edwards
Whitlock	L. G.	Tanaer
Substitutions None.	Referee:	
Rawson, Charlotte.		

### Dallas Comes Friday Night

Many Forest City people will recall the fast team from Dallas and the game for the group championship last year at Gastonia. That same team will be here to meet the local high school team Friday, Feb. 19th, 8 p. m. This should prove one of the most interesting games of the season since the two teams seem to be equally matched. Then on the following Monday night at 8 o'clock Rutherfordton will play their last return game of the season. This game was to have been played last Friday night but the elimination series interfered. From the scores of the last three games with Rutherfordton it will bear quite a watching in this last game. On Wednesday following the Rutherfordton game the team accompanied by Mr. Eaks will journey to Mars Hill to participate in the Western N. C. High School Tournament which comes off February 24th and 25th.

### County Tournament Early in March.

On last Saturday at a meeting of the High School principals with County Superintendent Erwin in Rutherfordton, it was decided to have a county basketball tournament of some kind again this year. In order to get at the work it was decided that each school wishing to take part should send a representative to a meeting to be held at the Community House, Spindale, Saturday, Feb. 20th at 11 a. m. Plans for the contest will be formulated at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson left for Chimney Rock Saturday, where they will open a cafe in the same stand occupied by them last year. They expect big things at the rock this year. Their Forest City friends always give them a call when visiting Chimney Rock.

## BLUE RIDGE REAL ESTATE CO. OPEN FOR BUSINESS

### New Organization is Composed of Local Men With Ample Capital and Experience.

Anticipating the unusual growth of the city and the expected real estate activity which is to prevail here this year, a new company has been organized to help take care of the brisk building operations which are to transpire in this city and over the county generally.

This strong combination is called the Blue Ridge Real Estate Co. and has opened offices in the Moss Building on East Main street. The company is composed of Messrs. W. S. Moss, N. J. James and T. J. Moss, all experienced real estate men and with ample capital to finance the concern. They are vitally interested in the welfare and growth of the city and county and will do a large part in bringing a healthy growth and business activity to the community at large.

They have quite a large quantity of real estate listed already, announcement of which is made in an ad in this issue.

They propose to buy or sell, lease or rent, and do a general real estate business and will be prominent factors in the upbuilding of city and county.

Entering the real estate game does not mean that Mr. W. S. Moss will in any way lessen his duties as manager of the big Henrietta Mills stores. The office in this city will be managed by N. J. James and T. J. Moss.

### OPERETTA AT CAROLEEN

An Operetta, Betsy Ross, will be given by the Grammar grades of the Caroleen Elementary School Saturday night, February 20, at 7:15 p. m. This operetta will carry us back to colonial days, and we are assured a very interesting program. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged to cover actual expenses.

### CONFERENCE AT GASTONIA

The home mission committee of Kings Mountain Presbytery with every member present met in all day conference at Gastonia Monday. Judge O. C. Erwin and Rev. G. R. Gillespie were the members from Rutherford county in attendance. The report of the superintendent, Mr. Gillespie, of Forest City, was heard, approved and adopted with the unanimous vote of the committee that the present superintendent be elected for the ensuing year of 1926-1927. The new work and new year may necessitate a transfer of headquarters again to Gastonia. While in Gastonia Mr. Gillespie preached at the Armstrong Memorial and Olney Presbyterian churches Sunday morning and night.

## PROVIDENCE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Feb. 15.—Miss Mable Smith spent the week-end with Miss Ethel Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Hames spent Sunday with Mrs. Hames' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brandle.

Misses Mae and Susan Etta Daniel, of Henrietta, spent the week-end with Miss Virginia McDaniel.

Mr. Jimmie Blanton and family from Cherokee Falls and Mr. Homes Gordon and family from Gaffney, S. C., were pleasant visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vess Sunday.

Miss Ava Waters spent the week-end at Forest City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Conway Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roads spent Sunday in Shelby visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Pantha Womick returned from Asheville Sunday after spending a few months with her sister.

### POULTRY CAR LOADED

There were 7,691 pounds of poultry loaded in the Co-operative car by Division of Markets and County and Home Agent this week, that netted the farmers \$1,702.00. There will be another car run in April.

Watch for the advertisement of this car in The Courier.