

WORKING HARD FOR KIWANIS FROLIC FRIDAY, FEB. 26

**Kiwanians Busy On Rehearsals
For Biggest Show Ever
Put On In the City.**

All set for the "Big Show!" For the past week Kiwanians have had their coats off and their sleeves rolled up and each evening have been rubbing elbows with enthusiasm, perspiration and determination to make their "frolic" the epoch in home talent shows for generations past and present. Opening with a formal introduction of Kiwanis by the entire club, the effervescent and graceful Miss Emily Webb and Furman Roberts excel the Famous Keith's circuit in their act in front of the curtain entitled "The Minstrel and the Maid." Following this is one of the prettiest and most colorful ballets in the annals of dance lore, "The Butterfly Ballet," danced by eighty-three lovely little lassies under ten years of age, having for their queen the petit little Marion Edwards, and in a riot of color and movement, she puts them all to sleep.

The climax of comedy in the domestic situation is reached when the lively little Mrs. Tom Stone's maid leaves and Tom announces he has a guest for dinner, whereupon she dons the maid's cap and apron, and the debonair guest arrives (played by John Webb), admires the pretty maid extravagantly and in the course of his conversation proceeds to "spill the beans" on all Tom's indiscretions, past and present. Dim lights, grand tragedy, two men and a maid, "The Eternal Triangle," has an unexpected climax. After which "Pa" Barber appears in an abbreviated pink night shirt with the firm intention of taking a nap on the back porch, but it seems the "Milkman," A. C. Finch; "Newsboy," B. H. Long; "Baby," Tootsy Griffin; "Little Daughter, Myrtle," Dorothy Green; "Ma," the Director; "Fruit Vendor," Til Padgett; "Umbrella Mender," Clarence Alcock, and "Ice Man," Dick Minish, seem to have other ideas about Pa's nap and he eventually decides to hunt more secluded quarters than the stage of the "Kiwanis Frolic."

All the color, grace and movement of Southern Spain is portrayed in "The Argentine Tango" as danced by Mary Wilder and "Si" Finley, and with this beautiful and appropriate number closes the olio.

The last half of the show is the glorified "Frolic," with fifty or more people on stage from start to finish, each one of them equipped with a brilliant red tambourine, flapper sticks, flash lights, ribbon confetti, attractive costumes and a lot of "pep." Presenting a riot of music, ballads and jazz, minstrelsy and dancing the "Frolic" rages thru an hour of excitement and mirth. The two premier end men and gentlemen of color arrive on bicycles, breathless with haste, after the "Frolic" begins, played by Dick Minish and Mick Hewitt, and, the ten lively chorus girls, Misses Margaret Moore, Emily Webb, Lilah Padgett, Sue Collins, Brent McKeithan, Alice Holmes, Ethel Moore, Evelyn Blanton, Catherine Barber, Mary Davis are not far behind them in springing surprises and dancing the light fantastic.

The "Frolic" is under the direction of the most dignified and brilliant master of ceremonies, Joe Edwards, and he will take pleasure in announcing the following musical numbers:

- 1—Boosting Kiwanis—Everybody.
- 2—"Sweet Georgia Brown"—Dick Minish and the Chorus.
- 3—Welcome—Frolic Sunshine Club.
- 4—Epic of Three Generations—Joe Edwards, Patriots and Gang.
- 5—Jagg Dance—Slim Finley.
- 6—"Yes Sir, That's My Baby"—Dr. Duncan and the Girls.
- 7—"At Dawning"—John Webb.
- 8—Introducing the Charleston—Girls.
- 9—"Sentimental Sally"—Mary Wilder, E. G. Lee and Girls.
- 10—Alabama Bound to Dixieland—Entire Cast.

SECOND OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE IS PLANNED

**To Be Held in Spindale House,
March 26-28—Splendid
Program.**

Rutherford county is to have a second older boys' conference. This was announced following a meeting of representative citizens at the Spindale House Monday evening called by S. E. Elmore, president of last year's older boys' conference. The conference will be held in the new Spindale House March 26, 27 and 28. It was announced last night that Dr. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist church, Asheville, will be the principle speaker at the banquet on the opening night of the conference. Dr. Bateman is an exceptionally strong speaker well known in this section. The opinion was expressed that Dr. Bateman alone will insure a great demand for all available space. Satisfaction was expressed over the selection of the Spindale House for the sessions of the Second Older Boys' Conference. Aside from being located near the geographical center of the county, the Spindale House has ample accommodations for the banquet, all former sessions of the conference, as well as the athletic program Saturday afternoon, March 27.

S. E. Elmore, commenting on the conference of last year, said, "It succeeded beyond our most candid expectations. In point of the number enrolled, program and general interest Rutherford county's first older boys' conference was probably the most successful ever held in the state." An attractive feature this year will be an all county athletic program Saturday afternoon under the direction of L. E. Spikes, Rutherfordton, principle of Central High school.

The following officers were elected to sponsor the conference: President, S. E. Elmore; vice-president, O. C. Erwin; secretary, B. L. Smith; recording sec'y, Clyde Erwin; treasurer, G. B. Howard. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Publicity, O. L. Simpson; finance, J. M. Edwards; entertainment, Horace Burwell; reception, Hewland Hill; athletics, L. E. Spikes. Committee chairmen were requested to name their respective committees and send the complete list to the secretary the next few days.

The following were present at the meeting Monday evening: S. E. Elmore, J. C. Wylie, Horace Burwell, O. C. Erwin, J. L. Taylor, Chas. Erwin, Frank Hall, G. B. Howard, F. C. Kinzie, Dr. M. A. Adams, Hewland Hill, F. H. Shuford, O. L. Simpson, J. C. Cowen, Jr.

NEW BEACHBOARD STORE OPENS NEXT SATURDAY

The new grocery store of Mr. D. F. Beachboard, next door to The Courier office, will open next Saturday with a special opening and demonstration. See large ad for particulars.

Mr. R. V. King will manage the new store. He is widely and popularly known and will no doubt rapidly build up a flourishing business.

Don't fail to attend the opening.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

At the January meeting of the Rutherford County Medical Society, which was largely attended by the physicians of the county, the subject of the necessity of better collections was discussed and the following resolutions were passed, which will be of interest to the physicians as well as the public at large:

- First—Resolved, that the present uniform fee bill, be strictly observed by all the physicians of the county.
- Second—Resolved, that in order to secure satisfactory collections, it will become necessary to revise the county "Black List" for delinquent patrons at this time.
- Third—Resolved, that the fees for all obstetrical cases be required when services are rendered, after Jan. 1, 1926. As this class of service is not classed as emergency work.

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

Forest City's schools are without a peer in the state for a city of anything near its size. The Grammar Grade School, valued at \$150,000, has nineteen teachers with an average daily attendance of 850 pupils. The Consolidated High School, valued at \$200,000, has ten teachers with an average daily attendance of 250 pupils.

Forest City schools were the first in Rutherford county to be placed on the Southern accredited list of secondary schools and colleges.

The Piedmont Telephone Co., has under construction the rebuilding of the entire phone system of Forest City, consisting of stringing fifteen miles of new wire, 18,000 feet of lead cable and erecting 225 new poles, the total expenditure approximating \$13,000. The service is being changed from grounded to metallic system, with a twenty-four hour service.

Forest City has over ten miles of concrete paved sidewalks.

Forest City has adopted the "zoning system" for its future building construction. A zoning commission has been appointed by the City Council.

Forest City is operating most successfully under the city manager plan.

Forest City just recently voted a Recorder's Court.

Forest City has 109 electric street lights, having installed 26 new street lights within the past few months. The lighting rate to consumers has been reduced approximately \$2,600 per year. Additional street lights are to be placed just as fast as conditions warrant.

Forest City offers the finest location for manufacturing plants of any city in the state. Shipping facilities unexcelled, with three great railroads touching the city—the Southern, the Seaboard and the C. C. & O. Labor plentiful and the best in the United States—pure Anglo-Saxon. Added to these great elements is an unexcelled year-round climate that makes for better conditions in manufacturing enterprises.

BOSTIC R-3 NEWS

Bostic, R-3, Feb. 23.—We take pleasure in inviting everybody to our B. Y. P. U. Sunday night, Feb. 28 at Concord at 7 o'clock. There will be a short program after which Miss Cleo Young, of Forest City, will make a talk for the benefit of our B. Y. P. U. Please come and bring a friend.

Rev. M. L. Buchanan filled his regular appointment at Concord Sunday afternoon and spent the night at Mr. Miller Dobbins.

Miss Esther Bailey spent Saturday night with Miss Ethel Daves.

Mr. and Mrs. Wannie Hicks spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kendrick.

Miss Ura Francis of Forest City, spent the week-end with her father and mother.

Miss Mae Carson is spending this week in Rutherfordton.

Miss Alice Carson Mr. Dick Carson daughter who is in Rutherfordton hospital, is still improving nicely.

Mr. Henry Griffin and family visited Mr. Walter Griffin Sunday afternoon.

THREE-ACT COMEDY AT HENRIETTA-CAROLEEN HIGH

Caroleen, Feb. 22.—"Whose Little Bride Are You?" A comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Caroleen P. T. A. at the Henrietta-Caroleen High School, Saturday, February twenty-seventh at eight o'clock p. m. This is one of the funniest plays ever written, and all who attend are assured an evening of laughter.

At the beginning one potential bride is visible; before the final curtain the woods, so to speak, are full of them. The brides range in assortment from the little flapper not yet out of her teens, to the seasoned 200-pound campaigner, who has worn the orange blossoms no less than four times. Matrimonial pairing proceeds even to the butler and the housemaid. Mistaken identity furnishes an unusual measure of complications until it actually becomes a problem as to which little bride is which, or who. The incidents are as humorous and rapid-fire as ever went into a play. Characters: A sentimental retired physician, his charming daughter, his old friend, a man about town; his early love, a widow from Skowhegan, Maine; his daughter, a younger widow; his prospective son-in-law, his butler, his maid; his prospective step-son and the clever daughter of his fascinating neighbor.

POUND THE PASTOR

After prayer meeting on Feb. 17th the congregation of the Presbyterian church of Ellenboro, gathered at the manse, bringing a lot of provisions, with which they "pounded" the pastor and his wife. A fine social hour was enjoyed by all. The affair was a complete surprise to Rev. and Mrs. Huston, who deeply appreciated the kindness and fellowship shown by these splendid people.

TO DEVELOP LAKE PROPERTY FOR RESIDENCES

**M. J. Harrill Planning Biggest
Sub-Division Development
in History Of City.**

Mr. M. J. Harrill, of the Cyclone Auction Company, is having blue prints made and completing plans for one of the largest development enterprises ever attempted in this city, according to an announcement he made to The Courier a few days ago.

He plans to develop a lake property on Floyd's Creek, one-fourth mile from Main street and within the city limits, along similar lines, but smaller scale, of course, as the big Lake Lure Development by Chimney Rock Mountains. Tentative plans call for the building of a dam to create a lake covering 25 to 30 acres with a depth of from 10 to 30 feet of water. A driveway of two or more miles is to be built around the lake, and the property developed into beautiful residence sites. A swimming pool and amusement pavilion is proposed, while the lake will be stocked with fish. Golf and tennis grounds, baseball field and many other things are planned for the development.

Two fifty-foot streets will be built leading off Broadway, as an entrance to the lake property. Every modern method of improvement is contemplated for the grounds and the place is to be made one of especial attraction for residence sites.

Mr. Harrill assures The Courier, that, with the completion of his plans, he will enter into the new project with a determination to make it a success from start to finish.

The new sub-division will attract a host of new residents for our fast growing city.

OAK GROVE NEWS

Ellenboro, R-2, Feb. 22.—Rev. E. J. Poe filled his regular appointment at Oak Grove Sunday.

Those visiting at Mr. D. M. Dobbins' Sunday were Mr. E. S. Dobbins and family, Mr. Bate Dobbins and family, Mr. Joseph Blanton and Mrs. Annie Ware and son from Forest City and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Francis and little son, Ralph.

Miss Cleo Young, a missionary from Africa, will give a lecture at Oak Grove next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Miss Mary Randall, who has been working at Avondale, has been at home sick for the last few days.

Mrs. L. D. Wilkie who has been right sick for the last week is some better at this writing.

Mr. P. H. Wells has returned home from Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Ronnie Webb and family, from Shelby, spent the week-end in this community with relatives.

Miss Alma Dobbins spent one night last week with Miss Lucile Webb.

Mr. T. E. Randall visited his sister, Mrs. L. D. Wilkie Friday.

Mr. C. B. Harrill and family spent a short while Saturday night at Mr. T. E. Randall's.

Those visiting at Mr. L. D. Wilkie's Sunday were Mr. N. A. Green and daughter, Mary, Messrs. Cletus Barrette, Cletus Randall and Grady Randall, Miss Eugenia and Pearl Randall and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Tate are all smiles over a fine boy, George Marcus.

Mr. Claude Dobbins and Miss Leigh Harrill visited at Mr. T. E. Randall's Sunday.

Rev. O. C. Huston will preach at Oak Grove school house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Messrs. Dorsey and Cletus Randall motored to Sugar Hill last Friday, Mrs. P. R. Simmons returned home with them to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dorsey Randall.

Mrs. J. T. Webb spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. D. K. Randall, at Forest City.

Miss Clara Randall is sick at this writing.

NEW TEN CENT STORE OPENS NEXT SATURDAY

Forest City's new ten cent store, operated and owned by Mr. D. M. Stahl, will be open for business next Saturday at 9 a. m. in their new quarters in the Farmers Hardware building. Mr. Stahl is rapidly getting ready for the opening day and is receiving new goods daily. A believer in advertising, he has a half-page announcement in today's Courier, telling of the many specials to be offered especially for the opening day.

Mr. Stahl tells The Courier that he intends to keep on hand at all times a first-class new stock of goods which he will sell at most interesting prices.

MRS. W. T. WILKINS, AGED 74, DIES NEAR RUTHERFORDTON

**Member Of Prominent Family,
Widely Known and Great-
ly Beloved.**

(Special to Courier)
Rutherfordton, Feb. 24.—Mrs. W. T. Wilkins, aged 74, one of the best known and most beloved women of this county, died at her home on the Chimney Rock road Friday evening, Feb. 19, at 6 o'clock after an illness of two weeks.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 7, apparently in her usual health, she had attended Sabbath school and church service. While by the fireside reading about 6 o'clock that evening when she was suddenly stricken with paralysis and grew gradually worse until the end came peacefully and she answered the call to enter her Savior's presence.

Mary Hemphill Wilkins was born in Columbia, S. C., on Nov. 18, 1851 and in 1870 was married to the late W. T. Wilkins, who belonged to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Rutherford county. To this union were born eleven children, one of whom died in infancy and Ralph, a promising youth, passed away some years ago. There are left to bear testimony to this noble mother's Christian influence five stalwart sons and four valiant daughters, each occupying important positions in the professional and helpful walks of life. In addition to these children a boy, who is far away, and a young matron, mourn that she, whose loving care brought them within the circle of this ideal home, is no more.

Surviving Mrs. Wilkins are J. H. Wilkins, Rutherfordton; Dr. S. A. Wilkins, Dallas; Dr. T. A. Wilkins, Gastonia; Dr. W. T. Wilkins, North Wilkesboro and Dr. F. R. Wilkins, Forest City; Mrs. Clara Wilkins, Geer, Chimney Rock; Mrs. L. W. Gardiner, Shelby; Misses Sara and Madge Wilkins, Rutherfordton, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah McDonald, of Blackstone, S. C. Also two adopted children, James Albert McFadden of U. S. Marines at Portsmouth, N. H., and Mrs. Robert Logan, of Rutherfordton.

Mrs. Wilkins was a lovely Christian character, endowed with a rare gift of mind and heart and a personality strong yet unobtrusive. She wielded an influence, ever on the side of right, which was not only felt in the home circle but the community. Her church and her associates have been uplifted and made stronger by her wise counsel, her indomitable courage and the gentle ministrations of her kindly hand.

A large concourse of friends and relatives from Rutherfordton and adjoining towns attended the funeral, which occurred at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. B. Rankin, of Mt. Holly, and Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City. Mr. Rankin read the 14th chapter of St. John and in a few words paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Mrs. Wilkins. "As My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was sung as the beloved form was borne from the church and tenderly placed in its last resting place, awaiting the Resurrection Morn, the mound was covered with many designs of beautiful flowers.

FARMERS FEDERATION IS ORGANIZED

**Splendid Board Of Directors
is Selected—Plan Modern
Brick Building At
Spindale.**

In a meeting at the Rutherfordton-Spindale High School Saturday, the Farmers Federation of Rutherford county was organized, and the work on a brick building will start as soon as 250 members can be acquired, which will be, it is expected, only a few days. The meeting was well attended by the farmers of the county. About one hundred men pledged themselves to get at least one more member each.

Interesting addresses were made by J. Z. Green, O. J. Holler, and James G. K. McClure, president.

The board of directors as selected is composed of O. J. Holler, chairman, Z. O. Jenkins, secretary-treasurer; K. S. Tanner, G. W. Rollins and Plato Gettys. With these men to direct it, the Farmers Federation should be a big success, it was said.

A modern building at an approximate cost of \$19,000 will be erected at Spindale, just opposite the Spindale Furniture Store and Ellis and Cobb's grocery store.

NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. Wm. H. Mills, traveling salesman of this city, had a narrow escape when the car he was driving was struck by a train near Blacksburg Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Mills saw the train's approach in time to jump, but was severely shaken up in the fall. His car was dragged and badly damaged when hit by the train.

He came on to his home here, where he received medical attention. His injuries consisting of severe strains and bruises, although he was not seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith are moving to Winston-Salem at once, where Mr. Smith will be with the Southern Power Co.

SERVICE MEN TO MEET

A county-wide meeting of ex-service men will be held in Junior Hall, Rutherfordton, Monday, March 1, at 7:30 p. m. This will be an important meeting and every ex-soldier is urged to attend.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. KOONE

Mr. J. G. Koone died at the Rutherford Hospital at 1 o'clock Tuesday, following an illness of heart disease. He was taken to the hospital last Saturday.

He was 74 years old and had lived in this city about twelve months, having removed from near Thermal City, where he had lived for the greater part of his life. He is survived by seven children. The burial took place at Cove church yesterday afternoon.