

RUTHERFORD COUNTY FORGING TO THE FRONT

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On here, and the extraordinary volume of constructive publicity that is being planned for Rutherford county. Aside from various large advertising campaigns of individual realty and resort organizations, there is much other advertising to be published and distributed on Rutherford county in the near future.

The Rutherford County News, in co-operating with the Rutherford county Club, the Kiwanis Clubs of the county, the county officials and officials of Forest City, Rutherford and other towns of the county, is just now closing on a campaign to publish a special feature edition, setting forth the county's history and progress and the many opportunities and advantages it offers. This edition will be printed on book paper in brown ink, and its pictorial features will be paramount. Several hundred dollars worth of photographic and engraving work has been done and is being done for this edition, it is understood. The photographic work is being directed and done by Gilbert's Studio, of Forest City, one of the leading and outstanding photographic organizations in the South, and this, in itself, is assurance of the pleasing and effective features that this edition will carry.

Many thousands of copies of this edition will be distributed throughout the United States. Feature articles are being prepared daily, and pictures for cuts are also being received daily, for reproduction in this edition, it is said, and the campaign, which is being participated in and supported by the county's representative citizenship and interests, is expected to react to the general enhanced progress and development of Rutherford county and its various municipalities.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

The Kiwanis Club was fortunate in its speaker Monday evening. Hon. O. C. Erwin gave an instructive and inspiring talk on "Kiwanis" which will linger long in the memory of all present. Avoiding the heights of oratory of which he is famed, Mr. Erwin calmly and impassionately discussed the beauties, duties and benefits of Kiwanis in a manner which will have lasting good effect.

The program was in charge of J. J. Miller. The attendance prize went to clever J. M. Edwards.

Several visitors were present and the meeting was a good one. Look for something good next Monday. Mr. J. R. Moore will have charge of the program.

COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST TO BE HELD MAY 6th

The county-wide contest, to determine who shall represent Rutherford County in the State Spelling Bee, will be held at the Rutherfordton-Spindale-Ruth Central High School building on Thursday, May 6th, at 2 o'clock. Any student in Rutherford county from grades one through eight is eligible for this contest and each school is entitled to not more than one representative. Any school may secure a copy of the regulations from the office of the County Superintendent. The winners expenses to Charlotte will be paid by some county organization.

TO OPEN NEW RESIDENCE SECTION

Blue Ridge Realty Co. to Develop the Splendid B. B. Doggett Property.

The Blue Ridge Realty Company last week purchased the B. B. Doggett place and 30 acres of land, near the Seaboard Depot, and, according to the plans as outlined by Mr. N. J. James, the company expects to develop this property into one of the finest residential sections of the city.

This land lies well and is splendidly adapted for the purposes and no doubt will become one of the most popular residence sections. Already a number of prominent people have signified their intention of building here when the development is made, according to Mr. James.

The Blue Ridge Company expects to build streets, put in lights and sewerage connections, build sidewalks and make every other modern improvement.

Forest City property values are increasing almost daily and the city is growing faster than any other of its size in the state. This growth makes a development such as outlined by the Blue Ridge Company a necessity and the project is an assured success from the start.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT GIVES SPLENDID PROGRAM

On Friday evening, April 23, the music department of the Woman's Club of Forest City, gave a most delightful and interesting open program in the High School auditorium. Mrs. R. W. Minish, chairman of the music club, presided, and in her charming manner introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. D. H. Sutton, and her sister, Mrs. J. T. Ingram, who assisted in the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Sutton had as her subject "English Ballads and Folk Lore in the Blue Ridge." She proved a delightful speaker, captivating her audience with her charming personality and the evident and absolute love of her subject. Her former home was in Lenoir, not far from the center of the famous Western North Carolina mountains. She has spent a great deal of her time with these simple mountain people and gathered her folk lore and songs from the truest and most genuine of sources.

Mrs. Sutton dealt with the possibilities of the mountain people and the treasures held by the simple folk. She said that they expressed their emotions and feelings in these "lonesome" ballads with their plaintive melody.

Mrs. Ingram delighted the audience with her clear sweet voice as she sang a number of the songs and ballads cited by Mrs. Sutton.

Miss Katherine Goggans concluded program by playing two piano selections—"Juba Dance," and "Turkey in the Straw."

Following the program the Music Club gave an informal reception at the home of Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff. Delicious ice cream and cake was served.

WOFFORD GLEE CLUB TO BE HERE MAY 5

The Hi-Y Club is to be congratulated upon bringing the Wofford Glee Club to Forest City. This splendid organization will give a snappy program at the High School Auditorium on the evening of May 5. The Hi-Y boys have an ad in this issue. Read it, and attend the night of May 5.

\$10 IN GOLD FOR BEST NAME

Mr. C. E. Huntley Offers Handsome Reward to the One Suggesting Best Name For His Poultry Farm.

Mr. C. E. Huntley wants an appropriate name for his new poultry farm, located in the outskirts of Forest City.

He offers a capital prize of \$10 in gold to the one submitting the best and most appropriate name.

The contest closes on May 15th. Anybody is eligible to enter. All you have to do is submit your name in writing, mailing all suggestions to The Courier, Forest City, N. C. The names will be submitted to a competent committee, who will make the selection of the winning name and award the prize.

Get busy, folks, and send in your names. Mail them to this office and remember the contest closes May 15.

Mr. Huntley's new poultry farm located on the Bostic road in the edge of this city, gives promise of being one of the most complete and best equipped in the state. Many new buildings have been erected, including dwelling house, poultry houses, runs, etc., big barn and other equipment. They are starting with 1155 fine thoroughbred White Leghorn hens and expect to add to this stock from time to time. Incubators, brooders and everything incidental to a first-class poultry farm is to be added. Mr. Joe Pearson is manager of the poultry farm.

MILT TOLBERT'S SHOW HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Milt Tolbert's tent shows, one of the best and cleanest shows of this character on the road, will open a week's engagement here next Monday night, May 3, in their big tent.

As the opening number they will offer "The Awakening of John Slater," a comedy-drama that has had a tremendous success for the past few years. Another big number that will be offered later in the week is John Fox's immortal story, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." This has been played to thousands of people all over the country and has never failed to draw the unstinted approval of every class.

The orchestra is a feature of the show. It is composed of eight young college men originally known as the "Virginia Serenaders" and will be well worth hearing.

Tolbert's shows always draws big crowds in Forest City.

TO GET STOREHOUSES FOR SWEET POTATOES

Rutherfordton, April 26.—Three new sweet potato storage houses will be built in Rutherford county this summer and the farmers of the county are increasing their acreage to this crop on the strength of these houses. Some growers are also increasing their acreages to truck crops.

This is the report of County Agent F. E. Patton, who states that 50 acres of tomatoes and the same acreage in cantaloupes will be planted this year as demonstration projects. Mr. Patton believes these demonstrations will do much toward stimulating the production of these two crops in the county.

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, is at work in the county, advising the proper fertilizers and varieties to be used.

WILSON MEMORIAL

Capt B. L. Smith, county chairman of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Memorial organization, calling attention to the matter says:

"The people of Rutherford county will certainly want to go 'over the top' for the man who gave his life for them. Be sure you get your contribution to the local committee or to the county chairman this week. There is scarcely a man or woman in the county who could not with great profit make a ten dollar subscription to be paid in five years. If it's the price of a few indulgences, Do Your Bit!"

M. E. CONFERENCE HERE THIS WEEK

Over 200 Delegates in Attendance—Closed Yesterday—Splendid Session

The 34th annual session of the Marion district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was held in the Forest City Methodist church, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28. More than 200 delegates from the counties of Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Burke and Rutherford were present, besides a large number of visitors from Forest City and the surrounding territory. The conference was presided over by Rev. E. O. Cole, of Marion. Rev. O. J. Jones, of Rutherford College, preached Monday evening.

The purpose of the district conference is to receive reports from the various pastoral charges on all phases of church work, giving special prominence to the spiritual state of the membership, evangelism, reports of such outstanding denominational enterprises as missions, education, the fund for the support of retired ministers, and the intra-church organizations, Sunday School, Epworth League, and Woman's Missionary Society.

An unusual feature of the conference in Forest City, according to a number of prominent delegates, was the distribution of a special news sheet containing a detailed report from each church and reports from district officers. This was a "district conference report" numbers of the Methodist News Herald, a paper published monthly by the ministers of Rutherford county.

At the Tuesday morning session, Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Charlotte, educational secretary, made an inspiring address on the educational program of the denomination. Following Dr. Sherrill, Rev. Walter Patton, of Chapel Hill, pastor of the University Methodist church, gave an interesting report of his work with Methodist students at the University of North Carolina.

At eleven o'clock, Rev. J. C. Postelle, pastor of the Old Fort circuit, preached the conference sermon. At this service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, Dr. W. R. Ware, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. B. Tabor, Rev. Elmer Simpson, and Rev. E. J. Poe. Rev. J. C. Postelle has been an honored member of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church since 1886. The sermon, in the opinion of several who have known Mr. Postelle intimately for a number of years, epitomized fittingly the life and work of the man. The text was from Romans, 12:12, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world." Mr. Postelle told of riding 3,000 miles on horse back in his early ministry. "I was always on time," said Mr. Postelle, "until lately when I bought a car." This gospel preacher was tremendously in earnest when said, "You want the divine touch. If you haven't it, you'll go limping every day of your life. An old person said to me, 'Why, I sin every day.' I said, 'Sister, the Bible would get you into a terrible fix if you sinned every day. 'He that sinneth is of the devil.'"

At the Tuesday evening session, an impressive feature was the splendid singing by the Forest City choir and the Spindale quartet. The greater part of the evening was given to hearing committee reports. G. B. Howard, of Spindale, made a telling plea for the application of business methods to the raising of church finances. A substantial offering was made for the assistance of a student in Rutherford College.

OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST

An old fiddlers' contest will be held in the High School Auditorium on the evening of Friday, May 21. A large number of entries are expected and the contest is expected to draw a large crowd. Part of the proceeds will go for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. Old fiddlers are urged to tune up and get ready for the contest.

MR. W. C. ARNETTE LOCATES AT SPINDALE

Mr. W. C. Arnette, well known automobile expert of Forest City, has recently located in Spindale and is now manager of the Spindale Repair Co. Mr. Arnette did a splendid business here and made many friends who are sorry to see him leave our little city, but predict success for him in his new location. He has an ad in today's Courier and invites his Forest City friends to give him a call.

CYCLONE COMPANY STEPPING LIVELY

Has Big Sale at Monroe Saturday and Another at Hendersonville Tuesday.

The Cyclone Auction Company is not lagging in the great Western North Carolina developments that are attracting the attention of the nation. With cyclonic force and energy this wide-awake company is making things hum.

Last Saturday they had a big lot sale at Monroe, and we are told that every lot sold at a good price.

On Tuesday this company pulled a big sale of business lots at Hendersonville running well over the \$100,000 mark.

More than successful in their last sale in this city, the Cyclone Auction Company is now planning for another of even greater magnitude. Watch for this event.

Today members of the company are in Brevard preparing for a big deal.

The Cyclone Auction Company and the Blue Ridge Real Estate Co. are great factors in the growth and prosperity of the city and county and are more than deserving of their great success.

WEEK OF SPECIAL SERVICES

At the First Baptist Church, beginning next Sunday morning, a week of special services will be held, closing on Mother's Day, May 9th.

Mr. Horace B. Eason, of Asheville, so well and favorable known in Forest City, will be here Sunday night and will have charge of the music throughout the meeting. Mr. Eason led the singing through a very successful meeting here some years ago, in which Dr. Bateman did the preaching.

The revival spirit is already abroad in the community and on last Sunday there were eight additions to the church. It is upon the request of the deacons of the church that Mr. Eason is coming and the pastor is to preach through the coming week. Each member of the church is urged to be regular, faithful and prayerful to the last degree. Seek to win your friends and loved ones to Christ during this special effort.

All the other friends, irrespective of church or denomination, are most cordially invited to attend and work in the meeting.

LECTURE TO MEN ONLY

Evangelist Hames, who is conducting the revival at the Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver his famous lecture to men only Sunday at 2:30 p. m. This lecture has been endorsed by the medical profession, noted educators and preachers. Boys from 12 years of age may come.

BEE SPECIALIST COMING

Mr. C. L. Sams, bee specialist, will visit Rutherford county next week in the interest of bee keeping.

Mr. Sams is an expert bee man and we are fortunate in having him here.

Two meetings have been arranged and all men interested in this subject are invited to attend one of these meetings:

At Mr. S. M. Flack's, Forest City, Tuesday, May 4, 9 o'clock.

At Mr. Richard Ledbetter's Uree, Tuesday, May 4, 2 o'clock.

Be sure to visit the J. M. Price store this week-end and see the wonderful bargains being offered.

DEATH CLAIMS REV. H. D. HARRILL, BELOVED PREACHER

One of City's Oldest and Best Known Citizens Dies at Advanced Age.

Rev. Houser D. Harrill, one of Forest City's oldest and best known citizens, died at his home here at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, April 21. He had been ill for several months when pneumonia developed, causing his death.

Rev. H. D. Harrill, the son of Rev. William and Mary Elizabeth Harrill, was born in Forest City, Aug. 20, 1842. He was married to Martha King April 22nd, 1866, which being at the time of his death, almost exactly sixty years. To this union seven children were born, four living and three dead. There are ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was baptised by his father, Rev. Wm. Harrill, August, 1865. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the order of Cool Springs Baptist church, February 23, 1872, serving in that capacity for 54 years. During his ministry, he pastored 30 different churches, baptised 1,800 persons upon profession of their faith, the first and last of whom are still living.

He performed the marriage ceremony of more than 500 couples.

He served for four years during the war between the states going out with Capt Herb Lee's company of the 16th regiment, the first to leave Rutherford county. He was wounded March 25, 1864, at the battle of Seven Pines.

Rev. Harrill is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. F. Grider, of Rock Hill, S. C.; and Mrs. W. B. Moore, Forest City; two sons, J. C. and Zora Harrill, Forest City.

Mr. Harrill had long been a Mason being the last surviving charter member of Forest City lodge No. 381.

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church, the following ministers taking part in the obsequies: Dr. A. W. Ayers, Forest City; Rev. Z. D. Harrill, Ellenboro; Rev. C. C. Matheny, Alexander; Rev. John Walker, Boiling Springs; Rev. M. M. Huntley, and Rev. Zeno Wall, Shelby.

The floral offerings were lovely and in keeping with the high esteem and love in which deceased was held.

Interment was in Cool Springs cemetery.

Active pallbearers were selected from the older members of the local Masonic lodge, as follows: Messrs. Orson Morrow, J. E. McFarland, Festus Bridges, J. B. Long, Chas. Flack and Ben Andrews.

The honorary pallbearers were all deacons of the Baptist church: T. R. Padgett, J. D. Link, W. L. Brown, P. N. Long, R. R. Blanton, A. B. Flack, G. C. Hill, J. B. Meares and Mr. Moore.

PUPILS RECITAL

The piano pupils of Miss Katherine Goggans, will give a very interesting recital Friday evening, April 30, at 8 p. m., at the High School auditorium.

A special feature of the program will be a kitchen symphony by the whole class. The piano pupils wish to prove to their friends that there is music in every thing, even kitchen utensils.

To defray the expenses of the entertainment, a small admission of 10 and 25 cents will be charged.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Regular preaching services at the Forest City Presbyterian church will be held on the Second and Fourth Sundays in the future instead of the First and Third Sundays as formerly.

The next preaching day will be May 9 and services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The public is cordially invited. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Mrs. G. C. McDaniel has returned from the hospital, where she spent several days being treated for an infected finger.