

## W. M. PADGETT DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME HERE

### Stricken in Garden Saturday and Death Follows Swiftly —A Well Known Citizen.

The people of Forest City were shocked Saturday morning to learn that Mr. William Mack Padgett, well known and beloved citizen of our town, had suddenly died.

Mr. Padgett had lived in and near Forest City for more than 65 years, having been born March 15, 1861, about 200 yards above where now the new Cool Springs high school stands. Forest City had not come into existence at the time and the sight of our town was then known as "Burnt Chimney." He has always been a booster, and believer in the general progress of this section and his influence as a moral and upright man will be felt for many years to come. He was kind and courteous to all with whom he came in contact, ever jovial and cheerful, believing and practicing the law of Love for God and his fellowmen. His love and care for his wife who has been an invalid for 10 years or more, was worthy of the admiration of all. In service to others, he though not of self.

Mr. Padgett joined the Mt. Vernon Baptist church when a lad of 14 years, and remained a member there for nearly 40 years, when he moved his membership to the First Baptist church, of Forest City, keeping it there until his death. Declining health caused him to retire from farming two years ago. His condition was not considered serious by his friends generally, but to some of those most intimate with him he had confided his heart was affected and he anticipated the manner of his death, stating he had made his "Preparation and was ready." While working in his garden, Saturday morning about 10:30, he was suddenly stricken and died a few minutes later after being carried into his home by Mrs. Padgett and two neighbors, who were close by.

He was married December 26, 1886, to Nannie Angeline Hardin, and to them seven children were born, all of whom are living. He had three sons: Lewis O. Padgett, who is a member of the United States Secret Service division of the treasury department of the federal government, with headquarters in Charlotte; Lawson W. Padgett, connected with the Gilliam Transfer Company, of this city, and Burel L. Padgett, superintendent of water and lights, of West Hickory. The four daughters, Lela, Lue, Kate and Leo, all live at home. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Priscilla Padgett, who lives near Gaffney, S. C., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home of the deceased, by Dr. W. R. Ware, pastor of the Methodist church, interment being made at the Pleasant Grove cemetery. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the services and many beautiful flowers were in evidence.

Our daddy has gone and left us,  
Our hearts are lone and sad  
The Master has bereft us  
Of Papa, Father—Dad.  
God gave us a good Daddy,  
With a soul as big as day,  
We miss him, Oh, so sadly,  
Since he has gone away.  
Dad loved his family greatly  
He loved his neighbors, too,  
He sought to live uprightly  
And give each man his due.

Dad read his Bible daily,  
Of "Jesus and His Way,"  
He studied much of Heaven  
And often times would say:  
"I'm prepared to make the journey  
To sail across the sea  
To meet my Lord and Savior,  
Who died for you and me."  
His call came of a sudden  
While working near his home.  
The Lord sent him a summons,  
And bade him to Him "Come."

We know that he was ready,  
He'd made his peace with God,  
And his soul has gone to Heaven.

## MR. E. C. WEIR OPENS BRANCH OFFICE

Mr. E. C. Weir has opened a branch office of the Western North Carolina Homeseekers' Bureau in the new National Bank building, where he will be local representative of this thriving concern, whose headquarters are in Hendersonville. The mission of this company is to supply houses acreages and developments. Mr. Oscar T. Huntley, formerly of this city, is president of the bureau. Mr. Weir should meet with splendid success in this city.

## COUNTY CLUB HEARS GREAT SPEECH

### Mr. F. Roger Miller Enthuses Large Crowd With Ring- ing Address.

A large and representative crowd gathered at the monthly meeting of the County Club at Spindale House Tuesday, drawn out mostly by the announcement that Mr. F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce would speak, and no one went away disappointed. As was to be expected, Mr. Miller's talk was splendid throughout. Everyone went away much benefitted and enthused after having heard Mr. Miller's great talk on Western North Carolina and Rutherford county in particular.

The dinner, served by the ladies of Spindale M. E. church, was one of the best ever placed before members of the club.

The meeting, presided over by Mr. S. E. Elmore in his masterly style, was opened with prayer by Rev. D. F. Armstrong.

Many visitors were present, among the number being Rev. G. W. Splawn R. R. Blanton, D. F. Armstrong, Misses Ruth Moore and Margaret Sloane, Mrs. G. W. Rollins, Mrs. C. E. Alcock.

The names of several new members were proposed.

While the club did not appoint delegates to the Black Bear Trail meeting at Winchester, Va., it was urged that a large delegation should go. Mr. Z. O. Jenkins, in urging attendance at the meeting and explaining its purposes, created a ripple of merriment when he stated that the Black Bear Trail ran from Quebec to Cliffside and from Miami to Cliffside. He says that six will go from Cliffside and urged that from 15 to 18 delegates should go from this county.

### Dr. Morse Introduces Speaker.

Dr. L. B. Morse, creator of the great Lake Lure development, introduced the speaker, saying in part:

The life of an individual, as in the life of a community, has certain things that are epoch markers. I think every person who has lived to any considerable age is able to point out individuals who had profound influence in their lives. So I think in a community, in a town and in a city, certain things happen that mean more to those communities, towns or cities than is usually appreciated or realize at the time. One of those epoch markers happened in our neighboring city of Asheville about two years ago. The Asheville Chamber of Commerce has had some very good managers—some better, but about two years ago one of the leading men of the country was elected manager and this man is with us today—Mr. F. Roger Miller.

### Mr. Miller's Speech.

Mr. Miller's speech, in part was as follows:  
I know of no better response to this introduction than to say that while on a trip in Florida I heard of a trade made by a friend of mine in which he had made \$40,000. Upon reaching the city, I congratulated him on his good fortune, and he said, 'It is all true to a certain extent—the trade was made, however, by my brother, and it was not \$40,000, but \$4,000 and he did not make that, but lost it.'  
I can't begin to tell you how happy  
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Tho' his body's 'neath the sod,  
God gave to us a good Daddy,  
With a soul as big as day  
We miss him, Oh, so sadly,  
Since he has gone away.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES MAY 31ST

### Dr. Zeno Wall and Hon. Clyde Hoey to Be Principal Speakers.

The finals of the Cool Springs high school for the year 1925 and 1926 will be held on Monday evening, May 31, at 8 p. m. At this time 29 boys and girls will be given their diplomas, having completed the prescribed course of high school work. The commencement exercises will begin on Friday evening, May 28, with the class day exercises.

On Sunday evening the commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby. Then on Monday morning the declamation and recitation contests will be held in which four boys and a like number of girls will take part.

The address to the graduating class will be delivered by the Hon. Clyde Hoey, of Shelby. After the address the awarding of diplomas and medals will take place.

Examinations for seniors will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Those of the underclassmen will come on Thursday and Friday of the same week. Students making an average grade of 90 or more will be exempted on those subjects up to three. The exemptions will be given on those subjects of highest average.

Mr. J. W. Webb, Miss Kathrine Goggins, and Mrs. R. W. Minish have consented to take charge of the special music which will be given May 30, at 8 p. m. This committee will meet within a short time and decide on time for practice. Then every member of the various choirs will be invited to take part in this service.

It is the custom here for all the churches to omit their evening services and attend the back of the high school on this special occasion.

The members of the choir will join in the service.

## MRS. B. H. WILKINS WINS HUNTLEY PRIZE

### "White Eagle Poultry Farm" is the Name Selected—An Interesting Contest.

The C. E. Huntley contest, in which he offered a prize of ten dollars in gold to the one offering the best name for his poultry farm, came to a close Saturday night. Hundreds of names poured in from all sections, one from Illinois, and one from New York, besides several from adjoining counties and states.

The winner of the prize is Mrs. B. H. Wilkins, of Forest City, whose selection was "White Eagle Poultry Farm."

The judges of the contest were Mr. G. B. Harrill and Mesdames H. L. Kanipe and Jamie Stainback. The numerous names submitted caused the judges no small amount of intensive thought, who finally selected 12 from the large list as follows:

- 1 Cackle Hill Poultry Farm.
- 2 White Eagle Poultry Farm.
- 3 Woodsdale Poultry Farm.
- 4 Wildwood Poultry Farm.
- 5 Sunset Poultry Farm.
- 6 Snowflake Poultry Farm.
- 7 Hill Crest Poultry Farm.
- 8 Buck Shoal Poultry Farm.
- 9 Mountain Roost Chicken Farm.
- 10 Lure Crest Poultry Farm.
- 11 "Henslaymore" Poultry Farm.
- 12 Chic-Chic Farm.

These 12 names were submitted to Mr. Huntley, the judges removing all evidence of whom had submitted them by just turning over the names numbered as above. The names chosen by him were "The White Eagle Poultry Farm," No. 2, and "Wildwood Poultry Farm," No. 4. These were named "heads" and "tails" respectively. On the pitch of a coin "heads" came up and the judges were asked to give the name of the sender of No. 2, which proved to be Mrs. Wilkins.

The contest proved very popular with Courier readers and also demonstrated the wide circulation of this paper and that it is read by thousands who are eager to respond to any proposition of merit. Our advertisers might take a tip from this contest. If your ad rings true, you will invariably get results.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLOSED MAY 18

### Successful Term—Large En- rollment—60 Receive 7th Grade Certificates.

The Forest City grammar school closed one of its most successful years of history on May 18. The school was the largest in elementary enrollment, making a total of 826 children.

The baseball team won 11 out of 14 games played. Games played were with teams of Spindale school, Mt. Pleasant, Bostic, Juniors of Cool Springs high, and Cliffside high school.

The debating team won the loving cup given by the Farmer's Bank and Trust Company.

There were 60 boys and girls to receive 7th grade certificates this year.

Children making perfect attendance and receiving a book given by the Parent-Teachers' association were:

Grade 1—Muriel Padgett, Annie Laura Moss, Preston Wood, Robert Lytle, John Moore, Martha Green.

Grade 2—Wade Abernathy, Mattie Miller, Alver Searcy, Margaret Meares, Elizabeth Jones.

Grade 3—Dorothy Edwards, Willie B. King, Gladys Grose, Hazel Rue Lindsay, Elaine Gibson, Janice Caldwell, Sara Watkins, Jack Gilliam, Lynette Gibson, Nellie White, William Rollins, Craige Sisk, Billy Magness, Eva Champion.

Grade 4—Martha Gordon, Zula Nave, Florence Searcy, Winnie Gilliam, Nell Thomas, J. M. Minish, T. D. Philbeck, Clara Smart, Pauline Jones, Roy Callahan, Valerie Morrow, Roy Lynch, Buster Horn, Toney Carver, Sam Jones, B. W. Thompson, Evelyn Jordan, Robert Bradley.

Grade 5—Hazel Horn, Myra Morris, Annie Moore, Mary Rollins, Wil-

## NEW REALTY FIRM READY FOR BUSINESS

The Camnitz Realty Co., has opened an office in the National Bank building and are now ready to take listings of property of any kind, such as lots, houses, farms or acreage. At present they have acreage and lots for sale in and around Chimney Rock, Bat Cave and Forest City. Give them a call.

## SUPERIOR COURT HAS ADJOURNED

### More Than Half the Cases Disposed of—A Busy Term.

Rutherfordton, May 17.—Criminal court adjourned Friday afternoon with more than half of the 107 cases on the docket having been finally disposed of. The remainder being continued for various causes, some under bond for good behavior, others where defendants failed to appear, etc.

The civil term convened Monday morning with Judge A. M. Stack presiding.

The will of J. J. Harrill, deceased, was protested but the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the propounders, that the will of J. J. Harrill and every part thereof is his last will and testament.

A. A. Abernethy and Golden Abernethy vs State Highway Commission. Referees report approved and confirmed. Plaintiff to recover the sum of \$150 and the cost of the action.

T. C. McBrayer vs J. W. Harmon. Plaintiff to have and recover of the defendant and surty the amounts mentioned in the judgment rendered August term, 1920. \$90 with interest and cost.

A. C. Duncan, administrator of Leah Harrill, deceased, vs W. A. Harrill, J. A. Martin and Floyd Bostic, executors of the will of J. J. Harrill. Compromise judgment; plaintiff to take nothing by this action, but that by consent John Harrill, P. L. Harrill, Bettie Duncan, Bate Harrill, Lox Harrill, Carrie Harrill, Blanch Carson and Jettie McArthur have and recover of the defendants the sum of \$1,000 and the cost of the action.

Divorce granted Frank Harris vs Emma Harris, Rosanna Cogdell vs T. W. Cogdell, Ida Huskey vs R. T. Huskey, C. L. Lane vs Myrtle Lane, Mattie Mitchell vs Charley Mitchell, H. C. Hudgins vs Lula May Hudgins.

First National Bank of Brunson vs Farmers Manufacturing and Ginning Company. Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000 and the cost of the action.

Court adjourned Monday afternoon.

### Criminal Court.

Cases disposed of since last week's report:

State versus:  
Osborn Camp, Clyde Camp and Thomas Camp. Charged with violation of prohibition law. Judgment that each defendant pay a fine of \$25 and the cost. Osborn Camp charged (Continued on Page Four)

William Wood, Jack Cooper, Robert Lynch, Farmer Thomas, James Watkins, Ernest Price, Howard Lytle, Rally Gilliam, Carson Rollins, C. B. Harrill, Eva Griffin, Jewel Whitlock, Von King, Curtis Beddingfield, Bob Hemphill, Lewis Doggett, Woodrow Abernathy, Jessie Atchley, Robert Stalnaker, Tillman Moss, Spurgeon Carpenter.

Grade 6—Margaret Grose, Dorothy Green, Sarah Moss, Oneida Leonhardt, Howard Magness, George Avant, Billie Avant, Paul Lavender, J. R. Champion, Jay Downey, Annie Ruth Hamrick, Robert McDonald, Ralph Tate, Pauline Bridges.

Grade 7—Katherine Moore, J. P. Lewis, Rudolph Blanton, Ruth Kiser, Carter Thomas, Phil Grose, Gladys Long, Inez Hamrick, Virginia Mills, Eleanor Meares, Albert Harrill, Clyde Hutchins, Robert Whitlock, Robert Nave, Miriam Padgett, Hazel Price, Mary Moss, Pearl Irwin, Lucile Brock.

## CHAUTAQUA TO BE HELD FOREST CITY MAY 29 TO JUNE 3

### Unusually Good Program This Year — Season Tickets Only \$2.50 Each.

The sparkling comedy, "Apple Sauce"; premier musical companies including the internationally popular Solis' Marimba Band and Ruthven McDonald and his Highlanders; lectures by such headliners as Private Ambrose—these are among the many first rank attractions which will appear at the big 1926 Redpath Chautauqua which opens in Forest City, May 29, and continues through June 3. The Greenfield Orchestral Quartet will launch the chautauqua on the first afternoon with a notable instrumental concert. This fine company is well known in all the larger American cities, having a ten year record of successful concert appearances.

On the first night following a concert by the Greenfields, R. B. Ambrose, the electrical wizard, will present his lecture-entertainment, "The Science Story" accompanied by thrilling platform demonstrations.

Ruthven McDonald and His Highlanders, widely known singers and entertainers, will present a popular concert on the second afternoon, following which Edward A. Marshall, noted landscape gardener, will deliver his unique lecture, "Landscaping." Mr. Marshall offers many practical aids toward making the home and community more attractive.

On the second night Ruthven McDonald and His Highlanders will be heard in a grand concert characterized by all the rare musical and entertainment qualities which have made this organization famous in the chautauqua world.

A program of magic and mystery will be given in the third afternoon by Reno the magician, a past master in the art of slight of hand, illusion legardamain.

The smashing Broadway comedy success, "Applesauce," will be given on the third night by a cast of New York actors organized especially for the Redpath Chautauqua.

On the fourth afternoon the Herick Entertainers, fun-makers de luxe, will present a lively program featuring costumed musical sketches and humorous impersonations.

Following a prelude by this company at night Harold R. Peat, who as Private Peat won an international reputation in the telling of his experiences during the great war, will deliver his noteworthy lecture, "The Inexpused Lie."

Solis' Marimba Band, an organization which has gained marvelous popularity, will give a concert on the last afternoon, following which Jane Goude, gifted dramatist empersonator, will present an entertainment program combining a series of short interpretative sketches with the complete production of a one-act play.

The last night will be devoted to a grand concert by Solis' Marimba Band. This big feature concert will be a fitting conclusion to this big chautauqua.

In addition to the regular program for adults, three delightful entertainments will be given for the children. Vernon Grant will entertain the children on the second morning with delightful stories illustrated with clever cartoons. On the third morning, Reno the magician will give a mystifying program of magic and slight of hand which will keep his small patrons agog with excitement and breathless thrills. Visocchi, the accordionist, in a gay and amusing program will be the feature of the fourth morning.

## PADGETT-BLANCHARD

A marriage of much interest was that of Mr. L. B. Padgett, of this place to Miss Louise Blanchard, of Augusta, Ga., which took place at Avondale, May 9. Rev. W. B. Jenkins officiating. There were only a few friends present. The bride and groom will make their home at Hickory, N. C.

Visit the Electric Service Co., on May 24 and 25. Big demonstration. See ad for particulars.