

## J. W. WEBB, CITY MANAGER, RESIGNS POSITION

### Effective August 1st—Great Progress During His Incumbency.

The resignation of City Manager J. W. Webb, tendered some six weeks ago, was reluctantly accepted by the Board of Aldermen at their meeting Friday night of last week. He will retire from his official duties, August 1st, after having served the city in a most efficient and satisfactory manner since July 15, 1925, when the city first adopted the city manager plan.

While not unexpected, the resignation of Mr. Webb is none the less keenly regretted upon the part of the progressive citizens of the city. The resignation, according to a statement of Mr. Webb to The Courier, was mostly influenced by the state of health of Mrs. Webb, who has returned to her former home at Salisbury to enter a hospital for treatment. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon him to reconsider his resignation, and his final action is keenly regretted, as he has made the city a most capable manager. A glance over the official statement of the Town of Forest City, printed in this issue of The Courier, will give a comprehensive review of financial condition of the city, and will also show that the city's affairs have been in capable hands.

Forest City has made rapid strides under the city manager plan, and the issue at stake just now is to whether a new official will be appointed and the plan continued or reversion be made to the old plan. The Courier is of the opinion that a mistake will be made if the city manager plan is dropped. Forest City has progressed to the point where it necessitates the services of a capable man to manage the multitudinous duties demanding attention. The matter is up to the Board of Aldermen, and their disposition of the matter is not yet known. Only two members have been interviewed by The Courier, and they are divided upon the issue.

Forest City suffers a severe loss in the removal to his old home of Mr. Webb and his excellent family. They have made a legion of friends in this city who are loath to see them go. They have been active in all the civic and social affairs of the city, taking a prominent part in every movement for the betterment of the city.

Mr. Webb more than made good in every phase of his work as city manager, his ripe experience and sound judgment on many occasions saving the city large sums. The greatest progress in the history of the city has been made during the past year under the guidance of his efficient management, and his resignation at this time falls heavily upon the town he has served so well.

## CAPTURES NEW FORD CAR; HOLDS MAN FOR THEFT

Some quick and effective work was done by Deputy Sheriff P. B. Harrill, Tuesday, when he captured a new Ford touring car, and lodged a man giving his name as Leroy Keen, in the Rutherfordton jail, charged with the theft of the car. Keen first claimed to be from Canton, but later he said he was from Tampa, Fla.

Two men and a woman drove the car into the Haynes Filling Station on Cherry Mountain street, and suspicion was first aroused when the man Keen endeavored to sell the car, a new 1926 model Ford touring, for the small sum of \$100. The matter was reported to Mr. Harrill, who quietly went to the filling station to investigate. When Keen saw him examining the car and looking at the license tag, he tried to make his get-away, but was nabbed by the deputy. The other man and woman made good their escape. The car bears a new N. C. license tag No. 143971-E.

Confident that the car was stolen, Deputy Harrill landed the man Keen in jail and is holding the car for further developments.

## CAROLEEN NEWS

### News Notes of Interesting Happenings Collected For Courier Readers.

Caroleen, July 20.—Rev. E. O. Cole, presiding elder, of this district, preached a forceful sermon at the Methodist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Quarterly conference held immediately after the services. Rev. Cole spent Saturday night at the home of the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Sunday for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Francis are happy over the arrival of a fine nine pound boy—William Howard, who will be better known as "Billy,"—on Wednesday, July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Phillips left Monday for a week's vacation among relatives in Charlotte, Mt. Airy and other points.

Miss Edith Jolley, neice of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Childress, has returned to her home in Kannapolis, after a few weeks' visit here.

Mrs. P. N. Hamrick and daughter, Mrs. V. Abernathy, of Avondale, spent Thursday with Mrs. Sallie Biggerstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruner Beam and children, spent Sunday in Hendersonville, visiting Mrs. Beam's mother, Mr. Charlie James and mother, Mrs. Richard McDaniel, spent Saturday in Spartanburg, visiting relatives and shopping.

Mr. Arthur Carroll and children, of Alabama, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Robbins, Sunday. Mr. Carroll is a brother of Mrs. Robbins.

Mr. John Francis, of Oklahoma City, is visiting his brothers, and other relatives here for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, of Rutherfordton, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith. Miss Margaret Walker also visited Miss Ada Smith for the week-end.

Miss Zenobia Neal entertained a number of young folks at her home here last Saturday evening. Music, games and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by those present.

About thirty-five Boy Scouts, accompanied by their scoutmaster, Rev. R. N. Childress, enjoyed a trip to the Woodland Park Swimming Pool, at Forest City, Tuesday evening. After two hours' fun in the water a weiner roast, and picnic supper was enjoyed by the youngsters.

Mrs. B. L. Reynolds, of Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. N. Childress. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Reynolds, of La Grange, Ga., were also week-end visitors of Rev. and Mrs. Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stalnaker, are taking their vacation this week, motoring in the mountains.

## MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Forest City R-1, July 20.—This community has experienced some real hot and dry weather for the past few days. The crops are very much in need of rain.

A large crowd had a happy fishing day at Green river one day last week. Among those who went were: Mr. T. J. Toms and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Randall, Mr. Charlie Toms, and family, Mr. J. A. Peeler, and son, Adelaide and Misses Flora and Ola Mae Matheny.

Mr. Eoid Toms, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matheny, last Thursday.

Mr. Earl Young, of Mooresville, arrived Sunday to return with his wife who has been visiting relatives in this community. Mrs. A. W. Matheny returned with them to spend a few days.

Mr. T. J. Toms and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Berle Womick, Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Summers and son, Toy, were called to Asheville Sunday to visit the former's brother, who is very sick.

The summer session of the Mt. Pleasant school began Monday with Prof. F. A. Brown as principal again. Misses Flora Matheny, Dorothy McDaniel and Glen Harriss, are assisting him. The summer session is held in order to include the nine months which the school is glad to have.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Davidson were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Price's Sunday.

## FOREST CITY HAS \$40,000 LOT SALE

### Doggett Sub-Division Property Sells at Handsome Prices —New Houses Going Up.

The sale of the Doggett Property Thursday, of last week drew one of the largest crowds seen at any sale this season, and it is reported that bidding was spirited throughout the sale. The sale of lots amounted to approximately \$40,000, lots ranging in price from \$1,000 to \$2,500, while practically every lot was sold. This sale, the first of its kind ever held in this city, was conducted on the certificate plan by the Realty Investment Auction Co., of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Tryon, N. C., the plan proving most successful, according to the promoters.

The B. B. Doggett property in the West End, some of the most desirable in and around the city, is being handled by Messrs. Ames, Doggett and Champion, who are planning a development that will prove a real asset and benefit to the city. New homes are needed and many will go up in this splendid sub-division, where all modern conveniences will be installed. Already three handsome homes, costing from \$5,000 to \$6,000 each, are planned and will be erected at an early date. Many more will doubtless follow. The owners plan to push the development of this sub-division, making it eventually the most desirable in this section.

The promoters of Thursday's sale were appreciative of the large crowd which turned out at the sale, and attributing this to the liberal advertising done in The Courier, they having carried a two-page ad in Thursday's edition. They long since learned the efficacy of newspaper advertising in their many large transactions in Florida.

The crowd came early and stayed late. The music and the prizes were much appreciated, the Ford car going to a Mr. Owens, of near Spindale.

The sale proved conclusively that Forest City real estate is a valuable asset and has a steadily increasing value.

## SNEAK THIEVES ENTER HOME OF MRS. CALLAHAN

Sneak thieves entered the home of Mrs. E. J. Callahan, who resides on route 2, near Forest City, last Saturday and got away with \$30 in gold, \$30 in paper money and a note for \$300. The loss falls heavily upon Mrs. Callahan and represented the savings of years. She is 71 years old and the widow of the late S. C. Callahan. Some time ago thieves broke into Mrs. Callahan's home at night and stole \$20.

## THE IRISH ROSE

On next Saturday evening, July 24, at 8:30 o'clock, a play entitled, "The Irish Rose," will be presented at Washburn school house, Bostic, Route 2. This play is being given by the young people of Salem church, coached by Miss Byrtice Washburn. It portrays with simplicity and sincerity the life of Irish country folk, and is full of Irish wit and humor. The proceeds will go toward starting a fund for a new church. Admission 20 and 35 cents.

## FIRE DAMAGES SANITARY MARKET

Fire breaking out in the new Sanitary Market—the J. E. Grose stand just recently bought by F. P. Black—at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, caused an estimated loss of \$500. The alertness of Night Policeman Geo. Green, averted a serious conflagration. He was strictly on his job and noticed the fire when it first broke out. He hastily summoned John Peole, who brought out the fire truck, and the two, with the assistance of W. M. Hemphill, and others, easily subdued the flames.

The fire started in the shelving and it is thought was caused from rats exploding matches by gnawing or otherwise.

Mr. Black quickly repaired the damage of the storeroom and there was no let up in his business.

## ROBBERS ENTER COCA COLA PLANT

### Fail in Desperate Efforts to Break Open Massive Safe.

Just one week to the day from the robbery at the Harrill Filling Station in the West End, Monday night, July 12, robbers entered the local plant of the Coca Cola Bottling Co., last Monday night in almost similar manner.

Some time last Monday night robbers entered the Coca Cola plant by breaking open a rear window and made a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to break open the safe in the office. Almost every conceivable tool was used in the attempt, but the robbers failed to open the safe, although badly damaging it in the attempt. The dial and handle bars were pried off and evidences of hard work upon the part of the robbers were visible all over the front of the massive iron safe. Failing to open the big safe, the robbers ransacked every desk in the Coca Cola office, although they secured only a small amount of change from the cash drawer and a few stamps.

When he opened the office, Tuesday morning, Mr. H. M. Grigg, superintendent of the plant, was amazed to see the office floor littered with tools and every desk drawer opened and papers scattered over the floor. The tools were in a circle in front of the safe, where the robbers had worked so desperately to break it open, and there were blood splashes on the floor. The theory is advanced that one of the robbers either cut himself on the broken glass upon entering the rear window, or had mashed his hand in working to open the safe.

An expert from Asheville came over Tuesday and opened the damaged safe.

There is no clue to the robbers. All evidence points to the work of amateurs. The police are working on the case.

The loss is covered by insurance.

## NEW CITY POLICEMAN

Chief McGraw's force of city policemen has been augmented by the addition of Mr. S. B. Hartman, of Charlotte, who arrived yesterday and assumed his new duties. Mr. Hartman comes well recommended. He has served for the past three years on the police force of Charlotte, as plain clothes man. Mr. Hartman is married and will move his family here as soon as he secures a suitable residence.

The city police force is now made up of the following: Chief McGraw, George Green and the latest addition, Mr. Hartman. The following have been appointed as special officers, to be called upon when needed: Martin Green, John Pool and Dave McArthur.

## PROF. EAKS RETURNS

Prof. J. W. Eaks returned Saturday from Newton, Miss., where he has been teaching in Eastern Mississippi Normal since the closing of our local high school. He will be in Forest City from now until the opening of our schools in September, looking after the interests of the schools in Cool Springs Township. He reports the opening of a two months' term at Mt. Pleasant last Monday and the opening at Pleasant Grove next Monday.

## LOTS BRING \$105,000

Chimney Rock, July 20.—Reported as one of the largest single realty transactions handled in Asheville within the past few days is the purchase by H. D. Peake from Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., of 29 residential lots in Luremont, on the shores of Lake Lure now in process of formation. The investment represents approximately \$105,000, according to Lake Lure officials in the office of John Dohse, local district manager.

Announcement for the plans for the construction of 50 homes at Luremont by the Yarrow Construction Company of this city, was made last week, with the sale to Mr. Peake coming as the next largest transaction of its kind made at Lake Lure.

## HENRIETTA NEWS

### Latest Happenings of Interest and Personal Mention of People You Know.

Henrietta, July 20.—Frank West, the young son of Mrs. Kansas West, had the misfortune to break his arm one day last week while trying to crank a truck.

A Ford coupe, driven by Miss Verma Hames, and a Dodge sedan, driven by a Miss Tate, of Rutherfordton, collided on a curve near the school house last Friday afternoon. The cars were badly damaged but fortunately the drivers escaped injury.

Mr. Roland Wall and family, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Wall. They arrived Saturday, having driven through from Opelika, Ala., a distance of four hundred miles, in one day.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, accompanied by their house guests, Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Moore, of Lenoir, motored to Chimney Rock, Asheville and Hendersonville, Monday.

The Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Rev. R. N. Childress, will enjoy a swimming party at Woodland Park Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. D. Dillard, formerly overseer of the clothroom here, has accepted a position as overseer of the clothroom at Whitney, S. C.

Mr. Joe Frank Daniel has been appointed District Deputy Marshal. Mr. Daniel received his commission last week and entered upon his new duties Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dandridge returned to their home in Walterboro, S. C., last Sunday, after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde E. Mahaffee.

## BOSTIC R-3 NEWS

Bostic, Route 3, July 20.—Misses Nellie Vassie and Pearle Jolly spent Saturday night with Miss Lucile Webb.

Misses Leigh Harrill and Eugenia Randall spent the week-end with Misses Enza and Ora Smart at Union Mills.

Born, last week to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Elmore, a girl—Mary Leigh. Mr. and Mrs. Eulen Wright spent Saturday night at Mr. L. B. Lowery's. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Magness and little daughter, Ruby, spent Friday evening at Mrs. J. M. Randall's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chivous Tate visited at Mr. W. P. Tate's Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Biggerstaff and family spent Saturday afternoon at Mr. S. C. Crawley's, near Lattimore.

Rev. E. O. Cole spent Sunday night with Mrs. Hester Magness.

Mrs. J. M. K. Randall has returned from a visit to her son, Rev. J. N. Randall, at Plateau.

Miss Virginia Padgett visited little Miss Helen Morehead Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Harrill and family, visited Mrs. Hester Carpenter, at Cliffside, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Martin and little son, Jack, visited Mr. A. B. Bailey, Sunday.

Mrs. Tempie Banton, of near Salean, is visiting in this community.

Mrs. J. M. Randall and daughter, spent one night last week at Mrs. M. E. Hawkins'.

Little Miss Denis Hardin, of Cliffside, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Biggerstaff.

Mrs. Mattie Padgett and daughter of Flat Rock, were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Bailey visited her daughter at the hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. K. Randall spent Monday at Mr. J. R. Morehead's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec McDaniel will move near Ellenboro Tuesday. We hate to lose them from our community.

Messrs. Forest Vassie, Howard Harrill and L. B. Lowery, spent Tuesday at Bridgewater.

Every member of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, are urged to be present at the meeting on next Monday night. A matter of importance is to be brought before the lodge at this time and it is urged that as many members as possible attend.

## DR. ANDREWS TO BUILD NEW POSTOFFICE BLDG.

### To Install Adequate Fixtures In Commodious Quarters— Two Other Buildings Going Up.

Forest City is to have a new post-office building and more convenient and commodious quarters. For many months Uncle Sam has been asking for bids on a new postoffice building, to meet the government requirements and for a stipulated rental per year. Quite a few have figured on the job but none thought they could meet the requirements and rent their building at the price offered by the government, and the matter has dragged.

Announcement was made Monday that Dr. R. M. Andrews, of Sunshine, has entered into a contract with the postoffice authorities to erect a new one story brick building on the lot of Mr. M. M. McCurry, on Mill st., adjoining the Wesleyan Methodist church. The building is to be 25x70 feet, and furnished with standard equipment to conform to government specifications. It is let under a ten-year lease and the rental is to be \$1,600 per year. The equipment for the new postoffice quarters will cost from \$3,500 to \$4,000 and with its installation there will be more room and more boxes to be had. The new building is to be ready for occupancy by October 1st or sooner if completed before that date.

There is keen disappointment felt on many sides because the postoffice is to be removed from Main street. However, the new location was approved by the government representative and is just off the main thoroughfare. The present quarters have long been inadequate, and it is said that the owner of the building could not find it profitable to arrange this building to meet with the requirements of Uncle Sam at the rental offered. Postoffice rentals are based on the receipts and the government has refused to pay more than that offered Dr. Andrews for his new building.

Mr. M. M. McCurry furnished the lot on which Dr. Andrews is to build for the postoffice, and in pay for this the doctor is to erect for him a storeroom 25x70 adjoining his postoffice building. Mr. McCurry will build a two-story brick building adjoining this property, connecting with the storeroom now occupied by Mrs. McCurry as a millinery store. With the completion of this building there will be a solid block of business houses from the church to Main street.

## MISS HARRILL ENTERTAINS

One of the most delightful affairs of the season was a party given by Miss Myrtle Gudger Harrill, at the magnificent home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Harrill, on South Broadway street, Thursday evening. Music and dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. Delicious ice cream and cakes were served.

Those enjoying Miss Harrill's hospitality were: Misses Ethel Roberson, Winnie and Jennie Davis, Ruth Kiser, Marie and Ethel Huntly, Evelyn Blanton, Lila Padgett, Kathleen Dorsey, Mary and Elizabeth Davis, Leo Padgett, Tim Rollins, "Tootsie" Webb, Alda Freeman, Sarah King, Kathleen Wilkie and Loree Cagle, of Rutherfordton, and Miss Lois Wheelless of Louisville; Messrs. Bill Butler, Robert Lee Harrill, R. E. McEray, George Stahl, Reid Wells, Paul and Zeb Harrill, Richard Breeden, James Ayers, J. L. and Roy Butler, Price Hands, McKinley Harrill, Byron Carson, George Carpenter, Howard Hawkins and Billy Watkins, of Cliffside, Hudson Hartgrove, Ed Washburn, and Loyd Lutz, of Shelby; Don Yelton and Bepe Mode, of Rutherfordton; Hugh and Jean Whisnant, of Hendersonville; John Wilkerson and James Wheelless, of Louisville.