

LARGE CROWD AT TALENT NIGHT AT SPINDALE HOUSE

February Community Meeting Best Attended of Any Occasion Ever Held in Spindale House

Spindale, Feb. 9.—Tuesday evening was a gala occasion in Spindale. A crowd estimated at from 1,200 to 1,600, composed of children, grown-ups, young and old left care and responsibility at home and crowded, or rather hewed their way along crowded sidewalks to Spindale House. The occasion was the monthly Community Night program sponsored by the Spindale Textile Club, and was designated as Talent Night.

Opening with two snappy selections by the Spindale Band, various individuals were given a chance to display their talents along musical lines. The program was made up of vocal, band, orchestra and string music, classical and light opera selections, old-time melodies, almost forgotten ballads, negro spirituals;—in fact almost everything classified as music.

Following the band selections Mr. Fred C. Kinzie, representing the Spindale Textile Club, in a short address, explained to the huge audience the purpose and object of the Community Night Movement.

Selections on the guitar were played, at different times during the program, by Misses Lilliah Green, Gertrude Clarke, and guitar-banjo selections by Messrs. Claude Queen, Roberson and Roy Johnson. Mr. C. B. Goforth gave a delightful guitar solo and sang "Pal O' Mine" that brought much applause. Mr. Henry Pilgrim give a delightful autoharp selection. The Hamrick orchestra, composed of the family of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hamrick, and the Whitaker-Robinsons Orchestra, composed of two violins and two guitars, were well (Continued on Page Eight)

LOSES LIFE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Former Forest City Man Dies of Injuries Received in Auto Accident at San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. J. H. Wilkerson received a message Tuesday stating that his son, Mr. V. B. Wilkerson, of San Francisco, Calif., was dead. Details were meager, but it is known that he was in an auto wreck January 29th, and died of injuries on Monday of this week. He leaves a wife and family.

Mr. Wilkerson was formerly of Forest City, but has been in California during the last twenty-one years. He has a father here, also four sisters, Mrs. Chester Young, of Forest City, R-3, Mrs. W. B. Whitlock, Mrs. S. D. Abernethy and Miss Myrtle Wilkerson, of Forest City, also two brothers, Messrs. Ralph and Earl Wilkerson, of near Forest City. It is also understood that Mr. Wilkerson's wife was injured in the wreck that caused his death.

FOREST CITY-LATTIMORE FRIDAY NIGHT

Forest City will play Lattimore High school in the first round of the State Championship series at Rutherfordton, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, reports Coach Pool, who attended the meeting of coaches at Salisbury Tuesday night to map out the schedules. Lattimore is reported to have a strong team and the local "Tornado" expects no easy task in eliminating them from the race. The local lads are in fine shape and are training hard for the game. A large crowd is expected to journey to Central High school to witness the contest.

Dr. C. S. McCall attended the meeting of the First District Dental Society, at Cleveland Springs Hotel, Shelby, Monday and Tuesday.

OFFICERS ARREST ALLEGED RUM RUNNERS MONDAY

Policemen G. F. and Martin Green Catch Two Gaffney Men After Exciting Chase

Spindale, Feb. 8.—After an exciting chase lasting over seven miles of roads from Midway Filling station, via Forest City and nearly to Bethany Policeman G. F. Green, of Spindale, captured a rum runner's car and two young men Monday afternoon. Driving from Spindale to Forest City Policeman Green first noticed the men sitting in the parked car at Midway Filling Station, but passed them up. A short distance down the road they passed Mr. Green. The car was being driven at a reckless rate of speed and was swaying back and forth across the road, Mr. Green states. Being an officer there was no other alternative for Mr. Green but to catch and arrest them. The chase begun. As they entered Forest City Mr. Green passed the car and attempted to force it to the curb and stop, but they succeeded in dodging him and getting away. The race continued, the car turned in at the Baptist church and kept to the road leading out through Florence Mills village and Bethany. On the outskirts of Forest City Mr. Green picked up Mr. Martin Green, a Forest City officer. Near Mr. Bill Carroll's, in the Bethany section, the rum runners lost control of their car and it took to a field and over a small peach tree. This mishap enabled the officers to catch the men. When arrested they had no whiskey in the car, but during the chase several fruit jars had been broken and a large amount of broken glass was in the car, and the footboards were dripping with the whiskey. Several times during the chase the officers noticed the liquid running from the car.

The men were arrested and taken to Rutherfordton to jail. They gave their names as Ralph Turner and Charlie Martin, and their homes as Gaffney, S. C. They were driving a 1927 model Ford touring car, which was confiscated.

Vaughan Quartet Coming
The Carolina Vaughan Quartette, of Greenville, S. C., will appear at the Spindale House Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. This quartette is under direction of Mr. Eddie L. Faircloth, who is connected with the Vaughan Music Publishing Co. It is composed of the four Parham Brothers, Clyde, J. W., B. L., and Arthur, all of whom are talented and have appeared before huge audiences in the south.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF COUNTY CLUB TO BE AT SPINDALE

Dr. E. C. Branson to Address Club at Meeting at Spindale House Tuesday, February 15th.

The February meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held Tuesday, February 15th, at the Spindale House, Spindale.

The feature of the meeting will be an address by Dr. E. C. Branson, professor of Rural Economics, University of North Carolina. It is probable that Dr. Branson will tell the club of his recent travels in Denmark and Sweden, while studying farming conditions in those two countries.

Editor Alcock enjoyed a boatripe on the "Lady Lure," handsome new motor boat recently placed on Lake Lure, last Sunday afternoon through the courtesy of Mr. Earl Bathurst. It was a most delightful experience, this maiden trip, and a sure index to the pleasures to be had at the wonderful development this coming summer. Lake Lure gives promise of being one of the greatest of the South's summer resorts, where thousands will disport themselves with the coming of the tourists.

POPULAR FRESHMAN AT UNIVERSITY OF N. C.



CHARLES C. DALTON

One of our Rutherford Boys at University of N. C. who is making a splendid record is Mr. Chas. C. Dalton, now in his freshman year. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dalton

and a graduate of Forest City Hi, '26. Charles is a conscientious student and a young man of fine qualities, whose many friends are expecting great things following his graduation.

MR. F. Y. CANTRELL DIES SUDDENLY AT HENRIETTA

Overseer at Avondale Mills and Prominent in Life of The Community

(Special to The Courier)

Caroleen, Feb. 8.—A death which has cast a gloom over the community and surrounding towns was that of Mr. F. Y. Cantrell, which occurred Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock at his home in North Henrietta. His death was unexpected, as he had been in fairly good health for sometime. However, he had suffered sometime ago from a weak heart and high blood pressure. He retired as usual and about 3 o'clock awoke his wife with his suffering, and died before a doctor could get there.

Mr. Cantrell was 54 years, nine months and eighteen days old. He was married to Miss Laura Hendricks in 1892. He had been a faithful member of the Baptist church since a boy and had given his services and support to the work of his Master in a most noble way, never shirking a duty if he could possibly perform it. At his work he was ever as faithful, being at the time of his death overseer of the weave room of Avondale Mill. He was one of the most valuable and highly respected citizens of this entire section and his place will be indeed hard to fill. He is survived by his wife and nine children, and several brother and sisters. The children are: Mrs. Walter Hicks, Mr. Edgar Cantrell, Mrs. Mildred Morehead (deceased), Mr. Frank Cantrell, Mrs. Elizabeth Putnam, Mrs. Maggie Womack, Misses Ruth, Hazel, Grace and Frances Cantrell. The brothers surviving are: Mr. E. E. Cantrell, Mr. John Cantrell, Mr. Manson W. Cantrell, and Mr. W. P. Cantrell, of Virginia, who was unable to attend the funeral. The sisters are: Miss Addie Cantrell, Mrs. W. M. Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Avondale Baptist church, the services being in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, assisted by Rev. T. J. Hunt and Rev. W. T. Tate, of Paeolet, former pastor of the deceased; also Rev. Rush Padgett, of Shelby, and Mr. C. T. McDade, of Greer, S. C., a life long friend of Mr. Cantrell. The deacons of the church were active pallbearers. The beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which he was held. Interment was made at the High Shoals cemetery immediately following the services at the church. In respect for the deceased the Avondale Mill, stores, schools and other work was suspended for the day.

BANQUET FOR WESLEY BIBLE CLASS TUESDAY

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey Addresses Methodist Sunday School Men at Annual Gathering Tuesday Night

Speaking at the banquet of the men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church of Forest City, Tuesday night, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey said that the Sunday School Organization of the present day had created more interest in the Bible and Church than any other one thing. Mr. Hoey said that more interest was being shown by men in church work than ever before. Mr. Hoey said that the things that the world needed today most of all were things that did not cost money, but things that were free and inexhaustible. He said that the one thing that the world was looking for and did not find, because it did not know where to go, was sympathy. Sympathy costs nothing and is the thing that helps humanity along life's way. Another thing in which men could improve themselves is charity; not charity of giving money, but charity toward our families, charity in feelings toward our fellows. He closed by saying that love was the greatest force in the universe. "God is love manifested in the great gift of Jesus Christ."

Mr. Hoey's address was heard by about sixty members of the Wesley Bible Class. Dr. C. S. McCall is president of the class and Mr. M. W. Harris was chairman of the banquet committee. A splendid supper was served to the men by Mrs. R. R. Blanton, at the Kiwanis Hall.

A very interesting feature of the program was the singing of little Virginia Magness and Harry Kendrick.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Rutherfordton, Feb. 9.—Superior Court convened Monday morning, February 7th. The first days of the term were taken up with court business such as jury reports, etc. As we go to press only one trial has been concluded, that of McConnon, vs. P. L. Marsh, J. B. Long, W. L. Moss, and W. C. Blanton. The case resulted in a mistrial. The hearing in the McAlister vs. Morris case has been concluded, but no verdict had been returned as we go to press.

Baby caps at 25c each. Come in and see what splendid bargains we have. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

All satin hats are to be sold at one-half price. The lot includes nice line of the best materials and fashions. See me for these splendid bargains. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

LINCOLN PROGRAM TO BE HELD NEAR BOSTIC SATURDAY

Interesting Program and Barbecue Dinner at Lincoln Hill, Reputed Birthplace of Lincoln Saturday

On Saturday, February 12, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, the following program will be rendered at Lincoln Hill, two miles north of Bostic, the reputed birthplace of Lincoln.

Song—"America", led by male quartette composed of Messrs. J. C. Grice, B. A. Buff, James Justice and E. A. McDougald.

Invocation, Dr. M. A. Adams, pastor First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton.

Song—Male quartette. Addresses by ministers who know the Rutherford county story of Lincoln's birth, and believe it to be true.

Recitation—Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," by Miss Ruth Coggins.

Short addresses by lawyers, led by Attorney C. O. Ridings, of Forest City, on "What Was Written by Columbus Tanner."

Dr. J. C. Coggins on "Kentucky's Omnipresent Child and the Inconsistencies of Kentucky's Claims." Songs Lincoln loved—by Male quartette.

Lincoln on social equality, by Miss Francis Coggins.

Lincoln's Angels. Written by Dr. J. C. Coggins, to be rendered by his daughter Miss Christine Coggins.

The program will be followed by a barbecue dinner and will be served at the price of twenty-five cents. The audience is requested to remain for a good old-fashioned social time.

This celebration comes as a climax to several years research by Dr. J. C. Coggins, now of Rutherfordton, who has recently brought the second edition of his book, "Abraham Lincoln, a North Carolinian," from press. Dr. Coggins claims to have established beyond a doubt, in his book, that Lincoln was born in Rutherford County, instead of Kentucky.

Since the program is to be held on the spot where Lincoln was supposed to have been born the carrying out of the full program will depend upon the weather conditions. If the weather should be rainy or disagreeable the program will be postponed until a later date.

Ministers, lawyers and public men over the county have expressed a desire to be present at the celebration, and it is understood that many from out of the county will be present.

STOCKHOLDERS OF FLORENCE MILLS HOLD MEETING

Sale of American Spinning Company to Florence Mills Confirmed. Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Florence Mills, held Thursday, February 3, at the mill offices in Forest City, the men who served the organization as officers last year were elected to serve in the same capacity during 1927. They are Mr. A. J. Cumcock, president; Mr. D. D. Little, treasurer and Mr. Hugh F. Little, assistant treasurer and secretary.

At the same time the sale of the American Spinning Company, of Greenville, S. C., to the Florence Mills, was confirmed. The sum involved in this transaction was approximately \$1,700,000, and the stock was purchased by the Florence Mills on a basis of \$325 per share. The American Spinning Company operates 54,000 spindles.

The personnel of the Florence Mills offices underwent a change at this meeting of the stockholders. Mr. W. L. McBrayer was promoted to cashier to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Mr. J. M. Edwards. Mr. Ernest Robinson succeeds Mr. McBrayer as shipping and payroll clerk, while Mr. H. Frances Little, Jr.,

ANNIVERSARY WEEK APPROPRIATELY OPENED IN COUNTY

National Boy Scout Week is Opened With Church Services at Rutherfordton, Spindale and Forest City

This week marked the seventeenth anniversary of the launching of the Boy Scout movement in the United States. On last Sunday the week was appropriately opened over the county by church services especially for the Scout troops. This included services at Rutherfordton, Spindale, and Forest City.

Tentative plans were to have the scout troops of the lower part of the county join in a union scout service at Forest City. This plan did not materialize, yet despite the fact that Boy Scouts from Alexander, Henrietta and Caroleen failed to participate in the service at the First Baptist church Sunday night, the boys of the Forest City troop carried out the program of National Boy Scout week in a very creditable manner and were greeted by a large congregation, representative of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of the city.

Rev. W. A. Ayers was in charge of the devotionals and also delivered a splendid short address to the boys concerning the dangers and pitfalls to be avoided in seeking to live up to their privileges as scouts and Christians.

Rev. M. F. Moores, of the Main Street Methodist church, in a timely and most appropriate talk, lauded the Boy Scout movement as being an organization under the proper guidance and leadership and calling upon the parents and older citizens to assume the responsibility that is theirs. Mr. Moores was happy in an exposition of the psychology and consciousness of individuals and groups as represented in organizations and (Continued on Page Eight)

MRS. NOYCE PADGETT CLAIMED BY DEATH

Young Mother Dies at Her Home in Henrietta

(Special to The Courier)

Caroleen, Feb. 8.—Last Saturday night the Death Angel came and claimed as his jewel Mrs. Noyce L. Padgett, of Henrietta. This was not unexpected as her health had been failing fast for some time. All possible means of medical skill and attention of loving hands was given her but our Heavenly Father had need of her in Heaven. She suffered so much but never complained and always greeted her friends with a smile when they called to see her. We wonder why God saw best to take this young mother away from her dear baby boy and loving husband. But yet God works in a mysterious way His wonder to perform and some day we will understand.

She went in peace and we would not call her back if we could. Our loss is her gain, and we can see her in Heaven as her spirit keeps close watch over her darling baby. Her life will be an inspiration to many of her friends and relatives.

Mrs. Padgett was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Chapman. She was 20 years and nine months of age at her death. She leaves her father, mother, one brother, five sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

The funeral service was held at High Shoals, where the body was laid to rest. The service was conducted by Rev. G. D. Washburn, pastor of High Shoals church.

Flowers girls were Misses Alda May, Mary and Pauline Sparks, Jessie and Elsie Proctor, Mabel and Grace Padgett.

Pallbearers were Messrs. Morris and John Hobart Goforth, John and James Fowler, Willard and Hall Padgett.

will do general office work. Mr. Little was transferred from the Appleton Mills, Anderson, S. C. recently.