

FOREST CITY BUSINESS MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Mr. Joe J. Reinhardt, Despondent Over Ill Health, Dies From Knife Wounds.

Nothing has ever so sorely distressed and profoundly shocked Forest City and the county at large, as the startling news Saturday morning at 7 o'clock that Mr. Joe J. Reinhardt had been found dead in his bedroom, at his home on East Main Street.

He was found by his sister, Mrs. B. H. Long, who had gone to his room to call him to breakfast. He was lying on the floor, in his night clothes, face downward, with his arms crumpled under his body, a small penknife near by, dead, but his body had not become cold.

Mrs. Long did not at once notify the family, fearing the shock to her mother, but called her two brothers, Messrs. P. T. and R. L. Reinhardt and Mrs. W. C. Bostic. It was after the arrival of these gentlemen that the news was broken to the family.

Dr. W. C. Bostic and son, Dr. Chivious Bostic, Jr., responded immediately, and found that Mr. Reinhardt was dead, but that his body had not become cold, indicating that the rash act must have been committed near 6 o'clock.

There were three wounds in his left breast, near the heart, and a slight wound on his neck.

Coroner C. C. Kiser, of Avondale, called at 8 o'clock and viewed the body, finding it such a patent case of suicide that it was deemed unnecessary to hold an inquest. Ill health and despondency are the only known causes of his rash act. He left no note or statement.

While Mr. Reinhardt had been at his home during the day Friday, he seemed in his usual good spirits and spent the evening in the home of his sister, Mrs. B. H. Long, listening over the radio until his usual bedtime, then retiring as usual at his home.

Mr. Reinhardt was a well known business man, senior member of the Reinhardt Drug Co. and formerly director in the National Bank. He was about 45 years old and unmarried, living with his parents in his beautiful new home on East Main Street. His ill health began with an attack of flu in 1921. Since that time he had more or less been a sick man, becoming worse last year, and being very despondent at times.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Reinhardt, and two brothers, Messrs. P. T. and R. L. Reinhardt, both prominent business men of Forest City, and a sister, Mrs. B. H. Long. His mother was twice married, first becoming the wife of Rev. J. C. Burge, a Baptist minister, of the Rock Hill section of South Carolina. To this union were born the following children, Mrs. Zora Harrill, Forest City; Mrs. A. W. McDaniel, York, S. C. and J. C. Burge, also of York.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday at 3 p. m., after which interment took place in Cool Springs cemetery. Dr. W. A. Ayers and Rev. M. F. Moores were in charge of the services. Floral offerings were large and beautiful, bearing mute testimony to the love of deceased.

The flower bearers were Misses Robbie Biggerstaff, Fannie and Alice King, Margaret Bostic, Mayme Martin, Ottile Long and Clara Harrill; Mrs. M. H. Hewitt, Mrs. C. E. Alcock, Mrs. Spurgeon Moss.

Palibearers were Messrs. W. P. Hall, H. R. Cannitz, Dr. W. C. Bostic, E. G. Abernethy, C. O. Ridings, Dr. F. R. Wilkins.

The writer was a pal and friend of the deceased and well conversant with the many good qualities of the man, especially his loyalty to friends and devotion to family. Joe Reinhardt was a man of firm conviction, sound judgement and bright mind. His devotion to little children was a testimony of the kindness of heart and goodness of the man, his love of family a beautiful trait and his devotion and steadfastness to friends

ELLENBORO BOYS HAVE EXCELLENT SCHOOL RECORD

George Helton and Misher Green Have Not Been Absent From School in Seven Years

Ellenboro, April 28.—Seven years in school without missing a day is the record just made by George Helton and Misher Greene both ninth grade students in the Ellenboro High school.

In addition to a perfect attendance record Misher has not been tardy during the past six years that he has attended school at Ellenboro and during the one year that he has gone to the Bridges school, previous to coming to Ellenboro. George who has gone for five years to the Oak Grove school and two years to Ellenboro, does not have but one tardy mark against him. This tardy mark was made this year when he was kept in bed one morning due to a smallpox vaccination.

(This is an unusual attendance record, and we believe that it would be hard to duplicate. The Courier would like to hear from other schools who have students on their rolls who have records above the average. Editor.)

FOREST CITY TO PLAY FOR GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Wins Two Games From Henrietta - Caroleen Highs. Group Seven Championship Game April 29.

Forest City defeated Caroleen-Henrietta High School 11-1 Wednesday evening, April 20. The score does not indicate the strength of the Henrietta team. Home runs by McKeithan and McKeithan with bases full were some of the thrills of the game. Blanton pitched a good game, allowing only five hits, while Forest City slammed with nine safeties during the game. This was the first game in the county championship.

On the following Friday Forest City defeated Caroleen-Henrietta 14-1 in the first elimination game of the state championship series. The weather was more suitable for football than baseball. However, very few errors were made by either team. McKeithan struck his old form in this game. He struck out seventeen men and allowed only five hits. This was a very good game considering the weather. The Caroleen boys fought hard throughout the game. The Forest City boys have shown very rapid improvement the last week or two.

The Forest City High School baseball team will play the Shelby high school team at the Spindale park Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Shelby defeated the Kings Mountain team Tuesday by 5-2, leaving the Shelby and Forest City teams as the only contenders for the championship of group seven.

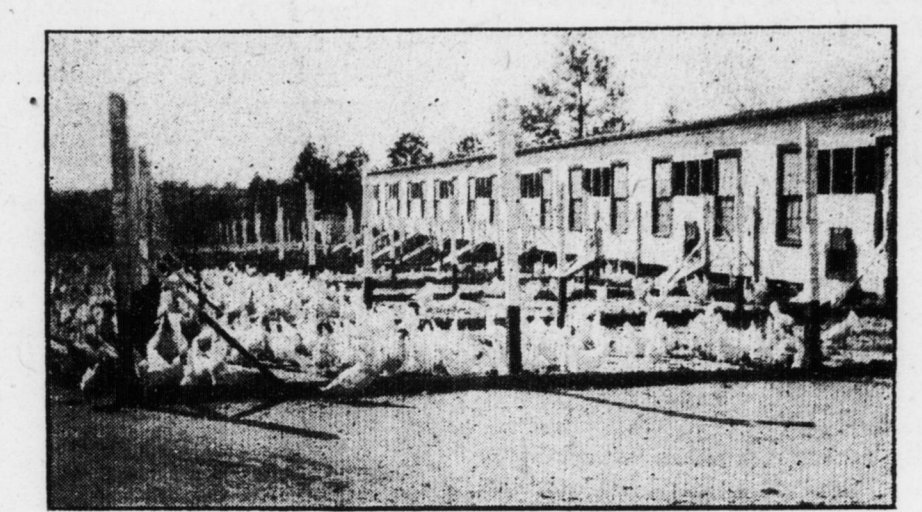
DUKE UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB AT CENTRAL HIGH

The Duke University Glee Club will be at Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High school on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8:15. This is one of the best glee clubs in the state. Tickets for this concert may be secured now at Peoples' Drug Store, here.

showing the stuff of which the man was made.

A success in the business world, surrounded by loving relatives and friends, his untimely end makes his going one of extreme sadness and grief—one of the unfathomable mysteries of an all wise Providence not understood by mere man. May he rest in peace.

Hazelhurst, Rutherford's Model Farm



VIEW OF POULTRY YARDS

The writer had the privilege of visiting Hazelhurst farm one afternoon last week. This splendid farm of more than six hundred acres now belongs to Mr. Walter Haynes. On this farm is to be found many interesting things. Not only is it a model farm in the usual sense of the term but there is to be found one of the most complete and up to date poultry farms in this section of the country.

On arriving at the first of a series of buildings, Mrs. Haynes and the writer alighted from the car while Mr. Haynes went to look after some work elsewhere on the farm. When we reached the door of the building we found that the baby chicks had been moved to a recently and more up to date building. Here we saw Mr. Henry Sagree with his big truck which carries a load of eggs to Spartanburg every Tuesday and Friday. Mr. Hacher Melton is in charge of the poultry farm and we found him busy with other helpers gathering eggs and looking after about eleven hundred and sixty-eight baby chicks.

There are long rows of new modern buildings for housing the fine fowls and we saw ten breeding pens of about one hundred birds each of the Wyckoff strain of White Leghorns. There were a few pens of the Baring strain and besides these there were a few pens of Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks. The number of eggs gathered daily average about one thousand six hundred. The pens are

equipped thoroughly even to the automatic drinking fountains. The pens are so arranged that during the cold weather they have a sunny yard on the south side of the buildings while on the other side the yards for summer are well shaded by fine trees. The new house for the baby chicks is equipped with latest brooders and more than eleven hundred were taken from the incubators at two recent dates. We noted a 1600 capacity Wishbone Mammoth Incubator filled with another hatch and a smaller incubator also filled. There are several thousand birds all told on the farm and Mr. Haynes is planning many things for the farm. We went down on the creek near the old home of the late Miller Hopper and found a force of men at work on a dam of rock and concrete to be twenty feet high forming a small lake. Mr. Haynes plans to install a lighting plant there to light the homes and other buildings on the large farm. He said it would also make a fine "swimming hole."

At present there are in the poultry yards about 2,200 hens and one thousand fryers. The superintendent, Mr. Melton is an experienced poultry man and was very courteous and willing to explain everything as he filled the feeders for the baby chicks. What we saw at Hazelhurst was well worth the trip and we want to go back when we have more time to look over the entire place. B. E. R.

WINNERS IN SCHOOL CONTESTS

Annual Recitation and Declamation Contest Held at High School Last Thursday

The annual recitation and declamation contests were held in the Cool Springs High School Auditorium Thursday evening April 21. These contests have shown improvement over the contests of last year. The contests showed that much work had been accomplished in this field.

These contests include pupils in the fifth grade through the seventh grade of the Alexander, Bostic, Forest City and Mt. Pleasant Grammar Grade Schools.

In the declamation contest Mt. Pleasant was represented by Lonnie Sommers, "Massey Johnson's Defense". Bostic was represented by Frank Washburn, "House by the Side of the Road," Alexander was represented by Esper Brown, "Jean Jones," Forest City was represented by Phillip Chambers, "Shall the Statue of Lee Stand in the Hall of Fame?"

In the recitation contest Mt. Pleasant was represented by Pauline Matheny, "Home"; Bostic was represented by Sybil Moore, "Dot Entertains"; Alexander was represented by Alice Matheny, "One Legged Goose"; Forest City was represented by Dorothy Green, "The Wedding of Miss Bray."

These contestants were chosen in an elimination contest at the different schools. Each received \$2.50 in the local contest. The prizes were donated by Alexander Manufacturing Company, Security Insurance Company and a friend.

The winners in the final contest received \$5.00 each in gold, given

REV. J. A. BOWLES DIES IN GREENSBORO

Former Methodist Pastor Here Passes After Long Illness of Cancer of the Throat.

Greensboro, April 26.—Rev. James Archie Bowles, aged 70, died at his home here late Monday afternoon after a long illness. He had been in declining health four or five years, suffering with cancer of the throat.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3:30 at Greensboro.

Mr. Bowles is widely known throughout the state among ministers and laymen. For 38 years he has been a member of the western North Carolina conference, serving churches and stations in various parts of the state.

Mr. Bowles is survived by his wife and nine children, as follows: Archie and Charles Bowles, Mrs. Eva Bowles Jenkins and Miss Annie Mae Bowles, of Greensboro; Hargrove Bowles, of Monroe, Wade Bowles, Salisbury; Joe Bowles, Detroit, Mich.; David Bowles, Hamlet and Mrs. C. A. McDaniel, Forest City.

Rev. Bowles was pastor of the Forest City and Pleasant Grove churches from 1913 to 1917, and while pastor made hundreds of friends who will grieve to learn of his passing.

The U. D. C. Chapter will meet with Mrs. R. S. Eaves in Rutherfordton Friday. They will hold a special business meeting in regard to entertaining the old soldiers on May 10. Place of entertainment will appear in next week's Courier.

by Dr. W. C. Bostic and Mrs. Minnie C. Flack.

The winners in this contest were Phillip Chambers and Dorothy Green.

ELLENBORO MEN RECEIVE 3,500 LEGHORN CHICKS

Messrs. Wright and Wilkie Get Big Shipment of Baby Chicks Last Friday.

The 3,500 white leghorn baby chicks recently ordered by John O. Wright and Yates Wilkie, of Ellenboro, from the Mansfield Hatchery at Louisville, Ky., arrived in Ellenboro last Friday evening on the Southern train from Marion, N. C.

After an inspection of the chicks was made at the station they were taken to Mr. Wright's farm just at the edge of town where they were placed in his new poultry house which is 20 x 150 feet, and is large enough to house 1,000 laying hens. Here they are being cared for by Messrs. Wright and Wilkie.

It is from this number that they hope to get at least 1,000 laying pullets by October 1 of this year.

Rev. G. R. Gillespie is this week engaged in conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the New Presbyterian church in North Belmont. This church has just been completed and is being formally dedicated.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3

Heavy Vote Expected in Next Week's Municipal Race

Forest City municipal election will be held Tuesday, May 3. There are only two entries in the Mayor's race, Chas. Z. Flack and L. C. Lowrance, while there are fifteen desiring to serve on the Board of Aldermen. Polls will open at sunrise and close at sunset. A heavy vote is expected.

The Courier wishes to urge every voter to cast his ballot. It is only in this manner that the will of the people can be determined.

A big increase was noted after closing of registration books last Saturday.

The vote in the city election in 1925 was as follows in the race for Mayor:

Lowrance	182
Bridges	169
Harrill	16
TOTAL	368

It is said on good authority that 600 votes will be cast in next Tuesday's election.

ALEXANDER NEWS

Alexander, April 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Randall attended a ball game in Spartanburg last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Nola Patrick, teacher of the fifth grade, and Mrs. Marion Blanton, fourth grade teacher, will give their play Thursday night (tonight) April twenty-eighth. The title of this play is: "Day Before Yesterday." In this play the following people will be represented: The Prehistoric, Grecians, Colonial, Civil War girls, Indians and Puritans. The characters in this play will be dressed in the Natine costume of the people they represent. Those who attend this program will see a great panorama of history. All of the characters have taken a great deal of interest in their parts. Miss Patrick and Mrs. Blanton deserve much credit for the training they have given the children in getting up this play. The patrons of the school, also visitors are cordially invited to be at the Alexander school auditorium and see this play. The curtains will rise promptly at 7:30.

The Alexander ball ground is now in good condition for some real interesting ball games. Rapid work is being done on the grand stand.

BOY SCOUT BOARD MEETS WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB

Scout Officials of Five Counties of The Piedmont Council Guests of Forest City Kiwanians

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, were guests of the Forest City Kiwanis Club Monday evening. Following an excellent luncheon President John Dalton turned the program over to Dr. A. C. Duncan who in turn asked Scout Executive R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia, to take charge. Mr. Schiele introduced the visiting members of the Board.

Mr. Hugh E. White, council president was called on for a talk, and in the course of his remarks gave some interesting statistics on the Scout movement. The movement is primarily interested in character building, but emphasizes vocational and leadership training and citizenship. He also asked that some one present some plan whereby a survey could be made of the council to ascertain the number of boys in scout troops and out of scouting.

Mr. Schiele presented the Scout situation of Forest City to the Club and urged that a committee be appointed to sponsor the reorganization of the town's inactive troops and to see that the scout program was carried out in Forest City. Mr. Schiele said that the Piedmont Council had a greater membership than any other council in the state. The scout movement is not an experiment or fad, as it has been before the public for seventeen years, and continues to expand and grow. If there wasn't something worth while behind the movement the public would have learned the truth in that length of time, said Mr. Schiele. He further stated that the best thing that the local Kiwanis Club could do would be to sponsor the local scout troops. The Club has an outstanding opportunity to accomplish something worth while by looking after its future citizenship.

Mr. Schiele called on Mr. F. C. Kinzie, of Spindale, who briefly related the progress of the Rutherford County scouts. He was followed by Mr. A. C. Lineberger, of Belmont, who told of the work of the Belmont Rotary Club in sponsoring the scout movement there. Mr. Harry Page, of Lincolnton, and Dr. Allen Jervis, of Tryon, reported for their respective towns while Rev. O. P. Ada, of Kings Mountain spoke briefly in reference to the Kings Mountain organization.

The visiting members of the Executive Board and county committees were as follows: Scout Executive R. M. Schiele, Gastonia; Messrs. Hugh M. White, president, of Gastonia; F. C. Kinzie, Spindale, Rutherford county vice-president; Harry Page, vice-president of Lincoln County, Lincolnton; A. C. Lineberger, vice-president of Gaston county, Belmont; Drs. Allen Jervis and Swan, representing Polk County, Tryon; Rev. O. P. Ada, local committee, Kings Mountain, L. A. Kiser, Kings Mountain; J. W. Culp, treasurer of the Council, Gastonia; Fred L. Smyre, chairman of Finance, Gastonia; Rev. M. O. Thornburg, Church Relationship Committee, Gastonia; W. M. Pickens, Lincolnton, and O. C. Erwin, Dr. A. C. Duncan, Prof. J. W. Eaks, Clarence Griffin, local county committeemen.

Following the Club meeting the Executive Board held its regular meeting in the Kiwanis Hall, at which time matters pertaining to the Council were discussed and reports from the various counties were given.

President John Dalton, of the Kiwanis Club, announced that Mr. J. D. Lineberger, district vice-president of Kiwanis, Shelby, would be present and address the Club next Monday night. Messrs. R. L. Reinhardt and Howard Doggett will be in charge of the program.

Messrs. E. O. Thomas and R. C. Alexander have returned from Gratz, Ky., where they went to attend the funeral and burial of Mr. W. R. Minish.