

Rutherford County Offers Unequaled Opportunities To Manufacturers and Others

FOREST CITY COURIER

14 Pages

FOREST CITY—"ONE OF THE TEN BEST PLANNED AND MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES IN THE U. S. A." U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SURVEY.

PUBLISHED IN THE INTEREST OF FOREST CITY AND RUTHERFORD COUNTY

84 COLUMNS

VOL. XII—No. 28.

FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1930.

\$1.00 Per Year in Advance

MERCHANTS DAY AT COUNTY CLUB MEETING FRIDAY

David Owens, of Ivey's Department Store, Charlotte, Will be Speaker—All Merchants of County Are Invited.

The April meeting of The Rutherford County Club will be held Friday at one o'clock in the Haynes Memorial building, in Cliffside. Mr. David Owens, general manager of the J. B. Ivey & Company store of Charlotte, will be the speaker. Mr. Owens is a noted speaker and humorist and will bring a message of great interest as well as one of much instruction.

This meeting is a merchant's meeting, and all merchants in Rutherford county are invited to be present. If you wish to attend the club lunch, please phone Mrs. L. C. Garvin, at Cliffside, and make reservations. If you do not care to attend the lunch, but come after the conclusion of the dinner seats will be reserved. A special effort will be made to get each merchant in the county to attend, but if you are not invited do not hesitate to attend.

Mr. Owens will bring with him a noted Soprano singer, Miss Gertrude Gower, who has been heard many times over the radio. She will give several selections during the luncheon. She will be accompanied by Mr. Eugene Craft, a noted pianist, who has just returned from Paris.

WOMANS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. F. E. Webb President and Mrs. Frank Wilkins Recording Secretary.

A general meeting of the Woman's club was held April 10, at 4 p. m., at the City Hall. Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. F. E. Webb and collect read by Mrs. C. H. Verner. Minutes were read by the secretary. The nominating committee submitted the following names for 1930-31 officers:

Mrs. F. E. Webb, president.
Mrs. W. G. Morgan, 1st vice pres.
Mrs. Carl Huntley, 2nd, vice pres.
Mrs. Frank Wilkins, recording sec.
Mrs. Tom Verner, corresponding secretary.
Mrs. W. W. Richbourg, treasurer.
Mrs. Hoyle Elliot, auditor.
Mrs. G. P. Reid, club reporter.

These were unanimously elected by the members.

Reports were given from the different departments and showed a splendid year's work.

A delegate was not elected to go to the convention at Pinehurst, N. C., on account of finances.

Mrs. C. H. Verner presented matter of combining the departments and all meetings together. This was discussed quite a bit and a final discussion will be made in May. The meeting then adjourned.

Dramatic Club.
The dramatic club will meet Thursday (tonight) at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John Dalton. Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. B. T. Jones and Miss Louise Lattimore will be joint hostesses.

PROF. B. L. SMITH TO HEAD SHELBY SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR

Capt. Benjamin L. Smith, former superintendent of the Forest City public schools, and later superintendent of the Rutherfordton-Spindale-Ruth school system, was Friday night re-elected as superintendent of the Shelby school system for 1930-31. Mr. Smith moved last July from Spindale to Shelby, where he accepted the superintendency of the Shelby schools, after a brilliant career of nearly eleven years in Rutherford county school circles.

Winner At Tryon



(Photo by Courtesy Asheville Times)

C. C. Moore and his son, C. J. Moore, both of Forest City, are shown with their dog, Flora May, which won the sweepstakes as the best dog in the hound show, given by the Tryon Riding and Hunt club last week in connection with a horse show.

DR. AMOS C. DUNCAN MAY ANNOUNCE FOR CONGRESS

Prominent Forest City Doctor Has Matter Under Consideration—May Get in Race This Week.

Dr. Amos C. Duncan, one of Rutherford county's best known physicians and surgeons, of this city, may announce this week as a candidate for representative in U. S. Congress. Dr. Duncan has had the matter under consideration for some time, and stated Tuesday that he would probably announce this week as a candidate for representative from the Tenth Congressional district.

A movement has been under way in the county for sometime to select someone as a candidate for Congress. Rutherford county casts the largest Democratic vote of any county in the Tenth Congressional district, but has not had a representative in nearly a century. As a result the county has suffered, and it is the consensus of opinion that the county has not received its proper share of attention from Congress.

Rutherford's last representative was James Graham, whose term of office expired in 1847. The county has never been represented in the halls of Congress by a native son. The district has been represented by three Rutherford county men, but neither were natives of Rutherford county. James Holland, who represented the district in 1795-98 and again in 1801-11 was a native of Anson county, and moved to Rutherford late in life. Felix Walker, the second representative, was born in Hampshire county, Va., now West Virginia, and was Rutherford county's first clerk of court, a position which he held from 1779 to 1787. He removed to Haywood county and represented the district in 1817-23. James Graham, the third representative, was a native of Lincoln county, and came to Rutherford county when a young man. He represented the district five times from 1833 to 1847.

Rutherford county's only native sons to sit in the halls of Congress represented other districts. Thomas Laurens Jones left the county in young manhood and removed to Kentucky, where he represented a district. The late Hon. Romulus Z. Linney was born in Rutherford, but left the county in early childhood.

THREE COUPLES ARE MARRIED IN GAFFNEY

Gaffney, Apr. 14.—Among the couples issued licenses to wed here last week three couples were from Rutherford county, as follows: Worth Walker and Mary Hargett, Rutherfordton.
Maurice Mooney, Kings Mountain, and Virgie Hicks, Avondale.
Miller London and Ruth Layton, Forest City.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. Clarence Griffin, of Spindale, underwent a series of operations at the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, last Thursday. Her many friends will be glad to learn that the operations were highly successful, and that she is recovering nicely, and will return home shortly.

MRS. J. L. TAYLOR TAKEN BY DEATH

Wife of Former Rutherfordton Bank President Passes in Hospital—Funeral Wednesday.

Rutherfordton, Rpr. 15.—Mrs. J. Lloyd Taylor, 61, died at the Rutherford Hospital Tuesday afternoon of complications following an extended illness. She had been in ill health for some time. Last Friday she underwent an operation and gradually grew worse.

She leaves her husband who was formerly a bank president and one of the best known men in Rutherford county, three sons and two daughters, Robert and Leslie L. Taylor, of this place, and James Taylor, prominent lawyer of Hendersonville, and Sara and Mildred Taylor, both well known local teachers; two brothers Joe M. and W. D. Walker and Mrs. Chase Ford all of this place.

She was the daughter of the late ex-sheriff Noah H. Walker of this county and was a loyal member of the First Baptist church of Rutherfordton. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and had been for years. She was also active in the Woman's Missionary Society. She was a devoted Christian.

Funeral services were held from the Rutherfordton Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Taylor's pastor, the Rev. Edward B. Jenkins, was in charge of the funeral, assisted by Rev. R. E. Herring, of Zebulon, a former pastor. The funeral was largely attended the church being filled to capacity. Interment followed in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

MRS. E. B. JENKINS HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

Rutherfordton, Apr. 14.—Mrs. Edward B. Jenkins, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist church of this place, was hurt at Brookneal, Va., near Lynchburg, Thursday afternoon while on a visit to relatives with her husband, it was learned here Saturday afternoon.

The party had returned from an automobile trip and Mrs. Jenkins and another lady had gotten out of the car when a car approaching from the opposite directions struck them. Mr. Jenkins was unhurt. Mrs. Jenkins was rushed to the Baptist hospital of Virginia, at Lynchburg, and an x-ray examination showed that she suffered two pelvic bones broken.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins was unable to fill his appointment here Sunday.

SIXTH OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE WAS WELL ATTENDED

Attendance at Each Session Average Over 200—Number of Inspiring Addresses.

Spindale, Apr. 14.—More than two hundred boys, representing every community in Rutherford county, attended the sessions of the Sixth Annual Rutherford County Older Boys' Conference, which closed here Sunday afternoon. The addresses heard at the conference were of a high type, and marked the conference as one of the best held in the six years of its existence. The conference opened Friday afternoon with an organization meeting, followed by a banquet Friday evening, and with three sessions on Saturday and one on Sunday. All sessions were held at the Spindale House, except the athletic program of Saturday afternoon.

Prof. R. L. Leary presided Friday afternoon at the organization meeting, which was held at four o'clock. Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., opened the session with prayer, and Mr. E. E. Smart the adult president, brought greeting to the conference. Willard Metcalf, who was elected last year as junior president, also brought greetings to the boys. After announcements and registration junior officers for next year were elected as follows: president, John Holler, Union Mills; vice president John D. Withrow, Hollis; secretary, C. C. Cline, Jr. of Gilkey.

Two hundred fifteen attended the banquet Friday evening at the Spindale House. The food for the banquet was served by the members of the Central High home economics department. Mr. E. E. Smart acted as toastmaster. Rev. H. H. Cassidy asked the blessing. The official of the conference, both senior and junior were presented at that time. Prof. L. E. Spikes, of Central High, welcomed the boys to Spindale, and Mr. Z. O. Jenkins, of Cliffside, responded. Rev. Floyd G. Rogers, Episcopal rector of Asheville, brought the address, which was timely and appropriate for the occasion. The Spindale Band gave several musical selections throughout the evening.

Rev. O. L. Simpson, a former Rutherford county minister, now connected with the Methodist publishing house in Nashville, and Capt. B. L. Smith, of Shelby, were the speakers at the Saturday morning session. These two men were originators of the Older Boys' Conference idea, and worked energetically to establish firmly the conference as a permanent institution.

Prof. C. A. Denson, of Cliffside, had charge of the athletic program Saturday afternoon at the Central High athletic field. A number of events were on the program, and each event was participated in by a number of boys. At the close of the program a check-up of the number of points won by each individual was made, which showed that Thomas Blanton, of Cool Springs High school won first place, with twenty-two points. Herbert Gurley, of Sunshine school, won second place with fifteen points and Leroy McCurry, of Cliffside, won third place with fourteen points.

The Asheville Normal Glee Club gave a concert Saturday evening to approximately two hundred conference delegates and others. This was a new feature introduced this year, and proved to be a great success. A reception for members of the Glee Club and the delegates to the conference was held after the concert, and refreshments served.

The Sunday afternoon session was largely attended. Prof. C. C. Norton addressed the conference and brought an inspirational message.

Prof. R. W. Eaves, senior secretary, and Mr. E. E. Smart, senior president, are very much pleased over the success of the conference, and are of the opinion that it has been one of the best yet held.

ETHEL M'SWAIN WINNER.

Miss Ethel McSwain of Forest City was the winner in the Birtie Beauty Shop contest last Saturday.

Carolina Gas Company Wants Forest City Franchise

Offers to Build Plant Here, Starting Work in Sixty Days. Employing Big Force of Men and Spending Approximately \$150,000.

Gas Company Would Be Valuable Asset to Forest City—May Be Divisional Headquarters.

Mr. R. P. Freeze and associates of the Carolina Gas Co., of Hendersonville, are petitioning the Forest City Board of Aldermen for a franchise for the installation and operation of a commercial gas plant in this city. Mr. Freeze, who represents a big Chicago company, agrees to post a \$5,000 performance bond guaranteeing that construction will be started within sixty days and finished in twelve months. Approximately \$150,000 will be spent in installing the new plant.

DR. JOHN D. BIGGS IN SHORT TALK TO KIWANIS CLUB

Asked Club to Co-operate With Him in Getting Best Results in Banks' Affairs—Other Notes.

Attorney B. T. Jones paid a nice compliment to Dr. John D. Biggs, liquidating agent for the defunct county banks, in introducing him at the Kiwanis meeting Monday night, among other things saying that the genial Doctor was eminently qualified for the exacting position.

Dr. Biggs told several amusing stories and then expressed his appreciation of the cordial reception given him by the good folk of Rutherford county. He also touched upon Kiwanis ideals and solicited the support of the club in bringing about the best results for the depositors of the closed banks. Dr. Biggs said his work could not be done in six months and that he would give his earnest attention to getting the best results for the depositors. The Kiwanians were much impressed with the Doctor's evident earnest desire to close his work to the best advantage and to protect the interests of the depositors in every way possible.

It was decided at this meeting to have the regular farmers' night at the club, instead of having them come in individual groups, as was at first contemplated. It is the desire of the club to have all the farmers present at one meeting and to cooperate in every way for their better success.

W. L. Brown reported that he had sent the report of the cotton contest to Kiwanis International.

M. H. Hewitt had charge of the program and, of course, pulled some of his inimitable stunts, the first being a harp contest between Eaks, Brown and Sutton. Brown handled the harmonica like a professional and was declared the winner.

J. W. Dalton, Terry Moore and others made short talks at the Belling Gap road.

BOLLING GAP ROAD MAY BE TAKEN OVER

The new highway from Bostic to Morganton, via Golden Valley, South Mountain and Bolling Gap may be taken over as a part of the North Carolina state highway system sometime in the near future, according to reports.

Several Rutherford county people have been interesting themselves in this project, and have been tentatively promised that this road will be the next taken over by the State Highway Commission.

The road has been recently improved and topped to the Burke county line. A formal opening will be held Saturday on top of the mountain, on the Burke-Rutherford county line, near Bolling Gap.

This route is the shortest from Forest City and Morganton, cutting off several miles between the two towns. It is also a near route from Shelby to Morganton.

The proposition of the Carolina Gas Co., is one of the most important matters coming before the City Council in many years, and means a big construction work for the city in the next few months, the employment of about sixty-five local people, the buying of large quantities of materials, etc., all coming at a time of depression and when the expenditure of a large sum of money—approximately \$150,000—will be of vast benefit in tiding over a summer that promises very little in construction work, due to the present financial depression prevailing all over the country. It is also promised that large quantities of materials will be purchased in Forest City while the work is being prosecuted.

Mayor V. T. Davis—always progressive and with the city's best interests at heart—together with a majority of the Board, is in favor of granting the franchise to the gas company. In order to more fully acquaint himself with the proposition, he visited Hendersonville Tuesday to study the working of the plant in that city. He found Hendersonville more than pleased with the new plant there, that city being the first in this section to grant the franchise. After discussion with Mr. Freeze and other officials, and observation of the progress of the gas company there, Mayor Davis interviewed Mayor Sherrard of that city and found that official enthusiastic over the benefits accruing from the installation of the gas plant there.

Hendersonville was first to grant franchise to the gas company, a large and responsible concern with headquarters in Chicago. Rutherfordton-Spindale has granted franchises and also Gaffney. Shelby is being petitioned for franchise, which will be granted.

With the granting of franchise by Forest City, bond will be executed and work will begin within sixty days. The plant will be established within the city limits and it is estimated that the company will pay taxes in the sum of \$1,500 to \$2,000 yearly. Work will be carried on in such manner as not to damage any property or city streets in any manner. Owing to its central location, Forest City will more than likely be made divisional headquarters for the company.

Mayor Davis and members of the Board and a committee from the Kiwanis Club will visit Hendersonville early next week to get pointers on the benefits and operation of the gas plant. Later the matter will again come before the Board, asking for the franchise. The almost unanimous opinion of Forest City business men is in favor of the Board allowing this great enterprise to come into our city.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB.

The Junior Music Club will meet Monday afternoon, April 21st, at 3:30 at the High school. A good program is in store for you.

MORE AND BETTER HOOK BALLS BY BLANTON

(Shelby Star.)
T. Blanton, Forest City's little right-hander, threw more hook balls and better hook balls at the Shelby team Tuesday than they have seen in every game this year, according to Coach Morris.