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## A STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO FOREST CITY CO.

### Mr. M. W. Harriss Tells of Origin, Purpose and Relation to Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

Mr. M. W. Harriss, former vice president of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, makes the following statement to the editor of The Courier:

In 1927 the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, having on hand several pieces of real estate the Directors deemed it advisable to organize a Subsidiary or Holding Company for the bank in which all stock would be owned by the bank and through which the bank could dispose of its real estate holdings to the best advantage. Therefore, by order of the Board of Directors of the bank, the Forest City Company, Incorporated, was organized and incorporated under the laws of North Carolina.

In its charter it was given powers to trade in real estate, rentals, and other powers necessary in the handling of real estate. The purpose of the Forest City Company, incorporated, was to take over the real estate owned at the time by the bank, or might have to be taken in later by the bank through the foreclosure of deeds of trust held by the bank.

The bank deeded over to the Forest City Company, incorporated, all real estate owned by the bank at that time. In return for the real estate the Forest City Company, incorporated, issued both common and preferred stock and executed its promissory notes in sufficient amounts in favor of the bank to cover the aggregate amount of said real estate carried on the books of the bank at that time.

From time to time since January, 1927, the bank has had to foreclose several deeds of trust held by the bank and for lack of bidders the Forest City Co., Incorporated, had to bid in the property for the bank. Deeds were made to the Forest City Company, incorporated, and it in turn executed its promissory note to the bank for the purchase price.

Since the organization of the Holding Company one or more pieces of property have been disposed of and the purchase money received from said sale was paid to the bank to reduce its indebtedness to the bank.

All rents received from the property held by this Holding Company were used in the payment of taxes, fire insurance premiums on the property, necessary repairs to the property and interest on the notes due the bank and a portion of the indebtedness to the bank was reduced from time to time in this manner.

Mr. Harriss states that no salaries, wages, commissions, bonus or gifts were made or given to him or any other officer, bookkeeper or employee of the Forest City Company, incorporated, that he nor any other person has ever owned any of the stock in the Forest City Company, Incorporated, but that it is owned solely by the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., and that he has never derived any benefits or remuneration from said company. His being secretary and treasurer of the company being a part of his work as vice president of the bank.

From the above statement it will be seen why the several notes were executed to the bank by the Forest City Company, Incorporated, by its secretary and treasurer, and should clear up the minds of the depositors that no funds were extracted or withdrawn from the bank on the notes; that the said M. W. Harriss signed the notes of the Forest City Company as its secretary and treasurer as ordered by the Board of Directors of the Forest City Co.

### MEMORIAL AT OAK GROVE.

Memorial services will be held at the Oak Grove Methodist church near Ellenboro, on Thursday, May 8th. The memorial sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. W. Fox, of Marion. There will be several other speakers present. There will be special music for the occasion. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

## SHILOH SCHOOL CLOSING MAY 1

Rutherfordton, R-1, Apr. 28.—The commencement exercises for Shiloh school are as follows:

Thursday night, May 1st, at 8 o'clock, the primary grades will give an operetta, "Cinderella". This will be followed by a drama in three acts entitled "An Old Fashioned Mother" by elementary grades.

May 2nd, at 3:00 o'clock, declamation and recitation contest. Awarding of medals. At 8:00 o'clock the high school will give a play, "The Eyes of Love." The patrons of the school and the public are cordially invited.

## FIRE DOES \$5,000 DAMAGE THURSDAY

### Home of Mrs. J. C. Twitty, of Spindale, Damaged by Blaze of Undetermined Origin.

Spindale, Apr. 28.—The home of Mrs. J. C. Twitty, located on Elmore street, was damaged Thursday afternoon by fire of undetermined origin, resulting in about \$5,000 damage.

The fire was discovered about three o'clock, and an alarm was answered by the Spindale and Rutherfordton fire departments. The quick work of these two fire companies prevented a spread of the flames, and had the fire under control before the house was destroyed.

The first floor was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Austell, while Mrs. Twitty occupied the second floor. Mr. and Mrs. Austell succeeded in removing all of their furniture, but Mrs. Twitty only saved a few valuable papers, etc.

The fire apparently originated near the ground on the west side. The top floor was badly damaged by the flames. The first floor was damaged by water.

The damage was partially covered by insurance.

## NEGRO KILLED SATURDAY NIGHT

### Neil Williams Dies of Gunshot Wounds Inflicted by Boyd Brown.

Rutherfordton, Apr. 28.—Neil Williams, negro, aged about 35 years, was shot and instantly killed Saturday night about 8 o'clock near his home, about 15 miles west of here, by Boyd Brown, white, aged 32 years.

Lois Lynch, negro, and Jack McKinney, white, were reported to have been with Brown prior to the shooting and were arrested and lodged in jail here with Brown. A coroner's inquest was held and the jury decided that Neil Williams came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by Boyd Brown. Brown at first denied shooting Williams, but later confessed it and stated that he contracted for a gallon of whiskey on April 20 and paid Williams \$4 for it and only got half of it. He said he went to Williams Saturday night for the other half and Williams cursed him, and he shot him, but that he was under the influence of whiskey. Brown and McKinney were under the influence of whiskey when arrested, according to Sheriff Hardin, and appeared to have been on a drunk. Brown has a court record.

## Clean Up Week May 12th to 16th

Mayor V. T. Davis has proclaimed the week of May 12-16 as Clean-Up Week in Forest City. Mr. Davis states that sufficient wagons will be employed to haul off all trash, rubbish, etc., gathered during the week. He especially requests that all business places be thoroughly gone over and all trash and rubbish removed from the buildings and premises and neatly piled so as to make it convenient for the wagons to reach it. Home owners are also requested to thoroughly clean up their premises during the week.

## Will Conduct Revival Services



Revival services will begin at the Main Street Methodist church Sunday, May 4, at 7:45 p. m. The preaching will be done by Rev. W. B. West, of Hendersonville, N. C. Mr. West conducted a revival here last May, and won the hearts of the people of Forest City, and they still remember him very kindly. There was the most beautiful co-operation on the part of the pastors and members of other churches, and an invitation is extended to all to participate in the approaching series of meetings. Members of other church choirs are invited to help make up a chorus for the meetings.

## County Celebrating National Music Week At Forest City

### Shelby High School Band Gives Concert Here as Part of Program—Program for Friday and Saturday.

The Shelby high school band, under direction of Prof. W. T. Sinclair, gave a concert in the Cool Springs high school building here Tuesday evening. A large number of Forest City people availed themselves of the opportunity to hear this fine musical organization, which won first place in the state music contest, held in Greensboro last week.

This program was a part of the National Music Week program, which is being observed in Rutherford county. National Music week is being sponsored and endorsed in Rutherford county by The Rutherford County Club, the Forest and Rutherfordton Kiwanis Clubs, The Community Lions Club and the various Womans Clubs of the county.

The following program will be given as part of the National Music Week Program, at the Cool Springs high school building Thursday and Friday evening of this week:

May 1st, Thursday evening 8 p. m.; Public school night.

Director, Mrs. A. M. Glickman. Speaker, Mr. C. A. Erwin, County Superintendent.

Program: Chorus, Sailing, Sailing, Grammar school, Cool Springs Township. Song: The Robin and Children, Primary grades; Forest City. Toy Symphony: Caroleen-Henrietta; Miss Lucile Wall, Director.

Piano duet with victrola: Kinsella; Katherine and Russell Blanton. Vocal Popular Songs: The Keeter Twins; Rutherfordton. Piano: Valse Impromptu; Margaret Logan, Mt. Vernon school. Concert Polka: Janet Morgan, Mt. Vernon school.

Three Part Chorus: Song of the Brook, Sixth and Seventh grades; Forest City. "Sail On! O Ship of State." Boys Glee Club, Forest City. Down in the Dewey Dell: Girls Glee Club; Forest City. State Song: "The Old North State." School Song—An Army of Stu-

## MRS. W. A. RUCKER DIED FRIDAY

### Funeral Held Sunday at Green Hill—Survived by Seven Children.

Rutherfordton, Apr. 28.—Mrs. W. A. Rucker, aged 63, died at her home on the Chimney Rock road, five miles west of Rutherfordton Friday morning after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at Green Hill Baptist church.

Mrs. Rucker is survived by her husband, W. A. Rucker, and seven children, as follows: Mrs. B. K. Hampton, of Green Hill; Henry and Louise Rucker, at home; Ralph and James Rucker, of Rutherfordton, and Clyde Rucker, of Douglas, Ga. One sister, Miss Hattie Williams, of Rutherfordton, survives, also four brothers, as follows: Collett Williams, and R. S. Williams, of Rutherfordton; J. H. Williams, postmaster at Rutherfordton, and R. L. Williams, of Asheville.

Mesdames J. F. Womble, J. T. Camp and Rev. W. A. Ayers have returned from a two weeks' visit to their respective relatives in Virginia.

Agents Are We; County schools.

Friday Evening.

May 2nd, Friday evening 8 p. m. Community night.

Superintendent J. W. Eakes, presiding.

Two numbers, The Spindale Band, Mr. D. C. Cole, Conductor.

Group of Folk Songs: Ol' Favorites, Sung by everybody.

Special numbers:

Kiwanis Club, Rutherfordton.

Avondale Male Quartette.

Lion's Club, Cliffside.

Kiwanis Club, Forest City.

Spindale Male Quartette.

Music Club, Rutherfordton.

Womans Club, Forest City.

Womans Club, Henrietta-Caroleen.

"Awakening Chorus," Chas. Gabriel, County Choirs.

Patriotic Songs: by the audience, Mrs. A. M. Glickman, Director.

## MEMORIAL AT CONCORD SUNDAY

There will be memorial services at Concord Baptist church Sunday, May 4th. Meet at ten o'clock to put flowers on the graves, preaching at eleven, and quartette singing in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Mr. Oscar Padgett and family attended the birthday dinner at Mr. Hollifield's at Bostic Sunday, which was given in honor of Mr. Oscar Padgett and his mother, Mrs. Marvin Padgett.

Mr. J. C. Bailey and family spent Sunday at Mr. Louis Neal's at Henrietta.

Mr. W. A. Bridges and family spent Sunday at Mr. B. E. Harrills.

## JOINT MEETING OF THREE TOWN BOARDS HELD

### Rutherfordton, Spindale and Forest City Adopt Standard Milk Ordinance—Discuss Sale of Public Utilities.

Spindale, Apr. 30.—A harmonious meeting of the town boards of Spindale, Rutherfordton and Forest City was held Tuesday night in the office of Mayor S. E. Elmore, at which time a standard milk ordinance for the three towns was discussed and the proposition of disposing of the public utilities plants of the three towns was discussed.

A complete representation of all three town boards were present, also the three city attorneys.

Two representatives of the state board of health were present, and spoke in reference to a standard milk ordinance for Spindale, Rutherfordton and Forest City. The boards considered the ordinance submitted and voted to accept it and put it in effect within ninety days. Copies of the ordinance may be examined at the office of the clerks of the three towns.

The boards took under consideration the disposal of the public utilities plants owned by the three towns. Appraisals have been made by the Carolina Engineering Company, and complete analysis of the value and earning capacity of the various plants have been reported to the boards. A committee consisting of the mayor and one member of each board will work out plans for the sale of the plants, W. L. Horn and Mayor V. T. Davis will represent Forest City on the committee. This proposition will be referred to the voters of the three towns, at a later date, for decision.

At a meeting of the Forest City board of aldermen last Thursday evening the board granted a franchise to a gas company to install gas lines in Forest City. Spindale and Rutherfordton had previously granted the franchise. Since the gas company will come into the three towns it is deemed unnecessary to operate the electric power plants owned by the towns.

If the voters of Spindale, Rutherfordton and Forest City ratify the action of the boards in disposing of the public utility plants the proceeds from the sales will be devoted to retiring outstanding bonds against the three towns, and paying off indebtedness.

## Sunshine School Closing Program

Bostic, R-3, Apr. 28.—The program of the Sunshine high school commencement is as follows:

A program by the grades, Friday evening, May 2nd, at 8 o'clock.

Recitation, Declamation contest, Saturday morning, May 3rd at 10:30 o'clock.

Picnic dinner, Saturday, May 3rd, at noon.

Ball game, Saturday afternoon, May 3rd at 2:30 o'clock.

High school play, "Only Sally Ann," Saturday evening, May 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend these programs.

Misses Hilda McDonald and Dorothy McDaniel spent Saturday in Charlotte.

## HON. J. W. BAILEY TO SPEAK AT HOLLIS AND ELLENBORO

### Will Deliver Commencement Addresses at Two Schools Friday—Large Number Expected to Attend.

Hollis, Apr. 29.—Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, will deliver the commencement address at Hollis high school Friday afternoon at 2:30 and at Ellenboro high school Friday evening at eight o'clock.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, will present Mr. Bailey Friday at Hollis. Mr. Hoey will also deliver a short address.

The Rev. Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Charlotte, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Hollis Sunday afternoon at three o'clock before a large audience. Mr. C. O. Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, accompanied Dr. Little and made a short address. The remainder of the commencement program was given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Bailey's commencement address will bring to a close one of the most successful terms of school ever held in Hollis. Hollis high school has eleven members in the graduating class this year, as follows: Rev. C. C. Crow, president; Louis Buford, McCarter, vice president; Charles Kenyon Withrow, secretary; Mattie Lee Campbell, Effie Irona Davis, Viola Gamble, Mattie Lee Gettys, Oia Gettys, Clara Lee Gordon, Laura Mae Erwin and James Blaine Jones.

The Ellenboro school is nearing the close of one of the best years in its history, according to reports from the superintendent. Progress has been made in every department of the school. The community has cooperated in all the undertakings of the school, and have aided greatly in making the school a success.

The elementary department has already presented its part of the commencement program and the high school will begin its program Thursday, at which time class day exercises will be held.

Friday afternoon Miss Rogers' music department will give its annual musical recital. On Friday evening Hon. J. W. Bailey will deliver the annual commencement address. Graduating exercises will be held on the same evening, just before Mr. Bailey speaks.

On Saturday night, May 3, at 8 o'clock, the agricultural department of the Ellenboro school will present "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick," a comedy in three acts.

## MR. WM. MARTIN DIED THURSDAY

### Conduct Funeral Friday For Holly Springs Citizen Who Passes at the Age of 84.

Harris, R-1, Apr. 28.—Funeral service for Mr. William Martin, aged 84, was held in the Holly Springs Baptist church Friday afternoon, at two o'clock. Rev. M. M. Huntley was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. B. M. Hamrick and Rev. T. M. Hester. Interment was in the Holly Springs cemetery.

Mr. Martin died Thursday after a long illness. He is survived by his widow, four sons and a number of grandchildren. The sons are Messrs. Gus, Alonzo, Grady and George Martin, all of this community.

The pall bearers were Messrs A. E. Smith, Memory Roach, J. C. Splawn, L. G. Allen, J. J. Splawn, and Ralph Green.

The beautiful floral offering was borne by the following: Misses Allie Martin, Florence Martin, Alice Pin-tuff, Blanche Martin, Avie Splawn and Bernice Splawn.

The deceased was a faithful and consistent member of the Holly Springs Baptist church, where he had been a member for a number of years.

Miss Euthia Neighbors will leave Friday with a party from Spartanburg, S. C., on a trip to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Bernice Arnold, County Supervisor of Education will chaperone the party.