

## GOOD MEETING OF COUNTY CLUB HELD HERE TUESDAY

Club Endorses Boy Scout Movement In County Following Talks By Scout Leaders Of Piedmont Local Council.

The Rutherford County Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Kiwanis Hall, Forest City, Tuesday. The attendance was good and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. The dinner was up to the usual standard, and was immensely enjoyed.

A feature of local interest presented to the Club was the enlarged program of Scouting to be put on in Rutherford county. This program includes increased interest in Boy Scout troops already functioning with a forward look to the organization of one or more troops in every town and community center in the county. The program to cover a period of three aggressive years.

Mr. R. M. Schiele, Executive of the Piedmont Council, with headquarters at Gastonia, furnished the club members with valuable statistics in connection with the growth, development and importance of the Scout movement as a National, Inter-National and all-South asset.

Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, scout commissioner of Piedmont Council, told of several years experience as a scoutmaster in industrial communities with a veteran troop that has long since passed into history, also the value of scouting as a constructive character-builder in the transformation of indigent and underprivileged boys.

Mr. Fred L. Smyre, a busy secretary-treasurer of a Gaston chain of mills, and president of Piedmont Council, stated in definite terms the program to be inaugurated in Rutherford and the necessity of raising at once Rutherford's quota of the \$9,000 annual budget, which would amount to \$1,500 each year for three years.

Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Spindale, spoke from his experience as a Scoutmaster. Mr. Simpson was diametrically opposed to the pessimistic tendencies of the older people concerning the younger generation and expressed himself in no uncertain terms on the side of the boys, quoting many undisputable authorities and extolling the value of the scout movement in the working out of the boy problem.

Judge O. C. Erwin, of Rutherfordton, the speaker of the hour, in connection with his subject, assigned, "The Recorder's Court," stated that there would not be nearly so many boys and youths haled before the court for violation of the prohibition laws if there were more Boy Scout troops in the county. Just in the past few days, said the speaker, there have been fourteen boys brought into court on liquor charges. The Judge proved to be a warm friend of the Scout movement. The Rutherford superintendent of schools also voiced his hearty approval of Scouting.

On motion of Dr. Duncan, of Forest City, the three year program and budget were given the hearty endorsement of the club, and a committee, representing in its personnel all of the towns and communities was appointed by President Kenneth Tanner to lay plans for securing the first year subscriptions and report at the next meeting of the club.

Mr. Smyre told of a plan that has proven most acceptable to Gaston manufacturers whereby the cotton mills considering all contributions to scouting as investments, have readily accepted assessment of one-half cent per spindle. This same plan in Rutherford would net the committee \$1,200 of the required \$1,500 for each year.

Rutherford county now has troops at Spindale, Forest City, Cliffside, Caroleen, Henrietta, Alexander City and Ellenboro. Eight troops in all, when there should be at least twelve, and the splendid committee appointed will go far toward producing them in a very short time.

On motion and second, duly passed, resolutions expressing the appreciation of the club for the donation of the Rutherford hospital to the county, by Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Biggs

## RUTHERFORDTON KIWANIS GUESTS OF LOCAL CLUB

Interesting Meeting, Conducive to Better and Closer Relations With Neighboring City—Splendid Dinner.

The meeting of the local Kiwanis Club, Monday night, when members of the club at Rutherfordton came in a large body as guests of the local club, was one of the best held for some time and resulted in a spirit of neighborliness that is good to see. Good fellowship predominated throughout and representative citizens of the two cities were the better for "rubbing elbows" and coming into closer personal contact.

We were glad to have the "boys," and hope they will come again. The occasion was brought about by the local club giving a dinner for the visitors in payment of the loss by the Forest City club of the series of baseball games played off recently.

The ladies are to be congratulated upon the splendid dinner which was served, while the program was interesting throughout.

A feature of the occasion was the singing of Miss Nell Padgett, with Miss Vera Whisnant at the piano. The young ladies were given a hearty round of applause.

The visitors were warmly welcomed by the president of the club, Dr. A. C. Duncan, with a hearty response by Editor R. E. Price. The harmony and co-operation of the two clubs was particularly stressed by Mr. Price, who related how the Kiwanians of the two cities can work together for the upbuilding of the county.

Secretary O. C. Erwin made a rousing talk on the new county fair, which was well received. The Judge is a past-master at story telling and soon had the crowd in splendid humor with his inimitable jokes. He then gave a detailed account of the reorganization and building of the new fair grounds and what they hoped to accomplish, with the promise that this year's fair would be the biggest and best ever held in the county.

Mr. Erwin told in particular of the many new features that have been added to the fair, foremost of which is the racing on the new track. The fireworks are to be the equal of any at the larger fairs and are scheduled for four nights of the fair. There will be a baseball game and also a football game at the fairgrounds. The first day will be school day, Wednesday will be merchants' day, Friday will be farmers' day and also Polk county day, while Saturday will bring the windup of Rutherford county's greatest fair.

The officers and board of directors of the fair association have worked hard and faithfully in the past for the county fair and now that they have expanded and, by heavy expenses, gotten in position to give the county folk a real fair, it behooves the people of the county to stand by them. The success of the county fair means much to every citizen of this progressive county. It is your county fair. Do your part in making it a success. Attend and boost and ask your neighbor to do the same.

Miss Alda Jones left today for Union Mills, where she will enter Round Hill school for the winter.

and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Norris, were read and adopted.

Secretary O. C. Erwin, of Rutherfordton, following his talk on the work of the Recorder's Court, told of the work that was being done at the Rutherford County Fair grounds and of the coming fair, which is to be the best in the history of the county.

Prof. W. R. Hill, the resigning superintendent of public instruction, told of the wonderful progress that had been made by the county school system in the past five years. This period has been a new epoch in the county. Larger and better equipped school buildings have replaced the one-room log school houses and along with the consolidation of the schools, many of the rural sections now have advantage of high school, while still greater progress has been made in the city and textile community schools.

## PROF. CLYDE A. ERWIN IS ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT COUNTY SCHOOLS



PROF. CLYDE A. ERWIN

At a meeting of the County Board of Education Saturday the resignation of Prof. W. R. Hill, county superintendent of public instruction was accepted, effective October 1st. The Board elected Prof. Clyde A. Erwin, of Cliffside, to succeed Mr. Hill.

The selection of Prof. Erwin by the board was a wise one, and in keeping with the educational progress of the county. Mr. Erwin came to Cliffside six years ago as superintendent of the schools there, and during that time the enrollment in the elementary schools have grown from 260 to over 700, while the high school has grown from 3 to 110. Beginning with three teachers the school has enlarged to such extent as to require the maximum of twenty-one. The Cliffside school system is now fully accredited by the state educational board.

Mr. Erwin was originally from Waco, and received his education at the University of North Carolina.

Prof. Charles C. Erwin, a brother of Clyde A. Erwin, will assume the superintendency of the Cliffside schools. He has had a number of years experience teaching; having

taught two years at Huntersville prior to his coming to Cliffside as principal five years ago. Under his able direction the school will continue to grow.

Prof. W. Ross Hill, resigned, will leave soon with his family for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will enter business. Mr. Hill was elected to the county superintendent's office in 1914 and has four times been re-elected by the County Board of Education. During the eleven years in office he has conducted the educational affairs of the county with ability, and the county loses one of its most efficient officials and citizens in his resignation.

The growth of the schools of the county has been phenomenal. He has always been an ardent supporter of the consolidation system, and within the past few years has succeeded in consolidating possibly one-third of the county schools. The little one-room school house, so common to the county ten years ago, is now almost a thing of the past. He has made a wonderful record and set a precedent that will be closely followed by his successor.

## BOY SCOUTS TO GIVE PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT

Scoutmaster Lee announces an interesting, instructive and entertaining program Friday night at Kiwanis Hall in connection with the regular weekly meeting of Boy Scout troop 1, of Forest City. Beside a new enrollment of old scouts and enlistment of new members, the Scout Commissioner of Piedmont Council, Rev. G. R. Gillespie, will give a thirty minute talk on the progress of American Scouting in Southern Europe, which will be illustrated with Stereopticon pictures, taken by him in Turkey, Greece, Syria, Palestine and Egypt, in 1923. The poor and pauperized condition of the boys used for material over there will also be shown.

All scouts of present troop No. 1 and all of former troops as well as all boys who would like to become active scouts are cordially invited to attend.

President Fred L. Smyre and Scout Executive Schiele, of Gastonia, were present at the meeting last Friday night and assisted Scoutmaster Lee in a splendid meeting of troop No. 1. Piedmont Council executives are arranging a three year enlarged program for Rutherford county including propaganda for one or more troops in every town, community and industrial village in the county. With the scout commissioner now residing in Forest City our own growing little city should lead all others in this, the greatest and most far reaching constructive character building movement in the world. Our slogan should be "Forest City Leads."

Gold Ledbetter left Monday for Bedford, Va., where he entered Randolph-Macon Military Academy for the year 1925-1926.

## OFFICERS FOR TOWN OF ALEXANDER MILLS INSTALLED

The officers of the Town of Alexander Mills were installed Wednesday, Sept. 9. The town was incorporated by an act of the last legislature and the bill of incorporation named Mr. S. A. Summey mayor and Messrs. B. R. Hicks, L. R. Champion, Terry Moore, E. L. Cantrell and Dewey Holland as town council. At the Wednesday evening's meeting these gentlemen were sworn in their respective offices.

The town is fortunate in having such a splendid bunch of officials and they deserve the solid support of every citizen of Alexander Mills.

## MR. C. M. WHISNANT BUYS FATHER'S INTEREST

Mr. T. C. Whisnant last week sold his interest in the store of T. C. Whisnant & Son to Mr. C. M. Whisnant, who has for the past four years been associated with his father in the grocery business in this city.

The Messrs. Whisnant have been successful in their venture here and have made many friends. Mr. T. C. Whisnant, retiring partner of the firm, has not as yet decided upon what new business he will engage, but it is hoped on all sides that he will remain in Forest City.

Mr. Clyde Whisnant, who will henceforth conduct the business, is a wide-awake young business man whose many friends predict continued success for him.

Mesdames Fred Webb and G. C. McDaniel were among those who attended the Williams-McCall Wedding at Marion last week.

## FINE PROSPECTS FOR ELLENBORO SCHOOL THIS YEAR

Approximately 300 Students Enrolled At Opening, August 31. Of Which 85 Are Members Of the High School.

Ellenboro, Sept. 15.—On the last day of August, 1925, our school in Ellenboro was astonished with a most unusual favor. To many of us it was favor, that, as yet, we haven't been able to fully comprehend its value. The people of our little village have for a long time been wishing for an accredited high school—one just as good as any community in North Carolina has, and now we believe that the long sought for standard has been attained.

On the date referred to above, practically three hundred students were enrolled in the Ellenboro school. About eighty-five of that number have been enrolled in the high school department alone. Since the opening of our school a new teacher has been added to the high school department. The new addition raised the number of teacher, in that department to five. This makes it possible for the Ellenboro high school to offer as thorough high school course as any school in the county.

The teachers for the Ellenboro high school are as follows: R. B. Tapp, principal; Miss Nannie Helms, Monroe, N. C.; Miss Nellie Carson, Bristol, Va.; Mr. Cecil Goode, Boiling Springs, N. C.; L. W. Cain, White Oak, N. C.

Those teaching in the grammar grade department are as follows: Mrs. Lee, Ellenboro; Miss Cleo Burns, Ellenboro; Miss Scoggins, Ellenboro; Mrs. Ida Green, Ellenboro and Miss Melrose Hawkins, Cliffside; Miss Louise Wilkie, of Forest City is teaching music.

## SULPHUR SPRINGS NEWS

Forest City, R-1, Sept. 16.—Rev. J. H. Smith filled his regular appointment at this church Sunday.

Mr. Marvin Eaves, of Charlotte, spent his vacation with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Robbins is spending a few days in Spruce Pine this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Costner and Miss Mary Frances Smith spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hopper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Corn, Mr. Roy Corn, of Spindale, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Robbins.

## HI-Y CLUBS TO BE ORGANIZED IN COUNTY

Grady H. Leonard, representative of the state staff of the Y. M. C. A., in the Western District of the Y. M. C. A., is making plans for a big work among the high school boys in this section of the state. The schools are just opening and within the next few weeks the Hi-Y clubs in all the towns in the district will be reorganized and a few new clubs will be organized. The new ones will be in Forest City, Rutherfordton, Spindale, N. Wilkesboro and Elkin.

The genius of the Hi-Y Club is that it brings together for definite Christian tasks, a group of leaders among students, and places before them an attractive and attainable program. A principal of a High school in this section wrote this paragraph in a letter: "The Hi-Y Club has done more for my High School in the six months of its existence than any single organization in town. It is my opinion that the Hi-Y Club will be the redemption of our boys in the high schools."

A Hi-Y Club set-up conference was held last week-end at Edgemont at which 15 leading boys from eleven different towns met with Secretary Leonard to thrash out plans for a program. Much time was spent on a program that will be most interesting and yet most beneficial to the fellows.

In another article is the announcement of the Older Boys' Conference to be held.

After Christmas our second Annual Bible Study Contest will be held. It was quite a success last year and the number of schools participating is expected to be much larger this year.

## RUTHERFORDTON SPINDALE SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

New Central High School One of Finest in State—Serves Spindale, Rutherfordton and Ruth Districts—Able Faculty.

Spindale, Sept. 15.—The Spindale-Rutherfordton-Ruth schools opened Monday morning with a record breaking enrollment and prospects for one of the best schools in their history.

Under the present system Spindale, Rutherfordton and Ruth are consolidated, each town maintaining an elementary school, under the supervision of a principal. The high school students of the three districts attend school at the new central high school, located near the Seaboard depot. Capt. B. L. Smith is superintendent of the entire high school and elementary school system of the three districts.

The new central high school building is a structure of beauty. Located on a commanding eminence it can be seen over half of the county. The building itself is of magnificent construction, equalling anything in Western North Carolina in way of conveniences and room.

Owing to the auditorium being uncompleted the formal opening was postponed until a later date.

The Spindale elementary school opened with the largest attendance ever enrolled in the grammar grades there. Prof. F. H. Shuford, formerly of Raleigh, now of Spindale, is Principal. He is a graduate of N. C. State College and was formerly principal of the Ellenboro school.

Assisting Mr. Shuford at Spindale are: Miss Clara Taylor, Rutherfordton, grade 1-A; Mrs. Fannie Noel Bannerman, Boone, N. C., grade 1; Miss Pauline Harrelson, Cherryville, N. C., grade 1-B; Miss Madge Wilkins, Rutherfordton, grade 2-A; Miss Jessie Harper Brown, Monroe, 2-B; Miss Mae Nanney, Union Mills, 3-A; Miss Margaret Tate, Union Mills, 3-B; Miss Mary Sue Hill, Rutherfordton, 4-A; Miss Francis Bivens, McColl, S. C., 4-E; Miss Ola Lovelace, grades 5-7; Miss Ruby McDonald, Anderson, S. C., grades 5-7.

The teachers at the new central high school are: Principal, Mr. L. E. Spikes, Candler, N. C.; science, Miss Eloise Green; Math, Miss Mabel Sanders, Skyland, N. C.; Math and Latin, Mrs. C. L. McFarland; Latin and history, Miss Amelia Stephenson, Bolar, Va.; English, Miss Blanche Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.; English and French, Miss Lillian Neal, Nashville, Tenn.; Home economics, Mrs. Harry B. Waller, Glendale, Ariz.; Commercial work, Miss Cora L. Odum, Gibson, N. C.; Music, Miss Joscelyn Cox, Asheville, N. C.; Expression, Miss Clara Reid, Forest City, N. C.

## YOUNG NEGRO SHOT WHILE HANDLING AUTOMATIC

The nineteen-year-old son of Duff Price, living in Grahamtown, was accidentally shot and severely wounded last Saturday while unloading an army automatic pistol at his home. The bullet struck him in the thigh and he bled profusely until the flow was stopped by his physician. The wound, while painful, is not thought to be dangerous.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

It has been arranged with the vocational department of education of North Carolina and the Cool Springs High School of Forest City, N. C., to teach the employed men and women two classes a day. This work will consist of business English and arithmetic, shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping. The vocational department requires that this work be done during working hours. The periods will be arranged to meet the wishes of the majority of those taking the work.

All parties desiring to take this work are requested to see Mr. J. W. Eaks at the Forest City Graded school Friday evening, September 18, at seven-thirty o'clock.