

COUNTY CLUB IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL PARK

Pledges to Support Move At Tuesday's Meeting—Of- ficers Elected.

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday at the Isothermal Hotel in Rutherfordton, the Rutherford County club went on record as endorsing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park proposition and pledged their support. This being the regular luncheon of the club, members from all parts of the county were in attendance. Kenneth S. Tanner, as retiring president presiding. The annual election of officers being also scheduled for the day, brought out an unusually large attendance.

The committee on federal numbering of the Black Bear trail, composed of Senator Roach, Representative T. J. Moss and S. P. Dunnagan, reported on their trip to Raleigh and appearance before the state Highway Commission, and their success in obtaining recommendation of that body that the Federal government assign to this highway a governmental number. This will place Rutherford county on a direct line from Canada to Florida, with a branch line from Rutherfordton to Lake Lure and return.

The chairman announced that a special national park committee from Asheville, composed of Joseph H. Marvel, of Kenilworth Inn; Harvey Holleman, of Chimney Rock, and J. F. Day, of the campaign staff in Asheville, were present to tell the Club what progress had thus far been made and what it might do to aid the project. As main spokesman for the committee Mr. Marvel gave a vivid explanation of the plan to secure a national park and pointed out the benefits to be derived. As a final wind up, Mr. Marvel said:

"The vast area under discussion, lying partially in Western North Carolina and the remainder in Eastern Tennessee forms today what is one of the last exhibits of original forests and foliage in this famous mountain region. The only possible chance of preserving it for posterity is for it to be placed in the custody of our national government and let them nourish, improve and care for it. All of us can usually see a proposition better when it carries with it some feature which might possibly prove of personal benefit to us. Now we hotel men and farmers to both of which professions I am proud to belong, will benefit considerably from the coming to our midst of a large number of tourists. I should expect a good big increase in patronage at my hotel in Asheville if the Great Smoky park should attract even half the tourists that competent judges advise will be attracted to it. I have estimates of a million visitors from government sources and that is considered very conservative by many who are probably equally as well informed.

"This park is an investment which all of us can afford to make. Rutherfordton is one of the several important gateways which will materially benefit by the establishment of a National Park. Your seashore to the mountains highway number 20 is destined to be one of the heaviest traveled arteries in the State. There is a community of interest on both sides of the mountain range, which will accrue to the benefit of your city as well as Asheville. Once put over the returns will be a hundred, yes a thousand fold.

"In considering the value of a tourist to a community and the national park will surely bring lots of them, we have but to cite a few instances. Tourist number 1 came to the village of Asheville, and today the property he owns on one street, Coxe avenue, is estimated at more than two million dollars. That was Mr. Coxe. Then number 2 came, sat upon the porch of the old Battery Park hotel and caught a vision, and acquired millions of acres and spent millions of dollars in improvements. His name was Vanderbilt. Then tourist number three, somewhat broken in health came and he has spent millions of dollars in building hotels and

RED LETTER DAYS

By A. B. CHAPIN

WHAT WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES, AND AFTER NEARLY ALL THE PRESENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT — AND YOUR HEART WAS BEGINNING TO SINK BECAUSE YOU HADN'T RECEIVED A SINGLE THING — AND FINALLY THE SUPERINTENDENT REACHED UP FOR THAT BEAUTIFUL BIG DOLL WHICH YOU HAD NOT EVEN DARED TO HOPE FOR — AND CALLED OUT YOUR NAME — OH-OH — NEVER WILL THAT DAY BE FORGOTTEN —



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CANTATA AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Greatest Gift," a Christmas cantata by H. W. Petrie will be sung by the choir of the First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, under the direction of Miss Katherine Goggans, organist and Miss Mary Wilder, conductor. The cantata consists of beautiful solo and ensemble numbers. The opening chorus will be "Hear the Angel's Song" by a splendid choir of twenty-voices. The service will be a choral evensong and given over entirely to music, the usual evening address being omitted. All are cordially invited to the hour of musical worship.

At the eleven o'clock service the pastor will speak on the subject "The Joy Springs of Christmas, or the Reasons for Christmas Joy." The annual Christmas treat for the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday night, Dec. 23rd.

FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF FOREST CITY

The Gastonia Daily Gazette has commented at such length on the Family Welfare Association of Forest City, that the movement has "caught fire" in that fine town and the Associated Charities has been organized with all churches, orders and civic bodies co-operating. A "Community Chest" drive will be made immediately following the holidays.

PURCHASES MORGAN TIRE AND BATTERY BUSINESS

Mr. W. W. Steagall, who, for the past four and one-half years has been in business in Gaffney, S. C., this week purchased the battery business conducted by C. D. Morgan, in Forest City and will continue the same at the old stand, carrying practically the same line.

Mr. Steagall will move his family here after Christmas and become a full-fledged citizen of our town.

Mr. Morgan is as yet undecided as to his future, but has several good propositions under consideration.

MINISTERS TO MEET

The Forest City Ministers Association will meet in the Hut of the First Baptist church, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All ministers of Forest City are automatically members and all are cordially urged to be present and to bring any visiting ministers who may be in our midst.

BASKETBALL

The Columbus boys and girls will play the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Forest City at Forest City High School building, Friday afternoon at 4:00.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR OTEEN

Members of the Woman's Club and others who care to do so are asked to send in their Christmas stockings for Oteen not later than Saturday of this week as they must be mailed to reach the soldiers by Christmas day.

The stockings are to be made of turlatun and filled with nuts, raisins and candy, in oil paper and any small gift the donor wishes to put in, put your name and address in the toe of the stocking, if you wish to send your stocking to a nurse please mark it thus.

Mrs. A. W. Falvey will have charge of sending the box and all stockings should be left at the Crowell House. Stockings will be gladly received.

COMMUNITY SINGING

There will be a community singing at the High School building Friday evening, Dec. 18 at 8 o'clock p. m. All the people of the township and surrounding communities are cordially invited to be present and enjoy an evening of good entertainment.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

The young people and Sunday School children of the Presbyterian church, under direction of Miss Claire Reid, will present a "Christmas Pageant" on Christmas night when Sunday school and church members will bring gifts to be distributed by the Family Welfare Association.

On next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the "Christmas Sermon" will be preached by the pastor.

The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m., Dr. G. P. Reid, superintendent with a competent corps of teachers for adults and children of all ages.

Prayer meeting conducted by the pastor, every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. These prayer services are of one-half hour duration. Filled with praise and prayer.

In order to give all opportunity to enjoy the program of Christmas music at the First Baptist church, under the direction of Miss Goggans, Sunday night there will be no service at this church.

The public most cordially invited to all services at the Presbyterian church where all who come will be accorded a hearty welcome.

Those shopping in Spartanburg last Thursday were: Mesdames J. F. Weathers, J. B. Duckett, M. H. Hewitt, G. C. McDaniel, J. W. and Fred Webb, J. H. Thomas, R. R. Blanton, P. D. Harrill, Jr., R. E. Biggerstaff, H. R. Camnitz, Thos. G. Stone, C. E. Alcock and Misses Merle McDaniel, Mattie Lee Flack, Robbie Biggerstaff and Mayme Martin.

THE COURIER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO SUBSCRIBERS

Renew Your Subscription By Jan. 1st and Save Fifty Cents.

The Courier has decided to offer its readers the option of a 50c Christmas gift by letting every one in the county have the paper one full year for one dollar. This applies to new as well as renewal subscription, but is limited to those residing in Rutherford county.

Pay your subscription before Jan. 1st and save 50c. Just mail a dollar bill to The Courier, now, before you forget it.

Rutherford county's largest and best newspaper is a great Christmas bargain at one dollar.

Even if your time has not expired it will pay you to renew now. Your time will be extended one full year from the expiration of your subscription, be it what it may.

The Courier is worth \$2 per year. Better embrace the opportunity now of getting it for one dollar.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The Courier's thousands of readers will save time and money by making up their Christmas shopping lists from the numerous advertisements in this issue. From now through Dec. 24th the busy shoppers will throng the stores.

The merchant who advertises is deserving of your patronage. The mere act of putting his announcement in your county newspaper is evidence that he has the goods, the quality and the price that he is willing to submit to your critical inspection.

Trade at home and shop early!

MOORESBORO WEDDING SECRET OVER A YEAR

Handsomely engraved announcements have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss Katie Lou Smart to Mr. Wayland Greene which took place a year and four months ago. The announcement reads as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Arnhoot Leander Smart announce the marriage of their daughter, Katie Lou, to Mr. James Wayland Greene, on Thursday, August the fourteenth nineteen hundred and twenty-four Moorsboro, North Carolina.

It is understood that this prominent couple was married in Spartanburg in last August, 1924 and that the desire of the couple to keep it a secret until now was a perfect success. The bride remained at her home at Moorsboro serving as bookkeeper for her father who manages the Moorsboro Cotton Oil Co. She is a very pretty and popular young lady, while Mr. Green is now and has been holding a lucrative position with the Georgia Railway Light and Power Company at Atlanta, Ga., for several years. The couple left this week for Atlanta where they will make their home.—Shelby Star.

BASKETBALL NOTES

Just before the game last Friday night with the town team varsity uniforms were issued to nine players selected from the class games who looked most promising as players. Since our star team of last year is not within our realm we must build all anew. Those receiving uniforms were Moore, Watkins, and Blanton subs from last year, Shorty Biggerstaff and Whitlock who starred on the junior team last year, Walker, McKeithan, Cavanaugh and Moss. The boys are working hard to make up for the late start occasioned by the long football season. Since most of the games will be played after Christmas a good team should be on the floor by that time. Some of the same teams met last year will appear on the Old Gold and Black schedule again this season.

The schedule to date is as follows: Dec. 11th—Forest City—Here. Dec. 17th—Rutherfordton—There. Jan. 8th—Rutherfordton—Here. Jan. 15th—Gastonia—There. Jan. 19th—Marion—There. Jan. 27th—Waynesville—Here. Jan. 29th—Rutherfordton—There. Feb. 5th—Marion—Here. Feb. 12th—Rutherfordton—Here.

RUTHERFORD SUN MANAGEMENT WILL CHANGE ON JAN. 1

L. D. Miller and R. E. Price Resign and J. R. Norris and C. V. Wilson to Take Their Places.

TO ESTABLISH NEW PAPER

Rutherfordton, Dec. 15.—A meeting of the board of directors of The Sun Printing Co., publishers of The Rutherford Sun, was held December 14, 1925, and the previously tendered resignations, effective January 1, 1926, of Messrs. L. D. Miller and R. E. Price, the Business Manager and Editor respectively, were accepted and Messrs. John R. Norris and Clyde Wilson were elected to their places.

Mr. Norris, the new business manager, formerly of Philadelphia, is a brother of Dr. Henry Norris of the Rutherford Hospital, and has lived in Rutherfordton for several years. He has had four or five years of actual newspaper work and for over twelve years he was the office manager of one of the best bond houses in Philadelphia. He is thoroughly familiar with all kinds of job printing work, both on the business and mechanical sides, and for many years he had a press of his own and did his own printing. Mr. Norris is very generally and favorably known in this section and with his recognized business ability will undoubtedly make a great success of the Rutherford Sun.

Mr. Wilson, the new editor, is from Charleston, S. C., and is a man of broad education, widely traveled, and has excellent literary ability. He has had poems and short stories published in the very best magazines. Mr. Wilson has been living in North Carolina for a year and for a short time only in Rutherfordton, where he is now in the law offices of Messrs. Quinn, Hamrick & Harris, and during this short time he has made many friends and is very popular. He will endeavor to continue The Rutherford Sun in a manner that will fully come up to the expectations of its readers. The editorial policy of the paper will continue to be independent.

The equipment of The Sun Printing Co., will be greatly increased and improved so that every kind of job work can be done in a manner fully equal to that of the shops in the larger cities of the state.

Messrs. Miller and Price have been connected with the Rutherford Sun for many years and their work has been much appreciated by the Sun Printing Company. They have announced their intention of going into business for themselves.

A New Newspaper

Messrs. Price and Miller had the following announcement in the last issue of The Sun:

"Rutherford will have a new newspaper early in the new year. It will be owned jointly and solely by Messrs. R. E. Price, L. D. and J. B. Miller. It will probably be named 'The Rutherford County News.' These three men have been associated with The Sun for a number of years. They want to go into business for themselves. The controlling stock of The Sun Printing company has been owned by Attorneys N. C. Harris and Fred D. Hamrick for some time."

The new paper will be issued as a weekly.

COMMUNITY TREE

A mighty fine way to celebrate Christmas in Forest City would be for the merchants of the city to erect a large "community tree" in one of the beautiful park-ways in the center of Main street. This tree, illuminated, would afford unlimited pleasure to all the people of the town and bring the spirit of Christmas to many who would otherwise be denied. No Main street in this part of North Carolina is so much discussed by the people of other towns than is our beautiful street here. Why not keep up the reputation of "having the prettiest thoroughfare in Western North Carolina?"