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KU KLUX TO HOLD THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL HERE NEXT THURSDAY

About One Thousand Klansmen From Twenty-Nine Counties
to Gather Here in Magnificent Celebration. Judge
Henry A. Grady to Make An Address.

The local Ku Klux Klan is all set for the big Thanksgiving festival to be held here next Thursday. From all indications this will be one of the biggest meetings of any kind ever held in this county. It is estimated that about 1,000 Klansmen will be here that day, delegations coming from twenty-nine counties of Western North Carolina, which are as follows: Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Surry, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancy. The citizens of Forest City and Rutherford county as well as members of the local Klan should feel honored that Forest City was chosen as the place to hold this festival, as there will be many prominent men here from the above named counties.

The Program

The following program has been announced by the Program Committee of the local Klan:

2 P. M.—Presentation of Flag and Bible to Cool Springs High school, in front of the school building.

Acceptance of Flag and Bible by Prof. J. W. Eaks, Superintendent of Township schools.

Following this there will be an intermission to allow Klansmen to attend the football game, played by Cool Springs High school vs. Marion High school at 2:45 p. m.

4:30 P. M.—Address by Judge Henry A. Grady, Grand Dragon of North Carolina, from balcony of Cyclone Auction building.

5:30 P. M.—A barbecue supper will be given the visiting Klansmen by the local Klan.

7:30 P. M.—Klan parade.

8:00 P. M.—Public naturalization of candidates to membership in this order at the High school ball park. The public is very cordially invited to be present at the ball park at this time and see some of the impressive work of this order.

9:30 P. M.—Burning of large fiery cross.

ALEXANDER SCHOOLS SENIORS TO GIVE PLAY

"The End of the Lane," a very high class play, will be presented by the faculty and Senior class of the Alexander Schools, Inc., at 8 p. m., November 20. The cast will be played by the following:

Jim Denver—Will Young.
Harry Sanders—Fred Buchanan.
Pa Randal—Prof. W. E. Sweatt.
Hired Man—(Bud) Atlee Buchanan.

Messenger Boy—Chester Wise.
Coral Randal (daughter of Pa Randal)—Rose Johnson.

Ma Randal, (wife of Pa Randal)—Miss Mattie Price.
Ellen Seabright (modern flapper)—Miss Ruth Meares.

Martha Elizabeth Ann (servant of the Randal's)—Miss Ouida Geiger.
Bessie Reed (an orphan)—Kathleen Lennon.

Mrs. Kate Sanders—Miss Florence Reed.

The play is being presented to defray the expenses of the school paper. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

TO OPEN CAFE

Mr. J. C. Johnson, "Old Reliable" Cafe man, will open about Saturday in the brick building west of Courtney's on Main street. He and "Aunt Sally" have many friends and are experts in their line. He says he will make a specialty of fish and oysters, and is ready now to take your Thanksgiving orders.

FOOTBALL CLASSIC FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Forest City and Rutherfordton
to Meet on Local Grounds—
Large Crowd Expected.

Forest City and Rutherfordton will clash in their first annual football game Friday, November 19, at 3:30 o'clock, on the Forest City battle ground. These ancient rivals have never met before in football except in a practice game early in the season, which resulted in a scoreless tie. Their contests in other sports, however, have always been marked by the keenest competition, and it is expected that each team will play its best game of the season. Comparative scores would seem to give Forest City the edge, but comparative scores mean nothing when these two teams meet. Considerable color will be added to the game as it is expected that the student bodies of each school will be present to cheer their teams to victory. It is probable that a number of the other schools of the county will be on the side lines when the whistle blows for the first kick-off. While of course Forest City and Rutherfordton will turn out in large numbers to witness the contest. Coaches are driving their teams hard in an effort to have smooth running machines. Forest City was idle last Friday, while Rutherfordton was playing Fallston.

Forest City will play Marion the last game of the season here on Thanksgiving day at 2 p. m. This game will probably be the best game of the season. Plan now to see a real football game, Thursday, November 25th.

GIGANTIC SALE CLOSES NOV. 20TH

Cliffside Mills Store and
Haynes Store No. 1 Have
Successful Selling
Event.

Cliffside, Nov. 17.—Mr. L. P. Coe, clever Kelly salesman, is being congratulated upon all sides for the success of the big sales at Cliffside Mills Store and Haynes Store No. 1, which will come to a close next Saturday. Mr. Roach and Mr. Wilson, managers of the stores, are also coming in for a large share of praise for the success of the sale.

There have been tremendous bargains offered and the people have not been slow in reaping the benefits of the reductions made in price. From now on to the close of the sale, large crowds will throng the two stores daily.

The management has been unstinted in its advertising appropriations and is not disappointed at the results. A large share goes to The Courier for placing the news of the great sale before its many readers.

BASKETBALL

The girls basketball team of the Cool Springs High school will play the Y. W. A. team of Cliffside Friday night at Cool Springs High school at 8 o'clock. As this is the first home game of the season we are expecting a large crowd to attend. The girls have already played two games, one with Cliffside, the other with Tryon. They won both games. The Cliffside girls were defeated by four points and are out for revenge. Come out and see the girls in action.

COURT ADJOURNS AFTER BUSY SESSION VERDICT OF JURY CLEARS MINISTER

Large Number of Criminal
Cases Disposed of During
The Term.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 17.—After a very busy session criminal court adjourned Friday. Proceedings since the last issue of The Courier are as follows:

Nol pros with leave taken in the following cases: G. H. Blanton, charged with forcible trespass. Millie Davis, charged with prostitution. Peel Kennedy, charged with disposing of mortgaged property. John Lee and Burgan Bradley, charged with storebreaking. Bradford Wilson, Albert Steadman and A. M. Waldrop, charged with storebreaking and larceny. Garrison Wilson, charged with violation of liquor law.

A true bill was not found in the following cases: L. B. Scruggs, charged with larceny. Gary Hames, transporting. David Hill, Wells Eaves and James Brown, assault with criminal intent. Arthur Waldrop, use of auto without owner's consent.

The following the jury find not guilty: Paul Cooper, charged with reckless driving. F. E. Blackwell, Burlington act. Gary Hames and Pink Gosey, Burlington act. Clint Honeycutt, Burlington act. Beth Forney, assault with deadly weapon. A. A. Williams, manslaughter. Summie Humphries, liquor case.

C. A. Goode, false pretense, cost and suspended judgment.

Claude Wilson, pleads guilty, assault with deadly weapon, fine and cost.

Quinn Kendrick, transporting, fine and cost.

Darnell Morrow, prostitution, fine and cost.

Daisy Martin and L. A. Wright, fornication and adultery, fine and cost.

Charley Green, forgery, fine and cost.

The following were sent to the roads:

Haywood McDowell, larceny of car six months.

Burt Cash, larceny of chickens, four months.

Darias Flack C. C. W., forty days.

Ben Elliott, larceny of car, six months.

Lee Bradley, larceny, four months and 15 days.

Texas Red, storebreaking, twelve months.

Carrie Byers, assault. Failing to pay cost she was sentenced to jail for four months.

B. D. Powell, fine and cost.

David Arrowood and Earl Burgess, liquor case. The court finding that these young boys are not yet 20 years of age suspended sentence is given them to take effect when it is found that they have violated the laws of the state. Cost to be paid at this time.

Divorce granted: Velma Smith vs. Chas. Smith; Inez Thompson vs. D. B. Thompson; Dennis Miller vs. Julia Miller; Eva Kiser vs. Henry Kiser; Elsie Hood vs. Cornelius Hood; A. W. Harris vs. Jettie Harris; Meltonia Harris vs. C. W. Harris.

Compromise judgment: Mrs. Estelle Bridges vs. C. C. & O. Ry. for the death of her husband. Plaintiff to recover \$1,800 and the cost of the action.

W. C. Bostic, et al, trustees Baptist church, Forest City, vs. Ranie Harrill et al. Judgment for the plaintiff.

W. L. Silvers vs. G. J. Moore, judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$150 and the cost of the action.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Kathleen-Alexander Missionary Society of the Methodist church, will have their annual bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, in the old National Bank building. A bountiful collection of fancy work and other things too numerous to mention, that will make lovely Christmas gifts will be for sale. The ladies will also serve sandwiches, coffee and oysters. They will also have cakes and salads to sell you for your Sunday dinner. Help the good cause by patronizing these ladies at this two-day sale.

Rev. Geo. Wood is Acquitted
By Jury After Desperate
Legal Battle.

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Sunday morning deliberations of the jury in Wake superior court brought an acquittal verdict for Rev. George Wood, Universalist minister and Lenoir county deputy sheriff after a two-day trial on a charge of murder for the killing of J. B. Vickers, of Charlotte, state prison convict.

The jury took the case at 5:30 yesterday afternoon and shortly afterwards it returned to the courtroom to ask his honor to repeat the distinctions between second degree murder and manslaughter. Court spectators then looked for a conviction of manslaughter, reports had a majority of the jurors standing that way, and attorneys for Wood hoped for a mistrial at best. But as the night wore on and no verdict came, Judge Bond found the jury in a deadlock and he sent it to bed.

This morning's deliberations brought it quickly around to the defendant's side of the case and verdict of not guilty. Wood received the verdict without emotion, but he moved to the jury box and shook hands with each juror.

The minister and his counsel had to fight their way through to an acquittal against majority difficulties. The state had all the eye witnesses to the actual shooting on the afternoon of August 31. The eye witnesses, most of them women, all contended that Wood shot the convict while the latter was holding his hands aloft and crying out in surrender. Wood had to rely upon his own testimony, and that of a convict to support his claim that the shooting happened when Vickers grabbed for his gun.

But there was one weak spot in the state's evidence. The state witnesses thought the gun was pointed on a level. Physicians testimony showed the fatal bullet veered down and into the man's stomach at an angle of nearly 45 degrees.

The state thought a button might have caused the ball to glance downward but the defense, which made much of the point that a gun pointed straight ahead will not send its bullet downward, contended that Vickers pushed the gun down when he grabbed it.

The shooting, which cost Vickers his life and Wood a desperate legal fight occurred as the aftermath of an attempt to escape by Vickers, who was at the time being returned by Wood to the state prison from Spartanburg, S. C., where he had been recaptured after a successful break from a guard from the streets of Charlotte two weeks earlier. He was under sentence of 10 years for murder, having been sent up from Mecklenburg superior court early in the year for slaying a man by the name of Rogers.

"IN WALKED JIMMY"

"In Walked Jimmy," popular comedy success, will be presented November 18, on the local lyceum course by a cast of well known Broadway players.

"In Walked Jimmy," is the story of one Jimmy who believed in the power of a smile. Jimmy walked into the Cinderella Soft Sole Baby Shoe factory at a time when that organization was submerged in gloom. Business had fled. The employees had all been fired, and the proprietor was prepared to end it all. Darkness, in fact, reigned supreme.

Then in walked Jimmy—and smiled! That smile started something. For behind it was all Jimmy's faith in the rightness of living and the joy of good fellowship.

Soon Jimmy had all the members of the Cinderella factory smiling, and he keeps them at it through a series of exciting adventures. And the reward for Jimmy, well, there is a girl, and how Jimmy wins her, makes a corking good love story.

The ladies of the Woman's Club are sponsoring this play. Be at the High school auditorium Thursday evening of this week.

FARMERS MET WITH LOCAL CLUB LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Gather With Business Men For Discussion of Many Vital
Problems. Was Largely Attended and Should
Be Productive of Much Good.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IN DECEMBER

Will Convene the First Monday
in December. Presiding
Judge Not Announced.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 18.—Jurors for a special term of court were drawn Tuesday. Owing to the congestion of the court docket it has been decided to hold a special term, beginning Monday, December 6th. It is not yet known which judge will be selected to preside at this session.

Jury List For First Week.

The following men were drawn Tuesday for jury services for the first week: Worth Geer, B. E. Roach, S. Edwards, Baxter Wells, O. R. Duncan, Joe Allen, J. A. Huncutt, C. B. Harrill, S. R. Morgan, R. C. Ledbetter, Eruna Beam, W. F. Robinson, C. W. Keeter, J. O. Scruggs, D. C. Henson, G. P. Moore, E. A. Smart, W. J. Philbeck, J. P. Burnette, G. C. Hamrick, J. E. Womack, Chas. Doggett, J. A. Rucker.

The jury for the second week of court will be published in The Courier next week.

FOREST CITY DEFEATS OLD FORT TEAM

The Florence Pirates defeated the Old Fort Basket ball team here last Friday evening by a score of 18-65, in their first game of the season. The Florence Pirates showed up very well in this game and have a good season ahead of them. The attendance was very good.

PRIMARY GRADES WILL GIVE PLAY

Interesting Event at Grammar
School Auditorium On
November 23rd.

A play will be given by the primary grades of the Forest City grammar school at the Grammar school auditorium, Tuesday evening, November 23, at 7:30 p. m. This play will consist of scenes appropriate to the season of the year with the children of the first grade presenting Thanksgiving parts. The program is a miscellaneous program given by the three grades. There will be a small admission charge of 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. This money will be given to the grades giving the play for buying books for room libraries. This is the first play of this kind to be given here in two years and all parents are urged to come out Tuesday night, and see the small children put on a good program. The teachers are working hard to make it a great success and we are sure everybody who comes will enjoy this play as much as any you have ever seen.

Act 1—Grade 1.
Cantata, In Plymouth Town, Indian Chiefs; Pilgrim Parade and Song, Indian Parade; Song, Thanksgiving Day; Reading, Advice to Polly; Indian Lullaby, friends; Indian War Dance.

Act 2—Grade 2.
Midgett Orchestra, Duet—"The Quarrel."

Act 3—Grade 3.
Chorus—"Thanksgiving Song;" Reading—"A Boy and His Stomach;" Song—"Plumb Turkeys;" Folk Dance. Action Song—"Will You Come and Play."

Farmers night at the Kiwanis Club was a complete success, despite lowering clouds and rain, for our farmer friends came in large numbers to sit and dine with the business men while experts discussed the problems now confronting them.

The meeting was presided over by Vice President J. M. Edwards, who welcomed the visitors in a spirit of fellowship and stated that they were there for a round table discussion of the farmers' problems. Mr. D. H. Sutton had charge of the program. After stating the object of the meeting, he called upon Mr. J. D. Link for a short talk. Mr. Link after stating that farming is one of the greatest of businesses, went to the heart of his subject by saying that the farmer must have help, due to the present price of cotton. He is of the opinion that the cotton farmer will almost have to be starved into submitting to a curtailment of this crop. There is entirely too much hay and other things being shipped into the county, according to the speaker, who then went into a discussion of the dairy cow. He urged the farmers to unite and pool their interests learn diversification and predicted a great future for this section, stating that this is a state of golden opportunity.

Among the experts present, all of whom made inspiring talks, were Mr. C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist, of Raleigh; Mr. John W. Goodman, district agent demonstration work for W. N. C.; Mr. J. D. Kelley, horticulturist, Southern Railway Co.; Mr. H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist, Raleigh after hearing these gentlemen the farmers must have been convinced that the day for diversification has arrived and is their only salvation.

During round table discussion many spirited short talks were made and many interesting points were brought out for the benefit of the farmer. Practically every farmer guest was called upon to talk and nearly all responded. This meeting together with the short course given Tuesday and Wednesday should prove of much benefit to the farmers. It also tends to cement the bonds of friendship and mutual interests of the farmer and the business men. Possibly the first resultant good will be the erection of a chicken hatchery and potato storage house in Forest City.

A silver loving cup, won by Rutherford county at Swannanoa test farm for attendance, was presented to Mr. Plato Gettys, who accepted in the name of the county.

The spice of the evening was furnished by Mr. R. W. Minish, who, with Mrs. Minish at the piano, delighted the crowd with some jolly singing. Two Kentucky visitors, Dr. Leslie and Mr. Coleman, made short talks in which they praised this section and told of farming conditions in the Bluegrass state.

The Courier expects next week to carry a complete summary of the work during the short course for farmers.

When it was determined by the Kiwanis Club to give the farmers night program Mr. J. H. Thomas, on behalf of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, very generously offered to defray all expenses of the supper. This strong bank has a vital interest in the welfare of the farmers and is, indeed, the farmer's friend.

IN NEW QUARTERS

Mr. J. C. Harrill has moved his grocery store from Broadway to the Beachboard building on Main street, next door to The Courier office. He is rapidly getting in new stocks and equipment and in position to better serve his customers. He invites the public to visit him in his new home.