

ELLENBORO MILL BEGINS OPERATING ABOUT JAN. 15

Mr. C. F. Harry, of Grover, in Charge. To Be Enlarged Soon. New Looms Being Installed Now

Ellenboro, Dec. 21.—The Ellenboro Manufacturing Company is installing new looms this week for the manufacture of bed spreads. About thirty in number have been received, and they will be placed this week.

It is understood that considerable new stock has been sold in the enterprise, bringing the total up to about \$10,000.00 paid in stock.

Mr. C. F. Harry, owner of a mill in Grover, N. C., is managing the mill, and expects to begin operations about January 15.

It is stated on good authority that the mill will be enlarged after the first of the year and also possibly next fall. It is also stated that there will probably be another mill erected here in the near future.

Mr. W. H. Belk, of Belk Brothers, Charlotte, is interested in the new enterprise and owns stock in the mill. It was Mr. Belk who concluded the financing of the Ellenboro Mill recently. Under the management of Mr. Harry and with the Belk interests at the head of the new mill, the people of Ellenboro have the greatest confidence in the enterprise.

Mr. Pruette Dead

"Uncle" Goldy Pruette aged 76 years, of Ellenboro, died at his home here Sunday at midnight, following an extended illness of over a year.

Mr. Pruette was one of the town's oldest citizens, highly respected, and loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at Boiling Springs Tuesday. He is survived by one brother, Mr. G. B. Pruette.

FOREST CITY BEAUTIFULLY ILLUMINATED FOR HOLIDAYS

With a string of closely clustered red, white and green electric lights stretched the full length of the three beautiful little parkways that adorn the business district, together with a number of the cedar and evergreen trees glistening with the Christmas colors, Forest City blazed forth Friday night in all the glory of the happy holiday season. Trees of cedar and long leaf pine securely fitted into flag pole holders adorn the sidewalks in the business section, making a most creditable scheme of Christmas decorations. Much favorable comment is heard from visitors and tourists who tarry awhile to partake of the genuine Christmas cheer and native courtesy and hospitality.

On Friday evening there will be community Christmas tree at the Spindale House. The large, 30-foot tree, which stands directly in front of the building, will be brilliantly decorated and used as a Christmas tree. The co-operation of various business institutions has been secured, and a program has been prepared for the evening. The Spindale Band will be present and assist in the program with a number of specially selected Christmas musical numbers. This evening is to be one of the outstanding features of Christmas in town this year.

COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING DECEMBER 29TH

The meeting of the Rutherford County College Alumni will be held in the Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High School cafeteria Tuesday evening, December 28, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The program will consist of stunts, yells, songs, etc., by each delegation. It is desired that each delegation will select one of their number to make a short talk.

Plates will be \$1 each. On account of the limited space those expecting to attend are requested to make reservations at once. Send them to Professor B. L. Smith, Spindale.

THIEVES ENTER HENSLEY'S STORE

Get Approximately \$400.00 Worth of Merchandise. Other News From Spindale

Spindale, Dec. 21.—Thieves entered Hensley's Department Store here sometime Sunday night and took approximately four hundred dollars worth of clothing and other merchandise. Entrance to the store was gained through a front door. This is the third time within the last two years that the store has been burglarized. Previous to the latest robbery the thieves broke a glass in the front door and afterwards planks were nailed across the door, instead of replacing the glass. Sunday night's robbers removed the planks and entered the building.

Mr. Hensley states that fourteen men's suits, seven dresses, three ladies coats and several suitcases were among the articles that the thieves carried off, and that it is probable that a number of smaller articles were also taken.

It is believed that the robbery took place between 3 and 4 o'clock Monday morning. No clue has yet been found as to the guilty parties.

Miss Waddell Entertains

Miss Evelyn Waddell entertained a number of the young ladies at a party Monday evening from 7 to 10, at the Spindale House. At the close of the evening they met in the dining room, where a delicious salad with hot chocolate and cake was served. Following this they returned to the living room, where they found a present from "Santa" on the Christmas tree.

Those enjoying the party were Misses Mildred Williams, Sarah Callahan, Gladys Griffin, Carrie Lee Grose, Edith James, Gaynelle Brackett, Francis Setzer and Inez Keller. Miss Winn assisted Miss Waddell in the entertaining.

Spindale Defeats Greenville

The Spindale "Y" basketball team came back strong Saturday evening and took the Union Bleachery-Spindale game by a score of 60-27. The Spindale boys possessed the uncanny ability to shoot goals from any position and angle of the court. The odds seemed with Greenville when the husky bleachers came on the court, but at the end of the first quarter the locals led by eight points. The line-up follows: Spindale (60) Pos: Greenville (27) Nanney (26) R.F. Floyd (8) Yelton (10) L.F. Taylor (2) Sherrill (20) C. G. Belcher (2) Grose R.G. Brooks (5) Keeter L.G. B. Belcher (8) Substitutions: Spindale, Cowan for Nanney, C. Cowan (2) for Grose, Corn (2) for Cowan, Grose for Keeter. Greenville: Smith for Brooks, Cooper (2) for G. Belcher, Ivy for Floyd.

Christmas Activities

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On Thursday evening, beginning 7:30 o'clock, a Christmas program will be given at the Methodist Church. There will also be a Christmas tree, and the little people of the six beginners' classes in Sunday school will receive a "treat" from the school following the program.

The Presbyterian Church gave their Christmas program Tuesday night. The event was well attended.

Among those home for the Christmas holidays are Misses Ora Crenshaw, of Queens College, Charlotte; Ree Williams, Greensboro College for Women; Mr. M. D. Haney, Davidson College; Mr. Pink Nanney, Cecil's Business College, Spartanburg; Mr. Claude Reed, King's Business College, Charlotte, and Mr. Chivious Dobbins, King's, Charlotte.

What Christmas Really Is



(By DR. FRANK CRANE)

THE Christmas season is the season of the horizon line.

The earth and the sky, the clouds and the land, meet at the horizon line.

And so at Christmas time the practical and the ideal meet; what is, for the day, reaches up and joins hands with What Ought To Be.

Talk that is dubbed airy idealism during other seasons is the guiding plan of action when Christmas comes around.

On that day men think of others as well as themselves, they feast their bodies, but also their hearts.

Thoughts concern juicy brown drum-sticks and heaped white mountains of mashed potatoes, but they also concern the welfare of the unfortunate and the relieving of want.

One deals with the so-called "practical" part of life, the other with the "ideal." They both have part on Christmas Day.

No other season comes nearer humanity. It deals with the needs of the present. It takes men as they are and tries to bring the best in them to the top.

It is the most kindly, human season. It doesn't censure or lecture. It doesn't attack or berate. It melts the ice from the springs of human kindness and refreshes the world.

The significance of Christmas is apparent to all. Its rites are simple. There is nothing of the mystic ritual which is comprehended by only a few initiated. It is for all, understood by all.

It comes down to earth and deals with practical things, translating kindly impulses into kindly acts. It touches life as we live it and for one day lifts the world nearer what it should be. Like the parables of the Master, Christmas infuses idealism into the thoughts and acts of our everyday existence.

Those who look only at the sky, fail to see the earth, and those who gaze only at the earth do not see the sky. Only those who look at the horizon line appreciate them both and see them joined together.

During most of the year, in many minds the idealism of the Golden Rule and similar teachings and the practical actions of everyday life seem to stand far apart.

It is at the horizon line of the Christmas season that they are universally seen to draw together.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS PROBING RECENT WRECK

Rutherfordton, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Southern Railway have been here since the wreck on December 6 of passenger train No. 113, trying to solve the cause of the wreck. They offer \$100 for the arrest of the guilty party or parties who pulled the spikes from the cross-ties the night of December 5. To date the guilty parties have not been apprehended.

COLLEGE BOYS ORGANIZE BASKETBALL TEAM

A group of Rutherford County college boys have organized a basketball team. Mr. Joe Hamrick is business manager. This team will play the Pacific Mills team at Lyman, S. C., Thursday evening, December 23rd. On Wednesday evening, December 29th, they will meet the Spindale "Y" team at the Spindale House, Spindale. Game will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

ness College, Charlotte, and Mr. Chivious Dobbins, King's, Charlotte.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

The future conduct of the Associated Charities of Forest City was handed over Monday night to the Woman's Club. Under the name of the Family Welfare Association this organization enjoyed a most fruitful year during 1926, and the retiring officials were highly commended for their diligence and the large number of poor and unfortunates who were given aid. The action of the Woman's Club in assuming full responsibility this coming year will give the club the unique distinction of being the first organization of its kind to take over full control of a city's charity obligations. While a number of women's clubs have welfare departments, no other has ever been vested with the management of a municipal department.

PINEHURST SCHOOL NOTES

The Pinehurst School will give a Christmas tree Thursday afternoon, December 23d. The school will close for Christmas at this time and open again Monday December 27th.

THOS. J. MOSS WEDS MISS ROSE GAFFNEY

Prominent Young Forest City Attorney and Henrietta Lady Married Tuesday

A wedding of interest to the people of the entire county was that of Mr. Thomas J. Moss, of Forest City, and Miss Rose Gaffney, of Henrietta, which occurred Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at Rutherfordton. The ceremony was held in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, by Dr. M. A. Adams.

Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for their honeymoon.

Mrs. Moss is the daughter of Mrs. I. N. Miller, of Harris. During the last three years she has been secretary and bookkeeper for the Henrietta Mills Stores, which is managed by the groom's father, Mr. W. S. Moss.

Mr. Moss is a graduate of Wake Forest College and is one of the best known young lawyers in the county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moss, of Forest City. He was re-elected in November to his second term in the Legislature from this county.

Mr. Moss has an excellent law practice and a brilliant future is predicted for him.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

On account of going to press earlier this week, several communications from correspondents were compelled to be left out in order to close the forms on time. Our correspondents will please not be disappointed if their letters do not appear. For the sake of the Christmas advertisers we were compelled to get the paper out earlier this week. After the dawn of the New Year The Courier expects to get back to normal and carry all correspondence as heretofore.

MISS MINNIE TROUT DEAD

Miss Minnie Trout died Sunday morning at Morganton Hospital as a result of a fall from a three-story window. Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Grove Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., being in charge.

She is survived by Mr. Homer Trout, Camp Hill, Ala.; Miss Ella Trout, Spindale; Mrs. Anna Wiley, Hickory Grove, S. C.; her step-mother, Mrs. W. G. Trout, and four half-brothers and sisters.

CENTRAL HIGH DEFEATS COOL SPRINGS HIGH

Spindale, Dec. 22.—In one of the best games of basketball ever played here, Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High snatched victory from apparent defeat in the last quarter of last night's game, and downed their ancient Forest City rivals at the Spindale House court.

The scoring was close, with Central High in the lead, during the first half, but in the third quarter Forest City went ahead with two lucky goals and maintained the lead until near the close of the final quarter, when it was tied. The last two minutes of the playing was spectacular, both teams working like a machine. Edwards' and Elliott's shooting in the last 30 seconds of the play decided the game, making the final score 26-31.

Special sale of Christmas candies at Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

NEW MILLINERY IN

Mrs. A. C. Jones has just received a splendid line of new ladies' Spring Hats. These are in the very latest styles and the newest colors. Her assortment is complete, consisting of hats for all occasions. Go in now and see them and make an early selection.

We still have a complete assortment of gifts—toys, dolls, etc.—left for the last minute shoppers. Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

TO MAKE LITTLE FOLKS HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Kiwanians and Others to Provide Gifts for Poor Children of the City

Plans were perfected at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Monday evening for a Christmas treat for the little under-privileged children of the city. Kiwanis will see that the little fellows have a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve night and that they get some toys, candies, nuts, etc., as well as the real necessities of life.

The full membership of the club is expected to donate liberally to this fund, and the invitation is open for all of our citizens to join in and augment the Christmas fund so that there will be plenty for all and no child shall be overlooked in the distribution of the gifts. We expect the warm-hearted citizens of this city to respond promptly and liberally and are sure they will. See Mr. Harris or Mr. Minish, at the Farmers' Bank, at once and give them your donation.

The Kiwanis committee, composed of Messrs. M. H. Harris, chairman; R. W. Minish, E. O. Thomas, J. F. Weathers, A. C. Finch, J. M. Edwards, Charles Erwin, Terry Moore, Howard Doggett and others, has been busy preparing for the occasion. The committee will meet at the hall at 7 o'clock Friday evening and distribute the gifts to the poor children of the city, who otherwise would likely miss all the joy from the holiday season.

When you read this article, think of the little children, let the true spirit of Christmas have sway and immediately see one of the committee at the bank and make your donation.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

With a large attendance including many visitors, the club held a splendid meeting Monday evening. Mrs. R. B. Blanton, who has won the hearts of the club members with her splendid dinners, gave them a turkey feast Monday, including all the trimmings.

The program, provided by Mr. R. L. Reinhardt, was thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. A. M. Hughey, who has gained a reputation as a tenor of more than ordinary ability, sang, accompanied by Mr. Abe Glickman on the violin, with Mrs. R. W. Minish at the piano. Stormy applause greeted the trio.

Following this delightful part, came a spirited talk by Professor J. C. Newton, of Shelby, who has frequently contributed to the club meetings with his oratory. He was at his best, and only lack of space prevents a more extended notice of his speech, which held the audience spellbound while he extolled the Kiwanis spirit and made a plea for the poor little children of the city. His talk warmed the cockles of every heart and made donations to the Christmas fund a pleasure not realized perfectly until after hearing his eloquent plea.

Guests of the club Monday evening were: Misses Dora and Ova Matheny, Messrs. Wade and Marshall Matheny, C. T. Patterson, J. T. Harris, Professor J. C. Newton, Abe Glickman, A. M. Hughey, Mesdames A. C. Finch, M. H. Harris, R. R. Howes, J. H. Thomas, E. O. Thomas, Abe Glickman, R. L. Reinhardt. Mr. T. R. Padgett won the attendance prize.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

One of the most enjoyable musical events in the history of the city was the Christmas Cantata, rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church Sunday night, under the direction of Miss Goggans, organist and director. A crowd that taxed the capacity of the large auditorium and galleries was lavish in praise of the many splendid Christmas numbers.

Miss Ruth Moore, who is attending Columbia University, in New York, will arrive this week to spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore.