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SCOUT LEADERS HELD ANNUAL MEET TUESDAY EVENING

Large Gathering at Cleveland Springs Hotel for Annual Meeting of Piedmont Boy Scout Council. Rutherford Makes Good Showing

Near two hundred scout leaders of the five counties of the Piedmont Council, representing every walk of life, held an enthusiastic meeting at the Cleveland Springs Hotel, Shelby, Tuesday evening, on occasion of the annual meeting of the Piedmont Council. The dinner was up to the usual high standard of the Cleveland hostelry. Following the invocation reports from the various committees of the organization was given, showing that Boy Scout work had progressed wonderfully along all lines during 1926. The report of Mr. Fred C. Kinzie, vice-president of Rutherford County, showed that there was now twelve active troops in Rutherford and that during 1926 a standard scoutmaster's course had been given, three troops had been registered at camp, sixty-six second class badges had been awarded, and thirty-six first class, 238 merit badges, nineteen star scout, one life scout and two eagle scout awards had been made. Rutherford's quota of \$1,800 was also reported as raised.

Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, was re-elected to serve as Scout commissioner for 1927. Mr. Hugh White, of Gastonia was elected president of the Council.

The address of the evening, "Manhood Trained to Serve," was delivered by Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby.

Near the close of the meeting Judge O. C. Erwin, Mr. S. E. Elmore and Mr. W. S. Moore of Rutherford county were among those called upon for impromptu remarks.

Rutherford county was well represented at the meeting, having the second largest delegation present. Gaston led with about sixty present and Rutherford with twenty-one; as follows: Prof. L. W. Jones, John Williford, Messrs. Robert Daniel, O. C. Erwin, B. A. Buff, R. E. Price, of Rutherford; Messrs. G. B. Howard, S. E. Elmore, F. C. Kinzie, Clarence Griffin, J. H. Hill, Rev. G. W. Davis, Spindale; Dr. A. C. Duncan, G. R. Gillespie, Forest City; Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Henrietta; Mr. W. S. Moore, and Rev. R. N. Childress, Caroleen; Messrs. C. C. Hicks, Grady Withrow and J. J. Tarleton.

Philip Padgett, of Forest City, was present as a special guest of the occasion, and with two scouts of Gastonia, was presented the Eagle scout award, the highest rank to be attained in scouting. These awards were made by Scout Commissioner Gillespie, of Forest City with appropriate remarks.

The Piedmont Boy Scout council has been the outstanding Boy Scout organization in the state and leads in having the largest membership, in scout advancement, in having the largest camp enrollment and in the general activities of the year.

During the year four hundred scouts of the Piedmont council camped at the council camp at Lake Lanier, thirteen hundred merit badges have been awarded, sixteen scouts have qualified for the eagle scout rank and the activities of the year have been especially recognized both locally and nationally. The membership of the Piedmont council covers more than 1,100 men and boys.

With the election of Mr. Fred C. Kinzie, at this meeting, as county vice-president, the county of Rutherford is now completely organized, after fashion of the council. Together with Mr. Kinzie as chairman in the county the following chairmen of committees will administer the scout program in Rutherford next year: Messrs. Z. O. Jenkins, Finance; B. A. Buff, Court of Honor; C. A. Erwin, Training; Dr. A. C. Duncan, Camping; O. C. Erwin, Troop Organ-

COUNTY CLUB HEARS HON. MAX GARDNER

January Meeting of the Club Favored by Stirring Address by Next Governor of N. C.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 18.—Hon. O. Max Gardner, at all times a polished and brilliant speaker, was at his very best when he addressed the January meeting of the Rutherford County Club here today. Using farm diversification as a general subject he discussed the subject very thoroughly and showed that his knowledge had been gained through an intensive and practical study of the subject, and not through hearsay. For more than thirty minutes he held his listeners spellbound with his wonderful oratory, and showed that he was in full sympathy with the farmer in his present predicament. He told how Cleveland County business men were aiding the farmer, and gave examples of practical plans that might work as well in Rutherford.

Following the address of Mr. Gardner, a small amount of routine business was transacted, part of which was appointment of committees to draft resolutions on the recent deaths of Messrs. J. M. Edwards and C. D. Geer.

SUPERIOR COURT TO CONVENE FEB. 7

Heavy Docket to Come Before Approaching Term of Rutherford County Superior Court

Rutherfordton, Jan. 19.—Superior Court will convene here Monday, February 7th. As yet no Judge has been assigned to preside. A list of the jurors will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Courier. The following is the court calendar for the term:

- Monday, February 7**
Mosely vs. Mosely.
Hensley vs. Hensley.
McConnon Co. vs. Marsh et al (Protest.)
Carsters & Earls vs. Farmers Hardware Co.
Green vs. Green.
Swift vs. Champion.
Waldrop vs. Waldrop.
Butler vs. Butler.
Quinn vs. Taylor.
Hospital vs. Porter & Boyd.
Amer. Agri. Co. vs. Wells.
Tuesday, February 8
McAlister vs. Morris.
Babeock vs. Thomas.
Taylor vs. Taylor.
Robbins vs. Robbins.
Baily vs. Haynes.
Bland-Holden vs. Harrihl.
Moore vs. Moore.
Churchwell vs. Churchwell.
Dyers vs. C. C. & O. Ry.
Lowery vs. Blanton.
Wednesday, February 9
Insurance Co. vs. Weast.
McBrayer vs. Hardin.
Almond vs. Clinchfield Mfg. Co.
Morrow vs. Oil Co.
Bryant vs. Hamilton.
Green Motor vs. Hamrick.
Thursday, February 10
Aldridge vs. Insurance Co.
Proctor vs. Proctor.
Twitty vs. Coca-Cola Company.
Friday, February 11
Whiteside vs. Rutherford County Laundry.
Hardware Co. vs. Baseball Club.
Guffey vs. Jones.
Ellis vs. Reid.

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ization; Rev. W. L. Latham, Church Relations; Prof. B. L. Smith, School Relations; Clarence Griffin, Publicity; J. W. Eaks, Reading; E. E. Harrihl, Civic service.
A meeting of these committees will be held at an early date to plan objectives in the county.
The 1928 annual meeting will very likely be held at some point in Rutherford County. Dr. A. C. Duncan and Judge O. C. Erwin extended invitations, which were referred to the proper committee.

GOLDEN TORNADO NEW NAME FOR HI SCHOOL QUINT

Cool Springs Boys Playing Fast Game—Two Games Here This Week

Championship Form
The Cool Springs High School basketball team seems to have hit the stride towards the championship when they defeated Marion High School 39 to 20 Tuesday night, January 11. Also the girls defeated the Marion team the same night with a score 36 to 24.

Dubbed The Golden Tornado
The boys received new uniforms last week. They are old gold, trimmed with black. They were dubbed the Golden Tornado Friday night, January 14, when they defeated the fast Central Hi team 24-17. The largest crowd of rooters that ever witnessed a basketball game in Rutherford county was present. The game was anybody's game until the last few minutes. Both teams played first class basketball during the whole game. The referee remarked that this was one of the cleanest basketball games that he had ever refereed. Also the fans of both teams conducted themselves in a very sportsmanlike manner. This was the most exciting game that has ever been played on the local court.

Double Header Friday

Friday night January 21, there will be a double header on the Forest City court. The Lincolnton boys and girls will make their first appearance on the local court. Forest City has had the pleasure of playing Lincolnton in football and baseball for two years. The local boys are expecting a hard fight Friday night to retain their winning streak. Admission to these games will be the regular price of one which is 25 and 35 cents.

Play Candler Saturday Night

The fast team from Candler will play the High School here Saturday night, January 22. This will be one of the fastest games of the season since Candler is bidding for the honor as champions of North Carolina this year. The fans who have season tickets will be admitted to this game in place of the one February 8. We are unable to schedule a game for this date. It is hoped that all the fans will take notice of this change. Mr. Paul Moss of this city is the coach of the Candler team. The games Friday night will start promptly at 7:30 since we have a double header. The girls game will be played first.

Mr. Oren Newton employee of the Palace Barber shop, has been ill with smallpox. But we are glad to say at the present he is back at his chair.

DEFEATS CENTRAL HI SCHOOL QUINT

Cool Springs Retaliates For Recent Defeat at Spindale and Scuttle Central High 18-24.

Playing the fastest game of the season Cool Springs took revenge on Central High for the recent defeat handed them at Spindale, and won Friday evening's game by a score of 18-24. The game was hard fought from start to finish and was featured by fast playing by both quints. One of the largest crowds of the season witnessed the game and cheered lustily as the ball was passed to and fro in an effort to score. Neither side was able to score in the first quarter, excepting a free throw which gained Cool Springs one point. Both teams fared better in the second quarter and the half ended with Central High leading by a score of 8-7. The second half started off with a rush and when the third quarter (Continued on Page Four)

AGONIZING DEATH IN OVERDOSE OF POISON MEDICINE

Davis Boy Gets Wrong Bottle of Medicine, and Death Follows at Hospital

Grady Davis, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, of the New House district, died an agonizing death at the Rutherford Hospital at 4 o'clock, Thursday morning, January 13th, as a result of having taken by mistake, an overdose of medicine containing "Atropine", a highly volatile poison.

The child took the dose at school Wednesday and was immediately taken ill, and Thursday afternoon was rushed to the Rutherford Hospital, totally blind and his jaws locked as with tetanus—in the hope that doctors at the institution would be able to overcome the poison with an antidote.

But he was beyond medical aid. The circumstances of the case, according to the Cleveland Star, Shelby, are as follows:

A doctor was called to the Davis home Tuesday to prescribe for Grady. Medicine prescribed, containing "Atropine" with directions to be given six drops at intervals in water.

The child was well enough to go to school Wednesday, but his mother wished him to get the benefit of the medicine, and to this end dropped six drops of the prescription in a bottle filled with water, and told Grady to take it to school with him and at the hour appointed, drink it.

In his haste in getting off from home the boy took from the shelf not the bottle with the six drops in water, but the original bottle, containing the unadulterated solution.

At the appointed time Grady took the dose, and almost at once it took effect. He went stone blind and developed hallucinations within an hour.

Before the school took in that morning the children played a game of hunting the rabbit. And Grady's hallucination took the form of the rabbit hunt. While the school children, his friends and pals, stood around the stove aghast and wondering, the little fellow whooped it up in the school room, chasing the imaginary rabbit, hitting at it as the vision darted among the benches.

Meantime the pupils of his eyes had dilated until they took on an unnatural and wild appearance. He was sightless as the Sphinx.

A physician was hurriedly sent for in the hope of administering a helpful antidote. But by the time the doctor arrived the jaws of the sufferer were so locked together—simulating the form of lockjaw—that it was impossible to pry them apart.

As an extremity he was rushed to the Rutherford hospital, where he lingered, delirious, until four o'clock Thursday morning.

FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Mr. C. F. Cline President and Mr. S. E. Elmore Secretary, Directors Re-Elected.

Spindale, Jan. 18.—A meeting of the officials and board of directors of the Rutherford County Fair Association was held in the office of Mr. S. E. Elmore here Thursday. Objectives for 1927 were planned and officers were elected. The following were selected, and will serve during 1927: President, C. F. Cline; vice-president, Z. O. Jenkins; Secretary, S. E. Elmore; treasurer, F. C. Kinzie. The old board of directors were re-elected.

Mr. Louis Stalnaker, Southern Railway Clerk, who has been located in Forest City nearly a year, was recently assigned to Sumter, S. C. as clerk there, and will leave Forest City this week.

CHILD KILLED BY TRUCK SATURDAY

Guy Wallace, Jr., Dies in Hospital Following Injuries Received When Struck by Truck.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 17.—Guy Wallace, Jr., three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wallace, of this place, was killed here Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a Dodge truck at the intersection of highway 19 and Green Street.

It is reported that the truck which was being driven by C. H. Lavender, had just passed the curve at the intersection of the streets when the boy ran in front of the truck. A buggy was a short distance in front of the truck, both headed for town, and this partially obscured the driver's view.

The lad was struck on the head by the radiator, receiving a fractured skull. Mr. Lavender picked up the boy and carried him to the hospital where he died two hours later without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Lavender was driving a truck for a cafe and baking company. He was accompanied by Mr. Joe Ferree, of Logan's Station. Mr. Ferree states that the truck was making from ten to fifteen miles per hour, and that the accident was unavoidable.

MRS. S. G. BRIDGES PASSED MONDAY

Well-Known Forest City Woman Passes Following Extended Illness of Heart Trouble.

Funeral services for Mrs. S. G. Bridges were held at the First Baptist Church here Wednesday morning, Jan. 19, at 10 o'clock, with Rev. W. A. Ayers, pastor and Rev. Zeno Wall, of Shelby in charge. Interment followed in Cool Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Bridges died Monday afternoon, at 4:30, at her home on West Main Street, Forest City, following an extended illness. She had been in declining health for some time, but during the last two weeks she seemed to be improving. She arose Monday morning at her customary hour, but soon began to complain of being nauseated and later of shortness of breath, and gradually grew worse until death relieved her sufferings Monday afternoon. The cause of her death was given as heart trouble and complications.

Mrs. Bridges was seventy-four years of age. Her husband preceded her to the grave several years ago, having died in 1907. She is survived by seven children, Messrs. B. A. Bridges, Union Mills; Festus Bridges, Forest City, D. T. Bridges, Cliffside; Miss Ada Bridges, Forest City; Messrs. Miles Bridges, Durham, N. C.; T. Y. Bridges, Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. F. R. Wilkins, Forest City. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Bridges was a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist church. She joined the church early in life, and in 1879 moved her membership to Cool Springs Baptist church, now First Baptist church, where it has since remained.

The pall bearers were Messrs. T. G. Stone, F. I. Barber, Charles Flack, Glen Abernethy, John Dalton and R. L. Reinhardt. The church was filled to capacity with friends and relatives of this venerable woman. The floral tribute at the cemetery attested the high esteem in which she was held by all.

BASKETBALL

The Florence Pirates will meet the Spindale Athletic Club at the Spindale House tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. With the introduction of several new players on the Spindale team the game is expected to be close and hard fought, and one that will be worth going a great distance to see.

J. W. DALTON TAKES OFFICE AS KIWANIS PRESIDENT

Succeeds J. M. Edwards, Deceased President Elect—Outlines Policies for New Year—Committees Named

Vice President J. W. Dalton was elected to the presidency of the Kiwanis Club at the weekly luncheon meeting Monday night, to succeed J. M. Edwards, elected in December, and who died before taking the office. The president's pin was delivered by past President F. I. Barber, who in a few well chosen words pinned the emblem to the lapel of the new officer's coat. The recent passing of president-elect J. M. Edwards had cast a pall over the assemblage. Mr. Barber stated that he had, as retiring president, prepared a speech for the ceremony of inducting into office the new president, but in doing so had outlined it with the expectation of turning over the office to Mr. Edwards. He, therefore, in a few words, paid tribute to the departed brother and offered best wishes to the incoming officer.

Mr. Dalton, whose voice was choked with emotion, paid a tribute to Mr. Edwards, and in a short speech, outlined the work for the new year, saying:

"A little while ago there sat among you a true Kiwanian, a gentleman and a man universally loved. He was a man and a gentleman in every respect. It was he whom you elected to pilot the ship of Kiwanis for the year 1927. Already he had made preparations for sailing. He was on the Captain's deck, eager to begin the voyage; all things were ready except to pull anchor. Then without warning the Captain of this great enterprise was stricken and in a week's time had passed beyond. His death staggered us. We felt there was none to take his place. It left Kiwanis disorganized and bewildered, almost unable to grope its way in the dark. Yet, when you come to think of it, this is true to life. In every phase of life, men at the wheel are falling, whether it is in the rush of business or whether it is in the quiet of the evening the immutable law is obeyed. The call comes; the call is obeyed.

"We may pause, but we cannot stop; the wheel of time moves on. The work of the universe must be carried on, the place of the fallen brother must be filled.

"In the hour of distress, you have seen fit to raise me to the office of president. I cannot fill the boots of Joe Edwards, for there is no doubt that he would have led you to many a sunny shore and many new climes. It would have been a wonderful voyage. I thank you for the high esteem with which you regard me. I cannot fill the place of Joe Edwards, but I can fill the place of John Dalton. To what success, to what achievement, I can lead this club, remains to be seen.

"Lord Nelson, the greatest English Admiral, once fought the French off the coast of England, when the destiny of England was at stake. When the tide seemed turned against him, he hoisted a banner with these memorable words on it, 'England expects every man to do his duty.'

"Fellow Kiwanians, Kiwanis expects every man to do his duty. As President of this club I shall lean on you. I shall expect every man of you to do a full measure of service. I don't want a weak and passive club. I don't want a club to drift, but I want a strong, aggressive, fighting club, a club which goes out after things.

"The challenge comes to every member of this club to raise in his might and with a burning zeal carry on the work of Kiwanis with a greater enthusiasm than ever before. Men, can I depend on you? Will you give me 100 per cent? Will each member of this club put his shoulder to the wheel and move to action the great dominant forces which are burning? (Continued on Page Four)