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THE COUNTY CLUB ENDORSES STEPHENS REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

Decision to Join In Invitation To Well Known Evange- list Unanimous—Elec- tion of Officers— Snappy Speeches

Without discussion, a resolution offered by Rev. W. L. Latham to join other clubs, civic bodies, ministers and representative citizens, in extending to Rev. Geo. T. Stephens, of High Point, N. C., an invitation to conduct a county-wide evangelist campaign, from a centrally located tabernacle, was unanimously concurred in by the Rutherford County club at its December meeting held at the Iso-Thermal Hotel Tuesday noon. The secretary of the club was instructed to convey this information to the evangelist.

Tuesday was election day and the following men will steer the destinies of the club for the year 1928: President, R. E. Price; Vice-president, Dr. R. H. Crawford; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. W. Beason; Directors, Dr. C. F. Gold, O. J. Holler, S. E. Elmore, these newly elected officers succeeding President C. H. Haynes, Vice-president Fred Hamrick and Sergeant-at-Arms G. W. Rollins. The meeting Tuesday was presided over and called to order by Mr. Chas. H. Haynes and opened with prayer by Rev. G. R. Gillespie. Mr. Z. O. Jenkins, chairman, reported for his committee, that attractive metal signs were being placed along the route of the Black Bear trail from the South Carolina line to Thermal City, and the job would soon be completed. The gold medal awarded O. J. Holler, as the Master Farmer of Rutherford county, was displayed by Mr. S. E. Elmore and elicited hearty applause.

A contract sent up by the telephone company demanding toll-rates to and from users of Bell phones at Avondale and Cliffside was ordered tabled and the committee executing a former contract, with the addition of Mr. M. L. Edwards, was continued for further investigation and report.

A resolution sent up by Mr. K. S. Tanner for the promotion of Rutherford county airplane mail service, by means of a star route or otherwise to Spartanburg, to give the county accelerated mail facilities between local business interests and Eastern cities, was unanimously adopted and correspondence with post-office department ordered.

Mr. O. J. Holler was the first speaker of the interesting program, saying in part, that in the estimation of road officials and agricultural leaders, Rutherford county was possibly the outstanding county of the State, save in the matter of production exceeding marketing facilities, which was now being speedily remedied through diversified farming and dairying, together with the rapid growth of the Farmers Federation. He stated that 90 per cent of the Master Farmers of the state were students of the State's Extension Department and readers of the Progressive Farmer.

Mr. Z. O. Jenkins, speaking on the textile outlook for 1928, in his usual happy way, created optimistic visions of good business, without doubt for the first six months of the year, saying, superstition and tradition often affected adversely any prophecies that might be made for a prosperous condition during the year of a presidential election, which he attributed to pessimists and calamity howlers, establishing a precedent to the contrary by calling attention to the high peak year of 1920.

Mr. M. L. Edwards, discussing municipal progress in the county, said that in so far as he had been able to learn no municipality had planned any definite program for the coming year. Forest City contemplated the erection of a modern city hall and Rutherfordton was just now interested in reducing city taxes. Other towns were anticipating "sitting tight" with the entire county interested in the capturing of new industries and hoping to take on a gradual and steady development. Cliffside had recently carried out a gigantic program in the change to the manufacture of towels on a large scale. Mr. Edwards, with the

PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Courier office will be open for business all of next week and a small edition will be printed and issued on Thursday. This is done in order to take care of some legal advertising and a number of regular advertisers who do not wish to miss an issue of Rutherford county's leading newspaper. The printers, who have labored so faithfully during the year to produce your favorite weekly, will be given a few days' rest and recreation, taking time off in relays, so that enough to take care of your immediate needs in job printing, etc., will always be on duty and glad to accommodate you for any rush order you may need. Our correspondents will please not send in anything but important news, as the issue of The Courier will be limited for space, possibly only eight pages being printed for the holiday week.

SPINDALE WINS OVER OLD FORT

Visitors Go Down to a 44-38 Defeat Saturday Evening At The Spindale House

Spindale, Dec. 19.—The Spindale Athletic Club continued its winning streak here Saturday evening by defeating the Old Fort team 38-44 in a hectic battle.

The home boys had Old Fort entirely outclassed but the fast passing and quick playing which they had been drilled in did not work so well, owing to the slowness of the visitors. Berry showed up well for Spindale while Hughes and A. Steppe made most of Old Fort's goals.

Summary follows:
Spindale (44) Pos. Old Fort (38)
Grose (10) Hughes (13)
R. F.
Clay (7) Harris (4)
L. F.
Sherrill (6) A. Steppe (12)
C.
Williams (6) J. Steppe (6)
L. G.
Berry (15) Noblett (3)
L. G.

Play Kings Mountain Friday
Spindale will meet the Kings Mountain Club on the local court Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Other games scheduled to date are: Inman, Tuesday December 27; Friday December 30, Spartan Mills (There); Saturday December 31, Spartan Mills, here; Friday January 6, Boiling Springs; Saturday January 7, Forest City All-Stars; Friday, January 20, Lenoir, (there).

One big shipment of new spring hats just received. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.

Other speakers, sounded a key-note of optimism for 1928.

A very interesting meeting closed with the conducting of the new president into office and the retirement of Mr. Haynes who has so successfully guided the actions and deliberations of the club through 1927.

Resolution Adopted by Club

The following is the exact text of the resolution unanimously concurred in by the Rutherford County Club at its Tuesday meeting.

"Inasmuch as a large number of representative citizens, ministers and church officers, recently assembled, launched a movement and endorsed plans for a county-wide evangelistic campaign, to be conducted by Evangelist George T. Stephens and party, and, whereas, this plan has been heartily concurred in by a number of local clubs, civic bodies and many ministers and churches,

Be it resolved that the Rutherford County Club hereby join in extending an invitation to Rev. Geo. T. Stephens and party to come to our county.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed, by the secretary, to Mr. Stephens and a copy furnished each of the county papers."

The above resolution was offered by Rev. W. L. Latham, of Rutherfordton, received an immediate second followed by a unanimous vote for its adoption.

HEART ATTACK PROVES FATAL TO MR. C. A. WILKIE

Stricken While Driving in His Car Monday Morning and Dies Instantly

The sudden death of Mr. Cyrus A. Wilkie from heart attack Monday morning caused a shock to his many friends here and throughout the county. Mr. Wilkie, who had been in ill health for some time, but able to attend to light business affairs, was complaining some early Monday morning, but nothing serious was thought of the matter. About 11 o'clock he entered his car to drive up town. When reaching the intersection of Florence and Powell streets, he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack, losing control of his car, which came to a stop when hitting a tree in the yard of Mrs. W. M. Padgett. Physicians stated that it was their conclusion that the attack had been fatal and that he had expired before the car came to a stop. The car was damaged some in front, but, fortunately, Mr. Wilkie was not bruised or cut in the accident.

The stricken man was immediately removed to the residence of Mr. Geo. Metcalf, on the corner, and physicians immediately summoned. Drs. G. P. Reid and W. C. Bostic, Jr., immediately responded, but found Mr. Wilkie dead upon their arrival. The body was then tenderly removed to his residence, where hundreds called to console the stricken family.

Mr. Wilkie had been in ill health for about four years, having to retire from some of his business affairs, but being a man of tremendous energy, he had been fairly active up to the end. About four years ago he suffered a severe hurt to one of his legs in an automobile accident. Blood poisoning developed, and from that day on the wound never entirely healed, causing him much suffering and discomfort. A man of infinite patience, good nature and firm determination, he displayed an uncomplaining spirit and cheerful demeanor throughout his affliction. Low blood pressure and heart trouble developed, the sudden stroke causing his untimely death Monday morning.

Mr. Wilkie was the son of the late Geo. P. Wilkie, who died nearly 30 years ago, and was born and reared in the Shiloh section. He joined the Baptist church when a young man and was active in church work. For a number of years he taught a Sunday School class for boys. He was a man of many fine qualities. Possessed of a warm spirit and genial disposition, he drew unto himself many warm personal friends, to whom he was loyal and true. The writer knew him to love him, as did hundreds of other friends, who valued the man for his many fine qualities. Most wonderful to us, was his unflinching cheerfulness, good nature and uncomplaining spirit in the face of afflictions and suffering. This noble trait, along with his loyalty and devotion, brought to him many warm friends, who were bound to him with unbreakable bonds of affection and devotion. In his tender devotion to his family and his aged mother was displayed the true character of the man, and this trait was broad and true enough to also include his friends. Such men are the salt of the earth, and his passing is not only a severe loss to family and friends, but to the county at large.

Mr. Wilkie organized the first knitting mill in the county in 1910. He was twice a member of the Board of Aldermen of Forest City and was instrumental in securing electric lights for the town. He was general manager of the Trout-Wilkie Lumber Company, of Wallaceville, S. C., from 1919 to 1925.

He was married in 1896 to Miss Dora S. Fortune, to which union were born four children, three of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. W. L. Horn, and Miss Leona Wilkie, of Forest City, and A. L. Wilkie, of Bessemer City. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Kate Wilkie, of Forest City, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. C. D. Kirby, and Mrs. Lillian Stieler, of New York, Mrs. J. B. Mears, Forest City; J. A. Wilkie, of Charlotte, W. H. Wilkie, of Greenville, S. C.

The funeral services were held

CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS HELD

Teachers of Vocational Agri- cultural Courses Meet in Ellenboro Thursday

Ellenboro, Dec. 20.—Better methods of teaching vocational agriculture and problems of the teachers were the chief topics discussed at the conference of agricultural teachers, held at the Ellenboro school last Thursday afternoon by J. M. Osteen, district agricultural supervisor from Troy, N. C. The following teachers attended: D. H. Sutton, of the Cool Springs High School; W. J. Isbell, from Green's Creek school in Polk county; V. C. Taylor, teacher for the Lattimore school and Mr. Wilson, teacher of agriculture for the Denver school in Lincoln county. Mr. Osteen asked A. B. Bushong, teacher for the Ellenboro school to demonstrate how to teach a farm job pertaining to poultry raising to a class of agricultural students. This was followed by a discussion on the best methods of teaching vocational agriculture.

A round table discussion of each teacher's problems was of special interest and help to each teacher present.

At the close of the conference the Ellenboro Sweet Potato House and the School Hatchery, both of which are community projects developed by the agricultural department of the school, were visited.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES

A large number were present at Monday evening's meeting and the supper by Mrs. R. R. Blanton drew forth unbounded praise from the members of the club she has served so well during the year.

President Dalton reviewed the work of the club during the year. This paper, full of interest, will be published next week so that our readers may become acquainted with the accomplishments of the club for 1927 and its recommendations for the New Year.

The program was in charge of Rev. Geo. R. Gillespie, who had the Methodist choir render a beautiful Christmas carol. Among those taking part were Messrs. R. W. Minish, and G. V. Frye, Mrs. Burrell Moore, Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris, Mrs. Ernest Robertson, Mrs. Ruth Rudisill and Miss Myrtle Doggett.

Miss Bernice Kanipe, medal winner in oratory at the local high school last term, gave a splendid reading, subject, "Getting Even With Sister."

Dr. Gillespie made a plea that the city's poor be remembered Christmas, and contributions were liberal. The different bodies, working together will distribute gifts to the unfortunate Saturday night.

The one great thing that Tarheel farmers may learn from those in continental Europe is the practice of thrift, say those county agents who visited Northern Europe this past summer.

at the residence at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 21.

A large concourse of sorrowing friends there joined the loved ones in their last respects to this good man. Among the ministers who made touching talks were Rev. M. M. Huntley, Shiloh; Dr. John S. Wood, Forest City; Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby, and Rev. Connor, Forest City. Following these rites, the interment took place in Cool Springs cemetery. The large gathering of friends and profuse floral offerings bore mute testimony to the love and affection held for the deceased.

The following acted as active pallbearers: Messrs. M. J. Harrill, E. O. Thomas, R. N. Holmes, Bryan Harrill, G. C. King, Charles Z. Flack, Foy Horn, R. L. Reinhardt, Spurgeon Moss.

Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. C. E. Alcock, C. M. Robinson, B. B. Doggett, R. E. Biggerstaff, J. H. Thomas, H. B. Doggett, R. K. Hollifield, M. M. Young and W. C. Hardin. Flower bearers were Mesdames C. E. Alcock, A. L. McDaniel, Spurgeon Moss, Carl Huntley, Misses Margaret Ware, Mary Crowell.

ADAVILLE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Dec. 19.—The Adaville Sunday school will give a Christmas program and have a Christmas tree.

The Oakland school is preparing a Christmas program and will have a tree.

Mr. C. L. Moore and Mr. Grady Moore and family visited at Mr. A. C. Moore's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Owens spent Sunday at Mr. Sam Ruppe's.

Miss Vesta McBrayer spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilber McBrayer, in Forest City.

Mrs. Hollis Moore, one of Oakland's teachers has been sick for several weeks. Miss Ruby Ellis of Shelby is teaching in her place.

Mrs. James Crow has been sick for the past two weeks, but is much better.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to The Courier and its many readers.

CANTATA GIVEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Capacity Audience Attends Christmas Musical Pro- gram at First Baptist Church

A capacity audience greeted the choir of thirty voices at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock when they rendered their Christmas program, a cantata, "The King Cometh," by R. M. Stults. Many were present from neighboring towns. The audience was a very appreciative one giving perfect attention throughout the evening to the excellent program that was rendered. The Christmas program by the choir has come to be one of the great services of the year and is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. The people are watching with interest and approbation the development of the Baptist choir under the efficient leadership of Miss Catherine Goggans, the organist and choir director. Miss Goggans was at her best at the organ and pleased the audience throughout the program. The tenor role sung by Mr. A. M. Hughey was very effectively done. Mrs. A. M. Glickman, as soprano soloist, measured up to her usual standard of excellence. Miss Ruth Mears was at her best in the obligato work. The solo by Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris displayed the unusual range of her beautiful voice. Misses Wilder, Gaines, Mr. E. H. Freeman and Mr. S. F. Smith came in for their share of the honors among the soloists. The violin played by Mr. A. M. Glickman furnished a splendid background for the entire ensemble. The program gave such general satisfaction that the choir has been asked to give it over the radio by one of the nearby stations.

Green and white was the color scheme used in the decorations so skillfully carried out by Mrs. T. R. Padgett and Mrs. C. A. Petty, which added much to the beauty of the occasion, long to be remembered.

Wise Men—R. C. Alexander, Frank Dorsey, Thomas Dorsey.
Chorus—Sopranos: Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Mrs. Ernest Roberson, Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris, Mrs. Walsh Moore, Mrs. J. S. Rudisill, Mrs. R. R. Howes, Mrs. Walter Smith, Miss Nell Young Young, Miss Myrtle Doggett.
Altos—Mrs. Burwell Moore, Mrs. Leon Frye, Miss Ruth Dorsey, Harry Kendrick.
Tenor—W. W. Smith, George F. Bradley.
Bassos—R. W. Minish, G. V. Frye, Ray McCraw.

A program by the juniors and primaries of the Sunday school will be given Friday evening of this week at 7:30. This will consist of choruses and recitations. All are cordially invited.

CANTATA AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

"The Vision," A Pageant Story in Two Parts, to Be Given At 7:15 P. M.

"The Vision Eternal," a pageant story cantata in two parts, will be given at the M. E. Church Sunday evening at 7:15.

The pageant-cantata is divided into two parts. Part I represents the Night of Promise, the long years before the coming of Christ to earth. The captives long for release, the prophets foretell a Messiah. Judea, waiting, entreates the watchman for tidings of a coming dawn. The stars proclaim God's promises of a Redeemer. The Night of Promise bids all wait patiently God's appointed time.

Part II represents the Light of Fulfillment come at last. The Light is revealed to the lowly shepherds, and the angel sings the joyous news to the world. The Star of Bethlehem he glad news to the wise men, who come with gifts. So the captives find release, the prophets behold the angels of His birth, the watchman sees the Star of Bethlehem arise and the Light of Fulfillment ever shines.

The characters are as follows:
Night—Sarah Bridges.
Captives of Babylon—Commie Frye, Pauline Erwin, Mary Moss, Madge Moore.

Stars—Lois Moores, Dorothy Doggett, Pearl Irvin, Annie Moore, Fay Adams, Christine Sutton.
Prophets—Charles Bridges, Robert King, William Biggerstaff.
Judea—Dorothy Rudisill.
Watchman—Marshall Giles.
Light of Fulfillment—Mary Frye.
Star of Bethlehem—Mildred Moores.

Angel—Frances Ledbetter.
Shepherds—Carter Thomas, Howard Magness, Jack Rudisill, Charles Beam.
Wise Men—R. C. Alexander, Frank Dorsey, Thomas Dorsey.
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LESLIE STEWART DEAD

Leslie Stewart, aged about 17 years old, died in the hospital at Concord Saturday afternoon, following an operation. This was the third operation underwent by the boy within recent weeks.

He was an inmate of the Jackson Training school. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. C. E. Huntley here, with Dr. W. A. Ayers in charge. Interment was in Cool Springs cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters and several brothers, all of Forest City.

GIN AT BOILING SPRINGS BURNED

The cotton gin of C. J. Hamrick Sons at Boiling Springs was destroyed by fire Sunday night about 9 o'clock. Three bales of cotton in the gin were also burned, according to reports here. There was some insurance it is said on the gin property.

A truck from the Shelby fire department answered the alarm, but there was little hope of saving the gin.

The origin of the fire had not been determined, it was said.

Rev. H. H. Cassidy, pastor, will preach at the Presbyterian church Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited. There will be no preaching service next Sunday night.

I am closing out my felt and velvet hats for \$1.00 and \$2.00. Mrs. E. E. McCurry.