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HON. O. MAX GARDNER ADDRESSES RUTHERFORD COUNTY CLUB TUESDAY

January Meeting Is Held At The Spindale House With Good Attendance

Spindale, Jan. 18.—The January meeting of the Rutherford County Club, which was held at the Spindale House Tuesday noon, was well attended. Sixty-four plates were served by the ladies of the Spindale Baptist Church.

At the opening of the business session, Mr. Charles Haynes made a report for the committee on the Black Bear Trail. The trail is being marked through this county, largely through the efforts of this committee. Mr. N. C. Harris made a report for the telephone committee, and the Club adopted resolutions relative to the county telephone system, which will be forwarded to Mr. Morgan B. Spier.

Mr. James G. K. McClure introduced Mr. George Evans, of Asheville, field representative of the Farmers Federation, who made a few remarks.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: program committee; Messrs. Z. O. Jenkins, chairman; C. F. Cline, Clyde A. Erwin, Membership committee; Messrs. F. I. Barber, chairman, K. S. Tanner, W. H. Payne, Grievance; Messrs. J. R. Moore, chairman, Grover Harrill, S. C. Gettys, Nomination committee; Messrs. M. L. Edwards, chairman, S. E. Elmore and J. W. Matheny.

Following this Mr. L. B. Morse introduced Hon. O. Max Gardner, who spoke in part as follows:

"The European farmer thinks in small areas. He is stolid, conservative, efficient, thrifty and patient citizen. He knows the science of the seasons and the rewards of intelligent labor. He loves the soil with a passion almost filial in its devotion. He might neglect his family but wouldn't ever mistreat or abuse his sacred soil. He naturally nurses his land to keep it warm. His growing crops seem to bow to him in grateful appreciation, because he never allows them to go hungry. He knows little about our vast acreages or shameful waste or hit-or-miss methods, or modern machinery, but he is a practical chemist when it comes to understanding the food value of fertilizers. He is an artistic expert in soil preparations and a successful merchant in conserving and marketing his crops. He would starve if he practiced the American methods of marketing and waste.

"He cultivates a small plot of from three to five acres, and makes a living on it. He expects but little and gets it and saves it. He is more particular with his twigs than we are with our forests. He knows nothing about waste or idle land. The European peasant rarely moves from the small farm on which he was born, and this accounts for his deep attachment to the soil.

"The French Revolution broke up the large estates of France, and most of the rural lands in that country are now owned by the small farmers, who are the strength, character and hope of France. Lloyd George and the World War, working in combination, have accomplished the same results in England. The estates of Great Britain are being rapidly broken up and are falling into the ownership of former tenants. The British government is aiding in this regeneration by means of long term loans. This peaceful revolution is one of the most interesting and amazing experiments in European sociology and agricultural economics today. One of the big reasons for the success of Cleveland county's agriculture is that we have no large farms.

"It will probably be a hundred years before the American farmer will be compelled to cultivate his soil with the same intensiveness as does the European farmer. Experience teaches us that the size of a farm is generally determined by the density of the population in which it is located. The largest farms are invariably found in those localities where land is most sparsely settled; and the smallest, most intensely cultivated and productive farms are found in that territory where the population is densest. I think we have a population of 65

ANNIVERSARY NIGHT AT KIWANIS CLUB

Monday evening's program at the Kiwanis club was in celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of Kiwanis, with Prof. A. C. Finch in charge of the program.

Dr. G. R. Gillespie also made report of his visit to the district trustees' meeting, held at Sedgfield Inn last week.

people to the square mile in North Carolina, while Belgium has a population of around 1100.

"In my judgment, we could produce the present total of farm crops of North Carolina on less than half the land now in cultivation, if we were to farm as efficiently, as intelligently and as intensively as do the farmers of Belgium, Italy, England, Holland and Germany. We have never been compelled to concentrate. We have too many broad acres. We have been content to scratch the surface, and are still resisting that economic law of producing the same quantity and better quality on fewer acres.

"Since we have cleared our forests, foolishly looking for "new ground," we do not seem to know what to do with our "old fields."

We cleared up too much land and destroyed our forests before we learned that new ground was unnecessary and was a nuisance. I saw in Italy land making forty-seven bushels of wheat to the acre that was old land when Christ was born. "Nothing reduces the value of a tract of land more quickly than to abandon it. In order to avoid depreciating our acres, we blindly cultivate or pretend to cultivate, pretend to prepare and pretend to fertilize thousands of acres because we cannot bear to see it lying out and appearing to go to ruin.

"It seems to me that one of the biggest problems for North Carolina agriculture is the profitable discovery of a use for the idle, waste and unnecessarily cultivated lands of the state. Of course it will take time and multiplied population to completely solve this problem, but the growing intelligence of our people, and the able leadership of our agricultural authorities, are making great progress in that direction. Only a few years ago North Carolina farmers were relying almost exclusively on cotton and tobacco as money crops. It seemed impossible to interest them in any other profitable phase of agriculture. The farmer was not altogether to blame for this for the simple reason that he could not find a ready market except for cotton and tobacco.

"We have not by any means reached an ideal situation, as we still send out of the state for millions of dollars worth of products and by-products that we could easily raise at home; but it is encouraging to note the growing tendency in our state to utilize our waste and idle lands for productive purposes, as reflected in the fact that in the year 1927 we shipped out of the state, for use in other states, 425 carloads of hogs, in 1926, we shipped only 175 cars of hogs, 17,110 carloads of produce—of which 1677 cars were peaches, 2203 strawberries, 1044 watermelons, 608 cantaloupes, 569 green peas, 446 lettuce, 748 mixed vegetables, 752 sweet potatoes, 7502 Irish potatoes. We also shipped fifty carloads of beef cattle. But the greatest gain came in poultry and hogs. In 1926 we shipped a million, eight hundred thousand pounds of live poultry, and in 1927 we shipped to Northern and Eastern markets three million pounds of poultry. In other words, we shipped in 1927 at least a thousand carloads of produce more than we did in 1926.

"This is truly a startling and revolutionary statement, and every patriotic North Carolinian should pledge himself to the further extension and enlargement of this progressive agricultural program for the state."

A Large Family of Ellenboro R-3



The above is the family of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bridges, well known farmer of Ellenboro, Route 3. Mrs. Polly Bridges, mother of Mr. Bridges, age about 77, sits at the left end of the front row. Next is Mr. and Mrs.

members of the family, including sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grand children. All were present Christmas day at a family reunion at the Bridges home. There are thirteen grand children in the family. It is one of the largest and best known families in the county.

WORK COMPLETED ON ROUND HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Takes A New Step Forward. New Officials Elected

Union Mills, Jan. 17.—With the completion of the Round Hill Baptist church, it has taken a new step forward. Rev. W. B. Craig, has been elected pastor temporarily to fill the vacancy left by the former pastor, M. L. Lennon, and Prof. W. E. Sweatt, elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and the reformation of the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. making a total of three B. Y. P. U.'s in the church. The Sunday school is growing in attendance each Sunday, having 172 present last Sunday, the largest number in the history of the church. We look with pleasure to the influence of this old and established church, throughout the community.

Prof. Edward Cole, of the Union Mills Consolidated Schools, will speak at the prayer meeting in the Round Hill Baptist church, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every one is kindly and cordially invited to be present.

MRS. FRED SMART DIES AT HOSPITAL

Forest City Woman Succumbs to Operation Performed Three Weeks Ago

Mrs. Fred Smart died at the Rutherford Hospital Thursday night, as the result of an operation performed three weeks previous. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock from the First Baptist church, with Dr. W. A. Ayers in charge of the service. Interment followed in Cool Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Smart is survived by her husband, three children, Docia, Clara and Charles, all of Forest City; six sisters, Mrs. Affie Hughes, Caroleen; Mrs. Daisy Medford, Shelby; Mrs. Essie Ellis, Mrs. Betty Curtis of Shelby; Mrs. Lela Reynolds, of Lincoln; Miss Lula Bridges, of Shelby; Her father, Mr. D. B. Bridges, of Shelby, also survives, also two brothers, Messrs. Pink Bridges, of Shelby and Harvey Bridges, of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Smart was thirty-eight years of age.

HATCHERY TO RE-OPEN SOON

Mr. Paul Duncan Will Install 47,000 Capacity Incubator Here Next Week

Mr. Paul Duncan, operator of the Forest City Hatchery which was burned two weeks ago, announces that he has a 47,000 egg-capacity incubator on the way from the factory to Forest City, and that he will re-open the Forest City Hatchery by January 25th.

Mr. Duncan will locate his hatchery in a large brick building directly at the rear of the Farmers Hardware Company, which will be convenient and easily accessible to the public.

The new plant will be a great improvement over the one destroyed by fire. The old hatchery, located at West End, was equipped with a 10,000 capacity incubator. The new plant will have an incubator capable of taking care of 47,000 eggs, nearly five times as large as the former plant. The remainder of the equipment will be installed after placing the incubator.

BOSTIC WOMAN DIED THURSDAY

Funeral For Mrs. M. L. Clemmer Held Saturday Afternoon

Bostic, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Margaret J. Clemmer, aged seventy years, died at the Clemmer homestead here Thursday night, following an illness of paralysis lasting about ten days. She had been in declining health about a year.

Funeral services were held at Bostic Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. I. D. Harrill in charge of the service. Burial was at Concord Baptist church, immediately after the funeral service.

Mrs. Clemmer was born October 1, 1857. She married the late M. L. Clemmer August 9, 1877, and to this union were born nine children, seven of whom are living as follows: Messrs. C. B. Clemmer, Kanapolis; C. H., of Claremont, N. C.; L. M., of Monroe; Mrs. W. D. Browne, of Cherryville, Mrs. E. E. Smart, of Bostic; Miss Ned Clemmer, of Bostic. Nine grandchildren survive, also one sister, Mrs. S. Smart,

SPINDALE BAND TO GIVE MINSTREL SATURDAY NIGHT

Program to Open at 7:30 and Will Take Place of Annual Band Concert

Spindale, Jan. 16.—On Saturday evening, January 21, beginning at 7:30 the Spindale Band will present "The Jubilee Minstrels," a musical program in regular negro minstrel style. The entire program will be accompanied by a seven piece orchestra.

The preliminary program will open at 7:30 with a concert by the Spindale Band, which will continue to 8 o'clock. Following the band concert the minstrel will be presented in regular form with twenty-one members, six black face end men, soloists, harmonists, and chorus girls. The program will consist of modern jazz, to the old time favorites. Jokes, clog-dancing and the chorus girls will each have a special feature act. The Blue Ridge Serraders orchestra will accompany these numbers.

The band program has been especially prepared for this number. This program takes the place of the annual band concert, which has been eagerly anticipated each year since the organization of the band.

The characters in the minstrel will be some of the best in the county. Notably among them are Messrs. Goforth and Lindsay who have appeared here several times in the Community Night programs. Many others who have assisted in the community programs will be on the minstrel program Saturday evening.

A small admission fee will be charged, and the proceeds will go to the Spindale Band.

of Ellenboro; four brothers, Messrs. Charles Holobaugh, Winston-Salem; Ernest, Tampa, Fla.; Baxter, of Gastonia; Walter H. of Mt. Holly.

Mrs. Clemmer had been a resident in Bostic for about forty years and was loved by all who knew her. All during her life she had been a consecrated member of the Baptist church, and took a leading part in its work. She joined the Hickory Grove Baptist church in Gaston county, in early life. She later moved her membership to Concord Baptist church where she kept it until the organization of the Bostic Baptist church.

Her husband preceded her to the grave several years ago.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN IN AUGUST

Stephens Campaign Has Been Postponed Until Early Fall

During a recent visit of Evangelist George T. Stephens, of High Point, to Forest City, and after conferences with representative ministers and men, it seems advisable to all interests concerned, to postpone the Rutherford county evangelistic campaign, for 1928, until the month of August, or early fall, thus avoiding conflict with any pre-arranged plans or programs that would interfere with the fullest and heartiest co-operation of all churches of all denominations in the county;

Mr. Stephens has endeared himself and his methods to all with whom he has come in contact and his stand for whole-hearted co-operation on the part of all the churches has seemed, to all those with whom he has conferred, to be most commendable and the thing greatly to be desired. In view of these facts and remembering that the Lord Jesus has said, "He who would be great among you, let him first be your minister, and he who would be chief, let him be your servant," the chairman of the contemplated movement herewith expresses his fullest approval of the postponement and assures all concerned, that Mr. Stephens and party will conduct such campaign at the time when fullest co-operation can be assured and secured. The general committee appointed will please hold itself in individual readiness to meet sometime in the summer to perfect arrangements for the holding of such a county campaign.

Thanking all those who have so faithfully and ardently supported the preliminary work in connection with the campaign and counting upon your continued support for the later date I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,
GEO. R. GILLESPIE, Chairman.

CONVERSE GLEE CLUB COMING FEBRUARY 6

The Forest City Kiwanis Club has decided to sponsor the Converse College Glee Club, which is to give a concert at the high school auditorium, February 6, at 8:00 p. m.

It is reported that Converse College has a very splendid music department and a good program is assured. All music lovers in Forest City and surrounding towns and communities are urged to keep this date in mind. All those who fail to hear this Glee Club will miss one of the best attractions in Rutherford County.

All those who like to see beautiful girls and hear sweet music, plan to be at the high school auditorium February 6.

CENTRAL HIGH VS. COOL SPRINGS FRIDAY NIGHT

The Central High School basketball team of Rutherford County will meet the Cool Springs High School basketball team on the local court, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

This game promises to be of much interest since both schools have evenly matched teams. The score last Friday night was 26-24 in favor of Forest City. From indications the next game will be as good as the one witnessed last Friday night. Both teams played a fast, clean game of basketball. An evidence of friendship and friendly rivalry were manifest throughout the game. All the lovers of basketball will have an opportunity to see a good game of basketball, Friday night 8:00 p. m. at the high school gymnasium at Forest City.

Mr. J. C. Harrill has moved his grocery store back to the Beachboard building, next door to The Courier.

The many friends of the family will be pleased to learn that J. M., little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Minish is showing improvement, after an illness of pneumonia.

Come in and see our new spring lace. Courtney's Ten Cent Store.