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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ENJOYED BY KIWANIS CLUB

Excellent Program Given Monday Night By Local Talent—Next Meeting December 31

Boasting the best attendance on Monday night for sometime, with the addition of several new members, the Forest City Kiwanis Club has taken up the forward march of progress and prosperity for 1929. There is now evident a spirit of harmony, fellowship and determination among all the members that bids fair to make it the top-notch club of the Carolinas District.

The civic clubs of a town are undoubtedly the undisputed assets which determine the life, progress and growth of the city. As this is universally true so it is of Forest City. The Woman's club and the Kiwanis club of our town are the indicators of its supremacy among the smaller town's of North Carolina and as we cooperate and work with these forces will we increase the social, commercial and industrial interests of our home city.

The Kiwanis club sends greetings to all the people of Forest City and wishes for one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Due to the fact that next Monday will be Christmas Eve' the annual Christmas program was given by the Kiwanis club Monday night, when it was demonstrated that it is not necessary to seek abroad for talent.

From the singing of America, and Christmas invocation by Dr. W. A. Ayers, until adjournment there was not a dull moment for the largest number present for sometime. The program, in charge of Lieut. Governor elect, Gillespie, began with the delightful singing of a Christmas carol by a quartet from the Glee club of Cool Springs High school, composed of Misses Anna Belle Ware, Joy Brackett, Reba Matheny and Ruth Gillespie, with Miss Ruth Mears at the piano. This was followed with a delightful Christmas reading by Miss Margaret Bostic, entitled "Elizabeth", the story of a young wife forlorn and homesick in the far west at Christmas, who thru sympathy with another, who had just lost her husband, becomes reconciled to her prairie husband and home. Miss Bostic charmed all present with her realistic portrayal of the characters. Another carol by the quartet and then a fine Christmas message from Dr. M. F. Moores, of the Methodist church, bringing out the Christmas spirit and the real value of life in Christ Jesus. The delightful program was concluded with "Silent Night" by the quartet. The attendance prize a handsome doll, was awarded to Miss Joy Brackett for guessing correctly the combined ages of Marshall Giles and Howard Doggett, one young lady guessed 78 years. W. L. Davidson, of the Forest City Oil Mill and Ernest Dye, cotton broker, were new members received into the club. W. L. McBrayer, Francis Little, Mrs. G. W. Rollins, the Misses Barber and Senator elect, Amos R. Beam, were among the guests enjoying the program. The committee in charge of "Christmas for the poor of the city" completed plans for the distribution of gifts. Next meeting of club will be held Monday night December 31.

LOCAL BOY ON DUTY WITH HOOVER CONVOY

Elmore E. Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hardin, of Forest City, is on seaman guard duty on the U. S. S. Utah, one of the members of the Hoover convoy to South America. Mr. Hardin has been in the U. S. Navy for sometime, and was selected as one of the crew of the Utah to make the trip to South America with the president-elect and his party. Mr. Hardin is meeting with many novel experiences on his trip, and has written several interesting letters to his parents and friends here in reference to his duties.

Friends will regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. H. D. Harrill who is confined to her bed with a deep cold.

Winner in National Beauty Contest



Above are three poses of Miss Dorcae Edna, of Port Allen, La., chosen from a large number of small town girls as the one meriting the title of "Miss Small Town America" in the Nationwide Beauty Contest conducted by Autocaster News Service in The Forest City Courier and about two thousand weekly newspapers in the United States. This exceptional miss was the choice of Florenz Ziegfeld, Jesse Lasky and Fred J. Runde, judges of the contest.

Miss Willie Lou Jones won in the local contest and also made a great showing in the national, having been selected as one of seven out of the whole number of entries to be featured in pictures sent out by the Autocaster News Service.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE COUNTY CLUB

Mr. C. F. Cline, President, and Mr. O. J. Holler, Vice-President for 1929

Rutherfordton, Dec. 19. — The December meeting of the Rutherford County Club was held in the basement of the Baptist church here Tuesday at noon. The luncheon was served by the ladies of the Rutherfordton Baptist church. An unusually small number of members were present, about twenty in number.

Mr. W. B. Walker reported for the road committee in reference to the width of Route 19, Rutherfordton to Marion. Construction has begun on this highway and is surveyed for twenty-four feet. The committee is attempting to secure a thirty feet road, and resolutions have been forwarded by the committee, but no response has been received. Mr. C. F. Cline stated that he thought there was no probability of the road being changed from a twenty-four feet highway, to a thirty feet highway.

A resolution to amend the constitution and change the time of meeting from the third Tuesday to the third Friday was brought up by Clarence Griffin and referred to the secretary for action at the January meeting.

The secretary, Mr. Ivy Cowan, read a report of the financial standing of the club.

The election of officers for 1929 followed which resulted as follows: president, C. F. Cline; vice-president, O. J. Holler; sergeant-at-arms, M. Hendricks; directors, J. C. Hames, B. D. Wilson and Terry A. Moore. A program committee, appointed by the new president, includes the following members: R. E. Price, chairman, Clarence Griffin and Charles H. Haynes. The board of directors of the club is composed of seven members, three of whom are those elected above, the retiring president, the new president, vice-president and sergeant-at-arms.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the local Methodist church next Sunday. A White Christmas will be observed in the Sunday School. Special music and appropriate messages will be features at the morning and evening services.

LATTIMORE TO PLAY HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

The Cool Springs high school cage team will meet the Lattimore high school basketball club on the high school floor here Thursday night (tonight). A game with Cliffside was scheduled, but due to the influenza epidemic there it was cancelled. Lattimore has a clean team and their sportsmanship is of the highest order. A good game will result Thursday, so don't miss it.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT LAKE LURE OFFICE

Mr. Ralph C. Maultsby, formerly of Rutherfordton, has been appointed postmaster at Lake Lure, according to an announcement sent out from Washington Tuesday. This is a fourth class office, and the appointments are made by the president.

'FLU' EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL

Influenza Epidemic Abating After Taking Toll in Rutherford County

The epidemic of influenza, which has been raging in Rutherford county for several weeks seems to be under better control, despite the fact that, in a number of instances pneumonia has developed and death followed.

All the public schools, churches and other public gathering places have been running on regular schedule, despite many interruptions and shortage of attendance.

COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

This week sees many of Rutherford county's boys and girls home from school and college. The University of North Carolina has closed its doors on account of the influenza epidemic, also State College, N. C. C. W. and others. Many of the students will return shortly after Christmas to resume their studies, while others will wait until their respective schools consider the flu epidemic sufficiently abated to resume work.

APPRECIATES HIS HOME TOWN DECORATIONS

Mr. Paul Green, coming home from Fort Bragg to spend the holidays with his home folks, paid a glowing tribute to Forest City's Christmas decorations.

Paul said he drove through, and in doing so passed through many towns and cities, and could not but admire the Christmas decorations in some of these places. However, he declared, upon arriving in Forest City, our little city makes a better appearance than any place which he passed through on his journey home.

LOCAL ARTISTS ON RADIO PROGRAM

Two noted local artists were on the air Tuesday night over WWNC at Asheville—Messrs. Joe Hamrick and A. M. Hughey. Those hearing them report that they were well repaid for tuning in on these two well known singers. They were accompanied by Miss Katherine Goggans on the piano.

Mr. Hamrick will sing again from the same station next Friday night, 7:30 to 8 o'clock.

FOREST CITY IS DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

String of Beautifully Colored Electric Lights Add to Beauty of City

In the slang of the day "Forest City is all lit up", and is awaiting the Christmas holidays.

City electrical workers under the direction of superintendent Frank Dorsey, have completed stringing electric lights over the square and two blocks east and west along Main street. Each evening as dusk falls the beautiful array of colored bulbs give a pleasing yuletide glow to the plaza, harmonizing excellently with the luxuriant growth of evergreens, shrubs and flowering plants that adorn the square.

The string of colored electric lights extend entirely across the square, centering on the plaza. At each end of the center plaza is a large electric star which adds much to the beauty and dignity of the scene. The lights extend down East Main street to the Methodist church and beyond the Forest City Motor Co., on West Main street.

Small green pines have been placed on the sidewalk in front of each business house. Many of these have been decorated by the business houses with colored electric bulbs, which complete the decorations and makes the shopping district one of the prettiest and most beautiful street displays in the state.

WOMANS' CLUB

Literary Department

The joyful spirit of the Christmas season was very much in evidence last Thursday afternoon as the ladies of the Literary Department of the Womans' club gathered in the banquet hall of Blanton's cafe for their December meeting. The hall was artistically decorated in Christmas evergreens and gayly lighted candles. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames G. C. King, J. H. Thomas, U. S. Courtney, W. C. Bostic and A. S. Lipscombe.

The subject of the program for the afternoon was "The Bible Lands". Different phrases of the Holy Land of yesterday and to-day were ably discussed by Mrs. G. P. Reid, Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Mrs. O. J. Mooneyham. Mrs. R. C. Alexander, favored the club by a beautifully sung solo, "The Holy City". She was accompanied by Mrs. R. R. Howes. The club adjourned after singing several Christmas carols.

The refreshments were delectable, both in content and in the beautifully planned color scheme, so attractively manifested throughout the course. Thirty-nine members and nine visitors enjoyed the hospitality of these ladies on this occasion.

Music Club Meeting

The music department of the Womans' Club will meet Friday afternoon, December 21, at 4 p. m. All members are urged to attend the meeting.

KENTUCKY PROGRAM OVER WHAS FRIDAY NIGHT

Editor J. C. Alcock, of the Danville, Ky., Daily Messenger, will sponsor a program over WHAS radio station, Louisville, Friday night of this week, 11 to 12, to be known as the Danville Messenger Hour.

Editor Alcock has lined up some of Kentucky's best talent for his program, which should prove a most enjoyable one.

There are nine numbers, including "The Sunshine Male Quartet," soprano solos by Mrs. Hughes Jackson, piano solos by Miss Koreen Alcock, baritone solos by Mr. S. K. Cheek, readings by Miss Helen Irvine, violin solos, and also soprano solos by Miss Kathryn Warriner.

Tune in on WHAS Friday night. The editor of The Courier knows the above artists personally and can recommend this program to his North Carolina friends.

We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Gladys Long who has been ill for a week.

County's Next Senator



(Courtesy of Asheville Times)

The above picture is that of Mr. Amos R. Beam, of Forest City, who will represent the Twenty-Seventh senatorial district in the next General Assembly, which convenes January 9. This district, which is composed of Rutherford, Cleveland, Polk, McDowell and Henderson counties, will be represented by Mr. Beam and Mr. Frank Wood, of Marion.

LOCAL TALENT TO GIVE PROGRAM OVER STATION WWNC

Radio Program To Be Broadcast Over Asheville Station—Sponsored by Kiwanians

A committee from the Forest City Kiwanis Club in collaboration with local musical talent, will broadcast a program over Station WWNC, Asheville, N. C., Wednesday night, December 26 from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m.

An interesting program is being arranged by Mayor Charles Z. Flack and Lieutenant-Governor Gillespie, of the Kiwanis club. This program will include a number of musical selections and other items of interest, all by local talent.

PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Courier will be issued next week as usual, and the office will be open for the transaction of business on every day except December 25—Christmas day.

This announcement is made because many weekly newspapers miss an issue Christmas week. The publication of legal ads and other matter makes it necessary that we do not miss the issue of December 27th.

The job printing department will also be open for the transaction of any business that may come before it.

Along with this announcement, The Courier wishes to extend heartiest greetings of the season to all patrons and friends.

APPEAL MADE FOR AID FOR CITY'S NEEDIEST CASES

An appeal is being made this week for aid for "Forest City's Fifty Neediest cases." Dr. Amos C. Duncan, chairman of a committee appointed by the Kiwanis club, and Mrs. George R. Gillespie, representing the Womans' Club, have this matter in charge.

During the past four or five years the Kiwanis Club, jointly with the Womans' Club and Welfare committee have taken it upon themselves to see that all of the worthy needy poor people of Forest City and community receive a suitable token in the way of food and clothing at Christmas. No doubt but what this committee has failed to reach some who were in need. The committee urges the public to notify either Dr. Duncan or Mrs. George R. Gillespie of any needy family and they will try to see that they are remembered in an appropriate manner.

The committee urges the public to contribute as generously as possible in money or food and clothing for this purpose.

STATE PLAYING SANTA CLAUS TO CONFEDERATE VETS

Forty Ex-Soldiers and Seventy Widows Will Receive Pensions This Week

Rutherfordton, Dec. 17. — The State of North Carolina is this week playing Santa Claus to forty Confederate veterans and seventy widows of veterans in Rutherford county, and in so doing is leaving a sum of money totaling \$11,100 in the county.

The Semi-annual pension checks for veterans and their widows arrived in the clerk of court's office late last week, and, as is the custom, are ready for distribution this week so that the tottering "boys in gray", and the widows surviving those who have answered taps may have something with which to enjoy the holiday season. The checks may be had upon application to Mr. J. Y. Yelton, clerk of court, at the court house.

Forty checks of \$182.50 are listed for the surviving veterans of the county, a total of \$7,300.00. Sixty-seven widows are listed for \$50.00 checks each, which is \$3,350.00, and three widows get checks of \$150.00 each.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Wednesday afternoon, December 12, from three until four o'clock little Miss Jackie Jones celebrated her first birthday by entertaining a number of little friends. Animal cookies were passed while the little guests played with pictures and toys. The birthday cake bearing one lighted pink candle in a tiny rosebud was placed in the mist of the happy circle to see who could blow out the candle and Bobbie Morgan was the successful one. The cake was then cut and served and candy was passed. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the little hostess and her friends wished her many happy birthdays to come.

Those invited were: Misses Helen Ridings, Dorothy Harris, Carolee Flack, Clara Beam, Nancy Sutton, Bobbie Morgan, Joe Verner Reinhardt, Norman Meares, and Joe Tapp from Ellenboro.

RIDING & JONES DISSOLVE LAW PARTNERSHIP

Attorney C. O. Riding and Attorney B. T. Jones, who have been conducting business here as Ridings & Jones, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Ridings will continue his practice here in the same office under his name. Mr. Jones has secured offices on the third floor of the Farmers Bank Building and will conduct his law business there.

Both of these attorneys are enterprising young business men and deserve the highest success. Despite the fact that Mr. Jones is a comparatively new attorney in the county, having been here only about three years, he has made a large number of friends. The ability of Mr. Ridings was substantially shown when he was recently appointed county attorney, partly in reward for his untiring efforts as Democratic county chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sisell, of Florence, Illinois, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with Mrs. Sisell's sister, Mrs. P. A. McGregor.

A friend remarks that they will soon call it "bullfrog whiskey" instead of "moon" or "white mule", because after a few drinks one hops about a bit and then croaks.

Scientists now announce that the Eskimos were preceded in the arctic region by a race of much higher intelligence. If there was a race there ahead of the present inhabitants it goes without question that they were of higher intelligence, because they are no longer there.

"Girls should look their best everywhere," reads a fashion note in a woman's magazine. "Quite right, and those of us who have eyes and can see are quite able nowadays to pass judgment."