

Rutherford County Offers Unequaled Opportunities To Manufacturers and Others

MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN STEPHENS REVIVAL

County-Wide Revival Will Continue Through This Week—Large Number of Professions Reported.

Spindale, Dec. 4.—The Stephens county-wide revival, which has been in progress here since November 3, did not close Sunday evening as scheduled, but will continue through this week, and probably through next week.

Much good is now resulting from the series of services. During the first three weeks little interest was exhibited in the meeting, but under the powerful preaching of Mr. Stephens a new spirit was manifested in the last week of the meeting and as a result the revival will continue until Sunday evening if not longer.

Large numbers responded to the invitations of Mr. Stephens at each meeting last week, which resulted in a number of conversions and a large number reconsecrated themselves for service.

Thousands attended the special Thanksgiving services at the tabernacle Thursday morning. At 10 a. m., a special collection was taken for the Alexander School, Inc., at Union Mills and a total of \$360 in money, besides much fruit, potatoes, pumpkins, quilts, etc., was donated. One hundred and fifty of the one hundred and seventy-five motherless children of that institution were present at this service and sang.

Thursday was family night, and prizes were awarded to the largest family present; the oldest man and the oldest woman, and also to the youngest father and mother. A family bible was presented to Mr. E. C. Geer, of near Rutherfordton, for the largest family, and Mr. W. M. Maney, of Spindale was awarded a rocking chair for being the oldest man present. A Mrs. Hamrick was given a jar of wild Canadian raspberries for being the oldest woman present.

Several thousand were present both at the Sunday afternoon and Sunday night meetings. A fine meeting was had Sunday evening as the outgrowth of special services held in Rutherfordton and Spindale churches Sunday morning. Several reconsecrated themselves at the Sunday school hour at the Methodist church in Spindale Sunday morning, and several professed religion. The Sunday morning preaching hour at the Rutherfordton Baptist church was turned into a consecration hour and a number professed and joined the church at that time.

A delegation of Rutherford county Masons were present Tuesday evening, also a delegation of bank officials representing practically all of the banks in the county. The Rutherford County Epworth League meeting, which was scheduled to meet the regular monthly business session next Friday evening, has cancelled the business meeting, and the president, Prof. R. W. Eaves, requests all Leaguers to meet at the Spindale House at 7:30 Friday night and attend the meeting in a body. Seats will be reserved for the delegation. The regular monthly business session of the League will be held on Friday evening, December 13.

About ninety people were in the afternoon meeting Tuesday night, of which about 75 were converts.

Methodist Society To Hold Annual Bazaar

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist church announce their annual bazaar to be held on December sixth and seventh in the Romina Theatre building. The missionary society reminds us that the time in which to do Christmas shopping is getting short. They suggest that you avoid the dense crowds that come later in the season and buy Christmas gifts at the bazaar. There will be a wide variety of most attractive gifts.

Mr. D. D. Webb Died Last Monday

Forest City, R-3, Dec. 2.—Mr. Drury Dobbins Webb, aged 62 years, died at his home near Smith Grove church, Monday morning at 6 o'clock after an illness of one week.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Walls Baptist church, and were in charge of his pastor. Mr. Webb had been a member of Walls church about 49 years.

He is survived by his widow and eight children. Nineteen grandchildren also survive. Mr. Webb was a prominent farmer and citizen and was well known over the entire county.

RAISING CHARITY FUND AT SPINDALE

Fund Be Raised by Subscription And Used to Bring Christmas to Neediest Families.

Spindale, Dec. 2.—A movement to raise a fund of approximately \$1,000 for charity purposes has been inaugurated here. The plan is to raise the fund by subscription and use it in purchasing necessities for the needy families of Spindale during Christmas and the following winter months.

Messrs. Glenn Keller and Max Tolleson are originators of the movement, and are now soliciting funds for that purpose. The decision was made to raise such fund after a partial survey of Spindale and surrounding communities was made, and a large number of destitute and semi-destitute families were found.

In the absence of any organized charities board, such as is found in Forest City and elsewhere, these young men have constituted themselves a welfare board to raise funds and bring Christmas cheer to the unfortunate. The movement has the backing and sympathy of the business houses of Spindale and adjacent communities and promises to fill a long felt need.

Oyster Supper At Harris Friday

Harris, Dec. 3.—An oyster supper and free moving picture show will be given at Harris high school auditorium Friday evening, beginning at 5 o'clock. Among the many attractions will be a grab bag, cake walk and a good time. Everybody is invited to attend the supper and free show.

Several Injured By Fall On Ice

Spindale, Dec. 3.—Several people were slightly injured here Monday by falling on the icy pavements or highways. Mr. Lewis Griffin suffered injuries to his shoulders, chest and back when he fell early Monday morning on a slippery ice-coated bank near the Spencer mill. Mr. Stallings, of the Spencer mill, suffered a bad injury to his hand Monday when he fell on an ice-coated spot in his yard and ran a large piece of wood through his hand. Mr. Russell Morgan, of the Spindale Grocery Company, was injured Monday when he fell near the store. He is still in bed, but is resting comfortably. Several others were injured to a lesser extent by slipping on ice-coated pavements and roads Monday.



RE-ELECT DR. C. S. M'CALL SECRETARY DENTAL SOCIETY

Forest City Man Again Secretary of First District Dental Society of N. C.

Asheville, Dec. 3.—Dr. N. P. Maddux, of Asheville, was named late Monday as president-elect of the First District Dental Society of North Carolina, succeeding Dr. T. A. Wilkins of Gastonia, who automatically became president of the body. Dr. Maddux will have charge of arranging the program for the next annual meeting, and will become head of the society at that time.

Other officers chosen Monday were Dr. A. D. Abernethy of Granite Falls, vice president; Dr. Charles S. McCall, of Forest City, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The one-day meeting of the society came to a close at the George Vanderbilt hotel Monday night with an address at 7:30 o'clock by Mr. Grumman, of the University of North Carolina extension course. Mr. Grumman's address followed the annual banquet at 6:30 o'clock.

The meeting opened Monday morning in its ninth annual convention with Dr. S. C. Moser, of Gastonia and Dr. Harold E. Story, of Charlotte, as the principal speakers. About 60 dentists were in attendance.

Begins Christmas Seal Sale Drive

Mrs. A. C. Duncan, local chairman of the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale drive in Forest City began her work this week of placing appropriate placards and posters in the windows of the business houses of the city. The sale of Christmas seals will start at once, and will continue until Christmas. Anyone desiring tuberculosis Christmas seals should see Mrs. Duncan or one of the workers in this campaign. A large portion of the proceeds from sale of these seals will remain in Forest City for local work.

Governor O. Max Gardner, speaking of the Christmas seals, says: "It should be a matter of State pride to every patriotic North Carolinian to know that the tuberculosis death rate in this state has gradually decreased, along with the decline in the United States at large, during the last twenty-five years. I feel sure that the great National Tuberculosis Association, with the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association affiliating with the former as it has through your able service during these many years, has contributed materially to the decline in suffering, sickness, and deaths from this terrible disease.

As your fine organization is financed exclusively through the sale of Christmas Seals, I wish to commend this work to the people of the State, and I hope that the seals this year will exceed in number the records of any previous year."

Stephens Revival Program For Sunday

Spindale, Dec. 3.—The schedule of services at the Stephens tabernacle here for next Sunday was announced Wednesday by Rev. W. G. Haymaker, campaign director, as follows:

Eleven o'clock, Union services at tabernacle.

Two-thirty o'clock, Special services for everybody in Rutherford county.

Seven o'clock, song service, led by Mr. Powell Lee.

Seven-thirty o'clock, sermon by Mr. Stephens.

According to present indications the meeting will continue through next week. Much interest is being shown in the services, but only a small portion of the county has as yet been reached. Wonderful revival services have resulted in Spindale and Rutherfordton, but other portions of the county have scarcely been touched.

THIEVES ENTER SPINDALE STORES EARLY TUESDAY

Four Places of Business Entered Tuesday Morning and About \$20.00 in Cash Taken.

Spindale, Dec. 3.—Thieves entered four business houses here Tuesday morning about four o'clock and emptied the cash registers in each place of business, and secured about \$20.00 in small change.

The robbers first entered the Spindale Drug Company by a rear window. They rifled the cash registers and took about five dollars in pennies and nickles. They next forced the door in the partition between Spindale Drug Co., and the Spindale Grocery company. In the latter place they secured about 300 pennies and about \$2.00 in small change. The large automatic cash register was damaged, when one of the compartments was pried open with a short piece of steel. The damage to the register is about \$20.00. A smaller register, hid under a shelf, was also opened. They next forced open the Hines Service station where they took about \$10.00 in small change, which had been left in the cash register, and damaged the register when it was forced open. Austell's store was broken into and a small amount of money taken from there. None of the business establishments have missed anything other than the change in the cash registers.

Night policeman, George Green, noticed a white man leaving the premises of the Hines Service Station and fired twice at him. Apparently the thief of thieves were familiar with the premises of each of the places entered, as they knew exactly how to gain entrance, and where they would be most likely to find money.

Blanton Wins Gold Football

In a contest sponsored by Grover's Soda Shop, the high school "hangout", Fred Blanton, the quarterback of the Forest City high school football team won a gold football for having been voted the most valuable player on the 1929 squad. He played half back his first year and since then he has been piloting the team for the three past years. Blanton was regarded by the teams that Forest City was accustomed to meeting as one of the most dangerous threats of the team, which is substantiated by a coach of one of the teams played this year, saying they dreaded Blanton more than any man his team ever played against. He has shown up well throughout his entire football career on end runs and this year he returned punts with much success. In the game played against Concord, now the state champions of B class football, he ran back a punt for sixty yards. His punting has been as good as the average high school player. In addition to these things the fans doubtless took in consideration his clean type of playing and his regard for training regulations. In this personalitw there is tied up qualifications which enabled him to hold down a position as guard on last years basketball squad and was picked an all-state third baseman last year, having played that position the State championship baseball team of this school two seasons ago. Blanton is not only an athlete but is an all round student and president of the student body.

John B. Wyatt, Aged 56, Dead

Mr. John B. Wyatt, aged 56, died Thursday night at his home here, after being ill a short time with stomach trouble.

Burial was at Weaverville Saturday in the Wyatt family cemetery. Funeral services were also held there. Mr. Wyatt is survived by a family, a wife and eight children, also three brothers and two sisters.

Pirates Will Clash With Glenwood Club

The Florence Pirates basketball team will meet the Glenwood quintet in their first game of the season on the local high school court tonight (Wednesday). In the past this team has been classed among the best amateur teams in the state and it is thought they will be in even greater form this year.

Among some of the outstanding teams the Pirates will play this year will be Olsen's Terrible Swedes and Olsen's Nordics.

Among those coming out for practice are: Davis, Little, Harrill, Seitz, Stalnaeker, Moss, McKeithan, Walker and Transom.

COUNTY CLUB TO MEET DECEMBER 13

Will Elect 1930 Officers—County Government Program at December Meeting.

Spindale, Dec. 3.—The December meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held a week earlier than usual, on account of the third Friday being so near to Christmas. The meeting will be held in the Isothermal hotel, Rutherfordton, on Friday evening, December 13, at 7 o'clock. The time of the meeting has also been changed from one o'clock to seven o'clock for this one meeting.

Election of officers for 1930 will be held at this time. A primary was held at the November meeting, and from a list of those nominated the nominating committee have selected the following for candidates to be voted on at the December meeting:

For president: Clyde Erwin and O. J. Holler.

For vice-president: C. F. Gold and G. B. Howard.

For sergeant-at-arms, Grady Withrow and Dr. A. C. Duncan.

For Directors: David Lindsay, F. E. Patton, D. C. Whitaker, J. T. Harris, S. C. Gettys, Dr. L. B. Morse.

A county government program will be given at this time. Mr. M. R. Reed, county accountant, will speak on taxation, and will have an interesting address to present to the club on county affairs. County Attorney B. T. Jones will also speak on county affairs. Several visitors from the newly formed Cleveland county club are expected to attend this meeting, also other visitors.

Mr. Frank Clayton Died Monday

Mr. Frank Clayton, aged 49 years, died at his home near the Florence Mill here Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He suffered a stroke of paralysis while standing on the street here Monday morning, and never recovered from the stroke.

Funeral services were held at Pelzer, S. C., Wednesday, and interment was in the Pelzer cemetery.

He is survived by his widow and seven children. His mother also survives and three brothers and two sisters are living.

Mr. Clayton was a member of the Methodist church. He had been a resident of Forest City about four years.



COUNTY VISITED BY COLDEST FALL WEATHER KNOWN

Last Week's Cold Wave Sets New Record in County for November Weather.

Rutherford county was visited by the severest November cold wave in the history of the county last Friday and Saturday. At dark Friday night the thermometer registered thirty degrees above zero and fell at the rate of about four degrees per hour until early Saturday morning, when it was hovering between eight and ten degrees above zero.

Considerable damage resulted over the county from the freezing of radiators, water pipes and water mains, flowers, canned fruits and vegetables and gardens.

In some of the towns and villages the water supply was practically cut off as the result of freezing Friday and Saturday nights. Coal and wood dealers continue to do a thriving business, while the garages are doing a big business furnishing anti freeze solutions and doing repair work on frozen cars.

Rising temperature Sunday gave temporary relief from the severe cold, but Monday's rain and sleet resulted in colder weather Tuesday.

Older residents of the county state that last week-end was the coldest November weather ever known in Rutherford county.

Forest City Boy Confesses Forgery

Recently forged checks upon Forest City Feed and Fertilizer Co., Forest City Furniture Co., and the Alexander Manufacturing Co., have been discovered by these firms.

By a clever piece of detective work, Chief Chas. R. Price secured a confession from a local boy Tuesday afternoon that he was the author of the two checks forged against the Alexander Manufacturing Co.

The lad, whose name is withheld owing to the family, and to further aid the authorities in catching two others who are thought to be implicated in the forgeries, was arrested and is now under \$300 bond to appear in Superior Court.

Chief Price is almost certain that he will round up two other young men, who are known to have been accomplices of the boy who has confessed.

The lads are believed to have stolen printed checks of the above firms, all of which were made out for small sums and cashed at various local banks during the month of November.

At present there has shown up two forged checks upon the Alexander Manufacturing Co., one upon the Forest City Furniture Co., and three upon the Forest City Feed and Fertilizer Co., and it is believed by the police that the above number constitute all of the forged checks put out by this band of three boys. With their arrest and conviction, which is certain, an end will be put to what has proved to be one of the worst cases of forgery coming up in the county in recent years. Doubtless but for the good work of Chief Price their depredations would have continued indefinitely.

Injured In Auto Wreck Sunday

Mooresboro, Dec. 3.—Early Sunday night two cars crashed together on the highway near Mooresboro, and Mr. P. L. Marks suffered a broken arm and Mrs. Marks was lacerated about the head and face. The wreck was caused, according to reports, by an intoxicated negro driver who is said to have cut his car across the road in front of the Forest City car. The negro's name was Logan. He was placed under a \$300.00 bond to await trial.