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FOREST CITY DRESSED UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Business Section Brilliantly Illuminated and Streets Lined With Lighted Evergreens.

Forest City has donned her Christmas costume and presents a beautiful appearance, indeed, with bright colored red, green, and white lights strung across the square and lighted Christmas trees in front of the business houses. At the East and West end of the square a big white star has been placed, with a string of lights running through the center of the square from one to the other. The three little parks in the center of the square with their evergreens and other shrubbery add much to the decorations.

The city attracted much favorable comment last year from visitors, tourists and others, on the beautiful Christmas decorations placed on the square, but this year the decorations are even prettier.

The lights were put up by Broad Green, superintendent of the local power plant, with the help of other city employees, while the Christmas trees were placed by a committee from the Kiwanis Club, composed of M. H. Hewitt, T. T. Long and Howard Doggett.

The city officials and the Kiwanis Club are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in making the beautiful Christmas decorations possible, and their pride in the city to be commended. The decorations, and the warm welcome extended, is bringing hundreds of visitors into the city from the county and from neighboring counties.

Christmas Cantata At Methodist Church

A Christmas Cantata, "His Natal Day," by Edward W. Norman, will be given at the Methodist church Sunday evening, December the fifteenth at seven-thirty o'clock.

The Cantata is opened with a joyous chorus by the choir, and then the wonderful old story of Christmas, which never grows old, is told in solo, duet, trio, quartette and chorus work by a number of splendid voices.

The following is a text of the cantata:

Ring Bells of Christmas: Chorus. Choir.

Prepare Ye The Way: Solo, Henry C. Giles.

Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices: Trio, Mesdames R. C. Alexander and Walsh Moore, and Miss Estelle Stemberge.

He Shall Be Great: Chorus, Choir.

Softly The Night Is Fallen: Solo, and chorus, Mrs. R. R. Howes and choir.

We Come To Worship Him: Solo, and Men's chorus, Jay Cele and Men's choir.

O Little Town of Bethlehem: Chorus, Solo and Men's chorus choir, Mrs. Ernest Robinson and Men's choir.

Sleep Holy Child: Duet, Mrs. Bert Moore and Mrs. Burwell Moore.

Hail To The Lord's Anointed: Chorus, choir.

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne: Solo, Henry C. Giles.

Hear The Joy-Bells Ring: Chorus, and Duet, choir and Mrs. Ernest Robinson and Mrs. Burwell Moore.

My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord: Finale, Choir.

All who will come will receive a very cordial welcome.

FOOTBALL TEAMS TO BE GUESTS OF ROMINA THEATRE

The football teams of Forest City, Central Hi and Cliffside Hi have been invited by Manager Hughes of the Romina Theatre to be guests of the theatre during the showing of "Forward Pass," appearing there on two days, December 13th and 14th.

Holly boxes for your gifts, all sizes and kinds, at Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

Resigns Position At Farmers Bank



Mr. M. W. Harriss, who last Thursday resigned his position as active vice-president and member of the board of Directors of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, of this city, on account of failing health.

M. W. HARRISS GIVES UP BANKING

Ill Health Forces His Resignation as Vice President of Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

Mr. M. W. Harriss, active vice president and member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., acting upon the advice of physicians, handed in his resignation, effective Dec. 5th. His being compelled to take this action will be deeply regretted by his many friends all over the county, and his enforced inactivity will be a great loss to the bank he has served so well, as well as to the public at large.

Mr. Harriss, during his service in the banking business in Rutherford county has built up a most enviable record and reputation in state banking circles. His judgment on financial matters is safe and invariably sought and heeded by hundreds in this section, for patrons of this bank have long since come to know that they can rely most confidently upon the safe and sound advice of its officers and can trust explicitly their principles and their treatment. Since identifying himself with the commercial and civic circles of this section, Mr. Harriss, through his initiative and activity, has embedded himself in the hearts of thousands. He has not only proven himself to be a banker of first rank, but he has also proven himself to be a booster and a builder. He has long since joined hands with those other progressive agencies and individuals of this county in concerted efforts for a greater and better Rutherford county. Mr. Harriss is a prominent member of the M. E. church, is a York and Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and holds many other high and prominent connections that make for progress and development.

Mr. Harriss is a son of R. K. Harriss, formerly of Hickory, who came to Forest City in 1907, and opened a hardware store, which he operated several years until it was sold to the Farmers Hardware Company. Mr. Harriss began his banking career in the Bank of Hamlet, at Hamlet, N. C., in 1910 and has been in the banking business continually since that time.

He came to Forest City in October, 1923, and with the late J. D. Ledbetter organized the National Bank of Forest City. He was cashier of that institution until it was merged with the Farmers Bank and Trust Company on July 1, 1926. Since that time he has been active vice presi-

Cantata At First Baptist Church

A Christmas cantata, "King of Kings," by G. W. Davies, will be rendered by the senior and Sunshine choirs at the First Baptist church on next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30. This cantata is composed of choruses, solos, trios and quartettes, with a reading from the Bible by the pastor, Dr. W. A. Ayers.

The program follows: Pastoral—violin solo, A. M. Glickman.

Chorus—"Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn," choirs.

Solo, trio and quartette—"The Annunciation," Mrs. W. C. Bostic, Jr., Miss Joy Shaver and Dr. W. L. Stallings.

Bass Solo—"No Room in the Inn" E. H. Freeman.

Carol—"While Shepherds Watch," Sunshine choir.

Tenor recitative—"Now When Jesus Was Born," Miss Ollie Tate.

Tenor solo—"In Old Judea," Paul Hamrick.

Soprano solo—"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," Miss Emily Camp.

Carol—"From the Eastern Mountains," Sunshine choir.

Alto solo—"Saw You Never in the Twilight," Mrs. Broadus Moore.

Chorus—"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," choirs.

Under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Glickman, both choirs have been working for several weeks in preparation for the cantata. All friends and lovers of sacred music and the public generally are cordially invited.

RUMMAGE SALE.

The ladies of the aid society of the First Baptist church will hold a rummage sale Saturday beginning at 9:30 a. m., in the Romina Theatre building. They will also have cakes, candy, sandwiches, hot coffee and hot chocolate. Buy your Sunday cakes and sweets here, and stop in for a refreshing cup of coffee or chocolate and a sandwich. Your patronage will be appreciated.

dent and a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Bank.

The strain of nineteen years in the banking business has impaired Mr. Harriss's health. For several years he has suffered with stomach trouble, and on advice of physicians he submitted his resignation as active vice-president and director effective on December 5.

Mr. Harriss will take a much needed rest and will undergo treatment before considering re-entering business of any nature.

CITY CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

County Government Program Will Be Given—Anyone Interested May Attend Session.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 10.—The December meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held in the Isothermal hotel here Friday evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. A county government program will be given, with county attorney B. T. Jones and county accountant M. R. Reed as speakers. Election of officers for 1930 will be held at this time also.

All members, and others interested are especially requested to note that the time of meeting for this month had been changed from one o'clock to six o'clock.

The following have been nominated for officers, and will be voted on Friday evening:

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

For vice-president: Dr. 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.

The program of this month's meeting promises to be one of the best held this year. All citizens interested in Rutherford county, and in county government, are invited to be present whether you are a member of the club or not. If you expect to be present for the luncheon please notify the secretary, Clarence Griffin, at the Isothermal hotel.

County Epworth Leaguers To Meet

Spindale, Dec. 11.—The December meeting of the Rutherford County Epworth League Association will be held in the Methodist church, in Forest City, on Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, according to the president, Prof. R. W. Eaves. The devotional will be in charge of the Forest City League. Immediately after the devotional meeting a business session will be held, with the county chairman, Prof. R. W. Eaves, of Spindale, in charge.

The December meeting was scheduled to be held last Friday evening, but due to the Stephens county-wide tabernacle services, being held in Spindale, being in progress the Leaguers attended the services there in a body.

FARMERS MEETING DECEMBER 17

County Agent Patton Issues Call for Meeting to Outline Agricultural Program.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 10.—County agent, F. E. Patton is issuing a call for all farmers, professional and business men of Rutherford county to meet at the court house here on Tuesday, December 17, at ten o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be to outline an agricultural program for Rutherford county, consistent with Governor Gardner's program for advancement of agriculture in North Carolina.

Mr. John W. Goodman, of Raleigh, will be present and address the meeting. Everyone in Rutherford county who has any interest in farming is urged to attend this meeting.

The Rev. B. P. Parks and Mrs. Parks and daughter, of Wilson, N. C., have come to Forest City to make their home and have occupied a handsome bungalow on Carolina avenue. The Rev. Mr. Parks is the father of Mr. C. P. Parks, well-known insurance man of this city, who will make his home with his parents. Forest City welcomes this splendid family.

Special lot of candies—fudge, chocolate drops, mixed candies, orange slices—all in our Christmas candy sale at 15c pound. Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

Great Results From Stephens' Revival

Approximately Six Hundred Converts and Re-consecrations—Will Probably Continue Through This Week.

Rev. R. C. Smith Resigns Pastorate

Cliffside, Dec. 10.—Announcement was made Tuesday that Rev. R. C. Smith, pastor of the Cliffside church would resign to accept a call to another church.

The resignation of Mr. Smith was given Wednesday night to the officials of the Cliffside church, and was reluctantly accepted. He will give his farewell sermon Sunday at the Baptist church. On next Monday or Tuesday he will move his family to Erwin, Tenn., where he will become pastor of the First Baptist church there.

Mr. Smith came to Cliffside nearly four years ago, in March, 1926, to be exact, and has since that time served the Cliffside church in an able and efficient manner. He has had several calls to other churches in recent months, and accepted the call to Erwin, Tenn., recently.

CHIEF PRICE PULLS FAST ONE

Recovers \$215 Stolen From Local Grocery Store by Colored Delivery Boy.

Chief Chas. R. Price, whose keen detective work checked the work of and secured a confession from a young forger last week, got into action Wednesday morning and in a few hours had recovered \$215 stolen from the Jones Grocery Co., store by a colored delivery boy.

Wednesday morning the chief was notified by a member of the Jones Grocery Co., that money had been missing from their cash drawer. The colored delivery boy, Perry Suber, aged about 17, was suspected. Chief Price immediately arrested him, and found \$25 on his person when searched at the police station. The chief has an uncanny way of getting confessions out of prisoners and it was not long until he had the admission of the boy that some of the stolen money was hid at his home. Search there revealed that the lad had concealed \$190 at his home. He also admitted that he had loaned \$10 to one negro and \$25 to another out of his stolen funds. It will not be surprising if the Chief does not recover more of the stolen money, as it is thought that the lad has not disgorged the full amount stolen.

The negro lad's method of stealing was simple. In his duties as delivery boy, he watched his opportunity and stole from the cash drawer at every chance. Most of his stealings were in \$10 and \$20 bills. It is not known how long the boy has been tapping the register.

The boy's mother, Minnie Suber, was also arrested on a charge of aiding and abetting.

DE BOSS SENT BILL JR. T DE PIGGLY WIGGLY DIS MORNIN' T' GIZ HIS SCHOOL S'PLIES. KAZE HE SEED BY DE PAPER DEY WUZ SHOLY CHEAP DAR.



Spindale, Dec. 11.—After entering its sixth week here indications are that the Stephens County-wide revival will continue throughout this week, if not longer. Originally scheduled for four weeks, the meeting was prolonged an additional week on account of the great interest manifested in the services. It was announced that the services would close Wednesday night, but on Tuesday night approximately one hundred people were in the after meeting for prayer. With the interest now being shown, the sponsors of the meeting and Mr. Stephens consider it a tragedy to close the series of services at this stage. Nearly four thousand people were present Tuesday night for the services. Every available seat and chair was taken, and many stood for the services.

The Stephens meeting was opened here November 1st, and has been in progress continuously since. The huge tabernacle, which will accommodate more than three thousand people comfortably, has been filled at nearly every service held. People from every community in Rutherford and adjoining counties have been in attendance at these services. Approximately six hundred conversions have resulted from the meeting, a number of reconsecrations, besides a fine spirit of fellowship between the churches of the county thus far.

Mr. Stephens will spend the remainder of the week in Spindale in a follow-up campaign to conserve the results of the meeting. Mr. W. G. Haymaker, the Stephens campaign director, left Monday for his home in Winona Lake, Minn., for a short visit before rejoining the Stephens party.

Thursday Evening.

The tabernacle was filled to capacity Thursday while Mr. Stephens brought a great message from the 32nd chapter of Isaiah. Mr. Elmore preceded Mr. Stephens' sermon with a talk on the benefit of the meeting, followed by R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton and Dr. W. A. Ayers, of Forest City. Delegations from Fingerville, S. C., the Cleghorn Mills and the business women of Rutherfordton and Spindale were present for this service. In the after meeting more than seventy-five were converted.

Great services were held on Friday and Saturday evenings. The huge building was filled almost to capacity during both services. A fine response was made at each service to the evangelists invitation to attend the after meeting for prayer.

The services Sunday brought to a climax the five weeks meeting.

Mr. Stephens delivered a soul-stirring sermon Sunday evening to what was perhaps the largest number of people to ever gather at the tabernacle. Every seat was taken and the rear aisles were filled with anxious listeners who were forced to stand. Chairs from the Spindale House were placed on the platform and in the aisles to accommodate many late comers. More than 3,500 people were in attendance.

Mr. Stephens used as his subject, "The Ten Commandments." He delivered a plain, instructive message, and brought the unvarnished truth, regardless of his audience's opinions or beliefs. He scored in no uncertain terms, the habit of profanity, immorality and drunkenness. He declared that immorality was the greatest sin of the age.

Just before opening the evening's services Mr. S. E. Elmore made a plea for a substantial thanks offering for Mr. Stephens. His request was emphasized by Mr. C. W. Keeter, of Rutherfordton, Rev. J. K. West, of Spindale, and Mr. W. B. Walker, of Rutherfordton. Five ushers who have attended every service held at the tabernacle were singled

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