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KIWANIANS HONOR FARMERS AT BALE PER ACRE BANQUET

Many Prizes Awarded Wednesday Evening at Kiwanis Meeting to Cotton Growers of Township.

Dr. T. E. Browne, director of vocational education and dean of the school of education of the North Carolina State college, was the principal speaker at a bale-per-acre banquet Wednesday evening given by the Forest City Kiwanis club for 50 farmers of the Cool Springs township who entered a better cotton contest sponsored by the club and the vocational agricultural department of the local high school.

J. M. Osteen, district supervisor of vocational agriculture of Troy, was present at this meeting and made a short talk. Mr. Osteen has attended every farmers' night meeting the local Kiwanis club has held for the past three years and he is extremely enthusiastic over the relations existing between the business men of this city and the farmers. James M. Gray, state manager of the Chilean nitrate of soda educational bureau of Raleigh, was also present and made a short talk.

Three hundred dollars in prizes were awarded to the winners in the better cotton contest at this meeting. The judges in this contest were Terry Moore of the Alexander Manufacturing company; D. H. Sutton, vocational agricultural teacher of the Cool Springs high school, and J. W. Eakes, superintendent of the township schools. The prizes were awarded as follows:

First prize, \$50 and a suit of clothes valued at \$25 to P. V. Bostic; second, \$25 and a \$10 raincoat, to Geo. Blanton; third \$20 and \$7 worth of automobile supplies to O. T. Dodson; fourth, \$15 and \$5 in merchandise to Clark Matheny; fifth, \$12.50 and a \$5 pair of shoes to Frank Gregory; sixth, \$10, and \$5 rocking chair to W. L. Hunt; seventh, \$7.50 and \$5 in merchandise to G. W. Hardin; eighth, \$5 and \$5 in merchandise to W. P. Crowder; ninth, \$2.50 and \$3.50 smoking stand to W. E. Lewis; tenth, \$2.50 and \$2.50 in merchandise to Yates Holland.

The next 10 making the highest records were awarded a year's subscription to The Forest City Courier.

Clarke Matheny was awarded \$25.00 for best grade of Coker No. 5 cotton grown in the contest. P. V. Bostic won the ton of fertilizer awarded by the Forest City Seed and Fertilizer Co., for making the most cotton per acre with their fertilizer.

G. S. Ruppe was given a ton of fertilizer by George Blanton for making the best cotton record using his fertilizer.

Mr. Tom Harris, who was disqualified on account of lateness in entering contest, made over ten bales of cotton on five acres. Mr. Matheny, of the Forest City Seed and Fertilizer Co., gave him a ton of fertilizer for this record.

Seventy men and boys participated in the contest, and grew 350 acres of cotton, each acre averaging over a bale of cotton per acre. The ten highest men and boys in the contest averaged approximately eight bales to their five acre projects. The second ten prizes winners averaged seven bales to the five acres, and the twenty winners averaged well over seven bales to their five acres.

In the grammar school group a number of boys entered the one acre contest. Twenty-five dollars was awarded to the three highest boys by Prof. J. W. Eakes and J. R. Moore. First prize, \$12.50, was awarded to J. O. Toms.

Mr. Paul Huntley, of Newport News, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and children, of Charlotte, will spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Huntley.

Spindale Boy To Take Bar Exam.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—One hundred and forty-two persons filed notice of intention to take the North Carolina bar examination next January 27, says Edward V. Seawell, clerk of the state supreme court, it was announced Thursday.

The list contains the name of John Lester Duncan, of Spindale, N. C.

PRAISES WORK OF RUTHERFORD GIRLS' CLASS

Dr. T. E. Brown Expresses Satisfaction at Work of Rutherford Home Economics Class.

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—High recommendation of the policy of the home economics department of the Rutherford Spindale Central High school, which is doing seasonal benevolent work incident to classroom instruction and practice, was spoken here Saturday by Dr. T. E. Brown, of Aaleigh, North Carolina, director of vocational education, who has just visited the school. The members of this class of young women are making "everything from layettes to durable, attractive school dresses," all of which will be given as Christmas presents to needy persons in that community.

"To elevate the quality of human living" is the task of modern education, in the opinion of Dr. Franklin Babbit, of the University of Chicago," said Dr. Brown. "To find this philosophy of education being worked out in a school and being applied to the lives of the people of the community is a real inspiration."

"One cannot conceive of a more thorough illustration of the application of this philosophy than that given in the work of the home economics department of the Central High school in Rutherford County," continued Dr. Brown. "The county welfare officer gave Mrs. Charles Erwin the home economics teacher, \$20 with which to buy material to be used in making garments for the needy children in the school district. Suitable materials were purchased for making clothing for children of all ages."

"The girls in the home economics classes are so happy and enthusiastic over the project that not only are they using the class periods for this work but also are giving their study periods and their spare time to the work, in order that the garments may be ready for distribution by Christmas. Never have I seen a happier class of girls than those who are doing these things which will bring joy to dozens of children at Christmas time," said Dr. Brown.

PARKS-WADDELL.

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends in Rutherford, Cleveland and Buncombe counties was that of Mr. C. P. Parks to Miss Pauline Waddell, of Asheville, which took place Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the French Broad Baptist church.

The father of the groom, Rev. B. P. Parks, of Forest City, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Parks is the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Waddell of Asheville. She is a graduate of Asheville-Normal and North Carolina college for Women. She has been a teacher in the public schools of Cleveland county for sometime, and is at present teaching in that county.

Mr. Parks is the son of Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Parks, of Forest City. He is a well-known young business man, having been connected with the Pilot Life Insurance company for about four years, and is at present the resident manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks will make their home on Carolina Avenue.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

I am a Christmas tree. I am not the kind that is all aglow one day in the year and then is cast aside and forgotten. I am a sturdy evergreen which took root in this community long ago, grew as it grew slowly then flourished in the days of prosperity until now I stand as a landmark for the community throughout the year. But as a Christmas tree I bear upon my branches gifts for all of you. My gifts are these: News—all the news for all the people all the time; clean news, wholesome news, news of hope and not of despair; the kind of news that you can read and talk over around the family circle; Ideals and Faith and Courage—ideals toward which to strive to make our community a better place in which to live, faith in the essential righteousness and honesty of our people; courage in upholding the cause of justice and condemning the wrong; Leadership and Progressiveness and Service—leadership in those causes which make for good of community, progressiveness in seeing beyond the immediate need and the immediate fulfillment of that need; service to the community in protecting its people from danger, fraud, sorrow. These gifts I bear for all of you—for your schools, churches, public institutions your homes, your children and for each and every one of you as individuals. All these gifts that are freely yours to have throughout the year, I offer this glad season of peace on earth, good will and happiness to all. For I am a Christmas tree. I am your HOME PAPER.

FORMER RESIDENT COMMENDS CITY

Compliments City on Decorations, and Makes Suggestions As To Beautifying Certain Streets.

Christmas greetings to Forest City, her people and multitude of interests. We are rejoicing with you in the favorable comment your city is receiving in the news and editorial columns of our largest daily newspapers. The spirit of your town, as represented by your manufacturers, business men and civic clubs, deserves all the publicity and praise that is possible to be had.

We still have a warm spot in our hearts for Forest City and her many fine people, and would love to see still greater progress. So just throwing out a suggestion, in keeping with the beauty of your business court and Main street. Old Carolina road, from intersection of Arlington street, the main thoroughfare of your handsome graded school building, could be developed into one of the beauty spots of Forest City, at a very small cost. With grass and crepe myrtle trees in the center plots of what is already a boulevard, shade trees along the margin of the school campus and opposite side, would transform this now forsaken and abandoned street into a magnificent thoroughfare and be a continual reminder to the 700 children of the grammar school along lines of civic beauty and landscape gardening.

With your splendid Woman's Club, Kiwanis club, School Board and City Council and the spirit of all your people, this could be an objective for the New Year that would attract the attention of every visitor to Forest City and open an avenue to a splendid residential section of the city.

—G. R. GILLESPIE.
Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weathers will have as their dinner guests on Christmas day, Mrs. T. E. Wilkins, Mrs. S. L. Hobbs and family, of Erwin, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. John T. Wilkins and family of Hendersonville, Mrs. W. W. Wilkins and children, of Atlanta, Ga., and their son, Mr. Flay Weathers, of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., who is home for the Christmas holidays.

MRS. A. L. GRAYSON DIED SATURDAY

Rutherfordton Woman Passes at Age of 68 Years—Funeral Sunday.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 23.—Mrs. A. L. Grayson, aged 68, one of the best known women of Rutherfordton, died at her home here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the first Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment followed in the Rutherfordton cemetery. Her former pastor, the Rev. R. H. Herring, of Zebulon, assisted her pastor, the Rev. E. B. Jenkins, in the services.

Her only child, Miss Alda Grayson, is a missionary to China and left here November 29, 1928, for her second trip to the far east.

Mrs. Grayson is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hattie Callahan, of Rutherfordton, two half-brothers, Dr. F. B. Watkins, physician at the state hospital, Morganton, and Dr. W. O. Watkins, prominent druggist of this place; two step-daughters, Miss Virginia Grayson and Miss Myra Grayson, both of this place.

Mrs. Grayson had been a teacher in the First Baptist Sunday school here for 50 years and was active in church and civic circles. She was a loyal member of the Davis-Dickerson-Mills chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was a member of one of the county's best known families. She has always been known as a devoted Christian.

WIN RADIO AND TRAIN AT ROMINA THEATRE

Mr. Byron Carson, of the Harris Oil Company, city, won the Atwater Kent radio, given away at the Romina Theatre Saturday evening. The Romina announced two weeks ago that this fine new radio would be given away Saturday evening to the person holding a certain ticket, and Mr. Carson was the fortunate person. An electric train was also given away Saturday morning at a special show for children. This was won by little Miss Frances Courtney.

Miss Mary Meares, of Winston-Salem, arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meares.

Ex-Service Men Take Notice

There are in the State of North Carolina 6,000 ex-service men who have not applied for their adjusted compensation certificates, these certificates average \$1,000 each.

The time limit for making application for these certificates is January 1st, 1930, unless Congress extends the time.

ANNUAL BANQUET FLORENCE MILLS

Overseers Enjoy Special Dinner at Blanton Cafe Friday Night.

The annual banquet of the heads of departments and overseers of the Florence Mills was given at Blanton's Cafe last Friday night, where plates were laid for thirty-six. A splendid four-course dinner was served, followed by cigars and cigarettes.

Superintendent N. H. Welsh presided at the banquet. The invocation was by Rev. L. N. Epley.

The banquet was one of the best ever served by Blanton and was enjoyed throughout and further enjoyment of the occasion was enhanced by good fellowship.

Short talks were made by the Rev. L. N. Epley, Dr. A. C. Duncan and Editor Alcock. Mr. Epley covered the spiritual side in a neat talk, while Dr. Duncan, after felicitating the Florence Mills key men upon the happy occasion, took time to express a warning against the inroads of the communists, who have threatened wide-spread strikes in the South this Spring. Editor Alcock spoke of the good fellowship and co-operation existing among the overseers of the Florence Mills organization.

It might well be said that there will be small chance of inroads by the communists in an organization which shows the loyalty to employees as exhibited by the Florence Mills. As a striking example, there appeared at the rear of the banquet hall one of Florence Mills' oldest employees, "Uncle" Wilse Kelley, aged colored man who helped to make the brick from which Florence Mills is built and has been an employee ever since, covering a period of 35 years. This old dandy, typical of the Old South in faithfulness and loyalty, has been on the payroll since the very beginning of the organization. He is 78 years old, lives near Spindale and has not been late to his work but one day this year. The old man is showing the evidences of time and is not strong enough to do heavy work, but the Florence Mills has kept him on the payroll all these years and provided employment for his declining years. As one gentleman remarked to the reporter, who had asked about the mills keeping an old man upon the payroll, "Why, of course, he can't do uch work, but he has been faithful and loyal and if the mills were to discharge him the old man would just curl up and die, as it is, his feeling that he is doing something and is useful, that keeps him alive. Yes, Uncle Wilse feels that he is a part of our organization."

The communists will have a hard time making inroads into an organization that shows this kind of spirit to employees—even to an old colored man.

TWO USEFUL MEN OF CLEVELAND

In the recent passing of J. T. S. Mauney and Tom Stamey, the county loses two of its outstanding men, who have helped make Cleveland County what it is. Their judgments were mature, their county loyalty and pride were outstanding and their lives were such that young men should emulate their noble examples. It was an inspiration for young men to be associated with such noble men as Mauney and Stamey and now that they are gone, young men should strive to step into their places and carry on. A great pride of Cleveland County are the noble men and women who have set such fine examples for the youth of our section.—Shelby Star.

COUNTY OFFICERS ARREST NEGROES FOR SHOOTING

Three Jailed For Alleged Shooting of Officer and Filling Station Operator At Greensboro.

Spindale, Dec. 23.—Two Whiteside negroes, brothers, and another negro were arrested Thursday by officers at their home near Union Mills, after a sharp piece of detective work by Policeman George Green.

On Monday night, December 16, the three negroes drove up to a filling station on the outskirts of Greensboro, it is alleged, and after an altercation with the operator of the station shot him. A policeman who attempted to arrest them was also shot, according to reports, and the negroes made their escape. Fortunately, neither of the men were seriously wounded, and the policeman succeeded in securing their license tag number. The car had formerly belonged to a Spindale man, and after Mr. Green was notified of the fact, he at once began a search for the car and located it at the home of the negroes near Union Mills. On Thursday Mr. Green, accompanied by Chief of police Yates Duncan, Curtis Hardin, Jim Marlowe and Calvin Hardin, went to their residence and arrested them. They were placed in the Rutherford jail and officers at Greensboro notified. An officer came to Rutherfordton Friday and returned with them to Greensboro, where they will stand trial at a later date.

Annual Meeting Of B. S. A. Council Jan. 13

The annual meeting of the officials of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in Hotel Armington, Gastonia, on Monday evening, January 13th, at 7 o'clock, according to an announcement made by scout executive R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia. It was first planned to hold the annual meeting in Shelby, but due to a conflict in dates it was changed to Gastonia.

Officials for the council and officers for each of the counties composing the council will be elected at that time. The council is composed of the counties of Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford and Polk, with several adjoining counties as extension territory. Reports for the year will also be made at that time.

ELLIOTT-STOTT.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 23.—Arnold P. Elliott was married here Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18, to Miss Olive Stott of Union Mills, by Rev. E. B. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church in the office of register of deeds, W. O. Geer. After a brief honeymoon trip the young couple will make their home in the upper end of this county.



Santa has come to make the hearts of little folks glad, and, believe me, PIGGLY WIGGLY will make the older folks glad any time they visit the store.

My, my, you sure does get lots for you'ah money.