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METHODIST MEN'S CLASS GIVE THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET

Dr. A. L. Gunter, of Spartanburg, Is Principal Speaker at Banquet Held Last Thursday Evening.

The annual banquet of the Men's class of the Methodist church was held in the banquet hall of Blanton's cafe Thursday night, January 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. A delicious supper was served to more than sixty-five members and guests. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Chas. S. McCall, president of the class. After Dr. John S. Wood had returned thanks, the banqueters enjoyed one of the best meals ever served by Blanton's cafe. During the supper Virginia and Howard Magness sang a number of selections accompanied on the piano by Miss Ruth Dorsey. Lila Gordon King gave a reading that delighted all present. M. H. Hewitt, chairman of the entertainment committee, pulled a clever stunt that brought forth much laughter.

Mr. A. L. Gunter, pastor of Bethel Methodist church, Spartanburg, S. C. was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Gunter's address was both timely and interesting. He said that the men of today needed to keep themselves physically fit, mentally alert, and morally straight, if they expected to hand down to the youth of today an honest heritage. Speaking of the youth of today, Mr. Gunter said that in his opinion the youth of today was just as honest and upright as the youth of any age. The difference, he said, lay in the fact that the youth of today will dare more and hence will accomplish more. Mr. Gunter closed with a plea that the men make their home more attractive for youth and that they seek the companionship of their sons.

After Mr. Gunter's address the chairman called on Mr. C. B. Dawsey, a missionary from Brazil, who spoke briefly and interestingly. He brought greetings from twenty thousand Methodists from Brazil. Mr. Dawsey has spent 15 years in Brazil. Dr. John S. Wood also spoke briefly and very forcibly. Numbers of members and visitors were free to say that the banquet was the best they had ever attended. It was regretted by all that illness kept Rev. M. F. Moores from attending. The meeting closed with a short prayer by Rev. R. L. Doggett.

STEPHENS PARTY BEGINS REVIVAL

Tabernacle Meetings at Cliffside Well Attended Sunday—Indications Point to Great Revival.

Cliffside, Jan. 21.—The Stephens tabernacle meetings, at Cliffside, started off under most favorable conditions, on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

All of the departments were well organized, the weather was almost perfect, and the crowds surpassed all expectations in both numbers and interest, for the beginning of the meetings.

A large and efficient corps of ushers are on hand and very attentive to the large crowds at every service.

A large and most excellent choir of about 200 members, with Mr. Powell Lee, Director and Miss Roris Riley, pianist, are rendering great service.

All committees are rendering a great service along their respective lines of duty, and Mr. W. G. Haymaker deserves much credit for so effectively completing the organization of all of the departments before the meetings began.

The tabernacle is well lighted and heated and comfortable in every way. Many visiting ministers are in attendance, the press is well represented, and everything points favorably toward the most profitable meeting that has ever been held in this part of the state.

State Fair Director



O. J. HOLLER.

O. J. HOLLER ON STATE FAIR BOARD

Rutherford County's Master Farmer Appointed State Fair Director by Governor Gardner.

O. J. Holler, of Union Mills, Rutherford county's master farmer, and president of the Farmers Federation Inc., of Rutherford county, has been named by Governor O. Max Gardner as a member of the North Carolina State Fair Board, according to an announcement made this week. Mr. Holler will succeed D. Reeves Noland, of Waynesville, who has resigned. Mr. Holler's term will expire March 2, 1932.

Mr. Holler is one of the outstanding leaders in the agricultural profession in Rutherford county. He is actively connected with all farm organizations in Rutherford county and Western North Carolina. He was elected in December, as president of the Rutherford County Club. He is also connected with the Rutherford County Fair Association.

The board of directors of the North Carolina State Fair is composed of thirteen members, one from each of the ten congressional districts and three members at large, and are as follows:

First district, Thomas S. White, Hertford; Second district, W. H. Joyner, Garysburg; Third district, Jule K. Warren, Trenton; Fourth district, Dr. J. R. Rogers, Raleigh; Fifth district, Jefferson Penn, Reidsville; Sixth district, Dr. J. Vance McGoughan, Fayetteville; Seventh district, Arthur Ross, Asheboro; Eighth district, Mrs. W. A. Foil, Concord; Ninth district, Roy E. Hutchinson, Charlotte; Tenth district, O. J. Holler, Union Mills; Members-at-large: Mrs. P. E. Brown Wilkesboro; W. E. White, Mebane; W. G. Bramham, Durham.

NEW COAL COMPANY.

Messrs. W. E. Moore and Fred H. Harrill have formed a partnership and will enter the coal business under the firm name of the Moore Coal Co. They will handle only the best lines of coal and will be located at the railroad siding at Davis Lumber Co., on Broadway.

Both are clever, well known gentlemen, whose friends predict success for them in their new enterprise.

The new firm has an ad in today's Courier, showing that they appreciate the advertising value of their home newspaper.

Miss Mildred Moores, of Greensboro College, Greensboro, is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. M. F. Moores. Her father, Rev. M. F. Moores, continues to be quite ill and is now in Charlotte Hospital under the care of specialists.

Mr. Bill Butler, of Fort Bragg, is spending the week here with his father, Mr. J. L. Butler. Mr. Butler will leave soon for Washington, D. C., where he will take a special course in finance.

When bigger and better values are sold, Courtney's will sell them. Courtney's 10c Store. (The Old Reliable.)

SPINDALE BAND'S ANNUAL CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT

Sixth Annual Concert Will Be Held in Spindale House Saturday Evening at 8 O'clock.

Spindale, Jan. 21.—On next Saturday evening the Spindale Band, of Spindale, will give its sixth annual concert in the Spindale House, beginning at eight o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged, consisting of eight numbers, for this occasion.

The Spindale Band now numbers twenty-five members. The band was organized in 1923, and the annual concert has been a feature that has been eagerly anticipated by the music lovers of the county each January for six years.

Mr. D. C. Cole, who organized the band, and has been its director since that time, will be in charge of the program Saturday evening. No admission fee is charged by the band for these concerts, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The program, as announced by Mr. Cole, follows:

The Ambassador, March, by G. E. Holmes.

Happy Greeting, Overture, Francis A. Myers.

Lotus Flower, Gavotte, by Holmes.

Pilgrims Chorus, from Tannhauser, by Wagner.

"You were Meant for Me," Fox trot, by Fred and Brown.

Vocal solo, by Z. G. Goforth, Miss Davis at piano.

"Trombone Blues", Jewell.

Princess of India, Overture, by K. L. King.

WRECK INJURES THREE NEGROES

Roadster Hit By Southern Passenger Train Sunday Afternoon In West Forest City.

Three South Carolina negroes were injured two seriously, when their car a Ford roadster, was hit by Southern passenger train No. 35, running from Marion to Rock Hill, at the city limits here about 5:30 Sunday afternoon.

A Forest City negro, Broad Payne, seeing the train coming, jumped from the car and was not hurt. The track in the direction from which the train was coming can be seen for about 400 yards.

The three injured negroes, all from Chesnee, S. C., are, Jhildon Payne, cut on thumb and with slight abrasion on his back; T. Burton Gaffney, fractured thigh and extensive lacerations on scalp and face with probably fractured skull; Rochel Houser, cut about the face and head and probably a fractured skull.

Dr. A. C. Duncan, noticing the train stopping, was the first to the wreck and carried the negroes to his office where they were given first aid and then the latter two who were injured seriously, were sent to the Rutherford hospital.

Dr. W. C. Bostic, Southern railway surgeon, and Dr. Bostic, Jr., also attended the injured negroes. The negroes had been drinking according to the doctors.

Gaffney who was driving the car was said to have been highly intoxicated before the wreck which sobered him a little.

Houser and Gaffney were taken to the hospital. Houser was discharged Tuesday, while Gaffney is yet in the hospital, but is recovering rapidly.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Jr., pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church will fill Rev. M. F. Moores engagement at the local Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Mr. Moores is taking treatment at the Charlotte Sanatorium, but expects to return to his home here some time this week.

Couples Are Married In Gaffney

Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 22.—During the past week Judge Lake W. Stroup, of the probate court, issued marriage licenses to five Rutherford county couples, as follows:

John Stacy, Henrietta, and Docia Henan, Caroleen.

Will Smith, Caroleen, and Gracie Boheler, Forest City.

Durham Philbeck, Gaffney, and Lillie Bell Sisk, Caroleen.

Alvin Guy Hoyle, and Doris Walker, Rutherfordton, R-1.

Thad L. Conley, and Mollie Morehead, Rutherfordton, N. C.

QUALITY SERVICE STORES TO OPEN NEXT WEEK END

Rutherford-Cleveland Group Now Has Membership of Over 30 Stores—Open Friday and Saturday.

The Quality Service Stores of Rutherford and Cleveland counties will open for business on January 31st, and February 1st, according to an announcement made Wednesday by the group president, W. C. Ellis, of Spindale.

A meeting of the finance committee was held Tuesday night, at which time plans for the opening were discussed. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, in the Court House at Rutherfordton, which will be attended by all the members and final plans made for putting the movement in operation in the county.

The local unit of the Quality Service Stores group embraces Cleveland and Rutherford counties. The group has a membership of over thirty grocery stores in the two counties.

The members of the Quality Service Stores group will purchase in bulk a number of standard advertised brands of groceries and feature them each week as specials. Through the centralized purchasing plan certain other groceries will also be purchased in bulk and sold at wholesaler's price.

DEATH CLAIMS W. H. BLANTON

Spindale Merchant Succumbs to Pneumonia—Funeral to be Held at Shiloh.

Spindale, Jan. 22.—Mr. W. H. Blanton, prominent merchant of this place, died Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at his home, after a short illness. He was taken ill about a week ago with a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia. His condition was not considered serious until Tuesday night, when he suddenly became worse, dying Wednesday morning.

Mr. Blanton is survived by his widow, one son, Roland Blanton, of the Shiloh community, Rutherfordton, R-1; three daughters, Mrs. M. B. Wall, of Spindale; Mrs. Dolphus Hester, of Spindale, and Miss Ella Blanton, at home.

Mr. Blanton had been in business here several years as manager of the Blanton's Cash Grocery, which was owned jointly by him and Mr. Grayson Blanton.

He was a prominent citizen of the community and county. Prior to his coming to Spindale he had been a farmer in the Shiloh community. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist church. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but they will be held at Shiloh Baptist church, probably Thursday.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The W. M. U. of the Florence Baptist church will give an oyster supper Saturday afternoon and night. The supper will be given in the building formerly occupied by Jiggs Chocolate Shop, next door to Bradley's Jewelry shop. The proceeds from this supper will be used to make improvements at the Florence Baptist church.

County Club Outlines Objectives For Year

Renewed Interest In Black Bear Trail; Securing Farm Membership; And Other Objectives Suggested.

Sunshine Youth In Hospital With Wounds

Bostic, R-3, Jan. 21.—Clarence Toney, 21, son of S. M. Toney, of the Sunshine section, was brought to the Rutherford hospital Sunday suffering from a knife wound in his chest, which relatives said was self-inflicted.

The wound, according to hospital attendants, was just above the heart, the knife penetrating one lung. The weapon used was apparently a pen knife, it was said. Young Toney told members of his family a week ago he was going to kill himself, they said. It was reported yesterday that the young man would recover.

TUBERCULOSIS SEAL SALE REPORT

Sale of Christmas Seals in Forest City Amounted to \$141.28 During Christmas Season.

The sale of tuberculosis seals in Forest City for 1929 amounted to \$141.28, showing a gain of \$23.28 over the previous year. Twenty-five per cent of the gross receipts is forwarded to the secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina tuberculosis association to continue in North Carolina's great fight against this dreaded disease, the remaining 75 per cent, or \$105.96, is left in our local community with instructions from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association to use it in buying milk and furnishing other physical necessities for indigent and under-nourished children; also, to aid, at the discretion of the local chairman, in caring for needy cases of tuberculosis.

As State Chairman for the town of Forest City, I want to thank everyone who aided in making this seal sale a success. Especially do I wish to thank the members of the Forest City Woman's Club who cooperated in such an untiring manner.

This is a work which the people of our town should feel justly proud in that tuberculosis is a disease that is taking away hundreds of our good people in North Carolina annually. Since it is an infectious disease, if our efforts are continued we will, no doubt, be able to reduce the number of deaths from this disease a great deal during the years just ahead.

Mrs. A. C. Duncan.

LIBRARY GROWING.

The public library has shown remarkable growth since opening the second week in April. The library opened with less than 300 books and records show a circulation of 220 the first month. The library now has 770 books including three standard encyclopedias and the circulation for one month was 818. Last Saturday 148 books were issued, 89 to adults. This report shows something of the interest being shown in the library. Last week 37 new books were received. A gift from the Literary Department of the Woman's Club. The Dramatic club is having a magazine stand made and we hope to have it soon.

Mrs. Clyde C. Hicks went to Charlotte Sunday, where she entered the Presbyterian Hospital for an operation for internal goitre. Dr. Marvin Scruggs performed the operation Monday and we are glad to report that Mrs. Hicks is improving nicely.

Valentines 1c. Big assortments. Courtney's 10c Store.

Caroleen, Jan. 17.—A program of objectives was outlined at Friday's meeting of the Rutherford County Club and plans proposed for an active year at the regular monthly meeting held at Caroleen.

The president, O. J. Holler, appointed committees for 1930 as follows: nominating Z. O. Jenkins, Cliffside; J. L. Taylor, Rutherfordton; J. R. Moore, Forest City; Grievance, T. R. Padgett, Forest City; W. L. Stallings, Forest City; Ivy Cowan, Spindale. Membership: K. S. Tanner, Spindale; Terry A. Moore, Forest City; W. B. Walker, Rutherfordton.

Z. O. Jenkins, of Cliffside, was the first speaker on the program, and suggested as objectives for the club the securing of federal number and federal maintenance of the Black Bear Trail; plans for securing a larger farmer representation in the club, and renewed interest in the club's work.

W. L. Hicks, assistant cashier of the Caroleen branch of the Farmers Bank, spoke on the financial outlook for 1930. Suggestions from other members followed.

About two years ago interest in the Black Bear Trail was developed to a high point in the county. The highway traverses the entire length of the county. Through efforts of the club the highway was advantageously located in the county and markers placed. However, interest in the project has lagged. Mr. Jenkins suggested concerted action on behalf of the club to secure a federal number for this highway, and also to secure federal aid and maintenance. He suggested amending the by-laws of the club in order to allow farmers of the county to become members free of entrance fees, and, if necessary to change time of monthly meetings to suit their convenience. He asked that each member take a renewed interest in the club work, and that the club follow-up, in a more systematic form, the activities of the committees.

President Holler also offered suggestions as to securing members from the farm population.

Secretary Clarence Griffin emphasized the importance of the agricultural membership in the club; and suggested that a movement, begun about a year ago, to publish a booklet, or some other publication advertising the county, be revived. Numerous calls come to the newspaper offices and others, in the absence of a chamber of commerce in the county, requesting information relative to the industries of the county; agricultural and manufacturing possibilities. Mr. Griffin suggested that the club sponsor the publication of a booklet which would present all these facts in concise form, and that the secretary of the Rutherford County Club act as a county chamber of commerce secretary.

Mr. W. L. Hicks, cashier of the Caroleen bank, spoke on the financial outlook. Money is easy at present which will go a good way toward financing new enterprises, said Mr. Hicks. The outlook is bright, at present, but would not commit himself to any further statements other than that he hoped there would be a fine business year, which he, personally believed there would be.

Dr. A. C. Duncan urged that each club member preach and teach optimism during the year, which he believed would help business to a great extent.

The club went on record as in favor of a program of beautification for the county, which is being sponsored by the county home demonstration agent, Miss Laura Howard. Miss Howard outlined the program and asked the club for its cooperation.

Suggestions were also offered by (Continued on Last Page)