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APRIL 11-13 DATES FOR SIXTH OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

E. E. Smart Elected President at Organization Meeting Monday Evening—Will Hold Conference at Spindale.

Rutherfordton, Mar. 25.—At a meeting held here in Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin's office Monday evening plans were made for the sixth annual Rutherford County Older Boys' Conference, and E. E. Smart of Bostic, was elected president. Other officers elected include David Lindsay, of Spindale, vice-president; Prof. R. W. Eaves, Spindale, corresponding secretary; Rev. W. A. Barber, Spindale, recording secretary; G. B. Howard, Spindale, treasurer. The chairman of the various committees, as elected Monday night, follow: Clyde A. Erwin, Rutherfordton, publicity; Prof. J. W. Eakes, Forest City, finance; F. W. Jarvis, Rutherfordton, reception; C. A. Denson, Cliffside, athletics; G. A. Williams, Spindale, entertainment.

The time for holding the sixth Older Boys Conference was set for April 11, 12 and 13th, and will be held at the Spindale House, Spindale.

B. D. Wilson presided as temporary chairman. Thirty men were present, representing the communities of Rutherfordton, Spindale, Forest City, Bostic, Union Mills and Cliffside.

G. B. Howard read the financial reports of the past conferences and stated that each conference had cost on an average of \$150.00.

The meeting was opened for suggestions for speakers, and several individuals of prominence were suggested to the secretary as suitable men to address the conference.

The opening session of the conference will be held Friday afternoon, April 11, followed by a banquet Friday evening. Sessions will be held Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and evening of April 12, and will conclude with the Sunday afternoon session of April 13.

CENSUS TAKERS NAMED FOR COUNTY

Fifteenth Federal Census Begins April 2—"Nose Counters" in Rutherford Announced.

The fifteenth federal census will be taken in April, beginning April 2, and the people of Cool Springs township will be quizzed by R. K. Hollifield, R. W. Carswell, Joe P. Hardin, L. G. Blanton and Terry Smart. Cool Springs township has five enumerators, the largest number of any of the fourteen townships.

The names of the census enumerators in Rutherford county were made public Tuesday. They are as follows:

Chimney Rock, Mrs. H. C. Keeter. Green Hill, Ben Hampton. Union, John A. Smith. Sulphur Springs, George Cole. Rutherfordton, C. E. Shytle, Dudley Crawford, Mrs. T. R. Flack. Logans Store, Joe. J. Melton and Olin York. Cool Springs, R. K. Hollifield, R. W. Carswell, Joe P. Hardin, L. G. Blanton and Terry Smart. Colfax, Terry Smart and Miss Zennie Allen. High Shoals, Mrs. Rose E. Smith. Flay H. Scruggs, J. B. Robinson and B. B. Smart. Duncans Creek, Learidis Mode. Golden Valley, D. G. Melton. Camp Creek, Miller Watson, Gilkey, Fred Keeter. Morgan, Maude Stott.

The above enumerators will begin their work of "counting noses" on Wednesday, April 2, and will have thirty days in which to complete their work.

Dahlia bulbs, assorted colors, Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

After World's Speed Record



Kaye Don, of England, will try to break all records for speed on wheels with this curious car at Daytona Beach, Florida.

HON. R. R. REYNOLDS HEARD TUESDAY IN RUTHERFORDTON

Addresses Mass Meeting Under Auspices of Rutherford County Protective League—Other Speakers Present.

Rutherfordton, Mar. 26.—"Last year ninety-five corporations in the United States made over 50 percent of all profits made in the nation," said Robert, R. Reynolds, prominent lawyer and speaker of Asheville, in addressing several hundred people at the courthouse here Tuesday evening. "The chain store systems are becoming highly monopolized, and as a result over 500,000 citizens were forced out of employment last year," said the speaker.

Mr. Reynolds was presented by R. E. Price. In his opening remarks he stated that he was unalterably opposed to the moneyed interests, and had been since boyhood days, and had been an enemy to powerful corporations since casting his first ballot. "The country is fast becoming the property of the few," said Mr. Reynolds "and we are approaching a time when all of the property of the nation will be centered in a few individuals, who will enslave the boys and girls of our country. This is evidenced by the growing tendency to create chains of grocery stores, drug stores, shoe stores, filling stations and other chain enterprises. Once they have a monopoly on any certain business or commodity they will be in a place to dictate to the consumers or anyone else." The speaker then presented the financial side, and showed how each dollar of profit made by the chain systems left the community, and appealed to those present to patronize home merchants. To the independent merchants he gave a word of advice, and warned them that if they wished to compete with the present chain store groceries they must clean up, feature their goods in attractive window displays; use advertising space freely and tell the community what they had for sale. "You cannot sell diamonds for \$1.00 each," said Mr. Reynolds, "unless you let the people know that you have them for sale. The newspaper is the best medium available for this purpose, and you should take full advantage of it. Feature certain articles regularly and let your customers know it, and you will sell them. "The chain stores spend millions of dollars annually in employing experts to study their advertising needs. If that phase of work is so profitable to them it will be profitable to you."

B. D. Wilson, acting president of the Rutherford County Protective League, presided at the meeting. Following Mr. Reynolds' address Mr. Price presented Attorney Charles A. McCrea, of Asheville, who spoke briefly. Major Wallace B. Stone, of Asheville, candidate for Congress in the 10th Congressional district, was also presented and emphasized some of Mr. Reynolds' remarks.

Mr. E. W. Brandon, Jr., of Shreveport, La., a representative of "Old Man" Henderson, of Station KWKH, was present. After the close of the speaking Mr. Wilson called a short business session, which was attended by a number of the county merchants. Mr. Brandon presented the subject of the organization of the Merchants Minute Men of America, an independent organization sponsored by Henderson. Action on this matter was deferred until a later date.

Rutherford-Polk C. E. U. To Meet Here

The Rutherford-Polk County Christian Endeavor Union will hold its quarterly meeting at the Presbyterian church here Friday evening, April 4th, beginning at 5:30 o'clock. A fellowship supper will be served at 5:30, and all members are urged to bring baskets. At 7:30 Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., pastor of the Rutherford Presbyterian church, will address the meeting. All Unions in both Rutherford and Polk are urged to have representatives present.

MRS. M. FREEMAN DIES IN ROCK HILL

Funeral Will be Held Today (Thursday) at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Memory Freeman died Tuesday night at 9 o'clock in a Rock Hill, S. C., hospital, according to reports reaching here Wednesday.

The funeral will be held today (Thursday) at Mt. Vernon Baptist church, and interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

The body left Rock Hill Wednesday at 12 o'clock, and was brought to the home of Mr. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Freeman, in Forest City.

Mrs. Freeman was the wife of Mr. Memory Freeman, formerly of Forest City, but now manager of the A&P store in Rock Hill. Mr. Freeman was formerly employed by the local A&P store. Before her marriage Mrs. Freeman was Miss Emily Hollifield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hollifield, of Caroleen. She was formerly a teacher in the Caroleen elementary school and was a teacher there at the time of her marriage. They have been making Rock Hill their home for about two years.

Mrs. Freeman gave birth Tuesday morning to a son, which survives. Her husband and parents also survive.

County Medical Society To Meet April 1st

The Rutherford County Medical Society will meet at the Rutherford Hospital Tuesday, April 1st at 4 p. m., according to an announcement by Dr. W. C. Bostic, the secretary.

Invitation is extended to the dental profession of Rutherford county to meet in joint session with the County Board of Health.

Dr. H. H. Briggs, of Asheville, will be present and deliver a paper to the physicians and dentists of this section and you will miss a treat if you are not present.

Dr. Briggs has a national reputation and is a pleasing speaker. You are urged to be on hand if possible.

"THE PIRATE'S DAUGHTER" HERE FRIDAY EVENING

"The Pirate's Daughter", a musical comedy in three acts, will be given at the high school auditorium Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The play is based upon a legend of old Holland in 1624. The costumes have been designed by Miss Johnnie King, who is directing the dramatics, and they blend in the settings of American and Dutch character. Mrs. Glickman has well-trained students working under her supervision, and Miss Jennie Aiken has charge of the dancing, which is an important part of the comedy.

The proceeds from the play will be used to defray the expenses of the girls and boys glee clubs when they enter the state musical contest.

FATHER SHOTS SON; IS KILLED BY OFFICER

Cebe Lynch, Fatally Wounded by Officer Who Goes to Arrest Him for Shooting of Son.

Columbus, Mar. 25 —Cebe Lynch 45-year-old farmer of the Cooper's Creek section of Polk County, was fatally wounded Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock by J. M. Melton, constable of the township, when Lynch resisted arrest on charges of shooting his son Melton Lynch, 20. The wounded youth is in the Rutherford hospital in a serious condition from a bullet wound in the abdomen said to have been inflicted by his father.

A coroner's jury impaneled Sunday by Coroner Earle Grady found that "the officer shot in the defense of his life and while in the official discharge of his duties as a peace officer of the State of North Carolina."

According to evidence submitted at the hearing Sunday afternoon by W. M. Deensdale, Will Corn, and S. K. McMurray, witnesses of the shooting, the officer was en route to the home of Lynch to investigate reports that the elder man had shot his son in an argument. Melton met Lynch on the highway leading from his home and commanded him to halt and surrender to arrest. Lynch is alleged to have reached to his pocket, secured his pistol and fired twice at the officer. The officer witnesses said, pulled his pistol and fired one shot at Lynch, the bullet striking him in the head.

After being shot, witnesses testified, the man steadied himself and fired two additional shots at the officer but missed Melton. He then fell to the ground and died in a short while. Melton reported the shooting to Sheriff S. B. Westbrook and surrendered but was released by the coroner's jury.

Details of the argument between father and son were meager at the sheriff's office. Deputies stated they understood the fight between the two occurred about 50 yards from the Lynch home. Other witnesses claimed the elder Lynch was under the influence of liquor.

Funeral services for Mr. Lynch were held Tuesday.

As The Courier goes to press the condition of young Lynch is somewhat improved, according to hospital authorities, and he is expected to recover unless complications set in.

Cool Springs Wins First Game 15-3

In the opening game of the season, Forest City High defeated Ellenboro here Friday, 15 to 3, in a game which featured the heavy hitting of the locals, which was led by V. Whitlock and R. Hamrick, with 3 hits each.

Ellenboro was unable to hit the deliveries of T. Blanton who pitched excellent ball. Capt. R. Blanton played a very good game, while Allen starred for the visitors.

The prospects for this year's team are very good.

Mr. C. Gaston Hill left last Friday for Ridgeville, S. C., where he will visit his son, Rev. J. W. P. Hill. While gone Mr. Hill also expects to visit the famous Magnolia Gardens, Charleston, and other points of interest. He will return home this week.

County Ginning Report For 1929

Rutherford county ginned 23,313 bales of cotton in 1929, as compared with 17,821 in 1928, according to an announcement made by the Department of Commerce through the Bureau of Census this week. Polk ginned 5,524 as compared with 3,965 bales in 1928, and Cleveland ginned 64,237 in 1929 as compared with 53,921 in 1928; making that county the champion cotton county of North Carolina. The state ginned 766,787 bales in 1929 against 869,248 in 1928.

The pleasing fact about the increase of number of bales in Rutherford and Cleveland, is that the acreage was practically the same as 1928. The production of cotton per acre in both counties was increased approximately 30 percent over that of 1928, and indications point to a still smaller acreage in 1930, but a larger production of cotton per acre.

OFFICERS CAPTURE CAR AND WHISKEY

Dodge Car and Thirty-Five Gallons of Liquor Taken by Officers Monday on Highway No. 20.

A Dodge coupe, from Atlanta, Ga., and about thirty-five gallons of whiskey were confiscated by County Traffic Officer Garrett Edwards Monday afternoon on Highway No. 20 near Concord. The driver of the car escaped. An extra tank had been provided behind the seat of the car to carry the whiskey and had it not been for the sharp eyes of Officer Edwards the car would have passed on, with no one the wiser. Mr. Edwards seeing the car coming, noticed that it was riding rather heavily, as though it was carrying a heavy load of some kind.

Taking a chance of the car not carrying whiskey, Mr. Edwards halted it. Almost before he could say a word the driver of the car jumped out and began running. Lifting up the seat, the extra tank was seen, and a chase for the run-runner was begun. The driver made good his escape, however.

Mr. Edwards was accompanied by Austin Price, of the local police department, and deputy sheriff Calvin Hardin, of Rutherfordton. The car was brought to Forest City and later carried to Rutherfordton. It was the most completely furnished run-runner's car ever captured by county officers. A tank with a capacity of forty gallons had been placed in back of the seat. It had a spigot on it and was prepared to serve the liquor either in glasses or bottles. All that was lacking was the famed "brass rail."

MR. W. T. HAWKINS DIED THURSDAY

Funeral Held Friday at Boiling Springs For Green Hill Man.

Rutherfordton, R-3, Mar. 24.—William Thomas Hawkins, 69, died at his home near Green Hill Thursday after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Boiling Springs Friday with Rev. E. P. White in charge, assisted by Rev. L. N. Epley, of Forest City. Interment was in the Boiling Springs cemetery.

Mr. Hawkins is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Lee Hipp, Gastonia; Mrs. Bennie Patterson, Clover, S. C.; Mrs. Plato Daniel, Forest City; Mrs. Bynum Bowen, Rutherfordton; Lennie Hawkins, Forest City; and Geo. H. Hawkins, of Ft. Bragg.

Four brothers and three sisters survive also.

Mr. Hawkins was a prominent farmer and citizen, and was member of Green Hill Baptist church. Nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers while nieces were the flower girls.

Beautiful lot of scarfs for ladies, Courtney's Ten Cent Store.

DR. J. D. BIGGS IS NAMED AS BANK AGENT

Well Known Williamston Man Selected to Liquidate Rutherford County Banks—Took Charge Monday.

Chief State Bank Examiner John Mitchell, of Raleigh, announced Saturday that Dr. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, had been appointed liquidating agent for the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co., Rutherfordton; Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Forest City; and the Chimney Rock Trust Co., which banks and their branches were closed February 4.

Dr. Biggs will be assisted by Mr. M. E. Herndon, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Homer Culbreth, of Gastonia. Mr. Herndon will be in charge at Forest City and Dr. Biggs and Mr. Culbreth will be in charge at Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock. These gentlemen arrived in the county and took charge of their duties last Monday, their first action being that of notifying the different stockholders of the various banks to come forward and pay assessments of one hundred dollars per share on their stock by April first. It was stated that they had not as yet received the reports of the bank examiners who went over the books of the various banks after their closing, as the reports had not as yet been finished by the firm typing them in Charlotte, but that they expected to have these full reports in hand at an early date and will be of record in the clerk of court's office.

Since the closing of the banks speculation has been rife as to the condition of the various banks and many anxious ones are wondering what they will pay on the dollar. It seems to be the general opinion in Forest City that the Farmers Bank will pay from 50c to 60c on the dollar, but, of course, nothing definite is known as to what it will pay.

The most gratifying, as well as surprising feature of the situation in this county since the closing of the banks has been the optimism of the people and the surprising way in which business has held up under the strain. Many are prone to suggest that business in general will be better in the county, and more stabilized, within the next few months than in the past when there was an unrest on account of the unstable banking conditions.

Dr. Biggs, who comes to liquidate the banks, is a banker of much experience and a former president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association. He recently sold his bank to the Branch Banking and Trust Co., of Wilson.

Mr. Chas C. Blanton, well known banker of Shelby, was first appointed as liquidating agent for the banks but declined to accept the post on account of pressure of his large business affairs.

THE SICK.

Mr. John W. Dalton has returned to his home from the hospital and last reports from him was that he was doing as well as could be expected, although he suffered severely at times. His many friends are hoping for a rapid recovery.

Mr. Wilkie Meares, efficient and popular clerk in the local postoffice, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Rutherford Hospital last Friday. He was quite sick for several days following the operation, but at last reports was showing improvement and his friends are hopeful that he will make rapid recovery and soon be back at his duties.

Lee Moss Reinhardt, popular local lad who was severely injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, has made sufficient recovery to be moved to his home here and is improving nicely.

Three shipments consisting of 240 head of hogs will be made from Cumberland county in April, reports the county agent.