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FARMERS' NIGHT AT KIWANIS CLUB

Twenty-Seven Farmers of Cool Springs Township Guests of Club Monday Evening.

Twenty years ago, and maybe later, there was an antagonism between the citizens of the country and the average small town or city, especially among the younger people. If the city boy found himself in the country he usually met with an indifference and a cold shoulder, especially if he were visiting some one of the fair damsels, and the same thing applied to the country boy trying to court the town girl. And even among the older folk there was nothing like the present day cordiality and good fellowship. Who doesn't remember the epithets, "Town Dude" and "Country Bumpkin?" All of this was to the disadvantage to both localities and retarded the growth of the small cities and made for less progress in the rural communities, for the lack of co-operation and good fellowship was also a disadvantage to the ruralist.

Now turn from that picture and try to envision the assembly of rural citizens of Cool Springs Township who met with the local Kiwanis Club Monday evening to enjoy what was termed "Farmers' Night." The keynote of the evening was good fellowship and a spirit of co-operation. Long ago both classes found out that it was to the decided advantage of all concerned to work together for the progress and development of town and county along the same constructive lines.

Forest City's remarkable growth of the last decade and the remarkable progress made by the farmers of this township is attributable to the spirit of co-operation and good fellowship that has prevailed between the citizens of the country and the townspeople. Each has been a help and inspiration to the other, and all have benefitted.

Of the fifty-nine present Monday evening, twenty-seven were farmer guests from the township. The guests were given welcome by J. W. Dalton and Dr. A. C. Duncan, the latter showing his wide acquaintanceship by introducing by name every guest present. President Howard Doggett also expressed his pleasure at having the farmers present, making a short, snappy talk in which he showed appreciation of their willingness to co-operate in the advancement of mutual interests. He mentioned the great growth of Dallas, Texas, and said that upon inquiry he had found that this advancement was attributed to the fact that that city had a prosperous country and progressive farmers surrounding it; that a city could grow wonderfully with the co-operation of a prosperous countryside. He also gave our neighboring farmers credit for the rapid advance in Forest City in the past ten years.

Prof. D. H. Sutton, who had charge of the program, then made a short talk in which he stated that the program was composed of all home talent, that he expected much good to come from the talks to follow by men of experience and who had the welfare of the county at heart—and he was not to be disappointed.

Mr. Sutton then called upon Mrs. J. S. Morgan to tell about the curb market. She first thanked the club for assistance rendered the market and gave some figures to show the progress made, showing that sales had run up from \$25 to as high as \$350 and that a note had been materially reduced. All produce on the curb market, said Mrs. Morgan, is fresh and is sold below the usual current prices; that there are now more varieties and that the curb market is a success. She closed by asking for a continuance of the Kiwanis Club's co-operation in the conduct of the curb market, incidentally mentioning that every penny spent at the market is kept at home.

Prof. A. B. Bushong, of the Ellenboro school, was the next speaker and talked on his hobby, "Sweet potatoes." He has done a great work in the development of this industry in the county and is thoroughly conversant with the subject. His plea

U. D. C. TO MEET.

The May meeting of the Davis-Dickerson-Mills Chapter, United Daughters of The Confederacy, will be held at the home of Mr. W. I. Wilburn, in Forest City, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

was to get the farmer on a cash basis and said that potato growing will add to the prosperity of the country. Citing the fact of one farmer in his territory who had grown 194 bushels of sweet potatoes on less than one-half acre, which sold for \$200, Mr. Bushong said that he believed the potato the most profitable crop per acre grown in this section. It is not so susceptible to destruction by insects and will help to put the farmer on a cash basis, according to this authority. Mr. Bushong then discussed the market conditions and urged for quality in the production of the sweet potato. There are 135 acres planted in Colfax township this year, according to Mr. Bushong.

Following Mr. Bushong's talk, there was a song and then a stunt by J. W. Matheny in which he caused much merriment by staging a sweet potato eating contest between J. M. Price and J. T. Harris. This contest was won "hands down" by Mr. Harris, who is noted for his genial nature and gastronomic ability.

The next speaker was Prof. H. W. Bingham, of the Harris school. He had as his subject, "Cotton Growing in the County," and from the very outset showed his thorough knowledge of the subject. "While cotton is the greatest money crop," said the speaker, "by itself it does not produce wealth." He then went on to show that the successful farmer was the one who practiced diversification. He urged that the farmer put more thought into the raising of cotton and that they strive for better quality.

"Grading of Cotton" was then discussed by Mr. O. C. Turner, an authority of the subject. He stressed the fact that the farmers must strive for better quality and a longer staple in order to keep abreast of the keen competition from other countries. "Times have greatly changed," said Mr. Turner, "and the public is demanding finer goods and this can only come from a better staple cotton." His talk was very interesting and instructive throughout and should prove of much benefit to his listeners.

Mr. Paul Duncan followed Mr. Turner with a short talk on the Forest City Hatchery, in which he brought out many interesting points. Foremost was the fact that he has paid out over \$2,000 in premiums to farmers by paying an advance over the local market price for eggs and has advanced the quality of the chickens. Over 100,000 chicks were hatched by his concern this season, 75 per cent of the sales being to persons outside the county, thus bringing in a big revenue.

Prof. M. L. Treadwell, of the Rutherfordton-Spindale schools, was the next speaker, having as his subject, "Dairying." He brought out the fact that Rutherford county is woefully short on cows, there being 7.7 persons per cow. Following the inception of the milk inspection ordinance August first, there will be a re-adjustment of the dairying interests of the county, according to Mr. Treadwell, and the business will then be on a better basis.

The next speaker was Prof. Chas Erwin, who outlined some of the activities of the club for the interests of the farmer in promoting the potato house, the curb market and the cotton growing contests. He brought instant attention when he mentioned the establishment of a creamery as the next project to be backed by the club. He stated that he had found, upon investigation, that creameries were paying elsewhere, and therefore should pay here, saying that he and others had visited the creameries at Mooresboro, Shelby and other places with the object of getting data upon the operation of these industries. The probable outlay for a creamery would be from eight to ten thousand dollars, according to Mr. Erwin, and he suggested that this money be raised by stock subscriptions.

FUNERAL FRIDAY FOR MRS. L. D. WILKIE

Oak Grove Woman Passes After Long Period of Failing Health—Funeral Held Friday.

Bostic, R-2, May 26.—Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Methodist church Friday, May 16th at 11 o'clock for Mrs. L. D. Wilkie who before her marriage was Miss Cora Louise Randall. She had been in failing health for some time with high blood pressure and died suddenly Wednesday night at 8 o'clock while sitting in her chair.

She joined the Oak Grove Methodist church in early girlhood and remained a member of that church until about fourteen years ago, she moved her membership to New Hope Methodist church, near Chesnee, where she remained a member until her death. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends and relatives.

Rev. D. H. Rhinehardt, pastor of the Cliffside Methodist church was in charge of the funeral services, assisted by Rev. W. A. Barber a former pastor of Mrs. Wilkie, of near Shelby; Rev. I. D. Harrill of Lattimore, Rev. J. E. Hipp and Rev. Mr. Dixon. Two special songs "Waiting Over There" and "My far away Home" were sung. The many beautiful flowers showed the high esteem in which she was held. They were carried by the following nieces of the deceased: Mary and Gladys Randall, Eugenia, Olliere and Kathryn Randall, Leigh, Mae, Maude and Pauline Harrill and Vallaree Biggestaff. Mesdames J. M. Biggestaff, Durham Digh, Robert Magness and Horace Spratt. The pall bearers were Messrs L. N. and T. A. Biggestaff, Cletus and Earl Randall, J. P. Randall and J. M. Biggestaff.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. L. D. Wilkie, a daughter, Miss Belle Wilkie, and son Mr. W. P. Wilkie four grand children and three brothers, Messrs T. E., A. G., and K. M. Randall and a sister, Mrs. C. B. Harrill. She was sixty-one years of age.

DR. McCALL'S OFFICE OPEN ON ALL DAYS

Two weeks ago while Dr. C. S. McCall was away attending the dental conference it was stated in The Courier that his office would be open two days that week. Many have construed this to mean that the office will be open only two days per week. Dr. McCall announces that this arrangement was for that week only, and hereafter his office will be open on all days of the week.

Following Mr. Erwin, short talks on the creamery were made by Messrs Geo. Wells, Andy Grose, J. S. Morgan, Terry Moore and Prof. Bingham, the latter being especially strong for the proposition.

Farmers night was a success in every way and much good will come from the discussion of the many things of vital interest to our farmers.

In closing, The Courier appends this tribute to the farmer, by Theodore Roosevelt, who knew and loved his country, saying in 1909 when he submitted the report of the Country Life Commission:

"The men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. Upon the development of country life rests ultimately our ability, by methods of farming requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nations; to supply the city with fresh blood, clean bodies, and clear brains that can endure the terrific strain of modern life; we need the development of men in the open country, who will be in the future as in the past, the stay and strength of the nation in time of war, and its guiding and controlling spirit in time of peace."

Twenty years have not changed the truth of this statement. Rather, the increased tempo of modern life has intensified it. The farmer today is of greater importance than ever before.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Blaze Does \$1,500 Damage—Stock Burned to Death.

Spindale, May 26.—A barn belonging to Mr. Hobart H. Harton, located just north of the Rutherfordton Seaboard depot, on the outskirts of the north corporate line of Spindale, was burned Sunday afternoon about three o'clock, destroying some feedstuff, roughage and stock.

Two mules and two hogs were burned to death, and about 150 bushels of corn, some fodder, other roughage and some farming implements.

The origin of the fire is unknown. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Mr. Harton had left just a short time before the discovery of the fire for a walk. On returning the barn was a mass of flames.

The Rutherfordton fire department responded to a call, but could not be of any assistance due to the fact that no water was available.

Mr. Harton's loss was about \$1,500.

GEO. D. TROGDEN DIES IN GEORGIA

Brother-in-Law of W. M. Clay, of Spindale—5,000 Attend Funeral Tuesday.

Toccoa, Ga., May 28.—Approximately 5000 people attended the funeral service of the late George D. Trogden, general manager and treasurer of the Trogden Furniture Co., here Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were held from the First Methodist church and interment followed in the Toccoa cemetery.

Mr. Trogden, aged 56, died Monday morning at six o'clock in an Atlanta hospital, where he had been taking treatment. He had been in ill health about two years.

He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Margaret Clay, of Marion; one son, Ray, and one daughter, Mrs. C. F. Jones, of Toccoa, Ga. One brother and two sisters survive. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. W. M. Clay, of Spindale.

Mr. Trogden was a native of Ramsour, N. C., and has been engaged in the furniture manufacturing business for several years, rising from a salesman in the business to one of the largest owners and operators of furniture establishments in the South.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Planning for 1930-31.

The Woman's Club has closed its year's work and is now making plans for 1930-31. Any one desiring to become a member of the club will please send their name and one dollar for membership dues to Mrs. G. C. McDaniel. As the club has combined all departments there will be no department dues this year. One dollar pays for a year's membership to the club.

DELLENEY-ROBINSON.

Mr. John D. Delleney, Jr., of Winstonsboro, S. C., and Miss Essie Lee Robinson, of Columbia, S. C., were married Tuesday night at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. Charles Caldwell, in York, S. C., by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the York Methodist church. They arrived in Forest City Wednesday.

Mr. Delleney is connected with the engineering department of the United States Army, with headquarters in Forest City for the past two months. They will be here for three weeks or more. They will make their home with Mr. R. K. Hollifield while in Forest City.

Mr. Delleney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Delleney, of Winstonsboro. Mrs. Delleney is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Robinson, of Columbia, S. C.

"MANLESS WEDDING."

The young Matron's Circle of the First Baptist church will give an entertainment, "The Manless Wedding," on Friday evening, June 6th, at the high school auditorium. Watch The Courier next week for the cast of characters.

HEROIC DEAD TO BE HONORED 30TH

Legion Posts of County Will Place Flowers on Graves World War Soldiers.

The Willis Towery Post, American Legion, of Forest City, and the Fred Williams Post, American Legion, Rutherfordton, will co-operate in placing flowers on the graves of World war veterans buried in Rutherford county on May 30th.

The Woman's Auxiliary of both towns have agreed to assist the posts in this work. The Forest City auxiliary asks that all who have flowers to donate a wreath for decorating a graves. Please bring these wreaths to Forest City on Thursday, (today), and leave them at the old Cooper Furniture Co., place of business.

All veterans and others who know the location of graves of World war veterans who have died since the war, are requested to communicate same to the Legion posts.

The Fred Williams Post will decorate graves in the following Townships: Rutherfordton, Union, Green Hill, Gilkey, Camp Creek, Morgan and Chimney Rock, while the Willis Towery Post will look after graves in the following seven townships: Logan store, Cool Springs, Sulphur Springs, High Shoals, Colfax, Duncan Creek and Golden Valley.

The following graves of World war soldiers who were killed or died in service in 1917-18 are located in Rutherford county, as follows:

Pleasant Grove: Sgt. Lox C. Carver, Perry Sisk, Sgt. James Willie Long.

High Shoals: John P. Franklin, Broadus B. Hames, Marion B. Hawkins.

Mountain Creek: D. Yates Geer, (Monument to Jessie Lewis, buried in Arlington National cemetery, erected in family plot in this cemetery).

Camp Creek: Baxter Guffey. Gray Chapel: Martin L. Gray. Bethel, (Ellenboro) Monument to Broadus O. Hamrick, buried in France erected in this cemetery.

Sulphur Springs: Barney T. Hopper. Cool Springs: Joseph L. Huntley. Cliffside: Jay Hudson.

Mt. Vernon: Russell M. Logan. Hopewell: Samuel R. Long, Faye E. Long.

Oak Springs: Raleigh B. Price. Mountain View: Sgt. Festus Roberts.

Oak Grove: J. Stamey Randall. Round Hill: Helon Yates Sorrels. Pleasant Hill: Charles L. Sane. Union M. E. Church: Edward Skipper.

Cane Creek: Addie B. Street. Harmony: Willis E. Towery. Rutherfordton: Fred Williams. Roscoe Yount is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

DISTRICT MEETING OF A. F. & A. M., JUNE 13

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the 44th District, will hold a district meeting in Rutherfordton Friday, June 13, from 3 p. m., to 8 p. m. A banquet will be served at the Baptist church to the Masons at 8 o'clock. A good program is being prepared, and efforts are being made to have every lodge in the district well represented. Rutherford and McDowell counties composes the district. Mr. Roy Hunter, of Rutherfordton, is general chairman of arrangements for the district meeting. The reception committee is composed of J. H. Carpenter, B. D. Wilson, Watson Clarke, S. K. Yelton, W. R. McDonald, G. W. Hill and R. P. Scruggs. Arrangements and entertainment committee is composed of the following: C. S. Royster, A. A. McFarland, N. A. Gregg, Lloyd Williams, J. W. McGraw and W. O. Geer.

POLITICS WARM UP AS PRIMARY DATE DRAWS NEAR

Thirty-One Democratic Candidates and Eleven Republicans File With County Board of Elections.

Rutherfordton, May 26.—Prospects are now that the coming primary on June 7 will be a "hot one" in Rutherford county. There will be 26 names on the Democratic ticket in Rutherford county, according to a statement issued by J. R. Anderson, chairman of the county board of elections, after all candidates had filed. A total of 31 Democrats filed with the county board of elections and 11 Republicans. The latter were nominated in a convention here on May 17. The Democratic ticket, as filed with the county board of elections will be: For county commissioner, K. E. Simpson, A. S. Tanner, N. M. Ponder, M. O. Harrill, A. W. Deck, H. H. Tucker, A. B. Price, W. G. Harris, J. Claude Powell, J. P. Jones, R. Frank Tate and George H. Blanton. Messrs Tucker, Price and Jones constitute the present board.

Two years ago thirteen men ran for county commissioner. Only three can be nominated or elected.

Seven men are in the race for sheriff as follows: W. O. Hardin, present sheriff; M. Y. Tate, Mayor V. T. Davis, R. R. Morris, Horace B. Doggett and F. B. Harrill, the latter four all of Forest City, and Lee R. Gordon of Hollis.

Three men are seeking the nomination for clerk of court as follows: M. O. Dickerson, present incumbent; Frank S. Hall, Avondale, and Lloyd Williamson of Spindale and Rutherfordton.

Register of Deeds.

W. Oscar Geer and M. T. Wilkie are in the race for the nomination for register of deeds. The former is the present incumbent while the latter held that office some four years ago.

Two men are running for county coroner, W. C. Hightower, Henrietta, and C. C. Kiser, Avondale.

The county board of education is unopposed. W. W. Nanney, J. T. Harris and J. C. Hames. They are all on the board at present.

O. R. Coffield, of Ellenboro, for the legislature is unopposed, also Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton of Forest City, county treasurer, present incumbent. The names of the board of education. Representative and county treasurer will not be on the Democratic ticket on June 7.

The Republicans who have filed with the county board of elections follows: For county commissioner, Okie B. Biggestaff of Bostic and Forest City, L. Purgason of near Bostic, and G. Arthur Callahan of Rutherfordton.

For county board of education, E. E. Smart, Bostic; Mrs. R. E. Price, Rutherfordton, and W. L. Smith Henrietta.

Attorney Fred D. Hamrick of Rutherfordton, will be the Republican nominee for legislature; W. Gordon Scoggins, Union Mills; clerk of court; B. B. Logan, Logan Station, for register of deeds; J. Edgar McFarland, Rutherford, sheriff, and Tom E. Keeter, Rutherfordton, for county coroner.

Two Women.

Each party has one woman on the ticket for this fall. Mrs. Blanton, the Democratic nominee for county treasurer has held the office several terms without ever having any opposition in the primary. The only woman on the Republican ticket, Mrs. Price, has a strong Democratic husband, who is editor of the Rutherford County News and he was born and reared in a strong Democratic home and says he is too old to change his political faith now.

For the first time in the history of Rutherford county, Republicans will vote in the primary for state officers, United States Senate and district solicitor. Since Rutherford county has a candidate on the Republican ticket for solicitor, J. S. Dockery, a large vote is expected.