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FOREST CITY DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

String of Beautifully Colored Electric Lights Add to the Natural Beauty of the City.

In the slang of the day "Forest City is all lit up" and is awaiting the holidays.

City electrical workers and employees have completed stringing electric light lines over the square and two blocks east and west along Main street. Each evening as dusk falls the beautiful array of colored lights gives a pleasing yuletide glow to the plaza, harmonizing excellently with the luxuriant growth of evergreens, shrubs and flowering plants that adorn the square.

The string of colored electric lights extend entirely across the square, centering on the plaza. At each end of the plaza is a tree surmounted by a large electric star which adds much to the beauty and dignity of the scene.

Small green pines have been placed on the sidewalks in front of each business house. Many of these have been decorated by the business men with colored electric light bulbs, which complete the decorations and makes the shopping district one of the prettiest and most beautiful street displays in the state.

Mayor V. T. Davis, Chief Chas. R. Price, and B. B. Green selected the trees which adorn the street. Mr. Green had charge of erecting the trees. The decorations are considered more beautiful than those of any previous year.

A large Christmas tree has also been placed on Florence Mills tower, and will be lighted up this week.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



LEGISLATORS TO SPEAK AT COUNTY CLUB MEETING

December Meeting Will be Held at Spindale House—Annual Election of Officers Will be Held.

Spindale, Dec. 15.—The December meeting of the Rutherford County Club will be held at the Spindale House, Friday, December 19th at 1:00 p. m.

The committee has arranged for a program on "Proposed Legislation" for Rutherford county as the next Legislature will meet in January. State Senator-elect, Peyton McSwain of Shelby, an able lawyer, will deliver the principal address. He will outline his program of Legislation and will invite discussion and criticism.

State Senator-elect, W. K. McLean of Polk county and Hon. O. R. Coffield of Ellenboro, representative from Rutherford county, have both been invited to attend and join in the discussion and speak briefly. It is hoped to have a round table discussion following the speeches of our representatives.

This should be a most helpful meeting and we are hoping to have a large attendance.

To Elect Officials.

The nominating committee reported the following names as candidates for officers for the County Club for 1931, and will be voted on Friday:

For President: G. B. Howard, S. C. Gettys.

For Vice-President: Clyde Erwin, Grady Withrow.

Sergeant-at-arms: F. E. Patton, Clarence Griffin.

For Directors: R. E. Price, J. C. Cowan, Jr., J. C. Hames, Dr. A. C. Duncan, Terry Moore, J. F. Weathers.

POSTPONE FAMILY WELFARE DRIVE

City's Charity Organization Will Put on Campaign for Funds and Clothing After Christmas.

The Family Welfare Association's drive, scheduled for Thursday (today), has been postponed to a date to be announced later. The postponement was made necessary on account of inclement weather, and the nearness of the Christmas holidays.

Shortly after Christmas the Asso-

TO DISCUSS BOY SCOUT WORK

Meeting Will be Held December 19th Here to Discuss County's Status in Piedmont Council.

A conference between the heads of the various county and civic clubs and religious and educational interests of the county and a special committee of the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the city hall, Forest City, on Friday night December the 19, at 7:45 o'clock, at which time the future of the Boy Scout movement in Rutherford county will be discussed.

The following representatives of the various interests in Rutherford county have been asked to attend this conference and it is understood that practically every man here named has agreed to be present:—L. E. Spikes, C. A. Erwin and W. W. Nanney of Rutherfordton, O. J. Hollar of Union Mills, Rev. W. A. Barber and W. R. Wells of Spindale, J. W. Eakes, Chas. Erwin, Howard Doggett and Eugene Allison of Forest City, A. C. Lovelace of Caroleen, Jack Shuford and B. P. Caldwell, of Cliffside, Rev. W. M. Roark and Curtis Price of Ellenboro and Rev. Honeycutt of Henrietta.

The representatives of the Piedmont Council to be present at the conference are Cleveland D. Welch of Cramerton, W. M. Pickens of Lincolnton, Nelson Jackson, Jr., of Tryon, R. T. LeGrand of Shelby, and F. C. Kinzie of Spindale, J. W. Atkins of Gastonia, president of the Piedmont Council and Scout executive R. M. Schiele are also planning to be present.

The conference is for the purpose of determining what status Rutherford county is to have in the Boy Scout movement during the coming year.

Miss Delle Wofford, of Forest City, was elected secretary and treasurer of the Music club at Western Carolina Teachers college last week.

Association will make a drive for funds, clothing, food, etc., for the needy of Forest City. The captains who were recently appointed to assist in the drive are requested to notify their assistants of the postponement of the campaign, but are asked to hold their organization intact so that the work may be carried out after Christmas as scheduled.

CANTATA AT M. E. CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

"The Holy Child," by Carrie B. Adams, Will be Rendered by the Choir.

A Christmas Cantata "The Holy Child," by Carrie B. Adams, will be rendered by the choir of the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the Methodist church.

The Cantata is opened with a joyous chorus by the choir and then the wonderful story of Christmas, which never grows old, is told in solo, duet, trio, quartet and chorus as follows:

Chorus, "Rejoice O Daughter of Zion." Contralto and tenor duet. Mrs. Burwell Moore, Harry Kendrick and Choir.

Woman's quartet, "There's A Song in the Air," Mrs. Bert Moore, Miss Myrtle Doggett and Mesdames R. C. Alexander and Burwell Moore.

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Woman's trio, Men's chorus, contralto, baritone, tenor, soprano solos, choir: Ruth Dorsey, George Harris, Mrs. Walsh Moore and Mr. Walter Smith.

"In the Field with Their Flocks", baritone solo, Philip Chambers.

"The Savior Comes", choir, contralto and tenor solos, Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Harry Kendrick.

"Calm On The Ear of Night", choir.

"Glad Tidings of Great Joy", choir, soprano recitation, Mrs. Bert Moore.

"Sleep, My Little Jesus," mezzo soprano solo, Mrs. R. C. Alexander.

"All My Heart This Night Rejoices," trio for soprano, alto and tenor, Mrs. J. F. Camp, Mrs. Burwell Moore and Mrs. Walter Smith.

"Oh, Night Divine," solo, Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris.

"Messiah is King," duet, trio, soprano, alto, tenor, bass solos, choir, Mrs. Ernest Robertson, Mrs. Burwell Moore and Mr. Hamrick.

Finale, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend this cantata.

Mrs. J. S. Rudisill, choir director

PENSION CHECKS TOTAL \$11,412.50

Clerk of Court Receives 103 Semi-Annual Pension Checks for Distribution.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 16.—Checks aggregating \$11,412.50 were received here this week at the Clerk's office for distribution to the veterans of the War Between the States and their widows. One hundred and three individuals will draw their semi-annual pension checks this week.

Forty-five checks for \$182.50 were received for distribution to the veterans of the war. Fifty-five checks of \$50.00 each were received for widows of veterans, while three widows received checks for \$150.00 each.

Several of these checks, however, will not be distributed, as the veterans or the widows entitled to them have died prior to or shortly after the last pension roll call in June.

This semi-annual distribution of pension checks is very acceptable at this time, and will bring Christmas cheer to the aged veterans and widows.

Pensioners may receive their checks at any time by calling at the office of the clerk of the court, in Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Edelstein went to Charlotte Sunday to meet Miss Ruth Greneberg, of New York, who will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. I. J. Edelstein and Mr. Edelstein.

Miss Sallie Sitton who has been stenographer for Dr. A. C. Duncan for the past three years, has resigned to return to her home in Spartanburg.

ONE YEAR OLD



Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times.

Flora Anne, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Wright, of Spindale who celebrated her first birthday recently.

LETTERS ARE GIVEN TEAM AT KIWANIS CLUB

Football Squad Guests of Club at Annual Dinner Monday—A Happy Affair.

In accordance with their annual custom, the Kiwanis Club had as guests for dinner Monday evening, the football squad of the local high school. A large attendance marked the meeting, and the "spread" was in keeping with the importance of the occasion.

Retiring president Howard Doggett was requested to welcome the heroes of the gridiron and responded in most happy vein. His short talk on "sportsmanship" proved conclusively that he was not only widely read and well informed, but also brought out his own personal interest and that of the club for the boys who have so gallantly carried the honors for the local school.

Superintendent J. W. Eakes, next speaker, paid eloquent tribute to Dr. A. C. Duncan, who for six years has given freely of valuable professional services to the team he loves so well. Mr. Eakes also gave credit for services of others of the profession who have served the team.

Dr. Duncan, in his short talk, paid particular attention to the scholastic work of the team and urged upon all the necessity of keeping up their work and avoid "flunking." He also stressed team work and predicted a great season in basketball and baseball.

Referee James Padgett also made a short talk.

Coach Seitz, before presenting the letters, reviewed the season's work of the football squad. The letter "C" is given, if earned, after one year's work, and stars given after the second and succeeding years. Robert Hamrick has been elected captain of the 1931 team.

Stars were awarded to Clark Matheny, captain this year; Robert Hamrick, Robert Whitlock, Norman Marks, Charles Ford, Paul Hamrick, B. G. Whitlock, and John Blanton.

Those awarded the "C" were James Williford, Sumney McKinney, Don Padgett, Eugene Hollifield, J. Van Calton, John Williford, Lock Hicks, Phillip Chambers, manager.

RUTHERFORD DOG HAS NOSE FOR RUM

Rutherfordton, Dec. 17.—Mr. Forest D. Koon, prominent farmer of Morgan Township, has a hound dog that is, in great demand, especially at this season. Recently, Mr. Koon stated today his dog treed something under a red root and he went out to investigate thinking he would find some wild game and found two one-gallon jugs of whiskey. Now the dog is in demand. One man, it is reported has offered him \$50 for it but that is not enough money to secure this valuable dog. Mr. Koon vouches for the truthfulness of the above statements.

LIQUIDATING AGENT GIVES BANK FIGURES

Can Settle Soon if People Pay Obligations, Says Dr. John D. Biggs—Gives Figures.

Dr. John D. Biggs, liquidating agent for the closed banks of Rutherford county, in a statement made this week, stressed the fact that the affairs of the Rutherford county banks will be wound up just as soon as the people who owe the banks make settlement of their obligations.

"The people owed the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company \$929,377.25 in notes when it was closed. About \$140,000 of this has been collected while \$26,000 on the stock assessment has been collected out of \$200,000 due, under the law. The bank had \$536,677.42 claims against it, \$64,246.06 in preferred claims and \$223,521.60 in bills payable. Of the latter \$100,000 has been paid, as bills payable came first in this case and preferred claims second.

"After the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co., pays \$87,000 more, then we can go to paying the depositors.

Farmers Bank.

"The preferred claims against the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. have been paid, also the bills payable. Every dollar collected there from now on will go to the depositors. We have already collected about \$20,000 and when we have \$86,000 there, we will pay a 10 per cent dividend. That bank had \$150,000 bills payable and \$119,000 preferred claims. The Farmers Bank and Trust Co. has collected over \$100,000 on stock assessment out of \$250,000 due, while a total of \$256,705.68 on notes has been collected by the Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

Thomas Left Large Sum.

"In January 1929, Mr. J. H. Thomas assigned \$50,000 to the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of his own free will and accord. No law could have forced him to do this. Mr. Thomas left the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. \$110,000 in insurance which included the \$50,000 mentioned. He left \$20,000 to the Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co., and \$10,000 to the Chimney Rock Trust Co.

Chimney Rock Bank.

"The Chimney Rock Trust Co. has paid \$4,800 on stock assessment out of \$23,100 due.

"The preferred claims of the Chimney Rock Trust Co. will be paid within the next 60 days. They amount to about \$2,500. A total of \$16,000 on notes and stock assessment has been paid at Chimney Rock.

"We do not pay less than 10 per cent dividend at a time to depositors, unless it is winding up the affairs of the bank. Every depositor will get his or her pro rata part when the affairs of the banks are wound up. We will probably write several checks for one or two cents, when we wind up."

When asked how much will the banks pay to the depositors, Dr. Biggs replied: "It all depends on the people. If the notes and stock assessments are all paid we will pay every depositor every dollar of their money.

"We could wind up the affairs of all the banks by the first of the year, if the folks would pay us what they owe. The amount we pay and when, depends on the folks who owe us."

DR. DULA IN FOREST CITY.

Dr. A. W. Dula, eye specialist, of Lenoir, is in Forest City today (Thursday) and tomorrow. His advertisement carried in this paper last week, stated that he would be at Hall-Rudisill Drug Store. However, Dr. Dula will make his headquarters at Moore's Hotel instead.

Misses O'Lema and Mattie Lee Flack, Sue Harris and Mrs. A. M. Glickman were shopping Saturday in Asheville.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED

Dedicatory Services Held at Ellenboro Sunday—Church Established 83 Years Ago.

Ellenboro, Dec. 16.—Several hundred people attended the dedicatory services of the Bethel Baptist church here Sunday. This church was recently completed at a cost of approximately \$16,000.

Rev. B. M. Hamrick, a former pastor, opened the dedicatory service with prayer. A song "Come Thou Almighty King," was next given by the choir. Hon. Greenberry Pruett, for years a member of this church and for nearly thirty years an official of the Sandy Run Baptist Association, read a history of Bethel Baptist church from its formation in 1847 to the present, and traced its growth from 19 members to the present membership of 455, with a Sunday School enrollment of about 287.

Short and appropriate talks were also made by Rev. B. M. Hamrick, Rev. Z. D. Harrill and Rev. I. D. Harrill.

Snow Blankets Entire County

Rutherford county and western North Carolina awoke Wednesday morning to find the entire landscape covered with a blanket of snow, estimated to be eighteen inches deep. This snow is the biggest that has fallen in Rutherford county in the recollection of many of the oldest inhabitants, and almost has a parallel in the winter of one hundred years ago when one enterprising writer recorded that snow had reached a depth of waist deep.

The snow began falling Tuesday night about ten o'clock, and early Wednesday morning a veritable snow storm raged for sometime, heaping snow many feet deep in places.

On Wednesday the mails and traffic were delayed due to the heavy snow.