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50 LOCAL FARMERS RAISE BALE OF COTTON PER ACRE

Will Attend "Bale Per Acre" Banquet in Charlotte January 9—Get Good Results.

Fifty farmers and boys in Cool Springs township have averaged a bale of cotton to the acre in the contest sponsored by the Forest City Kiwanis club, and conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the Department of Agriculture of the Cool Springs high school. These men and boys will attend the bale-per-acre banquet to be held at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce on January 9th. Statistics compiled by the Agricultural Committee of the Kiwanis club show that on 200 acres these men and boys made 203 bales of cotton, at a cost per acre of \$73.94. This cost price includes the following items: \$10.00 per acre, rent on land, \$10.00 an acre for managerial services, labor at 20 cents an hour, horse labor for 15 cents an hour, \$1.50 an acre for depreciation of tools, picking at 50 cents a hundred, \$3.00 a bale for ginning, and the cost of the seed and fertilizer.

The total value of the cotton in the contest was \$11,913.64. The total cost, including the items listed above, was \$10,713.56. Practically all the cotton in the contest was Coker No. 5, or other inch-staple cotton, and brought a premium of from 1-2 to 3-4 cents a pound at the Alexander Mills. The Agricultural Committee is gratified at this showing. In a year when the crop conditions were such as to cut all crops far below a normal yield, and when cotton is selling as low as it has this year, these farmers and boys are to be congratulated on the results of this contest.

The men making the required bale-per-acre average on their contest plots are: P. V. Bostic, S. T. Towery, W. L. Hunt, Frank Gregory, L. D. Pittman, K. P. Hamrick, P. L. Kennedy, W. L. Upton, G. W. Hardin, James Holland, J. A. Grose, M. D. Mason, T. C. Matheny, J. B. Hamrick, Clyde Hamrick, Norman Morgan, Sam Black, J. M. Price and George Blanton.

The boys making the required bale-per-acre average on their contest plots are: Bela Morgan, Vonnice Hamrick, Teddy Walker, Lonnie Summers, Glen Hollifield, Ray Padgett, Frank Washburn, Baxter Doggett, John Withrow, J. O. Toms, J. Lewis, Lester Bailey, H. C. Vickerson, Fly Hunt, Marshall Matheny, Bruce Price, James Holland, Jake Price, John Reid Hamrick, Paul Hamrick, Arrow Summers, Robert Alford, Paul Toms, Fay Matheny and Toms.

Forest City Gets Praise On Looks

For some years past the enterprising and attractive little town of Forest City, famed for the beauty of its street parking system, adorned by George Jones of the Bostic nursery, with plants and flowers of unusual brightness of color, has specialized in out-door decoration for the Christmas season, but travelers through Forest City tell The Observer that the town has outdone itself this year, in both proportion and taste. On each approach to the town blazes an enormous tree, and on each side the highway the town festoons make an avenue much attractiveness, while in the corporate limits the streets are "dolled up" in fine fashion. There are whole lines of Christmas trees and thousands of brilliant colored lights, all connected by the town system, while every store every home is garlanded and gaily lighted, so that the town is ablaze with Christmas ornamentation. When it comes to decorating for Christmas this year Rutherford county municipality takes the prize.—Charlotte Observer.

LAUNCH PLAN TO PAY DEBTS

Debt Paying Checks, Released Tuesday, Will Pay Over \$6,000 of Town's Debts if Plan Carried Out.

The suggestion of Roger W. Babson, to clear any town's debts by circulating debt paying checks, has been accepted by the Forest City Kiwanis Club, and a movement was started by the club Tuesday that will clear off the books of local business men more than \$6,000.00 if the plan is fully carried out. Only fifty \$5 debt paying checks will accomplish the task, and the number of checks in circulation, if increased—and this is likely—will clear more debts in proportion.

The plan is this: A business man pays \$5 for a certified debt paying check with the promise that he will immediately pay a local bill of like amount by giving this check. The recipient takes the same check, endorses it, and immediately pays a local bill of \$5. The check goes through twenty-five hands and with the twenty-fifth endorsement the holder can cash the check at the National Bank here.

Fifty of these checks were released here Tuesday and more are to follow. The plan, faithfully carried out, will work wonders in clearing up local debts, and work a hardship on no one.

Keep your debt paying check on the move.

Florence Mills Treats Employees

The Florence Mills, of this city, treated all employees Christmas giving each one a large bag filled with candies, fruits and nuts. Several hundred bags were given out to the employees. A large number of bags were also given to the needy of the city, regardless of whether they were employees of the mill or not. The names of several needy families adjacent to the Florence village and in the town were furnished to the mill office, and each family were remembered.

SMITH'S GROVE

Forest City, R-3, Dec. 30.—Mr. Clifford Fortenberry and Miss Lizzie Millwood were married Wednesday afternoon, December 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Millwood. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. Crowder. Their many friends and relatives wish them much joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Fortenberry entertained the young people with a tacky party Thursday night. Those enjoying the occasion were, Misses Lorena Bridges, Vonnice Gross, Mossie Yelton, Pearl, Mary E., Ruth and Lucy Crowder, Bertha and Ethel Ford, Beulah Millwood, Gertrude and Gladys Fortenberry and Messrs Summey Grose, Harvey Yelton, Grady Bridges, Clarence Rollins, Lawrence Ross, John Carpenter, Paul Crowder, Theodore Luckadoo. Vonnice Grose won the prize for being the tackiest girl. Paul Crowder and Theodore Luckadoo won the prize for being the tackiest boys.

Misses Pauline and Lorena Bridges and Macy Humphries were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Luckadoo spent the Christmas holidays in Shelby visiting Mrs. Luckadoo's mother.

Miss Gertrude Fortenberry entertained her friends with a party Saturday night. A large number were present and many interesting games were played. All enjoyed the occasion very much.

WARNING.

Chief C. R. Price, of the local police force, warns the citizens of Forest City to keep house and garage doors locked and to watch articles outside which are likely to be stolen, as there is quite a bit of petty thievery occurring in the city.

Officers Get Negro And Stolen Goods

Haywood Smith, negro, of Charlotte, was taken in custody here Monday charged with entering Harrill Brothers store near West End and taking approximately \$300 worth of groceries, dry goods and notions Saturday night. The store of Harrill Brothers was entered Saturday night, the burglar utilizing a very ingenious plan to secure entrance. He crawled under the floor with a brace and bit and bored a number of holes through the floor and broke a hole through large enough to permit his entrance. He then opened the back door and carried out a large quantity of goods. The theft was reported Sunday morning to Chief Price, and by good detective work he and Mr. Martin Green located the negro Monday morning in Grahamtown. He was placed in the county jail. On Monday afternoon officers Garret Edwards, Chief Price and Detective Carl Johnson, Seaboard Railway officer of Charlotte, took the negro back to Grahamtown and after a search by the officers the loot was found. The negro then admitted the theft. Smith came here sometime ago with a show, and had been spending his time since in Grahamtown.

Sergeant Austin Price arrested two white men Thursday night who were found in Mr. Clarence Huntley's garage, attempting to get away with his car.

On Saturday night Chief Price and Austin Price arrested two negroes charged with stealing coal and wood.

TO BROADCAST.

Mark and A. C. Lovelace, Jr., sons of Prof. A. C. Lovelace of Caroleen, will broadcast a program of popular songs over the Spartanburg, S. C., radio station WSPA, Thursday afternoon, beginning at 4:30 o'clock.

MAYOR V. T. DAVIS MAKES STATEMENT

In the Dec. 18th issue of The Courier, Mr. R. L. Leckie, of Bostic, had a communication criticising the dumping of garbage and refuse on the highway, near Second Broad river bridge. In his letter, Mr. Leckie requested the Mayor of Forest City to "persuade the sanitary department to find a dump not on the highway." Mayor Davis asks The Courier to make this statement for him: "So far as I know, the city has never dumped refuse on private property, or this place complained of by Mr. Leckie. The city has a dump of its own."

It seems that the dumping complained of by Mr. Leckie has been done by private parties and without consent of city or county authorities.

SHILOH NEWS

Rutherfordton, R-1, Dec. 29.—Mr. Birch Hamrick and Mr. Charlie Davis of Detroit, Mich., are spending two weeks here with relatives.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. G. N. McBrayer's on last Friday night.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Germane Huntley on December 18, a fine boy. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins of Alexander, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Hawkins parent's Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Ledbetter Misses Annie and Ella Hamrick of Spindale, Mrs. Lela Davis of Green Creek, Polk county, Messrs Birch Hamrick and Charlie Davis of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Beryman Hamrick and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Jones during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pintuff spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith.

Misses Nell and Grace McBrayer who teaches at Mill Springs and at Gaffney, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. McBrayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hand and son "Bill" spent the holidays here with Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton.

AMERICAN LEGION ORATORY CONTEST

State Wide Contest—Willis Towery Post Will Give Prize to County Winner.

The Willis Towery Post of the American Legion is urging every high school student in Rutherford county to enter the State Wide Oratorical contest which the North Carolina Legion is sponsoring this spring. They feel that some Rutherford county boy or girl can win one of the valuable prizes which are offered in this contest. The prizes are: a gold medal and \$75.00 in cash for the best speaker, \$50.00 in cash for the second best speaker, \$25.00 in cash for the third best speaker, and \$15.00 for the fourth best speaker. The Willis Towery Post is offering a county prize to the best contestant in Rutherford county. This prize will be enough money to take the contestant to the district contest and they also offer to pay the way of the local winner to Raleigh to take part in the final contest.

The subject of the oration is "The American Legion." W. L. Brown, Post Commander, has secured enough copies of a complete history of the N. C. Department of the Legion for every high school in the county to have one. These books, which are a valuable addition to any school library, will be presented to the schools entering the contest by The Willis Towery Post.

The finals in the county contest will be held in the county court house on February 20th. The district elimination contest will be held March 6th, and the state finals will be held in Raleigh March 20th. All the high school principals in the county have received the rules and regulations of the contest, and a number of students have signified their intention of entering.

Mr. Adam Street Died Friday

Mr. Adam Street, aged 52, died at his home near Sandy Mush Friday night following an illness of five days of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Florence Baptist church with Rev. L. N. Epley and Rev. C. C. Matheny in charge. Interment was in the Cool Springs cemetery.

Mr. Street is survived by his widow, eight children, one brother and two sisters. He was a member of the First Baptist church, of Forest City.

HOLLY SPRINGS

Harris, R-1, Dec. 29.—Rev. D. J. Hunt filled his regular appointment at Holly Springs Saturday and Sunday.

The Woman's Missionary society met Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and had their regular meeting as usual. Following the program new officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Annie Briscoe; vice-president, Mrs. A. N. Henderson; secretary, Miss Ina Robbins; treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Robbins; organist, Mrs. G. M. Cole; program committee, Mrs. E. M. Roach. The personal service committees will be elected at our next meeting.

We invite all our members to be present at our next meeting to help us have a good program at the beginning of the new year.

On account of the bad weather there was no B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Mr. J. L. Robbins (better known as Bud) of Forest City died Sunday and was buried Monday at Holly Springs Baptist church. He leaves a wife and nine children which are as follows: Mrs. Junior Splawn, of Harris, R-1; Mrs. Jim Early, of Cherokee Falls; Mr. Paul Robbins, of Atlanta, Ga.; Carlan, Alfred, J. B., and William, Misses Arrie and Sarah, all who are at home, six brothers and two sisters and a number of relatives and friends. Rev. M. M. Huntley and D. J. Hunt had charge of the funeral services.

Mrs. Samantha Cole is on the sick list again, we are sorry to note.

Officers Man After Wild Chase

Shelby, Dec. 29.—A driver of a motor express truck, alleged to have been intoxicated, used his big truck to battle off officers in a wild chase between Shelby and Forest City Wednesday night. Thursday he and his companion were in jail here and the automobile of Dr. R. C. Hicks, which was struck by the truck is badly damaged.

Thursday night Deputies Ed Dixon and Bob Kendrick were called to the Ora mill where the two men—Enoch Arden, the truck driver, and George Wall—were said to be causing trouble. As the officers arrived the two men fled in the express truck. Without lights the truck sped up the Forest City highway. Every time the officers' car got near the truck would slow down to block the car in such a manner that the officers were held back. Near Forest City Dr. R. C. Hicks, of Shelby, caught up with the truck and the pursuing car. As he started to pass, the truck driver thinking perhaps that it was the car of the officers coming alongside, stopped, threw the truck in reverse, shot back at a 20-mile per hour speed, and crashed upon the Hicks automobile, badly damaging it. Then the truck dashed forward again, the officers pursuing. Just out of Forest City on the Henrietta road the officers caught the truck just as it crashed into another car and a post. Both men were brought to jail here. It was necessary to get a wrecker to move the Hicks car from where the truck backed into it. Deputy Dixon said Thursday that he was of the opinion that the truck meant to crash his car as it had been thrown in reverse once before the car of Dr. Hicks was struck. As it was the truck barely missed the car of the officers as it hit the other car.

R. R. BLANTON MOVES LAW OFFICE TO FOREST CITY

Mr. R. R. Blanton, former county solicitor, moved his law office from Rutherfordton to Forest City Wednesday, and is now occupying offices on the third floor of the Union Trust Company building. Mr. Blanton had been in Rutherfordton six years as county solicitor. He formerly practiced law here, and upon the creation of the recorder's court in January, 1913, Mr. Blanton was appointed as the first recorder. He was then elected for one term and served two years. He was succeeded by the late Matt McBrayer who served two terms. Others holding this office have been O. C. Erwin, three terms, John Bean, one term, W. J. Mode, one term, and the present recorder Fred McBrayer, who was sworn in Thursday.

He was elected county solicitor in 1924 and has served since in that capacity, being succeeded Thursday by Mr. O. J. Mooneyham. During Mr. Blanton's six years in office he has prosecuted over 7,000 criminal cases.

Death Claims Mr. J. T. Carver

Forest City, R-1, Dec. 30.—Mr. Jackson Taylor Carver, 81, a veteran of the War Between the States, died at his home on this route Tuesday night after suffering a stroke of paralysis. He had been in ill health several months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, near Forest City, with Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of the Forest City Methodist church, in charge. Interment was in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Mr. Carver is survived by eight children, as follows: Mrs. H. L. Sane, Forest City, R-1; A. C. Carver, Roebuck, S. C.; Mrs. Jim Norman, Forest City; E. M. Carver, Harrington, Mont.; E. C. Carver, Rutherfordton; Martha Carver, Forest City, R-2; Bob Carver, United States Army and Mrs. W. B. Green, Forest City, R-2. Three brothers and one sister also survive.

Mr. Carver was a veteran of the War Between the States, having been a soldier in Company E, 14th Battalion, North Carolina Troops.

EX-SHERIFF J. V. M'FARLAND DIES

Was Sheriff of Rutherford County in 1894-98—Funeral Held Christmas Day.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 29.—James Vance McFarland, aged 72, who served Rutherford county as sheriff from 1894 to 1898, died at his home here Wednesday afternoon, December 24, after an illness of three years. His son, J. Edgar McFarland, is now Rutherford county's sheriff while his father, the late John E. McFarland, was sheriff of the county from 1872 to 1878.

Funeral services were held Christmas day at three o'clock, at Britain Presbyterian church, with Rev. I. S. McElroy, pastor of the Rutherfordton Presbyterian church in charge, assisted by Rev. J. W. Hoyle, pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church.

Active pall bearers were ex-sheriff Ed Beam, ex-sheriff J. W. Beason, ex-sheriff C. E. Tanner, C. B. Justice, H. H. Harton and J. M. Hodges. Ex-sheriff W. C. Hardin was prevented by illness from attending as an active pallbearer. A large number of Rutherfordton's leading business and professional men attended as honorary pall bearers.

Mr. McFarland was born May 28, 1858, and at the time of his death was 72 years and six months of age. He was first married to Miss Lucy Hampton, who died in 1916. His second marriage was to Miss Belle Halmer, of Shelby, who survives. He was one of the county's leading citizens, and during his lifetime took an active part in the civic and commercial activities of the county.

Mr. McFarland leaves five daughters, Mrs. W. F. Green, of Greenwood, S. C.; Mrs. J. S. McFarland, of Forest City; Mrs. Maurice Hendrick of Cliffside; Mrs. C. D. McEwen, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Percy Helms of Bessemer City. Four sons, August A. McFarland, Charles L. McFarland and J. Ed. McFarland of Rutherfordton and Johnnie McFarland of Hickory. Two sisters, Mrs. Addie Lewis of Gainesville, Ga.; and Mrs. W. J. Alexander of Ardmore, Okla., also survive, with one half sister, Mrs. Belle Duckett, of Forest City and a half brother, J. E. McFarland, of Hollis.

MIDNIGHT SHOWS AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

A special midnight show at Horn's Theatre will go on at 11:30 Wednesday night, December 31, for the entertainment of those who wish to watch the old year out. The special offering will be Paul Whiteman and his band in "King of Jazz," presenting a new era in sound and color entertainment. Words can not describe its exquisite beauty, its melodies and breath-taking spectacular magnificence. A wonderful program for the occasion.

The Romina for its midnight show will entertain with "Tom Sawyer," which will appeal to all, old and young alike.

Wednesday night, December 31, should be a gala one in Forest City, with these magnificent offerings by local theatre men.

Mrs. J. R. Packard Dies In Cliffside

Cliffside, Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. R. Packard, aged 50, died at her home here Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, after an extended illness. She had been in ill health several months and her death was not unexpected. As The Courier goes to press funeral arrangements were not completed.

Mrs. Packard is survived by her husband, seven sons and three daughters, also several brothers and sisters.

POSTPONE CLUB MEETING.

Caroleen, Dec. 30.—The Community Woman's Club, of Henrietta, has postponed their January meeting from New Year's day to Thursday, January 8, at which time the meeting will be held with Mrs. J. F. Timmerman in Caroleen.