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## FAMILY WELFARE DRIVE WILL BE MADE JAN. 15

Everybody in Forest City Urged to Make Donation to Association—Meeting Friday Night.

The Family Welfare Association which was recently re-organized and officers elected, will put on a drive Friday, Jan. 15, to get money, clothing, canned goods, potatoes or anything in the way of food that is not perishable, to do the work that the organization wants to do, to give relief to the needy. There are so many unemployed that have sickness in their families and cannot leave their homes to work, that must have help from others. By having this organization in our little city, it will be quite a relief for the business houses and homes to have a place to send those asking for aid, where each case will be personally investigated by Mrs. C. E. Alcock who will be in charge of the distribution of such funds, etc., that are needed. It will do away with one person who may go from one place to another asking for help and may not be as deserving as others. One woman told me of one case of a woman and little girl coming into a store asking for help and when he explained about the Family Welfare Association and where to go to get help, this was not what she was wanting, but continued begging from one store to another. Now if each place of business and homes in town will contribute as liberally as possible, when they can direct anyone asking for aid to the organization where their case will be investigated and aid will be given when deserving. It will do away with those who beg from each place of business and also away with duplications, as each case is indexed and can easily be referred to by Mrs. Alcock who will know whether the party is deserving.

The Willis Towery Post, American Legion contributed \$50.00 to the organization just before Christmas and with this aid has been given to seven families in the way of food, clothing and shoes, also had a doctor to make one call at the home of a woman who is suffering from cancer, and we had this liberal donation, which could not have been given, if now when these ladies and gentlemen who have consented to put on a drive to secure money, etc., all at your place of business and do not turn them away, for every one can give something towards this work and then you can be free to refer anyone asking for aid to the Family Welfare Association.

The town has been divided into districts and a captain has been selected for each district and they have selected their assistants to make this drive on Thursday, Jan. 15. Every person reading The Courier will know that next Thursday, Jan. 15, has been selected for the day for a drive and this will give you a place in which to look through your closets and get up any clothing that you can donate to this splendid work. In order to make it easy on those donating that day, if you can give this work tie a white cloth string to your door and have your donations ready when they come around. It will do away with a second drive by these workers. If you are away from home that day and wish to help in this work, telephone Mrs. Alcock, phone 140, and she will call on your donation later. Please do not send soiled garments as we cannot handle them.

A meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 9th, 7:30, at the City Hotel. Please let the captains and workers be present at this meeting.

Miss Margaret McDonald, who spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. McDonald, attended a house party in Hickory before returning to Greensboro, where she is a student at N. C. C. W.

## New Auto Tags Must Be Bought Soon

There will be no extension of time this year for securing 1931 auto license plates.

The State Highway patrol expects to begin making arrests within the next two or three days for failure to obtain the 1931 automobile license tags, it was announced at the Asheville office of the patrol Monday.

No arrests have yet been made but the patrol has already begun issuing "tickets"—giving the person ticketed 48 hours to obtain a license—and plans to start making arrests in the next few days.

## EPWORTH LEAGUES HOLD SESSION

January Session Held in Rutherfordton—Well Attended—Next Meeting Here.

The January meeting of the Rutherford County Epworth League Group meeting was held in Rutherfordton Methodist church, Friday evening, January 2, at 7:30.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rutherfordton chapter.

Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Jr., of Rutherfordton gave an interesting address. The business session followed. Committees were appointed for the purpose of nominating new officers for the year 1931.

Mr. Jolley made remarks in reference to the expense of the different chapters when they were entertaining the union.

The roll was called and the following chapters were represented: Spindale, Pleasant Grove, Rutherfordton, Alexander, Mt. Hebron. Spindale was awarded the cross and banner for the month.

After adjournment Rutherfordton served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be held at Forest City the first Friday night in February.

## Bankers Association Offers \$500 Reward

In an effort to prevent the further circulation of careless or malicious rumors regarding the solvency of our banks, the North Carolina Bankers' Association offers a reward of \$500 for the first conviction of any person circulating derogatory statements concerning the solvency of any banking institution in the state.

This is a good move and will put a stop to the senseless chatter of the thoughtless ones. However, Rutherford county banks are in good condition and there is no apparent unrest in the county, but in other places uncalculated harm has been done by careless gossips.

## Clothes Needed For School Children

The Family Welfare Association is having calls for clothes suitable for school wear for children of all ages. A girl 10 years old needs school clothes badly. If any one has anything in the way of wearing apparel that they can donate to this work, please send them to the home of Mrs. C. E. Alcock at once. Please do not send soiled garments for we cannot handle them.

## Local Hotel Under New Management

Mrs. A. W. Falvey and Miss Mayme Martin, who recently leased the Moore Hotel, took possession January 1st. The name of the hotel has been changed to the New Central Hotel. The new operators have had the dining room and kitchen remodeled and painted. They are making a specialty of serving home cooked meals. At a later date provisions will be made for holding banquets and club meetings in the new hotel.

## WELFARE DEPT. HELPS NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Many Little Tots Made Happy by a Visit From Santa, Sponsored by The County Welfare Superintendent.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 5.—Christmas time was a happy time in the County Department of Public Welfare because of the generosity and thoughtfulness of citizens who, even though they have recently suffered losses, abundantly gave of their means which proves that times of depression tend to strengthen rather than break down the works of charity. Without one penny being spent from the appropriated funds of the county budget, 167 children were made happy with the game of Santa Claus; meaning that 167 needy children were furnished with a toy, a generous amount of candies, fruits and garments.

At eventide on December 23rd, thirty-nine spirited and happy youngsters merrily danced around a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree which was arranged upon the lawn of Maple Lodge. Santa in person greeted the children and presented the gifts, calling each guest by name. Many passersby lingered and later were heard to relate a thrilling story of "The Bachelor's Christmas Tree." Added to the 39 happy little hearts were happy older hearts also for "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When the celebration came to a close, comfortably heated cars awaited in the driveway and the children were accompanied home, many living miles away in isolated districts.

Cash donations from the Rutherford Hospital, members of the Hospital staff, Mrs. S. E. Elmore, R. G. Howard, F. E. Patton and O. J. Holler, lightened the burdens and extended the Christmas cheer of the Public Welfare Department. Added to Mr. Holler's cash donation was a supply of sweet potatoes, molasses and parts of a slaughtered hog. Due to the unselfish thoughtfulness of Littman's Economy Store, many children are wearing nice warm new shoes and are stockinged by donations from the Elmore Company. Several little boys are diving their cold hands deep into pockets of nice new overcoats which were given by Mr. and Mrs. I. Goodman.

Without the Romina Theatre's toys and large buckets of candies, Santa would have been at a loss in his presentations from the Department. Added to this phase of the spirit the women of Ruth, led by Mrs. Creed Hampton, furnished attractive toys as did also members of the Junior Department of the Rutherfordton's Woman's Club. Materials were furnished the sewing classes of Central High school and with nimble fingers and a Christmas spirit, the girls portrayed trained skill in making 47 nice garments which were added to Santa's pack of gifts.

## Changes Are Made In Seaboard Trains

According to official announcement made at the Seaboard offices at Hamlet, the Seaboard passenger trains Nos. 21 and 22, between Monroe and Rutherfordton, will be discontinued as regular passenger trains between Shelby and Rutherfordton but will be operated between Shelby and Rutherfordton daily as mixed trains. This change will go into effect January 12. The schedule of this train will be about the same.

This change of schedule will discontinue the present service on the Caroleen branch of the Seaboard road, but train No. 22, returning from Rutherfordton, will do the work on the Caroleen branch. Due to this change the entire crew of the Caroleen branch will be discontinued. At present the Caroleen branch of the Seaboard road connects with the main line of the Seaboard between Monroe and Rutherfordton at Ellenboro.

## Bank Depositors Hold Meeting

Rutherfordton, Jan. 6.—Another meeting of the depositors of the defunct Rutherford county banks was held here Monday at two o'clock.

Dr. John D. Biggs, liquidating agent, made a short talk. The committees were continued, and will work with Mr. Biggs in an effort to close out the affairs of the bank. It was voted to assess each depositor two percent of the amount which he had on deposit at the time of the closing, which will be used in employing a special attorney to represent the depositors.

## MR. TOM GEER, AGED 71 YEARS, DIES

Union Mills, R-3, Resident Succumbs to Pneumonia Thursday—Funeral Saturday.

Union Mills, R-3, Jan. 5.—Mr. Tom Geer, aged 71 years, one month and nineteen days, died at the home of his brother, Mr. J. J. Geer Thursday morning at nine o'clock, after an illness of pneumonia of about one week. He had made his home with his brother for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Mountain Creek Baptist church, with Rev. M. M. Huntley, Rev. E. P. White, Rev. T. M. Hester and Rev. C. F. Taylor in charge of the services. Interment was in the Mountain Creek cemetery.

Mr. Geer is survived by three brothers, Harris Geer, of Charlotte; Lee Geer, of Union Mills, R-3, and J. J. Geer, also of Union Mills, R-3. He had made his home with his brother, J. J. Geer for several years. He was a member of the Mountain Creek Baptist church.

## Boost Gardner For President

Wilmington, Jan. 5.—Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, was proposed as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination here by Varl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture under President Wilson:

"In a country built up on its agriculture," Mr. Vrooman said, addressing the Wilmington board of trade, "Governor Gardner is one of the few governors exerting every effort toward aiding the farmer. I would like to see him a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president."

Mr. Vrooman, owner of extensive farm lands in Iowa and Illinois, is here writing a book on agriculture.

## ATHLETIC SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT

Cliffside, Jan. 5.—A big athletic show and boxing, featuring two headline attractions, will held in the Cliffside hall Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. The main boxing bout will be between Jack Blanton, of Cliffside, 134 pounds against Jerome Spangler, 132 pound Shelby boy. This couple fought to ten round draw recently. K. O. Scruggs, of Cliffside and Tommy McCarver, of Shelby, will be another feature. Both bouts will go six rounds. In addition to this fourteen other rounds of boxing is on the card as follows: "Kid" Blanton, Cliffside, against Phate McSwain, of Shelby; "Jointy" John Harris against Max Pruett, both Cliffside boys; Hick Wortman against "Pee Roy" McCurry, and Solon Wilson and Gene Wilson, all Cliffside boys.

Music will be furnished by the Cliffside String band. A small admission fee will be charged, and all proceeds will be turned over for use in charity work, and for benefit of the poor and needy.

Miss Susie Wilkie, of Charlotte, spent Friday and Saturday here with her grandmother, Mrs. Katie Wilkie.

## MANY BARGAINS FOR TRADE DAY, JANUARY 12

Eighteen Business Houses Unite to Make the Day Profitable to All Visitors.

Following the plan suggested by the Kiwanis Club in November of offering special bargains for visitors here on Trade Day, the second Monday in each month, eighteen of the business firms of the city have united in making special offerings for next Monday. A glance over the offerings will convince any one that our merchants have made real bargains for this occasion, and there are numbers of others of our business men, not represented in the big ad, who are also going to make attractive specials for Trade Day. Come to Forest City next Monday, spend a pleasant day, meet all your friends, and take advantage of the big bargains offered by our merchants.

Below we note the specials offered by the business men, who have a co-operative page ad on the last page of this paper:

Dalton Bros.—\$1.00 chambray work shirts for 50c.

A&P Store—No. 2 can salmon, 10c  
Courtney's Ten Cent Store—Five pair ladies' hose, \$1.00, also specials on candies, etc.

Pender's Store—One pound Richmond Maid baking powder for 25c. with one-half pound free with each purchase. Also rice, 6 lbs. for 25c.

Efird's—Five big specials. See the ad.

Farmers Hardware Co.—Nine big specials. See ad.

Piggly Wiggly Store—Four big specials, headed with 10 lbs. Pinto beans for 47c. See ad for others.

Jack's Leader Store—\$3, \$4 and \$5 work shoes for \$1.95.

Peoples Drug Store—Wine of Cardui, 59, Wampole's Cod Liver Oil, 59c.

Stahl's Ten Cent Store—Flower-ed salad bowl, 25c.

Graham Cash Co.—15c and 19c outing, 9c yard.

Sanders Groceteria—Five pounds Rio coffee, \$1.00.

Boston Store—Ladies' shoes, \$2.50 value, for \$1.49.

Gray Drug Co.—\$1.00 hot water bottles and fountain syringes for this day only 49c.

The Bee Hive—Ladies' slippers, 49c.

Forest City Courier—Metal propelling pencil, worth 50c, with each subscription.

Doggett Motor Co.—20 per cent off on inner tubes.

Stein's Dept. Store—Men's and boys' suits, worth \$20.00, for Trade Day only \$5.00.

## POULTRYMEN MEET.

Twenty-eight members of the Rutherford County Poultry Association met here Tuesday night. First on the program was the viewing of a special picture at Horn's Theatre, "Mystery of the Yolk," after which the members met and got down to business. After the discussion of many matters of interest, the poultrymen also took up the matter of opening the Forest City Hatchery here about January 15th. Before adjournment the poultrymen also discussed the proposition of a cannery here. It is hoped that the cannery can be opened, as it would be a great asset to the farmers.

The Forest City Hatchery is said to be one of the largest in this section of the state, being equipped with a Smith 47,000 capacity incubator and other modern equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Chambers spent the Christmas holidays in Asheville with Mrs. Chambers' mother, Mrs. Albert Weaver and Mr. J. F. Weaver, of Biltmore Forest.

Beaufort county farmers saved \$633 on a cooperative purchase of 11,500 pounds of dynamite, 10,700 blasting caps and 10,400 feet of fuse to be used in clearing farm land.

## Building Permits Total \$7,405

During the year 1930 the Town of Forest City issued seventeen building permits, totaling \$7,405. The majority of these permits were for alterations and repairs. Among those for building were permits issued to George D. Horn and Tate Butler to building residences, and two permits issued to J. L. Butler to build two dwelling houses. Two permits for building garages were also issued.

The above figures represent a considerable reduction in the number of permits issued over 1929.

## DEATH CLAIMS MR. JULIUS WEEKS

Widely Known Resident of the Mt. Vernon Community Passes After Short Illness.

Rutherfordton, R-4, Jan. 5.—Mr. Julius Weeks, aged 72, a leading citizen and farmer of the Mt. Vernon community, died Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. He was ill only a week with pneumonia fever, and death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Mr. Weeks is survived by his widow and eight children. The children are Mrs. B. W. Edwards, of Rutherfordton, R-4; Mrs. Mossie Pruitt, of Morganton; Mrs. Bob Morris, Rutherfordton, R-4 and Mrs. Gordon Morgan, of Rutherfordton, R-4; Roy Weeks, of Rutherfordton, R-4, Adam and James Weeks, of Rutherfordton, R-4. A number of grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Mt. Vernon Baptist church with his pastor, Rev. C. F. Taylor in charge. Interment was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. Mr. Weeks was a member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church, where he joined a number of years ago. He was a progressive farmer and a highly respected citizen of his community.

## COTTON

A total of 20,504 bales of cotton were ginned in Rutherford county up to Dec. 13, 1930 as compared to 17,934 the same date last year. Cleveland county led the state with 60,967 bales as compared to 52,517 the same date last year. A total of 759,317 bales were ginned in the state up to Dec. 13, 1930 while 656,942 were ginned the same date in 1929.

## Legion Posts Back Oratory Contest

The Fred Williams Post of the American Legion voted at their meeting on January 5th to cooperate with the Willis Towery Post in sponsoring the state-wide oratorical contest of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. These two posts offer to the winner in the county contest a prize sufficient to pay all expenses to the district contest, and if this contest is won by a Rutherford county high school student, the expenses of this winner to Raleigh will be paid by the county legionaires.

The prizes in the state contest are very valuable and the Rutherford county legionaires are particularly anxious for some local boy or girl to win one of them. Information concerning the contest can be obtained from any high school principal in the county. The committees in charge of the county contest are: Clarence Butler at Ruth, F. W. Jarvis at Spindale, B. T. Caldwell at Cliffside, F. S. Hall at Avondale, from the Fred Williams Post, and Spurgeon Moss, Bob Rollins and D. H. Sutton in Forest City.

A copy of the history of the North Carolina department of the American Legion will be presented to any high school entering this contest. Copies can be obtained from W. L. Brown at Forest City.