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FINE MEETING OF THE COUNTY CLUB HELD FRIDAY

Committees Announced—Z. O. Jenkins Talks on Proposed Legislation for County.

The January meeting of the Rutherford County Club was held in the dining hall of the First Baptist church here Friday at one o'clock. The new president, G. B. Howard, of Spindale, presided. The Young Matrons' class of the church served luncheon to about forty members and guests. Dr. W. A. Ayers asked the blessing.

After the luncheon the president announced following committees for 1931:

Membership: F. I. Barber, G. C. Shuford and C. F. Cline.

Nominating: Ivy Cowan, Dr. R. R. Howes and J. C. Hames.

Grievance: J. F. Weathers, D. C. Whitaker and M. L. Edwards.

The following new members were announced: C. P. Parks, Dr. R. L. Reinhardt, Chas. Z. Flack and W. L. McBrayer, of Forest City; Rev. L. W. Hoyle, Rutherfordton; W. G. Harris, of Harris and J. H. Hill, of Spindale.

After a few remarks the president turned the meeting over to the chairman of the program committee, David Lindsay.

Mr. Z. O. Jenkins spoke first, and outlined some of the proposals which had been made by a committee of citizens at a recent private meeting.

Among the things advocated by the committee headed by Mr. Jenkins were the reduction in salaries of county commissioners; repeal of the forfeiture law; postponement of the reassessment period; abolishment of office of county tax collector and placing the duties of that office upon the county treasurer; state highway commission taking over the county roads; changes in the tax foreclosure laws and other items. Mr. Jenkins explained that under the present law, officers spent much of their time searching for men with a small quantity of whiskey, as the arrest of such person paid a reward of \$25.00.

As a result, he said, the distiller was protected, in order that he might furnish the whiskey to the individual.

Mr. Jenkins said his committee favored the passage of a law providing for the payment of a reward of \$50.00 to each officer who captured a still and its operator and secured a conviction. This committee advocated the sale of personal property for taxes, instead of advertising the land for sale.

Speaking of present conditions, Mr. Jenkins said that all should profit by the experience of the past year, and that he believed a revival in business was due within a short time.

Remarks on Mr. Jenkins' talk were made by Dr. C. F. Gold and Prof. A. P. Caldwell. O. J. Holler asked that the club extend to R. E. Price, chairman of the program committee for 1929-30 a rising vote of thanks for his faithful and efficient work, which was done.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF BOSTIC BANK

Bostic, Jan. 20.—At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Bostic Bank, held last Wednesday at one o'clock the old officials were re-elected for another year, and the old board of directors was re-elected, and one new member added. The officers and directors of this bank are: president, E. N. Washburn; vice president, Ed Thompson; cashier, C. Gettys; assistant cashier, Miss Anna Hollifield. The board of directors are: E. N. Washburn, Ed Thompson, O. B. Biggerstaff, S. C. Gettys, S. Carson, L. L. Moore and W. L. Toms.

Mr. W. L. Brown was called to Hot Springs Saturday on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. S. W. Brown. Mr. Frank Brown, of Charlotte, W. Va., who has been visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown in Hot Springs, spent the week here with Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown.

GEO. W. HODGE DIED THURSDAY

Widely Known Man Passes at His Home Near Rutherfordton—Funeral Friday

Rutherfordton, Jan. 19.—Mr. George William Hodge, better known to his many friends as "Bill" Hodge died at his home about two and one-half miles west of Rutherfordton last Thursday morning. About two years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and about four months ago he suffered a second stroke and never recovered. Pneumonia developed before he passed.

Funeral services were held at Piedmont Baptist church Friday morning with his pastor, Rev. T. M. Hester in charge, assisted by Rev. E. P. White. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the sad occasion. Nephews were pall-bearers as follows: Messrs Lewis and Hartan Griswold, Lee, Alvin, Garner and Rose Hodge while the many beautiful flowers were carried by Misses Minnie Bell Hill, Velma and Katherine Griswold, Annie and Grace Hodge and Theresa Taylor, nieces of the deceased. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Deceased was 53 years of age and was a loyal member of the church. He leaves his widow and eight children as follows: Roy Hodge, near home; Bezola Hodge at home; Mrs. Ralph Hodge of that section; Fred Hodge, Spindale and Annie Clifford, Bryce and Lula Mae Hodge, all at home. Two brothers, Messrs J. L. and Tom Hodge of that section also survive with one sister, Mrs. Lee Taylor, Rutherfordton.

Mr. Hodge was well known and highly respected. He was industrious, honest and upright. In his death the home loses its head, the church a faithful member and the county a good citizen.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MARY GREEN

Funeral Held Monday in Abbeville County, S. C.—Leaves Several Children.

Mrs. Mary Green, aged 78, died at the home of her son, Charlie Green, here Saturday, after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Gilgal Methodist church, in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Rev. E. Laless was in charge of the funeral service. Interment was in the Gilgal church cemetery.

Mrs. Green is survived by five children, as follows: Charlie Green, Forest City; Ben Green, Honea Path, S. C.; Joe Green, Anderson, S. C.; Dave Green, Seneca, S. C., and James Green of Greenville, S. C. Her husband preceded her to the grave a number of years ago. Three sisters survive, also twenty-four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Messrs Willie, Joe, Fred and Ambrose Green; William Fant and Garrison Lindsay. The flower bearers were Misses Hester Freeman, Essie Toney, Lennie Ordwin, Annie Blackburn, Mallie Owens, and Pauline Hudlow.

Calls Bad Times "State of Mind"

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—"Pessimism is the greatest enemy of the country today," Merile Thorpe, editor of the "Nation's Business," said here today.

"The difference between good and bad times is the difference of your state of mind," Thorpe said.

And to clinch this abstract idea with tangible evidence, he pointed out there were more bank deposits and more insurance bought last year than ever before.

"Yet people cry hard times," he continued. "The sooner we get it out of our minds there is a depression, the quicker conditions will better themselves."

Girls' Council of Cool Springs High School



Girls of Cool Springs High School Organize Council

Dorothy Green Elected President—All Classes Represented On Executive Board—Miss Barnes Is Sponsor of Organization.

On Friday, January 2, the girls of Cool Springs High school met to organize a Girls' Council. During the business session the following officers were elected: President, Dorothy Green; First vice-president, Evelyn Thompson; Second vice-president, Ola Johnson; and secretary and treasurer, Alice Earley.

In the formation of an Executive Board for the Council three representatives from each class were elected to serve as assistants to the officers in all problems arising in the Council. The members of the Board are as follows:

Seniors: Virginia Magness, Margaret Searcy, and Dorothy Rudisill. Juniors: Annie Moore, Myra Morris and Wilma Harrill.

Sophomores: Winnie Gilliam, Juanita Callahan, and Mary Logan King.

Freshmen: Joyce Washburn, Janice Caldwell and Carolyn Green.

The meeting was continued by an enthusiastic expression from the girls of their sincere wish to participate in and to support a Girls' Council. Miss Barnes, the sponsor, gave a brief talk on the purpose of the Girls' Council, basing her remarks upon the written suggestions from the group. Among the chief objectives of the year, emphasis will be placed on character, courtesy and conduct among the girls of Cool Springs High school.

Plans have been made for active programs which will be instructive as well as entertaining. The Council will meet every four weeks, though the Executive Board will be called at shorter intervals during the remaining term of the school year.

—ALICE EARLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer

A Message to the Girls' Council.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Council for the honor you have bestowed upon me in electing me as your president. Although I do not feel worthy of holding that office, I shall try to do my best in helping you make this year the most worth-while in the organization of the Girls' Council.

I hope that our organization will mean lots to every girl at Cool Springs High, giving her a "sisterly" feeling of cooperation and a deeper responsibility in upholding the high standards of our school. It would not be fair to write this and not say anything of our sponsor, Miss Barnes, who is at the back of the Council and doing such good work. I'm sure that we all love her and are going to stand by her.

I hope that the Girls' Council, in the coming year, will continue to do as good work as we hope to accomplish this term.

—DOROTHY GREEN.

Friends of Mrs. Clarence Huntley will be glad to know that she's improving nicely after undergoing an operation in the Rutherford hospital.

Four Accidentally Injured During Past Few Days

Mr. John Young, of Forest City, R-3, had the misfortune to cut off his thumb Tuesday morning while chopping wood. He was taken to Dr. Duncan's office, where the laceration was dressed.

Mr. Floyd Toney of Bostic, R-3, was also brought to Dr. Duncan's office Monday to have an ugly wound dressed. Monday while cutting wood he accidentally chopped off his big toe.

Willie Newton, small son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newton, of the Pea Ridge community, Bostic, R-3, had the sight in his right eye knock out and the eye otherwise injured when he was hit by a rock from a sling shot Friday at school. He was playing with a school mate when the accident occurred. His school mate fired the rock from the sling shot which hit him. He was brought to Dr. Duncan's office, and the injury dressed.

Forest City, R-2, Jan. 20.—Mr. Frank Smith, well known citizen of this community, had the misfortune of breaking his leg Monday morning when thrown from his mule. He was riding the mule near his home Monday morning when the animal became frightened and threw him off, breaking his leg just above the ankle. He was taken to the Rutherford hospital, where he is resting comfortably at the latest report.

MANY USEFUL ARTICLES MADE IN SCHOOL

Ellenboro, Jan. 19.—A total of more than thirty useful articles were recently made in the Ellenboro school shop by the agricultural students of the school for their homes. Shop work which is in the agricultural course for high school students gives the boys an opportunity to make many needed articles for their homes while they learn practical skills at school at a low cost.

The articles made include the following: Twenty-three ironing boards which were made to be used by the mothers of the boys, five bookcases, one music case for the music teacher of the school, one library table, one bed and two basket ball goals for the school. In addition one wagon bed was painted along with many jobs in iron work, staining and varnishing.

Shop work in the school is liked by the majority of the students because it gives them a chance to use up much of their excess energy.

BUYS DUTCH GRILL.

Mr. Geo. G. Stahl purchased Monday night the Dutch Grill from Mr. M. D. Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. Stahl will be in charge, and will keep the place of business open twenty-four hours each day. See Mr. Stahl's advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Courier.

SPINDALE BAND CONCERT SATURDAY

Seventh Annual Concert of County's Largest Concert Band Will be Held Saturday Evening.

Spindale, Jan. 19.—The seventh anniversary concert of The Spindale Band will be held in the Spindale House next Saturday evening beginning at eight o'clock. An excellent program of classical and popular music has been arranged for the occasion by the director, Mr. D. C. Cole. The Spindale Band was organized in 1924 with Mr. Cole as director, a position which he has since held. The total membership is now twenty-five, and it is the only concert band in the county.

The services of the Band is much in demand. During the past year the Band sponsored and took a prominent part in Music Week activities. The band gave a concert in the Cool Springs high school auditorium at the close of Music week which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

There will be no admission charge to Saturday evening's program. It is free to all who wish to attend. The following program will be given:

Bravura, March, C. E. Duple.

Hearts and Flowers (Flower song)

Op. 245, Theo. M. Tobani.

Down the River of Golden Dreams, Klemmer and Shilkret.

Operatic Gems, Arr. by C. W. Dalby.

Dull Razor Blues, C. H. Huffing.

Vocal solo by Mrs. Arthur Harrill.

(a)—I've Done My Work, (b)—

Roses of Picardy, Hayden Wood, Miss Lela Morris at the piano.

Unfinished Symphony, First Movement, Franz Schubert.

Ave Marie, Bach-Gounod.

Evening Star, Richard Wagner.

Flanders March, F. W. McNichol.

FUNERAL HELD FOR THOS. J. GETTYS

Hollis Man Died Sunday of Paralysis—Elijah Sweezy, Confederate Veteran, Died Recently.

Hollis, Jan. 20.—Thos. Jefferson Gettys died at his home near Hollis, Sunday, January 18, after a short illness. He was stricken with paralysis late Friday evening, and never regained consciousness until the end came Sunday morning at eight o'clock. He was 69 years old last August.

He is survived by his widow, nee Mary Price, one son, Zeno Gettys, a World War veteran on the front lines in France who is married and makes his home with his parents; and three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Hamrick, of Apex, N. C.; Mrs. Baxter Rollins and Mrs. Rockett, both of Hickory, with a number of grand children and one sister, Mrs. Julia A. Young, of Forest City. He was a brother of the late Plato Gettys. He was an energetic, prosperous farmer, a kind husband and indulgent father and a member of Big Springs Baptist church where funeral services were held Monday by his Pastor, Rev. Jordan Washburn and Rev. Martin Gold. Interment was in the church cemetery.

He was tenth in family line of 12 children all of which has preceded him except Mrs. Young, who is the eleventh in family line. He had three brothers in the Confederate army and lost the two oldest, Alfred and Lawson.

Death of Elijah Sweezy.

I have recently heard of the death of Elijah Sweezy, one of the last and youngest members of Capt. Lawson Harrill's Co., I, 56th, N. C. Regiment. He was a son of James Sweezy, and a brother of First Lieutenant of that Company killed in the battle of Reams Station, Petersburg, August 1864. He was reared near Hollis and went West about 1872. He was 84 years old. He lived in Missouri and not long

TAX REDUCTION IS WATCHWORD OF NEW LEGISLATURE

Demand For Reduction of Property Taxes by Any Means is Definite Trend of General Assembly.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Speeding up of local measures in order to dispose of them before the major State-wide questions of legislation come up, was sought this week as the North Carolina General Assembly swung into its second full week of work.

Ten of the 60 days the session is expected to last have passed with organization and the introduction of various proposals, some of which probably will live to become assembly issues.

Only one definite trend of the baby Legislature has come to the surface, and that is that the demand for a reduction of property taxes by any means must be met.

Every member of the assembly seems to have come to Raleigh with the mandate tacked to him that this must be done.

Most of the major legislative proposals, many of the important ones such as the salary cut and the constitutional convention being recommendations of Governor Gardner, face careers in committees before they reach the floors of the Senate and House.

Assembly leaders have stressed the need for clearing the docket of the local matters before these and other State-wide issues come up.

Among the State-wide proposals, a fight looms for the salary cut, although the gathering forces, either pro or con, are keeping comparatively quiet.

State supported schools and the reorganization of the highway commission loom as important issues.

Whether the State shall take over the schools has not reached the heat of talk the highway proposal has, with battle lines forming in various sections of the State.

No bills of local importance came up for consideration during the week. The Revenue bill, announced Tuesday, reveals many new sources of taxes, and, as a whole may apparently be considered with approval. It will, however, live to be an issue on both floors of the General Assembly.

K. P. Lodge To Hold Special Meeting

Upon the request of Grand Chancellor Commander, Sam O. Worthington, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, George E. Lovell, a called meeting of Forest City lodge No. 82, Knights of Pythias, will be held in the lodge hall on next Monday evening at 7:30.

Several important matters will be brought before the lodge at this meeting and every Pythian, as well as former members of the lodge are urged to be present. Grand Chancellor Worthington, and Mr. Lovell are both expected to be present. They will bring several important matters before the lodge pertaining to the Pythian Home and other works of the order.

DENTAL SOCIETY MEETS.

The Rutherford County Dentists Society held their regular meeting here Tuesday evening, January 13. A dinner was served at six o'clock at the new Central Hotel, which was attended by a large number of the members of the society. After the dinner the members retired to the office of Dr. C. S. McCall where a dental clinic was held, in charge of Dr. Storey, of Charlotte.

since was on his way to visit a son in Oklahoma when his car was struck by a drunken driver of another car when he was killed. His father and three brothers all served in the same Company. He and his brother Thomas surrendered the war with his father.

—J. C. ELLIOTT.