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DISCUSS COUNTY LEGISLATION AT LUNCHEON HERE

County Executive Committee Carrying Out Campaign Promises to Benefit County.

At a luncheon meeting held at the New Central Hotel here Saturday night, attended by more than fifty members of the Rutherford County Democratic Executive committee and the platform committee, local and state-wide legislation was discussed with Hon. O. R. Coffield, and those present endorsed the passage of the Forfeiture act; repeal of the 1919 and 1921 acts in regard to appointing rural policemen; the appointment of not more than two county traffic officers; the passage of the state-wide six months' school bill, and endorsed, in general, practically all of Governor Gardner's recommendations in his message to the general assembly.

The meeting was called by Hon. S. P. Dunagan, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. Those present included the precinct chairmen from each precinct and members of the platform committee of the County Democratic Executive committee and Hon. O. R. Coffield. In his opening remarks Mr. Dungan stated that last fall the Democratic party made certain promises to the people of Rutherford county, and that the party intended to keep these promises. As the rule of Democracy means the rule of all people, he considered it appropriate and timely to call a meeting of the representative members of the Democratic party to determine what legislation should, and should not, be passed in regard to Rutherford county.

An excellent luncheon was served by the management of the New Central hotel to about fifty members present. R. E. Price asked the blessing.

Outlining Work.

S. P. Dunagan acted as chairman and called upon Mr. Coffield to tell of the work of the Legislature. He briefly outlined what has already been done in the Legislature, and stated that he had introduced two bills. He had with him copies of all state-wide measures which were passed around before the luncheon, and those present were requested to give their opinion on them.

Platform Committee Reports.

Z. O. Jenkins, chairman of the platform committee, was called upon to tell of the work of the committee. Mr. Jenkins stated that his committee had met several times, and drafted several recommendations prior to the meeting of The General Assembly. He was pleased, he said, to note that many of his committee's recommendations were incorporated in Governor Gardner's message to the General Assembly. One of the first measures sponsored by the local platform committee was the taking over of the highways and roads of North Carolina by the state highway commission as a part of the state system. This committee asked that the forfeiture law be amended, and Mr. Coffield last week introduced such a measure, which has been favorably reported out of the committee. This act provides for the repeal of the payment of reward for capture of the "hot pocket" transporter, and provides instead that a reward of $50.00 will be paid for the capture of a still and distiller, and securing a conviction. In this manner the officers can get at the source of the prohibition trouble.

Sales Tax.

The platform committee reported favorably on some revenue measure which will tax the wholesaler of luxuries, but is not favorable to a retail tax on necessities.

The committee also favors some measure similar to that of South Carolina making poll tax payment compulsatory or serve the time on the road gang. It was explained that in Rutherford county a man who owns no real estate or personal property and has nothing on which to levy, or gar-

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Studio And Radio Shop Moved

Gilbert's Studio and Smith's Radio Shop are being moved this week to the building next door to The Courier office, where they will be located after February 1st. The building is being re-modeled to fit the requirements of both of these prosperous concerns. Smith's Radio shop will occupy the front portion of the building. A large display and show room for radios will occupy the front, while a smaller room will be utilized by Mr. Smith as a repair and work shop. Two other smaller rooms across the hall will be used as a radio display room and dressing room. The rear half of the building will be occupied by Mr. Gilbert.

M. R. PADGETT DIES AT ALEXANDER

Former Resident of Cliffside Passes at Home of Son at Age of 75 Years.

Cliffside, Jan. 26.—The many friends of Mr. M. R. Padgett were shocked to learn of his death which occurred at the home of his son, Mr. Jonah Padgett at Alexander last Saturday. For many years Mr. Padgett had made his home at Cliffside and he had a host of friends here who extend to his family deepest sympathy.

Mr. Padgett was born February 28, 1855 and died January 24, 1931. For some time after leaving Cliffside about a year ago Mr. Padgett made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gold near Lattimore. He has been in ill health for quite a long time. Some time ago he went to Alexander where he died last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted in the Cliffside Methodist church at 2:30 p. m., Sunday by Rev. D. H. Rhinehardt assisted by Rev. C. C. Matheney of Alexander. The church was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends and relatives. During the years Mr. Padgett made his home here he was one of the most faithful members of the church. He was a member of the Men's Bible class and the following members of this class served as active pall bearers: Messrs. L. G. Garvin, Scott Goode, C. B. Edwards, N. C. Bennick, Robert Erney and Joe McKinney. The other members of the class were honorary pall bearers. Mr. Rhinehardt spoke of Mr. Padgett's faithfulness to his church. Several special numbers were sung by Messrs. C. H. Wilson, Ed Huskey and F. S. Hall of Avondale and C. S. Greene and Howard Hawkins of Cliffside and a quartett from Alexander whose names we failed to learn.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his widow who before their marriage about fifty-three years ago was Miss Mary Lancaster, and the following children: Mrs. Eva Hamrick, of Shelby, Mrs. O. T. Jones, Bostic, Mrs. Tom Gold of near Lattimore and Mrs. Ed Grant of Gastonia; Mr. Jonah Padgett of Alexander and Mr. Hoover Padgett of Detroit, Mich., besides several grand children. Three children preceded him to the grave.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY MINISTERS TO MEET

Spindale, Jan. 27.—The Rutherford County Ministerial Association will hold their February meeting in the Spindale House here Monday. The new officers, elected at a previous meeting, will be installed. The new officers are Rev. E. B. Jenkins, of Rutherfordton, president; Rev. R. T. Baker, of Rutherfordton, vice-president; Rev. W. A. Barber, Spindale, secretary and Rev. J. W. Parker, Gilkey, treasurer. The members of the program committee are Rev. I .S, McElroy, chairman; Rev. Mr. Sills, and Rev. J. W. Hoyle.

At the last meeting the Association went on record as favoring a stricter enforcement of the prohibition law. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

See our window for the Big One-Cent Sale which begins Saturday. Courtney's 10c Store.

THE STATE WIDE SCHOOL MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

House Passes Six Months Uniform School Bill by Vote of 86 to 32 Tuesday.

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—The MacLean school bill scored an 86 to 32 triumph in the house Tuesday afternoon, but went to the senate Wednesday facing considerably more opposition there than was shown in the lower branch of the General Assembly.

Representatives of the eastern and far western sections of the state were almost unanimously in favor of the state-supported six months' school, but from the Piedmont representatives and those from the "richer" counties came voices of protest.

The house vote with 118 members recording themselves was unusually large. Two proposed amendments also were voted down.

The senate held a 15-minute session and the principal business was to defer consideration of the schools measure, which had been set as a special order for Wednesday morning. A number of the local bills were received.

The measure, if approved by the senate, will commit the General Assembly to state support of the constitutional six months' school term.

The house vote on the bill was asked by its author after five hours of debate on it had passed, and two proposed amendments had been voted down.

Representative Jeffress of Guilford offered a last minute amendment which would have permitted the levying of a statewide ad valorem tax for support of the school. It was immediately killed.

The other amendment was offered Monday night by Representative Connor of Wilson. It would have changed the bill to make state support effective "in as far as feasible."

Representatives of the Piedmont or "rich" counties based their opposition on the assertion it would result in a sales tax.

Brooks of Durham shouted, "If you vote for this bill you are pledging yourself to a sales tax that will damn the state."

Would Tax Costly Homes.

McRae of Mecklenburg, making reference to a proposed luxury tax to support the school instead of an ad valorem, tax, declared, "And what about people with $50,000 homes? Isn't that a luxury?"

Jeffress of Guilford said the greatest advocates of a "sales tax" to reduce advalorem taxes were the railroads.

Speaking for the bill, Representative Hamilton of Carteret declared the "rich" counties which were opposing the bill owed their prosperity to the entire state.

He said opposition to the measure came not from the working man, but from those who spend their "time clipping coupons."

Representative MacLean, upon questioning said the bill would not eliminate all the advalorem tax for schools, but would only reduce it.

Counties Still Pay.

He said counties would have to keep up support of the extended terms and pay debt services.

Proponents of the measure both in the debate last night and today, argued that the measure not only would reduce land taxes, but also would give all children in the state an equal chance and carry out "the mandate of the constitution."

The record vote came on the second reading and opponents did not ask for a third roll call.

Text of Measure.

The complete text of the MacLean substitute is as follows:

"A bill to be entitled an act to make effective the constitutional provision for state maintenance of the six months' school term.

"Whereas the constitution of North Carolina provides for a general and uniform system of public schools and directs that so much of the ordinary revenue of the state as

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KIWANIANS ADDRESSED BY COUNTY AGENT

Mr. Patton Urged That Farmers Observe "Live-At-Home" Campaign.

An unusually large attendance at the Kiwanis Club Monday night was entertained and instructed by a most valuable talk by Mr. F. E. Patton, county agent. The "Live-at-Home" program was in charge of Mr. J. W. Matheny, who had invited Mr. Patton to come before the club to discuss this most important question. He opened by stating that we should understand and review this important matter of living at home, and that it should reach every community in every county in the state. He also thought that it should apply to others than farmers altogether—the merchants should buy and sell home state products, and the people should trade at home. With the farmers, merchants and others co-operating in the program of living at home, the state would progress wonderfully and good times would soon come throughout the state.

Mr. Patton urged that the farmers grow less cotton and more of other farm products, and read an article showing what Farmer McGee, of Richmond county, did last year.

The articles follows, and should be read with interest by every farmer subscriber of The Courier, as it shows what can be accomplished by following the live at home plan:

"Richmond county has at least one afrmer who is not worrying about the economic depression and the skidding prices paid for cotton and tobacco.

"Ed McGee, tenant farmer living on the farm of W. E. Crosland, of Rockingham, Route 1, does not have many acres, but he makes those acres "talk" and its an encouraging conversation that comes springing from the soil each year as Ed McGee goes silently about his business of being a successful farmer, which means that he grows the things necessary for the comfortable existence of himself his wife and family of 10 little McGees.

"In Richmond county Ed McGee is known far and wide and County Agent J. L. Dove, who is responsible for this story, says that Ed is not only a good farmer, but always willing to co-operate and a splendid citizen to boot. He is a good sport generally, says County Agent Dove, and never complains about hard times or other things over which he has no control. This attitude is brought about in no small measure because Ed makes a business of industry and attention to his job and keeps Old Man Hard Times always at a safe distance.

McGee grows the proper diet to feed his large family according to health standards and is proud of the fact that there is no indication of pellagra among the brood dependent upon him for support.

Here's what Farmer McGee did last year on his two-horse farm, and extension workers believes that other tenant farmers can at least come close to his fine record if they put their shoulders to wheel:

37 bales cotton, 500 pounds each, from 30 acres planted.

600 bushels of corn from 15 acres planted.

200 bushels of sweet potatoes from one acre planted.

30 gallons of sorghum syrup, cane grown on terrace banks in cotton field.

50 bushels cowpeas, gathered from peas inter-planted in corn field.

Year round garden.

800 pounds of pork and lard.

50 bushels of wheat from two acres.

40 good hens.

Two good grade milk cows.

Canned fruits and vegetables for family use.

20 tons cowpeas, soybean hay.

"Grows cowpeas, soybeans, and velvet beans inter-planted in corn fields for winter pasturage for

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Supreme Court Passes On Lake Lure Case

The supreme court of North Carolina Tuesday found no error in the case of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., against the Town of Lake Lure. This case was tried in the superior court of this county last fall, and was appealed to the supreme court was appealed to the supreme court by the plaintiff. The Chimney Rock Mountains, In., brought suit to test the legality of the defendant to collect town taxes in the incorporated town of Lake Lure. According to the decissions given in the case the incorporated town may collect taxes on any property within its boundaries.

LEGION RALLY AT RUTHERFORDTON

Joint Meeting of County Legion Posts and Auxiliary Thursday Evening (Tonight.)

Rutherfordton, Jan. 27.—There will be a bonus rally in the court house here Thursday night, Jan 29th, at eight o'clock. The meeting will be for the public and is being sponsored by the Fred Williams Post No. 75, American Legion. The Willis Towery Post of Forest City has been asked to join in the meeting while the Auxiliary will also assist. Attorneys S. P. Dunagan and J. S. Dockery of Rutherfordton, C. O. Ridings of Forest City and Supt. B. P. Caldwell of the Cliffside schools are among those who have been asked to speak briefly. There will be other short addresses.

The Fred Williams Post has already gone on record 100 percent favoring the bonus being paid now. The Auxiliary went on record here Monday afternoon as favoring it being paid now. The Forest City Post has already gone on record favoring its being paid now. Other clubs and organizations will be asked to endorse it soon and send their resolutions to the North Carolina delegation in Congress.

The Blue Ridge String Band of Hickory will make music for the occasion. This famous musical organization has broadcasted several times over the radio and has made numerous phonograph records. It is composed of Mr. W. R. Abernethy of Hickory, famous auto harp and French harp player; "Fiddling" Clarence Greene of Cranberry and Mr. Walter Davis, well known guitar player of Old Fort.

Every ex-service man in Rutherford county is expected to attend this meeting while the public is invited.

Judge Hoyle H. Sink, of Lexington, who comes here Monday to hold criminal court will address the Fred Williams Post No. 75 next Monday night at its regular monthly meeting here at 7:30 o'clock in the City Hall. The Auxiliary will report briefly on its activities last year, especially as to what it did for the soldiers at Oteen hospital, Asheville.

Interest in the Legion is growing in the county. The local post has around 75 paid up members, which is nearly 100 percent increase over last year.

HOLD RUTHERFORD NATIVE IN DETROIT

Detroit, Jan. 27.—J. M. Flack, 22 of Rutherfordton, N. C., was held here today without bond on a charge of violating the National Motor Theft act.

Flack, said to be the son of a Rutherfordton alderman, was arrested on a charge of stealing a car from Robert Turner, of Detroit.

He pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner J. Stanley Hurd yesterday but was unable to furnish $3,500 bond.

Just received a new shipment of gold band, cups, saucers and plates. A wonderful value. Stahl's Ten Cent Stores.

FARMER KILLED IN GUN FIGHT SUNDAY NIGHT

Authorities Continue Probe Into Mysterious Murder of John M. Lynch at Home Near Chimney Rock.

Chimney Rock, Jan. 28.—John Madison Lynch, aged 40, well known farmer of the Cove Creek section, nine miles west of Rutherfordton, was shot and killed by unknown assailants Sunday night. He was called from his home and shot four times. He died enroute to the hospital.

Four bullets were fired at Lynch, striking his left arm, his left side, between the eyes and left hand.

Coroner W. C. Hightower held an inquest Monday morning, held a quiz Monday afternoon at the Lynch home and a second inquest session Tuesday morning, but left the case open.

John Paul Searcy, 19, son of Zack Searcy, of near Chimney Rock, was arrested and is being held in jail at Rutherfordton on suspicion. Coroner W. C. Hightower swore out a warrant Tuesday night for Mrs. Lynch, wife of the slain man, and she is now in the Rutherfordton jail. It is reported that Searcy threatened Lynch's life and that Searcy worked for Lynch last summer and that he was discharged when crops were laid by.

Mrs. Lynch said Monday morning to officers that her husband came home Sunday around dark under the influence of whiskey and asked her to load his gun, which she did, and he retired with it. Soon after he retired, she and the children retired and later someone knocked at the door and shouted:

"John Lynch, if you don't treat your family better, I will kill you."

"Lynch came down dressed only in his underwear and was shot. Lynch had a 38 calibre pistol and fired it three times. The bullets were found in the home Monday by officers. Two balls were also found in his pistol. Lynch was shot with a 32 pistol. He never regained consciousness.

Funeral Service.

Funeral service for Mr. Lynch was held Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at the LLyLnch home. Rev. I. clock at the Lynch home. Rev. I. erfordton Presbyterian church, was in charge of the service. Interment was in the Rutherfordton cemetery.

Mr. Lynch was forty years old Sunday, the day of his death.

Mr. Lynch is survived by his widow who before her marriage was Miss Hibernia Counts, of Edgefield, S. C. He was the eldest of a family of nine. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lynch, of Asheville survive, also three children. The following brothers and sisters survive: Thomas, Jr., Alvin, Julian and Herman Lynch, all of Asheville; Mrs. Theron Ledbetter, of Uree; Misses Marie, Gretchen and Anna Lynch, at home.

Continue Investigation.

Sheriff Ed McFarland is continuing the investigation into the killing of Mr. Lynch. The coroner has not closed the case, and has indicated that he will also continue the investigation to determine who the guilty party is. Solicitor J. Will Pless, of Marion, was in Rutherfordton Tuesday conferring with officers in regard to the case.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Wesleyan Methodist church is arranging a program for next Sunday, Feb. 1st. There will be lots of good music. The principal speaker on the program will be Miss Cleo Young, returned Missionary to Africa. Miss Young is well known in Forest City, this being her home town. Don't fail to hear her she has spent about fifteen years in Africa and has many things of interest to tell us. The program will be in the Wesleyan Methodist church at 7 p. m. The public is invited.