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HIGH SCHOOL CAGE TOURNAMENT FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK

Basketball Teams of County Will Meet at Spindale House to Decide County Champions.

The county-wide high school basketball tournament sponsored by The Rutherford County News and Superintendent of schools, Clyde A. Erwin will be held at the Spindale House next week, beginning on Monday night, Feb. 23rd and closing on Saturday night, Feb. 28th. There will be four nights of the tournament, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. For convenience, the schools playing in this tournament have been classified into two groups, Class A and Class B. The four larger schools of the county, Forest City, Central High, Henrietta-Caroleen and Cliffside will compose class A while Class B will be composed of Ellenboro, Mt. Vernon, Sunshine, Hollis and Harris, Gilkey having dropped out.

The News will award a silver loving cup to the winner in Class B while Superintendent Erwin will award a cup to the winner in Class A.

The tournament will open on Monday night with a double header, Ellenboro vs. Mt. Vernon and Sunshine vs. Hollis.

On Tuesday night, Feb. 24th the winner of the Sunshine vs. Hollis group will play Harris.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 25th the winner of the Ellenboro vs. Mt. Vernon group will play the winner on the 24th. This will decide the championship of Class B and the cup will be awarded that night following the game. The winner of class B will play the winner of class A (which will be decided on percentage basis and will likely be Central High school) on Saturday night, Feb. 28th, for the county championship. The Erwin cup will be awarded that night following the game.

Rules for the contest.

All players must be bona fide students of the school they represent and members of the basketball team. The time of quarters will be eight minutes with ten minutes between halves. All games will start at 7:30 p. m., except Wednesday night, Feb. 25th which will start at 8:15 p. m. Admission to everybody will be 25 cents per night. Each team will be allowed ten players, coach and manager to free admission. All others must pay the regular price, 25 cents. Each coach must send to either Clyde A. Erwin or R. E. Price by Saturday noon, Feb. 21st, a list of those who will play and are entitled to free admission to the games.

On the first night, Monday, Ellenboro and Mt. Vernon will play first and Sunshine and Hollis will follow.

All games will be played at the Spindale House.

The promoters of this tournament will not make one cent out of it. If there is any funds left after all expenses are paid it will be equally divided among all schools partaking. Teams will be allowed to use the hot shower baths in the Spindale House free of charge. Soap and towels will be 10c extra per person. If each player desires soap and towels they should arrange to pay 10c each bringing same with them. All schools teams will bear their own transportation expense to and from Spindale. The price of the floor, \$1.00 per team, per night will be borne by the promoters.

All school principals and coaches are urged to boost this tournament. Friends and supporters of each team are urged to come out and support their favorite.

Mr. Earl Hardin of Spindale will referee all games.

The purpose of the tournament is to encourage wholesome amusement and good feeling between all schools in the county.

Mr. E. O. Thomas, of Asheville, spent a few days here last week.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



"Ministers Day" At Rutherford County Club Meeting Friday

Rutherford Jurors For District Federal Court

Grand jurors and petit jurors, who will serve at the Shelby term of District Federal Court, which will convene on March 16, were drawn last Friday.

Those called from Rutherford county are: J. W. Beason, Fred Hill, J. D. Flack, C. Jack Logan, G. N. Huntley, J. D. Morris, John Carpenter, F. C. Hunt, F. B. Koone, F. D. Keeter, Benjamin Harrison, Furman Walker, J. L. Hamrick, Fred Pendergrass, Grover McDaniel, J. O. Griswold.

BANK OFFICIALS FOUND GUILTY

Judge Defers Passing Sentence Until The May Term of Superior Court.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 16.—Five officials of the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company, which closed February 4, 1930, were convicted in superior court here Thursday of receiving deposits while the bank was insolvent.

The jury returned its verdict at 4:30 p. m., after two hours of deliberation. Three hours later, Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding, re-convened court to announce he would withhold sentence at least until 5 p. m., Saturday.

Sentences Deferred.

Judge Sink said he had been trying to decide what was best to do. He added that if he had not been able to obtain certain information he desired by Saturday, he might further defer passing of sentence until the May term of court.

With this announcement, prayer for judgment was continued and the five defendants were allowed to continue at liberty under bond.

The five—J. L. Taylor, president of the bank; W. B. Walker, cashier, and K. S. Tanner, S. E. Elmore and T. F. Oats—were indicted for receiving deposits on January 25 and February 1, 1930, the state contending the bank had been insolvent for at least a year before it closed. The jury found them guilty of the charge as to both dates.

Solvency Claimed.

During the trial the defense countered contentions of the state as to the bank's insolvency with evidence tending to show that the institution

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February Meeting Will be Held in Cliffside—Rev. E. B. Jenkins to Conduct Session For Ministers.

The February meeting of The Rutherford County Club will be held at Cliffside Friday at one o'clock. Mrs. L. G. Garvin will be in charge of serving the luncheon.

This meeting is a "Ministers' meeting." All ministers in Rutherford county have been invited to be present at this session. Immediately after the business session the meeting will be turned over to Rev. E. B. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Rutherfordton, who will preside. Rev. R. T. Baker, pastor of the Britain Presbyterian church, will speak on "The Challenge to the churches." He will be followed by Rev. Mr. Jenkins who will speak on "The Menace of America."

All who wish are cordially invited to attend the session, whether a member of the Club or not. Luncheon will be fifty cents. Seats will be provided for those who wish to attend the session, but do not care to have luncheon.

Immediately after the meeting the members will congregate on the Baptist church steps where a group picture will be made. This picture will be used in the initial number of The National County Clubs publication, published in Washington, D. C.

Fire Destroys Spindale House

Spindale, Feb. 17.—A small bungalow, the property of the Stonecutter Mills, was destroyed by fire Monday noon. The house was occupied by a Mr. Dobbins and family. When discovered the top of the house was a mass of flames and the family failed to save any of their furniture. The origin of the fire is unknown. The fire department responded to the call but was unable to accomplish anything other than preventing the spread of the flames. The total loss was above \$1,000. The house was insured, but Mr. Dobbins carried no insurance on his furniture.

A FINE BOY.

Prof. and Mrs. E. V. Sietz are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, born Sunday, February 15th.

Mrs. R. R. Morris left Monday for Charlotte to enter the hospital for treatment of her throat.

DECLAIMERS' AND RECITERS' CONTEST MARCH 12-13

Declamation Contest To Be Held At Central High—Reciters Contest at Caroleen.

The Rutherford County High School Recitation Contest will be held at the Caroleen-Henrietta High school on Thursday night, March 12th. This contest will decide who will win the loving cup awarded by Supt. Clyde A. Erwin. Miss Pauline Kendrick of Ellenboro school won it last year and Central High school won it two years ago.

The high school declamation contest will be held at Central High school auditorium Friday night, March 13th. This contest will decide who will win the loving cup awarded by Editor R. E. Price. Nat Hamrick of Central High school won it last year while Harris won it two years ago.

The following rules have been adopted by the high school principals of the county:

The recitation contest shall be open to girls and the declamation contest to boys.

Contestants must be bona fide students of the high school of the county and shall not be over 21 years of age.

Each high school of the county can be represented by one girl in the contest and by one boy in the declaimers contest.

Each school may select (if it desires) its contestants in a preliminary in the school. In each local preliminary contest where as many as six compete in either contest, a gold medal will be given the winner in each contest.

The winning school will be awarded the above loving cups mentioned to keep one year and if they win the same cup two years in succession it will become the property of said school to keep permanently.

The recitations and declamations shall be limited to eight minutes each.

The County Supt. of Schools will preside at each contest and shall select the judges.

WOMAN REACHES CENTURY MARK

Mrs. Sallie Davis Dies at Daughter's Home at Uree.

Uree, Feb. 17.—Death has taken Mrs. Sallie Davis at the age of 100 years.

Mrs. Davis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Callie Painter, near Stone Mountain church. She was born February 28, 1830. Had she lived a few days longer she would have reached her 101st anniversary.

The deceased was a member of the Stone Mountain church. She was twice married, first to J. Dalton and second to John Davis. To the first union four children were born. Mrs. Davis is also survived by 42 grandchildren, 76 great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Cherry Springs Baptist church.

FATHER OF MR. NEWTON NEELEY DIES AT WAXHAW

Spindale, February, 17.—Mr. W. P. Neeley, of Waxhaw, aged 75, died at his home there Wednesday morning after a six weeks' illness. He is the father of Mr. Newton Neeley, of the Spindale Drug Company, of this place. Mr. Neeley is one of the seven surviving children. He left Wednesday morning to attend the funeral services.

Prizes Live-at-Home Contest Announced

Kiwanis Club and Agricultural Department of Cool Springs School Sponsoring Fourteen Farm Contests This Year—Rules Given for Contestants.



A. B. BUSHONG.

A. B. BUSHONG IS STATE'S MASTER FARM TEACHER

Ellenboro Agricultural Teacher Picked Out of 144 Teachers in North Carolina.

From among 144 agricultural teachers in North Carolina, A. B. Bushong, of the Ellenboro high school in Rutherford county, has been selected as the master agricultural vocational teacher of the entire state.

Mr. Bushong, who was born and reared in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, has had a very unusual record as a teacher of farm youths and adults. He attended Roanoke college at Salem, Va., for two years, and served two years in the United States army during the World War. In 1923 he was graduated from Virginia Military Institute at Blacksburg, Va., and was elected to Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. That meant that he was one of 10 of a class of 130 who made the highest average grades during his stay at V. P. I.

During the school year of 1929 he enrolled 117 boys and men in his classes with a total of 175 projects conducted. Thirty-seven all-day students in the high school had a total labor income of \$8,524.22, or an average of \$233.08 per pupil. Eighty evening class adult farmers had an estimated value of improved practice of \$40,477.88. A total of \$15,814.22 worth of cooperative buying and selling of farmers' produce and supplies was done during the year.

Mr. Bushong organized the Ellenboro Sweet Potato Storage company, which has grown to a plant of four houses with a total capacity of 20,000 bushels. A total of \$1,701.77 worth of business was done last year by the Ellenboro school hatchery, a 7,000-egg incubator having been secured by Mr. Bushong for the agricultural department of the school to develop the poultry industry within the community.

The Ellenboro Canning association has been organized by this agricultural teacher. Twelve thousand cans were filed for home consumption last year. He cooperated in the economical cotton production program, furnishing 75 bale-per-acre growers in 1929 and 50 last year. Among other successful activities, Mr. Bushong is mayor of the town, is president of the chamber of commerce, teaches a Sunday school class, has organized a chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers, or-

Last Monday night was "Farmers Night" at the Kiwanis Club, and a number of our foremost farmers were guests of the club, having been invited to participate in the "Live-at-Home" program. A special program and an unusually good supper were prepared for the farmer guests of the evening. Much profitable discussion was engaged in and of especial interest were the short talks of County Agent Patton and R. M. Morris, agricultural teacher at Central high school.

The farmer guests were introduced by Dr. A. C. Duncan, followed by an address of welcome by Attorney R. R. Blanton and response by Mr. Luke Summey. Mr. Blanton stressed the fact that town and country depended one upon the other and should work and co-operate together for the good of all concerned. He also told of the unselfish work of the club in its efforts to promote the welfare of the farmers, reminding the guests of the club's motto, "We Build." Mr. Summey expressed the appreciation of the guests in being present at the meeting, very gracefully acknowledging what the club has done for town and county in its unselfish service, without hope of reward, and said the county needs the club.

Prof. D. H. Sutton, in charge of the program, then introduced County Agent F. E. Patton, the first speaker of the evening. He first stressed the importance of the "Live-at-Home" campaign and told of the improved methods in modern farming, but at the same time gave credit to the "old timers" for living at home in the old days. Modern conditions are different, but Mr. Patton advised that our farmers get back to the old idea of living at home. When you find a farmer who is not making a living, you invariably find one who does not grow things to live on. A run down farm denotes a shiftless farmer, according to the farm agent, who made a plea for those present to assist in raising the standard of farming in the county. There is now only one cow to every seven people in the county and less than 500 brood sows, while all the time hogs are being shipped in. Over a million and a half dollars worth of stuff is bought every year, all of which could and should be raised in the county, and also the fertilizer bill could be cut heavily if farmers would raise cover crops and rotate properly. At present the fertilizer bill amounts to more than enough to pay all taxes. Mr. Patton brought out many interesting facts and figures while making his plea that the farmers join in the live-at-home program.

Mr. Sutton then presented the plans for this year's contests, and list of prizes, all of which will be found in this article.

The next speaker was Prof. R. M. Morris, vocational teacher in Central high, who devoted his time to soil improvement, giving the farmers present many useful suggestions. He strongly endorsed lespedeza for soil improvement.

Following Mr. Morris' talk, Mr. J. W. Matheny called upon the farmer guests to make short talks, many responding, among them being Mr. J. D. Link, Messrs. Carson, Crowder, Toms, Joe Doggett, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Summey, Vassey Hardin and others.

Details of Campaign.

The Forest City Kiwanis Club and the Department of Agriculture of Cool Springs High school are spon-

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ganized the Colfax Fair association, took 20 students on tour of state, introduced 225 bushels Coker cotton seed in 1929, cooperated in arranging exhibit at Rutherford County fair and in 1930 wrote 96 news articles pertaining to the work of his students.