

## THE COUNTY CLUB HAS DONE MUCH FOR RUTHERFORD

Organized Nearly Nine Years Ago, and Has Since Been Active in Affairs of Rutherford County.

The Rutherford County Club now nearing its ninth year of activity as an organization of business and professional men, who have interested themselves in the civic and business development of the county, is one of the largest clubs in North Carolina.

Organized December 13, 1922, it has grown rapidly and has participated in many of the outstanding achievements for public good in the county during the past eight years. The membership roll shows 100 men as active participants in its affairs, representing virtually every profession.

Z. O. Jenkins, of the Cliffside Mills was the first president. Others have been as follows: K. S. Tanner, Spindale; S. E. Elmore, Spindale; Charles H. Haynes, president of the Cliffside Mills; R. E. Price, editor of The Rutherford County News; C. F. Cline, former member of the State House of representatives; and O. J. Holler, Rutherford county's "Master Farmer." G. B. Howard, Spindale business man, is now president.

**Objectives.**  
The objectives of the organization are set forth briefly in article 2 of the constitution as follows: "To encourage and foster the active interest of every member in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of Rutherford County."

"The development and conservation of the natural resources, the improvement of the agricultural, horticultural, and industrial resources and opportunities, and the preservation, by proper and accredited methods, of public highways and other public property in Rutherford county."

"The development of a broader acquaintance with attendant interchange of ideas to arrive at a common understanding of the county's needs."

"The recognition of the worthli-

ness of all legitimate occupations and the dignifying of the occupation of each member, affording him an opportunity to serve the county.

"High ethical standards in business and professions and the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprises."

"The club meets monthly and has never failed to meet in its eight and a half years of existence. It has met in every town and hamlet in the county, has held joint meetings with practically every other organization in the county, and has heard many noted men, including three governors Cameron Morrison, A. W. McLean, and O. Max Gardner."

"The club has helped to unite the leading citizens of Rutherford county and to get them to work together as a unit. The club has been a medium or channel for focusing thought and public opinion. When a person has an important matter that affects many people, the first thing he or she usually says is, 'we must bring this before the Rutherford County Club.' They know if the club endorses or sponsors it that it is likely to succeed."

**Cooperates With Farmers.**  
The club has done much for better farming in the county. It has sponsored the erection of six sweet potato curing houses with a total capacity of 40,000 bushels. Farmers store their potatoes in the fall of the year in these houses and they are sold co-operatively in the spring at a better price. The potatoes are graded and well preserved. The farmer has a ready cash market for his product and a pay day, when he needs it most.

The club has sponsored purebred livestock until "scrubs" are almost things of the past in Rutherford county. The club was instrumental in organizing or sponsoring a purebred cattle association. The association purchased several purebred bulls that have meant much to better livestock in the county.

The club has sponsored and encouraged better seeds. It has backed and worked for Governor Gardner's famous "live-at-home" program.

**Helped Federation.**  
The Farmers' Federation warehouse at Spindale is another product of the club. The stock was sponsored by the club. This Federation ware-

house is headquarters where farmers may purchase their supplies at a big saving.

The club co-operated with the county farm agent this spring in getting Federal aid for hail, drought and flood sufferers for 657 farmers who borrowed \$95,000 on short term notes at a low rate of interest from the United States government to help them purchase seeds, feeds, and fertilizers.

Diversification of farm crops has been stressed by the club until today practically everything that grows on the farm in the Southern states is grown in Rutherford county. While the county grows around 21,000 bales of cotton each year, corn, wheat, sweet potatoes, poultry, and live stock are important crops.

The club has co-operated with the Rutherford County Medical Society in conducting a cancer clinic in the county. It also has helped to conduct several adenoid and tonsil clinics at which hundreds of poor and needy children received operations by expert surgeons at actual cost.

The club has sponsored several farmers' picnics that did much to bring town residents in closer touch with the farmers. One of the major accomplishments of the club has been to bring the farmer and town man closer together, causing each to understand the other's problems much better.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the club was the sponsoring of the Rutherford County Sesqui-Centennial and Home Coming Celebration, which was held in Rutherfordton, August 16, 1929. More than 15,000 people attended this celebration.

The club defeated proposals to increase telephone rates in Rutherford county, has obtained better telephone facilities, and has helped the farmers to have better phone service.

The club was instrumental in obtaining a full-time welfare officer for Rutherford county and a full-time county health officer.

Better mail facilities were also obtained as a result of the influence of the club.

**Aids Many Other Projects.**  
The club has co-operated with the Rutherford County Dental Society and school officials in conducting several school dental clinics at which hundreds of children received free dental treatment and dental education.

The schools of the county have always been given careful consideration by the club. State Superintendent of Education A. T. Allen has addressed the club, as well as other leading educators of the state. As a result of the influence for better schools in Rutherford county, brought about by the county club, the small one-teacher school has disappeared except in one or two remote sections of the county.

County Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin has addressed the club on numerous occasions and has brought to the club's attention certain problems. The club has always given its influence for better schools.

With a membership drawn from all professions, representing every section of the county, the activities of the club are of a wide scope, and the influence wielded is greater than that of any other civic organization in the county, due to the fact that activities of other organizations in the county are limited to a certain locality.

Opening of the new Pamlico Creamery at Washington, Beaufort county, has been delayed until in August due to the failure of necessary machinery to arrive.

### BITTEN BY BEAR.

Rutherfordton, Aug. 3.—Ford Biggerstaff, of Rutherfordton, lost half the forefinger of his right hand when it was bitten by a bear Friday. The bear is confined in a cage in a local filling station. Biggerstaff was trying to feed it when he was bitten. The finger was amputated at the main joint.

### DEPUTIES GET LARGE LIQUOR OUTFITS

Rutherfordton, Aug. 3.—Deputies W. L. Walker, W. L. Robbins, and Chief Lancaster, of Spindale, captured a sheet iron still Thursday night on Cleghorn Creek. About 100 gallons of beer were also taken. Officers W. L. Robbins, W. F. Toney, and Sam Allen captured a large copper still last week in the Shiloh section. Over four hundred gallons of beer were taken. It was an old plant and had been in recent operation.

### SURPRISE PARTY.

Avondale, Aug. 1.—The many friends of Miss Nora Bell Shorn gathered at her home Saturday night August 1 and surprised her with a birthday party. Many interesting games were played, then cake and lemonade were served to the following present, Misses Cleo Daniel, Ruth and Alice Keeter and Newton, of Forest City; Ruth and Lucille Reinhardt, and Ruth Ingle, of Caroleen. Edna Reinhardt of Marion, Kathleen and Mildred Smith of Henrietta, O'Lema Putman, Nellie and Margery Turner, Ethel Hawkins, Cleo Burgess, Beatrice, Ada and Louise Honeycutt, Ruby Padgett, Bernice Baynard, Virginia Smart, Mary Ruth Upton, Velma and Nora Bell Shorn of Avondale. Messrs Worth Daniel, Charles and James Griffin, Walter Poteet, Will Lane, and Hix Hill, of Forest City, Roscoe Whitaker, Ancie Wilkie, Howard Melton, James Tate, James Mahaffee, Troy Ray and Adolph Adkins of Caroleen Lawrence Williams, Chivous Hutchins, George Putman, Belk Gentry, Robert Padgett, Goldie Upton, Clyde Moore, Lloyd Piercy, Grover Crowley and Winifred Hugh, of Avondale, Thomas Ledbetter of Ellenboro, Virgil Wall of Mooresboro William Wood of Sandy Mush.

### RUTHERFORDTON YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS TO CAMP

Rutherfordton, Aug. 3.—The Rutherfordton Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers club left early Monday morning for a week's camping trip to White Lake.

The Young Tar Heel Farmers Camp, which is the first of its kind in the U. S., is located at White Lake near Elizabethtown, N. C. The Club owns about five acres of land which includes about seven cottages, a main dining hall, and athletic field. It is well organized with a full time coach, supervisor, dietitian, and cooks. The camp is open from July 1st to Sept. 1st, with accommodations for several chapters each week. There is a routine program which includes: Boating, bathing, fishing, baseball, horse shoe pitching and other sports. One day will probably be given over to a trip to the beach.

Membership in the club is restricted to boys who have taken vocational agriculture in the last three years, who are of good moral character, and have been voted into the club by the other members.

The Young Tar Heel Farmers club is a State-wide club for Voc-

tional Agriculture students, and is affiliated with a national organization known as The Future Farmers of America. The purpose of the club is to develop character, to encourage thrift, to furnish good wholesome recreation, to increase interest in modern methods of farming and to develop leadership.

Below is a list of those who made the trip: Lawrence Atchley, Harold Melton, John Harris, Wayne Harris, Marvin Byers, Frank Davis, John Davis, R. B. Padgett, Willard Deviney, Jack Williams, Troy Geer, Garland Hyder, Boyce Taylor, N. L. Hampton, Jr., N. L. Hampton, Sr., Henry Whitesides, James Whitesides, Dan Holler, George Dobbins, Memory Dobbins, William Ruppe, Paul Scoggins and R. M. Morris, Agriculture teacher, and possibly others.

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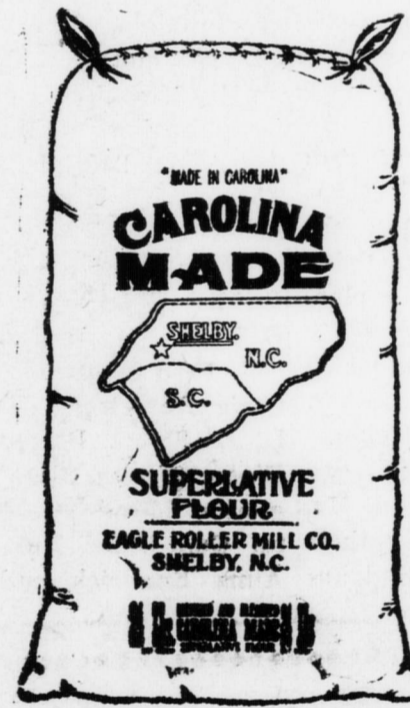
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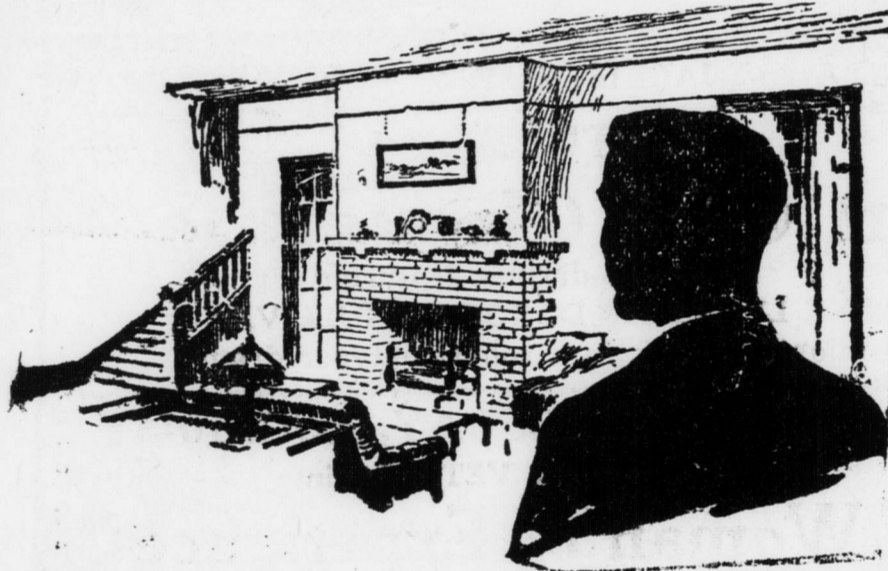
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