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HOME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT

If you wish to cut your living expenses by half, begin NOW to plan a growing garden all the year around. Beets, carrots, mustard, radish, spinach, raps, onions and garden peas may be sowed now. Cabbage and onion sets put out and Irish potatoes planted. Plant in hot beds or boxes indoors, egg plant, cabbage, pepper, tomatoes and lettuce. Much valuable information on gardening can be gained from farmers bulletin, farm papers and seed catalogs. The 1921 Reference Special of the Progressive Farmer, issued January 1st, 1921, is worth the price of the subscription. Get this copy if you cannot take the paper. Write for seed catalogs.

Meetings were held the past week at Bunn, Sandy Creek, Moulton-Haynes and White Level. A most interesting program was given by one of these clubs. A round table discussion on dining-rooms and living rooms suitable for farm homes was followed by a talk on selection of china and silver. Pieces of china and silver were displayed. Emphasis was put on the fact that an attractive table can be laid from the most inexpensive ware. China and silver in poor patterns, are seen quite as often in expensive warehouses in the cheaper. The next feature on the program was table setting. Three different styles, all suitable for the use of busy farm women were demonstrated.

A Brown and Green Living Room

Brown and green create in a living room an atmosphere at once homelike and hospitable. The floor should be darkened with oak or walnut of medium tone, and on it laid one large or several small Oriental rugs in various colors; or one large Wilton rug in good pattern and coloring. Plain or two-toned brown rugs by themselves would not be advisable, as they would produce an undesirable monotony of color.

Tan sidewalls should be used with a lighter ceiling. This background is particularly pleasing if the room has oak woodwork, stained a medium brown, a little darker than the floor. Cream-colored madras, heavy net or pongee silk would make effective curtains. A davenport done in a tapestry of pleasing design in green and brown could have cushions of green velvet. For upholstered chairs the green velvet should be used to bring together the various parts of the color scheme. Touches of yellow, brighter green and a little red should appear in the lampshade. A green jar of pottery might be brought into the scheme and a piece of copper would add a glowing touch to the room. A fireplace of brick, in warm brown tones and a fire set of dull brass would be most pleasing. Either oak or walnut furniture would be in keeping with this room.

Mrs. A. F. J.

Small Dining Room in Old Blue and Ivory

There is a charming freshness in a color scheme of old blue and ivory. The floor may be finished light and waxed. The single rug should be of plain blue. The walls are to be papered or tinted deep ivory, with woodwork and ceiling several tones lighter. Curtains of gay black-printed linen with ivory ground and a Japanese design in blue, enlivened with dashes of rose, would give decided character to the room. Chair seats should be upholstered or cushioned with blue rep; and an attractive table runner to be used between meals could be made of linen with a deep border of the blue rep. Blue tiles could be used in the fireplace and would show to advantage a first in brass or wrought iron. The brass lighting fixtures should have gay Japanese shades. Only furniture of a very informal type would be in harmony with this room, such as a painted suite, or Windsor style.

Mrs. A. F. J.

What the Home Demonstration Work Has Meant to This Club Member.

I have been a member of the White Level Home Demonstration Club for several years. The work has helped me in my canning, cooking, sewing, house management, house furnishings and community fairs.

In our club work we have learned to can all fruits and EVERY GARDEN VEGETABLE. Just think what this means to a housewife! Before I was a member I would always think, "What must I have for dinner or supper?" I would only can about three dozen cans of apples, peaches and tomatoes. Now I never think of what I am going to have until the time to cook, for I have three or four hundred cans of apples, peaches, tomatoes, lima beans, string beans, soup mixture, corn, in fact all kinds of fruits and vegetables. I never use all of my cans from one year to another. Besides canning, we have learned to make all kinds of pickles and preserves. I have directions for cooking everything you may think about in the very easiest and the very best way. We have learned to economize in our cooking which of course is a great help especially now with conditions as they are. I have learned to prepare so many new dishes that I never knew before.

In our Woman's Club at White Level we have taken up Household Management and Home Furnishings. There I have gotten many new ideas of how to do many household tasks.

It is an inspiration to the housewife who has never before had any training in the management and furnishings of a home. We have learned how to arrange our home to save many unnecessary steps that we take every day.

I have many new ideas about sewing which I got through our Community Fairs. I was helped through the Community Fairs; not only in plain and fancy sewing, but through a study of the field and garden crops displayed. The Community Fairs have been a great help to our community.

In the near future I hope to have waterworks put in my home. It will not cost me a penny to install this system. The pipes and the sink will be the only expense. The Home Demonstration Agent had Mr. E. R. Raney, State Engineer, from Raleigh to come down, examine my spring, make plans for installing the water system and figure the cost. When I secure the fixtures he will put them in without any cost to me. Why not plan to have a simple water system in your home? Mr. Raney and Miss Smith will help you. Have you asked her to help you in any of your problems as a housekeeper? She will help you as she has helped me and my community.

Mrs. Mollie Benton.

SOME FIGURES.

Mr. Editor:—As I have had several requests to compile and have published some further figures showing by comparison the amounts levied for 1919 under the old and the amounts for 1920 under the revaluation I herewith submit the following, and ask your indulgence for the necessary space:

The total tax for 1919 was \$240,839.20.
The total tax for 1920 is \$259,514.22.
But of the latter amount \$4,105.21 is for a special road tax in Cypress Creek township voted since the revaluation was made so the true amount levied for 1920 under the revaluation is \$255,409.01. In other words the increase in the total amount of taxes in this county for all purposes is a fraction over six per cent.

The taxes were distributed as follows:
To the State for 1919 \$45,463.51.
To the State for 1920 \$30,351.03.
To the Schools for 1919 \$66,202.58.
To the Schools for 1920 \$81,634.90.
To the County, Poor and Bridges for 1919 \$51,726.93.
To the County, Poor and Bridges for 1920 \$55,622.12.
To the Road Fund for 1919 \$77,446.12.
To the Road Fund for 1920 \$89,474.26.

The seeming big discrepancy in the amount of school tax levied for 1919 and for 1920 is due to a change of law which diverted a considerable portion of the school tax from the State treasury at Raleigh direct to the county school fund. Formerly this money was sent to Raleigh and reapportioned whereas it is now paid directly to our county school fund by the Sheriff.

After all has been said the total tax levied under the revaluation is not much in excess of that levied for 1919, and that is not the trouble. The trouble is that the lands were valued at a time when prices were sky rocketing, abnormally high, and absolutely fictitious; resulting in a shifting of the burden of taxation from the shoulders of those who are most able to pay. From personal property to real estate. Especially is this true at this time when farm property is less productive of income than any other property.

I dare say that the average citizen will cheerfully bear his just and fair proportionate part of the burden of taxation. But when the farmer comes up to pay his tax and knows that he is paying upon the basis of a value, in many instances, much in excess of, and in some instances several times, the actual value of his property the payment becomes galling and he has a just cause of complaint.

I am confidently looking to our Legislature for some adequate relief on this vexatious question.

S. A. NEWELL.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Stella Rae Hale was at home to all of her friends Monday, Feb. 14, celebrating both the holiday and her fifth birthday.

The hall and parlor were beautifully decorated with hearts, diamonds and cupid tastefully arranged among a profusion of fern and potted plants. The color scheme being green and red.

The little folks came promptly at seven-thirty, and for an hour it was a happy group of merry makers playing just such games as the little ones delight in.

When they began to tire, refreshments were served, and the packages opened which is the life of all little folks parties.

They all went home hoping that Stella Rae would soon have another birthday, and let them come again.

Those present were Christine Collier, Algier Valden, Ernest Wells, Elizabeth Webb, Louise Cooper, Maxine and Lewis Leah, Mary Harris Freeman, Juanita Brewer, Robert Jones, Beatrice and Raeford Young.

Going Together.—Old fashioned family doctor is disappearing. So is the old-fashioned family.

MRS. S. A. NEWELL ENTERTAINS.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 10, the Newell home was thrown open for the entertainment of the "Edwin Fuller Book Club." It being the regularly appointed time for the fortnightly meeting of the club. In addition to the club members quite a large number of invited guests were present.

On entering the home, which was beautifully decorated in hearts and ferns the guests were presented with "Cupid Valentine" programs, reminding them that even though the years are creeping on, there is joy in love.

After the guests had assembled the meeting was called to order by the Pres., the regular business transacted and the following program rendered.

A very interesting current topic, "Tariff as it should apply to our women" was read by Mrs. E. H. Malone. A reading, "Barkus is Willing" was very skillfully presented by Miss Key of the College faculty.

An instrumental duet fitting the occasion was given by Mesdames H. G. McBrayer and O. Y. Yarboro.

A reading, "Two Italians" was masterfully rendered by Miss Lane of the College faculty. So perfect was the imitation, one might have thought it the Americanized Italians themselves had not seen the impersonator.

Mr. G. M. Beam was then called on to enlighten the ladies on the subject assigned to him, "Sex-discrimination in our laws." He very ably delivered information on the subject, and explained that the so-called discriminations were not really discriminations but merely differences usually enacted for the protection of the women.

This concluded the program, after which the hostess served a salad course with heart roses and black coffee using heart and cupid valentine napkins, thereby carrying out the valentine scheme. Heart baskets full of red and white mints, as favors added to the attractive menu.

Y. W. A.

The Y. W. A. meeting was held at the home of Miss May Cooper Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, at 7:30 with an attendance of eighteen members. The program was well arranged and rendered with special effort on the part of each individual.

The topic for discussion was "Missions in Our Home Land."

The meeting was opened by singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Prayer that we may show more love to our neighbors through our prayers, gifts and works, by Mrs. Howell.

The Scripture Reading was taken from Luke 24:47, Acts 1:8 and Romans 10:1, by Mrs. Newell.

The following papers were read: Our Neighbors in the Mountains, Virginia Perry. Our Neighbors, The Negroes, Esther Andrews. Our Neighbors, The Foreigners, Nan Hines. A Missionary Story was read by Pauline Smith.

Duet, Lead Me Gently Home, Iantha Pittman and Beatrice Burrell.

The meeting was closed with a sentence prayer.

After the meeting was closed the Fosters served delicious sandwiches and coffee.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met at the church Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th. The Bible reading was from the ninth chapter of Matthew. The tour of foreign lands which the society is now taking, the place taken up this time was the Mexico of the present date. Several papers were read showing the great strides our Missionaries have made there since 1918.

After the lesson the society adjourned to meet on Monday evening, Feb. 22nd with Mrs. E. F. Thomas.

MRS. MARY SHERROD DEAD.

The many friends of the family will learn with much sorrow of the death of Mrs. Mary Sherrod, widow of the late Alphonso Sherrod, which occurred at the home of her sons, Messrs. A. S. and C. N. Sherrod near town early Wednesday morning. Mrs. Sherrod was seventy-five years old. After receiving injuries in a fall several months ago her decline in health was steady until the end came. Those most intimate with her realized more fully the value of such a life in a community. Those who knew her best loved her most. She leaves two sons, Messrs. Alphonso S., and Charles N. Sherrod, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

The funeral was held from the home on Thursday conducted by Rev. M. Stamps, and the interment was made in the family burying ground at the home of Mr. Moses Neal. Large numbers attended both services.

The floral tribute was profuse and beautiful.

TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

We are requested to state that the Banks in Louisburg will be closed on Tuesday, February 22nd to observe Washington's Birthday. All persons having business with these institutions will bear this in mind.

IRISH REBELS AMBUSH TRAIN LOADED WITH CROWN TROOPS

Five Men and One Woman On Train Killed; Fierce Battle Followed At Sinn Feiners.

Cork, Feb. 15.—Five male passengers and one woman passenger and two members of the Irish republican army were killed today when a passenger train carrying troops was ambushed near Kinsale by republican forces armed with bombs and rifles. Six soldiers, two railway officials and two women passengers were seriously wounded and several others slightly wounded.

The train contained forty soldiers who replied to the fire of the ambushing force and a fierce battle followed. A relief train with the dead reached Cork this afternoon.

FIRST HEARING IN CAMPBELL DOUGHTON ELECTION CONTEST

Statesville, Feb. 14.—The first hearing in the contest of Dr. J. Ike Campbell, Republican, of Norwood, who is trying to unseat Robert L. Doughton, Democrat, as Representative from the Eighth North Carolina district, because of alleged voting irregularities in their race last November, began here today before C. Monroe Adams, commissioner of testimony.

Only two witnesses, the sheriff of the county and the chairman of the Iredell county election board, were examined before recess for dinner was taken. These two witnesses were questioned as to whether they had properly furnished a list of the tax-payers for 1919 and as to handling absentee voters.

Ex-Governor Thomas W. Bickett is among counsel for Representative Doughton while former Congressman J. J. Britt is among the counsel for Dr. Campbell.

The hearing is expected to consume a week or perhaps longer.

SEGREGATED COURT RULINGS.

A statement has been received from the Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh, in which he says numerous inquiries have reached the Bureau of Internal Revenue relative to the decision of United States District Court of Connecticut in the Brewster case, in which it was held that gains and profits realized from the sale of capital assets is not taxable income. The United States Attorney for Connecticut has been authorized to perfect an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States for a review of the decision. Since Congress, under the provisions of the income tax Acts of 1913, 1916 and 1918, has directed the taxation as income of such gains and profits, the Bureau will continue to collect the tax thereon, unless and until the Supreme Court shall hold that provision of law to be unconstitutional.

The same question is involved in the Eldorado and Ryerson cases which were argued in the Supreme Court some weeks ago. A decision in these cases undoubtedly will settle the general question. In view of the severe penalties provided by law for false and fraudulent income tax returns, taxpayers are warned not to omit from their returns for the year 1920 such gains and profits.

DRAWING AT L. KLINE & CO.

Quite a large crowd was present at the drawing at L. Kline & Co., Wednesday afternoon when fifty dollars in gold was given away to the ones who held the lucky numbers. Little Miss Lucile Hudson drew the tickets from the box and Messrs. G. B. Egerton and W. M. Pleasants called them out. The number that won the \$25.00, the first prize, was 2732 held by Mr. Bruce Shearin. Mrs. Joe Leonard held the number that won the second prize, \$15.00 which was 345. No. 2290 was the lucky number for the third prize, \$10.00, and was held by Gene Norwood, colored. The drawing took place inside the store and was largely attended.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College will discuss a very important subject Sunday at eleven o'clock.

The public is invited and urged to be present.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services Sunday, Feb. 20th. Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Morning Subject: "The Splendor of God," the last sermon in the series on the Lord's prayer.

Evening Subject: "God's Plumbing." Members of the Masonic Fraternity especially invited to this service.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Next Sunday the services at St. Paul's Church will be administration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M., Bible Class and Sunday School at 10 A. M., and Morning Prayer with sermon by Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Rector.

Visitors always cordially welcomed to all services.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. M. Allen spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. E. H. Malone visited Raleigh on business Monday.

Mr. J. M. Allen returned this week from a trip to Norfolk, Va.

Mr. C. W. High, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with his people here.

Mr. W. F. Beasley and son, Paul, visited Wake County Tuesday.

Mr. George Holder, of the Times force, spent Monday in Raleigh.

Miss Mattie Allen and Miss Lane, were visitors to Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Timberlake and daughter, visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. D. C. High is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. B. Allsbrook, at Mehane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb, and son, Allen, were visitors to Raleigh Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Jones returned home Saturday after visiting her people at Warrenton.

Miss Beulah Cooper has returned home from a visit to friends in Raleigh and Durham.

Messrs. W. H. Yarborough, J. B. Yarborough and K. K. Allen visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Lieut. W. W. Boddie and little son, of Kingstree, S. C., are visiting his people in Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McGrady and little daughter, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Louisburg, guests of her parents.

Misses Lucy Allen, Virginia Foster, Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas were visitors to Raleigh Saturday.

OF INTEREST TO COLLEGE MEN AND WOMEN.

Alumni and former students of all Colleges represented in Franklin County are invited to the College on Saturday evening at eight o'clock, to meet the Alumnae of Louisburg College at an informal reception. This coming-together is designed to revive memories of college days and thus to foster loyalty to the several colleges.

A program is being arranged for the occasion which promises to be both spicy and inspiring. Part I will open with Louisburg College hymn, "Stand Old College," and consist of toasts; Part II will be devoted to fraternal messages from Trinity College, Wake Forest College, Greensboro College for Women, Woman's College of Alabama, University of North Carolina, etc., etc.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, director of the Educational Campaign, and Miss Hettie Lynn, representing Greensboro College will be among the out of town guests.

Prof. Flowers will deliver an address on Christian Education on Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. On that occasion pews will be reserved and marked in the colors of the several colleges for their Alumnae. All former students of every college are requested to wear badges of the colors of their respective colleges in order that the ushers may seat them together.

The public is cordially invited to hear Prof. Flowers on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

FILE FORMS 1096.

The Collector of Internal Revenue has given out the following information with regard to the filing of income tax reports:

I desire to impress upon every partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary, the importance of filing Forms 1096 and 1099 with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C. These forms are required to be filed in Washington on or before March 15, 1921 by any partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary that paid to any individual partnership, personal service corporation, or fiduciary during the year 1920, salary, wages, commissions, etc., of \$1,000.00 or more. Course all individuals or corporations that paid salaries of \$1,000.00 or more during the year 1920 are required to file forms 1096 and 1099.

In addition to reporting the payments set forth above, every partnership, personal service corporation and fiduciary must file a Form 1099 for each member of the partnership or personal service corporation or each beneficiary, showing the distributive shares of the members or beneficiaries, whether or not actually distributed. These amounts are required to be reported on the basis of the calendar year.

The Forms 1099 will show payments individually, and a summary should be prepared on Form 1096.

The forms may be secured from the various division offices in the State or direct from my office at Raleigh.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to our many friends our heartfelt thanks for their attentive attention and hospitality during the illness of our son, James, who has again recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Strickland, Spring Hope, N. C.

HIS PREFERENCE.

Walter—By the way, sir, that steak you ordered—how would you like to have it? Patient Customer—Very much, indeed!

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL COLUMN

Items of Interest to Teachers, School Committeemen, Betterment Associations and People Interested in Public Schools of Franklin County.

Edward L. Best, Superintendent.

- The completion of the Cedar Rock School Building is an assured thing. The bond issue was carried last Saturday by a large majority. Out of a registration of 78, 66 voted in favor of the new building, there were no votes cast against. The school spirit in this community cannot be excelled and the prospects for a good school have never been brighter.
- The first issue of our Community Service paper, "The Junior Citizen," will appear about the first of March. This paper is primarily for the members of the junior citizenship clubs in the county. However, its columns are open also for the other boys and girls who are not members. This little paper will be a medium through which the junior citizens will express themselves and let the people of the county know what they are doing. It will give to the people each month something good to read that is worth while.
- I wish to call attention to the following prizes that will be given to the schools the first of June:
 - \$25 for the largest improvement in school ground appearance.
 - \$10 for the second largest improvement in school ground appearance.
 - Subscription to two of the best Rural Papers to each school that provides for any play ground equipment.
- For further information concerning these prizes write to Miss Pauline Smith, Louisburg, N. C. This work has my hearty endorsement and I hope that each school will take advantage of these prizes through their efforts.
- Winning a prize. Making your school grounds attractive in appearance and creating a community pride in the school. Providing outdoor exercise for the children and thereby helping to solve discipline problems.
- The number of teachers that can be employed in your school next year is determined by your average daily attendance this year. According to Public School Law a school that makes an average daily attendance of 39 pupils may employ 2 teachers next year, an average daily attendance of 95 this year will entitle your school to three teachers this fall, 95 will give you 4 teachers and then an extra teacher for every additional 30 pupils. As can be readily seen it is not optional with the committee or the county superintendent as to the number of teachers your school can employ next year as this is determined entirely by your average daily attendance this year. The burden is therefore on the community to make the required attendance. I hope that the committeemen and the teachers will take the necessary steps to let the people know of this, that every effort may be put forth to retain the number of teachers that each school now has. Letters have been mailed out to the committeemen and teachers in the districts where there is danger of the district not making the required attendance.
- The following lesson plan assignment was made by Miss Almara Stallings of the Pilot school; Subject: Preparing Troops for the Civil War. Problem: Compare the problems confronting the government then with those of today. Evaluation: Which of General Martin's tasks seemed the most difficult and how did he overcome them? Organization: Give the thought of each paragraph in one sentence. Initiative: Which do you consider easier to prepare troops for the Civil War or for the recent World War?
- At a preliminary debate held in the Louisburg High School building last Saturday, the following young ladies were chosen to represent the Louisburg High School in the State Triangular Debate that will be held in the early spring: Miss Louise Griffin, Miss Margaret Cooke, Miss Temple Williams and Miss Elizabeth Furgerson.
- Miss Musa Harris, the principal of the Hickory Rock school has planned to take the pupils in the upper grades to Raleigh, Wednesday, February 16th. They will spend the day visiting the different places of interest such as the Museum, Capitol, etc. This will be a most helpful day to these children and I am sure they will secure sufficient data to help them in their history, geography and english work for several months.