

SCIENCE CLASS ENTERTAINS.

Mesdames Pike and Marley at the Home of the Former Wednesday Afternoon.

Quite the most delightful social affair of the season in Siler City was given members of the domestic science class, with its teacher, Mrs. O. I. Hinson as honor guest, by Mesdames Henry Pike and J. B. Marley at the lovely home of the former last Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock.

The home was made unusually attractive by the use of artistically arranged jonquils and hyacinths.

The entertainment of the guests was brilliantly original from the calling of the roll by Mrs. Hinson, each member being required to answer with a rhyme relative to the art of cooking, on through serving of the delicious refreshments.

The class having recently had a lesson on meats and a study of the different cuts of beef, the members were asked to write a complete story using the name of every cut to tell of the adventures of the hero.

In the test Mesdames C. E. Davis and Gurney Pugh won the prize, an aluminum sauce pan, which the presented to the honor guest.

While cup towels were being hemmed merry conversation kept pace with busy fingers, interruption only being made when the hostesses called upon those whose birthdays occurred in various months to perform some "stunt." This was indeed the cause of much fun.

The completed towels were presented to Mrs. Hinson, who most graciously expressed her appreciation of the gifts and the honor being conferred on her.

A surprise of the afternoon was the presentation of a beautiful birthday cake from the class to Mrs. Marley and Mrs. Pike, whose birthdays occur within the next few days. Each of the hostesses expressed their thanks for the thoughtful remembrance, a response to which was made by Mrs. P. H. Elkins, who also gave voice to an appreciation of each member of the class for the lovely party in progress.

The guests were invited to the kitchen and serve themselves cafeteria style. There was found a most delicious salad course, to which was added hot chocolate and whipped cream.

Members of the class include Mesdames W. J. Richardson, J. Q. Seawell, J. S. Wrenn, J. S. Dorsett, C. E. Davis, J. N. Johnson, W. S. Edwards, Earle Wrenn, Junius Wrenn, N. B. Bray, W. H. Hadley, T. D. Bynum, Rosa Stout, R. O. Welch, E. D. Woody, R. F. Paschal, J. B. Marley, Gurney Pugh, M. M. Fox, Henry Pike, Dalton Cooper, J. Clyde Thomas and P. H. Elkins; Misses Evelyn Fox, Martha Bute, Helen Siler, Margaret Wrenn, Myrtle Williams, Mary Alice Ferguson, Vera Campbell and Ellie Ford Hinson.

Seaboard Plans Purchase of New Equipment.

Washington, March 22.—To finance repairs and extensive purchases of new equipment, the Seaboard Air Line today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$6,600,000 in six per cent equipment certificates. The road proposes to buy 2,000 freight cars, 20 locomotives and four steel passenger train coaches.

A girl cannot fool a movie camera. Which seems to prove that a camera has more sense than a man.—Life.

FARM CENSUS UNSURPASSED.

North Carolina's farm census system, said to be better than that of any other State in the South and "unsurpassed by any State in the country," is a result of co-operation given by county commissioners, officers and tax listers, Frank Parker, agricultural statistician, North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture, says.

"When, in 1918, several counties were visited by the Federal agricultural statistician, for North Carolina, in the interest of crop information, and when he suggested an annual farm census be made by the tax listers, no one thought it feasible, excepting a traveling salesman," said Mr. Parker. "His 'selling' idea put it across."

"So far as known, no other State ever got such information by voluntary county aid. The 'selling' idea was so successful that 82 counties co-operated the first year, 1918. The law-years objected, but when it was shown that the county commissioners unanimously approved, and had been doing it voluntarily for three years; that many other progressive agricultural States were securing it through State statutes; that the farmers realized it did not affect their taxes and that they could see good in it, why of course our lawmakers had to accept the inevitable."

"Last year, some remarkable results were gained. It already is shown that our State figures are more efficiently gathered than were the U. S. census data in 1920. Many subjects not in the U. S. census are included. The annual results are put out in printed form within a year of the listing. This year, most of the results are expected to be completed within six months."

"The basis of North Carolina's rank of fourth in the value of the 22 leading crops of the United States, was obtained from the 1922 farm census. Other valuable economic information was developed and utilized also."

Set Kudzu Now.

Progressive Farmer.

If hay, loads and loads of it from a small acreage, is what you want, try kudzu. If almost inexhaustible pasturage is what you want, choose kudzu.

Kudzu, once known only as the tremendously rapid growing ornamental vine for trellises and porch shading, is now known to be equally as vigorous as a producer of forage and pasture when planted in the fields. Furthermore, being a legume, like peas or beans, it is rich in feeding value. Thus we have in kudzu a highly desirable combination of heavy production and high feeding value.

Kudzu is started from plants, sometimes called roots. The vine growth is cut off just above the crown which is just below the top of the ground. The fleshy root is cut off in the ground about 12 inches below the crown. Plant with the root part down and the crown about one to two inches deep. One good plant about ten feet each way is sufficient. It is needless to say that it is advisable to have the ground plowed and in good tilth before setting kudzu.

Don't be afraid of kudzu taking the place. It is comparatively easily killed by excessive pasturing on by plowing and cultivation. Of course, if you plant it along the fence rows it will be hard to get out until you move the fence so you can plow it up. Anybody that wants, can get rid of kudzu without any special trouble.

BRIEF, INTERESTING FACTS

Figures and Historical Mention Of Interest.

From Dearborn Independent.
A baseball rookie from St. Louis, on his first trip to Philadelphia, was shown the Liberty Bell. Looking it over, he said, "It's too bad to let a relic like that run down. We've got a blacksmith down home who could fix that crack up so you wouldn't know it ever had been there, and he'd do the job for \$5."

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, there is an old mansion which retains the lightning rods put up by Benjamin Franklin in person. On the same street is an old church, St. John's, from which rings out the pleasant peals of a bell of Paul Revere's handiwork.

More land is cultivated to grow the world's wheat than to grow any other single crop. If all plant life in the world except grasses, of which family wheat is a member, were destroyed, man and his animals could still live.

Contrary to popular belief, the century plant (Agave Americana) blossoms once in eight years in most cases. A central shoot nearly 20 feet high often bears as many as 4,000 blossoms. Those growing in greenhouses or under artificial conditions do not bloom so often as those growing naturally.

For jobs of large bulk as the unloading or loading of great quantities of brick and sand between car and ship, car and storage, and so on, the conveyor belt has proved to be cheaper than the cheap labor of India.

Copra is the dried kernel of the ripe coconut. About seven years is required to bring a coconut tree to bearing age. The trees need little attention and the price paid for copra is about \$150 a ton "on the beach." A good tree will produce annually 300 coconuts. Fifteen hundred nuts make a ton.

You rarely lose anything in Japan, according to American travelers. If you leave your pocketbook or camera on the train on in the street car, you will be sure to find them when you go to the proper place for lost articles.

The average cost of stopping a freight train is 24 cents at five miles an hour; 69 cents at 10 miles, and \$1.44 at 15 miles an hour.

During 50 years John Wesley preached 40,000 sermons and rode 250,000 miles.

Because of the high freight rate in this country, American sales of flour in the Dutch East Indies have fallen to near the vanishing point. Our freight rates are more than double the Australian rate.

Gold is being mined in Germany for the first time in 300 years. Deposits of gold were reported in the Eder river near Korbach not far from Westphalia. It runs 44 grams of fine gold to the ton of earth.

W. D. Bivens, of Monroe, has a hound dog that "treed" a two-gallon jug of liquor, in the woods.



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TO ASSESS REAL ESTATE.

County Commissioners Will Take Action Monday.

My Dear Editor.—Permit me to call attention in your columns to the fact that under the new revenue law the county commissioners of each county on the first Monday in April, 1923, may determine by resolution duly entered upon the minutes that the real estate of the county is at present assessed at its true value in money and that reassessment thereof is not necessary, and if they shall so deter-

mine present values shall stand. On the other hand, unless such resolution shall be adopted real estate shall be appraised this year by local assessors, i. e., a resident free holder as county supervisor with assistants in each township.

I think that this represents the final opportunity to readjust valuations of real estate, especially farming property and to correct the over-valuations that were had under the Revaluation Act of 1919. I, therefore, urge all land owners, especially farmers, to see their respective county commissioners on or before the first Monday in April and urge them to see to it that nothing shall be done to pre-

vent a new appraisal of real estate this year.

It may be argued that even if values shall be reduced tax rates will be increased. Even so, we have much to gain by way of arresting the tendency in the direction of public money spending by putting land values at their true values and letting the rate go to so high a point that public authorities will dare not go further, and it may be that the high rates will cause them to set up more economic policies.

Respectfully,
J. W. BAILEY.
Raleigh, N. C., March 24, 1923.

PROCLAMATION
Clean Up & Paint Up!

Hear This, Ye People—Think! *Áci!!*

Come on, let's put things in order. Our whole city can and should be made as clean and orderly as its cleanest home. Then we will have a safer, happier, healthier city.

Ambition in its highest conception is to dream big dreams and make them come true. The splendid ambition to have a city clean and beautiful is soon to become a reality by the co-operation of all the people.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and with the hearty approval of many far-seeing and zealous citizens, we hereby proclaim the week of

APRIL 2 TO 7, 1923.

as the Opening Week of a Continuous
CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP CAMPAIGN

Away with the rubbish piles! Banish the plague spots! Clean up streets and alleys! Cut the weeds, mow the lawns and trim the hedges! Repair and paint every building that needs it.

We need this thorough cleaning and renovation. It is the sensible thing to do—for the health, safety, thrift, pride and happiness of all our people.

It is everybody's job. Every man, woman and child will be expected to help. Let there be no slackers.

(Signed)

DANIEL L. BELL



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