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DISTRICT MEETING FEDERATED CLUBS GREAT SUCCESS

DISTRICT MEETING WOMAN'S FEDERATED CLUB LAST SATURDAY GREAT SUCCESS—HIGH POINT, LEXINGTON, GREENSBORO, THOMASVILLE, JAMES TOWN, ARCHDALE, RANDELMAN AND RAMSEUR SEND DELEGATES.

On last Saturday the Woman's Department Club of Asheboro was hostess to a Reciprocity civic meeting to the clubs in this, the third district Federated Clubs. Invitations were also extended to the various unfederated clubs in Randolph, Guilford and Davidson counties—to this invitation four clubs responded.

The ladies were met at trains by a reception committee and taken to the school building where a splendid program occupied the entire time between trains. The addresses of welcome were extended by Mrs. C. L. Whitaker from Woman's club and May or D. B. McCrary from citizens of town. Mrs. J. T. Lowe, of the club of Twelve, Lexington, responded in a most happy manner.

Mrs. Al Fairbrother, editor woman's page, Everything, gave a short account of the work of the Greensboro Federation clubs, and also told of the splendid Mayasinee.

Mrs. J. J. Farris, president Woman's club High Point, then told of the State organization and outlined the entire work thousands of women were doing. She also spoke of the Sallie Southall Cotton loan fund and educational fund started to aid poor girls in getting an education. Mrs. Farris spoke enthusiastically of the coming Federation which will meet in High Point in May. The report from the High Point club was very full, giving excellent reports of moonlight schools, work of the health officer, a woman, of home economical department and of undertaking the establishment of a library. Mrs. Andrews, of the Civic League, Lexington, told of the endowment fund which is being raised in the State Federation and which has amounted to \$1,500 which is well invested. The reports of all the clubs showed splendid work along all lines, music literature, more economics and civic work. Thomasville Civic League had gone ahead of the others in that they had succeeded in getting Southern railway to make improvements along track. They are also aiding in moonlight school work. Lexington clubs had established a rest room for country women—one means of raising money given was selling sandwiches and coffee on street on circus day also frying "wee eels" right from store on street. Greensboro sent down a good delegation. They are doing work along all lines. Their moonlight school is reaching many of the factory people—plans were given for their community Christmas tree. The Archdale club seems to be incorporating work along every line under its wings. The pastor's salary is arranged, the town cleaned up and everything else by these progressive spirits.

Jamestown sent two delegates who were wide awake and who told of the part the women had taken in building the school house which was destroyed by fire last year. Ramseur sent Mr. and Mrs. White who told of moonlight school work and of girls canning clubs. Randelman is also doing splendid work principally along civic lines. Mrs. Henry White gave an excellent address on Home Eco-

nomics. She classified the different phases of the home in her talk and summed the whole thing up by suggesting conservation of time, energy, money, food, health and dress.

Full reports from all of the class are to be sent to the State chairman of the Reciprocity and Civic Departments. Luncheon was served to the local members and all the visitors at which time the ladies could not refrain from "talking shop." Around every group interested members of the Woman's club stood to hear interesting experiences of the various club workers. The afternoon session was devoted entirely to civic work and it divulged the fact that women had played important factors in community upbuilding. At present perhaps no subject is receiving as much attention as moonlight school work. Mrs. Joy Harris Glascock, Greensboro, made a splendid address on the North Carolina flag and its states. Mrs. Glascock gave the history of the flag and of the loyalty in the hearts of North Carolinians for it.

Miss Clara Cox, High Point, made an excellent address on the moonlight school movement, Woman's Part in Educational Revival, following a round table on moonlight school work followed, conducted by Mrs. G. T. Cochran of the Chautauqua Circle, Thomasville, who brought out many points helpful along this line. Mrs. W. P. White, Ramseur, told of the work of girls canning clubs, in this she told of opportunity for girls to make money for themselves. She gave actual cost of canning and profits made. Mrs. White and her husband are wide awake citizens of the county and are doing much toward bettering conditions. Mr. White has been conducting a moonlight school at Ramseur and is hoping to reach the youths in this work. Mrs. W. H. Peace, Thomasville, in a talk on "A Civic Club for every community," outlined many reasons for the formation of such a club and of the advantages to each community. The following is a list of delegates for the various clubs:

Woman's Club, Greensboro, Mrs. Sternberger, president Woman's Club; Miss Caesar Cone, Miss Elliott, State Normal College, Mrs. Al Fairbrother, Mrs. (Dr.) Glascock.

High Point Woman's Club, Mrs. J. J. Farris, High Point; Mrs. Henry White, Miss Clara Cox, Miss Cobb.

Lexington, Club of the Twelve, Mrs. J. T. Lowe; Civic League, Mrs. Anderson.

Thomasville, Mrs. W. H. Peace, Civic League; Chautauqua Circle, Mrs. G. T. Cochran.

Jamestown Civic Improvement Club, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Fauscoe.

Archdale Community Club, Miss Harriet Tomlinson.

Randelman Civic Betterment Club, Mrs. R. B. Deal, Mrs. A. N. Bulla.

Ramseur Civic Club, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. White.

The entire day was one full of interesting and instructive discussions and the Woman's Club of Asheboro was fortunate in having representatives from the various clubs as their guests.

CONGRESS IN SESSION

MET AT NOON MONDAY—PRESIDENT WILSON DELIVERED MESSAGE TUESDAY—CHAMP CLARK SPEAKER.

The Sixty-Fourth Congress convened at Washington at noon Monday and both houses organized. President Wilson delivered his message in the form of an address to a joint session of both houses Tuesday.

Vice President Marshall was not present on account of the illness of Mrs. Marshall, who is in a hospital in Indianapolis. Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas was re-elected president pro tem of the Senate, he having defeated Senator Pomerene of Ohio in the Democratic caucus by a vote of 28 to 23.

The Senate Democratic caucus abandoned the attempt to present a cloture rule, on account of strong objection. It was declared to be the sense of the caucus that revision of rules should not be a partisan question, and that the whole subject should be referred to the rules committee.

There was no opposition to Champ Clark for Speaker among the Democrats and he was re-elected Monday over Mann of Illinois, Republican. In the make-up of House committees: North Carolina members received the following assignments: Claude Kitchen, chairman ways and means committee; Small, rivers and harbors; Hood the census, public buildings and grounds, immigration and naturalization; Poy, chairman of claims and second place on rules; Stedman, foreign affairs and Indian affairs; Page, third place on appropriations; Godwin, chairman of reform in the civil service and a member of alcoholic liquor traffic and expenditures in the War Department; Doughton, chairman of expenditures in the Department of Agriculture and member of education and roads; Webb, chairman of the judiciary committee.

RANDOLPH FARMERS MEET

The members of the Randolph County Farmers' Union held a meeting in the court house here Saturday. Various matters of interest to the farmers of the county came up for discussion. Among these were education, farming, fertilizers, rural credits, advertising, good roads, and text books.

Some of the locals of the county were not well represented and there were expressions of regret in the meeting that more interest was not shown and a better spirit of unity exhibited.

The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Dr. A. M. Bulla; vice-president, O. D. Lawrence; secretary and treasurer, W. M. Coble; counselor, S. L. Adams; doorkeeper, G. C. Boling; chaplain, W. E. Brown; county organizer, J. L. Moore; executive committee, A. C. Cox, J. Troy Redding, J. M. Allen, G. L. Robbins, Lee M. Kearns.

TO OUR READERS

Every family in this county is now a subscriber to various magazines and newspapers. The total amount of money paid for these publications probably amounts to several thousand dollars annually. It is money well spent, of course, because we must have something for the family to read.

But if you can save about seventy-five per cent. of this money, and still get all the papers and magazines you want, it is worth considering, is it not?

We have made arrangements whereby you can save this money hundreds of dollars by merely ordering their reading matter through our office. Our best offer is a club of four magazines with your own paper for only \$1.18 a year.

You will find this big offer advertised on another page of this paper. Look up the advertisement and read all about this remarkable offer. Send us your order right in—mail it, telephone it, or bring it to us, and we will fix it up at once so that you can get your magazines.

If there is anything in the advertisement you do not understand drop into our office sometime and let us explain all about it. It's the best clubbing offer we have ever seen, and we are anxious to have every reader take advantage of it.

John A. Barnes, of near Southmont, was found in his yard with his head practically blown away by a gunshot late Friday afternoon. It is believed that he committed suicide.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Mr. W. E. Hockett, a Guilford county man who has been manager of the Wright hotel, in Raleigh, has gone to Charlotte to assume management of the Stonehall hotel.

Mr. J. W. Prevo has been chosen to succeed S. B. Marsh as agent for the Southern Express Company at Thomasville.

A mistrial was ordered in Federal Court in Atlanta Dec. 1, in the case of Thomas E. Watson, the Thomson, Ga., editor, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails.

Hawaii stands at the head in preparedness. Its organized militia has in six weeks been increased from 600 to 3,693 men.

December 4 was the last day of the Panama-Pacific Exposition which began the 20th of last February.

Young David Julian, son of the late Editor John M. Julian, of Salisbury, has gone to Washington to be a page in the Senate chamber.

Mr. O. L. Cloud, one of Hamlet's most prominent citizens, died Saturday.

Mr. Henry A. Odell died Saturday afternoon at his home on East Bragg street, Greensboro following a long illness.

Mr. W. M. Leak, one of the leading citizens of Kernersville, died Saturday night after an illness of two weeks duration.

Mrs. L. W. Battle, aged 69 years, died at her home in Greensboro Friday morning.

Amos Matthews, aged 30, a gas fitter for the Tide Water Power Company at Wilmington, was asphyxiated by gas while at work under a residence and was dead when found by his assistant.

John Pursar, an employee of the Southern railway shops at Spencer, was knocked under a train Friday and received injuries from which he died two days later. He was 35 years old and leaves a wife and children.

The Panama-Pacific Exposition closed at San Francisco Saturday night. The records show that 18,871,957 persons attended the exposition. The attendance on the last day was 458,558.

Cephus Anthony, a farmer of Jacob Fork's township, Catawba county, yielded an arm to a corn shredder last week.

A negro employee and two others were hurt one day last week in a boiler explosion near St. Pauls, in Robeson county.

FACE WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

Will McCollum and Elmore Dennis, white men and residents of Randelman, were given a hearing before U. S. commissioner Collins at Greensboro Sunday charged with the violation of the Mann White Slave Act. The defendants were bound over to Federal Court under a \$2,000 bond each which they could not give, thereby causing them to be committed to jail.

The defendants were arrested Sunday evening by members of the Greensboro police force, upon complaint of the two women in the case, Mrs. Madge Gask and Miss Ethel Russell, of Randelman. When it was found that the men and women in the case had been to Danville, Va., and had returned to Greensboro it was discovered that it was a case for the Federal authorities. Deputy marshal Boger immediately arrested them under a Federal warrant.

FORD EXPEDITION SAILS FOR EUROPE

Henry Ford and more than 80 members of the Ford Peace Commission sailed from New York Saturday for Christiania, Norway, for the purpose of creating sentiment for a conference of neutral nations in the hope of ending the European war. Just before the sailing of the ship Mr. Ford received a message from the Norwegian king to the effect that the party would be courteously received in Norway.

PROF. FOUST'S HOME BURNED

The home of Prof. T. R. Foust, county superintendent of education of Guilford county, in Greensboro, was burned Saturday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown. Prof. Foust carried \$2,000 insurance on the house and \$800 on the furniture.

WASHINGTON LETTER

RURAL CREDITS TO RECEIVE ATTENTION AT HANDS OF CONGRESS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUCCESSFUL IN WORK—SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS.

(Nixon S. Plummer.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—The agitation of rural credits as a measure that Congress should consider and adopt in some form for the benefit of the farmers of the Nation appears now to be a matter that will receive favorable attention before the adjournment is taken.

Members of both parties look with favor upon the general idea and purpose of rural credits. They have had cause in the past to consider many measures which have been introduced but none of these has been sufficiently framed to secure the approval necessary for passage.

The present time is regarded as one of the most auspicious in the history of the Nation, and certainly since the policy first was agitated in the United States, for some measure to be passed. With large sums of money pouring into this country, with our trade expanding and offering opportunities more sweeping than have been dreamed of, until the European war, for the sale of our agricultural and manufactured products, any act of government that will assist the great masses to share in this new prosperity will be regarded as presenting the splendid opportunities to far more people than has been customary.

The idea of rural credits is to make money available to those farmers who need it for development of their farms and growth of their crops. The money would be loaned to them on easy terms so easy that the money would be in the reach of people who would not be in position to take advantage of loans as customarily made.

The system would provide a basis for the farmers who most need it to be able to get substantially fixed. They would be given a start whether their land was large or small, and with reasonable yields after they have enriched and cultivated their soils would be able not only to supply all the needs of their families in the way of food and clothing but be able gradually to have more, with economical use of the funds allowed them.

The hope behind the movement is to increase the yield of agricultural products, which are the bulwark of the Nation, and thus be in position to meet any increased demands that may come from nations with which our commerce may be enlarged. Reports to the Department of Commerce during the past few months indicate how the exports of the United States of many agricultural products have increased by leaps and bounds.

The people of the United States will view with a feeling of relief the successes of the Department of Justice in running down those who have been violating the laws of the United States by attacking American plants. This practice has in a very certain way brought the European war into this country.

The successes of the Department are viewed with much favor by those who had feared that Congress might give some sharp expressions of criticism of the administration for failure to protect the neutrality of this government by allowing lawless acts to proceed by sympathizers of some of the European nations at war. The feeling is now held that the officials of this government have been exercising due precaution before taking any steps and that they have been engaged all the time in their vigilance, eventually coming upon the parties who have been proven to be guilty.

It is quite likely that resolutions may be introduced in Congress calling for investigation of the shipments of munitions of war abroad from the United States. The amounts of powder, shells, guns, etc., to say nothing of horses, wagons and provisions for man and beast have been tremendous.

Some question has been raised as to the interpretation of our neutrality and the suggestion has been made that members of Congress will desire to have the whole matter brought to the public attention. It will be pointed out, unless decision is made to withhold any attempt at investigation, that this Nation may have been responsible for prolonging the war by providing some of the nations with the great quantities of ammunition and provisions they are known to have received.

COURT NEXT WEEK

COURT CONTINUED ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF JUDGE LANE'S DAUGHTER—FEW CIVIL CASES NEXT WEEK.

On account of the death of the little daughter of Judge Lane the December term of Randolph county Superior Court was continued until next week. All witnesses in civil cases were dismissed Monday and no witnesses in civil cases except divorce cases need come back next week. The term which convenes Monday will be for the trial of criminal cases and the civil cases dealing with divorce. Jurors for the second week of court are expected to be here Monday.

LITTLE CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Little Menzell Wrenn Smith, the 39 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, was burned to death Saturday. The little child was left alone with her four year old sister while the mother went a short distance from the house to water a cow, and while the mother was absent the child's clothing caught fire from the fireplace. Before the mother could extinguish the flames the little child was badly burned and death followed Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Melton from Moon's Chapel Church Tuesday.

MR. W. F. FOUSHEE PASSES

Mr. W. F. Foushee, better known as Col. Foushee, died at the home of his son, Mr. W. T. Foushee, one mile east of Ramseur, Monday morning at 8 o'clock, aged 91 years and 7 months. Mr. Foushee was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the county. During the Civil War he was a colonel of the Home Guards and did effective service in that capacity. He is survived by his son, Mr. W. T. Foushee. Mrs. Foushee and another son, J. F. Foushee, preceded him several years ago. Funeral services were conducted at Parks Cross Roads Tuesday morning and a large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to pay their respects to the deceased.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Randolph county board of road commissioners met in regular session in the court house Tuesday. The meeting was one of the busiest ever held by the commissioners. Accounts were allowed for road work and petitions for new roads were heard.

The board ordered a survey of the road from Pierce's Mill by Fuller's and Thayer's Mills to the Davidson county line. The committee representing this road presented a subscription list showing that the required amount of money had been subscribed for the building of the road.

SENSATION IN LEXINGTON

Within the past few days there have been four deaths in Lexington from brief illnesses, that appear to be somewhat puzzling. Policeman C. W. Wright and W. H. Baker have died recently from a few hours of illness, from what appeared to be ptomaine poisoning. Two negro women have recently died in a similar manner. John Michael, a prominent merchant, is suffering from the same illness. Policeman W. L. Reed has also been ill from the same strange affliction.

A physician in attendance in at least one case has stated all symptoms pointed strongly toward poisoning from denatured alcohol.

A large quantity of wood alcohol is reported to have been stolen from a local manufacturing plant, and the two negro women died are supposed to have drunk some of this.

Officials have been contemplating an investigation.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Reports of business conditions throughout the country from Federal Reserve Bank agents, are, in the main, favorable, and show improvement for November, according to information from these sources just made public.

Reports from all the districts show that conditions are growing better in all lines daily. Plans are being made in many parts of the country for enlarging plants which are at present working at full capacity.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Rev. W. O. Johnson is attending the annual convention of the Baptist church at Charlotte this week.

Mrs. C. S. Tate and Master Chas. Jr., went to Greensboro Monday.

Mr. E. J. Steed and family and Miss Hattie Burgess visited friends in Liberty last Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Free of Sanford, was home with his family last Sunday and Monday.

Col. Wm. F. Foushee, of Ramseur R. F. D. No. 2, died at the age of 91 years and 6 months, last Sunday morning. He was the oldest citizen of the community and was honored and esteemed by every one who knew him. He was a deputy sheriff before the war, and it was very interesting to talk with him about those times. He was the father of Mr. Jim Foushee, deceased, of Staley. Hon. W. T. Foushee, and Mrs. R. W. York. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Park's Cross Roads Tuesday.

A large number of fine porkers have been killed recently, John W. Parks leading the list with a 496 pounder. Other good ones were Will Elliott,

458; Numa Reynolds, 450; Walter Burgess, 416; Tom York, 414; Will King, 410; E. L. Cox, 414.

One of the recent marriages overlooked was that of Miss Loen Wallace to Mr. Marsh Coward. These two happy young people have the best wishes of many friends for many years of marital bliss.