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WOMAN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Great Step of Progress Taken by
The Women of the Town—
Will be Helpful.

The Williamston Woman's Club was organized Friday with the following officers: Mrs. W. H. Harrell, President; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Vice-President; Mrs. F. W. Hoyt 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. A. D. Mizell, Sec'y; Mrs. John L. Hassell, Treasurer.

No step has been taken by the women of the town that should be more heartily endorsed and so generously helped as this. Seeing the broad field so urgently in need of help, the wonder is that such an organization has not been in operation for a long time.

We feel sure that the Club will help in the general uplift of the community in every way that helps to make a good town. We note here a few things which have been accomplished in a certain town by a similar Club.

The women began a careful inquiry to find just what their friends and sons were doing when not engaged in their usual duties of the day. And to their utter astonishment, they found certain men who would secretly themselves in some back room and play poker. Other young men, it was discovered, were breaking into public buildings. The school building had actually been broken into on many occasions and high-handed gambling carried on. It was also found that the Court House had been entered by opening a defective blind and playing in the petit jury room. All of this was objectionable. But the thing that was most mortifying to the good women, was that many of them found that their small boys had seen, with their keen and quick discerning eyes, the playing and gambling by their fathers and older brothers, and were likewise congregating in outbuildings, clumps of woods and in other hiding places and were gaming too. No one was surprised at finding the boys playing, as they had seen their own fathers, lawmakers, doctors, lawyers, educators, town officers, and prominent men in the community playing, and certainly they followed along. The women handled the situation by simply asking their husbands and sons to stop and look at their examples, and by keeping a more vigilant eye on the small boy. The result has been that more than 60 per cent. of this dangerous habit has been stopped.

They found that the playing of rook, set back, bridge, etc., to an excess was detrimental, and a cause for time-wasting; they found that 47 girls and 21 boys had been tardy and lost their places on the honor roll caused by late rook playing at night and late sleeping in the morning. That a few family spats had occurred because of the neglect to have some small things looked after, such as sewing buttons on pants, etc., which might easily have been done in the hours of wasted time.

The club has been wonderfully successful with this problem by advising their members and friends to have an occasional game in some good home where a pleasant evening can be passed surrounded by the proper atmosphere.

In this item alone much time has been saved to the reading

and study of good books and helpful literature.

Another very important discovery was the finding by many mothers that their own little boys were smoking dangerous cigarets. All these boys had been told many times not to smoke, and had given their solemn promise not to do it. But force was brought to bear on them by their larger associates and the seeing of grown ups, doctors, lawyers and others very prominent in the town whom they had chosen as their model. The result has been that every man has agreed to do his best to prevent any other person from beginning a habit that is so destructive to the brain tissue. And you can now find very few boys on the streets picking up cigar and cigarette stumps.

Another very important discovery maned by the Club in the town referred to was that you can help your neighbor, your town and community in simple, plain dress by saving in this item alone. And several families, who had been spending most of their income for dress show, and buying their groceries on time, have now gotten on a system of debt paying, and the town merchants say they are saving thousands of dollars that they have formerly been beaten out of. The stimulation of the credit, morals and honor of the town has been wonderful.

One other discovery made which was a surprise was that the town is paying out more for shows that it is for schools. No complaint was heard at the cost of shows, but much growling and kicking against taxes. It was conceded that an occasional show of good moving pictures is not real harmful. But the great number of pictures of heinous men and beasts were making the wrong impressions upon the young minds of the town. The film trusts had advertised thousands of scenes that had no foundation of truth in them—had organized voting contests, drawing contests and other things calculated to excite the mind and drift it from the thought of more important and real things.

It was found that most failures in recitations and examinations at school were caused from the waste of time at the picture shows. The child's mind was filled with the myth of some motion picture, and no real thinking which is necessary to make the brain grow and develop had been done.

The pictures which were so largely advertised as Bible pictures, only for the purpose of holding down the church folks and drawing them out, were generally found to be pictures by men whose knowledge of the Bible and love for God were too limited to make a picture fit to make the early impressions upon the young mind of the things of God, and a careful reading of the Bible was substituted instead of the picture show.

Now only an occasional show which is strictly censored before is allowed. The bill boards of the film trusts have been removed from the prominent corners, especially the postoffice, and the picture show has been placed behind the home, the church and the school. And much better results are seen in the school work.

These are only a few things which have been accomplished, as there are hundreds of things in every town which may be improved. And we have the faith in our women to believe that they will do their full duty.

BREEZY ITEMS FROM OAK CITY

Billie Haislip was in town Friday.

Lizzie Moore has entered school here.

J. C. Ross left for Baltimore Monday.

James Fleming spent Sunday in town.

J. W. Hines spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mrs. T. W. Davenport returned from Roper Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ross went to Robersonville Sunday.

Miss Lulu Jones has returned from a visit to Hamilton.

J. L. Davenport, of Jamesville, was here Saturday.

Mrs. H. K. Harrell and daughter are in Norfolk this week.

Mrs. Jack Hyman made flaying trip to Norfolk Sunday.

Messrs. Henry Cherry and Leon Roberson were here Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Norman and daughter left for Norfolk Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Long, of Burgaw, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long.

Mrs. Tommy Bell spent the week-end with Mrs. J. W. Hines.

Jerry Casper, of Kenly is spending a few days with his mother.

Miss Annie M. Dautridge returned from Norfolk Wednesday.

Mrs. C. M. Hurst returned from a short trip to the country Friday.

Messrs. Claud Nelson and Charley Crisp spent Sunday in Ayden.

Messrs. Joe and Charlie Council were here from Rocky Mount Monday.

Miss Pauline Beverly, of Bethel, arrived Monday to attend school.

The High School opened Monday, Sept. 6th, with a good attendance.

Little Syble and Eloise Ross spent a few days in Robersonville last week.

Misses Emily Hines and Clarice Cartwright returned from Virginia Sunday.

Mrs. Thurston Allsbrook and Miss Esther Allsbrook left for their home Friday.

Little Margaret Fleming from Greenville arrived Sunday to enter school here.

Miss Dora Bush, of Norfolk, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Joe Long, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daniel and daughter attended meeting at Flat Swamp Sunday.

Tom and Luther Davenport left Tuesday to attend the funeral of their sister at Pine Town.

Miss Mary Lambeth, of Guilford College, came Friday to take charge as principal of the High School.

Miss Estelle House returned from Rocky Mount Thursday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon House.

Mrs. Bettie Brown, who has been the guest of her son, Nat Brown, returned to her home in Tarboro Saturday.

Miss Kate McLean, of Moore County, arrived Friday to take charge of the musical department of the High School here.

T. W. Davenport, J. L., and J. W. Hines, N. M. Worsley and W. O. Council spent Thursday in Williamston to attend the Farmers Institute.

THE JURY LIST SEPT. COURT.

Trial of Civil And Criminal Cases
September Term of Martin Superior Court.

First week.—Jamesville Township:—Simon E. Corey, G. N. Cooper, Geo. H. Baily, J. T. Hinson, J. H. Ange.

Williams Township:—W. L. Manning, Lawrence S. Griffin

Griffins District:—W. A. Hardison, L. H. Peel, E. S. Peel, Buck Roberson.

Robersonville Township:—R. L. Smith, N. O. Vannortwick, J. D. Martin, Edward Jolly, J. C. Keel.

Williamston Township:—R. A. Critcher, J. C. Riddick, S. S. Hadley, Leslie Fowden.

Cross Roads Township:—Frank L. Teel, W. H. Crawford J. B. Barnhill.

Poplar Point Township:—E. M. Howell, T. W. Wells.

Bear Grass Township:—C. B. Harrison, J. M. Rodgerson, H. C. Roderson.

Goose Nest Township:—J. W. Roberson, W. S. Casper, H. C. Harrington, Sylvester Sills, R. S. Council.

Hamilton Township:—J. H. Purvis, W. A. White, C. J. Stalls.

Second Week.—Jamesville Township:—W. H. Stallings, R. O. Martin.

Williams Township:—Will A. Lee.

Griffins Township:—J. H. Revells.

Goose Nest Township:—M. L. Burnett, Jesse A. Powell.

Bear Grass Township:—J. D. Harrison, Geo. R. Terry, W. A. Perry.

Williamston Township:—J. C. Anderson, J. F. Jones.

Cross Roads Township:—W. K. Roebuck, C. M. Swain.

Robersonville Township:—B. S. Hathway, C. D. Jenkins, R. H. Weaver, A. E. Purvis, F. S. Purvis.

Desecrated Church

On last Saturday night thieves entered the new Baptist Church which is in the course of erection, stole some clothing and boots of the men who are engaged at work on the building, and took a key which had locked the door on the inside. Again on Wednesday night of this week the church was entered and one of the windows broken. It is hard to believe that there are persons in Williamston so base as to be guilty of such action, and one might well ask what are the night policemen doing when this desecration is going on?

Received Law License

Among the seventy-seven applicants for license before the Supreme Court, appears the name of Harry Murden Stubbs, who studied law this year at Wake Forest. Mr. Stubbs took his degree at the University of North Carolina last year, but an eye trouble kept him from studying for months, and so he could not finish in law until this year. He is the son of Senator H. W. Stubbs and a young man of splendid parts, whose friends predict for him a brilliant career in his chosen profession.

Mrs. E. R. Smith left Wednesday for Standish, Mich., to spend a month with relatives.

News Budget From Hamilton

Joe Council spent Sunday here.

Miss Lula Jones is visiting friends here.

Willie Sherrod went to Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Mrs. M. I. Fleming visited in Enfield last week.

Mrs. Herbert Salsbury is visiting relatives here.

Lorey Waldo, of Portsmouth, spent last week here.

C. D. Council, of York, Pa., is visiting his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle have returned from Boston.

Mrs. Sallie Rodgers is visiting Mrs. W. A. Davenport.

Mrs. John Ayers has returned from a visit to Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haislip spent Labor Day in Norfolk.

Jordan Hines and Willie Sherrod went to Spring Hill Sunday.

Miss Fannie Matthews returned from Morehead City Tuesday.

Misses Lula Teachy and Louise Horn have returned to Rocky Mount.

Miss Mary B. Salsbury is visiting her grandfather, Judge Waldo.

Willie Sherrod left Tuesday for Warrenton, where he will attend school.

Miss Della Purvis returned from Black Mountain Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. Jim Johnson and daughters.

Steven Ewell, C. D. Perkins, Asa Johnson and Mr. Roberson attended the ball game at Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Dr. M. I. Fleming went to Norfolk Friday to take S. D. Matthews, who had the misfortune to break his knee-cap.

To Prepare Rest Room

The Board of Town Commissioners has taken up the matter of providing a community building to be opened for the use of the women and children of the county, when in town. This movement should receive the endorsement of everybody. The need for such a place where women and children, who are often forced to come to court, and too, for those who come shopping or sight-seeing, to rest and relax while in town, has long been felt. Such rooms will be appreciated by all visitors.

Many counties are establishing similar conveniences, and we hope that the county will co-operate with the Town Board in providing some capable working woman to care for the rooms; to see that they are kept warm, clean and comfortable.

The business men of the town have agreed to properly furnish same with chairs, rugs and other necessary furnishings.

Eye Specialist Coming.

An experienced optician representing A. K. Hawkes Co., Atlanta, Ga., will be at the office of Dr. J. H. B. Knight, Sept. 22nd, for ONE DAY ONLY, when and where he will examine the eyes and fit glasses for all who desire his services. There will be no charge for this expert service. You will only have to pay for your glasses. All who are having any trouble with their eyes are invited to come and come promptly. His work will be guaranteed by Dr. Knight. Ad.

THINGS DIDN'T LOOK RIGHT.

And This Individual Gentleman Decided That He Would Fare Better Elsewhere.

On Tuesday of last week, Jas. Simpson, who was under bond for appearance here before Judge Godwin, after arriving in town and looking over the situation, decided that things appeared squally, and so slipped away.

He drove here through the country, and saying that he was going to meet his wife and children on the arrival of the train from Jamesville, went down the street toward the depot, but evidently took another route as he has not been seen since.

His wife with three children remained here until the noon train and friends took them back home. Much sympathy was felt for her and the little children.

It will be remembered that Sheriff Crawford raided a still in the lower part of the county recently, and that he and his companions saw and recognized the men at the still. They knew the man to be James Simpson and a warrant was sworn out for him. Simpson evidently felt that the testimony of Sheriff Crawford and Policeman Edwards would convict him, and reasoning that a good run was better than a bad stand, he quietly went away.

Rural Route Amended.

A petition by many of the citizens on route Number 1, has materially changed the route. The length of the route as amended will make it 28.70. The addition to the route will begin at Smithwick Creek Church, then south to E. Peel's corner; then east to Hardison's corner; then north to W. E. Tice's; continue north to N. J. Corey's and retrace; then west to A. E. Griffin's corner.

The petition was placed in the hands of Hon. John H. Small, who saw the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and the change was made as requested. The length of time will be increased one hour.

Bankers Meet

Monday, at Elizabeth City, the bankers in Group One met for the first time. Every bank which is now a member was represented except one. Cashier Godwin, of the Bank of Martin County, is Sec-Treas. Those attending from Williamston were, C. H. Godwin, R. G. Harrison, A. R. Dunning and H. A. Biggs. Dr. John D. Biggs, President of the F. & M. Bank, who was to respond to a toast at the banquet, was too ill to leave home. Mr. A. R. Dunning responded to the address of welcome delivered by Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City. The meeting was a pleasant one, and will be productive of good, increasing, as it will, a closer relationship among the banks in the group. Monday night, a splendid banquet was enjoyed at the Southern Hotel.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner visited them last week, and together spent a most delightful reunion. There were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gardner and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner and Dr. and Mrs. John W. Williams and son.