

## Mrs. Palmer Jerman Called The Silver Tongued Orator

President North Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs Was Popular On Recent Trip To Club Meetings Held At Palm Beach, Florida

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Representing the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at the meeting of the Southeastern Council of Federated Club Women held recently at Palm Beach, Florida, Mrs. Palmer Jerman was declared the "silver tongued" orator from North Carolina. After addressing the Council on "Educational Legislation" she was in demand as a speaker wherever there was an audience assembled. She spoke no less than six times. Her speech before the Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach was on the subject, "Cooperation between Men and Women in Civic Organizations." On addressing the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs which met in conjunction with the Council Meeting, her subject was "Club Women's Interest in Government." Mrs. Jerman makes the following report of the Council Meeting:

"The Southeastern Council is composed of representatives from the eight southeastern states and correspond in nature to other such sectional groups all over the United States which meet annually. Its purpose is to further the objects of the General Federation, to strengthen by acquaintance and fellowship the ties linking those of one common part of the country. Last year it met in Pinehurst. This year it convened in Palm Beach, Florida, with representatives from five southern states in attendance. The subject of the entire meeting was "Our Three-fold Responsibility—Health, Education and Recreation." All the states federations have programs on these subjects and this interstate discussion brought out much that was helpful. It was a matter of satisfaction to the North Carolina delegates that our State stood with the most progressive in amount of work accomplished, and in the scope of program undertaken. The Council lasted only two days, but those two were crowded to the limit with work. However, there were enough social pleasures to provide relaxation. One of the most interesting of these occurred before the meeting when the Dade County Federation invited the Council to be its guests for the week end at their club house in the Royal Palm State Park, forty miles south of Miami. Down on Paradise Key, the tip end of Florida, the State Federation owns four thousand acres of land of which they have made a park for the preservation of the beautiful Royal Palms, the wild jungle of Florida's original growth, and a sanctuary for the tropical birds. In the heart of this they have built a club house, with accommodations for about thirty five guests at a time. We drove from Miami by automobiles and it was like being transported to a foreign land for the trees and vegetation on this key are entirely different from that of the rest of the State, being West Indian in nature. The theory of the scientists is that in some remote time it must have been submerged by a tidal wave, which receding, left the sands of a different land. The club women of Miami had gone on ahead of the party and welcomed the Council with everything Florida had to offer and perhaps these days at this beautiful club house in the heart of a tropical jungle will linger longest in the memory of the guests.

The good fellowship developed in the intimacy of this close association started the Council meeting proper, with the comradeship of friends. From Miami we motored to Palm Beach, a wonderful drive by the sea and with the Atlantic breezes as soft as June. It was hard to believe it the last of November.

In Palm Beach, there were banquets, luncheons and drives in between business sessions and we all agreed that the hospitality of the Florida club women had never been surpassed. At the adjournment of the Southeastern Council the Florida Federation convened and most of the members of the former stayed over a few days to see this body. It proved to be a wonderfully efficient group of women doing fine things for the state. They have developed the idea of County Federations there, making a small compact district that seems to be get-

ting results. Among the outstanding impressions I brought away was the fact that almost every town in Florida, both large and small, has a woman's club house. From the magnificent club house in Palm Beach, fronting on Lake Worth, to the frame structure of a small country community center, the women's club houses are everywhere functioning as a vital part of Florida's development.

The official volume of the prize winning stories and poems that were entered in the literary contests held under the auspices of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, from 1915 to 1923, have been compiled for publication by Mrs. S. E. Leavitt of Chapel Hill. Mrs. Leavitt advises that the book, which is now in the press, will be ready for Christmas delivery. It will contain about forty selections on 300 pages and will sell for \$2.00. The title of the book is "Stories and Poems from the Old North State." Mrs. Leavitt announces that she is now ready to receive orders. She says:

"It was voted at the Convention to ask each club to be responsible for the sale of five copies of the book and the large clubs are expected to dispose of many more. As this is the first effort to publish a volume of selections written by North Carolina club women we urge your hearty support and a prompt placing of orders that we may be able to deliver the books to you in time for Christmas remembrances. The time is short and it will greatly expedite matters if your committee makes its canvass at once, forwarding the club order on the enclosed blank. Let us make this the official gift of club women this year."

### WAKE FOREST RECORD IS REMARKABLE ONE

Wake Forest, December 3.—To show the remarkable rise of the Wake Forest football team the mire of despair of last year to the hill of joy this year, the championship of the denominational colleges being clutched under one arm and second honors in North Carolina under the other, athletic officials today gave out a comparison of scores for 1922 and 1923. Seven of the opponents met this year were also played last year. Last year Wake Forest lost four of the contests, won one and tied two. This year Wake Forest scored 111 points and opponents 34.

### FEMALE FIRE BRIGADE

Tokio, Dec. 3.—A fire brigade composed entirely of women has been organized in the village of Aouna, Akita prefecture. The new brigade is made up of women from 20 to 30 years old and is being trained in every department of fire fighting. This is said to be the first women's organization in Japan for protection against fire.

CLEVELAND HAS BASKETBALL ORGANIZATION WITH 800 TEAMS of 622 teams playing regularly under official supervision last season. Cleveland had with indications that at least 800 teams will be playing this season. according to John H. Gourley, of the Cleveland Recreation Council. The list includes church leagues, schools, junior highs, colleges and a large number of independent groups. The 622 teams last season did not include the

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