



MRS. COLUMBUS WOOD

Wilson's Mills Blind Woman Considers Herself Fortunate

By MRS. CARL K. PARRISH

"Sunrise Tomorrow" she began singing as she excused herself to tidy up a bit for the personal interview. When asked if it were her favorite song she replied, "It is very much my favorite."

What an inspiration that song contains for Martha Boyd Wood (Mrs. Columbus Wood) who began suffering with glaucoma in her childhood.

The energetic little woman, neat and pretty, in a ruffled blue summer frock sat beside the writer and revealed a discourse all human hearts should know.

Mrs. Wood's vision began to fail when she entered school. Twenty years ago she became totally blind. But her handicap has been no stumbling block in her pathway. She lost her vision so gradually that she did not depend entirely upon seeing to accomplish things. When her eyesight finally failed she was more or less accustomed to it. She states if she cannot do a piece of work as she uses to, she finds a way. She knows what processes it took to accomplish things when she could see, so those same processes will work now that she cannot see.

Her household tasks go on in the same systematic manner. She sews, cooks, and keeps house in a way that one feels assured that her name will be praised "in the gates." When she tackles the art of dressmaking she gets someone to cut the article. Then, if there is no wrong or right side to the cloth, she can produce a finished garment. Her cooking utensils are kept in the same place. When asked what method she uses to tell when the biscuits are done she said, "Now that I cannot see I use the sense of smell and touch lots more. I open my oven and I can tell by smelling that my bread is ready."

Mrs. Wood can distinguish the personal clothing of the members of her household. By the touch of the material, or by the way a pocket is made she knows the particular owner.

When the family is away from the home the radio is her constant companion. Though Martha attempted the "Moon" system of reading a system for the blind that has once seen, she confesses she never accomplished the goal.

In addition to her excellent role as a housewife and mother, she goes with the family to the theater, to plays, musical concerts, and other forms of wholesome entertainment. She enjoys a picture show if it has a good moral. The setting on the screen is pictured before her just as it would be for anyone who sees with the eyes. Mrs. Wood sees with the mind. Twice she has seen 'Gone With The Wind'.

"Do you ever feel depressed?" the interviewer asked.
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Junior Woman's Club Holds Regular Meet

The Junior Woman's Club held its monthly meeting at the Woman's Club building Monday evening with the club president, Mrs. Willard Johnson, Jr., presiding.

The club meeting was opened with the reading of the collect and a discussion on painting the club house. It was voted that the Junior Women paint the club house. After the business session Mrs. Grace Johnson gave a most interesting talk on the life of Carrie Jacobs Bonds who is famous the world over for her beautiful music and lyrics of her songs. Carrie Jacobs Bond was born in Janesville, Wisconsin in 1862. She showed an unusual interest in music and painting from early childhood. She married Dr. Frank Lewis Bond who took a deep and sympathetic interest in her musical talents.

Dr. Bond was killed in an accident. His wife Carrie Jacobs Bond was thrown on the world an invalid. She wrote words and music to "I Love You Truly" and "Just a 'Wearyin' For You," which was beautifully sung by Mrs. Grace Johnson and accompanied by Mrs. Willard Johnson at the piano. Carrie Bond wrote the music and words of many other songs, such as "In The Meadow," "Just Lonesome," "Shadows," "Thro The Years," and "Until God's Day."

Miss Cassie Abdalla and Miss Josephine Abdalla were hostess. The next meeting will be a picnic at Holt's Lake.

Selma's Population Shows Increase

Selma gained 627 persons during the past decade to remain No. 2 municipality in Johnston County, according to the 1950 census. The 1950 census of 2,634 for Selma represents a 31 per cent increase over the 1940 figure of 2,007.

Other populations are as follows:
Smithfield 5,574
Clayton 2,225
Benson 2,097
Kenly 1,139
Four Oaks 944
Pine Level 602
Princeton 602
Wilson's Mills 349
Micro 309

Wilson's Mills, which is not incorporated as are the other nine municipalities, was the only town to show a population decline. The census figure for Wilson's Mills is 349 as compared to 436 in 1940. Micro, Johnston County's smallest town, gained 20 persons in the past 10 years.

Citizens Offer Postoffice Sites

Ten bids for the site of Selma's proposed new postoffice building were submitted to Postmaster Frank M. Hood by 9 o'clock Monday morning, the deadline set for accepting bids. As the next step, a representative from the Postoffice Department will come to investigate the sites and choose the most desirable, if any which meet the requirements are available.

R. A. Howell, owner—Northeast corner of Raeford and Elizabeth Streets. 100 feet on Raeford by 150 feet on Elizabeth.

James W. Mitchener, owner—Northeast corner of Raeford and Oak streets. 100 feet on Raeford and 150 feet on Oak.

B. L. Godwin, owner—Southwest corner Raeford and Waddell streets. 170 feet on Raeford by 100 feet on Waddell.

B. L. Godwin, owner—West side of Raeford street, between Waddell and Oak streets. 100 feet front by 170 feet deep.

W. B. Godwin, Jr., owner—Northwest corner of Raeford and Oak streets. 100 feet on Raeford by 150 feet on Oak.

Paul McMillan, owner—West side of Pollock street, between Railroad street and Anderson street. 70 feet front by 150 feet deep.

A. W. Mitchener, E. N. Booker and Floyd C. Price, owners—Northwest corner of Webb and Waddell streets. 150 feet on Webb by 110 feet on Waddell.

James B. Person, owner—Southwest corner of Pollock and Anderson streets. 75 feet on Pollock and 140 feet on Anderson.

O. Vernon Wiggs, owner—Northeast corner of Pollock and Oak streets. 75 feet on Pollock and 145 feet on Oak street.

Singing Convention At Benson Sunday

Benson will hold its 30th annual singing convention Sunday, Sunday, June 18, the Micro Camp No. 687 of the Woodmen of the World, dedicated a beautiful Magnolia tree in memory of the late Sidney L. Johnson of Holly Springs.

More than 200 singers comprising 40 vocal groups will compete for loving cups donated by Benson's merchants.

Happy Birthday

June 22—Robey Raynor.
June 26—Mrs. Percy Moore.
June 27—Mrs. B. A. Henry.
June 28—Talmage Corbett.
June 28—Sarah Braswell.
June 28—Herbert Thornton.
June 29—Mrs. Percy Peacock.
June 29—Mrs. A. K. Eason.
June 29—Sam Brown.
June 30—Mrs. J. D. Barnes.
June 30—Mrs. J. R. Burgess.

Graduates of University of North Carolina



Top—left to right: Herbert Willford Price and Charles B. Fulhum, Jr. Bottom—left to right: William O. Fields, Jr., and George Cranner Suber, all of Selma.

Girl Scouts Get Close to Nature Attending Mary Atkinson Camp

Thank you, Marty

By MRS. MARTHA W. COTTINGHAM



In the foreground, with her back to the cameraman, is Mrs. Martha W. Cottingham, of Clayton. It was her untiring efforts and enthusiastic, capable leadership which made the Mary Atkinson Day Camp such a success for the Girl Scouts of Johnston County. Here she is busy illustrating to the girls how to cook flour paste properly over a fire for the puppet-making, a much enjoyed camp activity. She was nick-named "Marty" by the campers. Photo by Jiggs Broadwell.

Eighty-six girls from five Johnston County communities said good-bye to the Mary Atkinson Girl Scout Day Camp Friday, when it closed its 1950 season. The camp had been in session Monday through Friday from 9:45 a. m. to 3:45 p. m. each day, under the direction of Mrs. Martha W. Cottingham, Girl Scout Field Director of the Wake-Johnston-Wilson Area.

The Day Camp was the realization of a dream of Mesdames Oscar and Herman Brown, leaders of the Girl Scout Troop of Corbett-Hatcher. More than a year ago these two most capable leaders visualized a day camp for Johnston County girls on this site. Through the generosity of Mrs. Wade Atkinson of Corbett-Hatcher and Washington, D. C., who loaned the property, and the splendid cooperation of the fine people of Johnston County, the camp became a reality. After Mrs. Atkinson offered her land, the next step was to have the site approved by the National Girl Scout organization, which is necessary before a Girl Scout camp can be operated. In February Miss Frances Morse, of the National Office, with members of the area camp committee inspected the site and approved the camp. From there on it was up to the people of the county, working with the area field director to develop the camp.

Folders were sent out to all Girl Scout troops in the county. Publicity was given by local people in each town and many a word was spoken by girls, parents and leaders to help promote the Day Camp. A staff of competent leaders had to be secured to work with the girls. Most of the staff members were leaders of Girl Scout Troops in the county.

A pre-camp training course was held at the Corbett-Hatcher community building on June 8th and 9th. Attending the course as staff members were Mrs. Rudolph Naron, Mrs. J. P. Carter and Miss Jean Baggett of Kenly; Mrs. Oscar Brown and Miss Peggy Jernigan of Selma; Mrs. J. P. Nelson of Clayton, and Miss Lounette Barbour of the State Wildlife Commission. The week's program was planned in the training course.

Some type of shelter had to be provided in case of rain. The camp was to begin operation on a very slim income, so it was impossible to build shelters or buy tents. Undertakers from Kenly and Smithfield loaned tents for two units of girls. Two other tents were loaned by kind-hearted and public spirited citizens. Box type toilets were designed and built by Mr. W. E. Vassey, vocational teacher of Selma High School, the lumber for which was donated by Mr. Guy Lee of Smithfield.

The road from Highway 42 into the camp, which was badly in need of clearing, was made passable through the efforts of Mr. James Earp and Dr. Elmore Earp of the Thanksgiving community.

A meeting was held in Selma with representatives from each participating town to work out transportation and other details. It was decided to work out a car pool in each town except Selma. Mrs. W. H. Creech, President of the Selma District felt that the attendance of the girls from Selma would be large enough to justify renting a bus to carry them to camp. A bus was rented from the Smithfield-Selma Transit Company. The price of renting the bus would have been too great for the girls, so W. H. Creech, of Selma Drug Company, personally contacted the various merchants of Selma who donated enough money to pay for the bus rented and a small remuneration for the bus driver, Miss Peggy Jernigan. Gas for the bus was donated by Worley's Bottling Plant and Floyd C. Price, Jr.

When all arrangements had been made, the girls were divided into four units, according to their ages and interests. Each unit had two unit heads to supervise the girls and their work. Other helpers were added to the unit staff as they were needed. Misses Laverne and Betty Driver of Selma assisted Monday and Tuesday. Misses Betty Godwin, Fave Peedin, Peggy Stone and Jean Henry assisted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Camp was fortunate to have three specialists from the State Wildlife Commission to instruct the girls in "Nature." Miss Lounette Barbour of this department provided much interest and enthusiasm among the girls on (See A Page Four)

Girl Scouts and Bus Used In Going to Camp



A typical scene of the Selma Girl Scouts as they boarded the bus each morning for Mary Atkinson Day Camp. You will see in the group Miss Peggy Jernigan, their most capable driver and also one of the camp's most popular and capable workers.—Photo by Jiggs Broadwell.

Holly Springs Main Source of Water



Patricia Dean and Virginia Nelson wait by the spring while Elizabeth Cooper dips a bucket of water for use in Unit No. 2. All of these girls are from Clayton.

Girls Scouts Build Buffet Style Table



Janice Pittman, Pat Peacock and Shirley Hooks from Kenly are shown "lashing" a table for use in Unit No. 4. It is being erected between two trees at Mary Atkinson Day Camp.

Girl Scouts Build Wash Stand At Camp



Jo Anne Creech of Selma looks at the cameraman, while Sonny Brown of Corbett Hatcher awaits her turn to wash hands. Chandler Brown of Corbett Hatcher is making with the soap. The "washing-stand" is "lashed" together with stick and binder's twine. "Lashing" was a popular activity in camp.

Special Program

Bailey Brothers Happy Valley Quartet will be at Carter's Chapel Baptist Church and render an all hymn program Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. The quartet is heard over a Raleigh radio station every day at 6:15 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. There will be a small admission charge.

"Hot Politics"

You think politics is hot in Johnston County. Mayor Bernie Henry went to Wilson one day this week on business. He put out his hand to make a left turn and four politicians grabbed it.

HAVE YOU SEEN GRANDMA?