

PARENT-TEACHER WORK INTERESTS WHITEVILLE

Ladies of the Town and Teachers Discuss Various School Problems

(Special to The Star) WHITEVILLE, Feb. 20.—The Parent-Teacher association held its monthly meeting Thursday under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Frank Hester, and the co-operation of the teachers of the Whiteville schools.

The beginning of each monthly meeting is featured by exhibits from the children of various grades. This time it was the third and fourth grades, and their songs and recitations were received with generous applause. At the conclusion of their numbers they marched out of the building in decorous order, but remained close by until they could learn the result of the contest to secure members for the association, which the different grades had been conducting. It was announced that the fourth grade, Miss Mary Lou Powell, teacher, had enrolled the largest number of parents and to that room will go the prize picture which is to be presented. The following were the subjects discussed: "Lack of Home Preparation in High School Grades," by Miss Lena Dawson; "Lack of Home Preparation in Grammar School Grades," by Mrs. Blanche Lewis; "Honesty," by Mrs. Laura Powell; and "Courtesy," by Mrs. Verona Howard.

At the close of the discussion of school problems, the president presented to the patrons present a plan for the betterment of the physical condition of the children. In "The Modern Health Crusade," produced under the auspices of the National Anti-Tuberculosis association. This necessitates quite a strenuous daily program on the part of the child, as well as daily vigilance on the part of the mother, but the patrons present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of it, and it is to be commenced at once.

A very interesting series of lantern slide Bible pictures was shown at the Episcopal church Friday night by Rev. W. R. Noe. The house was full, and the service and pictures were followed with close attention.

A union observance of the interdenominational day of prayer was held in the Vineland Presbyterian church Friday afternoon by the ladies of the various churches. The principal address was by Mrs. L. V. Grady on foreign missions. As an outgrowth of the address and of the meeting a community plan was suggested and adopted for giving everybody in town a weekly opportunity to contribute to the China famine fund.

Welcomed here is Miss Ramie E. Williams, trained nurse, who comes for the purpose of making a free medical inspection of the throat, ears and teeth of the school children. Later in the year the state board of health will equip a temporary hospital here with a corps of nurses in charge, and will treat school children up to 12 years of age, with a nominal charge to those who can pay, and do the work free for those who can not pay.

There is a fresh revival of interest among the people in the subject of the proposed new high school, and it is understood that petitions to the legislature for authority to issue bonds, are being circulated and are getting many signatures. There will probably be some opposition also, principally on the ground of the expense of the concrete street which is now being laid; but many of the thoughtful citizens feel that the additional taxes will be offset by the great benefit which the children will receive from an up-to-date school building.

Brick and lumber are being unloaded and the music of hammer and saw on new buildings being erected is heard, and it is a good sound and one to rejoice over. The three new stores down town are almost completed, and workmen are busy in various parts of town building and repairing homes, and preparing for more building.

Judge Cramer is to return here Monday to preside over a two weeks' term of court. The case of Brown vs. Powell, a suit over boundaries, is to come up on Monday, and is said to be one of the most important cases on the docket.

VALENTINE PARTY AT TO DISCUSS AGREAGE CONWAY HAPPY EVENT IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

Conway Society Enjoys Several Dances During the Week

(Special to The Star) CONWAY, Feb. 20.—A charming Valentine bridge party was given by Mrs. J. B. Elliott Monday afternoon. The attractive rooms were decorated in red hearts, and the mints served during the game were red and green. The same color scheme prevailed in a dainty salad course. The high score prize, a dainty piece of lingerie, was awarded Miss Bonham. Mrs. Ambrose cutting the consolation, a vase.

A surprise Valentine dance was given in honor of Mrs. Florence Hedrick, at Hotel Grace, Monday evening by a number of Conway society folk. Music was furnished by a seven-piece orchestra, and punch was served during the evening. Mrs. M. W. Collins presiding over the punch bowl.

Saturday afternoon the Ardmore hotel was the scene of a brilliant gathering. About thirty guests, invited to celebrate the thirty anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sessions, were received in the beautifully decorated halls and parlors. Both floors of the Ardmore were thrown open to the guests, and the gifts to the bride showed great ingenuity, as each gift was of paper, in some form, ice cream and cake were served, after which dancing and cards were indulged in until the lateness of the hour drove the guests home with heartiest congratulations and good wishes for the host and hostess.

Mrs. McQueen Quattlebaum left Friday to spend several days with Mr. Quattlebaum, who is engaged in government work at Columbia.

J. N. Martin and daughter, Bernice, of Marion, spent last Wednesday in Conway with relatives.

Miss Martha A. Bonham, of Anderson, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Freeman.

Mrs. E. S. C. Baker, who has been visiting her parents at Darlington, has returned home.

Mrs. J. N. Martin, of Marion, is visiting Mrs. Paul Quattlebaum.

Miss Marguerite Sessions is visiting Miss Mattie M. Price, at Loris.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Tidale, of Sumner, are visiting relatives in the city.

E. L. Westbury, a native Horryite, who has been engaged in business at Hamer, S. C., for a number of years, has moved to Conway.

Society

Martha Washington Tea A Martha Washington tea will be given at the home of Mrs. H. S. McGirt, in East Wilmington, Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock by the members of circle five of First Avenue Methodist church. Refreshments will be served free, candy will be sold and the following interesting program will be featured: Reading, Mrs. H. T. Lewis. Solo, Miss E. D. Yopp. Reading, Mrs. W. D. Quarles. Piano duet, Misses Farrar and Balance. Solo, Mrs. H. T. Lewis. Automobiles will leave the church promptly at 9 o'clock and everyone wishing to attend the tea is urged to be at the church promptly at that hour.

Business Meeting Tonight The Christian Endeavor society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock in the memorial hall of the church. Following the business meeting, a George Washington social will be held. All members of the society and their friends are invited to be present.

THE CHURCH AND ITS CRITICS

Chadbourne Chamber of Commerce Plans a Canvass of the Columbus Farms

(Special to The Star) CHADBOURNE, Feb. 20.—The chamber of commerce Friday night planned a county-wide canvass to discuss with farmers the question of reduction of acreage of cotton and tobacco. The idea is to get them to cut their crops one-half and to increase their production of food crops. The chamber has for distribution a large number of pamphlets giving statistics of the various crops for the last ten years.

Evans Hand and Miss Amber Moore were married here recently. The bride is one of Chadbourne's most popular young ladies. She has been attending Randolph-Macon for several terms. The bridegroom is a young business man of the town. They have been to Georgia on their honeymoon.

Willis, of Russell, Ky., has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pifer. He left here 20 years ago and, like other Chadbourne youngsters, has "made good" in his adopted home.

Alex Parker, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is able to be out again.

J. C. Rabon is quite sick at his home here.

D. S. Owens is visiting in Sumter, S. C.

Mrs. Pearl Scotney and W. C. Taylor are spending a few days in Wilmington.

G. W. Boyette has returned from a visit to his brother, S. A. Boyette, in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Chadbourne, who have been spending some time in Asheville, have returned home.

Mrs. J. W. Seely died suddenly Wednesday night and was buried in the family plot near Maxton, Thursday. Her husband and several children survive.

Madames Ernest Williams and Calvin Edwards, of Florence, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brown.

Mullin Wilson is spending several days in Baltimore.

Miss Dorothy and Mildred Land and Miss Nettie Wilson were recent visitors in Whiteville.

B. Lewis of Charlotte and Billie Burke, P. J. Carlton and T. I. McDearman, of Richmond, have been making a short stay in the city as guests of friends.

Dewey Hester, who is attending State college, is spending a few days here at home.

A peculiar feature of earthquakes is that they seem to undulate the ground with a twisting motion.

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THE CHURCH AND ITS CRITICS

Virility of Religion Tested by Application. He knows little or history who undervalues the resources of the past and their contribution to the life of the present, nor do we wish to be guilty of that ingratitude expressed in the line of Lowell. "Thoughts that great hearts broke for, we breathe cheaply in the common air."

But we greatly limit the scope of religious expression when we seek the credentials and assurances of the Divine only in the life of the past. Just as the faith of the past found its spiritual verities in terms that it knew, so must we seek in the forms of the life of today the assurance of God. The virility of all religion is to be found in the degree of its application to the ideals and conditions of its times, and just as God spoke convincingly to a past civilization in terms congenial to that age, so will He speak to us in terms of our ruling convictions. No fact is more indicative of the penury of our faith than the alertness with which we seek the evidences of the supernatural expressed in miraculous deeds, occurrences, and experiences, pointing to these as the supreme credentials of the divine. We demand visible proofs (which are non-spiritual) of spiritual reality. The supernatural, in the demonstration of divine power in the human realm, is not to be discounted, but equally important is the demonstration of the presence of God and the sacredness of life in terms of today's life. The deepest convictions of life are taking form in righteousness, law and service; and in these we must find the evidences of the supernatural, realizing that even in the commonplace the infinite touches our finite life. Unless we can convincingly show God at work in the life of today, no volume of "supernatural" evidence from the past can create religious reality.

Men of today are asking for living bread, not crumbs swept up from the past; they are seeking a vital, energizing faith, not a tradition. In his "Divinity School Address," Emerson made a plea for the reality and freshness of faith:

"The foregoing generations beheld God and nature face to face;—we through their eyes. Why should not we also enjoy an original relation to the universe? Why should not we have a religion of revelation to us, not the history of theirs? The sun shines today also. There is more wool and flax in the fields."

Instead of the abstract terms of the older theology, drawn from metaphysics, or logic, or law, men are seeking a more concrete—a more personal expression of Christianity. We must not forget that God has done great things for our fathers and that "the good old days" were very real, but we must also cherish the faith that God still speaks and promises large things to us. For this we need statements written out of a genuine sympathy with the past, and an intelligent understanding of its contribution to Christian progress, but also with a clear understanding of the distinctive needs of our own day, and of the special answer of Christ to those needs. This calls for insight and foresight. Our Lord's atonement is not simply "a finished work"; it is the divine fire of self-sacrifice which ever renews itself. His life is not a mere memory, but a perennial ideal at whose shrine the pilgrim hopes to realize all the beauty of his dreams.

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