

BPW Club Resumes Meetings For Season

Miss Minnie Hollowell
And Mrs. Ruth Vail
On Program

The Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club held its first Fall meeting Thursday night at the Penelope Barker Community House with Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, president, presiding.

Mrs. Nora Boyce offered a prayer, after which a delicious turkey salad plate was served the 40 ladies attending the affair. The plates were prepared by members of the hospitality committee.

The president acknowledged guests present and thanked the members of the club who gave a pint of blood during the recent bloodmobile visit, as well as the hospitality committee for the fine food. Announcement was made that a check had been received from Miss Rebecca Colwell, a former member of the club, to be applied to the club's Penelope Barker House fund. Miss Colwell was the first president of the local organization.

Mrs. Jackson announced that the district meeting this year will be held in Nashville, N. C., and urged all members who could to attend.

Miss Minnie Hollowell gave an interesting talk on the history of the Federated BPW Clubs, in which she went back to the origin of the organization and up to the present membership. Mrs. Corie White introduced Mrs. Ruth Vail, who delighted the group with several readings of poems from her published "River's Acre" as well as others of her published works.

Mrs. Josie R. Carr, public welfare chairman, presented Mrs. Clara Bond Preston as the club's selection for the "Woman of the Year for 1953". Mrs. Preston, who is by nature somewhat shy, was so surprised and overcome by the honor conferred upon her that she was unable to make the customary speech. Her bashfulness and overwhelming expression delighted the group.

Especially invited for the occasion was Mrs. Anne S. Graham, the club's Woman of the Year for 1952.

Parker Helms Attends Sales Training School

G. Parker Helms of Edenton is one of 40 agents attending the sales training school being conducted by Farm Bureau Insurance Companies of Columbus, Ohio, from September 20 to 25 at the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Helms has qualified for this school by completing the study of Book 1 and 2 of the companies' basic sales training course, which is designed to help the agent render better service to his policyholders.

In this school, which is one of a series of training courses held periodically by the companies, particular emphasis will be placed on the study of new developments in the insurance industry.

Mr. Helms is a local representative of the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

RE-ENLISTS IN NAVY

Steward 3/C Charlie Moore of Edenton has reenlisted in the U. S. Navy at the U. S. Naval Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va.

The U. S. Naval Receiving Station, under the command of Captain John Harlee, U. S. N., processes approximately 8,000 men a month on their way to and from Naval activities all over the world.

Fire Loss Doubles in Last 10 Years

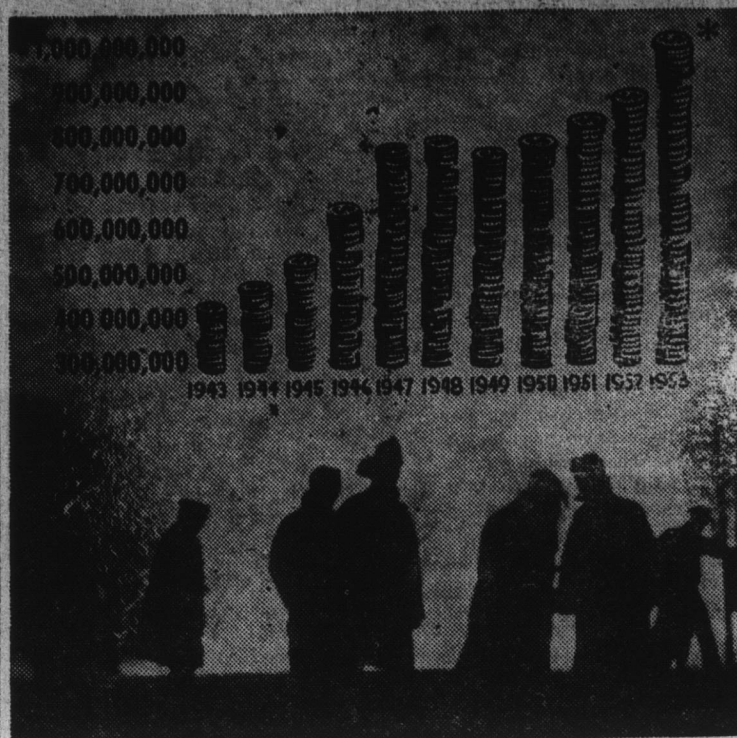
Americans are paying a shocking price for carelessness.

The National Fire Prevention Association reports that a fire loss of slightly more than \$400,000,000 in 1943 has climbed until in 1952, just ten years later, the loss exceeded \$896,000,000, partially due to inflated values. Deaths from fires totaled 12,535 in the United States and Canada.

Based upon the fire loss in the first 5 months of 1953, the NFPA predicts a loss in excess of \$900,000,000 this year. This would mean a loss of approximately \$6 per capita this year, a record peace-time high for this or any other nation.

"Americans lead all others in burning up their homes, their jobs, and themselves," the NFPA asserts and points out that at least 90 percent of the fires that take such a high annual toll in homes, on farms, and in industry can be prevented by being careful and practicing sensible living habits.

Fire Prevention Week, proclaimed by President Eisenhower and sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, will be observed this year from Oct. 4-10.



*Estimated on basis of first five months. Photo, Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union

Legion Campaign To Say Grace At Meals

Suggested Prayers Given By Various Denominations

The American Legion has undertaken a campaign to get people who eat in restaurants to say grace before meals.

As a part of its "Back to God" program the Legion has printed cards, measuring 3 inches by 5 inches, which contain prayers by a Protestant minister, Catholic father, and Jewish rabbi. Local Posts of the Legion are asked to place these cards on the menus of restaurants in their communities.

The restaurant diners are urged to pause for a moment and give thanks for the food they are about to receive. The suggested prayers are:

"Almighty Father, we thank Thee for this food. May our gratitude be shown, as we give our all in service to Thee and our fellowman, through Christ, our Lord. Amen." — Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, American Legion Department Chaplain, Henderson, N. C.

"Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen." — Father Herbert A. Harkins, Rector, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh, N. C.

"We thank Thee, O God, for these bounteous blessings, giving voice to the joyous words of the Psalmist who exclaimed 'O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his kindness endureth forever.'" — Rabbi Harry N. Caplan, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, N. C.

AT FORT JACKSON

Lyn Boswell left Tuesday for Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he will receive his basic training in the United States Army. Young Boswell was a member of last year's graduating class at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School.

JAYCEES MEET IN WINDSOR

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet with the Windsor Jaycees tonight (Thursday). President Thomas Shepard urges a goodly number of Edenton Jaycees to attend the meeting.

Holton Named To High Post In State

(Continued from Page One) and civic affairs since he came to Edenton in 1936. He is a graduate of Wake Forest, where he was captain of the Demon Deacons in 1932, 1933 and 1934. When he came to Edenton he joined the Edenton High School faculty and served as head coach.

In 1940 he gave up his school duties to join M. A. Hughes in the hardware and farm equipment business after buying out T. W. Jones' interest.

The Division of Purchase and Contract is the state's central buying agency. It purchases millions of dollars of items every year for the Highway Commission, the public school and state agencies and institutions.

N. C. Egg Production Far Above Last Year

North Carolina flocks produced a total of 105 million eggs during the

month of August, 1953. This is 15 per cent above the 91 million eggs produced during August of 1952. The total average number of layers during August, 1953, is placed at 8,068,000 or 12 per cent above the 7,208,000 monthly average number of layers during August of 1952.

The rate of lay for August, 1953, was 1,302 eggs per 100 layers. This is a 2 per cent increase over the rate for August, 1952, and is a record rate for the month. This high rate of lay and production was obtained in spite of extremely hot and dry weather conditions which are detrimental to efficient egg production.

Mrs. Clara Preston "Woman Of Year"

(Continued From Page One) first woman of the year.

Mrs. Preston, a life time citizen of Edenton and one who has helped to further stimulate the town's growth through the years, has contributed much to bigger and better merchandising. The veteran merchant says

she scarcely remembers when she was in the waning days of the Revolutionary War.

not interested in the buying and selling of goods. "My first love in the field of merchandising was that of hats," she said.

Mrs. Preston stated that when she was a little girl in pigtailed she designed and made doll hats, which she had no trouble in selling. Her sales came easy at five cents a hat. Later on she designed and made special hats for pleasure and profit. At the present time she owns and operates Preston's Ready-To-Wear Shop on Broad Street.

Mrs. Preston's religious interest centers at old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she has held membership for over half century. Her hobby is traveling. During the past summer she made a six weeks' tour of Europe where she witnessed certain phases of the Coronation procession. In years past she has visited the west coast and many other places of interest in the United States.

Another hobby is dabbling on the fringes of architecture. She designed her own home, a Colonial bungalow facing the Court House Green, whose original foundation was the Old Cus-

tom House which was used in the days of the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Preston is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bond and the widow of the late H. H. Preston.

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