

**COMING AND GOING AT THE JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL**

After the closing of the winter session at the Folk school, George Bidstrup and Mrs. Nielsen went to Farm school near Asheville for ten days to teach gymnastics and singing games; ever since Mr. Bidstrup was there two years ago have they tried to get him back. Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butwer, during a trip through North Carolina, spent two nights at Farm School and had the opportunity of watching fine exhibition of gymnastics by the 100 old boys Mr. Bidstrup had trained. They also stopped at the State College of Agriculture to interview Dr. Carl Taylor who is on the Advisory Committee of the Folk-school; it was at his request that Mrs. Campbell spoke to a Grange meeting near Raleigh on the work of the school. Dr. E. C. Branson, likewise a member of the advisory Board, was their host for one night at Chapel Hill; Mrs. Campbell and Miss Butler had met him several years ago during their studies in Denmark. Miss Butler went to Cincinnati for a week after this trip and gave several talks before Mrs. Campbell, Miss Louise Pitman, and Miss Elizabeth Gates at Knoxville where the annual conference of Southern Mountain Workers took place the end of March. The conference was more interesting than ever, one of the most significant events being an exhibition under the Southern Mountain Handicraft Guild of handicrafts from thirty-two schools and centers, splendidly directed and arranged by Mr. Allen Eaton. The articles contributed by the Brasstown Handicraft Association were very favorable commented upon.

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Butler, and Miss Gates returned to Brasstown March 28, bringing with them to their annual Directors' Meeting Dean Carroll Davis of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, Miss Edna Voss of the National Presbyterian Board, and Mr. Fred Brown of the Congregational Board. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coolidge, Mrs. Campbell's sister-in-law, drove down from Medford, Massachusetts, with their daughter June and their son Bradford, to be present at the Directors' meeting, which Col. Dillard of Murphy was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending. The Directors were delighted with the things that have been accomplished in Brasstown during the past year; they had the opportunity on Saturday night of renewing acquaintance with the good number of citizens who gathered in the Community Room for a pleasant evening of talks and conversation.

**Departures**

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Deschamps and their three children left the middle of March for a six months' visit to Mr. Deschamps' relatives in Belgium; they had a good ocean voyage, but we have had no word from them since their arrival in Brussels. Miss Louise Pitman went direct from the Knoxville Conference to her home in New Jersey; she is spending two months giving talks about the Folk school in and around Boston and around Boston and New York, and will return the end of May to be here all summer. Ten days ago Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Nielson left Brasstown for Berea College, Kentucky, where Mr. Nielson is to make butter and cheese. Brasstown was very reluctant to let them go, but Mr. Carl Jensen who came to take over the

management of the Mountain Valley Creamery is getting along very well; he is a Dane who has been two years in this country, working in New Mexico and in Iowa, and studying in South Dakota. Miss Elizabeth Gates went north this past week to be on her Connecticut farm until October when she will come back to Brasstown.

The Reverend James B. Sargent of Vermont, who became interested in rural conditions through Mrs. Campbell's book on the Danish Folk school, visited here the beginning of March; he wants very much to work out a similar plan in his own state. Three times this winter we have had visitors from Asheville Farm school; just last week Mr. Arthur Bannerman, one of the staff, came with Miss Patton of Swannanoa and Mr. Cooley, a farmer teacher, to learn as much as he could about the John C. Campbell Folk school. Mrs. E. H. James of Concord, Massachusetts, likewise came here through her interest in education, after visiting the Berry school near Rome, Georgia, and several other places. We are always on the lookout for visitors who come from far and near to look over the Folk school from the various points of view of education, agriculture, and social work; and we are glad to have them come.

**A PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, a dirty and unattractive town is repulsive to visitors and a stagnating influence to the people of our own community, as well as a menace to public health, and

Whereas, The Woman's Club and other civic organizations as well as the merchants and business men of the town have asked that a thorough clean-up campaign be conducted.

Therefore, I, Harry P. Cooper, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, the Board of City Commissioners concurring, do hereby set apart and designate the week of May 5th to 10th both inclusive, as "Clean-up and Paint-up Week," and call upon all residents of the Town of Murphy, together with all store-keepers, vacant property owners and others, to thoroughly clean their premises during the week above set out and to pile such rubbish along the streets and alleys so that the same may be hauled off and burned by the Sanitary Department of the Town.

(Signed): HARRI P. COOPER

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