

Many Organizations Have Taken Santa Claus Part

Activities of Tar Heel Women

Vocational Work To Be Enlarged In This State

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Raleigh, Dec. 24.—So many beautiful things have been written about the spirit of giving but after all is there anything that can match the lines of Lowell in "The Vision of St. Laurence": "Not what we give but what we share for the gift without the giver is bare. Who gives himself with his arms feeds three—himself, his hungering neighbor and me."

Henry Van Dyke in "The Manger" reaches lofty heights as he defines what it is that counts in life. To the great magnate, John Weightman who has asked: "But how have I failed so wretchedly in all the purposes of my life? What could I have done better? What is it that counts here?" the keeper of the gate replies: "Only that which is truly given. Only that good which is done for the love of doing it. Only those plans in which the welfare of others is the master thought. Only those labors in which the sacrifice is greater than the reward. Only those gifts in which the giver forgets himself." The story is one of our Christmas favorites. The John Weightman of the story is a self-interest and justly mentioned, adjusting his life always along approved lines, a man who played his family and those about him as though they were pieces in a game of chess. He never dropped penalties in begrudging hate for he didn't believe in indiscriminate giving, and he had his doubts in regard to the collection for foreign missions for he could see no immediate returns from the investment, but he made large contributions to public enterprises with which he could be identified. There was the "Weightman Wing of the Hospital for Cripples," there was "The Weightman Grammar-School," etc., etc., and all papers mentioned his name with praise "for his sustaining power as a pillar of finance, for his judicious benevolence, for his support of wise and prudent reform movements, for his discretion in making permanent public gifts."

All of these things were not ill done, the keeper of the gate said, but they were all marked and used for foundations for the same and mansion of John Weightman in the world. And when he came to look for the name and mansion of John Weightman in the other world, which he did one day in a dream, he found the name and mansion pitifully small and mean. He cried out: "Why have you not built it larger and fair, like the others?" And to this the keeper of the gate made reply: "That is all the material you seem to have. It is there, man, where you have failed so wretchedly and the keeper of the gate tells him that the only thing that counts here is the thing that is truly given. The dream comes to John Weightman on Christmas Eve. When he awakes he wonders what has happened—"Had he died and come to life again? Or had he only slept, and his soul gone visiting in dreams?" He finds himself in a too late and to his son to whom he has always denied his yearnings for service to humanity he gives free reign and encouragement of his plans.

O. Henry caught the spirit, too. "There are many, many others like 'The Manger' and 'The Other Wise Men' of Van Dyke that we read over and over again and of which we never tire. With the approach of the Christmas season the stories are read in the sweet intimacy of the family circle or alone. O. Henry, too, caught the spirit of Christmas giving in "The Gift of the Wise Men." The story is one of the best loved of his stories—"The uneventful chronicle," he says, "of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasure of their house." "But in a last word," he concludes, "these days let it be said," he continues, "that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are the wisest. They are the magi!"

The magi, O. Henry explained, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. In fact they invented the art of giving Christmas presents. It is a story of a young couple, very devoted to each other, who sacrificed their greatest treasures that the other might have the long planned-for Christmas gift. The husband christened with great pride the gold watch that had been his father's and grand-father's. And the wife's most treasured possession was her wonderful Della's hair. Christmas Eve is at hand and Della, the wife, finds that after all her hoarding of pennies for weeks and even months she has only \$1.87 with which to buy the platinum fob chain she has set her heart on for Jim's Christmas present. She decides to sell her hair—her greatest treasure—and with the \$20 which she receives for it, purchases the fob chain. In the meantime Jim has been struggling with the same sort of thing and finally decides to sell the cherished heirloom—his father's and grandfather's watch—that Della might have the set of beautiful tortoise shell, jeweled rim combs for her glorious hair. And then when they open up their gifts—the tortoise shell combs for Della's beautiful hair which has been cut off to buy the fob for Jim's chain and the fob for Jim's watch which has been sold to buy the combs for Della's hair—how deliciously happy they are with the sacrifice they have made for each other even if they can't enjoy the gifts. Are they foolish children? O. Henry says: "But in a last word," he concludes, "these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest."

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Many Clubs Have Played Santa Claus

For the past week North Carolina newspapers have been full of plans for the Christmas activities in behalf of the poor of the cities, homeless children and inmates of the various institutions. It would seem as if no one could possibly be left out of the Christmas giving and gayety. The people have been given their choice in the hundreds of "opportunities" offered through the columns of the daily papers and the excuse that no opportunity for service offered itself no longer holds good. Through organized charity and institutions of welfare everyone is given a chance to play Santa Claus to the needy if he honestly desires it. If the good work keeps up with the rapid rate of progress that has characterized it for the past few years the Santa Claus myth will be justified in the eyes of all and no small child will be without his toys on Christmas morn. It is only in the eyes of the pessimist that the world is going to the bad; for surely the real spirit of unselfish giving at the glorious Christmas season is becoming more and more pronounced as the years go by. "What can I do to make someone's heart happier on Christmas Day?" "How can I serve and thereby contribute to the only true Christmas joy for myself?"

It would be impossible to tell in one short story all that has been done, even a hundredth or thousandth of what has been done to bring Christmas cheer into needy homes by the good women of the state. The men's organizations give freely and willingly of their money and we couldn't do without their generous checks, but somehow the bit of holly with Christmas ribbon tied, the Christmas stickers everywhere, the gifts within selected with such infinite care, and the transfer of the actual Christmas cheer into needy homes by the good women of the state. The men's organizations give freely and willingly of their money and we couldn't do without their generous checks, but somehow the bit of holly with Christmas ribbon tied, the Christmas stickers everywhere, the gifts within selected with such infinite care, and the transfer of the actual Christmas cheer into needy homes by the good women of the state. The men's organizations give freely and willingly of their money and we couldn't do without their generous checks, but somehow the bit of holly with Christmas ribbon tied, the Christmas stickers everywhere, the gifts within selected with such infinite care, and the transfer of the actual Christmas cheer into needy homes by the good women of the state.

J. Bernard is chairman, found it way into the homes and hearts of many during the Christmas season. A committee from his department, the music department sang the Christmas carols in the county home, jail, penitentiary and other institutions. With the co-operation of the superintendent of the Wake county home a committee of club women had a tree for the inmates, a tree beautifully decorated for them as though they were children, with oranges, apples, candy and a gift for each. Miss Carrie Phillips and members of her committee spent Friday dressing the tree and that night put on one of the happiest celebrations in the history of the home. Mrs. E. B. Daniels, chairman of the shut-in committee. The following brief notice, appearing in one of the local papers a few days ago, tells the story of another celebration: "The ladies of St. Luke's home were yesterday entertained by Mrs. Edwin H. Jordan, chairman of the 'shut-in' committee of the Woman's club, assisted by Mrs. Bessie Cameron and Mrs. H. Lumsden. Christmas carols were sung and refreshments were served." The committee presented the home with a set of teaspoons and through the kindness of an individual contributed each of the dear old ladies was given her own Christmas money to do with as she wished.

The hospital committee under the leadership of Miss Gladys Dewar contributed much to the happiness of the nurses and patients during the holiday season. In memory of Mrs. W. A. Hoke, former chairman of the department, the committee sent to the hospital a pot of growing narcissus. Every nurse received a package and the patients were given fruits.

Another Christmas committee was the committee on "Friendly Co-operation with the Ex-Service Man." Mrs. L. H. Lumsden, chairman, with other members of the committee, sent a beautiful box to one of the sick nurses at Oteen. The Travelers' Aid committee of Mrs. A. B. Andrews is chairman of the headquarters of the agency at the Union Station with holly and mistletoe and other evergreens, making it cheerful and "Christmasy" looking to the passing travelers. The committee presented the agent, Mrs. Blanche Bradsher, with a gift.

With the co-operation of city and county jail officials, Mrs. M. Rosenthal and Mrs. C. M. Miller prepared 250 boxes of Christmas goods for the prisoners, with a gift and fruit and candy. There was a tree and music and story-telling and the good women who planned these pleasures for the unfortunate prisoners, all their efforts have been richly repaid. In addition to this the department took 22 "opportunities" and thus dispensed Christmas cheer to perhaps a hundred of the city's poor.

Practically all social service departments of clubs are working along these same lines during the holiday season. The needs of the community demand largely the work that is to be done in the world war. The Raleigh is only one among many clubs that is using its social service department as a channel for its Christmas activities.

Heads Committee for Wilson Foundation

Mrs. Joseph Daniels has accepted the chairmanship of the state committee for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation fund. North Carolina's quota of the million dollar memorial to Wilson being \$35,000. During the week beginning January 16, 1922, North Carolina, in line with other states, will launch a campaign to raise its proportionate share of the fund which is to be used as a memorial to the war President and the perpetuation of his ideals. The foundation is to be, in words now widely familiar, "a memorial in recognition of the national and international services of Woodrow Wilson, twice President of the United States, who gathered the cause of human freedom and was instrumental in pointing out a nationally constituted committee to the individual or group that has rendered within a specific period meritorious service to democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace through justice." In other words, America is to have its own Nobel prizes.

It is understood that the method of raising the endowment will not be the familiar "drive" of war time, but the appeal will be made more in the spirit of a free will offering. A "drive," it is believed, will not be necessary to rally Americans to the support of an American institution, created in honor of a great American, dedicated to the perpetuation of American ideals.

Officers for the state committee will be opened in Raleigh shortly and the work will be directed by Mrs. Daniels, the chairman, from the city, with the assistance of a number of prominent citizens who have pledged their co-operation. The complete organization for each county in the state will soon be announced.

Last week Mrs. Daniels visited Wilmington to confer with Dr. James Sprunt, one of Wilson's greatest admirers. From General Carr, Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt and a number of others she has received the pledge of their interest and support.

The Wilson foundation, it is understood, will be patterned somewhat after the Nobel foundation of Sweden, the income from the foundation fund to be awarded by a nationally constituted committee to the individual or group that has rendered within a specified period either of four ways: Meritorious service to Democracy; meritorious service to Liberal Thought; meritorious service to Public Welfare; meritorious service to Peace Through Justice.

while on the 11th there will be a grand rally of all federated members who can get there—this will doubtless mean the coming of dozens of interested members and state officers from nearby states. It is expected that a large number of national officers and committee chairmen will attend this mid-winter council, where many of the details relating to the fourth annual convention to be held in July at Chattanooga will be arranged. The National Federation now numbers thousands of members and is organized in forty-six states.

According to the Henderson news correspondent the civic department of the Woman's club of that city of which Mrs. James H. Brodie is chairman and Mrs. Thomas G. Horner, assistant chairman, has just completed the beautification of Breckenridge street from Chestnut to the Elmwood cemetery, more than two hundred maple trees and evergreens known as the American Arborvitas having been planted and a shrub having been placed every twenty-five feet on both sides of the street. The movement on the part of the Civic department has been a co-operative one. Led by the department about two hundred citizens contributed to the beautification of the street. City Supervisor of Public Works S. R. Chevasse took seven members of the street force and set the trees and shrubs in the ground. This is only the first number on the program of the civic department for the year, a number of other things being planned for the city's beautification.

Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, of Raleigh, state commissioner of public welfare, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Fayetteville last week. Among other things Mrs. Johnson urged the establishment of a detention home to supplement the work of the county welfare association and the juvenile court. The association went on record as favoring a home of this character. While in Fayetteville Mrs. Johnson also addressed the annual banquet of the welfare workers of the county and the monthly meeting of the Business and Professional Women's clubs.

The bill introduced by Representative W. W. Neal of Marion for the repeal of the primary didn't make much headway—in fact, it didn't even get a good start. It met its first rebuff at the committee hearing where it was reported unfavorably and there it stayed. Introduced in both houses about the last thing before adjournment Monday night, the 12th, a committee meeting was called for 9 o'clock the next morning, a very early hour for most legislators to meet and an extremely early hour for good housewives to get out, especially those interested in primaries and things. However at the appointed hour a few of the women were there. They were there to look after the interests of the rest of the women of North Carolina who want to keep the primary and who couldn't be on hand to say so. Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Mrs. Joseph Daniels, Dr. Della Dixon Carroll, Miss Elsie Kiddick and perhaps one or two others were on hand to defend the interests of the women of the state who do not want the primary law repealed and they defended the interests so finely that the bill was reported unfavorably and there it stayed throughout the special session of the legislature. The women have definitely made up their minds that they want the primary where they can vote for the nominee

of their choice. It may be faulty and far short of perfection but even then it beats the convention and the women are opposed to convention methods.

Miss Alice Womble of Raleigh, has been appointed deputy register of deeds. Having served in the office since 1911 she is very familiar with all phases of the work.

The art department of the Raleigh Woman's club held a most interesting meeting last Friday afternoon on the subject of Batiks. Miss Edith Thomas of the state department of vocational education, briefly reviewed the history of batiks, showing how they were known hundreds of years ago on the island of Java where they were used for decoration of wearing apparel. About 270 years ago the art was carried over to Holland by Dutch traders but it was not encouraged especially and fell into disuse. It has been revived there in the last ten years and in France, Germany and America has again become quite popular in the decoration of clothing and interior furnishings. Miss Elizabeth Grossman who is an expert in this art, having studied in Germany for the past four years in a school of batiks, showed how the design is first drawn, then covered in wax, and dipped successively in various dyes. She had with her a number of beautiful specimens of her work.

The highest communities in the world inhabited by white men are Tlaco and Oroya, in Peru. These towns, situated between 12,000 and 14,000 feet above sea level, are the centers of extensive American mining operations.

NOTED CLUB, SCENE OF WARM DISPUTE

It was at a famous club. Two members were in heated argument, one claiming their club served the world's best pastry. The pastry cook was called in. "Success in delicate, delicious desserts is mostly a question of extracts," he said, "our desserts are always perfect, because I use only BLUE RIBBON EXTRACTS.—adv.

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The mid-winter council of the executive board of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, incorporated, will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 9-10-11. The first two days will be given over to the business of the board,

Vocational Work In State Is Enlarged

Since the Smith-Hughes vocational education act was passed by Congress in 1917 much interest has been created in vocational education and North Carolina has taken a leading part in the development of this new and practical phase of education. Since the beginning of the work in 1918-1919 thousands of men and women in North Carolina have had the advantages offered by the classes in agriculture, trade and industrial subjects and home economics, and for working men and women the state have received their share in the day, evening classes have been formed. At the beginning of the work only one whole time man was employed; today there are eight members of the administrative staff. The vocational education board has been wholly successful in initiating this work in North Carolina, which is becoming more and more popular.

But with the passage of the industrial rehabilitation act by Congress, June 2, 1920, the duties of the federal board for vocational education and the state boards have been enlarged and it is with this important branch of the work that the major portion of this article is to deal. This newest activity of the federal education board, which comes under the department of public instruction—the industrial rehabilitation of disabled citizens—provides for the civilian population in very much the same manner as the soldiers and marines during the world war. In an article by T. E. Browne, director and secretary to the board, a number of instances are given in which disabled men have been aided by this service and helped on their way to economic independence. It might be interesting to know something of the personnel of the board. There are four members on the state board for vocational education and eight members on its executive staff as follows: Director, Dr. C. Brooks Mount; Leonard Tufts, Pinehurst; W. E. Carr, Durham. Executive staff—T. E. Browne, director and secretary to board; Miss Edith M. Thomas, supervisor home economics education; Roy H. Thomas, supervisor agriculture education; George W. Coggin, supervisor, trades and industrial education; H. L. Stanton, supervisor industrial rehabilitation; Miss Katherine Moran, assistant supervisor home economics education; H. A. Olney, assistant supervisor agriculture education; M. L. Rhodes, assistant supervisor, trades and industrial education.

Because the 1917 legislature did not make any appropriation for vocational funds not a great deal was accomplished until after 1919. The general assembly of North Carolina that year appropriated for the promotion of vocational education in North Carolina during the two-year legislative session the sum equal to the federal appropriation to the state. Mr. Brown says: "The growth of the work since that time has been limited only by the supply of qualified teachers. From the small beginnings of 1918-1919 there were in 1920-21 25 public schools in North Carolina in which vocational agriculture was taught with an enrollment of 1,310 students; there were 59 schools in which definitely organized classes in home economics were taught with an enrollment of 1,500 girls; and there were taught 168 evening classes for working men and women in which were taught 1,562 persons. In addition to the evening vocational classes in home economics, trades and agriculture, classes organized in co-operation with local school systems, in which boys and girls were induced to go back to school and take special subjects, the courses being so organized as to permit the student to work a part of the time and go to school a part. This, in brief, sums up the work of last year. With the introduc-

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