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Annual Meeting of W. M. U. of West Chowan

The Woman's Missionary Union Associational Meeting of the West Chowan Association Was Held Wednesday, July 26th, at the Ahoskie Baptist Church.

The regular annual associational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the West Chowan Association was held on Wednesday, July 26th with the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ahoskie Baptist Church. The morning session a little late was convened at 11 o'clock, however by this hour and even earlier the auditorium of the Baptist Church was well packed, people occupying even the standing room in the rear, in addition to this several of the Sunday school rooms were filled to their capacity. Oh what inspiration to the occasion did this great body of people lend by their presence! There were only a very few churches in the entire association that did not have a representation at the meeting, and many we are glad to say had a splendid delegation. What joy this gives, because we realize that the people of the great West Chowan Association are catching a greater vision of the Master's Kingdom Building. They are becoming filled with the spirit of missions, giving of Christ to the world.

Our hearts rejoiced because of the privilege we enjoyed in having so many honored guests with us, many of whom made the day a great one by their splendid addresses and musical renditions. Miss Mary Warren, corresponding secretary of the state W. M. U., held the audience spell-bound as she addressed it on the standard of excellence of the W. M. U., the goal toward which every Woman's Missionary Society strives, and no doubt after hearing Miss Warren's thrilling talk, both so informational and inspirational every W. M. U. organization of the West Chowan Association will not be satisfied with anything less than the attaining of the standard of excellence. The congregation was delighted with the beautiful solo sung by Mrs. Williams of Gatesville, accompanied by her organist Miss Eason, and again how the hearts of this great body of people were moved with the charming voice of Miss Claude Stephenson of Severn, N. C., vocal teacher in Chowan College. Yes, everyone thoroughly enjoyed her beautiful singing. How great all were to have as guests Dr. and Mrs. Preston Vann from Chowan College, and to be delighted with the splendid record of work that the great old college that has done so much for the educational and splendid uplift of this association is doing. Too, the splendid message of Miss Beryl Soulis, a Chowan College girl, in behalf of Christian education filled our people with a greater desire for attendance in our denominational schools. The West Chowan people were glad to have submitted for their acceptance resolutions presented by a Chowan College girl giving to Chowan College its proper rating as a stand and college. We don't leave the guests without mentioning just how glad we were to welcome in our meeting the Methodist ladies of the Ahoskie Methodist Missionary Society and possibly Methodist ladies from out of town Methodist Societies, and every Baptist lady who is not a member of the Ahoskie Woman's Missionary Society. How anxious are we that every woman may be enlisted in the Master's great work, in a woman's missionary organization.

To further add to the splendid program of the day, was the giving of the pageant, "The cry of new Europe" by the Ahoskie Y. W. A. This noble bunch of young ladies did themselves well in the rendering of this pageant, and no doubt added much to make every one feel that he or she had been greatly benefited by attending this splendid associational meeting.

Indeed the best is left for the last always, and so much the best was this, that it holds a place all its own, for mention of her name hasn't even been made before, for fear of not giving it just the recognition it should have, Mrs. Minnie Anderson. Words can scarcely express just the joy it was to have Mrs. Anderson, a missionary in

China, at home on her furlough present for the meeting. Indeed just her presence in the congregation with her tender words was an inspiration to all throughout the day. But the climax came when she brought her great message at the evening hour, 8:30 o'clock. Every heart was stirred as it listened to the great work she is accomplishing for the Lord Jesus in that student language school in far away China. After Mrs. Anderson told so vividly of this school, she charmed the audience by putting on the Chinese costume and displaying many of her interesting curios from China. The entire evening was one of giving a broader vision of God's great host of people and His plans and purposes for their salvation.

So far as could be judged from all appearances, the entire day was one glad joy and spiritual inspiration for all present.—Reported.

THE LAY OF THE LAND IN NORTH CAROLINA

"I guess things will come out right, or I hope so anyway". This is the average farmer's viewpoint. He is uncertain and up in the air. He can't even glimpse that tomorrow holds forth for his share. Everyone is busy with his own problems, and the hindmost—the farmer feels that the devil has about taken him.

Farm products were the first to reach pre-war price levels, and yet the producers of the nation's most essential products—food and feed, had to meet the slowly declining prices of labor and manufactured products necessary to cultivate crops. The result has been; "Losing, losing, until lost."

It is true that the average farmer made a reasonable profit in 1918 and 1919, but the 1920 losses absorbed these gains. Mr. Merchant said, "the farmer can produce cotton and tobacco at 12 cents per pound, if he will use business methods and work like other people, instead of half time only." Mr. Farmer's friend asked, "should the farmer not be allowed a salary as manager and worker of his enterprise, shouldn't he be allowed a reasonable interest on his \$20,000 capital investment, as other manufacturers do? He has been getting neither of these considerations, and yet can't produce these crops at the price."

The above situation is largely responsible for the death of young people on the farms, the discontent of farm labor, and farmers themselves. Farm land values have tumbled, while town-people continue to buy non-essentials and to add improvements, the farmers are unable to meet their debts, or to adequately clothe their families, much less buy the time-saving and essential farmer's friend, the something he should be able to "afford."

The price of farm products are better than last year, however, and perhaps the radio will aid in making the rural isolation less evident that at present. The census shows a large decrease in cultivated land compared with ten years ago. More and more land is "lying out." Less hired labor and more family help is depended on. The farmer should realize that he must find his own salvation, by seeking information as to how others can do business profitably. Then he may utilize similar means to his own advantage. First of all, he must accept it as essential that cooperative exchange of information is needed. Rather than hurting the farming industry, it but stabilizes crop and livestock prices to let the buyers and public know the truth, then demand fair play and exchange.

The business men must realize that North Carolina is essentially agricultural and prosperity of every other line is going to be directly reflected by the farmers' conditions. Salesmanship can profitably be extended to the country—outside of the town limits. Cultivate the farmer's acquaintance on the farm. Be a good listener, and help the country friend to see the leaks of farm production and of buying. The more dollars he has to spend, the more the bankers and merchants are going to handle. The interest of customers is the best ad-

OUTLOOK FOR CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA

CORN

Corn over the nation is above the average at 85 per cent of normal. The acreage remains the same and the price averages 62 cents per bushel. The state's crop is much below the average at 79 per cent of full crop condition. A slight increase is shown in the acreage, and the price averages 89 cents. The condition is three per cent less than a year ago.

TOBACCO

The tobacco crop of the nation, shows a 23 per cent increase in acreage and a condition equal to the ten-year average, whereas in North Carolina, the increase is reckoned at ten per cent in acreage, and the condition at only 69 per cent. The new belt, meaning the coastal plain counties, have had entirely too much rain for this crop, resulting in a poor outlook, which shows its worse condition in Green, Pitt and Craven, where the condition is less than 50 per cent. The counties to the north of these show very poor conditions too.

COTTON

Last year, the crop reporters reported too much decrease in the acreage, and this year they showed the same bias in too small an increase. The cotton belt shows a ten per cent increase in acreage with a condition of 71 per cent of full, or normal condition. The forecast, according to these figures indicates 11,065,000 bales. This includes 3,175,000 acres increase.

The state crop shows a thirteen per cent increase in acreage and 76 per cent in condition. The June 25th prospects was 9 per cent better than a year ago, and about equal to the ten-year average. There was an eight per cent decrease in condition during the past month, although for the belt, there was a slight improvement.

POTATOES

The Irish potato crop is much better than a year ago. The acreage is slightly increased in North Carolina, resulting in more than 20 per cent increase in the car-lot shipment in the eastern counties. The mountain counties also show some increase for the fall crop.

The condition of 84 per cent of a full crop is three per cent below the national average. The yield is 101 bushels, and the average price \$1.03. This price means about one-third more than was received a year ago.

SWEET POTATOES

The sweet potato crop shows a four per cent increase in acreage in this state, with a July 1st condition of 89 per cent. The acreage is almost equal to the six per cent increase for the United States, and our condition is practically the same as the national average. The average price of sweet potatoes is \$1.19.

FRUIT

This is one of the best fruit crops we have had in many years. The peaches are unusually good in the sand hills, or commercial area, averaging 95 per cent there, and 86 per cent over the state. The apple crop shows an average of 72 per cent, which is good for that crop. Both of these crops show conditions much above the national average. The sand hill peaches are becoming recognized as the best in the United States. There is a tremendous increase in the number of young trees. The shipments of sand hill peaches will be about 1,000 cars.

HAY CROP

There will probably be a slight increase in the acreage of hay this year, due to the heavy rainfall, and the inability to plant some crops which were intended early in the season. Soy bean seed were so cheap that the opportunity is available to a large increase to soy bean hay.

PEANUTS

The low price of peanuts has been directly responsible for the ten per cent decrease in the average of this crop in North Carolina. This condition of 78 per cent indicates that the wet weather conditions have affected this crop, as well as some others.

Tired, overworked, run-down men and women find in Tanlac just what they need to regain health and strength.—C. H. Mitchell Adv.

vertising and selling basis of all. A larger investment in rural study, instead of automobile mileage for pleasure will prove advantageous. Have a heart—use the golden rule. Let's get busy and stop finding fault.

THE HOME GOING OF MRS. J. J. FRANCIS

On Tuesday morning, July 18th, 1922, the spirit of Mrs. J. J. Francis quietly took its flight from this earth to be with her savior. Mrs. Francis was born in Murfreesboro, N. C., April the 12th, 1858 and was therefore 64 years, 3 months and 6 days old. Her maiden name was Virginia Francis Akew, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Akew.

When a girl sixteen years old Mrs. Francis joined the Hebron Baptist church. Later she moved her membership to Meherrin, of which church she remained a consistent member until her death. Mrs. Francis leaves a husband and several children with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Francis possessed many model traits of character. As a mother and wife, her chief characteristic was her devotion to her family. She was devoted to her husband and children. Ever willing to deny herself any pleasure that would add to their happiness. One of her chief joys was to live for her family, and was happy in that service of love.

Another outstanding characteristic of her life was her beautiful spirit of patience. What ever wrong was imposed upon her, she was born without any harsh word. She was always kind and gentle in her acts and words towards others, regardless of what was said to her. She knew how to forgive and forget with the same spirit with which Jesus forgave. She never harbored malice in her heart, but with a kind and gentle spirit she bore all wrongs with patience and forgiveness. The writer visited her home many times in the last months of her life. In all her afflictions she never appeared to loose patience or become discontent with her lot.

Mrs. Francis was a devoted follower of the Lord. To her religion was the primary thing in life. She knew her Lord and loved her church and longed to see others serve Him. She had a deep and abiding interest in the religious life of her husband and children. That interest never slackened until the last moment of life. It was beautiful to hear her call for the family to gather with her around the bed, while the pastor read from God's book and prayed with her only a few hours before her death. We shall never forget the joy she manifested in that hour. She was not afraid to go, but said many times she was only waiting for her Savior to come for her. I have never seen any one more resigned to the Lord's will than she was in all her suffering during the last few hours of her life.

The funeral was conducted from the home by the pastor of her church July the 19th, 1922. Then the body was laid quietly to rest in the family burying grounds near the home. Reported.

MISS BRUCE VANN ENTERTAINS.

Miss Bruce Vann entertained Friday night from eight thirty to eleven thirty o'clock in honor of her guests Misses Willie Perkins Mizelle, Ruth Knight and Henretta Grant. The spacious parlor and hall were decorated in masses of pink and white hydrangea. As the guests assembled they were served delicious punch by Mrs. R. L. Brown, who so graciously presided over the punch bowl, after which hand painted cards were presented each guest and progressive conversation was enjoyed in.

Later flowers were drawn and partners were matched for "A Flower Romance". Mr. Edward Boone and Miss Ruth Knight proved to be the most efficient in displaying their botanical knowledge and were presented the prize.

The guest were then ushered in the dining room, which was artistically decorated in pink roses and tapers which furnished a soft glow where a delicious ice course, mints and salted nuts were served.

Those enjoying Miss Vann's hospitality were; Misses Ruth Knight, Willie Perkins Mizelle, Henretta Grant, Janie Bolton and Virginia Boone, Messrs. C. C. Hunter, E. L. Boone, M. E. Whitehead, J. L. Darden, J. M. Sears, K. T. Raynor and J. B. Gatling, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Vann and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown.—Reported

You can make no mistake in following the advice of millions who have been restored to health and happiness by Tanlac.—C. H. Mitchell

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

Messrs. Rush and Curry, citizens of Greenville, are promising the traveling public satisfactory service on the Bus Line between Greenville and Wilson, recently established by them.

Joe Boeling, business man of Richmond, who retired from service as pitcher from the Washington-Americans a few years ago, is the latest addition to the pitching staff of the Greenville Blue Sox.

Wilson County's \$250,000 bond issue to provide a new courthouse and jail was defeated in an election held Saturday by a margin of 80 votes. So close was the vote that the complete figures were necessary before the result was determined.

W. P. Smith, native of Graham, Secretary and Treasurer of Smith-Williamson Candy Co., of Burlington, who for a number of years was Treasurer of Albemarle County, died in New Sanitorium, Charlotte, Sunday afternoon.

When two automobiles crashed, about ten miles from Raleigh, on the Fayetteville road, last Sunday afternoon, Miss Patty Dorret, of Simms, was thrown through the windshield of one of the cars and almost instantly killed. The accident occurred when the car in which Miss Dorret was riding attempted to pass another car. In passing, the car almost went in the ditch and in an effort to keep it out of the ditch, it was swung around so that it crashed into the other car. Miss Dorret was thrown through the windshield and slivers of glass almost severed her head from her body. Other occupants of both cars were unhurt.

Mrs. Lydia Mary Olive, of Apex, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. John M. Harry, of Charlotte, Saturday night. She was 77 years of age. Mrs. Olive suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago on the right side, from which she apparently recovered. About ten days ago she became ill and suffered another stroke, from which she was never able to rally.

Rewards have been offered for the return of a seven passenger Studebaker, "Big Six" touring car and an Essex roadster, which disappeared in the epidemic of automobile purloining on South Salisbury Street, Raleigh Saturday night.

With an appropriate address, Dr. C. S. Laurence, president of the Lions Club, of Winston-Salem, presented the Lions Club of Albemarle, which was organized a few months ago, with its charter, at the charter banquet held Friday night at the Central Hotel, of Albemarle.

Co-operative potato marketing is now a reality in eastern North Carolina. A committee composed of representatives of the association from Bethel, Rocky Mount, Nashville, Smithfield and Goldsboro, have formed a permanent organization under the rules and regulations of the charters just issued to the local organizations of the above mentioned towns.

According to reports, it is expected that the new steel bridge across lumber river, 3 1-2 miles from Lumberton, on the Wildcat highway, will be completed and ready for traffic in about three weeks.

When a Ford car which he was driving, Thursday night, left the road and struck a stump, Morris Biggs, young white man who lives in Lumberton, lost two teeth and suffered other bruises and cuts. It is said he was driving at fast speed. The car was badly damaged.

A demonstration of the portable gravity soda fountain, manufactured by the Gravity Carbonating Co., of Kinston, was staged in Lumberton last week, by L. K. Wooten and S. F. Bayles, distributors. This new invention is unique in construction and operates perfectly with fewer parts than the average fountain.

George Barringer, alleged slayer of D. H. Cato, both of Concord, is being held in the county jail of that place, by order of a coroner's jury which met Monday night, and after examining several witnesses, reached a decision that Cato came to his death by being struck on the head by a blunt instrument in the hands of Barringer. Cato was fatally wounded when the men were engaged in a fight Saturday night, and died Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Landreth, of Yadkin County, who with her seven-year-old child was riding in the side car of a motorcycle driven by her husband, Sunday, was almost instantly killed, when Mr. Landreth lost control of the machine and it turned over in a ditch. The father has two broken ribs, while the child escaped serious injury.

A curiosity that attracted hundreds of people in Kinston, Monday, was a white oak or poplar leaf snake, caught on the road by a daring autoist and placed in a show window of a local store in that city. A trap was set and a rat caught for the snake's dinner. The rat was placed in the window with the snake and in a clinch, used his teeth effectively. It bit the snake severely and the five foot reptile crawled off and died. The rat, apparently in the best of health until it bit the snake, lost its vigor and retreated to a corner. Both the rat and the snake were dead in a short while.

Low bids on twenty highway projects, with an aggregate mileage of 179.65 of both gravel and hard surfaced construction totaled \$3,478,370.89 when the State Highway Commission completed the tabulation of bids received in Raleigh Tuesday. The new mileage under contract will bring the total in the last three years past the 2,500 mark and will leave less than 100 miles to go in the 1920 goal of 1,000.

The large tent where the second annual Carolinas Sandhills Peach Show was held Tuesday, was comfortably filled with more than 2,000 visitors during both the morning and afternoon programs. The argument that this is a record-breaking crop, was backed by activities at the orchards only a few miles away, where the crop was being prepared for shipment from lands that a few years ago were wastes.

C. B. Aycock, a resident of near Fremont, is alleged to have been held up and robbed Tuesday morning about one o'clock, by Jack Potter, alias Sullivan, at the Wilson stockade. Sullivan struck Mr. Aycock with a pistol and took his watch and made a clean getaway with his five passenger Ford.

The thirty-fifth annual convention and tournament of the North Carolina State Firemen's Convention, began in Morehead City Monday night with a banquet given at the Woodmen's Hall. That city was gay with banner-strung streets and stores decorated with hundreds of flags to greet the delegation of five hundred firemen who attended the association from all parts of the state. The next convention will be held in Durham, next year.

Meetings are being held every night this week in the Scotland Neck section, where the business men and local Chamber of Commerce are preparing for the invasion of the boll weevil, expected in that section of the state next year. Well informed men on this subject are making talks in the various townships adjacent to Scotland Neck each night.

D. J. Whichard, one of the most widely known newspaper men in the state, who was editor of the Daily Reflector, from 1885, until elected as local postmaster, died at his home in Greenville Tuesday. He was 59 years old and leaves a widow and five children.

C. R. McLeod, who lives in St. Pauls township, Robeson County, was taken from his home by eight masked men Monday night, and given a severe whipping. T. N. Sibbett and John Pitman, both of the St. Pauls cotton mill village, were arrested and are in jail in Lumberton, charged with having a hand in the affair.

Anderson Stroud, charged with peeping through the window of a flat on South Person Street, Raleigh, was convicted Tuesday morning and sentenced to 30 days on the Wake County roads, by Judge Harris.

Seventy-five editors and their wives, headed for the Golden Jubilee Convention of the North Carolina Press Association were met at Kings Mountain Tuesday, taken from their trains by a delegation of Shelby folks in automobiles and escorted across country to the Cleveland Springs Hotel, where the program started Wednesday morning.