

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

Excerpts From Report in News and Observer of Farmers' Convention in Raleigh Last Week.

HOW TO MAKE A NEIGHBORHOOD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN

The afternoon session presented what was perhaps the most interesting and the most instructive program of the entire convention when Dr. Clarence Poe talked about how to make a neighborhood a better place to live in; Dr. E. C. Branson talked about the country church; Dr. E. C. Brooks talked country high schools; Prof. Roy H. Taylor talked vocational education, and Mrs. Jane McKimmon talked about how to feed people.

Man's supreme needs are represented by the three B's," Dr. Poe quoted from a conversation he once had with Edwin Markham—"Bread, Beauty and Brotherhood." Around that thought Dr. Poe built his entire consideration of the subject of making a neighborhood a better place to live in, and in working it out he used 16 general rules. His 16 thoughts were as follows:

- 1. We need more beauty in rural architecture.
2. Let's make the South a land of painted farmhouses.
3. Let's make the home grounds beautiful.
4. Our fields and forests need better care.
5. Church buildings and school buildings should be the most beautiful in the community.
6. Teach every citizen that he should remember his community in his will.
7. Every farmer should be a member of some local organization.
8. More music is needed for country homes and communities.
9. Worthy pictures for country homes.
10. More books and papers are needed in country homes.
11. All boys should be enrolled in club work.
12. Every neighborhood should have a community fair.
13. Encourage a knowledge of local history.
14. Every school should have annual commencement exercises.
15. We need more emphasis on rural recreation.
16. The home life of the individual farmer should be made more attractive.

The Country Church Although he expressed surprise that he, a layman, should be asked to talk about the country church and its relation to the community, Dr. Branson was but a moment in convincing his audience that the invita-

tion committee had picked a man who knows a lot about country churches and country life in general. He laid the foundation of his speech on the incident of a farmer friend who is selling out everything that he has because the church and the school in his community have gone to nothing. Three hundred rural townships, with 3,700 churches and 2,700 preachers are in the backwaters of the State's civilization, putting up an unequal fight to keep abreast of the time, he declared. He recalled a recent visit to an old country church that used to have 350 members and now has less than thirty. Life in that community has grown stale, its people have fled the community to the towns where they can get so-called advantages.

Upon the country church depends the life of the community, not only in religious life, but social and agricultural well being, and upon these back-place springs, civilization must levy for new strength. He challenged the citizens of these communities, and the leaders of church work to bolster up the work of these churches.

"The zeal of religious devotion, aroused nowhere outside the church, will alone solve the problem of illiteracy. 'Secular schools cannot do it. It will require these churches, which are the real centers of the spirit of the community, to combat this problem of illiteracy in North Carolina.' The Country High School

The purpose of the country high school is dual, Dr. Brooks said. It is to provide intellectual, social and vocational development for adults through community efforts as well as for the youth. The organization of high schools instead of many small country schools, is effected through consolidation, or moving all the children ready for high school training to a central point. The cost, he demonstrated, is no greater in a centralized school than the per capita cost of maintaining high school teachers in several smaller schools.

Mr. Taylor, discussing the work of vocational training in country high schools, teaching applied agricultural science by actual demonstration and not alone by text books, made a brief and forceful presentation of the work to which he is giving his time.

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, speaking last on the program, was brief, but in the ten minutes that she was talking, crowded more into the time than any of the men who had preceded her had been able to compress into a sixth of an hour. Women are teaching men how to speak, as well as to do a lot of other things. She talked about how to eat.

Nobody over 40 or under 21 can afford to neglect their diet, she de-

clared, and few people between these ages can either. Eating is about the most important thing people do, and the thing to which they give least thought. She talked about vitamins, and preached the doctrine of "pot-licker" in a fashion that delighted her country hearers.

Governor Vigorously Defends His Views and Denounces a Newspaper. Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Vigorously defending his views and consequent stand on the coal and railroad strikes, Governor Morrison went before today's opening session of the North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's convention with a forceful



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appeal for a return to constitutional principles of government.

Designating the federal government as an agency chiefly responsible for foreign relations, and so inefficient in this that it could not bring back from Canada a negro criminal, he declared President Harding and the republican administration has set up a plan of "Leninism and Russian dreamism" in dealing with the coal and rail situations.

The executive clearly was disturbed, principally over some newspaper criticism which has been leveled at him without consideration of his actual views or based on false newspaper reports. He was at outs with at least one newspaper and he did not hesitate to call names.

The daily in question was The Greensboro News, to which he contributed some very uncomplimentary phrases, calling its staff a "menagerie of editorial writers" who "before the primary misrepresented me every day, and who now content themselves with misrepresenting me every week."

He was greatly displeased with an

editorial in that paper this morning characterizing his stand on law enforcement as beautiful, like a \$20 Confederate note, but as worthless as this late species. This formed the basis of his vigorous and unrelenting attack on the daily.

He took no exception to disagreement with his policy among editors who had shown him the courtesy to speak at least respectfully. The Greensboro daily, he declared to his audience of 800 or more farmers and farm women, had spoken of him as though he were not a human being, using a degree of ironical viciousness that demanded a defense from even a public official.

With "Back to the Constitution" as his appeal to these representatives of the basic industry of the country, Governor Morrison declared his stand with the constitution and with the law, asking if these are as worthless as a \$20 Confederate note.

"I stand on the very same principles I put in my platform when I ran for governor," he declared, going on with the statement that this

called for law enforcement and putting the question as to whether the usurpation of power by the President of the United States against the law was enforcing the law.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

Masked Men Took Cumberland Health Officer to Sick Woman's Home.

Dr. E. W. Larkin, superintendent of health of Cumberland county and the city of Fayetteville, was called to the door of his home in Fayetteville Saturday night a week ago by 3 masked men, who asked him to go with them to see a sick woman. The doctor says he got in a car with the men, was taken to the home of a Mrs. Lovett and requested to give her \$5 and to see if he could render medical assistance. The 3 masked men, said the doctor, gave the woman \$5 and a bushel of groceries, which were needed. The woman has been sick since March and a daughter had been trying to nurse her mother and support both of them by working in a mill.

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