

Terraced Lands Stood The Test

High Point.—Despite the most severe weather conditions known to this section in decades, terraces built by the Soil Conservation Service have stood the test, according to a recent survey conducted under the direction of J. A. Muncey, chief agricultural engineer of the Soil Conservation Service.

"Terraces are designed and constructed," says Mr. Muncey, "to fit the needs of the sloping farm land of the Piedmont. They are built wide enough to permit cultivation and high enough to carry the maximum rain occurring in a ten-year period."

"It would be an easy matter," he explained, "to build all terraces to cover all unusual rains, but the expense of construction and maintenance, as well as their size, would render them highly impractical. By proper cropping methods such as contour tillage—with rows running parallel to the terraces and ordinary care in breaking the land, the terraces can be maintained in good condition. This fact is evidenced by the extremely small percentage of damaged work found in the Deep River area. It is felt that as the new methods of contour tillage and proper methods of plowing are better understood, the small amount of terrace damaging will be eliminated."

Reports of the Soil Conservation Service show that two years ago there were less than 200 acres of terraced land. Where a small wash occurs now due to an overtopped terrace, hundreds of pounds of topsoil, which under the old system would have been lost, is held on the land. The terracing program, dove-tailed in with the other practices of forestry, agronomy, wildlife conservation and soil studies, is expected to contribute immeasurably to the restoration of farm lands in this section.

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College Trustees Hold Annual Meeting

Announcement Of New Award Made

(From The Pioneer)

The trustees of Catawba college met in annual session Feb. 25th at the institution with Edgar Whitener, of High Point, chairman, presiding over the session. A good attendance was noted, and a number of matters were before the board for consideration.

Dr. Howard R. Omwake, president of the college, rendered his fifth annual report on the work of the college and brought attention of the trustees to many phases of an ever-growing program.

"In my opinion, the last year has been the year of greatest academic accomplishment since I have been connected with Catawba college," he said. "The faculty is uniformly efficient; there are no weak spots... the welfare of the students is the major concern of our teachers and the sparing of self never seems to occur to them. From academic circles in the state, in the south and in the north, I have heard much favorable comment on the work of the institution. This is due entirely to the able and devoted members of the faculty and administrative staff."

Dr. Omwake impressed upon the trustees that the big objective ahead now is to build up the endowment of the college to the point where further dependence upon church support becomes unnecessary.

"The academic machine is functioning well, and considerable momentum has been attained. It cannot be kept at the present high level without adequate financing, and this necessity need not disturb us," he declared.

The work of the promotional director, the Rev. John C. Peeler, was described, and reports on his activities were rendered. The reports showed that efforts are being made to collect unpaid pledges to the college when it was established here over 10 years ago, and new gifts are being solicited.

Dr. Omwake recommended to the trustees that departments of maintenance and promotion be established. The former will be under the direction of the secretary of the college, while the latter will be directed by the promotional director. The president and other members of the administrative staff will lend co-operative assistance in all phases of these programs.

Dr. Omwake called the attention of the trustees to the necessity for adopting a new plan of naming members of this board inasmuch as the Reformed church and the Evangelical Synod of North America recently merged. The present charter provides that 18 of the 24 trustees shall come from the classis of North Carolina, but in order to give all branches of the church proper representation, changes must be made, he told the trustees.

The registrar's report showed 388 students enrolled, a new all-time high mark, said Dr. Omwake. North Carolina leads with 255, Pennsylvania is second with 92 students.

Studying for the ministry are 24 students, while 36 were on the honor roll for the first semester, "a good standard exhibit," said the president. A brief survey of academic work showed that failures were less than in previous years and better work had been done. This improvement was attributed to some extent to a new system of classroom attendance which eliminates excuses for absences, and requires students to make up their work when permitted to do so by the faculty. The result has been an improvement in scholarship and attitude towards study, he said.

The college is trying to aid worthy students in meeting their expenses, continued Dr. Omwake, and at the present time 79 are being aided. Through the National Youth Administration, 50 others are getting some help through various activities.

The college has been made a depository for all books published in the English language by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the library is distributing these. This honor has come largely through the efforts of Dr. A. K. Faust, professor of history and social science, stated Dr. Omwake. These books and pamphlets constitute a valuable addition to the library which now contains 14,400 volumes aside from government publications.

Announcement was made of an award by Mrs. H. B. Diefenback,

of Akron, Ohio, in honor of the memory of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Conrad Zartmen. The prize is \$25 to be awarded annually to the woman of the sophomore class among those receiving scholarship aid in any form, who makes the greatest improvement in the sophomore year over the freshman year, general development to be taken into account as well as scholarship. The prize is to be applied to tuition charges for the junior year. In case the winner does not return, the next in line will be so rewarded.

Dr. Omwake paid tribute to the activities of the faculty in professional societies and clubs, the studies, papers, and other programs rendered. He also noted the fine work being done by Dr. Ernest Derendinger in the field of history and appreciation of art throughout the state and particularly among school teachers.

Plans for the future development of the campus, in relation to the growing needs of the college, were discussed, and committees recommended to make surveys and studies for action at a later date.

The trustees were entertained at lunch by Dr. and Mrs. Omwake at the president's home.

Beautiful Homes Mold Character

Beauty in one's surroundings becomes a part of one's life, character, and personality. It should not be set apart for only occasional enjoyment.

The homemaker who can select and arrange furnishings to make a room more beautiful is an artist, said Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in home management at State College.

"If your home has charm and distinction, it must be comfortable and convenient, soothing to the mind and productive of an inner contentment," she stated.

"Have you ever entered a room that has gaudy-flowered walls, showy lace curtains, bright rugs, over-decorated vases and lamps? What type of person do you expect to find living in such a room?"

"And what kind of people do you think would live in a room with soothing ivory walls, soft mellow lights, rugs with subdued and harmonious coloring, quiet draperies, comfortable chairs in front of a fire, plenty of books, and a few good pictures?"

If your home is to be pleasant and attractive, it must be "home-like," Miss Gordon pointed out. The woman who has a home of charm must make it livable.

Do not overcrowd a room with furniture, or hang pictures all over the walls. Objects which have no practical use should be placed in a room only when needed to bring in color and interest.

Furnishings should be grouped for convenience. In the living room should be a place for conversation, a place for reading with adequate, well shaded lights, a place for writing, and maybe a place for singing or playing music. The room as a whole should be restful and pleasant.

BANK OFFICIALS NAMED

Atlanta—Oscar Newton and Robert S. Parker were elected to the newly created positions of president and first vice president, respectively, of the sixth district (Atlanta) Federal Reserve bank at a special meeting of the board of directors Tuesday.

DANIELS SILENT ON ATTACK

Mexico City—Ambassador Joseph Daniels of the United States declined comment on a speech made in New Haven by Martin H. Carmody of the Knights of Columbus criticizing the ambassador.

Nervous, Weak Woman Soon All Right

"I had regular shaking spells from nervousness," writes Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Paragould, Ark. "I was all run-down and cramped at my time until I would have to go to bed. After my first bottle of Cardui, I was better. I kept taking Cardui and soon I was all right. The shaking quit and I did not cramp. I felt worlds better. I gave Cardui to my daughter who was in about the same condition and she was soon all right."

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"I am 76 years old. I borrowed \$2,200 in 1924, for which I paid 12 per cent, interest up until three years ago when I just couldn't pay it. Now the man I got the loan from claims I owe him \$2,200 and is about to foreclose and sell my farm where I was born and raised three children, all of whom are able to help me now. My two girls are school teachers and my boy is a fair mechanic."

This was the story of a gray-haired colored man, related to the Farm Debt Adjustment advisory committee in Mercer County, Kentucky, according to a report received by W. Kerr Scott, regional FDA chief, Resettlement Administration, Raleigh.

The sympathy of the committee for the aged Negro was aroused, the report stated. The group called in the creditor and did a little plain talking. The colored farmer had a loan commitment from the Federal Land Bank for \$900, of which \$300 was to be used for repairing buildings. The creditor was advised to withdraw the foreclosure proceedings and accept the balance of \$600 from the Land Bank loan as settlement in full on the \$2,200 note. The creditor accepted the proposition and the colored man's home was thus saved.

David S. Martin, district FDA supervisor, who reported the case, was strong in his praise of the advisory committee. One of the committeemen, he stated, was a banker, whose bank held a large

deposit of the creditor who was attempting to foreclose on the aged colored man. Despite this fact, the banker took a leading hand in obtaining justice for the farmer by firm treatment of the creditor.

Poets Still Write But Sales Are Low

New York.—The poets are not discouraged.

Poetry may not sell, but when a call went out recently for representative poetry by women, nearly 40,000 poems were submitted. A selection of 20,000, by 1,300 poets from every state in the union, was made and published in the anthology called "Contemporary American Women Poets."

Nevertheless, publishers maintain, with certain notable exceptions poetry just can't be sold. These publishers point unabashed to their stock shelves as proof.

Nor is there a distinction between urban and small town readers in the matter, with a few exceptions. Jingly verse such as that of Ogden Nash and Margaret Fishback sells, better, publishers declare, in big towns than in small.

On the other hand, Edna St. Vincent Millay, probably the best selling American poet, sells fairly evenly through the land. According to the sales manager for Miss Millay's publisher, when a new Millay book is announced it is ordered about on the scale of a new novel by a popular novelist.

Sara Teasdale and Miss Millay

appeal, their publisher believes, especially to college students and young people generally. Edwin Arlington Robinson's poetry appeals equally to townsman and countryman; it sells better in Maine proportionately, than anywhere else. Edgar Lee Masters best market is the middle west, and Robinson Jeffers' largest audience is on the west coast.

Poetry used to sell better than now according to Ellior B. McKee. But some of the Millay sales figures would make even an old time poet envious.

Her best, so far, has been "Fatal Interview," which topped \$6,000. Next best is "The Harp Weaver,"

only a thousand less. "Buck in the Snow" is third with 47,000, and somewhat surprisingly "The King's Henchman" has gone so far to 40,000. The publicity attendant upon Deems Taylor's operatic setting of the latter helped it, doubtless.

More than 36,000 people have bought "Wine from These Grapes" since its publication in the fall of 1934, some of them paying as high as \$50 for the privilege.

EDUCATOR DIES

Memphis, Tenn.—Brother Leander, 78, educator who had taught in Christian Brothers college here since 1885, died Tuesday after a short illness of influenza.



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