

## METHOD FOR COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

Washington, D. C., March 3.—A scheme for the organization of rural communities for both business and social purposes is worked out in an article which is to appear in the forthcoming Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture, and which has already been printed as a pamphlet for the use of the Department's Office of Markets and Rural Organization.

The scheme calls for ten committees, five of which are to deal with business needs, and five with social needs. Every member of the organization is to serve on some one of these committees. In addition, there is to be a central or executive committee composed of the President of the organization, its Secretary, its Treasurer and the Chairman of the ten other committees. This central body is to direct the general policy of the organization, raise all funds and control their expenditures. The committees that are to deal with the business interest of the community are as follows:

- 1.—Committee on Farm Production.
- 2.—Committee on Marketing.
- 3.—Committee on Securing Farm Supplies.
- 4.—Committee on Farm Finance and Accounting.
- 5.—Committee on Communication and Transportation.

Similarly, the five committees that attend to the community's social interests will deal with:

- 1.—Education.
- 2.—Sanitation.
- 3.—Recreation.
- 4.—Recreation.
- 5.—Household economies.

The work of most of these committees is indicated sufficiently clearly by their titles; for example, the committee on production can do much good by increasing the brands of live stock in a community through co-operative purchases of pure-bred males. It can encourage the formation of corn, poultry, pigs, cattle, canning and gardening clubs which have already demonstrated their value in the sections where they have been established; and it can carry on useful studies of the type of agriculture best fitted to local conditions.

In the same way, the committee on marketing can secure the standardization of the community's products and thus obtain better prices than are possible when nondescript goods are dumped upon the market. The committee can also search out the best markets, make contracts on a large scale which will be more favorable than any individual can secure for himself, and in many other economies in the selling of the community's goods. Even if co-operative marketing is not actually resorted to, the information which the committee collects can hardly fail to be of great assistance to the individual shippers.

Just as the committee on marketing can facilitate selling, the committee on farm supplies can economize in buying. Farmers are warned, however, not to underestimate the cost of running a store or commercial agency, and not to overestimate the saving which this can effect. The co-operative society, of course, does away with the necessity of the store's making a profit, but somebody must manage the store and that somebody must be paid for his time. His salary, therefore, corresponds in a way to the ordinary store's profit, and it is not always possible to secure a good man for less than he would be able to make for himself. There are several methods of purchase of farm supplies co-operatively which will be found to be of advantage. The simplest is the joint order, in which a group of farmers order a given article in large quantities, thereby effecting a considerable saving in the expense of handling commissions, etc. Sometimes when this method is adopted a warehouse is added which is owned or rented co-operatively, and in which the goods are stored until the associated purchasers need them.

If these two methods have been tried and found successful, it may be desirable to carry them out to their logical development and conduct a co-operative store which renders to its members several days in the city.

## STATE-WIDE CONTEST OF HIGH SCHOOLS

(S. R. Winters.) Chapel Hill, March 3.—A great interest in North Carolina is being aroused and maintained in the approaching State-wide contest of the High School Debating Union. This interest embraces in its scope boys and girls, men and women, schools, rural communities, small towns, and large cities.

Two hundred and fifty schools, representing 90 counties of the state, with one thousand debaters, all told now have their earnest attention and effort centered on the triangular debates which will occur on March 26. All of the schools winning both of their triangular debates will send their teams to Chapel Hill on April 9 to compete in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. This cup is the trophy which the inter-collegiate debaters of the University have provided for the school which wins out finally. It was won in 1913 by the Pleasant Garden high school and in 1914 by the Winston-Salem high school.

The question to be discussed this year is one of much timeliness: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade." At present only 2.9 per cent of American shipping is carried under the American flag. The high school debaters in their eager search for vantage ground in the debates will thoroughly thresh out the subsidy as a means of building up the marine. It must be that these debates will have a wonderful instructive effect upon the 50,000 or more North Carolinians who will make up the total audience.

As a part of the State University's policy of extending its helpfulness to every section of North Carolina, the High School Debating Union takes high rank. It is safe to say that this series of debates will be the largest in size and most far-reaching in influence of all debate series to be held in the various states of the Union this year.

Inquiries from other states as to the nature and conduct of the Debating Union come regularly to Secretary E. R. Rankin. From the State universities of Virginia, Florida, Kentucky and California have come inquiries about North Carolina's system of debating. The University and the high schools have given to the State a debate system which serves as a standard wherever it is known.

The Washington High School is in a triangle with the New Bern and Elizabeth City High Schools.

### MRS. KNOX

On Saturday morning, February 27th, death entered the home of Mr. J. B. Knox at Robersonville, N. C., and took from him his devoted wife, Mabel, the daughter of Mr. T. A. Phillips of this city. Her suffering was only for a few hours. Although she realized that death was near, she was prepared and willing to go. All was done for her by her physician and friends that could be done, but Jesus was the only physician that could heal her. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church of this city. She leaves a heart broken husband, faithful two sisters, two brothers, step-children, a little girl three years old and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Her home is vacant, Oh, how lonely! Her voice we no longer hear, her spirit took its flight over yonder where there is no more tears.

Written by a Friend.

### THE LOCAL MARKET PROBLEM

Here is a local market demand, and a market problem that needs to be solved. The farmers will need food products abundantly, if they can convert them readily into cash at a fair profit, and not otherwise. The market problem is solved, when farmers get more for their products and consumers get more for their money. Here is the acid test of success everywhere.

### IN THE CITY.

President Elder C. L. Head arrived yesterday morning from Winston to spend several days in the city.

## THE SENATE WANT PEOPLE TO DECIDE

Raleigh, N. C., March 3.—By a vote of twenty-six to twenty-two, the Senate yesterday determined to throw upon the people of North Carolina the responsibility and burden of any further whiskey legislation. As to whether or not this shall be done, will be dependent upon the action of the House of Representatives on the Stubbs amendment as doctored by Senator Gilliam to submit the question of prohibition of shipment and delivery of liquor into this State to the electors on the first Tuesday in August, 1915. After this amendment was adopted by the margin of four votes, the Senate passed the bill as amended with forty-three yeas and but five noes.

The amended bill passed its third reading in the Senate yesterday at 1:15. Practically the entire session had been taken up in the discussion of the measure. For several days the sentiment in favor of referendum of the bill has been growing in strength in the Senate. It had been understood in the beginning that the Republicans would probably stand by the bill without amendments and a speech was expected from them on the side of the bill. Instead, Senator Jones of Lincoln closed the debate on Monday night with a cutting, slashing argument for referendum and yesterday morning every Republican lined up for a referendum, and having the balance of power on this vote their ballot did the work to a man they then voted for the amended bill.

The vote was first taken yesterday morning on the amendment offered by Senator Jones to insert the word "knowingly" in the clause of the bill which makes it a misdemeanor to transport liquor into this State. The effect of the amendment is to exempt innocent agents of the violation of the law, as, for example, when a railroad company ships what appears to be a barrel of molasses and it develops that it is a barrel of beer. The amendment was adopted and the vote recurred on the amendment of Senator Stubbs to submit the bill to a vote of the people as amended by Senator Gilliam that this vote shall be taken on the first Tuesday in August, 1915. Twenty-six to twenty-two was the vote by which it carried.

### TO THE LADIES

I wish to announce that I have opened my millinery store next to Dr. Rodman's office and now am ready to serve you in anything you need in this line. Your patronage is solicited.

MADAME LITTLER, 3-3-Stic.

### FOR NORFOLK.

Mr. Jno. A. Tucker manager of the Louise Hotel, left yesterday morning for Norfolk, Va., on a business trip.

### WILL MEET TOMORROW.

The W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Bettie Farrow. Please notice the change of time and place.

### FROM BELHAVEN.

Messrs. Miller, J. N. Paul, Rudolph Selby and R. T. Martin of Belhaven were Washington visitors yesterday.

### CHOCOWINY NEWS.

There will be a basket party at the public school house on Friday, March 5th.

We have organized a Sunbeam Society at the Chocowinity Baptist Church and meet at the church every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come and take part with us.

There will be a picnic at the close of the Chocowinity school, which will be on Wednesday the 10th. We hope that everybody will come and bring dinner.

Mr. Hafmon Taylor and Miss Madeline Moses were out driving Saturday.

## THE STATE TO PURCHASE MT. MITCHELL

Raleigh, N. C., March 3.—Passing the Senate bill appropriating \$20,000 to purchase Mount Mitchell and providing for the establishment of a park on that historic spot, refusing to concur in the Senate amendments to the revenue bill, killing the easy divorce bill which started North Carolina in the direction of "Renolizing" this Commonwealth, adopting the bill of Mr. Thomas providing for an amendment to the Constitution, making uniform in civil cases the jurisdiction of magistrates, tabling the bill giving Wake county two additional commissioners, regaled by an animated fish discussion bordering on the personal, the House yesterday disposed of a great number of local bills and proceeded toward closing the books, looking toward adjournment, which in the natural course of events is bound to come in less than ten days time.

The fish squabble started over the report of Chairman Laughinghouse of the fish committee who reported the bill establishing a State Fish Commission favorably. Mr. Davis wished the bill referred to the committee claiming that the members opposed to the bill had not had a square deal. Mr. Laughinghouse said he had tried to be fair and in this he was backed up by Mr. Currier of Cumberland, and Mr. Mayo of Beaufort, both members of the committee. Mr. Hampton of Currituck complained that he had been run over by the "steam roller" but the unshot of the whole business was that the bill went on the calendar the issues to be fought out on the floor of the House at the night session.

Mr. Bowman moved to reconsider the bill amending the divorce laws of the State which passed its third reading Saturday and which on motion of Mr. Vann was recalled from the Senate Monday. Mr. Byram author of the bill fought reconsideration and was supported in his argument by Mr. Grier. The motion to reconsider prevailed by a vote of 52 to 40 and on third reading the bill failed to pass by a vote of 42 to 40.

### WANTS EXAMINATIONS FOR DRIVERS OF AUTOMOBILES

To the Editor:—It seems to me that while the Legislature is passing laws for everything else, from a chicken's scratching gardens to the anti-shipping law, that they certainly could do one more good thing in passing a law requiring an auto driver to stand an examination and pay a State tax for the privilege of driving a car. There are only two things responsible for the majority of auto accidents which occur almost daily. That is, speed mania and incompetent drivers. I am writing from both experience and close observation, and I cannot become reconciled to the fact that many, yes I dare say, the majority of owners of cars will employ an ignorant negro or an incompetent white man to drive that car, when, nine times out of ten, they know nothing whatever about it, but how to start, how to stop and how to give it speed. It is passing strange that a man will not only turn over his car to such a driver, but will put his wife and children and friends in the hands of such a man.

Do you suppose any one would feel safe on a railroad train if they knew the engineer had never been on his job two months? Well, he would be safer than any are in a car along the country road, driven by the average hired driver, simply because the train is on a track, and is not liable to turn turtle, when a reckless driver of an auto is liable to all sorts of accidents.

I have driven a car for two years day and night, and it is surprising how little idea a good many people have of speed. This accounts for the prevalence of speed mania which possesses so many drivers, especially along a pretty country road. Nearly every day there pass autos by my home running faster than I ever saw the Southern train run, and I am not surprised at accidents, but I am surprised that there are not ten times more. A speed of twenty-five miles an hour is a pretty good clip, and fifteen at night is all that should be allowed. A thoroughly competent driver, with a clear head, steady nerves and good eyes might take the road at a forty or fifty mile pace, but the average driver knows just as much about safety in driving a car at break neck speed as I would know about how to manage an airplane, crossing the English channel. At a safe and sane speed a car is not easily turned over, but the more rapidly it is moving the more easily it is capsize, and the smaller the obstruction needs to be with the number of autos increasing and the number of serious accidents becoming of daily occurrence, it surely is time for our law makers to come to the rescue of car owners who are, in many instances, paying good salaries to men to drive their cars when a better position for them would be driving a log cart at a country saw mill. I do not say all "chauffeurs" are incompetent, but I do claim a great majority of them are not fit to take a car representing hundreds of dollars and load it with human lives which money cannot estimate and run at the fool mania rate some of them do.

Just so long as they continue to do so, just so long will accidents increase, and precious lives will be snuffed out. There are more chauffeurs in the

## PERFECT THE ORGANIZATION LAST EVENING

A meeting was held at the Methodist parsonage last evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of perfecting the organization of an Epworth League. About thirty members of the congregation were present, but more than this number were enrolled in the membership.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. E. M. Sipes, president; Mr. Frank A. Wright, vice president; Miss Louise Buckman, recording secretary; Miss Celia Bridgman, treasurer; Miss Brownie Giles, corresponding secretary. The following were elected chairmen of committees: Committee on Spiritual Work, Prof. C. M. Campbell, Jr.; Committee on Social Service, Mr. R. G. Skinner; Committee on Recreation and Culture, Miss Carlotta Nicholson; Committee on Missionary Work, Miss Mellicie Mayo. The League will meet every second and third Tuesday in the month at the homes of the members.

### MORE FOLKS NEEDED.

North Carolina needs more people to the square mile. We need to bring our twenty-two million wilderness acres under cultivation. We need to realize the value of our resources and to keep our sons and daughters at home in larger measure. We need more one-horse farmers, provided that they be substantial, good farm-owners. Of tenants we have already enough and to spare.

We need the skilled farmers of the West. They know little or nothing about raising cotton. But they know about raising cereals, hay and forage, about live stock raising, silos, dairy farming, creameries and condensers; and a score of farm activities that need reviving and developing in this State.

But we know too little about them; and they know even less about North Carolina—her resources, possibilities and opportunities. North Carolina is less spectacular than Florida; but she offers solid advantages of far greater value.

## THE FIRST CHAPTER

# "Seven Keys To Baldpate"

### Begins In This Issue

## "MY LADY RAFFLES" TONIGHT

The heater will present tonight in pictures a rare reel featuring "My Lady Raffles," in "The Mysterious Hand," featuring Grace and Francis Ford, who to "Lucille Love."

### A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Master John Blount Mayo delightfully entertained a number of his little friends at his birthday party yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at Mrs. Bertha Thomas' residence, the decorations were beautiful in green and yellow color scheme with cut flowers, ferns and jonquills predominating, the immense cake was lighted up with eight green and yellow candles, these representing the age of the charming and gracious host who was the happy recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. The little guests were met at the door by the host's mother Mrs. J. A. Rawls, who took charge of their wraps. They were then ushered in the parlor by Miss Carrie Thomas, who was graciously assisted by Misses Christina and Beattie Thomas, in entertaining them with amusing games which all seemed to greatly enjoy, last but not least, was punning the tall on the donkey for which little Miss Marguerite McIver won first prize and little Miss Dorothy Ellis won the booby, they were then ushered into the dining room where refreshments were served. On leaving the guests voted Master John Blount Mayo a most delightful host.

Those present were: Misses Marguerite McIver, Dorothy Ellis, Mary Dixon, Emily Pollock, Marguerite Miller, Martha Hall, Mary Deppel, Rachael Hancock, Ruth Love, Reba Armstrong, Louise Weddell, Masters Rudolph Duffy, Louis G. Daniels, Jr., Carl Chadwick, Robt. Chadwick, Warren Ellis, Charles Slover Ellis, Charles Woodell, Earle Taylor, Phillip Dixon, Fred Dixon, Richard Munger Bishop, John D. Whitford, Bon Wade, Russell Love, and Henry Armstrong.—New Bern Journal.

### RETURNS HOME.

Miss Eileen Winslow returned to her home at Hertford yesterday morning, after spending several days in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clary in West Second street.

### HERE YESTERDAY.

Mrs. William Peels and Mrs. Vance Peels, of Martin county, spent yesterday in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Gotler.

### OPENS MILLINERY STORE

Madame Littler has opened her millinery store next door to Dr. Jno. Rodman's office on East Main street, where she will be pleased to see her many friends. Madame Littler is well known in this city and county, being one of the oldest milliners, perhaps, in this county. Her many friends wish her much success.

State than druggists, why not require them to register and put a tax of \$5 on them, instead of the hard worked druggist. It would raise more money, and at the same time elevate the chauffeur profession to the standard it should occupy, and they could command a salary, not in proportion to how reckless they were but in proportion to how careful and competent an engineer knows his engine and quickly detects anything wrong. A ship captain knows his vessel, and guards the lives on board. But an ignorant negro or an incompetent white man, with an auto, freighted with precious human lives, dashes along our central highway at the rate of forty miles per hour, knowing nothing on earth about the car but how to start, how to stop and how to accelerate. This is all he needs to know to get a good salary and he thinks the faster he can run the better driver he is.

My! my! Is it surprising that auto accidents are of daily occurrence? —W. B. Cranford, M. D. in the News and Observer.

## SUMMARY OF THE LATEST WAR NEWS

The United States will send to Great Britain and France an inquiry as to the methods to be pursued by the allies in their attempt to cut off trade to and from Germany.

Great Britain's reply to the American proposals respecting the shipping situation is yet to be received. Germany has accepted the proposals in the main, in a reply which probably will be made public in Berlin in a day or two.

The attack of the Anglo-French fleet on the Dardaneles has been interrupted by unfavorable weather, but an Athens dispatch says that before the operations were suspended the two Turkish forts at the narrowest part of the straits had been silenced. It is stated that the Turkish army massed on the peninsula for defense of Constantinople consists of 100,000.

In the most important operations around Przasnysz the Germans are said to have been defeated decisively and forced back across the border.

The French and German official communications today agree that violent fighting is under way in the Champagne region, where the allies began an attack several days ago.

Berlin announces that new French attacks, made with strong forces were repelled in most cases and that the French losses were enormous. The Paris statement claims progress for the allies at several points and asserts that the Germans suffered very heavily.

Apparently the battle is the largest and most severely contested of any along the western front since the engagement at Soissons.

Minor battles have occurred in the Vosges and a report from the British command, Sir John French says ground has been gained by his army, but operations in general along the line are unimportant except in Champagne.

### SLEEP ON DEAR CHILD, SLEEP ON.

Sleep on you darling little boy,  
You have no sorrows  
No, nothing but joy,  
Your brow is as clear  
As the Angels above,  
You know not of this dreary world,  
Sleep on dear child, sleep on.

You know not of the sorrows and joys,  
Of this dark pathway  
That I have trod,  
Your conscience is clear as crystal snow,  
Your heart is pure  
You have no woe;  
Sleep on dear child, sleep on.

You know not of the dreary night,  
That surrounds you  
With its awful fright,  
You know not of the suffering ones,  
Bread, shelter and bed  
Have they none,  
Sleep on dear child, sleep on.

You know not of the motherless ones,  
That cry for help  
But still get none,  
You know not of the suffering child  
That has no father to make him smile,  
Sleep on dear child, sleep on.

But after all there is one,  
That is Christ, the mighty one,  
He will shelter the darling little ones  
And take them into His beautiful home,  
Sleep on dear child, sleep on.

—By Chas. S. Bell.

## New Theater

### TONIGHT

"MY LADY RAFFLES" In Three Reels in "THE MYSTERIOUS HAND" Featuring Grace Guard and Francis Ford of "Lucille Love Fame" Fame.

Prices 5c and 10c.