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## CORN CLUB RALLY A GREAT SUCCESS

Eighty-two Boys in Parade Here Saturday Afternoon—Speeches to Boys in Court House.

Headed by the Efrid band, and displaying a banner, 82 Corn Club Boys of Stanly county had a triumphant march through the principal streets of Albemarle last Saturday afternoon.

If the weather had been better, we believe more boys would have been here. As it was the parade was pronounced by Mr. Robinson, who represented the State Department of Agriculture, the best he had seen this year—even better than the parade which represented the entire State at the Raleigh Fair. There only about 62 boys marched.

After the boys assembled Demonstrator Lentz explained to them the interest being taken in their club, and told of the prizes offered. He then introduced W. L. Mann, President of the Piedmont Club, one who is interested in everything looking to the advancement of Stanly county along the lines of agriculture, industry and education. Mr. Mann encouraged the boys to emulate the example of one of their number, a young fellow by the name of Little who had raised 100 bushels of corn on one acre of land, to show their fathers how by proper methods their yield of corn to the acre might be wonderfully brought up.

Mr. Mann, in closing his speech of welcome, introduced Mr. Robinson, of the State Department of Agriculture, to the boys.

Mr. Robinson congratulated the boys on their fine showing in the parade. He was pleased to know that there were 180 boys in the club. He impressed upon his young hearers that they were part of a big band of boys, some 75,000 or more in the corn-growing States; that prize winners from the various States each year were addressed by the President of the United States. Their banner meant something and they must not lose sight of the fact.

Mr. Robinson regretted that the boys did not bring good ears of corn with them. He then stressed the importance of good seed corn. Uniform ears with straight rows of kernels should be selected to get best results. He had no special advice to offer as to preparation of soil; bulletins could be had from the State Department of Agriculture, at Raleigh, that would give adequate advice.

The rally closed with practice by the boys on a corn club yell, led by Mr. Robinson.

A photograph of the club was taken at the court house door immediately after the meeting was adjourned.

The boys then filed to the moving picture show where the Piedmont Club had arranged for the boys to see the pictures free.

The Piedmont Club, the Efrid Band, and all who helped in any way to give the Corn Club Boys a good day are to be congratulated; for no better movement has been inaugurated in Stanly county, and he who lends a hand toward giving the boys a chance is serving his county well.

## MRS. SHIPLEY ENTERTAINS

One of the most delightful receptions of the season was given by Mrs. G. W. Shipley at her pretty home, to the Sorosis Club and a large number of invited guests, including Rev. G. W. Shipley and Dr. L. F. Magruder, on Tuesday afternoon.

The house was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and potted plants. The guests carried on a lively conversation over happy moments chatting over fancy work.

Instrumental music by Mrs. Mauney and Misses Nemon and Gaitley, and songs by Mesdames Price and W. E. Milton, added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. A. C. Huneycutt and Mrs. W. L. Mann, served a delicious salad course, coffee and mints.

## MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Here Saturday—Need of Night Schools Stressed.

The teachers of the county, and others interested, met in the court house here Saturday to discuss plans for moonlight schools throughout the county. Despite the threatening weather the county and local community were well represented.

Strong speeches were made in favor of the schools by Supt. E. F. Eddins, Representative L. H. Bost, and Prof. T. A. Holton. Rev. A. F. Nace ably discussed plans for getting the moonlight schools inaugurated. Rev. J. K. Higginbotham, of Albemarle, and Prof. J. D. Rankin, of Norwood, told in an interesting and helpful way about their practical experience with moonlight schools.

Committees, as announced in The Enterprise last week, are to aid in the organization of moonlight schools. The teachers will volunteer their services and the schools will be opened as early as possible.

A survey of the illiterates is to be made first. Those who signify their desire to attend the moonlight schools will be furnished with free pamphlet textbooks for reading and number work. These books may be had from Supt. E. F. Eddins.

The local Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., has secured the names of over 75 people who desire to learn to read and write. Schools for them will be opened in a week or so.

We regret that no definite announcements can be made just now as to when every moonlight school in the county will open. The opening dates must be determined by the various communities.

The interest so far awakened must not be allowed to wane; earnest, systematic work must be kept going now, for the moonlight school movement is no fancy. Born out of a great need it must accomplish in part if not in full the objects of its existence.

## Educational Interests in Stanly.

If the interest of the teachers of a county can be taken as an index, then good things, educationally, may be expected in Stanly this year. Prof. Eddins had provided a splendid program with especial reference to moonlight schools. The subjects of the need, the duty, the privilege, the practicability, and plans were variously presented by Mayor Harris, Supt. Eddins, Representative Bost, Prof. Rankin, Editor Bivins, and Revs. Nace and Higginbotham. And the sixty teachers present unanimously agreed to undertake the work in their respective districts and push it to a successful conclusion. They earnestly ask the co-operation of the committees, the churches, and the various fraternal and social organizations in arranging and carrying out this work. The goal toward which they work is "Every voter in the county a literate."

No less hopeful for things that will tell in the future was the businesslike way in which Supt. Eddins' suggestion was carried out, and one of the teachers from the ranks, Representative Bost, made president of the meeting. He with Prof. Eddins and a committee appointed will arrange programs from time to time and plan ahead to give form discussion of the various school interests.

The next meeting will be held in the court house Saturday, December 4. There is something good ahead. All together for the best Teachers' Meeting in North Carolina.—Contributed.

—On account of the annual football game between the A. & M. and W. & L., at Norfolk, Va., on Thanksgiving Day, the Southern Railway will have on sale from all points in North Carolina extremely low round trip tickets to Norfolk. Tickets on sale November 24 only, with final return limit midnight of November 27. For full information see nearest agent of the Southern Railway, or write R. H. DeButts, D. P. A., Charlotte.

## WOMAN'S WORK AND SOCIAL LIFE

A Column Devoted to Various Activities of Women in This and Other Communities.

Miss Esther Parker entertained the Entre Nous Club and a few guests last Thursday morning. After a pleasant hour spent in sewing and talking the guests were ushered into the dining room where covers were laid for 12. The decorations were ferns and fall roses.

The annual meeting of the U. D. C.'s was held at the home of Mrs. W. T. Huckabee Thursday. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. M. Brown; first vice president, Mrs. J. R. Price; second vice president, Miss Nell Hearne; third vice president, Mrs. S. Austin; secretary, Miss Mary Mabry; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Harris; historian & registrar, Mrs. J. E. Ewing. A report of the Charlotte convention was given by one of the delegates, Miss Mary Mabry. Mrs. Huckabee was assisted by her daughter, Miss Bessie, in serving refreshments.

The Merry Matrons' Club met Wednesday, November 10, with Mrs. J. R. Price. An hour was spent socially, sewing and talking. The home was decorated with white chrysanthemums, autumn leaves and roses. Solos and duets were sung by Mesdames W. E. Milton and J. R. Price. Instrumental selections were rendered by Mesdames S. D. Bennett and C. J. Mauney. Refreshments in courses were served.

The Anson-Stanly Chapter D. A. R. was entertained at the Maralise Hotel Wednesday, November 10, by Miss Mary Mabry. Twenty-three members attended from Norwood and Ansonville, which was presided over by the regent, Mrs. J. M. Dunlap of Ansonville. After the business meeting in the dining room a four-course luncheon was served. The colors of the chapter were effectively used in the refreshments, white mints being served in blue baskets.

The Woman's Club held one of the most interesting meetings of the year at the Community Building last Thursday. After the business of the club was disposed of the subject, "Moonlight Schools," was discussed. Papers on the following subjects were read: "Why We Need Moonlight Schools,"—Mrs. A. C. Huneycutt. "Adult Illiteracy in North Carolina and Plans for Its Elimination,"—Mrs. O. J. Sikes. "Call to the Womens' Club,"—Mrs. J. D. Bivins. The following paper by Mrs. J. M. Brown was particularly fine:

## "The Need of Moonlight Schools for Stanly County."

I want to say at the outset of this paper that I am a loyal citizen of Stanly, "native and to the manner born." I am proud that this is my birthplace, that here I was reared and have passed my days so far and I hope that when the time for my departure comes, in the beautiful words of Ruth, "Here will I be buried." Her people are indeed my people and I am jealous for their reputation and anxious that every good thing may come their way.

Some of my earliest recollections, and they rankle yet, are of the fun and gibes that were constantly poked at Stanly on all occasions. Not so many years ago, when there would be seen perambulating the streets of some of our neighboring cities, a big covered wagon drawn by a pair of lean, lank mules and accompanied by a rough specimen of manhood clad in blue jean pantaloons, held up by one suspender, it was understood on all sides that this outfit was from the backwoods of Stanly. When the morning paper of these same burghs chronicled the fact that "some innocent abroad" had blown out the gas and had been rescued from a terrible death just in the nick of time, the paper would more than likely add with ill-concealed glee, that Stanly county came near losing one of her most prominent citi-

zens. And so on, and so on, ad infinitum. Stanly always had to take a back seat. But all this is a thing of the past. Old Stanly has forged ahead and no longer stands at the foot of the class—she has made and is still making rapid strides in the march of progress, but we are not yet where we want to be and where we intend to be and that is right at the head of the procession.

Now how shall we reach this coveted position? I think we will all agree that the first step in this direction, is to educate our people, wipe out the stain of illiteracy and give every man, woman and child within our borders a chance to learn at least how to read, write and figure a little. We have a fairly good system of public schools in our county and with the compulsory school laws now in force in the State, the greater proportion of our young people have the opportunity to become educated men and women, but a great many for various reasons cannot attend school in the day time and for many older people these educational advantages have provided too late.

Stanly county has a total white population over ten years old of 12,237, and of these 1887 are illiterates. Out of 6,804 white males of voting age, 658 cannot exercise the right of suffrage because they cannot read or write. These figures are certainly not calculated to puff us up with pride. Statistics prove that where education has not penetrated, there poverty, immorality and crime are more prevalent. In the light of these facts, may not we as a people be responsible in some measure for the great number of homicides and other crimes which have stained the fair name of our county within the last few years? How shall we blot out this record and place old Stanly the very front ranks of intelligence, morality and material prosperity? Will not the moonlight school help us to solve this problem? It has been tried and proved a grand success in other States and in other counties of our own State. Let us fall in line and do what they have done and even more, for our need is greater. Let us as Superintendent Joyner says, "go down to them, these grown up children, these lame ones, lame of mind, lame of soul, lame so many of them from their mother's womb, lame most of them because, in the words of one of them, they 'haint never had no chance.'" Let us give them the chance they so eagerly crave and let us do it at once—we have waited too long already.

And as a woman, all honor to the name of Mrs. Clara Wilson Stewart, who was the pioneer and inspiration of this great Moonlight School Movement, so let the Woman's Club of Albemarle have the honor and privilege of starting the first moonlight school in Stanly county.

The Woman's Club served coffee and wafers to the teachers of the county who came to the moonlight school rally on Saturday.

Literature department: Because of Thanksgiving, the Literature Department will postpone their meeting to Thursday, December 3, instead of November 25. The subject, "As You Like It." Synopsis of the play. Paper: "Pastoral Description of the Forest of Arden. Readings.

Music Department. The music department of the Woman's Club met Wednesday with Miss Theresa King. The members answered to rollicall with current music events. Papers were read by Mrs. J. D. Bivins and Mrs. F. L. Horton on "Primitive Music," and "Rise of Dramatic Music," after which the question box was conducted by Miss Lena Spinks. Miss Bertha Nemon of the faculty of the Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute became a member. She rendered "Gnomereign" by Liszt. Mrs. F. N. Patterson sang a solo and Mrs. J. D. Bivins and Miss Worsham gave several instrumental duets. Selections from "Madam Butterfly" were played on the Victrola.

The Civic Department has the beautifying and health needs of

## CHATTANOOGA WANTS JAP EFIRD ON TEAM

The Charlotte News has published the following item that will be of interest to local fans:

"Advancement has beckoned to Jap Efrid, a resident of Albemarle. In the list of drafts published this fellow is reported as drafted by the Chattanooga club of the Southern Association from the Suffolk club of the Virginia League—and to those who have seen this heavier work, there is little doubt that he will make good. Jap Efrid will be remembered as pitching for the Suffolk club during the past season of the Virginia League. He pitched a twenty-two inning 2-2 game against the Norfolk club and then after the season was over he was requisitioned by the Red Springs club, working in two games here against Gastonia. Both were three-hit affairs and those that saw him work these affairs will never forget his work. Jap Efrid's home is in Albemarle. He comes from a family that has made quite a reputation on the diamond. He has been a member of the Virginia League for the past several years and that he wasn't drafted before, is the wonder all around these diggings. There is little doubt about this fellow's making good."

(We understand that Mr. Efrid has not yet decided that he will play next season.—Ed.)

## "WITHIN THE LAW."

Has a punch in every act. It is the liveliest drama and the best play of its period. It has many thrills as any three chapters of a Gaborian Detective Story and a bigger idea back of it than 80 per cent of the plays produced this season. It begins with the arrest of a shop girl, Mary Turner, for a theft she did not commit, and her bitter arraignment of our best department store magnates as silent, though not inactive, aids of crime; and it ends with the confession of a murderer that he was cracked, a guy who was a stool pigeon and a skunk and he is proud of it. In between and linked to these virile bits of drama there's the finer tragedy of revenge worked out by the girl who was arrested. She served three years because she could not prove innocent and when she is released she tries to go straight. It is only after she has been hounded by the police from job to job that she determines to defy and beat them. With the help of legal counsel she keeps within the law but the tricks she turns are both numerous and profitable. At Opera House one night, November 23.

## CARD OF THANKS.

My husband, father, and I wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of what our friends have done for me and my husband during our affliction. May God's richest blessings abide upon each of you who are contributing to our comfort.—Mrs. Charles Drake, Albemarle, N. C.

Albemarle very much at heart and is striving by every means to get results from their work. The work of beautifying the old cemetery has been taken up and each owner of a lot notified to do their share in making the old cemetery a fitting resting place for the departed loved ones. The health committee will visit in the near future every grocery store in town and kindly ask them to either have the proper cases for fruits and other eatables that are kept out of doors or else keep them inside of the store. The Woman's Club as a whole feel that this keeping of eatables out of doors where the dust of the street blows on them all day is a great menace to the health of the town and they hope to have the co-operation of all the grocery stores in Albemarle.

For Sale: One second hand Ford Runabout, 1914 Model; one second hand Ford Delivery Car, 1913 Model.—Stanly Auto Co., Albemarle, N. C.

## BADIN PLANT LARGER THAN MARYVILLE PLANT

Work at Maryville Will Be Retarded In Order That Badin Plant May Be Completed.

The following special to a Knoxville paper reveals one of the immediate plans of the Aluminum Company of America in reference to the work at Badin:

"The development of the properties of the Aluminum Company of America near Maryville, Tenn., and on the Little Tennessee River will be retarded, because of the purchase by that company of the water power properties near Whitney, N. C. This statement is made by B. L. Glascock, superintendent of the local plant.

"According to Mr. Glascock, the Aluminum Company of America has acquired the holdings of the French Aluminum Company, of which Paul Heroult was president and chief promoter. Mr. Heroult was inventor of aluminum process, as employed and patented in France, and he was a pioneer in the aluminum industry in that country. His company proposed extensive developments in North Carolina, and had acquired valuable water power properties, which it intended to develop, and to build a large pig aluminum plant at the power site. The European war, Mr. Glascock says, has interfered with the French company's project, and the sale to the Aluminum Company of America was a consequence.

"Mr. Glascock states that the Whitney plant when completed will be about two and one-half times as large as the present Maryville plant. The dam is now under construction at Whitney, and as soon as this is completed the aluminum plant itself will be under way, and as many as 1,000 men may be employed there. About 400 are now at work in the Maryville plant, producing pig aluminum.

"The reason for the enlarged operations at Whitney and the temporary retarding of developments on the Little Tennessee River, Mr. Glascock says, is because of the immediate proximity of the hydro-electric power to the site at Whitney. The manufacturing plant will not be removed from the seat of power generation, as is the case here. It is about twenty miles from Maryville to the site of the nearest dam and generating plant on the Little Tennessee River, and about forty miles to the location for the second dam and dynamo. However, work on neither of these plants has yet been inaugurated. The Maryville factory now depends upon Ocoee for its electric power, but it is the ultimate intention of the company to harness the power of the Little Tennessee River, the sites for which it acquired from the Knoxville Power Company.

"It is not economically possible, as may be supposed by some, to convey electric current from Whitney to Maryville, because of the distance of about 300 miles. Whitney is located about thirty miles east of Salisbury."

## "WITHIN THE LAW."

Big money is not made because of the law but in spite of it. Such is the theme of "Within the Law" by Bayard Veiller. It is not merely one of the most vivid and stirring but without exception the most satisfying melo-drama ever written. For it is more than a play of suspense and situation. It has a real vital theme and it poses a question absolutely unanswerable under present conditions. No more entertaining and exciting play has ever been seen here. But over and above this essential qualification of any dramatic entertainment "Within the Law" is profoundly moving. For a melo-drama to achieve the effect of making an audience feel deeply and actually perpetrate a little thinking is a feat for which the author deserves all credit. There never was a play in which the suspense was better sustained and there is ample humor in it as well. Here one night, Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Opera House.