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COMMUNITY CLUB ENDS FIRST YEAR OF ACTIVITY

Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon To Review Work of Year—Old Officers Re-elected. What Club Has Done Along Patriotic and Other Lines.

The annual meeting of the Community Club was held yesterday afternoon at 8:30 in the Chamber of Commerce to review the work done during the first and only year of its existence. The reports from the different committees showed just how great and how beneficial this work has been.

The educational report was submitted and read by Mrs. T. C. Blackwell. Mrs. J. L. Riddle reported on the patriotic campaign. The vacation school report was submitted by Mrs. J. L. Riddle and read by Mrs. J. H. Shuford.

Mrs. N. W. Clark gave an excellent report, making the club realize that a good treasurer means to the life of an organization.

Mrs. Elliott's paper was a review of the work of the past year.

Mrs. W. B. Ramsey took the chair while Mrs. J. W. Elliott told the various reports of appreciation of the community cooperation of all members of the club. A motion was made that Mrs. Elliott's paper and the treasurer's report be published in the Record.

The following are the elected officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. W. Elliott; 1st vice president, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey; 2nd vice president, Mrs. J. L. Riddle. Recording secretary, Frances R. Clifton. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. F. Abernethy. Treasurer, Mrs. N. W. Clark.

Mrs. Elliott has been wonderfully successful during her year as president and was re-elected by a solid majority.

Mrs. J. C. Best summarized the work of the club as follows:

During the year while the Community Club for the first year of its existence may not embrace everything it has accomplished it is believed that the most important things should be summed up.

First, let me say that in spite of the stormy weather that prevailed at its organization, the club has been very fortunate from the date, Feb. 2, 1917, until Mrs. T. W. Linglie, then the president of State Federation Women's Clubs, lent her gracious presence and assisted in the organization. That the club has been fortunate in its selection of officers has no question; that it has been especially fortunate in having Mrs. Elliott as its first president, will be unanimously conceded. That it has an interested membership of 28 is also a matter for congratulation. It has also 16 sustaining members, which swells the number to 44 and 100 representative people in a town like Hickory ought to be able to accomplish any thing.

It may be of interest to hear the answers to the question put to the chairman or sub-chairman of the different departments, "What do you consider the best thing your department has done the past year?"

The chairman of civics, Mrs. J. H. Shuford thinks obtaining the promise from the town authorities to appoint a man to inspect Trade St. and the collars on that street once a week the best thing that it has accomplished. As this department was handicapped by having no funds only work along such lines was undertaken.

Mrs. E. A. Grimes, sub-chairman of the department of education thinks the efforts her committee made in children's gardening was the best, but it was not able to carry out its plans for lack of funds.

Mrs. B. B. Blackwell, chairman of the educational department thinks their being instrumental in planning the escape at the North school building is her committee's best work.

The largest undertaking in dollars and cents, was the raising of \$500 to pay the salary of a Domestic Science teacher in the Hickory high school. Those who are in a position to know the outcome of this venture express themselves as much pleased with the work done in that department of the school.

Through Mrs. K. B. Patterson's committee "Baby Week" was observed May 5, 6, 7, 1917. Two plays bearing upon baby welfare, "The Narrow Door" and County Fair were given, and Dr. I. W. Faison of Charlotte gave an excellent address. Out of the proceeds of Baby Week \$10 was given to pay the hospital bill of Mrs. Townsend's little boy.

The club gave practical help on May 2 when a number of its members took turns in serving coffee at the library election, and in this as in all their undertakings, the cause they espoused met with success. The club donated the banner used at this election, and rented chairs for use when coffee was served.

A volunteer committee of six ladies decorated the polling places on June 5 when the memorable registration was held and committees also planned badges on all who registered.

The club through a competent committee sold refreshments at the Calhoun County Fair, the last week in September, 1917 and the sum of \$116.45 was added to the treasury as a result. Members of the club assisted with the singing at the opening of Hickory's White Way.

A committee from the club was active in having a needed fire escape placed in the North school building.

Addresses were made before the club during the year by Dr. Boyer.

WHY JAPAN HAS SOUNDED ALLIES

By the Associated Press.

London, Friday, March 1.—Reuters limited has issued the following statement from an authoritative source on the Japanese situation:

Japan has put forward no suggestions regarding any action that may be necessary as a result of the Russian situation. The plain facts are that Japan a few days ago addressed notes to the allies asking for information on the Russian situation.

There has been no proposal, military or otherwise, by Japan.

It is pointed out that Japan did not enter the war under terms or agreements with the allies which would suggest that there had been any question of agrandizement in the minds of Japan. There was no such thought when Japan embarked on hostilities and if she should broaden her activities, she will not do it for selfish reasons.

The new menace is one directly threatening the far east and immediately involving Japan's security. Japan's interpretation of her position is that she is responsible for the maintenance of peace and security of the far east. A German menace already exists in Siberia and was well known to the allies even before the German advance into Russia was begun.

of Asheville, Dr. Rankin of Raleigh, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Mr. Adde, Mr. Chas. Bagby, I. G. McIntosh, Dr. Faison, Mr. Yates Killian, Mr. Hoover Mask, Miss Mary Rowe, Miss Jones of Statesville, Miss Jones of the Hickory high school, Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Miss Morrill, Mr. J. D. Elliott and Judge Cline.

Under Mrs. R. A. Grimes direction the club sold ice cream the day dinner was served for the military company and \$6.00 was added to the treasury.

Under the direction of the President, Mrs. Elliott, a dinner was served for the Hickory military company and "housewives" were given each soldier before leaving for camp.

A play was given under the auspices of the club during the summer of 1917 "The County Fair" that netted \$418.84 cents in money and many times that amount in enjoyment to all who witnessed it.

The club patronized Mrs. J. P. Miller as a percentage of the moving picture "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

Besides paying the salary of the domestic science teacher, the club has bought two sewing machines for that department of the high school.

In compliment to Mrs. T. W. Linglie, she was elected an honorary member of the Community Club, at one of its meetings.

The past week a committee from the club of 32 ladies—8 from each ward—with Mrs. J. L. Riddle chairman made a house-to-house canvass in the interest of Food Conservation which will doubtless result in the saving of many pounds of meat and flour.

We learn from the treasurer's report that the total receipts for the year were \$584.40, but we have no way of estimating the good the club has done. We do know that it has broadened our minds and given many of us a change of heart along a number of lines.

This report would not be complete without a mention of the attractive year book prepared by Mrs. E. B. Cline.

My own idea of the club's best work is what it has accomplished along patriotic lines—the addresses the president has been instrumental in having given on Food Conservation, Gardening, War Saving and Thrift Stamps, etc. for the more information we gathered upon these all important subjects, the more we are fitted for patriotic service.

In conclusion, we voice the sentiment of our splendid membership when we say in regard to each officer's work, "Well Done."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership dues.....	\$108.50
Donation from Civic League.....	4.28
Receipts from sale of year books.....	8.50
Receipts from sale of lumber (Russell's lot).....	1.25
Net proceeds county fair play (Donation J. F. M.) Lord Fontleroy.....	41.22
.....	4.79

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INTERIOR READY TO FIGHT TO FINISH RUSSIA RINGING WITH CALL TO ARMS

By the Associated Press.

Vologda, Russia, March 1.—The interior of Russia following the example of Moscow declares strongly against a separate peace with Germany. Workmen and soldiers councils in many centers are issuing mobilization orders proclaiming a fight to the finish in behalf of the revolution.

JAMES REGAN WAS FIRST TO FILL HIS CARD

James Regan, member of the fourth grade at the South school, was the first pupil to take advantage of Superintendent McIntosh's proposition to buy the 16th Thrift Stamp, and the proposition was not much sooner made than accepted.

It happened that the superintendent presented the matter to the fourth and fifth grades yesterday morning, offering to buy the 16th stamp when the 15th had been purchased by some pupil. That afternoon James had bought 15. He is one of the Record's newsboys and is alive to every business opportunity. It was his own money that he invested.

AMERICANS KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHT

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, March 3.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—A German attack northeast of Fechepey heavily and lost 12 prisoners, the war office announced today.

RUSSELL LIBRARY IS RAIDED BY OFFICERS

By the Associated Press.

Los Angeles, March 2.—Federal officials last night raided the reading room and hall of the International Bible Students Association of this city and confiscated a number of copies of the "Finished Mystery" in alleged seditious work was on sale there.

The International Bible Students Association is a branch of the Pastor Russell foundation, which was raided in Brooklyn recently.

WILL OCCUPY PULPIT AT REFORMED CHURCH

Elder J. S. Wise of Philadelphia, who is the treasurer of the home mission board of the Reformed church, will occupy the pulpit at the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Wise is one of the leading laymen of the Reformed church and a very attractive speaker. He has a fine message for the churches at this critical time in the history of our country, and church. Mr. Wise is also with him and they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shuford while in the city. The public is cordially invited to hear him tomorrow.

NO WORD LATELY FROM MR. FRANCIS

By the Associated Press.

Washington, March 2.—The state department today still was without direct advice from Ambassador Francis who is believed to have left for Bologna Thursday in company with other ministers.

American Consul Trendwell at Petrograd in a dispatch dated February 25 and received today told of the sending of a train from Petrograd bearing the staffs of the American, Chinese and Japanese missions. He said it was intended to send another special train for the ambassador.

PLAN TO STARVE CAPITAL TO SURRENDER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AGAIN BROKEN OFF

By the Associated Press.

London, March 2.—German forces are moving on the town of Bolgiori on the Moscow-Petrograd railroad, which place is the chief freight center for the feeding of Petrograd, says a dispatch from Petrograd under the date of Friday, as forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph.

The Germans probably intend, the message adds, thus to cut off supplies from Petrograd and compel the capital to capitulate by starvation.

LUTHERAN FUND MAY REACH MILLION

By the Associated Press.

Paris, March 2.—Amateur gardening around the fortifications of Paris was so successful last year that applications for gardening plots for the coming season have multiplied beyond the space available. The allotment of these garden spots of a hundred yards square each will soon be made upon application, preference being given to large and necessitous families. Families with five or more children will be allowed two lots.

FAIR WEATHER FOR WEEK IS FORECAST

By the Associated Press.

Washington, March 3.—Generally fair weather during the week beginning tomorrow is forecast for the gulf and south Atlantic states by the weather bureau. There will be no great change in temperature.

ENTERTAIN VETERANS NEXT SEPTEMBER

By the Associated Press.

Tulsa, Okla., March 2.—Reports that Tulsa had withdrawn its invitation to the Confederate veterans to hold their 1918 reunion in this city because of the war were denied today by the local committee having in charge the arrangement for the gathering of old soldiers, but it was said one date probably will be changed from June to September.

VIVIAN MARTIN AT PASTIME TODAY

The special attraction at the Pastime today will be Vivian Martin in "Molly Entangled." A Paramount-Lasky production in five parts. The following is the story: Vivian Martin makes up the most adorable "little girl down Drunkenway way, with a rare Irish blue eyes and a tasin' smile that you can possibly imagine. And you can just smell the "old sod" and see the quaint characters, and feel the charm of the Emerald Isle in this fascinating, romantic story of County Cork. Harrison Ford as Barney sure was right when he said: "Mollie, dear, it's glad I am that your feet are tiny and your step is light, for sure you're dancin' right on the heart of me." And we'll wager Miss Martin will dance right upon your heart, too, when you see her in this delightful play.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, March.—While rather irregular the cotton market showed a generally steady tone at the opening today. The weather map showed some rain in the southwest, which promoted selling. Local traders thought they saw prospects for more rains in Texas and selling on these predictions became a little more active before the end of the first hour.

	Open	Close
March.....	31.72	31.70
May.....	31.25	31.20
July.....	30.81	30.76
October.....	29.84	29.84
December.....	29.62	29.55

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton.....	30c
Wheat.....	\$2.40
Corn.....	\$1.75

NEW YORK STOCKS

By the Associated Press.

New York, March 2.—Slight changes were registered by leading stocks at the irregular opening of today's market, but pressure soon caused a general reaction. Prominent industrials, notably those in the equipment division, averaged one point recession, with shippings, while Baldwin Locomotive, oils and other speculative issues forfeited 1 to 1 1/2 points. Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Reading were 1 to 1 1/2 points lower. Liberty Bonds second funds were strong.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature, moderate northeast winds.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AGAIN BROKEN OFF

By the Associated Press.

Peace negotiations between Germany and the bolshevik government apparently have been broken off again. Resumption of the German forward movement and the fact that Russian peace emissaries have asked that a train under military guard be sent to meet them near Pinsk indicates that the Teutonic thrust has not been slackened.

The bolsheviks are making a strenuous preparations to meet the German advance and Premier Lenin is sending forth proclamations urging the people to save the revolution. Moscow and the interior of Russia have declared against a separate peace and the local councils in the interior are preparing for resistance.

Belated dispatches from Petrograd say the bolsheviks are destroying strategic railways, bridges and roads and are sending large forces to the fighting front. The Germans are said to be 80 miles from Petrograd on the southwest and 300 miles west of Moscow. Vitebsk, 75 miles north of Orsha, also is threatened. In the Ukraine the advance of the Germans and Austrians, who now have joined their allies in driving the bolsheviks from the new republic, goes on rapidly.

Kiev, the capital, which has been in bolshevik control, is in danger. Vienna reports the surrender of 10,000 Russians and capture of much war material and railway rolling stock.

The French in Champagne have been hotly engaged with the Germans. After being repulsed in attacks southwest of the Butte du Mesnil, the enemy attacked again and obtained a footing in part of the position from which he was driven by the French more than two weeks ago and which he had been trying to regain since.

The artillery battle on the Champagne front has been of great intensity. No decision has been reached as to Japanese action in Siberia. Negotiations between the allied governments are proceeding. According to a London report Japan has been requested to do all that is necessary to guard allied interests in the far east. This has not been confirmed officially.

Bolshevik Issue Proclamations Calling on People to Fight to Finish—Germans Near Petrograd. French Lose Some Ground—Japan Ready to Aid Russia

REV. MR. GREGORY HERE MR. GARTH AT MORGANTON

Rev. Carey E. Gregory of Morganton will exchange pulpits twice tomorrow with Rev. J. G. Garth, the latter going to Morganton. The exchange will prove profitable for both congregations as both are fine preachers. Mr. Garth has been exchanging pulpits for the past two Sundays.

POETRY DEFINED BY THE POET Percy Bysshe Shelley.

Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds. We are aware of evanescent visitations of thought and feeling, sometimes associated with place or person, sometimes regarding our own mind alone, and always arising unforseen and departing unbidden, but elevating and delightful beyond expressions, so that, even in the desire and the regret they leave, there cannot be pleasure, participating as it does in the nature of its object. It is, as it were, the interpretation of a divine nature through our own; but its footsteps are like those of a wind over the sea, which the morning calm erases, and whose traces remain only as on the wrinkled sand which paves it. These and corresponding conditions of being are experienced principally by those of the most delicate susceptibility and the most enlarged imagination; and the state of mind produced by them is at war with every base desire. The enthusiasm of virtue, love, patriotism and friendship is essentially lifted with such emotions, and, whilst they last, self appears as what it is, an atom to a universe. Poets are not only subject to these experiences as spirits of the most refined organization, but they can color all that they combine with the evanescent hues of this ethereal world; a word, a trait in the representation of a scene or passion will touch the enchanted chord, and reanimate, in those who have ever experienced those emotions the sleeping, the cold buried image of the past. Poetry thus makes immortal all that is best and most beautiful in the world; it arrests the vanishing apparitions which haunt the interstices of life, and veiling them in language or in form, send them forth among mankind, bearing sweet news of kindred joy to those with whom their sisters abide—abide, because there is no portal of expression from the caverns of the spirit which they inhabit into the universe of things. Poetry redeems from decay the visitation of the divinity in man.

KIEV IS CAPTURED BY GERMAN ARMY

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, March 3.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—The Russian port of Kiev on the Dnieper in the Ukraine has been "liberated," says today's official statement.

AT THE ACADEMY NEXT WEEK

"Over the Top Girls" will play an engagement of one week at the Academy theatre beginning with evening performance Monday, March 4. Elsie Springer, the talented danger and singer a prime favorite throughout the south where she has been seen in musical comedy and vaudeville, heads the cast of "Over the Top Girls," a new musical comedy organization recently sent on tour by the National Play Producing Company. Miss Springer for several months past has been staging and directing large cabaret entertainments in Chicago, giving dance specialties herself. She is considered one of the cleverest eccentric dancers on the stage.

The company will offer Monday a musical comedy entirely new to the south called "Hotel Reckless." It is said to be one of the funniest scripts ever written for tableaux, featuring Miss Springer and her fellow comedians endless opportunities for provoking laughter. There are a number of sprightly, up-to-date songs and dance specialties interspersed in the entertainment. The chorus hails from Broadway—enough said. Special scenery and gorgeous costumes are used throughout the entire engagement of the company. A feature of the show is the military and patriotic numbers used thereby upholding their name "Over the Top."

For Tuesday, tuneful and hilarious, will be presented and the performers who are promised a treat in this theatre are promised a treat in this theatre of musical comedy during the company's stay here.

FOOD CONSERVATION MEETING TONIGHT

Mr. Yates Killian, county food administrator, and Mr. Chas. W. Bagby will speak in the Lutheran church at West Hickory tonight at 7:30 on food conservation and Thrift Stamps. West Hickory is intensely interested in the campaign being waged and the addresses tonight will be heard with interest. Several ladies of the Community Club will be present to make short talks.

LICENSES REQUIRED FOR CANNED SOUPS

Raleigh, March 2.—The following wire was received from food administration, Washington:

Under president's proclamation of January 10 manufacturers of tomatoes, catsup and soups should have taken out license prior to February 15. Special regulations governing them have just been promulgated and are being mailed to manufacturers who should inform themselves before contracting for raw materials or making sales. Please give publicity to trade."