

# Mount Airy Woman's Club

"THE UNION OF ALL FOR THE GOOD OF ALL"

Organized and Federated in 1921.

Mrs. C. C. HALE, Editor Woman's Club Page In The Mount Airy News.

Member of the Sixth District of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs.

### Club To Meet in Community Building.

For the first time, the doors of the new Community Building will be thrown open to Mount Airy Friday afternoon. At 3 o'clock, the Woman's Club will meet in general monthly session, and a 100 per cent attendance is expected. The program, which is under the direction of the History and Research Committee, promises to give ample entertainment, and in addition to the program, several surprises are in store for the club women. Let everybody come—and come in time to begin singing promptly at 3 o'clock.

(NOTICE—Just a few members have overlooked paying their dues—let this occasion inspire you to come and "settle up.")

### \$50.00 Prize Offered—Who Will Win It?

A prize of \$50.00 cash is being offered club women through the General Federation Headquarters for the best advance news story of some club event written by a club woman between now and May 1st. The prize, which goes to the club to which the successful contestant belongs, is offered by Mrs. Redwood Vandergrift, of Washington, D. C., an enthusiastic club woman, and member of the League of American Pen Women. How many Mount Airy club women will enter this interesting contest? There are so many places where we could use the \$50.00.

Rules for the Contest are as follows:

1. Contestants shall submit but one story.
2. The story submitted shall be an advance story of some club event, the same to contain at least 300 words and not more than 700.
3. The story shall be submitted as a clipping from the paper in which it was published, together with a statement from the president of the club verifying the club membership of the contestant and the originality of the work. No unpublished manuscripts will be considered.
4. No woman regularly employed upon a newspaper will be eligible to the contest.
5. The stories must reach the Press and Publicity Department at Headquarters not later than May 1, 1927.

### Benefit Parties Show Fine Spirit.

Mrs. J. H. Gwyn and her efficient finance committee are to be highly congratulated on the unprecedented success of their group of benefit parties last Friday. Forty-six dollars and fifty cents was realized from the four parties, and this money will be used to pay for chairs for the Community Building. To Mesdames A. B. Somerville, Eugene Paddison, Herman Robinson and Calvin Graves, we are most grateful for the use of their homes on this occasion.

### News Items About Club Women.

Two of our valuable committee chairmen, Mrs. C. H. Haynes (Institutional Relations) and Mrs. F. D. Holcomb (Civics) sailed from New York, Jan. 22, on board S. S. Doric for a sixty days trip to Europe and Africa.

Mrs. P. S. Rothrock, a valuable member of the History and Research committee, has been appointed chairman for Surry county of the children's enrollment contest in the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, under the supervision of the state U. D. C. Mrs. Rothrock will this week attend a get together luncheon of all county chairmen of the Fifth District, to be held in Greensboro.

Mrs. J. H. Folger has been elected by the Music Department to the chairmanship of that group of club women who have done such valuable work under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Lovill. Mrs. Folger has recently returned from Raleigh, where she attended the reception given by Governor and Mrs. McLean to the members of the General Assembly and their wives.

We note with considerable pride that at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Hospital Association in Charlotte last week, our own Miss Lula West was elected first vice president of that body. Congratulations to the Association!

The Citizenship Committee is quietly but earnestly working in the interest of the five measures which the Federated clubs are sponsoring. Last week telegrams were sent to Messrs. Folger and McGuire urging them to use all their power to get these bills through the legislature.

### Valuable Work Underway.

A most interesting and valuable piece of work is being done by the Committee of History and Research, under the direction of Mrs. Oscar Merritt. First of all, these women are trying to secure an accurate and complete list of Surry County men who served in the world war. Their attempt to locate this record to put in the Community Building has brought to light the deplorable fact that neither the county nor the local American Legion has any complete record of Surry's ex-service men. Mrs. Merritt is at present in correspondence with the Veteran's Bureau at Washington, D. C., Col. Van Metz at Raleigh, Mr. H. L. Stevens, head of the State American Legion, and has asked for the cooperation of the local legion. So far very little information has been obtained, but Mrs. Merritt is of the opinion that something can be done and every effort will be made to have this service recorded for posterity.

This committee is also collecting valuable information about the history and resources of Surry County and Mount Airy, with a view to compiling a booklet containing the most outstanding facts of interest. Any information will be most gratefully received by this committee. Working with Mrs. Merritt are Mrs. P. S. Rothrock, Mrs. R. Schaffer and Mrs. Calvin Graves.

### How Useful Are You?

Not long ago Bishop Johnson made this somewhat remarkable assertion, remarkable for a churchman at least: "I am not very much interested in your sins; I don't believe God cares a great deal about your little peccadilloes. I think what He wants to know is whether you are useful." What greater test is there for all of us, individually or collectively, than the test of usefulness?

As club women we might ask ourselves a few pointed questions, such as:

- Am I a good club member?
  - Do I really do anything beyond paying my dues?
  - Am I informed on local problems of club work?
  - Do I attend the meeting regularly?
  - Am I serving on any committee?
  - Do I take that service seriously?
  - Am I a good advertisement for my club?
  - Do I try to increase its influence?
- How many of us can give an unqualified "yes" to all of the above questions? Yet, if our club is not what we want it to be, it is because we fall short of this standard of requirements.

### Organization—A Comparatively New Thing.

Fifty years ago organization was almost an "unknown quantity." Up to that time men like Thoreau and Emerson had been telling us that everything good that had ever been done in this world had been accomplished by individuals. Then along came the psychologists and sociologists, who began to teach us that the spirit of a well organized body of people was much bigger and finer and more efficient than that of the same number of people in a loose collection. Whereupon we all began to work together in organizations.

North Carolina has no organization we should be more proud of than the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Its members are women who have organized, not only for self improvement, but for progress both social and civic. The different clubs that make up its organization are being a real power for good. One of the best loved men North Carolina ever had—Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, of Chapel Hill—said as far back as 1909: "The most widely spread, persistent, and serious intellectual effort in North Carolina today is represented by the women's clubs."

Mrs. R. H. Leonard, of our Education Committee, who is spending the winter at her Florida home, has been given a transfer from the local club to the Woman's Club of Winterhaven. Mrs. Leonard tells us that it is a very active and progressive club and we are looking to her for a number of new ideas in club work upon her return.

Mrs. C. C. Hale has just received from State Headquarters a copy of "Stories and Poems of the Old North State" upon the fly leaf of which is the following inscription: "By vote of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, this book is presented to Mrs. C. C. Hale for able service generously given."

### Do Not Read This

Unless you are one of the few members who do not attend the club meetings. And to you this small class, let us say that when you are not present the loss is ours—we need the encouragement that your presence gives. We believe also, that you are missing something—the contact with other women will impart to you the interest and enthusiasm which perhaps you lack. Think it over.

### State Headquarters.

The establishment of State Headquarters at Raleigh with a paid secretary in charge, by the State Fed-

eration of Women's Clubs, is considered the most progressive step taken by the club women of the state in recent years. A room in the Sir Walter Hotel is being used for this purpose—the room having been "loaned" to the Federation without any charge. Mrs. W. T. Bost, an experienced club woman of Raleigh is in charge.

The need of a local habitation for this state organization representing 53,000 women,—a home and a meeting place where it could mass its forces and centralize its efforts, has long been felt, but not until recently has the Federation deemed it best to undertake the financial obligations

connected with such an undertaking. That the organization is now in a position to support a state headquarters, which will not only place it in line with other progressive states in women's club work, but will put it in a position to increase its efficiency, to strengthen its work and to extend its influence, is most gratifying to club women throughout the state.

### Service By Publication—Notice.

North Carolina, Surry County, in the Superior Court.

Phyl Ward vs. Marvin Ward, Ross Ward, Mamie Thacker and J. F. Thacker, et als, heirs at law of W. T. Ward, deceased.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as

above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry County asking that an order be made for the sale of the lands belonging to the Estate of W. T. Ward, deceased, for partition among the heirs at law of the said W. T. Ward. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County, at the court house in Dobson, N. C., on

the 5th day of February, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 4th day of January, 1927.

F. T. Lowell, Clerk Superior Court.

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