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## DISTRICT CLUB MEETING

Twentieth Century Club Hostess to Clubwomen of This District—Interesting Program.

On last Saturday the Twentieth Century Club was hostess to the Woman's Club of the district of Asheville at its annual meeting held in Marion. The guests were met at the station by the reception committee and taken to View Point, the home of Mrs. J. W. Pless, the business meeting being held in the living room and presided over by the district leader, Mrs. R. P. Freeze, of Hendersonville, with Miss Joyce Decker as recording secretary.

Excellent and helpful papers on the departmental work of the club filled the morning hours. Invocation by Rev. W. L. Hutchins was followed by a cordial address of welcome by Mrs. Pless, graciously responded to by Miss Wilson of Black Mountain.

The opening address on club work was given by Mrs. Freeze. Mrs. Henley, the Home Demonstration agent for Western North Carolina, gave an interesting account of her work in this section of the State and its splendid results. The address of Mrs. Vaughn of Raleigh on Child Welfare and Infant Hygiene was most excellent. North Carolina, it was stated, was the first southern state to establish a department for infant hygiene.

Mrs. Minnie Blanton of Raleigh made a very able talk on North Carolina's Library Extension work showing how individuals, schools, debating societies, rural districts and tourists may obtain helpful and entertaining book and literature. Mrs. Robertson, chairman of the Department of Health, gave a very timely article on health and disease, especially that of tuberculosis, emphasizing the fact that every person who has it should know it that they may be instructed in the proper care so as to prevent the spreading of this terrible scourge.

Luncheon was served at one o'clock, covers being laid for fifty in the large dining room and library admirably arranged for seating this number. Pretty green bowls and baskets filled with daffodils, jonquils and golden chains, typifying the club's colors—green and yellow—were used as effective table decorations, while a dainty place card marked each seat. At the close of the lunch the guests drank a toast to the Twentieth Century Club as hostess and to Mrs. Pless for the courteous hospitality of her home.

At three o'clock the business session was resumed. Mrs. J. M. Gudger, Jr., of Asheville, spoke on the mid-biennial council of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs of the United States to be held in Asheville in May, when one thousand club women will be present, many of whom are nationally prominent, while Mr. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany and Secretary Lane will be among the men of note who will address this assembly. Mrs. J. S. Williams of Asheville spoke on the magnitude of this affair, and Mrs. Dillworth of Asheville on the wonderful opportunity it would bring to all to hear leading people of the country speak on problems

confronting the women of today. Mrs. Jno. B. Broadfort of Black Mountain discussed the responsibility of the entire district in making it a success.

At the close of the program America was sung, also the Federation song. Reports of the various clubs were given in concise form, after which the meeting adjourned, the guests going to Mrs. D. E. Hudgins' for a musicale and tea.

No more beautiful setting for a social function can be found than Lone Beech, the handsome home of Mrs. Hudgins. The drawing room, library, music room, dining room and hall were opened as a spacious apartment for entertaining. In the large drawing room, lit with lights with rose-pink shades and decorated in tall sprays of spirea and peach blooms, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey and Mrs. J. W. Winborne poured tea, assisted by Mrs. W. W. Neal, Mrs. F. B. Gwin, Mrs. W. T. Morgan, Mrs. Eugene Cross and Mrs. E. A. Thomas. The musicale given in the music room was most delightful. Miss Julia Burton graciously responded to many encores, as did Mrs. J. E. Decker, Miss Decker and Mrs. J. G. Strikelaether, one of Asheville's noted vocalists. Various ladies assisted in the social life in the library and hall that were noticeably handsome in floral effect of green and yellow. This entire affair was thoroughly charming and brought to a close a most successful day.

On finding the train one hour late, automobiles were called and a motor party hastily planned. The guests left for their homes on train No. 21.

## Highway Commissioners Meet.

A call meeting of the County Highway Commissioners was held in Marion last Saturday for the purpose of making formal application to the State Highway Commission for all funds, labor and equipment allotted to this county by both State and Federal Government for the year. The meeting was attended by all the commissioners. It was decided advisable and a unanimous resolution was passed to start work in the county at once and to accept every thing practical and useful that the State and Government might offer for road building purposes. It was further proposed and agreed that the three commissioners make a tour and survey of the various townships in the county, look over the roads and consult with the township road commissioners and leading citizens as to the needs in roadbuilding in the several townships.

As soon as plans can be laid and the proper information had, Mr. Hugh F. Little, chairman of the commission, will be sent to Raleigh to present the needs of McDowell county to the State Highway Commission and secure what aid is possible.

## American Casualties.

The total number of casualties in the American expeditionary forces are divided as follows:

Killed in action (including 381 lost at sea), 32,047; died of wounds, 13,390; died of disease, 22,100; died from accident and other causes, 3,771; wounded in action (over 85 per cent. returned to duty), 194,083; missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned), 5,185; total to date, 270,576.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, March 30.—Mrs. T. J. Barnes is visiting relatives at Glenwood this week.

A large black bear was seen several times roaming about through this neighborhood during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Mosely of Marion spent Sunday with the latter's uncle, J. A. Swann.

J. A. Kaylor killed a fine 5-month-old pig during the week, weighing 150 pounds.

Mrs. A. Yount is able to be out again after an illness of a few weeks duration.

We are enjoying the beautiful spring weather and farmers are busily engaged, preparing land to plant crops.

Friends of T. J. Swann will be glad to learn he is improving after an attack of mumps.

H. H. Poteat of Bridgewater visited his father, F. L. Poteat, the latter part of the week.

John Smith killed a mad dog at his home Wednesday morning.

Private J. F. Kaylor, of the 30th division, has returned from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fisher spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. A. S. Coats.

H. D. Smith made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Mrs. Noah Turner is seriously ill at her home.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, March 31.—M. L. Good made a business trip to Marion during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Greene have returned home after a visit to relatives in Caldwell county.

Miss Georgia Conley in spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conley at Sevier.

Mrs. D. C. Bateman and children of Johnson City, Tenn., spent the week-end with relatives at Sevier.

Mrs. M. L. Good and two sons are ill with measles.

Rev. Mr. Drake of Nebo, held the services at the Baptist church Sunday. A large congregation was in attendance.

### GREENLEE

Greenlee, March 30.—Sidney Hall, who has been at work at Modoc, S. C., is at home for a few days.

Mrs. George Pendergrass of Stroudtown spent the latter part of the week with relatives here.

Lambert Young spent one day last week in Marion.

Mrs. John Hogan and Mrs. T. W. Kincaid spent Sunday with their father, J. B. Ledbetter.

Oliver Pendergrass has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Rutherford county.

Misses Olla and Annie Walls spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. W. J. Snipes returned home one day last week after an extended visit to relatives in Asheville, N. C., and Landerum, S. C.

Rev. G. W. Erwin spent one day last week in Marion.

Willie Bradley of Eastern part of North Carolina spent last week with homefolks here.

Miss Pearl Snipes has returned to her work in Winston-Salem after a visit to friends and relatives here.

### NEBO

Nebo, March 29.—Charlie Bost, son of W. E. Bost, of Nebo, is ill with influenza in Charlotte. His brother, Edgar Bost, has recovered from an attack of the influenza and has resumed his work with the Virginia Life Insurance Co.

According to rumor from Charlotte, a well known young lady of this place is to wed a Charlotte young man soon. Guess who.

Nebo, April 1.—Mrs. Alexander of Nebo has been selected as matron to finish out the year in place of Mrs. Masters, who is resigning on account of ill health.

W. B. Chambers has been chosen pre-

siding officer for the triangular debate Friday night, April 4th. In order to avoid any favoritism all the judges will be selected away from home.

Miss Stacy will accompany the young ladies who debate at Oak Hill next Friday night.

Rev. M. L. Kaylor has moved to Marion and H. G. Walker to this place will move to Mr. Kaylor's farm.

### TOM'S CREEK

Tom's Creek, March 31.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beard were guests of Mrs. J. Y. Hicks last week.

Miss Mattie Lou Hensley is recovering from an attack of the influenza.

W. M. Gurley and family have been ill with influenza for the past week.

Mrs. A. M. Hensley visited Mrs. T. J. Flemming at Greenlee last week.

James Harris made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Miss Zeldia Hensley of Nebo high school spent the week-end with homefolks.

Charles Hall has returned home after spending some time in Mitchell county.

The school will close Friday, April 4, after a successful term with Miss Mae Jordan as teacher.

### District Centenary Council.

The Centenary Council for the Marion District was held in the Marion Methodist church last Thursday afternoon and night. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, presided. The whole plan for the campaign was explained by the presiding officer, and numerous discussions followed. The conference was well attended by pastors and local church directors.

Rev. C. M. Pickens of Morganton preached to a large congregation at the evening service, his subject being "Money, and how it should be spent." The subject was well handled and made a very fine impression on the congregation.

The centenary movement is growing momentum throughout the entire church and will doubtless succeed beyond the hopes of its promoters.

The quotas for the different charges in the District follows:

Bakersville, \$1350; Bald Creek, \$2920; Broad River, \$6750; Burnsville, \$5000; Cliffside, \$6700; Connelly Springs, \$7400; Enola, \$900; Forest City, \$10100; Henrietta-Caroleen, \$8600; Marion station, \$10750; Marion circuit, \$2475; McDowell, \$5280; Micaville, \$2485; Marion Mills, \$4755; Mill Spring, \$3715; Morganton station, \$14510; Morganton circuit, \$7825; Old Fort, \$6120; Rutherfordton, \$9700; Spruce Pine, \$5850; Table Rock, \$6250; Thermal City, 5140. Total, \$131,575.00.

### Summer School at State College.

The fifth annual session of the State College Summer School at West Raleigh, N. C., will start June 10, and last through July 23. Arrangements have been made to extend the scope of the courses offered and, in addition to those, courses offered for the benefit of the teachers of the State, special attention will be given to courses to prepare candidates for admission to college and to Freshman credit courses.

A large and capable faculty has been secured, and competent instruction is assured.

Courses in Education covering all needs and requirements, have been planned, as have courses in Elementary Agriculture, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, Basketry, Languages, History, Mathematics and Science.

## PLAN BIG DEVELOPMENT

Noyes Lumber Company Preparing for Extensive Operations Near Old Fort.

The Noyes Land & Lumber Company, a corporation recently organized for the purpose of doing a general wood and lumber business on the Government forest area in upper Old Fort township, promises to be one of the most extensive concerns of this kind in the Western part of the State.

The company has built a modern lumber camp on the headwaters of Curtis creek and will soon have finished a flume way to carry wood and lumber to the railroad at Old Fort. Mr. R. J. Noyes, of Marion, is manager and states that they expect to have the plant running at maximum capacity not later than first of September. The concern has an area of something over four thousand acres, with a contract to remove 50,000 cords of acid wood and 10,000,000 feet of sawed lumber within the next five years. In order to accomplish this undertaking the company will employ a large force of men.

The site of the camp is an ideal one and every preparation has been made for the proper care of the employes. The company maintains a first-class boarding-house, store and a number of comfortable cottages for its employes. Good wages are paid and living expenses are furnished at actual cost.

The forest area was created under the Weeks Act, the object of the Government being to conserve the forest, and at the same time provide for the removal of the forest products under modern and scientific supervision. The act provides that one-fourth of the proceeds of sale of timber and other products shall be appropriated to the use of the schools and roads of the counties in which the area is located. Already several thousand dollars worth of forest products have been sold from the Mount Mitchell area and McDowell County's school fund is several hundred dollars better off. The receipts from the company on this area will amount to thousands of dollars and the county's part, it is expected, will be no little sum.

### Presbytery at Morganton April 15.

Concord Presbytery will meet in Morganton April 15-18. About sixty-five delegates are expected to attend. An interesting feature of the meeting will be a lecture by Prof. Thos. W. Lingle, of Davidson College. Dr. Lingle was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work with the French army for a year and was under fire in the region of Verdun. He will tell of his experiences in France.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering at West Raleigh, the erection of an agricultural extension building to cost \$100,000, was provided for, and also a home for the experiment station forces. The committee also appropriated \$15,000 to be used during the next two years for additional equipment in the textile school. The additional departments, a chair of highway engineering and a chair of farm mechanics, were provided for, to meet the needs of the time.