

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

APRIL 7th, 1924.

Those sixty or more Club members in attendance at this meeting needed no proof that their organization was alive and active. They knew matters of real note and importance would be discussed and decided. The President, Mrs. B. G. Clayton presided.

When the minutes of the March meeting had been read and approved, the task of selecting the Lyceum numbers for another season was attacked. With the help of Mr. Geo. Brimer of the Lyceum organization, the Club determined to sponsor the following—for the good and enjoyment of the town in general as well as its own members:

1. The Barnes Co. (Magicians and Impersonators).
2. Male Quartet.
3. Play, "The Bubble".

A feature of the meeting which denoted the earnestness with which the women are trying to help solve civic problems in the best way was the report of "Clean Up Week" recently sanctioned and prosecuted by the Club. Trash in the residential and business sections evidently did not "rest easy" from the reports made. The majority reported active cooperation and splendid spirit on the part of home-makers and storekeepers in this drive for a clean town. An ordinance, lately passed by the Town Board, designed to help in the good work was hailed with delight.

Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, of the Education Department, besought all Club members to be present at the Declamation and Recitation Contest of the Graded School children which is to be held soon. This Department has offered two five dollar prizes for the best work in this line.

The officers nominated and elected for the new year were as follows:

- President—Mrs. T. B. Woody.
- 1st. Vice-President—Mrs. W. T. Pass.
- 2nd. Vice-President—Mrs. J. J. Winstead.
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. R. Warren.
- Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. I. O. Abbott.
- Treasurer—Mrs. E. P. Dunlap.
- Chairman, Ways and Means Committee—Mrs. W. G. Miller.
- Chairman, Civics Department—Mrs. R. J. Teague.
- Chairman, Literature Department—Mrs. E. Eberman.
- Chairman Social Service Department—Mrs. R. B. Smith.
- Chairman Home Economics Department—Mrs. T. C. Bradsher.
- Chairman Music Department—Mrs. E. E. Bradsher.
- Chairman Education Department—Mrs. J. A. Beam.
- Reporter—Mrs. A. S. deVlaming.
- Librarian—Miss Mary Cheek.

The business section of the meeting being longer than usual, the President suggested that any who did not feel they could stay for the program on "Woman" could feel free to leave. Few departed. Those who remained felt amply repaid. Mrs. W. O. Sample, in an informal way, told of the "Sphere of Woman Fifty Years Ago" dwelling particularly on the manner women were hedged about by the rules of etiquette prevailing at the time. Mrs. W. G. Miller read a thought-provoking article on "The Business Woman" Miss Bessie Heath Daniel, in about fifteen minutes, read a paper dealing with "Woman in Politics". In a delightful vein, but with facts as a basis, she showed by references to women of our State who have already accomplished much and to pending legislation of peculiar interest to women, that the woman has a definite place as a voter.

The Club, by a rising vote of thanks, expressed its gratitude to the retiring President for the efficient and tactful manner in which she had carried on the work of the past year.

LITTLE OTIS ALLEN RUDDER.

Little Otis Allen Rudder the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rudder of near Roxboro, N. C., passed away April 1, 1924 and went to live with Jesus who said, "Suffer little children to come Unto Me and Forbid Them Not."

He was a great sufferer for about a week with measles.

We cannot understand why this little darling had to be taken from its mother's arms. But we do know that the Lord doth all things well.

Little Otis is happy around the great white throne with Jesus. He cannot come to us, but we can prepare our selves to meet him in heaven.

The funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Church, by Rev. B. T. Husley and his little body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

May the richest blessing of heaven rest on the bereaved family and friends.—Lois Walker.

THREE PATIENTS LOSE LIVES IN MORGANTON HOSPITAL FIRE

Morganton, N. C., April 3.—Three patients lost their lives and one other was probably fatally injured in a fire which early today partially destroyed Broad Oaks sanatorium, entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000. The dead are: John P. Green, Charlotte contractor who died early tonight; Mrs. Isabella Hereford, of Union, W. Va., who was found after the fire smothered to death in her bed, and Mrs. Julia Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Fla., whose room was cut off by the flames rendering rescue impossible and whose charred body was found following the fire. Mrs. Cornelia Gaines, a patient from Georgia, was terribly burned. It was said tonight at Grace Hospital, where she was taken, that no hope is entertained for her recovery.

The fire had made considerable headway when discovered by the night watchman, Durant Williams, and spread so rapidly in the frame structure only by heroic efforts on the part of doctors, nurses and attendants, assisted by the Morganton fire company, a volunteer organization, that most of the 42 patients were rescued. A group of firemen with a truck from Hickory, 21 miles away, came to the assistance of the Morganton firemen and rendered aid in stopping the spread of the fire.

CHURCH ADVERTISING

The First Baptist church has entered upon the first definite advertising campaign to be put on by a church in Durham. There has been one or two in-and-out efforts at church advertising in the past, but it was not a sustained effort, or a planned campaign. The venture by the First Baptist church will be watched with considerable interest, as the results from that will probably determine the attitude of other churches along that line.

There is no reason why a well-planned advertising campaign should not prove beneficial to the cause in which the churches are laboring. The churches are working toward a definite object, that of saving human souls. We might say, without being sacrilegious, that the church is trying to sell itself to the public, and it is well established that the best means for selling anything is through the medium of newspapers. That statement is no longer controverted, as the best business interests of the world have fully tried out the merits of advertising, and have found it the best, and only way, of securing patronage in quantity and quality needed for the success of business.

The church, to succeed in its mission, must reach the people whom it is attempting to save. The mere fact that its cause is good is not sufficient. It must convince the world of the goodness of that cause. The devil doesn't hesitate to advertise, he having long ago realized that it is his best means of reaching the people. The church, to offset that, must also advertise.

Saving souls is a business—a most serious business. To save a man or woman, his or her interest must first be secured. If the people can be induced to go to church, they will become interested in its work, and become responsive to its appeal. It is difficult to make a good Christian out of a person who won't attend church. We might say that attending church services is a habit. Once you start, you will find it no trouble to keep up. But, let a man or woman stay away from church services for an extended period of time, and his or her interest in it is either completely lost or reduced to a serious minimum. On the other hand, after attending services regularly for a few weeks, it becomes a part of the people's lives, and they keep at it. We would consider that one of the most important steps confronting the church is to get the attention of the people, and to get that attention, they must be induced to enter the church. Personal work helps along that line, but it can only reach a limited number. On the other hand, the newspaper reaches the thousands of people, and the regular appearance of an appeal for church attendance, setting forth its interesting features, will attract the way-farer the same as the commercial advertisement attracts patrons.

The First Baptist church is to be commended for its far-sightedness in launching into a definite advertising campaign, and we believe that it will prove so beneficial that it will become one of the church's fixed policies.—Durham Herald.

A Duplin County farmer taught to cut hens by an extension worker from State College, culled out 26 hens for a neighbor. These were put in a fattening pen and laid seven eggs during ten days. The remainder of the flock is now producing more eggs than the original number cause of more feed and better attention.

AT WORK ON NEW THEATRE BUILDING.

Mess. Kirby Bros. saw the first brick laid last week on their new theatre building. Mr. J. F. Reams has the contract for this building and will rush it to completion. This will be another ornament to the town, as the building complete will represent an expenditure of something like \$50,000. We have the promise of a cut of the building as it will appear when completed and we hope to be able to let you have a glimpse of it soon.

IN MEMORIUM.

In the death of H. J. Whitt, which occurred on March the thirtieth, not only does his wife lose a loving companion and his children, a devoted father, but Person County, as a whole, and Providence community in particular, loses a citizen of excellent character and invaluable worth. Mr. Whitt was a consecrated christian gentleman. In politics he was clean, in business he was honest, in christian service he was zealous, and to his friends and family he was sympathetic, generous and loving.

His entire life of sixty-two years and six months he had spent in Person County working for the betterment of his community and his county. In putting forward anything for the good of the people, anyone could count on the support and untiring effort of John Whitt. He, indeed, used the talents God gave him, and I'm sure his efforts won for him the welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

I can not say, and I will not say, That he is dead. He is just away; With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand

He has wandered into an unknown land, And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you, oh you—who the wildest yearn For the old time step, and the glad return—

Think of him faring on, as dear In the love of there, as the love of here; Think of him still as the same, I say; He is not dead—he is just away. One who loved him.—M.

THE OLD HOME PAPER.

Sometimes the resident of a community does not value the home paper as highly as does the man or woman who has moved away. There is a short poem which though anonymous has been going the rounds of papers in other sections of the country for several years and explains the feeling of the reader who has moved away from home. We would like for every reader of The Courier to read this little message of appreciation. It follows:

It's printed old-fashioned and homely, Bearing name of a small country town; With an unfeigned sneer at its wrapper queer, The postman, in scorn, throws it down.

But I scan every line that it offers. Each item brings something to view, Through the vista of years, through youth's pleasure and fears, It serves their keen touch to renew, The death of the girl I once courted, The growth of a firm I once jeered, The rise of a friend I love to commend,

The fall of a man I revered. As I read I drift dreamily backward To the days when to live was a joy, I think and I pore, till the city's dull roar Grows faint and again I'm a boy. Rare perfume of green country by-ways,

Fair music of flowers and bees, And the quaint little town with the streets leading down To the creek and the low-bending trees.

Around me the forms of my comrades, About us earth's glories unfurled, Each heart undefiled, with the faith of a child, Looking forth to a place in the world, And the paper tells how all have prospered, I follow their lives as they flow, Applauding each gain and regretting each pain

For the sake of the days long ago. Above all the huge city dailies With ponderous utterance wise, This scant page hath power to spread for an hour A fairyland sweet to my eyes.

Buy good seed for the home garden.

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GOVERNOR MORRISON AND MRS. WATTS MARRY AT DURHAM

Durham, N. C., Apr. 3.—(United Press.)—Governor Cameron Morrison of North Carolina and Mrs. Sara Ecker Watts, widow of George W. Watts, Durham millionaire and financier, were married here late yesterday afternoon at the Watts mansion.

The bride, one of the wealthiest women of North Carolina, is a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and was married to the late Mr. Watts of that city in October 1917. Some years ago she was a trained nurse, but had given up that profession prior to her marriage to Mr. Watts.

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