

## Roxboro Woman's Club Activities

The cool, crisp days of September remind us that vacation time is over. Again we scuttle to our various responsibilities, feeling so rested, having spent a delightful vacation, are ready and anxious to be on the job again. It is such a pleasure to greet old friends and co-workers after the vacation and once more together work out the problems confronting us.

The first meeting of the year will be on Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock in the club room. At this time we hope to have some one to explain the new proposed State Constitution which is to be voted on in November. Since we are allowed the privilege of voting let us be prepared to do so intelligently. It will not be long or tedious, so please fill the club room on this date and prove that you are interested in the affairs of State as well as County and town.

Earnestly desiring the good will and cooperation of the people of Roxboro and Person County, we are publishing for your consideration some of the work we are attempting to accomplish this year. In doing this we hope to arrest your attention and interest to the extent of helpful, constructive criticism and a desire to join with us in the year's work. The membership committee has been appointed and already at work. When they call on you to join the Woman's Club please do not carelessly turn them away, but carefully consider whether or not it is your duty to join and by so doing pledge your best judgment and service to the building of a larger, better and more beautiful town in which to live. Don't think there is a plenty to do this work without your assistance. Suppose all should make this decision? We do really feel that every woman in Roxboro is duty bound to join and support the Woman's Club for your own welfare as an interested citizen. The town in which you live should be of the same vital interest to you as your home. Would you leave your home indefinitely to some one else at all times without any thought as to its future success and well-being? Then you should be equally anxious about your town and community for there is where your children are going to get their first impression outside of the home. Should we see to its being a good or a bad one? Shoulder to shoulder we can and will succeed—broken ranks mean defeat.

The first thing we are most interested in is the new community house, being erected by the FERA. We are sorely in need of such a building, for the use of the many organizations of the town and county. Those who are in position to know assure us that this house will soon be completed for which we will be most grateful. It will fill a long felt need in Roxboro. In this community house will be a nice,

spacious room for our library, the enlargement of which is our objective for this year.

The growth of the Woman's Club library has been slow but steady. We have at this time 688 volumes. The books are being mended, classified and catalogued by the FERA in a very satisfactory manner and we are indeed grateful for this opportunity. It is of much value to us all. This library from the beginning until the present time has been maintained by donations of books from the literature clubs and citizens of Roxboro and Person County. Douglas Davis recently gave eighty boys' books to the library. We thank you, Douglas, don't forget the library when you have more books to give. Now, don't others follow suit, thereby enabling us to reach our goal of 1500 volumes by next Fall? To get some of these seldom used books in our town and county bundled off to a long career of usefulness will be very satisfying to the donor and enjoyed and of unending good to those who need and enjoy reading. We are very much in need of children's books. Any good juvenile books sent to the library will get maximum circulation. Any small community, while working for the ultimate establishment of library service or a unit large enough to provide access to a large reference service, specialists in children's reading, etc., can have access to many more books than any one family could hope to own, by pooling its resources to the ultimate end of a county and state supported library. Don't you really think Person county needs a free public library? If so, then lend us your assistance and watch it grow.

Five departments and two clubs compose the Woman's Club.

The Study Club, Mrs. R. A. Whitfield, president, is a literary club of 14 members.

The Garden Club, Mrs. Mamie Merritt, president, is for beautifying our homes and town. The departments are: Art, Mrs. Allen Griffin, chairman, with Mrs. R. L. Wilburn and Mr. Lynwood Carver, assisting; Literature, Mrs. R. A. Whitfield, chairman; Health and Welfare, Mrs. J. D. Morris, chairman; Civics, Mrs. I. O. Abbit, chairman; Needlecraft, Mrs. L. M. Carlton, chm. Come to the first meeting and identify yourself with some one or all of these clubs and departments.

At the close of the year we hope to give an exhibit of the work done by the clubs and departments. We are asking other organizations of the town and county to join with us in this. We don't see any reason why we shouldn't have an exhibit worth anyone's time to see. We will let you hear more about this later.

We really want a huge membership this year and for your information will say that the members

will not be called on for anything other than their dues. Come and let us acquaint you with our plans. Mrs. S. B. Davis, Pres.

## Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Charles E. Dunn

ISAIAH COUNSELS RULERS  
Lesson for Sept. 23: Isaiah 31  
Golden Text: Isaiah 26:3

Isaiah denounced his people for their reliance upon military prowess. The Assyrian empire was at its peak. It had already swallowed up Israel, and was now threatening hapless Judah. As the Hebrews were painfully aware of their weakness in cavalry, an alliance with Egypt, well provided with horses and chariots, seemed immensely attractive. It was the folly of trusting in the might of Egypt rather than in their God which provoked the we recorded at the beginning of the 31st chapter of Isaiah's prophecy.

Such a warning is very timely today when we think of the new armament race now in full swing. Despite the intolerable misery and woe visited upon the earth by the practice of war, men still trust in bombs and guns. In the midst of economic disaster without a parallel the nations today are stupidly spending four and one-half billion dollars annually on armaments.

What can be done to check the drift toward war? First of all there must be real and drastic disarmament. An effective step in this direction would be the abolition of all battleships, submarines and heavy artillery, and the absolute prohibition of chemical warfare.

Secondly, the private manufacture of armaments should either be abolished or placed under strict control. One of the most sinister aspects of the war racket is the greed of the armorers, merchants of death indeed who do not hesitate to stir up international strife that their pockets may be filled with gold.

Further steps toward a world secure from the threat of military upheaval are American membership in the World Court, a revision downward of the debts owed to the United States, a re-establishment of the sanctity of international law, and a mutual non-aggression pledge never to cross borders in hostile moods.

**YOUR DAUGHTER**—Distinguished President of a college for women discusses modern girls and advises shocked and worried fathers and mothers what to do about things they don't approve. An interesting article in the American Weekly, issue which comes with the Baltimore SUNDAY AMERICAN; issue of September 23. Buy your copy from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.

## PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION

Between now and November there will doubtless be much discussion, both pro and con, regarding the proposed new constitution for North Carolina.

In last week's issue of The State, Carl Goerch's magazine, Kemp D. Battle, Rocky Mount lawyer, has an interesting discussion of the proposals. The question is not whether the document is perfect, Mr. Battle says, but whether it is better than the old constitution. He gives seven reasons for thinking it is. Here they are:

1. Under the old constitution, the state has accumulated about the largest per-capita debt in the United States, practically all of it without popular vote. Under the re-

vised constitution, the debt-making power of the legislature is severely curtailed.

2. Under the old constitution, it was possible for a county without popular vote to issue millions of dollars in bonds for extravagant construction of county buildings and similar purposes. Look at Bunncombe. Under the revised constitution the debt-making power of counties, cities and towns is severely curtailed.

3. The legislature under the revised constitution can provide a better general system of taxation. The present limitation of 6 per cent on income is lower than in any other state.

4. Under the revised constitution, the exercise of the taxing power, who sell beer in violation of the subject to a modified veto (the veto, however, to be overridden by ma-

jority vote.) Ours is the only State in the Union with no veto power at all, and we have no monopoly on wisdom.

5. Under the revised constitution, exemption of a homestead from taxation will be possible as an objective of state policy.

6. Under the revised constitution, the present "jungle" of county courts, recorders' courts, justices of peace, etc., can be supplanted by a uniform system of inferior courts.

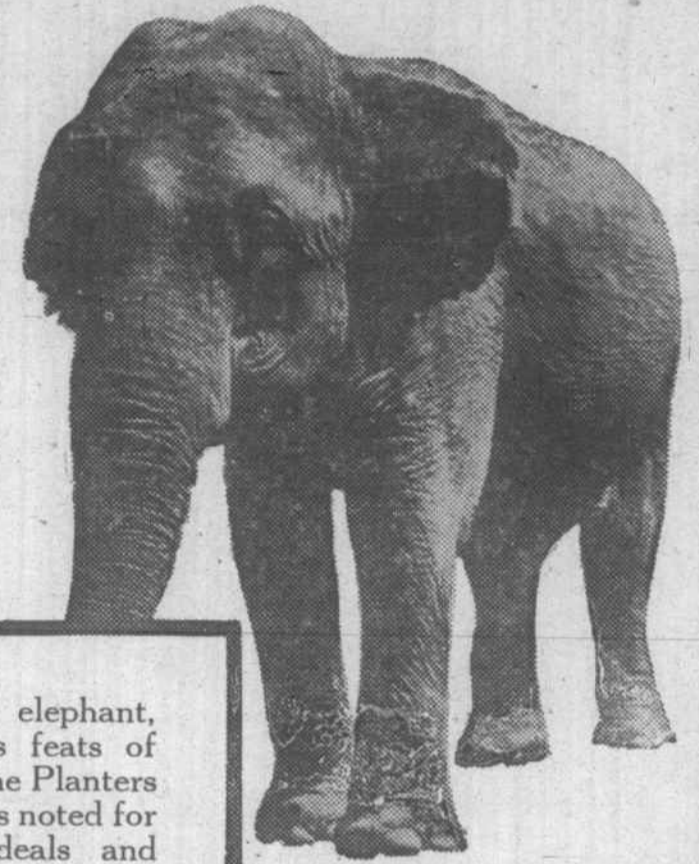
7. Under the revised constitution, the confused powers of the Board of Education, the State School Commission, the Textbook Commission will be consolidated under a new Board of Education with the superintendent of public instruction as the chief executive officer and the other members selected for educational qualifications, subject to confirmation by the legislature.

Mr. Battle adds that there are many other advantages and that he believes, when the thinking citizens of North Carolina give the matter the study which it merits they will realize that, taking the revised constitution by and large, it is a vast improvement over the old.

Insist on high quality paint both inside and outside the house. It washes and wears much better. Incidentally, an interesting note by Dr. J. S. Long, recently appointed head of research for Devoe and Reynolds Paint and Glass company it requires a full acre to grow the linsed oil for two coats of paint for the average seven room house

The "mud skipper," a fish found in East Africa, lives on land, but must keep its tail moist, since it breathes through it.

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