

**MISS IVES ATTENDS MEETING OF B. AND P. CLUBS**

Miss Cora Belle Ives who is spending a month in Maine on a vacation trip, attended the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at Portland, Maine, last week, as a delegate from the local club. The following extracts from a letter to the president of the local club will be of interest to some of our readers:

"I went over to Portland on last Tuesday to the convention. I never saw so many women in all my life, and most of them were old women. I had the good luck to run up with Miss Riddick (Miss Riddick represented the Raleigh club) in the Registration Hall and she helped me a great deal. On the day I was there only 22 delegates and alternates had registered from North Carolina. Portland surely entertained them—but I will give a more detailed account of that later."

"The weather here today has been foggy and cold. Harpswell Center is a peninsular on Casca Bay, which is salt water, and of course we get a great many mists and fogs. There are 365 islands in this bay. The other day I was at Look Out and saw a good size seal swimming nearby."

I have seen several things of interest since I have been here that I have read about. The Shenandoah, the giant dirigible, passed over this place on July 4, on its way from Lakehurst, N. J., to Barbor, Me. Later I went over to Meade's Point, not many miles away from here where the world aviators made their first stop in America after their flight around the world. The state of Maine has erected a stone there to these aviators."

"Other points of interest near here include Eagle Island, one of the many islands of Casca Bay, where the summer home of the late Admiral Perry is located. In Brunswick, Me., nine miles from here is Bowdoin College, where Longfellow, Hawthorne, Abbot, Admiral Perry, and Elijah Kellogg and others attended college. There is a church on the college campus about which a story is told that Harriett Beecher Stowe got her inspiration here to write "Uncle Tom's Cabin." In Portland I saw the home of Longfellow and also the statue erected to his memory."

"We expect to leave here on the 31st and will spend two days in New York City on our way home."

Extracts from a letter to Judge

Brooks state:

"We are the only Southern girls here and the people seem to take delight in doing anything for us. Everyone is especially pleased with Frances' voice and she has sung in a good many places. (Miss Frances White, voice teacher in the school here is with Miss Ives.) They just make us talk to hear our "brogue."

I know you would enjoy the sea food we have, but as for me I do not care much for clams, lobsters and shrimps, and I shall be glad once again to get a good old biscuit, fried chicken and green vegetables. Here they are just having the strawberries and their gardens have just begun to grow."

**A Watermelon For Everybody**

Mr. C. L. Johnson, who guards the railroad crossing on Main street, says that last Friday five trains of an average of 80 cars each passed here on their way North loaded with watermelons.

That means 400 car loads of watermelons going on the market in one day over one road.

The melons were shipped from Georgia and Florida. From that section the Seaboard and Southern railways also haul an immense quantity of truck all this accounting for the fact that one may see plenty of Southern grown watermelons on the market in any of the northern cities at any time.—Benson Review.

**Affairs of First Concern**

"I conceive it to be the highest duty of government to see that the citizenry is healthy, happy, intelligent, and productive. Hence, a representative system of public education, an efficient program of health betterment, rural improvement, care of the afflicted, adequate law protection, and the creation of sound public sentiment toward all matters touching the citizen and the State are all Affairs of First Concern in government. They are matters of economy and not sentiment, because they conserve the State's greatest assets, the manhood and womanhood—the real producers—and the health and happiness of all the citizens. To see that measures designed for such improvement of the life of the citizenry as a whole are adequately met out of the State's finances is not extravagance; it is the only kind of sensible, cumulative economy."—From Governor McLean's Inaugural Address, January 14, 1925.

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