

Home Demonstration Work Is Restored In Pasquotank

Commissioners Capitulate Unconditionally, Unreservedly And Unanimously To Women Of County Who Nearly 500 Strong Storm Citadels Of Reactionaryism With Irresistible Attack

Home demonstration work was retained and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Marcie Albertson was re-employed Monday morning, January 1, by a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners, all commissioners, with the exception of W. J. F. Spence of Newland, being present.

The dissenting County Commissioners were simply overwhelmed, overpowered and almost annihilated by the salvos of facts, sentiment, logic and persuasion with which they were assailed. They were left with absolutely no footing to stand on.

The cohorts of home demonstrators were promptly mobilized for the attack. By ten o'clock in the morning the advance guard had surrounded the courthouse and before the reading of minutes was done the majority of deeds office, where the meetings of the County Commissioners are held, was crowded. Had it not been for the storm of the early morning which prevented numbers of friends of home demonstration from the country from attending the meeting, the very courthouse square would have had all the appearance of a big mass meeting.

While representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club and of the Junior Order filed into the room where the meeting was being held a more imposing delegation was assembling in the clerk of the court's office on the other side of the corridor—a delegation of women.

The attack was launched shortly after ten o'clock when the minutes and other preliminaries having been disposed of, the ladies across the hall were invited to enter. They came, they were seen, and they conquered, almost before the first gun was fired. At the end of forty-five minutes of red-hot attack the last trace of opposition had melted away and the Commissioners were not only ready to surrender but were in a good humor over it. They were not only willing to reconsider their action, they were positively delighted to do so.

The ladies were led by Mrs. Cam W. Melick, who presented petitions from 315 home demonstration club members throughout the County. Other petitions were already in the hands of Chairman Burfoot and yet others continued to come in during the meeting, having been delayed by the morning storm. Mrs. Melick made a telling argument for Miss Albertson's work and the Commissioners would probably have been ready to vote for reconsideration at the conclusion of her address. One of the most effective pleas of the morning was made by Mrs. Almira Whitehurst. The Commissioners may forget what she said; but they will hardly ever forget her sincerity and earnestness. Mrs. Sarah Parsons of Selma, despite the weather, was present in person to present the petition in behalf of Miss Albertson's work in that community.

W. L. Gibson presented the resolution favoring continuation of home demonstration work from the Junior Order, G. F. Seyfert from the Rotary Club, Gurney P. Hood from the Chamber of Commerce; J. T. McCabe, from the Merchants Association; G. R. Little and P. G. Sawyer, from the Kiwanis Club; and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson spoke in behalf of the work for the ministerial association. Mr. Hood called the economy argument when he showed that for the year with taxable property of \$100 the amount paid to home demonstration annually is one cent; \$1,000, 10 cents; \$100,000, \$1.00.

There were numerous other speakers representing so organizations who made telling points in favor of home demonstration work by citing examples of work done in other communities. Miss Williams, for example, told how, during the

HARD TO BEGIN NEW YEAR DRY

But Prohibition Officers Are At Work And Much Happens In Big Cities

New York, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Federal prohibition officers and police joined hands in what is declared to be the first successful attempt to dry up New York during its New Year's celebration.

Concentrating the work on Broadway and the nearby streets, they raided practically every cafe, restaurant and cabaret, and arrested at least a hundred persons for alleged violations of the prohibition laws. More than two hundred Federal agents participated.

Riot In St. Louis St. Louis, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Two men were shot and wounded, one woman was injured, and a barrage of chairs, glassware, plates, knives and forks were hurled promiscuously in a riot at a fashionable hotel when the guests objected to the intrusion of prohibition enforcement agents and policemen searching for liquor today. No arrests were made.

Suspected Of Taking Arms To Irregulars

Queenstown, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The British destroyer has arrested an American steamship close to the Irish coast, suspecting it of seeking to land a cargo of arms for Irish irregulars.

BONAR LAW DOUBTS CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Paris, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Prime Minister Bonar Law has arrived for a vital conference and admits that its success is problematical.

Woman Killed By New Year Celebrant

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Mrs. Peter Trafer was shot and killed here early this morning by a bullet from a gun in the hands of a New Year celebrant, when she put her head out of the window of her home to witness a celebration by a crowd in the street. Mrs. Trafer was the wife of a merchant.

Influenza epidemic he was called to a family of twelve, all ill, and when he arrived at the home found Miss Albertson in efficient and trained ministrant to the sick. Others knew of lives of little children, left motherless, that had been saved through Miss Albertson's timely help and counsel. Among others who spoke merely as individuals and taxpayers and made forcible pleas for the work were D. R. Morgan and Dr. John Saliba.

The motion for reconsideration was made by Commissioner Bundy, who was one of those voting against the work at the December meeting, and was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, another former opponent of the work.

Mr. Bundy and Mr. Thompson both explained that they had voted their convictions in the first instance; but that the showing made by friends of the work Monday morning was such that they felt that they had no right to withstand it. To this Commissioner Cartwright said amen. Chairman Burfoot explained that his vote against the work was cast only in order to give the people an opportunity to express themselves on the matter, that he had always favored home demonstration work in the County and was glad to cast his vote in favor of it.

To show that their hearts were in the right place, the Commissioners after voting ratification of the work also voted to pay Miss Albertson's December salary.

PREPARING FOR ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT



Photo is of Sir Keith Smith, famous British aviator, who is in San Francisco preparing the details for his round the world flight. He is arranging for gasoline supply, as he will need 8,000 gallons to complete the trip, which will begin early next spring. Sir Keith will take off from England, make his way to Egypt and Mesopotamia, thence to the East and Orient, across the Pacific to Vancouver and across the continent to Newfoundland. The last lap of the flight will be the long and dangerous hop across the Atlantic.

State Holds Place In Value Of Crops

Raleigh, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—North Carolina holds her high position in the total value of field crops for 1922. With a rank of fourth at \$293,094,000 for the value of the twenty-two most important crops of the United States and fifth in rank of all crops valued at \$342,637,000, North Carolina, with a cultivated area of less than twenty-five others, surpasses forty-three states in the value of crops.

This official announcement was made today by officials of the North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture. In the crop value indicated, livestock, timber and improvement of land are not included. Forecasts that the State would maintain its position were made several weeks ago, but the final figures were not obtained until today.

"Such a high rank is of considerable credit to the Tar Heel State," reads the announcement, "even if most of the credit is due to cotton and tobacco. It should be recalled that the Middle Western progressive farming states had good crops and better prices for grain than in 1921. That we also improved is evident from the \$80,000,000 increase in crop value over last year—a gain of about 25 per cent. 1921 crops showed a decrease of \$90,000,000 from the 1920 value. The 1919 census valuation was \$503,229,000, when we ranked eleventh in total value.

"The rank of fourth in the value of our twenty-two important crops is, of course, very creditable, but with the advance of the boll weevil damages we will lose an advantage. Then, too, our yields per acre of the food and feed crops are distressingly low. If we eliminate the increased usage of commercial fertilizers, our yields will perhaps not be more than they were ten or twenty years ago. The farming practices in North Carolina offer opportunity for vast improvement."

TEXAS TAKES LEAD IN 1922 LYNCHINGS

Tuskegee, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Texas with eighteen lynchings leads the United States for 1922 with Georgia second and Mississippi third.

MUTINY SUPPRESSED

Rome, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The mutiny of five hundred guards at Turin was suppressed after the demonstrators paraded the streets shouting "down with Mussolini."

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison and children, Elwood and Elizabeth Harrison, returned to their home at Baltimore, Md., Saturday after spending Christmas with relatives here.

Murders Family He Is Visiting

Canton, Ohio, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—A mother and her three-year-old son are dead and two others are severely wounded as the result of a maniac's attack on the family of Dominick Rich after which he slashed his own throat and is in a serious condition. The police say that Joe Fernandez suddenly went insane while visiting the Rich family, shot the baby, then the mother, and when the father and thirteen-year-old son attacked Fernandez, they were shot down. Fernandez after stopping to cut Mrs. Rich's throat, slashed his own.

COMMISSIONER WADE ATTENDS GOLDEN WEDDING

Raleigh, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Stacy W. Wade, State insurance commissioner, has returned from Morehead City, where he attended the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Wade. The commissioner's father is 76 years of age and his mother 74.

Seven children were born to the couple and all were present at the anniversary Christmas. In addition to the commissioner, the children are W. B. Wade, Southport; T. D. Wade, Morehead City; D. B. Wade, Jr., New Bern; C. B. Wade, Morehead City; Robert T. Wade, editor of The Morehead City Coaster, and Mrs. M. F. Mallison.

Retrenchment Policy Asked Of Missouri

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—A policy of retrenchment, reduction of state expenses and taxes, and reform or abolition of several bureaus and commissions, are among the issues expected to come before the Missouri Legislature, which convenes January 3. Both houses are Democratic in majority while Governor Arthur M. Hyde is a Republican.

Equal educational opportunities for rural children and laws affecting the betterment of child welfare, are the two chief subjects in which Missouri's first women legislators are interested. Mrs. Edward James of Johnson county, has announced as a candidate for chaplain of the house and, if elected, will be the first ever to have held the office. Mrs. James is an ordained minister of the Baptist church.

Governor Hyde has made no announcement of legislation he desires enacted but has said that he was "anxious to co-operate with both houses in the interest of the state," and that there will be "no veto of any measure that will achieve economy or promote public welfare."

MEXICAN CONGRESS HAS EXCITING ENDING

Mexico City, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The thirtieth Mexican Congress has ended in a tumultuous scene in which pistols were drawn and challenges to duels made.

O'NEAL OF OCRACOKE ARRIVES AT RALEIGH

Raleigh, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Simie O'Neal, of Ocracoke, who is scheduled to be named assistant doorkeeper of the House when the North Carolina General Assembly convenes tomorrow, and who has been a famous figure in the story of the State's island, arrived in Raleigh tonight.

Mr. O'Neal stated he knows "all the boys on the coast from New York to Georgia" and that he's going back to his hunting and fishing grounds to meet many of them as soon as the Legislature adjourns.

IS THERE ANYTHING 'GREATER THAN LOVE'?

What is "Greater than Love"? Some say there is nothing greater. Well, anyway, the question will be settled in the interesting photoplay at the Alkrama tonight. Orchestra music is one of the enjoyable features every evening.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN BANKS CONTROL CONSOLIDATED

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The year 1922 has been notable in the development of banking in Czechoslovakia. Efforts have been made, and successfully, to consolidate the banks under a system of joint control by which it will be possible, by mutual agreement, to limit the field of activities, to cut the waste and duplication of effort and bring about greater business prosperity for all the institutions concerned.

Linen Shower For Hospital Thursday

Miss Eloise Robinson, president of the Ladies Auxillary of the Community Hospital, calls to the attention of the public the linen shower which is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms from three to five-thirty Thursday afternoon. Contributions of linen are solicited, and the following dimensions are published in order that every one may know just what to contribute: Sheets 64 x 89 Pillow Cases 18 x 30 Towels 18 x 36 Bath Towels 18 x 36 Bed spreads 64 x 80

Fail Find Bergdoll On Steamer Jupiter

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—An exhaustive search by soldiers, sailors and agents of the Department of Justice failed to reveal the presence of Grover Bergdoll, draft dodger aboard the German steamship, Jupiter, which arrived here today.

ROCKY MOUNT LOOKS FORWARD TO BASEBALL

Rocky Mount, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—All doubt that the Virginia league might not be continued next season has been removed by the receipt of information that both Wilmington and Petersburg, Va., will be represented at the meeting of officials in Norfolk tomorrow to complete organization plans. One of these two cities is expected to take up the franchise of Newport News, according to W. S. Moye, president of the league.

Present owners of the franchise of Rocky Mount have not indicated whether they will continue their participation in the league. L. L. Gravelly, president of the Tar Heels, Inc., asserted that the was of the opinion this city would have baseball again this summer and that if present owners failed to post forfeit money Tuesday, new interests would step in and take over the club.

Wilson and Rocky Mount fans are supporting Wilmington for the Newport News franchise in order to give North Carolina three cities in the circuit, it was stated.

WARNS SULTAN'S POWER NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH

Manila, P. I., Jan. 1.—Warning has been given Senator Hadji Dulu, one of the most prominent Moros of the Philippines and senator from the district of Mindanao and Sulu, against any attempt to curtail the religious powers exercised by the Sultan of Sulu. He declared that any attempt on the part of the government to destroy the prestige of the Mohammedan religion will be met with disastrous results.

Senator Dulu's statement was in answer to a proposal of the prosecuting attorney of Jolo, the Sultan's home, submitted to the governor general and the secretary of justice, to cancel the semi-judicial powers which the Mohammedan religion, laws and customs give to the Sultan of Sulu as inherent to his office. The prosecutor, who is a Christian, asks cancellation of the sultan's power on the ground that civil government established in the Sulu archipelago is often in conflict with the use of this power. The power referred to in the proposal is the sultan's right to act as judge or arbiter on religious matters which parties concerned voluntarily submit to him for decision and which chiefly relate to marriage and divorce.

Senator Teopisto Guingona, who by appointment of the governor general represents the non-Christian tribes in the Mountain province, also is opposed to the curtailment of the sultan's powers, and has submitted a statement to the governor general against the plan.

JAPAN AND VATICAN AGREE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATION

Tokio, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Japan and the Vatican have agreed on the establishment of diplomatic relations and the appointment of ministers to their respective courts with a small staff of secretaries, but Japanese actions must await the decision of the Diet on the budget for the next year.

Miss Eva Watson has returned to Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Md., after spending a few weeks at the Washington Building, Main Street, Elizabeth City.

PACT SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR

In Washington To Secretary Hughes, But State Department Did Not Transmit It

Paris, France, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The proposed non-aggression engagement referred to in the Hamburg speech of Wilhelm Cuno, German Chancellor, was suggested by the German Ambassador in Washington to Secretary Hughes, but the State Department did not transmit it officially to the French government, it was said here semi-officially today.

Hamburg, Germany, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Germany's proposal to France for a nonwar pact among all powers interested in the Rhine which France rejected was made in the belief that stable peace in Europe was attainable only if all the nations decided to stand on foundations of reality. Cuno declared in his sensational speech yesterday revealing Germany's latest move in connection with reparations.

Paris, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Wilhelm Mayer, German ambassador, told the foreign office that Karl Bergmann, German financial expert, would bring to Paris the new propositions on reparations from Germany.

Radiophone Is An Enemy Of Herring

Gothenburg, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The radiophone is becoming a serious menace to the safety of the herring off the Swedish coast. The fishermen out at sea soon will be told from the Gothenburg radio central the exact location of the herring schools. This unique service, which will tend to eliminate wasteful waiting on the part of fishermen, and will doubtless mean a considerable increase in the catches of herring, is the newest commercial use to which the wireless telephone will be put in Sweden, according to plans just completed.

While merchant vessels have for some time been required by law to carry wireless equipment, the smaller fishing vessels have hitherto operated without systems of communication with the land. They will now receive weather reports, forecasts and news, as well as the radio tips regarding the appearance of the herring.

Plans are on foot to distribute news in Sweden by radio telephone. Experiments are being made from Stockholm as a center.

JAPANESE INVESTORS SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSS

Tokio, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Another heavy loss has been sustained by Japanese investors through the decision of the Moscow government to cancel concessions for cutting timber in Siberia granted by the former White Government. Several of the largest firms in Japan had obtained these concessions by the payment of 3,000,000 yen to the old Vladivostok government, and a monthly sum according to the amount of timber cut. As a great amount of this timber was still awaiting shipment when the Reds took Vladivostok the Japanese count the venture a total loss.

Sarah Bernhardt Grows Worse Again

Paris, France, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Sarah Bernhardt, who was thought to be making excellent progress toward recovery from her recent breakdown, had another series of fainting spells today, giving grave concern to her physicians.

PLANNING CELEBRATE BATTLE FORT FISHER

Wilmington, Jan. 1 (By The Associated Press)—W. A. Graham, superintendent of consolidated schools in New Hanover, will be the chief speaker at the celebration of the battle of Fort Fisher on January 13. Representatives of the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and other organizations here will also participate.