

# WOMEN'S INTERESTS

## Bestcity Woman Delegate Leaves For Convention

Mrs. James Greene Fearing, One of First Women to Represent North Carolina, Has Been Efficient Public Worker Since Girlhood and Holds Prominent Positions

Leaving today to attend the Democratic National Convention at New York City, beginning June 21, is Mrs. James Greene Fearing of Elizabeth City, one of the four delegates at large to the convention from North Carolina and one of the four first women delegates to represent North Carolina at a National Convention.

Mrs. Fearing also has the distinction of being the first woman in Elizabeth City ever to address a political mass meeting. It was in the day when Daniels-for-President clubs were springing up all over North Carolina and a mass meeting had been called to organize such a club here. Mrs. Fearing, espousing Mr. Daniels' cause, made what was considered by those attending, as the speech of the evening.

Though this was her first speech before a political gathering, Mrs. Fearing has for a number of years been making public addresses and now has a reputation as a speaker that is more than statewide, having but recently received an invitation to speak before the Fire Marshals' Association of North America at its annual convention in the city of Detroit on September 11. Mrs. Fearing has accepted the invitation and will speak on "Teaching Safety Education in North Carolina Schools," a matter on which she can speak with authority, having been engaged in that very work, as Director of Safety Education in Eastern North Carolina, for a number of years. In this position Mrs. Fearing is working under the North Carolina Insurance Department, but she does not confine her preaching of safety first to the matter fire prevention. The "Safety Leagues" which she organizes wherever she goes in the State—and she has visited almost every county in North Carolina—are designed to teach citizenship, which, Mrs. Fearing says, "spells safety in the highest and broadest sense." Her work in this direction has been highly commended by the State Board of Education.

But though Mrs. Fearing's job is the matter of organizing these safety leagues throughout the State, her activities are by no means limited to this work. Mrs. Fearing is now district president, for her second term of the Fourteenth District Federation of Women's Clubs for North Carolina, and so successful and efficient has been her leadership in this work that for two years in succession she has won the loving

and honored each year to the district president who organizes the largest number of new clubs in her district and the gavel offered for the largest attendance at a district meeting. Indeed, it is due largely to Mrs. Fearing that Elizabeth City has a woman's club today. Elizabeth City didn't until Mrs. Fearing took the steps that paved the way to such a club's organization.

It was not surprising to her neighbors in Elizabeth City, then, that when the County Democratic Convention for Pasquotank County met this year it elected Mrs. J. G. Fearing a delegate to the State Convention. It must be confessed, however, that the Old Home Town caught its breath when Associated Press dispatches brought the news to Elizabeth City from the State Convention that Mrs. Fearing had not only been one of the four women elected delegates at large to the National Convention at New York City this year but that she had led the field of women candidates and was second of both men and women in the number of votes received. Her name was placed in nomination by former Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner of Shelby, now prominently mentioned as candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1928.

Mrs. Fearing's first public work was teaching school. She was for a number of years a primary teacher in the city graded school, and her work was distinguished by her interest in backward pupils. Supt. S. H. Spraggins asked that the more backward children be assigned to her room and Mrs. Fearing went to Washington, D. C., to observe methods of teaching these pupils. These methods she adapted to local conditions with gratifying results. Prior to teaching in the primary department of the city graded school she was teacher in the business department of the Albemarle High School, at that time a well known preparatory school of the Albemarle counties. While yet a school girl, she was secretary to President J. M. Rhodes of Littleton Female College.

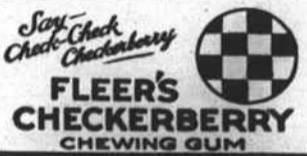
The foregoing facts give some little idea of Mrs. Fearing's energy and of her versatility. When it is added that she has served as a member of the executive board of the Susanna Crockett Training Camp at Asheville, that she was a delegate appointed by Governor Kitchin in 1912 to the Southern Sociological Congress, that she is now a director of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Fund for North Carolina, that she has been assistant secretary of the Albemarle District Fair Association since its organization and has been given a large measure of credit for some of the most successful features of that



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fair, that she is a member of the State Democratic executive committee, a member of the county welfare board, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the city schools, the wonder grows that she ever finds time for her manifold activities.

And Mrs. Fearing is as active in church work, a loyal member of the M. E. Church, South, as she is in educational, social and civic endeavor. She is superintendent of the senior department of the Sunday



school of the First Methodist church, the largest Sunday school in the city, and for 15 years has been treasurer of the Ladies Aid.

Yet Mrs. Fearing, for all her energy and her varied activities, is delightfully Southern and feminine. There is in her voice or manner nothing suggestive of the harsh-voiced, masculine type of woman who is sometimes attracted to public life. Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Hinton, and her childhood was spent on a North Carolina farm.

Those who knew the Old South will catch in the cadences of Mrs. Fearing's voice and in her enunciation an echo of the culture and leisure of the Southern plantation of the long ago.

### NO "BOBS" ARE ALLOWED AMONG WOMEN IN PRISON

Canon City, Colo., June 17.—Warden Thomas J. Tynan, of the Colorado state penitentiary here, has issued a decree to the women prisoners that there shall be "no bobs." Women arriving with bobbed hair are required to let it grow, according to the warden, who holds that there is something essentially feminine in graceful coils of hair, and that "incarceration is no reason why womanly qualities and virtues should not be emphasized."



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## OSTRICH MAY HAVE HEAD BURIED BUT HIS FEATHERS WAVE ALOFT

Graceful Plumage of the Big Bird Used as Trimming Not Only on Hats but Also on Dresses and Shoes and as Bracelets and Evening Headdress

By AILEEN LAMONT

New York, June 17.—The ostrich may have his head in the sand but this season, at least, he has his wing and tail feathers prominently displayed on scores of articles of feminine adornment. The vogue for ostrich trimming on evening gowns and even on shoes, which has run riot in Paris and London, is just gaining full speed here.

Dozens of ostrich trimmed dresses have been on view at the recent functions in honor of June brides. Feathers of every possible hue are being worn wherever they can be advantageously placed. They droop over hat brims and over fair shoulders and hang in delicate fronds from waist lines.

But it is at the skirt hem that they find their fullest expression. Generally they form a solid band of dainty floating color from the knees to the skirt edge and, in many cases, form the sole decoration of the frock.

They are so used on a recent Paris creation just arrived here, made of white fulgurante, with the new wide V neck line and only a suggestion of a low waist line to break the silhouette until a 14 inch band of black ostrich plumes is reached, which float from the knees down.

Another French model made on similar slim, straight lines is of azule colored crepe de chine and is garnished with a big puff of curled rose-colored ostrich at the left hip. From this ornament fronds of uncurled plumes of the same color wide down the left side of the skirt until they completely encircle the hem. One of Redfern's late designs is a tea gown of gold lace over coral fulgurante. A double fringe of coral

colored plumes extends from the knees all around to within 8 inches of the floor and is continued upward to the left hip.

The feather vogue has even spread to wraps. One of the most attractive examples seen recently is of white Georgette lined completely with short ostrich plumes dyed a delicate yellow.

One or two pairs of ostrich shoes have reached this side from London. These are made of the skin of the bird, tanned with the feathers on it. The straps are of the skin with the holes where the larger plumes stick through, enlarged into cutout designs.

Occasionally small bands formed of bright colored feathers take the place of bracelets around the wrist with feather trimmed evening gowns. The presentation of many Americans at the Court of St. James has given impetus to the wearing of white ostrich plumes as head ornaments with formal dress.


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