

Women of Sixteenth Club District Holding Annual Meeting at Ahoskie Today

Large Attendance From All Parts of District as Visitors Glad to Visit This Progressive Town

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mrs. E. F. Corbell of Sunbury Sums Up in Understanding Manner the Work of Past Year

Ahoskie, Sept. 28.—Members of the Woman's Clubs of the Sixteenth District of the North Carolina Federation turned their faces toward Ahoskie this morning and at 10 o'clock the first annual district meeting was under way.

Attendance was excellent, for many of those coming had long been anxious to visit the progressive town of Ahoskie and were doubly glad of today's opportunity.

Mrs. E. F. Corbell, District president, of Sunbury, welcomed the honored guests and members of the club in the following message:

"Another year has passed. Have we as club women reached the goal that was set before us? When re-elected to office last year I felt that the responsibility was too great, but in serving the district I have served myself. I have gained a deeper and broader knowledge of the work and a finer appreciation of the responsibility of being a club woman.

"The clubs of this district show achievement along all lines, from the planting of a flower to the building of club homes, from sending funds to mine sufferers to equipping school buildings, from raising poultry to putting on a campaign for eradication of tuberculosis, from working for an election for a high school to raising money for school buildings, from weighing babies, and planning their nourishment to making application to the Orthopedic Hospital for a child, from studying modern day literature to sponsoring gymnasium courses, from putting on music memory contests to observing National Music Week, and I might mention many other activities of the club of this district.

"The clubs I have visited have inspired me with a belief that great things are possible in the Sixteenth District because I find women with vision, zeal, and energy, who are willing to give of their time and of themselves.

"The rural part of the district in Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Currituck and Hertford counties, is being taken care of by the Home Bureaus. They are developing the American Home Department in a very wonderful manner. In establishing this department Mrs. Sherman, our General Federation Director's object was to turn Americans aside from their mad flight of irresponsible pleasure to the lasting satisfaction found in the peace and joy of ideal family life.

"The Home Equipment Survey as ordered by Mrs. Sherman has occupied more than a year of time, has been carried on by various departments, and has awakened and intensified in the hearts of countless men and women a degree of respect for woman's clubs never before known.

"During the year our membership has increased. Two clubs have been lost, I do not mean lost, but have affiliated with State organizations, Parent-Teachers, and other new clubs have been organized.

"Several clubs have contributed to the Sallie Southall Cotten Loan Fund and I hope that every club will make some contribution to the fund the coming year. Loans were granted to 14 girls for the past year and in addition five girls were sent to summer school making a total of 19 girls receiving aid. It is a source of gratification to know that there are a number of girls who, but for the timely aid given them through this fund, would have been denied the privilege of a college education.

"A study of citizenship in each club was the request of your president and many clubs have put on these programs. In what way can we better prove our loyalty to our State president to use the ballot—that it is a sacred trust which must never be neglected nor abused but which must be used for the glory and advancement of our State.

"Several copies of the History of the Federation have been sold. I wish that this history might be placed in every club woman's home. Mrs. Cotten has put into it her best self, her mature judgment, her wit and humor, and most of all, her keen sense of fairness. Her delightful love and untiring labor for a cause that lies close to her heart, and I call on you to evince your loyalty by placing this book among your treasures.

MILES OF WATER PIPES LAID HERE

Installations to be Completed in Two Months; Why Lights Went Off

A total of 89,000 feet of water pipe ranging from four to 12 inches in diameter have been laid in the course of the utility improvement program begun last October, according to J. C. Parker, superintendent of the power and water plants here. Added to this, 12,400 feet of water pipe have been taken up, making a total of 102,200 feet handled—just about 20 miles!

There are still to be laid 16,125 feet of water mains, according to Mr. Parker, who estimates the work will be finished in about two months. This latter footage includes two 2,800 foot lines, one from the present pumping station to the new plant, and the other as an intake from Knobbs Creek to the new plant. Also, a line 1,900 feet long is to be laid from the site of the plant to Greenleaf street, to supply that part of the city.

Repairs are under way on a generator at the present plant which short circuited and burned out yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The failure of this generator caused the highly apparent shortage of street lights last night. Mr. Parker stated repairs probably would be completed sometime tomorrow.

Alleged Purveyors Of Liquor Sought By City Police

A police campaign against negro bootleggers operating on the outskirts of the city was launched Tuesday morning as the outcome of a hearing in recorder's court in which Manley Spellman, colored, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and an additional \$5 and costs for participation in an alleged affray.

James Burnett, also colored, the other participant in the encounter, was let off upon payment of the court costs. It appearing that Spellman had been the aggressor. Burnett admitted freely that he had become very drunk before the fracas began. Called to the stand under the prohibition statute, he told in response to questioning by prosecuting Attorney LeRoy that he had obtained his liquor from a small store operated by one Murray, having bought two pints from a girl named Sarah, who worked in the store. He testified that he had bought liquor also from Murray himself, about two weeks before.

A colored girl, who also had been arrested on a charge of being drunk, but who was dismissed by Trial Justice Sawyer on the basis of evidence that she had not been out of doors while in that condition, told under threat of jail that she had bought liquor from one Alphonso Small, grandson of "Aunt" Cynthia Smith, who is employed as scrubwoman in many downtown stores and offices.

Thus it was that police went out after court, bent on arresting Murray, the girl Sarah, Small, and other bootlegging suspects.

EPIDEMIC DANGER IN FLORIDA HAS PASSED

West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 28.—Belief that all danger from an epidemic in Florida's hurricane area has passed has been expressed by doctors, nurses and relief workers in a score or more communities along the path of the gale.

Timely warning by the press, ideal weather, energetic efforts of doctors and nurses and responses of the populace to immunization efforts, has fast minimized the danger of epidemic, according to Doctor William R. Redden, medical director of the Red Cross.

Used ones for your benefit and for those who come after you.

"Now, in closing, I want to say that every club woman with whom I have come in contact has given to her district her loyal service and to me her wholehearted support. This fact has brought me happiness in my work and, my friends, my heart is yours in gratitude, and I beg of you to let your hearts inspire with your hands execute, for no truer words have been spoken than that the hands can never reach higher than the heart. Whatever is yours, put your ideas into it.

"Lofly ideals, hard work, and rigid honesty have never known failure."

PROHIBITION IS HARD MEASURE BY STATISTICS

Records of Arrests Before Prohibition in Effect Not Available Nor How Much Money Spent

BUSINESS BETTER

Money Once Spent for Liquor Now Finds Its Way to Retail Merchants of the Nation

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1926, By The Advance)

Washington, Sept. 28.—When the never-ending argument on prohibition comes before Congress again—as it inevitably will—the question of what are and what are not convincing statistics will be debated.

The latest reports issued by the Moderation League declaring that the Volstead Act has failed and is based almost entirely on the theory that arrests for drunkenness measure the effects of prohibition. Several sociological studies are in progress to determine other factors considered just as important. The unsettled questions are these:

1—Were all the arrests before prohibition went into effect tabulated? How many vagrants and others taken to station houses for disorderly conduct were really due to intoxication?

2—How much money was spent in saloons throughout the country as compared with the amounts now said to be expended in the purchase of illicit liquor?

3—How many individual purchases of intoxicating liquor are actually being made by different individuals as compared with the number who bought intoxicants before the Volstead law was passed?

On these points is the determination of the advantages and disadvantages of prohibition likely to be made by impartial tribunals.

The government in possession of some of the facts because the internal revenue bureaus were obliged to keep a record of the taxes collected. There has been an enormous drop in the revenues from this source. As yet no statistics have been produced showing the exact quantities of liquor being distributed in violation of law. The withdrawals of liquor from bonded warehouses for legitimate purposes, some of which may have been unlawfully sold, is still growing less each year and there is no evidence to show that consumption of liquor from this source compares with pre-war consumption.

As for the illicit importation of liquor through the Canadian and Mexican borders and from the rum running fleets on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, the Government has an approximate idea of the amount coming in. The total imported is considered relatively small considering the number of persons ultimately consuming the supply.

Officials here do not doubt that drinking has increased with certain classes and that social evils have arisen which are directly due to the difficulties of enforcing the Volstead Act. But there is no evidence as yet that the total number of persons who spent money for intoxicants before the Volstead Act was passed compares at all with the smaller number now believed to be consuming liquor obtained for lawful as well as unlawful purposes.

The various bureaus of the Government interested in studying the growing prosperity of the country are more or less in possession of much information tending to show that retail stores have actually multiplied their business by many times over their pre-prohibition records and the assumption is that much of the money which at one time found its way into the saloon cash drawer now is being spent in the purchase of all sorts of retail merchandise.

BELIEVE MEN ARE STILL ALIVE IN MINE

Ironwood, Mich., Sept. 28.—Indication of life, from the rock-bound eighth level of Pabst Mine where 43 men were entombed by a shaft cavern last Friday, imbued the rescue crews today with a do or die spirit.

The first indication came with a distinct signal on the water pipe in reply to staccato hammerings.

HURT PASSENGERS EXPECTED RECOVER

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 28.—Encouraging reports came today as to condition of the two score passengers and trainmen injured here yesterday in the crash of the Central Railroad of the New Jersey Seranton flyer and the Lehigh Valley midnight limited in which nine persons were killed.

WHITE MEN ARE HELD GUILTY ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Arrest of Three on Nuisance Charge Leads to Liquor Raid and Destruction Big Still Near Sligo

ON POYNER'S ROAD

There Was Home Paul Pruitt Where Defendants Were Arrested and From Which Path Led to Still

Currituck, Sept. 28.—A "cussing party" at the home of Willie Banks on Poyner's road last Wednesday night set in motion a train of events that landed Paul Pruitt, Bruce Burgess, and Willie Denby in the Currituck County Jail in the wee small hours of Sunday morning and brought them in recorder's court Monday as defendants before County Judge Newbern on charges of creating a nuisance and of manufacturing liquor. All were found guilty of the liquor charge; but Pruitt only was found guilty on the nuisance charge. Though the court withheld judgment in the case of two of the defendants charged with making liquor, every defendant noted an appeal in each case in which he was found guilty and all the evidence is due to be sifted at the next criminal term of Superior Court in Currituck County which convenes on the first Monday in March.

The arrest of these three defendants on a nuisance charge and the subsequent raiding of Paul Pruitt's premises which resulted in the discovery of a small quantity of liquor in various containers about the house and of a still in the woods back of the premises seems to have been a sort of sequel of the theft of a Ford roadster, the property of R. T. Temple, from the yard of the home of Willis Banks at Sligo, on Monday night of last week. The automobile was later found in the woods north of Snowden station stripped of its front wheels and tires and burned to the chassis.

How It Started No arrests were made in connection with the theft of the car; but a report current in the Sligo community linked the three defendants before the recorder Monday and Paul Pruitt's brother, Frank Pruitt, with the alleged crime. The car was discovered on Wednesday morning and on Wednesday night Bruce Burgess and Willie Denby went with Frank and Paul Pruitt to the Willis Bank's home, seemingly to have it out with Mr. Banks and other members of the household for spreading a report that the four had stolen and burned the car. Frank and Paul did all the talking and, according to the evidence, singled out for most of their abuse Mrs. Jennie Hughes, sister of Paul Pruitt's wife, using most profane and indecent language in addressing her and keeping up a continual trade of it for half an hour.

Armed with a warrant sworn out by Willis Banks for the arrest of the two Pruitts and of Denby and Burgess on the nuisance charge, Sheriff Bob Flora went to the home of Paul Pruitt shortly after midnight Saturday night and placed Paul Pruitt, Burgess and Denby under arrest. Pruitt and Denby were in the house, and Burgess had a bunk in the barn. Frank Pruitt was not to be found and has not yet been arrested. With the sheriff when he made the arrest were his sons, W. C. Flora, D. I. Flora and B. B. Flora. Two of the party went to the back door when the sheriff knocked at the front and observed the strong odor of corn whiskey about the premises and four sacks of sugar and one of meal on the kitchen floor. After the arrests had been made and the three prisoners, unable to arrange bond, had been lodged in jail Deputy Will Flora told his father of the evidences of liquor on the premises and the party, accompanied by two more deputies, returned to the house to investigate.

The Raid for Liquor They discovered two five gallon bottles containing small quantities of liquor about the premises and a pint bottle nearly full under the seat of Paul Pruitt's motor truck. Surmising that Frank Pruitt's absence was due to a trip to Norfolk or some other point to dispose of the last ram from a still, the sheriff's party waited for dawn (Continued on page 4)

SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT MEMBERS JUNIOR ORDER

The Junior Order will hold a special meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Junior Hall in the Kramer Building. The Chancellor, George Waters, asks for a full attendance at this meeting, as matters of much importance are to come up.

"You'll Get What You Pay for" Engineer Jess Ford Declares, Discussing Clay-Gravel Roads

"You'll get what you pay for; and you can't expect a \$25,000 road for \$7,000 to \$8,000."

Thus did County Highway Engineer Jess Ford summarize the situation, when interviewed Tuesday as to the merits of the clay-gravel roadbuilding material which the Pasquotank Highway Commission is considering tentatively in an effort to give the County as many miles of satisfactory roads as possible at the lowest practicable cost.

While making it plain that he wasn't advocating any particular type of road, and that he didn't intend to try to run the Highway Commission, Mr. Ford expressed his opinion freely as to the clay-gravel type of road which is under consideration. He explained that that type was still in an experimental state, but had been found to hold up very satisfactorily for three years.

He explained that the clay gravel was given a penetration surfacing of an asphalt substance, in the nature of an oil, and that when this treated, the surfacing could be renewed, if necessary, at a cost of \$500 to \$600 a mile, figured on a width of 14 feet.

"If for any reason this kind of road fails to prove satisfactory,"

Mr. Ford added, "You'll have a good foundation for any other kind of surfacing you may want to use later. And you can build twenty miles of clay-gravel roads at the rate of two and one-half miles to one mile of nine-foot concrete, from the standpoint of cost."

He explained that the Highway Commission had turned to clay-gravel as a possible solution of the problem of giving the County the mileage desired, on roads carrying relatively light traffic, while still holding the cost to a minimum. The Commission has submitted a tentative program of road construction as a basis for a possible request to the next General Assembly for authority to issue an additional quarter of million dollars' worth of road bonds.

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