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WOMEN'S CLUBS HELD MEETING HERE THURSDAY

Around 450 Club Members From Five Counties Attend Convention

The Fifteenth District Federation of Home Demonstration clubs held its annual convention here last Thursday in the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order and presided over by the president, Mrs. O. H. Jackson, of Pitt County. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the Washington County Federation of Women's clubs. The response was made by Miss Elva Benett, of Beaufort County.

Following the roll call and minutes of the last meeting read by Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, who is recording secretary of the fifteenth district, and North Carolina State Treasurer of Home Demonstration clubs, recognition of the other clubs and their officers took place, after which a very beautiful musical number was rendered by Mrs. C. W. Cahoon, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Johnston at the piano.

The first speaker of the morning was charmingly introduced by Miss Pauline Smith, of State College. The first speaker being J. L. Horne, editor of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, who very briefly outlined the benefits of a newspaper to a community.

The principal speaker of the day was next introduced in a very graceful manner by Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, who was Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, the director of extension work in North Carolina. In her address she gave in a most fitting manner, an outline of the really worth-while accomplishments made in the State by 45,100 club women who are now organized and working for the advancement and improvements of the State and immediate communities. Special emphasis was upon the home life and many suggestions offered by the speaker as to how we might improve the morale of our own friends.

During the program several musical numbers were sung by the entire audience, the feature song of the occasion being "Happy Days Are Here Again," accompanied by the Household Orchestra from Pitt County.

The afternoon session began after a very sumptuous dinner had been served picnic style by the hostess clubs of Washington County, with 506 plates being distributed.

The program opened by a report from the nominating committee of officers for the coming year, followed by announcement of Columbia as the meeting place for the convention next year, an invitation being extended and accepted from the clubs of Tyrrell County.

Most of the afternoon was devoted to short programs put on by the five counties represented in the fifteenth district, in which they reported in a most novel way the work and progress made by their clubs in the past year.

As a most fitting conclusion to the program, the clubs of this county gave a one-act playlet in which a major operation was performed upon "Ole Man Depression," and from his body was extracted many accomplishments that have been made despite "hard times," by members of Washington County's club women.

There were in attendance approximately 450 members, including about two hundred out-of-town visitors and one hundred and fifty Washington County people. The five counties forming the fifteenth district include Pitt, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Martin and Washington.

The following officers were elected for next year: Mrs. J. H. Tankard, Beaufort County, president; Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Washington County, vice president; Mrs. Owens, Tyrrell County, secretary; Mrs. Bryan Harris, of Wena, chairman of Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund. Mrs. Brooks Tucker, second vice president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, was introduced to the assemblage.

Albemarle Club Meets

Skinner'sville.—The Albemarle home demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom White last Wednesday afternoon. The devotional was led by Mrs. S. A. Holton. The roll was called and minutes read by Mrs. C. L. Everett.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Patterson, who made a talk on home management; how to make rugs out of old garment, and in regard to canning during July and August. Also Miss Patterson told the members about the district federation meeting. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Tom Basnight in June.

CARNIVAL HERE

The carnival has come to town. The fat lady, the tall man, fortune tellers, and all that goes with such an event will be at the carnival that will be held in Young's Store on Water Street at 8 o'clock, Friday evening, May 19.

The youngsters and the adults will be afforded an evening of entertainment and amusement that is a novelty in Plymouth as a feature of the affair that is to be featured by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Grace Episcopal church. Dancing will be featured also.

ORPHAN SINGERS TO BE HERE 25TH

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Now Making Its Annual Tour

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage, from Oxford, North Carolina, is paying this community a visit as a part of its tour for 1933. The class this year is composed of 14 boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. Sadie Hutchinson. A most delightful program of songs, recitations and drills with colorful costumes and splendid music will feature the program. The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage has for more than 50 years made annual tours all over the state, each year bringing a new class with a new program and the influence of the appearance of these children in this community on the cultivation of interest for the cause of the orphan can not be measured. There is scarcely a community that in the 60 years of the life of the Oxford Orphanage has not sent some boy or girl to that splendid home for care and training.

The class is under the traveling management of Mr. L. W. Alderman, who for many years has been leading this class over the state. He has traveled thousands of miles and his thousands of friends as well as others look forward to his coming with the singing class. On account of transportation difficulties the class is again using its own bus and its appearance on our streets is an object of interest. The members of the class are entertained in the homes of Masons and their friends and the presence of these orphans in the home of people here always gives an opportunity to see and hear something of the splendid work being done by the Masons and the State of North Carolina in taking care of children who are dependent.

Miss Patterson Expresses Thanks for Cooperation

By EUGENIA PATTERSON Home Agent

I wish to thank E. H. Hicks and the board of trustees of the Plymouth schools, for the use of the high school auditorium for the district federation; to the food and tea committee my sincere appreciation for their efficient and hard labor; to the men at the high school building for their hard work and willing cooperation; to the ushers and registrars girls "Thank you" for your hard work; to the decorating committee my appreciation for their most excellent work; and to Mrs. Laura S. Johnston and Mrs. C. W. Cahoon the appreciation of the Washington County Federation for their assistance in making the music a success. Last, but not least, goes our deepest appreciation to the speakers for their time, inspiration, and helpful addresses.

To all that have not been mentioned "Thank you." You helped us to make the meeting a success. We thank you for coming! We were glad to have our town friends.

Contract Bridge Party

One of the outstanding social affairs of the season was the contract bridge party given Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam at their home on Jefferson Street. The living-room and dining rooms were thrown en suite and beautifully enhanced by an abundance of late spring flowers. When the guests had arrived and found their respective places by attractive tallies, a delicious fruit aid was served, after which a most interesting game followed which terminated in Mrs. Claudius McGowan holding high score for the ladies while Dr. R. L. Whitehurst won high score for the men.

At the conclusion of the last progression, the hostess served ice cream and cake to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Norman, Dr. and Mrs. Claudius McGowan, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehurst, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Liverman, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leggett, Mesdames B. A. Sumner, W. P. Winslow and Messrs. H. E. Beam and C. J. Norman.

LOCAL SCHOOLS END SUCCESSFUL TERM LAST WEEK

Dr. Carl Adams Delivers Address To Graduates Wednesday Night

Commencement exercises for the Plymouth High School brought to a close the 1932-33 term last week with the program stretching over four exercises.

The commencement sermon, by the Rev. Theodore Patrick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, Sunday morning, started the closing features. Invocation was by Rev. R. C. Lucas with Dr. J. W. Harrell reading the scripture.

The singing of the seniors who were attired in caps and gowns directed by Mrs. E. H. Hicks drew the praise of the audience. Edith Edmundson and Lloyd Gilbert were at the two pianos. Superintendent E. H. Hicks made the announcements. Rev. Mr. Lucas led the prayer and Dr. Harrell pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday evening the annual class day exercises were held in the form of a class reunion that is supposed to take place in 1943. Special music was the feisty song and the Stein song parody. The scene had its setting in the country estate of Bobbie Cahoon in Piney Woods in the afternoon.

Salutatorian was Bobbie Cahoon with Dorothy Goodman as prophet. George Harrison read the history of the class. Cottie M. Price served as poet. Robert Campbell acted as testator with Jean Martin amusing the audience with her presentation of the gifts. Flonnie Davis closed the evening with a valedictory address.

Then came the graduation exercises on Wednesday evening with Dr. Carl Adams, professor of educational psychology at the East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, as the principal speaker. Superintendent E. H. Hicks introduced the speaker. Dr. J. W. Harrell said the invocation. Mr. Hicks awarded the diplomas to the members of the senior class while H. B. Mulkey presented the graduates to the audience. Miss Edith Edmundson played "The Butterfly," by Lavalley, as a piano solo. Rev. R. C. Lucas pronounced the benediction.

Names of the graduates follow: Rachel Allen, Beulah Ange, Emma Ange, Edna Ayers, Ruby Ayers, Della Bowen, Ellen Bowen, Gertrude Brewer, Bobbie Cahoon, Robert Campbell, Nancy Cooper, Isabel Davenport, Flonnie Davis, Mary Duval, Edith Edmundson, Hope Vail, Hazel Fletcher, Dorothy Goodman, Mildred Greene, Roy Hampton, George Harrison, Lula Holton, Stevie Kowaluk, Benton Liverman, Jean Martin, Virginia Mizelle, Virginia Norman, Louise Oliver, Cottie Mae Price, Harold Spruill and Alice Stafford.

Methodists Defeat Baptists In Sunday School League

Last Thursday the Methodists defeated the Baptists 6 to 3 in the Plymouth Sunday School league. Batteries were: Methodist, Norman Mayo pitching and Carlton Reason catching; Baptist, Hubert Cox hurling and Max Darden receiving.

Then on another day the combined Christian and Episcopalian forces with Howard Potat pitching and Ransom Martin catching, defeated the Baptists 14 to 4 with the latter having as their pitchers, Hubert Cox and Hubert Paul with Max Darden catching.

Club Meeting

County Bridge.—The County Bridge Home Demonstration Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hassell. The meeting was called to order by Miss Florence Parrisher, the president and vice president both being absent. The home agent made a very interesting talk on "Problems on Household Buying."

A very beautiful bed spread and hooked rug made by Mrs. Jackson were shown to the club. Chocolate candies were served.

Cherry Club Meeting

Cherry.—The members of the Cherry club were delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. W. P. Davenport and Mrs. M. E. Ambrose with 16 members present.

During the business discussion we were told of the district federation held in Plymouth. The meeting was turned over to Miss Patterson, who gave a very interesting talk on "Health" and "Problems in Household Buying."

After the meeting the members enjoyed a delightful social hour. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess. The club will meet with Mrs. E. D. and Henry Woodley in June.

Miss Nurney Has First Case As County Coroner

Probably the first woman coroner in North Carolina is Miss Edna Earl Nurney, who occupies this position in Washington County. Miss Nurney was appointed some time ago to fill the position held by her father before he succumbed here several months ago.

Also Miss Nurney is probably one of the two or three licensed embalmers of her sex in North Carolina. She is a graduate of an embalmer's school. Her first case as coroner was that of Phillip S. Ange, whose lifeless body was found slumped over in an automobile near Mackeys last week.

CHERRY AGAIN INCORPORATED IN LEGISLATURE

Act Requested by Citizens So Town Can Deal As Corporate Unit

Cherry.—Today this little village is a duly incorporated town with a mayor and commissioners the same as that of the larger centers.

Captain Charlie E. Mizelle, representative in the 1933 General Assembly of North Carolina, has seen to it that a bill to incorporate Cherry was introduced in the legislature and passed both divisions so that it has been ratified and the charter has been issued by the secretary of state of North Carolina.

The first mayor under the new charter is Harry P. Barnes, with J. F. Snell, S. D. Burgess, and Aaron Davenport as town commissioners. They will serve until Tuesday after the first Monday in June, when they are to call a town election to name their officers for the ensuing two years. A policeman and clerk of the board will be named.

This town will enforce ordinances that are to be drawn up soon so that Cherry will be designated as a town with all the dignity of a municipality. These new officers to be selected will be named to serve until May, 1935, when all of the town elections are generally held. Senator Carl L. Bailey helped to get the incorporating bill through the legislature.

The town area is described as follows: Beginning at a post 94 yards in a southerly direction from the sign post in the fork of the river road, running north 70 degrees west to Walker's Canal; thence along said canal 400 yds. to an iron post, thence north 475 yards to a stake near a pine stump in W. C. Spruill's field, thence south 45 degrees east to creek swamp and along the creek and river swamp to the beginning.

A petition with 50 more or less names was handed to Captain Mizelle that bore the signature of every qualified voter in the town area asking that the village be incorporated. The reason for the incorporation was that the town as an incorporated municipality could reach an agreement with the Virginia Electric and Power Company for current. This makes the second time Cherry has been incorporated as a town.

Roper Girl Graduates At Baltimore Hospital

The Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Md. was beautiful in its gorgeous setting of greenery and roses, Thursday evening, May 11, when the Training School for Nurses from the Maryland General Hospital held its annual commencement exercises. The graduates dressed in uniforms of white, symbolic of the purity and service of their profession lent a radiance to the scene that hundreds in the crowded auditorium carried with them into their various paths of work.

Among the 30 splendid nurses receiving merit was Miss Marjorie Brey, daughter of Leon S. Bray, Roper. Three years prior to this event Miss Brey was appointed valedictorian of her high school class. True to her early diligence, faith and courage in her tasks she has made a record of which her community and school has a right to boast.

Mrs. Still Hostess

In an artistic setting of late spring flowers of every hue, tables were appointed for the members of the Thursday afternoon Contract Bridge Club which met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. E. F. Still.

Attractive tallies marked the places for the guests, and after a most enjoyable game scores were added, and it was gathered that Mrs. A. L. Owens was winner of high score prize and received a pretty pair of chiffon hose.

Following the game a most delectable salad plate consisting of tasty cinnamon buns, chicken a la king, stuffed cherries, congealed salad and iced tea.

NEW FARM ACT MAY RELIEVE DEBT ON FARMS

Relief Bill Will Aid 400,000 Farmers Owring More Than Billion Dollars

Title eleven of the new farm relief bill contains provisions that will aid the nearly 400,000 farmers who have loans aggregating more than one billion dollars with the twelve Federal land banks of the United States.

According to information supplied the Extension Service of State College by the chairman of the Federal Farm Board, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in 60 days after the approval of the Act by President Roosevelt, the interest rate on all these mortgages will be reduced to 4 1/2 per cent. Borrowers are now paying between 5 and 6 percent. The new rate of interest must remain in force for five years.

Then too, the act provides that payments on the principal of the loans shall not be required for a period of five years if the mortgage is otherwise kept in good standing. Heretofore, the landbank mortgages have required payments annually or semi-annually on the principal in addition on the unpaid balance. The banks are given authority to postpone payments on the principal for the next five years and also to postpone payments on the interest if the farmer is unable to meet such payments.

Then, these farmers who do not have their loans with the land banks but have secured them from private parties and organizations, may have their mortgages taken over by the land banks and share in the same benefits as those men who have borrowed from the land banks originally. This will apply where the place is in danger of being lost through foreclosure. In this case the person holding the mortgage must help.

A farmer may also apply for a first mortgage from the land bank if his loan is due and payable and he cannot meet the payment. He may also redeem land that has been sold and secure funds for putting the place on a sound basis again. County farm agents are instructed to aid farmers in learning the details of these new plans.

Miss Frances Chesson Wins District Contest

Miss Frances Chesson, 4-H club girl from Roper, was awarded first place in the Northeast Extension District for the best biscuits baked by a club girl of the district in the State-wide contest being held by the home demonstration department of State College this year, announces Miss Pauline Smith, district agent.

Miss Chesson won first in her club, receiving the prize, which was a print dress. She then won in the county contest, and finally the district contest. She was awarded a prize of \$12.50 to be used in defraying her expenses to the annual 4-H Short Course, to be held at the State College during the first week in August.

Civilian Conservation Recruits Leave Monday

The full Washington County quota of recruits for the Civilian Conservation Corps has been called for by the Secretary of Labor, Miss Frances Perkins, according to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers. They are now being enlisted and the quota is about completed.

A quota of 30 is assigned to this county, and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have been notified that on Monday, May 22, the quota from this county are to be sent to the Edenton recruiting office.

Mrs. S. A. Ward Hostess

Mrs. S. A. Ward was a most charming hostess on Thursday afternoon when she delightfully entertained the members of her literary club at her home on East Main Street. The interior of the spacious home was made beautiful by an abundance of choice spring flowers artistically arranged.

Papers of the evening were "Cakes and Ale" prepared by Mrs. C. E. Ayers and read by Mrs. W. R. Hampton. Mrs. Ayers being absent, and "Gin and Bitters," by Mrs. W. H. Clark.

Special guests to the club included Mrs. Rhodes, of New York, and Miss Izola Williams, of Andalusia, Ala. A delicious salad course was served during the social hour.

Services at Roper Church Next Sunday

Roper.—Services will be held here at St. Luke's Episcopal church here Sunday, May 21, at 11 a. m. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

BASEBALL MEETING

Baseball fans are urged to attend a meeting that will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the chamber of commerce room in the municipal building. A manager for the team will be named and arrangements made to so organize a club that successful season can be expected.

It is thought that baseball can be played here this summer at a minimum of expense, as it is a fact that the park is paid for, and the suits and some other equipment were left over from last season. Every one interested is urged to attend.

HOME AGENT'S APRIL REPORT

Much Activity Reported by Miss Eugenia Patterson During the Period

A review of the report for April by Miss Eugenia Patterson, as home demonstration agent for Washington County, reveals what work the agent is doing in this county.

The 16 clubs held their monthly meetings during the month with a total attendance of 255 members. Nine recreational meetings were held with 685 present. Each of the seven 4-H girls' clubs met with a total of 256 present. The Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs met April 7 with 200 women attending.

Miss Frances Chesson won the right to represent this county at the district biscuit contest that was held May 12 in Elizabeth City in a county-wide competition. Miss Elizabeth Haire of Creswell was proclaimed the most healthy girl in a contest. The club women will preserve 6,000 cans of vegetables for charity during the summer.

Four-H club girls at Creswell have made 25 sheets during the month of April for relief work. The curb market ran a total of \$107.72 in receipts. Miss Patterson visited 83 homes with 11 of these being for the first time during the month. Forty-three calls were received by letter and telephone. One circular letter was sent out and 135 individual letters were written.

The home agent, with three club women, attended the county federation in Washington April 8. Official mileage for April was 865 miles. A total of 24 1-2 days were worked by the agent with 13 in the field and 11 1/2 in office. Yard improvement is in progress. A poultry specialist spent two days in the county last month. One-half day was spent in conference with Miss Helen Estabrook, home management specialist.

Wildcat Division Members To Meet in Winston-Salem

Members of the famous Wildcat Division of the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War who now reside in this section are urged to attend a reunion of the famous soldiers that is to be held in the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem from July 2 to 5, next.

The doughboys will renew their comradeships formed during their service and will meet again those who shared with them the hardships and adventures of the hectic days of 1917 and 1918. Rooms can be secured at 50 cents per night. Committees of civic, fraternal and public organizations will welcome the boys.

General Charles J. Bailey and the staff will be present. They will greet the men who served under them during the fierce struggle. Every member of the division is asked to write National Headquarters, 2028 Porter Plac, N. W., Washington, D. C. for full information.

Pasquotank Potato Crop In Excellent Condition

The Pasquotank irish potato crop seems to be in excellent condition, reports the farm agent. The stand is fair and the plants are stocky and well grown.

Dinner Party

Delightful in its every detail was the dinner party given Tuesday evening by Mrs. Claudius McGowan, complimentary to Bob Sydenstricker in celebration of his birthday. For the occasion, the dining table was covered with an exquisite lace cloth and centered with a center piece of choice spring flowers flanked by burning tapers in silver holders. Places were laid for eight guests and a sumptuous three-course dinner was served after which a pretty birthday cake, bearing a tiny candle for each year, was presented the honoree.

Following the dinner, special guests were invited in for contract bridge.

PHILLIPS ANGE ENDS HIS LIFE NEAR MACKEYS

Body Found in Parked Car By Luther Swain Last Thursday Night

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Phillip S. Ange, 32 years of age, whose lifeless body was found in his automobile near Mackeys with a revolver lying between his knees on the seat. At his feet was a pool of blood that came from a wound in his head.

The Rev. W. B. Clifton, Primitive Baptist minister of Plymouth, officiated. The last rites were held at the home of the victim's mother, Mrs. Joe H. Ange, and burial took place in the family plot on the mother's farm. A large crowd attended. Many beautiful flowers covered the grave.

The body of Mr. Ange was found slumped over in the seat of his automobile Thursday night on the old Mackeys' Road by a son of Luther Swain who was passing the scene and saw the lights of the parked car. Through curiosity he walked over to the automobile and called the occupant but no answer came. Others passing thought it was a drunk asleep in the car.

Just as soon as the Swain boy saw the sight he knew that it was murder or either suicide. It was near the home of W. W. Phelps and the boy informed him of the ghastly deed. The two with others went to the automobile and found the 32-calibre pistol lying on the seat between the knees of the dead man.

The bullet entered the right temple of the victim and came out on the left side of his head. A powder burn on the right temple revealed that the gun had been fired at close range. The right hand that grasped the gun was formed as if still clutching the weapon. Blood, trickling all over the body and the automobile rendered the ghastly scene more horrible.

The auto was found on the left side of the Mackeys' Road headed toward Plymouth with the lights burning. Tracks led the investigators to believe that Mr. Ange had been down to Rea's Beach on the Albemarle Sound. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide. Miss Edna Nurney was in charge of the investigation as coroner.

The jury was composed of E. F. Still, W. W. Phelps, R. W. Johnston, S. A. Ward, J. W. Brown, E. W. Coburn. Sheriff Reid was summoned to the scene at about 12 o'clock. It appeared that the tragedy occurred around 10 o'clock. From appearances the victim died almost instantly. No note or any clue as to the cause was found.

It was thought that domestic troubles brought on the despondency that resulted in the rash act. Mr. Ange was seen Thursday in Plymouth, but he showed effects of deep worry as far as friends could determine at that time. His wife had been estranged from him for ten days or more. He married a daughter of Mrs. George W. Phelps, who with five small children, survives.

Mrs. Groves Entertains

A charming courtesy was extended the house guest of Mrs. T. L. Bray on Friday when Mrs. C. L. Groves delightfully entertained Mrs. D. M. Moore, of Smithfield, and Mrs. John H. Bonner, of Hazelton, at a pretty chop suey luncheon.

In a beautifully appointed dining room, the guests found places at a central table covered with a dainty lace cloth and centered with a silver basket filled with pink rosebuds and valley lilies, and by the soft glow of the many lighted tapers burning about the room, a delightful three-course luncheon was served buffet style.

Following the repast the guests repaired to the living room, where contract bridge was enjoyed all afternoon in a pretty setting of spring flowers with sweet peas predominating.

At the conclusion of a most spirited game, high score prize was presented Mrs. J. H. Bonner, after which tasty sandwiches and iced tea was served the following guests: Mesdames W. M. Moore, J. H. Bonner, B. G. and J. R. Campbell, H. S. Midgett, T. L. Bray, Katherine Harrison, Stewart Wentz.

Little Girl Dies in Skinner'sville Tuesday

Skinner'sville.—The little 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abb Owens, of Holly Neck, Sarah Frances, who was stricken with infantile paralysis about three years ago and left an invalid, died last Tuesday. The funeral took place at Cross Landing, near Columbia, with burial in the family burial plot on Wednesday.