

## J. O. A. M. Present Bible and Flag to The School

With the local Jr. Order of the American Mechanics attending in a body, and interested friends and members numbering two hundred and fifty, the February meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium Friday afternoon.

After singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Mrs. J. M. Wheelless, chairman of the Association, called for order and introduced Mr. B. J. Skinner who represented the Jr. Order and turned the meeting over to the Mechanics. Mr. Skinner, in a few brief remarks, stated the objects of the well known organization as restricting immigration, creating a fund for charity, and the upholding of the public school system. Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Mr. W. R. Hooper presented a Bible and Flag to the school. Supt. G. R. Wheeler accepted the gifts in its behalf. In closing his speech of acceptance Mr. Wheeler spoke of the relation of the Bible and Flag as representing God and country.

After the exercises refreshments were served by a committee from the Parent-Teacher Association composed of Mesdames J. M. Wheelless, B. S. Smith and T. W. Lang.

## Farmville's New Municipal Bldg.

For a number of years the administrative forces of the town have been somewhat handicapped in the daily routine of official business by the separation of the several departments.

The treasury, light and water departments have been in one place, the fire department in another, the police department some where else, and so on, moving from time to time as emergencies might demand or temporary buildings became available, with no feeling of security even for any length of time in a home in any way permanent. We have experienced many inconveniences in the days gone by. Now we are able to concentrate the several departments of our affairs under one roof, in a building on main street, called by some the city hall.

In addition to many here to fore unknown conveniences which will aid materially in the administrative functioning we will have a monthly rental saving of sixty dollars by this change in our business status. It might be only fair, especially to those who have indirectly contributed their mite in making this thing possible, to say a word or two in explanation of how all this has come about, and how such a creditable building has arisen within our midst. The actual size of the building is 504 inches by 986 inches, the town owes nothing on the building, its cost of thirty thousand dollars has been paid from the savings of the treasury through several years of administrative efficiency and systematic saving.

To Water and Light commission we are indebted for much of the accumulation going into the building fund, yet the light and water commission is constantly stretching out its lines into regions previously dark and dry, giving wider and better service from year to year.

Strange as it may seem, the question has been asked, "what is a town hall for?" and "do we need a town hall?" The answer to the second question is YES. The answer to the first question is to house the business affairs of a town. A town needs a town hall just as you need a house to live in and a bank to sleep on.

As you enter the vestibule the office of the treasurer is on the left, the police department on the right, while at the extreme right is the tank room of the fire department. In the rear is the jail and back stairway leading up to the second floor. On the right is the boiler room; battery room, alarm station and several other compartments leading out from the rear central aisle and East entrance.

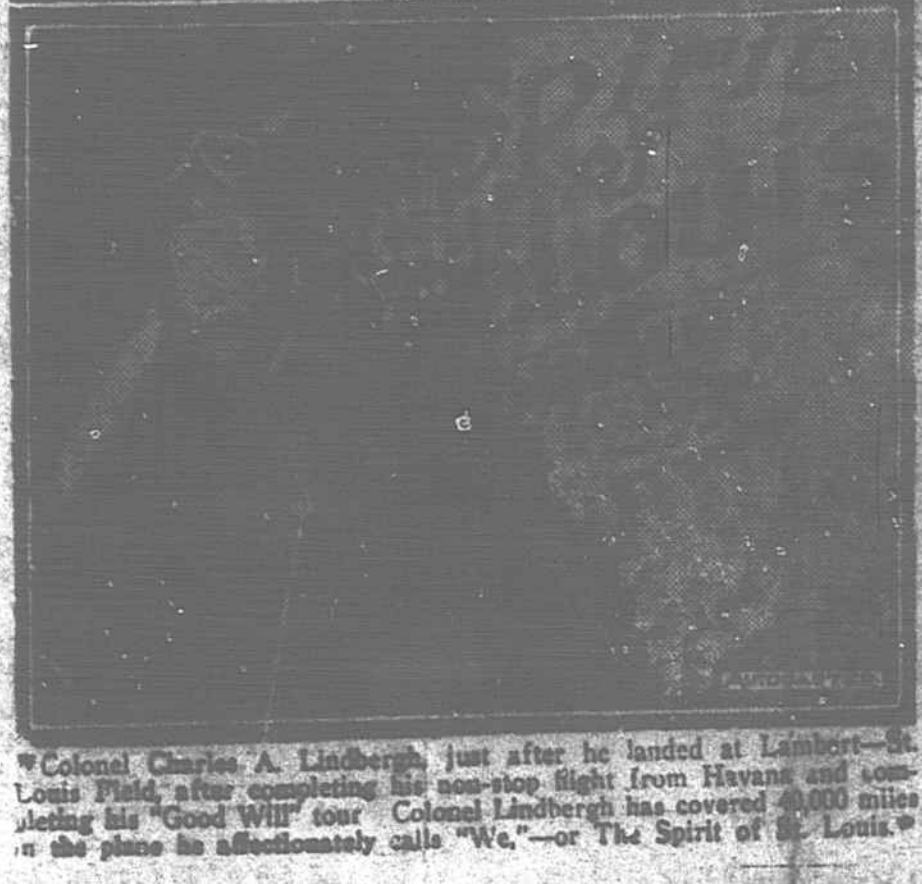
From the inner vestibule the stair way leads up to the small hall way near the center of the second floor just below the offices of the bureau of finance, from which numerous passage ways lead to private offices, rooms of the fire department, baths, firemen's slide pole and finally into the auditorium or "simple of justice", with a seating capacity of a little less than two hundred. It is here in this hall that much of the town's business will be transacted, where the very reasonable complaints of the people will be heard and carefully considered, and where their grievances will be smoothed over so far as possible, where they will learn to know and love their fellow being better. Here also any occasional violators of the law brought up for a hearing will be given an opportunity to explain their conduct and to make amends so far as possible for rash deeds committed in moments of ill considered action.

Just over the main entrance there is a cylindrical iron projectile, it is not a Gatling gun as some have thought, but simply a permanent receptacle for a flag pole, there is no harm in it.

No apologies are offered for the building, it is not expected to meet every person's idea of what such a building should be, or how it should look, nor is the general plan of architecture formulated to suit each person's individual ideas and aesthetic tendencies. The general plan of construction was to meet the needs of to-day in its most practical way with no unnecessary expenditure of funds. While we are building for to-day we are not unamiable of the time to come, when the raven locks are tinged with grey, when the sun-light of our active busy life gives way to falling shadows, when the hands and minds that have been skilled for the daily task have lost their cunning and falter with the weight of time, and when the twilight falls about us. "Environment stamps us for its own."

From a retrospective standpoint it is hardly probable that the general plan of architecture will appeal to the sentimentalist. No doubt for the reason the question has been asked, "why is the rear of the building taller than the front?" It's for the same reason that the rear of a bear is taller than the front, it's made that way. If the architect had planned the auditorium to be at the front of the building instead of the rear and the building committee had accepted the plan and acted accordingly, then it would have been taller on the front, like a giraffe. In either instance it would be because it is made that way, and there is a reason why. —Continued

## Lindy Home Again



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, just after he landed at Lambert-St. Louis Field, after completing his non-stop flight from Havana and coming aboard the "Good Will" four. Colonel Lindbergh has covered 4,000 miles in the plane he affectionately calls "Wife"—or The Spirit of St. Louis.

## Lon Chaney in His Strangest Guise

One of Lon Chaney's strangest disguises adorns him in "Mockery", his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer vehicle playing at the Trio Theatre in Farmville Monday, February 27th. Chaney plays a strange, half-animal Russian peasant in the new picture, a graphic romance of the Russian revolution directed by Benjamin Christensen, the noted Danish director of "The Devil's Circus", in which Norma Shearer was starred.

Ricardo Cortez has a featured role in the new Chaney picture, and heads a cast that includes Barbara Bedford, Charles Fuffy, Mark Swain, Emily Fitzroy and Kai Schmidt. These players have been directed by Christensen with such uncanny skill that they seem to be living their roles rather than acting them. The film abounds in tense situations and has been produced on an elaborate scale, with the result that the picture is infinitely well worth seeing. Lon Chaney fans in particular will find entertainment vastly to their liking in "Mockery", Chaney having found in this picture one of the most vivid and dramatic roles in his career.

Remember this picture will be on the screens at the Trio Theatre in Farmville Monday, Feb. 27th.

## Seven Men Saved By Coast Guards

Beaufort, Feb. 22.—Seven men making up the crew of the four masted schooner "George B. Truett, Jr.," were saved by Coast Guardsmen when the lumber-laden vessel bound from New River, S. C., for New York, was blown into the breaker on the banks between Ocracoke and Hatteras inlets early Monday morning.

To the Coast Guardsmen of these stations, Ocracoke, Hatteras Inlet and Crooked Hill, the seven survivors of the wreck owe their lives, because it was by the steady and unflinching work of these government life savers of the coast that the men were brought ashore by the aid of a breeches buoy.

Late Monday afternoon details of the wreck were relayed to Captain H. D. Goodwin, of the Fort Macon station across the sound from Beaufort. Capt. Goodwin's report: "The doomed vessel was first sighted at 5 o'clock Monday morning by the watchman in the tower of the Ocracoke station, signal flares were shot into the air by the men on board the vessel. The craft was not equipped with wireless, the home port of the vessel is Wilmington, Del., and she is a 700-ton capacity vessel. She went ashore in a 40-mile gale from west-southwest about eight miles north of the Ocracoke station. Coast Guardsmen went to work at 7 o'clock with their method of saving the crew of the vessel, which in this case was by breeches buoy, where a line is shot from a cannon to the ship in distress, and they were pulled ashore over this line."

Captain Goodwin was unable to furnish the names of the survivors but stated that they were now at the Ocracoke station and would probably be removed by a cutter from Norfolk. The vessel when the last man was taken ashore, was filled with water and was slowly being beaten to pieces by the breakers.

## Believe Pan Conference Was Success

Havana, Feb. 22.—Two spokesmen for the United States delegation are convinced that the Pan-American Congress which ended its labors here Monday did much to further good will among the Americas.

"The delegates will return to their countries with clearer views of the conditions of successful collaboration, and the understanding and good will which are the essence of Pan-Americanism, have been promoted in notable degrees," Charles Evans Hughes, chief of the United States delegation said.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American Union, stated that the present conference was in many respects the most fruitful of the series.

Discussion of the Pan-American Union, Mr. Hugh said, resulted in a general consensus as to its appropriate organization and functions.

He mentioned as important results the treaty regulating commercial aviation and the calling of a conference for perfecting plans of conciliation and arbitration.

The association of the delegates in fraternal contracts and the warm friendships resulting from this, he pointed to as a good influence of the gathering.

Dr. Rowe said that in each of the questions before the conference constructive steps forward were taken.

He concluded: "The full significance of the results will become fully apparent when the conventions and the resolutions are made effective and in this respect a large responsibility will devolve upon the Pan-American Union."

## Sets Record in Flivver Plane

Titusville, Fla., Feb. 22.—Harry Brooks, flying a Ford "flivver" plane from Detroit to Miami on an attempted non-stop flight, was forced down here tonight, because of diminution of his gasoline supply.

Brooks was forced down on the beach shortly before 8 o'clock. A blade of the propeller of the plane was broken in the landing. Brooks left Detroit with 52 gallons of gasoline.

The flight of about 1,000 miles was made on the limited supply of gasoline in the tanks. There was none in reserve.

Following examination of his plane Brooks immediately left for a hotel to retire.

"The hardest part of my trip was getting over the mountains in the high altitudes," he said.

"I set a record anyway," he remarked when speaking of his disappointment at not reaching his goal. "For course we will try it again and we will make it."

In flying to Titusville, Fla., from Detroit, an airline distance of slightly more than 900 miles in his Ford plane, Pilot Harry Brooks is believed by officials of the National Aeronautic Association, under whose supervision the flight was undertaken, to have broken the world's non-stop record for planes of 40 horsepower or less.

The previous record of 871 miles was held by Max Knipping, French aviator, who piloted a plane from Le Bourget field near Paris to Koenigsberg, Germany, October 30, 1927.

Brooks charted a course considerably out of the regular route between here and Miami, his destination, and officials estimated, added many miles to the air line distance.

However, the association takes cognizance of no distance other than the air line between the point of departure and the point of landing.

Brooks chose the deviation to avoid peaks in the mountains of North Carolina which are 6,711 feet above the sea level and usually fog-bound at this time of the year.

The Ford company has been concentrating for more than a year on development of the Flivver plane, which is powered by an all Ford engine. The plane has a span of only 25 feet, stands 6 feet high, is 16 feet long and weighs 350 pounds. With a capacity load of 22 1/2 gallons of gasoline, the little plane has a lifting power of 1,000 pounds. Its cruising capacity, has been estimated at 2,500 miles.

Henry Ford had no comment to make tonight when informed that the Ford "Flivver" plane had been forced down at Titusville, Fla., due to a diminution of his gasoline supply. Comment will be withheld until he heard from the flier personally, he said.

## Farmville High School Notes

THE FARMVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS NEW BERN.

SCOUT HEAD LINES

After the meeting Friday night we had our party with forty-two present. We served ice cream and cake after several games were played. I think everyone had a fine time. There were about eight who were too bashful to bring girls.

Scout McAdams—I know a fellow who held General Lee's horse during the Civil War.

Scout Dick Harris—That guy sure had some patience.

Scout Smith wrote a letter to a local grocery store. The body of it read like this: "I enclose 25 cents for which please send me a small jar of traffic jam."

Scout Mason sent a note to the pressing club in Wilson to be altered and received a reply like this: "We are sending your coat by return mail. To save expenses in shipping we cut off the buttons. You will find them in the lower left hand pocket. If you do not receive this letter please write us so we can let you know where the buttons are."

Scout Morton—I forgot to ask the doctor whether or not to take this eye medicine before or after meals.

Scout Tugwell—If we go in the mountains this summer we will have to take a stove.

Scout Barrett—What for?

Scout Tugwell—To cook on.

Scout Barrett—There's no need of that, we can cook on a mountain range.

## Synod Acquires College Plant

Maxton, Feb. 22.—The old Carolina College at Maxton will be taken over by the North Carolina Presbyterian synod and converted into an A-1 junior college, it was voted at a special session of the synod here last night.

Simultaneously with this action, accepting the offer of the North Carolina Methodist conference, which formerly operated the college, to sell the property for \$36,000, the synod decided to inaugurate a special campaign to raise \$300,000 for the endowment and operation of the institution. The fund will be raised by individual contributions and subscriptions as will the balance of the amount required to purchase the property.

The synod already has on hand \$12,000 for the purpose of buying the plant, and little difficulty is anticipated in raising the remaining \$288,000 of the purchase price, it was stated. The church leaders said also they expected the endowment sum to be subscribed to without undue delay.

A board of trustees numbering 12 was named to close the deal for the property with as little delay as possible and take prompt steps toward the establishing of the junior college.

Several speeches advocating the establishment of a junior college by the North Carolina Presbyterians were made, among them being one by Dr. W. J. Martin, president of Davidson College.

The synod was given a turkey luncheon at 1 o'clock in the college dining room and again at 6 o'clock dinner was served to all the synodical guests by the ladies of the community. There were present 156 delegates.

## Snow Hill Hatchery in Operation

Messrs. Sugg and Mewborn, who have been for the past few weeks installing and getting their chicken hatchery ready for the public trade, announce that the incubator is now running and that they are well pleased with the results.

Mr. Sugg, the manager, states that the first hatching brought 65 per cent of the eggs, which was very gratifying indeed.

The Snow Hill Hatchery has installed a 1200 egg incubator and Greene County is very fortunate indeed in securing a chicken hatchery of this capacity.

The public is cordially invited to come and inspect it.

The plant is located in the rear of Mr. T. W. Sugg's residence, next door to the Standard-Laconic office, and anyone wishing information or having eggs to hatch, will find Mr. Sugg, the manager, at the Electric Shoe Shop on Main street, just a short distance away.

If you have any eggs you wish hatched, and would like to know how to prepare and care for them, Mr. Sugg will be glad to furnish you with any information you desire.

Elsewhere in this issue the Snow Hill Hatchery carries an advertisement giving charges for hatching, etc.

## Why and Where Organize Garden Club

Within the past few years the Garden Club movement in North Carolina has grown in popularity and become one of the most important features in community activities and home development. The evidences of deep and growing interest are manifested on every side.

In connection with the charming art and pursuit of gardening upon which so many of us are bent, in these days, has grown the desire to organize into clubs in order to garden better, to improve home surroundings and beautify one's community.

Any town is large enough for the organization of a Garden Club, and the smaller the town, the more need for such an organization to develop the possibilities of the place.

Garden Clubs are the most all embracing, most important for reaching and result producing of all civic organizations. The Garden Club works for the whole community and there is no limit to the activities of such a club.

Each activity leads back to the garden and this work that starts in the garden, grows and spreads in each community taking in conservation and protection of wild flowers, trees and birds, and the supervision of signs along the highways and improvement of parks and play grounds.

In the exchange of notes on gardening among members in the Garden Clubs, means an added beauty to their own garden and consequently an added beauty in their town.

But no garden club stops here. The loveliness of special blooms makes the members desire to hold Flower Shows about which the interest of the entire county is centered. People are brought together, a better community spirit is aroused, and greater interest in beauty for the whole town follows.

Greater interest is stimulated in gardens and one realizes that in the individual garden club lies the crux of the whole work and the ultimate beauty of the community.

Even if a club does no more than inspire each member to make his own garden a spot of loveliness and charm, it has justified its organization.

In the words of the great horticultural authority, Mrs. Francis King, "The time is here when any beginner garden club can map out its plans with no difficulty and may start on its career with high hopes of success."

It is common knowledge that the very character of gardening interest make people more ready to help than in almost any other form of organized work.

There is something in this charming practice of working in and on flowers which give us a rare friendship with each other.

It must be that the very elements of wind, rain, sun so freely set us without which we could do nothing, have their weaving influence upon the spirit and make one self-forgetting in gardening.

Mrs. Edna W. Oestling, Chairman of Garden Clubs, Goldsboro, N. C.

## Son Pleads For Father's Slayer

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Upon recommendation of the slain man's son and his widow, Governor McLean yesterday signed a parole freeing George Culp, of Stanley County, from State's prison after serving eight years of a 15-year sentence for manslaughter.

The son, Gust Sides, writes the Governor as follows: "The writer of this letter is the son of James Sides who was killed by George Culp sometime in 1920, and for whose death George Culp is now serving a 15 year sentence in State's Prison. I was present with my mother at the time of the unfortunate occurrence and know all the facts connected with it and under the circumstances surrounding the transaction I feel that Culp has suffered enough and myself and my mother are willing to forgive him for the offense, and I respectfully ask that you pardon or parole him."

The parole was also recommended by the trial solicitor, Walter Brock, and a number of prominent citizens and members of the jury.

## Tuesday Afternoon Club

The Tuesday Afternoon Club was entertained by Mrs. C. T. Dixon this week. The home was attractively decorated with red hawthorne and pussy willow branches. Mrs. Lath Morris presided over the game of bridge and was awarded a lovely handkerchief.

The members and guests were delighted to welcome Mrs. Bert McCullom of San Antonio, Texas, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hoopes.

Refreshment course was served by the ladies, assisted by Mrs. Norman.

## Episcopal Service

Rev. N. G. England, Rector

First Sunday in Lent.  
Holy Communion, 9:15 a. m.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Young People Service League, 6:30.  
Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m.  
Friday evening services, 7:30. Rev. Stephen Gardner, of Washington, N. C., will preach.

You are cordially invited.

Evangelistic Services will be held in Episcopal Church by Rev. Charles E. White beginning March 4th, 7:30 p. m. Come out every evening, and hear our own Gospel sermons.

## Mrs. Harnsberger Speaks to Missionary Societies

Answering the three vital questions of what Russia expects to gain from spreading Communism and Bolshevism in China, is the Spirit of God manifested as fully today as in olden times, and whether prayer receives the direct answer of Apostolic days, Mrs. Harnsberger, of Tarboro, addressed the women representing the Missionary societies of the various churches here on Monday afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

The daughter of Dr. Wood, Presbyterian, born and reared in China, and having spent the past fifteen years together with her husband in the mission fields of China, Mrs. Harnsberger knew her subject, and having had the opportunity for a rare insight of conditions causing unrest and disquiet there her talk was doubly impressive and enlightening.

## Celebrates Fifty-Seventh Birthday

On Sunday, Feb. 15th, the immediate family of Mr. C. A. Brooks enjoyed a celebration given Mrs. Brooks by her children.

They had planned to completely surprise her and prepare dinner and take it, but you can't fool these old folks much. Mr. Brooks was to take her to church on Sunday morning, but he was unable to persuade her off.

The children began to arrive about 10:30 and by the time they got there Mrs. Brooks began to look the kitchen for she really thought it was time.

The girls kindly ask her to walk in and take her seat and they would prepare dinner, this she did and at 12:30 she, with the rest of the family and a few invited friends, were invited out to a real feast of good things to eat.

In the middle of the table was a beautiful birthday cake with 57 candles thereon and they all burning brightly. Her heart and soul were filled and thrilled to the brim and running over. A very fitting and touching word of thanks was offered by Mr. J. C. Moya, of Snow Hill, after which everybody began to enjoy the feast.

The afternoon was spent in social conversation and much enjoyment for the little folks. About five o'clock they departed to their respective homes wishing it were possible for her to live fifty-seven years more good health.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moya and children of Snow Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fadden and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Smith of Rolland, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Washburn and children, of Farmville.

## Hosts at Bridge

One of the most delightful social events of the week was the bridge party given Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyner on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCullom, of San Antonio, Texas.

Spring flowers and potted plants were artistically arranged in the spacious living room. Partners were found by a unique method suggestive of Washington's birthday and bridge was played at six tables, six progressions being made. Refreshing punch was served during the game. When scores were counted Mrs. J. S. Booker was awarded the high score prize for the ladies and Dr. W. M. Willis the men's prize, double decks of cards.

Mrs. McCullom was presented with a silk coverlet and Mr. McCullom received a casket of cigarettes.

A very pleasing musical program was furnished by Mesdames J. L. Shackelford, J. W. Joyner and Dr. J. S. Booker.

A delicious sweet course was served and miniature flags given as favors.

1925 is to see, we hope, a decided beautification of Farmville.

## Progressive Bridge Club Banquet

One of the most brilliant affairs of the winter season in Farmville is the annual banquet of the Progressive Bridge Club, and that of Thursday evening was in line with those of the past.

As is the custom the banquet was given in honor of the winner of the series of games which this year ran for six months. Miss Tabitha De Visconti was the home guest, her husbands and gentlemen friends of the members sharing also in the happiness of the occasion.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knott presented a lovely setting with potted plants and early spring blooms. Eight tables were arranged with centerpieces of red hawthorne and a beautifully appointed three course dinner was served at 7:30. Bridge was enjoyed later in the evening. Mrs. J. L. Shackelford and Mr. William Tyson, of Greenville, winning the prizes, a vogue set and a handsome deck of cards. Miss DeVisconti as honoree received a lovely shoulder bouquet.

## Garden Club Organized

A number of women interested in the culture of flowers met with Miss Tabitha DeVisconti Monday afternoon and a Garden Club was organized with the following officers: Miss DeVisconti, chairman; Mrs. R. S. Tandy, assistant chairman and Mrs. A. C. Hoopes, secretary. The chairman appointed a program committee with Mrs. T. E. Joyner as its head.

The object of the club will be to encourage the beautification of the grounds and gardens of the community by putting its members in touch with new ideas and improvements in garden practice and landscaping; and to aid in the protection of trees, shrubs, wild flowers and wild life.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. E. Joyner Monday afternoon, February 27th at 2:00 o'clock.

## Attend Home Department Meet in Raleigh

Mesdames J. M. Hobgood, J. W. Parker, R. A. Fields and W. M. Willis attended the meet of the American Home Department of the N. C. Federation held in the Woman's Club in Raleigh Friday. The meeting was held for the purpose of receiving suggestions and making plans for an extension of the survey of homes in the state. The object of the survey is to ascertain the per cent of homes without modern conveniences, and from which will grow a campaign for better homes. Governor McLean addressed the meet. Mrs. Thomas O'Boyle, of Colleton, presided and Mrs. Jess McInnes had a prominent place on the program. Mr. Eason, Field Executive of North and South Carolina, presented the cause and made a splendid appeal for the survey. The present plan is to put on the survey thru the District Presidents with the cooperation of the individual club women of the State.

## Probably the Purpose Behind These Schools of Crime

Probably the purpose behind these schools of crime occasionally mentioned in the newspapers is to teach the young men how to shoot.