

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS COMPLETED LITERARY SUMMER COURSE

Undertaken As An Experiment
Comes to Auspicious
Close

TWO DEPARTMENTS WORK DURING HEAT

Undertaken as an experiment but meeting with unqualified success, the summer short course in contemporary literature offered by the Goldsboro Women's Club came to an auspicious close Thursday at the home of Mrs. B. G. Thompson.

In former years, the approach of hot weather has brought a complete cessation of club activity. This year, however, a few of the more ambitious club women voiced the opinion that members would welcome diversion of a helpful sort, no matter how hot the weather. Two departments of the club announced summer work for June, July and August. The Civics Department, under the leadership of Mrs. A. Oettinger organized a Garden Club for first-hand study of home gardening problems; this group, meeting semi-monthly, has shown an increasing interest in the products of nature, with which this St. Stephen's Episcopal church, correction is more or less familiar.

The Fortnightly Book Club has held a series of five morning meetings at the homes of members. A change from the more weighty reviews which constitute the regular work of this department, the summer programs were short and included readings of noteworthy stories or poems. The term literature is an extensive one, and the choice forms of writing contribute just as much in proportion as voluminous novels, plays, and their length forms of experience.

The success of the summer course which was planned in advance by Mrs. L. D. Glidens, Mrs. J. W. Daniels, and Mrs. R. McIntyre, head of the literature department, was due to three factors: The excellence of the program, the ability of the entertainers, and the generous hospitality of the women at whose homes the meetings were held. The semi-social aspect no doubt attracted large and even than if the meetings had been held in the club room.

The first three programs were devoted to prize winning American short stories. Selections were read from the "O. Henry Memorial Award Series," and the Edward J. O'Brien collection of "The Best Short Stories of 1922." The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B. G. Thompson on June 7, when Mrs. George Dewe read "The Snake Doctor," by Irwin S. Cobb. On July 5th Mrs. E. H. Graham read another short story masterpiece at the home of Mrs. Paul Borden; and on July 19, when the club met with Mr. Vance Well, Mrs. Paul Borden read "Innocence" by Rose Lane.

The second half of the summer program consisted of a study of modern poetry. Explanatory passages from the preface of Marguerite Wilkerson's "New Voices" added greatly to Mrs. W. S. O'Brien Robinson's reading of a dozen selected examples of the best creations of a number of present-day poets; this meeting was held on Aug. 7, at the home of Mrs. N. A. Edwards. At the final meeting with Mrs. Thompson last week, the poetry of Amy Lowell was ably explained and exemplified by Mrs. D. R. Korngay, selections being chosen from "Sword Blades and Poppy Seeds," Miss Lowell's best known work.

During the coming fall and winter the Fortnightly Book Club will continue its meetings in the club room. A definite course of work will be followed, similar in nature to this department's activity during the past two years. In addition an effort will be made to interest club members in creative writing. Three awards are made each year by the State Federation of Women's Clubs on literary work of merit. For the best short story preferably depicting local conditions of past or present time, the Joseph P. Caldwell cup is awarded yearly; the O. Henry cup goes to the writer of best humorous short story; and for the best bit of verse, regardless of length or style, the Separk Poetry cup is offered. There are undoubtedly talented women in Goldsboro who can compete for these awards; the chairman of the literature department will supply all desired information regarding rules and regulations of these contests.

FEAR EXPLOSION

San Pedro, Aug. 17.—Anticipating a violent explosion when the burning General Petroleum oil tank reaches the waterline, residents in the port Fermin District between 35 and 31st streets on the North street and Pacific avenue on the east this afternoon were warned by the company to quit their homes until such times as the danger is passed.

APPROPRIATION FOR NAVY CUT TWENTY PER CENT OF TOTAL

Decision of Budget Commission
Handed to Acting Secretary
Roosevelt with Suggestions

WILL MEAN SEVERE CURTAILMENT OF WORK

Washington, Aug. 18.—Naval estimates for the coming year must be reduced more than \$70,000,000 or about twenty per cent of the total under a decision of the budget bureau just communicated to acting secretary Roosevelt. The effect according to naval authorities will make it difficult the maintenance of a naval force up to the strength set by the limitations committee. The bureau's decision on naval expenditures is said to have included definite suggestions as to how the reduction of the department might be brought about.

Necessary abandonment of the aggressive construction plan, including eight light cruisers, six submarines and other light craft, will be stopped according to the officials. Naval estimates are said to have approximated those of last year when \$351,000,000 was asked, congress allowing \$325,000,000 with two new battleships and at least five new cruisers added to the navy since the last bill was enacted (the department had foreseen the need of additional appropriations).

MCBRAYER SALARY RAISED BY BOARD OF INSTITUTION

Took Place Tuesday; Salary
From Other Positions Will go
Into Funds of Sanatorium

INCREASING FROM FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 18.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, held last Tuesday the salary of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent, increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year it was learned here tonight. Dr. McBrayer, according to a statement made tonight over long distance by Dr. T. W. M. Long, chairman of the board of directors of the institution will continue to hold the various positions which he has held in the past but the salaries which he receives will be paid into the funds of the sanatorium.

The directors, according to Dr. Long took up for consideration the report of the legislative committee who investigated Dr. McBrayer's administration of the sanatorium. After consideration of the report of the committee to the effect that Dr. McBrayer's administration had been one in which great progress had been made was adopted by the directors and the statement of the legislative committee though Dr. McBrayer had been guilty of technical violation of the laws of North Carolina, the charges against him were not such to warrant his removal, was adopted as the opinion of the directors also.

Dr. McBrayer was charged by the legislative committee with having committed acts of nepotism and of trading with himself but over against these charges of law violations the legislators set the record of progress which they stated they had found to have been made under Dr. McBrayer's administration.

COOPER DENIES HE ACCEPTED NOTE FOR THIRTEEN THOUSAND

Intimates That Politics Has
Much to do With Recent De-
velopment in Bank Case

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DID IT HE STATES

Asheville, Aug. 18.—Lient. Gov. W. B. Cooper, held under bond in connection with a national bank affair in a telegram to the Asheville Citizen denying that he accepted a worthless note for \$13,000 as charged in the warrant and intimates strongly that politics is behind the most recent move in the bank affair.

The note in question, Mr. Cooper says was accepted by another official who has not been arrested and approved the note, and Mr. Cooper, the chairman, supported the other members in this as "there was nothing else to do," he said. "The note having already been accepted by one official of the institution."

Water Railway Wreck Caused by Seepage From Canal



Seepage from a drainage canal near Salt Lake City, Utah, caused the tracks of the Salt Lake route to give way, ditching the crack Los Angeles flyer, killing three, and injuring many more.

Police Do Battle With Kidnappers At Macon, Georgia

Macon, Ga., Aug. 18.—Police engaged in a pistol battle in front of the Macon terminal station with an alleged dogging gang who had kidnapped a white man.

Cries of help came from an automobile fifty yards from the main entrance of the station a group of men who responded faced several shots. They dodged to cover and Patrolman Rowe started toward the automobile. He was fired upon and returned the fire. The kidnappers speeded away from the station and as they passed they could be seen heating some one in the rear seat.

FIRE LOSS FOR JULY IN STATE \$436,014

Goldsboro Has Six Fires With
Total Loss of \$8,643, Says
Stacey Wade

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Fire losses in North Carolina during July totaled \$436,014, according to the monthly report of insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade made public tonight. The number of fires was 109, the value of property at risk \$2,556,845 and the insurance on this property \$1,394,775, according to the report.

"July," says the commissioner in the report, "is usually a low fire month, last July being a record month with a loss of only \$128,147 and but 169 fires. July of last year had only 10 fires with losses of over \$5,000, whereas July this year had 17 fires of this class, totaling a loss of \$391,237, or an average of \$22,990 a fire, leaving a total of \$44,777 for the other 92 fires which averaged losses of \$489 each.

"In the rural loss list there were 11 dwellings with a loss of \$17,200 and the death of two negroes," the report continues, "while there were 44 dwellings involved in fires in the towns and cities with a total loss of \$26,000.

Seventeen towns and cities had no fires or no fire losses during July, according to the insurance commissioner's report. The towns and cities having no losses were named as follows: Durham, Statesville, Elizabeth City, Washington, Hamlet, Randleman, Aydes, Marion, Kernersville, Wake Forest, Carthage, Sanford, Nashville, Pinehurst, Spring Hope, Southern Pines, Farmville.

"Asheville had the worst single fire," the report continues, "a department store in that city burning at a loss of \$100,000." Other places suffering large single fire losses were Mill, \$39,500; Whitehall, \$32,000; Burlington, a machine shop and foundry, \$69,000; High Point, a store, \$45,000; Marsheville, a planing mill, \$29,500; Whiteville, a warehouse, \$39,800; Wadesboro, a warehouse, \$22,000.

A great many other towns besides those named had no fires, but they are not listed in the report because officials of the towns failed to report to the insurance commissioner, it is said. "These towns often complain to the department for not being on the honor roll," the commissioner's report says, "but the fault is theirs in not officially reporting by the seventh of each month following the no-fire month. One town in the state that had the unusual record of not having a fire during the entire year of 1922 and which obtained national recognition as a no-fire town, although the department knows it is entitled to such."

"In the causes of fires, old shingle roofs and defective chimneys, as usual, led with 37; unknown, 22; lightning, 11 (the largest number ever reported); short circuit, 5; oil stove, 5; adjoining building, 5; and all others under 5."

"Principal among the classes of property damaged or destroyed were dwellings, 55; stores, 17; barns and stables, 8; industrial plants, 8; office buildings, 6. All others were under 5."

The value of fire protection and safety first agitation and education begun by Insurance Commissioner Young 15 years ago and continued by Commissioner Wade is evinced in the reports of no casualties from fireworks festivals on July 4.

Spain Has Little War Call Her Own With Morrocoans

Madrid, Spain, Aug. 18.—Violent fighting is going on in Morocco. To the right and left of the battle line the Spaniards are holding their ground against the attacks of the Moors who are equipped with the latest fighting arms but the center is losing ground. The commanding general, who arrived at the battle line, the under Secretary of War added is doubtful whether the Spanish troops will be able to hold their ground as the conditions under which they are fighting are extremely bad. Nothing has been said as to the losses.

Co-Operatives Get Five Million From S. C. Warehouse

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Meetings of organized tobacco farmers who have met by the thousands all the way from Pamlico River to the Mountain counties of Caswell and Davidson in the past week reached a climax in Virginia when Oliver J. Sands, executive manager of the Association, a Martinsville and Congressman, H. S. Ward, of North Carolina, M. O. W. Secretary, and James H. Craig, treasurer of the Tobacco Co-operative at Charlotte Courthouse were greeted by thousands more of the co-ops.

More than five million pounds of tobacco from the 1923 crop have now reached the Co-operative floors in 8th Carolina, according to today's report from that state and the spirit of success which has spread from the Palmetto State was evident in this week's meetings of the Eastern Carolina members at Washington. Robertsonville, Burgaw, and Kenly, was felt in Virginia today at the rousing meetings where the farmers passed resolutions endorsing their association and the policy of the directors in demanding all the tobacco to which the marketing association is legally entitled.

Congressman Ward, of the First Congressional District of this state told the Virginia growers today that he had not heard a voice raised against the Co-operative movement among the legislators at Washington. Treasurer Craig of the Association told how it would receive more available cash to meet the payments to members in its second year of operation through the farm loan intermediate banks and said that the audit which is nearing completion will give each member of the Co-operative a full financial statement in the near future.

Executive Manager Sands told the old belt growers that their receipts from their two first cash advances had already averaged close to \$20 per hundred pounds for every member who has delivered tobacco and that without the association neither the farmers within nor those with out would have received as much.

Bituminous Men Condemn Closed Shop of Miners

Washington, Aug. 18.—Attorneys of the bituminous operators' special committee today submitted to the U. S. Coal Commission a voluminous brief condemning the United Mine Workers of America, the checkoff system and the closed shop. The commission was invited to visit the non-union coal fields of West Virginia and satisfy itself that conditions there was not as bad as private investigators had painted them. Continued resistance would be offered by the mine companies to efforts of the United Workers of America to unionize districts now operating non-union men the commission was informed.

FIVE MILLIONS IN BONDS TO BE SOLD BY NORTH CAROLINA

Authority Given by Council of
State to Treasurer Lacy In
Meeting Yesterday Eve

WILL GO TOWARD BUILDING NEEDS

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Authority to advertise the sale of \$5,000,000 in bonds and to borrow one million five hundred thousand on short term sixty day notes was given to Treasurer Ben Lacy by the council of state which met here today.

The \$5,000,000 bond issue is for the construction of permanent buildings at various public institutions, which was authorized by the 1923 general assembly. The short term financing is to handle the building program until the sale of bonds is complete. Though this was the first meeting of the council of state since the full report of the auditors on state finances was presented to it early last month there was no discussion of that matter. Governor Morrison, here for the first time in several weeks when questioned concerning an extra session of the legislature, was reticent about the matter. It was understood in official circles, however, that the executive session would be called for the purpose of calling the legislature together.

COOLIDGE GIVEN REPORT ON COAL STRIKE MEDIATION

John Hayes Hammond Says
That Either Side would Be
Committing Suicide

YET SUCH THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Coolidge was given a report on the progress of the coal negotiations in New York late today by members of the U. S. Coal Commission who have been attempting to mediate between the miners and operators. Arriving in Washington at 2 p. m. the commission headed by John Hayes Hammond went to the John Willard and at once went into conference with the chief executive. President Hammond left with the president in writing, a review of the New York discussions including the agreement of the operators and miners to renew negotiations Monday.

The report emphasized that the commission had laid before both sides the grave situation that would result if no agreement was reached. After his talk with the president Mr. Hammond said he had been hopeful from the first and added that he did not think "intelligent men could afford to commit suicide."

REBUILDING 2,000 CARS IN SOUTHERN RY. SHOPS

Birmingham, Aug. 18.—Two thousand and rebuilt box cars with steel underframes will be turned out of Southern Railway System shops during the next few months. The underframes will be fabricated in Birmingham by the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company and the work of applying them and of rebuilding the cars will be done in the Southern's own shops throughout the South.

The cars to be rebuilt are of all wood construction and had been set aside for retirement. Their return to service as modern steel underframe cars, equal in every respect to new cars, and suitable for handling any loading, will mean a substantial addition to the Southern's freight carrying equipment.

The rebuilt cars will be in addition to 9,000 new box cars, purchased by the Southern during 1922 and 1923, of which over 6,000 are already in service and the remainder are contracted for delivery in time for the movement of fall business. The Southern will also soon receive 65 locomotives, 4,865 coal cars and 200 stock cars which were purchased in the spring.

AMERICAN TOURISTS IN EUROPE HAVING TROUBLE-PASSPORTS

Excessive Costs of Visas
Amount to More Than
Passage

UST PAY AT EACH BOUNDARY LINE

LONDON, Aug. 18.—American tourists in Europe have learned to their dismay that if they are to see anything of the principal countries the cost of passport visas nearly equal the fare across the Atlantic. Their passport charges range from \$50 to \$250, depending upon the number of national boundary lines crossed.

Most of the European nations charge \$10 for a visa, in retaliation for the action of the United States in making a similar assessment upon foreigners. Some of the countries have in occasional instances imposed fees of from \$15 to \$30 for the simple rubber stamp visa that permits the traveler to pass through the country.

Reginald Kaufman, a businessman of Brooklyn, reported being recently charged \$60 at the border of Yugoslavia for a visa entitling him to cross that country into Rumania. When he protested the Serbian authorities threatened to eject him from the train. Mr. Kaufman said he was calling the situation to the attention of the State Department at Washington. It cost \$400 for visas in the course of his six weeks tour of Europe.

Broadcasting may delight the human being but it means nothing to an elephant. The other day a British broadcasting company tried to get one of the pachyderms of the London zoo indoors by name, interested in radio by having her master, Syed Ali, give her orders through a transmitter. Indarlin paid no attention to him although she has known his voice since the days of her youth in India.

Syed Ali shouted his commands through a loud speaker set up in the elephants stall. He told his pet to "lie down," "get up!" and "salute" and requested her to go through her other stunts; but she only waved her great ears and continued to eat peanuts.

In desperation the broadcasters waited over the radio but Indarlin ignored it. Her feet never moved, her massive shoulders remained still. Only her jaws were rhythmic, and the peanuts were responsive for that.

An offer of one thousand pounds a year, with free food and lodging and plenty of adventure thrown in, is going begging because Finland has no modern Jonah who knows whales intimately.

Last month the Colonial Office advertised for a "director of research" to take charge of a scientific expedition that is scheduled to start early next spring for the Falkland Islands to study a quiet mammal and their habits. So far not a single suitable application has been received and the committee is still seeking the right man.

The practical purpose of the expedition is to obtain data from which to frame legislation to prevent the disappearance of the Leviathan from the oceans of the globe. The scientists will make an intimate study of what, endeavoring to learn whether they are polygamous, how long they live, where they spend the winter and what their annual mileage is.

It seems that the waters of the Falklands are a fashionable summer watering resort but in the winter the great mammals disappear, inasmuch as the islands are largely dependent upon the whaling industry, the British government would like to know where they go.

Scott's historic "Discovery" will carry the expedition which will be gone two and a half years.

NEW MOVIE HOUSE
TO OPEN HERE SOON
K. E. Finlay, who built and ran the Broadway theatre of Richmond for a number of years, and who made the first moving picture ever made in this country when he filmed a world's championship fight in the late thirties, has arrived in Goldsboro and is rapidly getting the old opera house into shape to open his theatre here.