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READS PAPER ON CLUB MOVEMENT

President of Woman's Club Tells of Benefits Women Receive From Membership.

CLUBS MEET LONG FELT WANT

"Eventually Most Women With Aspirations for Usefulness Will be Members."

At a meeting of the Current Events Club held yesterday afternoon Mrs. S. L. Dill, Jr., president of the Woman's Club, of which the Current Events Club is a part, read a paper on the club movement in which the occasion of the establishment of clubs, the needs in the lives of women that they fill the possibilities of service and usefulness which they afford were discussed in an illuminating manner. She said:

The club movement as it is understood today first took tangible shape about 1866. This is a significant date since it marked the settling down of the country after the civil war. All things had combined to make ripe the movement.

The earliest form of the woman's club was the study club, and no influence is more far reaching, potent and helpful, and it has evolved into a useful adjunct to our every day civilization. The enthusiasm which it inspires in its members, the general interest and commendation which it every where commands, proves conclusively that there existed a great and growing want in the lives of women which was not met, which no existing agency could meet, and that literary clubs were adapted to supply. Latent possibilities required development. Women in different positions in life, holding different or even opposing views on many subjects—religious, political, reformatory—needed in some way to have the old bars broken down and themselves brought together in loving sympathy, and earnest co-operation.

The woman's club has drawn to its ranks not only the born leader, the courageous, progressive woman, but also the timid conservative, distinctly domestic woman, with a desire for intellectual development, not for self alone, but for home and children.

The club is the training school for woman's broadening work. More and more its advantages will be prized until most women with aspirations for growth and usefulness will become club members. It gives to women unaccustomed to the sound of their own voices courage to speak before an audience, and the ability to express their thoughts in logical sequence. In the early days it was considered unlady-like to speak in public, and the club members were so unaccustomed to seeing their names in print that most of the year books were without names. To show the high esteem in which the women were held in the eighteenth century, a librarian of that day advised that women be excluded altogether from libraries, because "they are given to reading frivolous romances," and their presence "distracts from the gravity, seriousness and learning which is the library's greatest glory."

Frequently we hear sarcastic references to the dangers from neglect of home and family by club women. The same objection might be raised against the church. Some women neglect their homes in a mistaken zeal that destroys their influence for good and the influence of the cause which they espouse. It is like the story of the little girl who visited her uncle's chair factory and wondered what he would ever

do with the hundreds of dozens of chairs. "Don't you fret Maria," he said "settin' down ain't ever going out of fashion." And home making, and the care of children will never go out of fashion in clubdom.

A large proportion of the membership of the Woman's Club are not as public spirited as they should be, but they compare favorably with men in that respect. The average man does not cheerfully give up his holiday to serve on a jury, and the average house-wife is more anxious to secure a good servant than to have the Panama Canal finished. But every member counts for numbers, and their affirmative influence may be secured.

Never before in the history of woman-kind have women cared so much for other women. Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker put it conversely when she said: "To the conservative woman, federation brings the gradual breadth of mind; to the radical woman it brings knowledge of the individual point of view, the best lesson ever learned; to the lonely woman it brings friends and fellowship; to the unhappy woman, useful work and forgetfulness of self; to the rich woman it has brought knowledge of the obligations entailed by her possessions; to the poor it has brought uplift in multitudes of cases."

The true club woman is learning that self-living is narrowing, degrading and far beneath the ideal life. As soon as a club exists for itself alone, and for a good time only, it is on the down grade. In our youth we were told to "be good"; now we urge "be good for something."

Being a club woman means more than responding to the roll call. It means active participation in matters of vital interest and importance. Whatever helps the individual benefits the home, and whatever benefits the home, must aid in the great betterment of all mankind.

We all know what study clubs have done for New Bern. For a number of years the Woman's Club tried to have a literary department. The meetings were poorly attended, with very little interest shown. Three years ago the Canterbury Club was started. It became so popular that it was soon full. The next year the Current Events Club was organized to meet the growing demand, and this year the Shakespeare department was launched for the same reason.

MORTALITY IN SENATE IS HIGH

No Fewer Than Thirty-Four Members Have Died in the Last Twelve Years.

The List Includes Only Those Who Succumbed While In Harness.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The death rate among members of the United States Senate during the last 12 years has been little short of appalling.

The passing away of Senator Rayner runs the death list up to 34 in that period, which shows that more than one-third of the total membership of the upper branch of Congress has passed away. These figures do not include the members who died after retiring from the Senate, but only the men who succumbed while in harness. The present membership of the Senate is 96.

The death roll includes some of the strongest characters and most prominent statesmen of the present generation. Senator Rayner's death is the fifth, counting Vice-President Sherman, among the members of the upper chamber in the last eight months and during the present session of Congress. Senator Robert L. Taylor, of Tennessee, died last spring after a term of four years; Senator George S. Nixon, of Nevada, who was elected in 1905, was stricken down last summer, and only a month ago Senator William B. H. Burn, of Idaho, who had served since 1903, passed away after a few months of illness.

The fatality among Maryland members has also been striking. Senator Rayner is the third Marylander to die in harness during the last five years. Senator Arthur Pue Gorman and Senator William Pinckney White, both of whom had served in the upper chamber with him, yielded to the fearful strain and arduous labors which are now a part of the life of a Senator.

In the last dozen years such powerful figures as Marcus A. Hanna, of Ohio; John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia; William P. Frye, of Maine; John T. Morgan and Edmund W. Pettus, of Alabama; George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts; Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota; Matthew Stanley Quay, of Pennsylvania, and J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, have disappeared.

There are almost enough names on the waiting list of the three sections of the literary department to form a fourth but my time is too much taken up to start anything new at this late day. That will be a good work for my successors. Today there are in New Bern seventy-two women in the pursuit of literary study, and their influence is already felt in the community. We can never do without the literary clubs—if they will remember in all their work, to quote Mrs. Decker again, "Dante is dead." This meant so clearly in her mind the necessity of linking culture and training with human needs.

The regular meeting of the Current Events Club was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Wood, No. 18 Eden street. The topic for discussion was "What Study Clubs Are Worth to North Carolina." Each member made a short talk or read a paper on this subject and Mrs. Dill read the paper above presented.

RETAILING CHARGED

Oscar Croom, Colored Shoemaker, In the Tolls.

Late yesterday afternoon Policemen Bryan and McDaniel placed Oscar Croom, colored, under arrest on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors. The prisoner was carried to the City Hall and arraigned before Mayor McCarthy. The preliminary hearing of the case was set for today at 1 o'clock and the defendant required to give bond in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance. He secured bail in this amount and was released.

The capture of the alleged whiskey dealer was the result of several days' detective work on the part of the officers. For some time they have suspected that Croom was engaged in the sale of whiskey and set about to catch him in the act. Yesterday afternoon they saw that there was undue excitement around Croom's shoe shop on Broad street and decided that the time for action had arrived.

Walking into the shop they placed Croom under arrest and made a search for the whiskey. They were rewarded by finding several bottles of the liquor and this was taken along as evidence.

BRICK SCARCE. CEMENT IS TOO

Hard to Get Either Variety of Building Material and Prices Are Very High.

BRICK ARE A DOLLAR HIGHER

Difficulty of Getting Labor Is One of The Reasons of The Advance.

One of the greatest problems that the local contractors and builders are facing just at this time is the scarcity and high prices of brick and cement. This condition is accounted for by several causes, one of which is the scarcity of freight cars in which to transport the brick from the yards and the cement from the manufacturing plants.

In November, 1910, brick could be purchased at about six dollars per thousand. A few months ago this price was increased fifty cents a thousand and recently another fifty cents has been added. They are now selling at the yards for seven dollars per thousand. There are several brick yards within a radius of twenty-five miles of New Bern and the greater majority of the brick used here are secured at one or the other of these.

The price of cement has also increased, though not so much in proportion as brick and it is hard to secure prompt shipments of large quantities.

This condition prevails not alone in New Bern but in a large number of towns in North Carolina. Particularly in the Western part of the State it is causing much trouble.

The demand for both these varieties of building material has been very large during the past few months and this has doubtless had something to do with the present condition.

HOME MISSIONS NEEDED.

The frequent appearance of news items bearing on white slavery shows how depraved a good-sized element in this country is. Home missions, which are to have a week's celebration in New Bern beginning next Sunday and which were emphasized by a week's celebration in other parts of the country two weeks ago are surely combating a great evil. There are few heathen countries which can produce a more hideous evils than exist right here in America. White slavery is a mere symptom of a badly diseased condition of public morals.

LIGHTS IN SERVICE.

A letter received yesterday by the Journal from Congressman Jno. M. Faison states that the lights on Core Sound to Harbor Inlet were put in service on November 25 and the lights on the Inland Waterway Canal from Beaufort to Neuse river will be put in service on December 7. The Trent river lights and buoys will follow at an early date.

WANTS FOOTBALL GAME.

At a meeting Monday night the New Bern football team decided to issue a challenge to every team in this section of the State in the amateur class and endeavor to get one of them to come to New Bern for a game at some time during the next week or two. Lyle Smith, captain of the local aggregation, stated yesterday that in all probability the game would be secured.

IMPROVING HOME.

Charles L. Ives is having a number of improvements made at his residence on Johnson street. The building is being enlarged and remodeled and when completed will be one of the most attractive homes in the locality.

DOCTORS TO GET WARM WELCOME

Elks Vote to Extend Club Privileges to Seaboard Medical Society.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ALSO

Chairman Bradham of County Board of Health Will Give Reception at His Home.

At a meeting last night of the Elks Club the members unanimously voted to extend to the members of the Seaboard Medical Society the privileges of the Club when their annual meeting is held here next month.

Dr. N. M. Gibbs of this city is president of this society and he states that there will be about two hundred visitors present to attend the meeting. The association is composed of some of the most prominent physicians in North Carolina and Virginia and their visit to New Bern is expected to prove a matter of great interest and importance.

The court house will be utilized for the business meetings and each afternoon illustrated lectures to which the public will be admitted will be given in Griffin auditorium.

C. D. Bradham, Chairman of the County Board of Health, will tender the association a reception at his home on Wednesday evening. The Chamber of Commerce will give a luncheon on the following evening and the Craven county Medical Society will also entertain during their visit.

Dr. Gibbs is now engaged in arranging the official program, which will be published as soon as it is completed.

CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY.

The seventy-sixth session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will convene today at Fayetteville with Bishop Colling Denny, D. D. L. D., of Richmond, Va., presiding. The number of lay members in the conference is 80,109 and the clerical members 191. This will be the fifth time the conference has met in Fayetteville, the last time being in 1931, when Bishop Hargrove presided.

WORK ON BANK BUILDING.

A force of carpenters will today begin to arrange the interior of the Smallwood building, corner of Pollock and Craven streets, preparatory to its being occupied temporarily by the Citizens' Savings and Trust Company. The new company will open their doors for business about December 15 and will occupy the Smallwood building until their new home on Middle street has been constructed.

MR. LAPSLEY TO PREACH.

There will be Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by Rev. James Lapsley, father of Samuel Lapsley, one of the local cotton buyers. Rev. Mr. Lapsley is now of Harrisburg, this State, but formerly of Anniston, Ala. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the service.

ATTEMPT TO BURN CHURCH.

Early last Sunday morning some unknown person attempted to burn the Christian Science church which was recently erected at Kinston at a cost of about six thousand dollars. A colored man passing by the building saw the glare of the fire and gave the alarm. One of the members living nearby hurried to the scene and found a towel saturated with kerosene had been placed in the readers' room and was burning rapidly.

JURY LOCKED UP.

Late yesterday afternoon the argument in the case of Arnold vs the Elks Construction Company, et al was concluded and the case was placed in the hands of the jury. After being out for some time they announced that they were unable to come to an agreement and were locked up for the night.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

People's Bank—Thanksgiving. National Bank—First among the banks of the city in proportion of surplus and undivided profits to capital stock.

William T. Hill—Letter to Santa Claus.

Mrs. B. Allen—Special bargains.

S. Coplin & Son—Your clothes are ready for Thanksgiving.

New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—Self-confidence.

COMMITTEE SEEKS INFORMATION TO BE USED IN MAGAZINE

The undersigned committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy to gather sidelights, personal experiences, unrecorded stories and anything that will throw light on New Bern and surrounding country from 61-67, also adventures and achievements of New Bern men and women during the Civil War. These articles are to be printed in the January number of Carolina and the Southern Cross, a publication endorsed by the U. D. C., and made the official organ of the Children of the Confederacy. Letters or other documents sent to any one of the committee will be preserved with care and returned in good condition.

Mrs. O. H. Guion.
Mrs. George Henderson, Sr.
Mrs. John Dunn.
Mrs. T. G. Hyman.
Miss Margaret Bryan.
Miss Mabel Chadwick.
Miss Mary L. Hendren.

INSANE PROBABLY.

Chief of Police W. H. Smith of Vanceboro arrived in the city yesterday with James Blango, a colored man of that town who is supposed to be mentally deranged. Blango was placed in the county jail for safe keeping until an examination of his mental condition can be made.

RACING FAIR GROUNDS THANKSGIVING

3:00 Trot and Pace
Free for all Trot and Pace
Running Race, Free for all
Motorcycle Race.

Admission 50c
Grand Stand Free.