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Mrs. Atkinson Speaks On Trip to Hawaiian Islands

(The following interesting account of a trip to the Hawaiian Islands recently made by Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson, was given at a meeting of the Book Club held with Mrs. W. T. Woodard last Friday afternoon.)

Leaving Washington on a sleeper we were in Niagara Falls next a. m. In the 25 years since my last visit the grounds had become more beautiful and with the new International bridge and the driver stopping in the center leaving me on the front seat sitting in Canada and Annie Vick on the back seat, sitting the U. S., I had the thrill all over again of visiting the Falls.

Crossing Lake Ontario by boat to Toronto which was also a larger city than on my previous visit, we had a three day and three night train trip, passing along the northern shore of Lake Superior, then through the wide open plains or cattle ranches to Lake Louise. The Chateau hotel there surrounded with thousands of yellow poppies, faces the all year round snow covered Mt. Victoria at the opposite end of the lake. We took several drives through Bow Valley during our five day stay. Lake Louise is just a beautiful spot, we found Banff is quite a town, with an elegant hotel that is a copy of an old Scottish castle nestled at the foot of high peaks, many snow covered and reminds one of the magnificence of the Swiss Alps. From there we went to Calgary to attend the Stampede or Rodeo and while the Rodeo itself was not as exciting as the ones in our own western states, we had excitement enough when we found that the Rodeo stunts were done in the center of a race track while the horses were running. We soon saw on our program that a horse in the first race was named "Miss Annie", of course we all decided to bet on her and sure enough she won and gave us \$21.55 for our \$2.00 bet. Also, in Calgary the Indians put on the best Indian show, I have ever seen, the men with their beautiful feather head dress, men and women in white doeskin beaded jackets and the all white horses they rode with breastplates and face covering of this same white doeskin lavishly beaded, looking as the armored horses did in medieval times.

Leaving Calgary we traveled by Castle Mt., now Mt. Eisenhower, named last year in honor of General Eisenhower. It is seven miles long and 9030 feet high. We had another wonderful 24 hour train ride through the Canadian Rockies that run almost to the Pacific ocean. Reaching Vancouver we took an all day steamer trip through Puget Sound passing many small islands (like our 1000 Islands), stopping over at Victoria, the Garden City of Canada which is indeed a very beautiful and unusual city. We landed back in the U. S. at Seattle, from where we drove to and up Mt. Rainier, to me the loveliest peak in all north America. Then we had a delightful stay in San Francisco before taking the "Daylight" train for Los Angeles. This train, I believe is supposed to be the last word in complete comfort and conveniences.

We spent a week in Los Angeles, toured Hollywood, visiting Art Linkletter's broadcast, the House Party, attending a concert in the Hollywood bowl, eating at famous places to say nothing of shopping. We sailed from there for Honolulu a place so beautiful it is indeed Fairyland. As we approached the Island, launches came out to meet us and you heard the throbbing voices of native boys singing to the plaintive, never to be forgotten accompaniment of steel guitars and girls dancing in the grass skirts the hula-hula, with other boys diving for the pennies you throw over board for them, coming up at last with their cheeks pouched out like a squirrel's when full of nuts. These follow you in from where a long two story pier is crowded with people holding garlands of flowers called leis, the symbol of their greeting and farewell a ceremony of friendship which is peculiar to no other spot on earth. Bands were playing and rolls of colored paper thrown back and forth until the ship seemed to be caught in a "variable spider-web" of varied colors. When we arrived at the hotel there was more music and flowers, a hostess and manager to greet you as if you had come for a personal visit. The Royal Hawaiian is just a magnificent hotel, giving each guest every attention. When we were shown to our room the bell hop said, "be sure and eat your pineapple, and coffee is being served in the Coconut Grove". There on the table was a large pineapple all prepared for us.

The hotel is on Waikiki beach, the dining room of which two sides are of glass looks out on Diamond Head, the Gibraltar of the Pacific and a view of the surf board riders. A notice in your room informs you that Friday and Saturday are formal dress nights. Every one wears flowers in their hair and no hats even for church. You will find a table in the lobby full of fresh flowers for your hair every morning and evening. With two fountains in the lobby one can draw a glass of pineapple juice when ever you are thirsty, being the fresh fruit it does quench ones thirst.

The Hawaiian Islands are a chain of mountainous islands, near the middle of the Pacific. The population is mixed with Japanese, Portuguese, Chinese, Filipino, German, Russians and Americans.

The language is soft and full of harmony consisting chiefly of vowels, the alphabet having only 12 letters A. E. H. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. U. W. The house of the native is a grass-thatched hut now many live in regular houses. The Islands are noted for their mild and very healthy climate, the temperature ranges from 89 in July to 78 in January, and hurricanes are unknown.

The Islands had been ruled by a King, the last ruler a Queen caused a revolution to brake out in 1891 when overtures headed by a provisional government were made for annexation to the U. S. which were not at that time received favorable. Sanford B. Dole then President of Hawaii visited Washington in 1898 and succeeded in getting President McKinley to sign a joint resolution passed by Congress by which he appointed a commission to visit the Islands and map out a plan of Government. A month later the U. S. took formal possession and in April 1900 an act of Congress made provision for a territorial government and Dole was made Governor.

When we visited the museum we saw the only thrones in the U. S., which came into our possession with the Islands. We also visited the aquarium, Academy of Arts and took an all day comprehensive tour around the Island, passing the Pol. Hickman Field the worlds largest Airport having 25 miles of run ways Barracks and Pearl Harbor.

Our greatest thrill came when we were invited to a private Luau, which is a native barbeque. The ladies wore native Polynesian dress which is like a long mother Hubbard with a train, having a loop so that they can carry it on their wrist, their husbands shirts, worn native, with tail out matched the dresses. There were 60 guests, and two tables had been arranged, with Ti leaves crossed and down the centre decorated with pineapples, bananas and hibiscus. The tables are low about 10 or 12 inches off ground and you remove your shoes and sit tailor fashion around the table. But first we were taken out to see the re-moval of the pig from the pit, the ceremonial of serving with a native chanting the blessing and music accompanying the food it is born to the serving places. (Give description of Pig)

Then, we went to the table where cut up fruit was served from a long wooden bowl, then the Poi was brought around. Poi is a substitute for bread and is eaten with the two front fingers as there is no silver used at any time. A sweet was then passed made of coconut milk and corn starch poured into paper cups, then came the piece de resistance, individual plates were served with the roast pig, baked sweet potatoes and salad made of raw salmon, tomatoes and sea weed mixed with water which of course I did not eat; then the fruit from the centre of table and lovely layer cakes, completed the dinner.

While we were eating we heard the soft strains of four Hawaiian musicians and when we finished were entertained by a native dancer. On our drive we never saw a truck garden, the land being cultivated entirely in sugar cane in all stages of growth as they have an all year round season producing the greater yield per acre than any where else in the world. When it wasn't cane growing then one saw acres and acres of pineapple fields. Naturally the trip would not have been complete without a visit to the Dole factory, where juice is on table for all visitors, the cafeteria in that factory can feed 1600 people at one meal and 10,000 are served daily meals costing 45.

With the same excitement of leaving as we received upon arrival, we reluctantly sailed for San Francisco and home.

100 DELEGATES EXPECTED Greensboro, Oct. 11—With their efforts aimed at outlawing war and establishment of permanent peace through a world government, upwards of 100 delegates from all sections of the state will meet here on October 17 and 18 for the first convention of the United World Federalists of North Carolina.

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Treasurer Dr. R. M. Blackman was not present for his report. President Wiggs stated that the organization had about \$250 cash on hand. The president stated the chamber was making plans for Santa Claus to come to Selma direct from the North Pole a few days before Christmas.

Attended Wake and Johnston Contest

By FRANKLIN ANDERSON The following Officers from Selma Future Farmer of America Chapter attended the Wake and Johnston County Federation contest:

Kenneth Brown, Vernon Stallings, Wilton Phillips, Oscar Hinton, Herbert Thornton, Franklin Anderson.

The meeting was held at Rolesville High School. The winners are as follows: First—Fuquay Spring, second place—Rolesville, and third place—Wake Forest.

The next contest will be held at Wake Forest the second Monday in November. The contest will be a lecture and demonstration put on by each 11 high schools in the Federation.

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Farmers Urged to Turn to Cotton to Make Up Tobacco Crop Loss

Red Springs, Oct. 16—Johnston County farmers were urged recently by George T. Ashford, Red Springs, president of the Carolina Ginners Association, to plan now to plant to cotton some of the 7,903 acres that will be idle next year in Johnston County by reduced flue-cured tobacco allotments.

With an expected 20 per cent blanket reduction in flue-cured allotments in 1948, Johnston's tobacco allotment will be reduced from 39,518 acres to approximately 31,614 acres, Ashford said. Tobacco farmers, he added, would be wise to investigate the possibility of taking up a good portion of the reduced acreage with cotton.

"Cotton is second only to tobacco as a cash crop in North Carolina, Ashford pointed out.

"Inventories of cotton manufacturers are more depleted than in many years," he said, "and cotton can be planted without a complete change in farming operations. We are proud of the improved living standard of our farm people, and we cannot afford to stand by and face a 20 per cent reduction in cash income, which will amount to approximately \$3,872,470 for Johnston County at present tobacco prices, without making some effort to supplement this income with some other cash crop."

Great efforts are now being exerted by the National Cotton Council to increase research and consumption of American produced cotton, Ashford said. Favorable also to cotton production next year, he added, are the successful experiments with insecticides this past year in controlling the boll weevil and other pests.

"The Carolina Ginners Association, the National Cotton Council and other similar groups are doing everything possible to promote wider use of cotton and cotton products," Ashford said. "With a number of cotton leaders predicting higher prices for this commodity, no farmer should allow land to stand idle but should take advantage of the opportunity to supplement his income with additional cotton acreage."

Rev. Tom Freeman to Speak Harvest Day

Rev. Tom Freeman will deliver the main address at Bethesda Church Thursday, October 23 at Home Coming and Harvest Day.

An interesting program is being planned for the day. The program will begin at 11 o'clock. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are most cordially invited and urged to be present.

The local people are asked to bring contributions of products for the Harvest Sale. All proceeds from the sale and donations will go for purchasing a parsonage unless designated to go for some other object.

We trust you shall not miss this opportunity to participate in public worship and fellowship of friends during the dinner hour and through the remainder of the program. Remember the date—Thursday, October 23.

STORK CLUB

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Vick, of Narberth, Penn., announce the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Ann, on October 5. Mrs. Vick is the former Miss Margaret Sprankle, of Ardmore, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Robert Burgess of East Fayetteville announce the birth of a son, Robert Gregory, September 27, in Pittman's Hospital. Mrs. Burgess is the former Miss Retha Bass of Selma, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitley of Smithfield announce the birth of a son, James Milton, on Friday, October 5, at the Johnston County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Byrd of Smithfield, Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, Brenda Gayle, at Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh September 20. Mrs. Byrd is the former Miss Beulah Whitley of Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Harris of Clayton announce the birth of a daughter, Deborah Madora, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mrs. Harris is the former Miss Madora Breen of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. David Peedin of Selma announce the birth of a daughter, Davie Jean, at the Johnston County Hospital October 6. Mrs. Peedin is the former Miss Doris Thompson of Smithfield, Route 2.

TODAY

Thursday, Oct. 16—Sunrise 6:21 a. m. Sunset 5:36 p. m. Length of the day, 11 hours and 15 minutes.

Selma School to Begin Full Schedule Monday

By E. C. JERNIGAN The Selma School will return to its regular schedule on Monday, October 20. Teachers will be in their rooms for the reception of pupils at 8:25. The Tardy Bell will ring at 8:35 and those who are not present at roll call will be marked tardy. Any unexcused tardies will cause the pupil to be subjected to the necessary punishment to cause the pupil to be at school on time. I Would Like To Request Parents To Get Pupils Off To School On Time And Not Be The Cause Of Your Child Being Punished.

The School Lunch Room will be open Monday for the pupils. SORRY. We can not serve people who are not enrolled in school because we are on Federal Feeding Program. It is against the law. Surplus commodities and Federal money is provided only for school children. The only exception is made for the teachers since they have to supervise the children at lunch time.

Due to the large number to be served, it will be necessary to begin serving the First grade at 11:20 and continue through high school until about 1:15. If any one has to get lunch too early or too late, we are sorry. It is the best we can do.

Due to the fact that we are getting only about one third of the financial assistance from the Federal Government that we have been getting and also the increased cost of necessary commodities, it is necessary that we charge twenty cents per student lunch. We hope that we are going to be able to pay expenses at this price and not have to raise it during the school-year. Twenty cents is the set price at all schools in Johnston County operating lunch rooms.

Future Farmers Hold First Meeting in Selma

The Selma Chapter of the Future Farmer of America, held their first regular meeting October 8, 1947. The meeting was held at the new Agricultural Building. All members were present.

They had the regular Opening Ceremonies in the Chapter Room. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the school term. The officers and committees that they elected are as follows:

President—Ke neth Brown.
Vice President—Vernon Stallings.
Secretary—Wilton Phillips.
Treasurer—Oscar Hinton.
Sentinel—Herbert Thornton.
Reporter—Franklin Anderson.
Program of work committee—Franklin Creech, Oscar Hinton, R. L. Creech.

Parliamentary Procedure—Hal Edwards, Billy Strickland, Harold Phillips.

Finance Committee—Murry Parrish, R. A. Avery, Leland Batten.

Recreation Committee—Leonwood Ham, Avis Stallings, Vernon Stallings.

Camp Committee—Franklin Creech, Avis Stallings, David Byrd.

Supervised Farming—Johnnie Brown, Turner Williams, Bobby Oliver.

Cooperative Committee—H. Thornton, L. Ham, M. Parrish.

Community Committee—William Newsome, Franklin Creech, Bobby Oliver.

Scholarship Committee—Franklin Creech, R. L. Creech, H. Thornton.

After election of officers and committees, they all stood and faced the flag and closed the first F. F. A. meeting ever held in Johnston County for at twenty or more years.

This report is turned in by Selma F. F. A. Reporter, Franklin Anderson. The adviser is Mr. Worth E. Vasse, Agriculture Teacher.

Credit Controls to End November 1st

The expiration of Regulation W on November 1 will mark the end of controls which require: a down payment of at least one-third, with the balance to be paid off in 15 months or less . . . on washing machines, radios, irons, refrigerators, mechanical dish washers, stoves, automobiles and other items; a down payment of at least one-fifth, with the balance to be paid within 15 months on furniture and rugs. Furniture sales, in particular, are expected to increase as retailers, everywhere, ease their credit terms. The big mail order houses are halving down-payments and extending payment times from 15 to 18 months. Retailers are expected to meet or better these terms, in many instances. Many banks and other loaning agencies will also relax their credit requirements.

Italian eye grass may be grown successfully in nearly every county in the state and it remains green and continues to grow throughout the winter.

Johnson Gives Facts and Figures On Selma 30c Vocational Levy

By J. MARVIN JOHNSON I will attempt to answer your inquiry in part and hope such information as I give you will throw some light on the Selma School Financial condition. Generally the figures are pretty accurate but there is always such things as outstanding checks, etc., to account for.

The Selma 1946 special \$30 levy amount to \$12,277.45. As of today \$11,301.00 is accounted for by collections which would leave uncollected \$976.45. Of the collections you had a bank balance 6-30-47 the sum of \$7,999.91 which was unexpended. There was paid out in cash during the year \$2,767.64 which was as I can ascertain salaries which went to Ada Core \$127.73, Mary Vinson 80.83 per month. From the balance in the bank you can easily see that the most of the levy was never spent last school year.

The 1947 Special School Levy of \$10 for Selma Township amounts to \$4,542.32. Of this levy there has been placed to the credit of the Selma School the amount of \$662.66 to date.

The 1947 Vocational levy on \$20 for the county amounts to a total of \$81,958.63 and the Selma School portion of this prorated according to last years' average school attendance amounts to \$10,087.43 which is 12.38 percent of the total levy. According to Mr. Clyde Erwin's office there was an average attendance in the Selma school for last year of 1712 students of which 901 were whites and 811 colored. The total for the county was 13,827 and dividing Selma's average into this county total gives the Selma School 12.38 per cent of the total. Collected to date \$2,551.79.

It seems that the 1946 levy of \$30 was to be divided between the colored and white children of Selma Township but you can bear in mind that the 811 colored students do not even amount all live in Selma Township.

Selma Special School District now has in round figures about \$10,500 in the bank to their credit. This balance is all muddled up in three levies and I seriously doubt if there is any person who can untangle it. To me it seems that the only thing that the people of Selma School District can do is to see that the money is spent in a method that is fair and equitable to the people of Selma School district.

Baptist Meeting Be Held in Pine Level

Woman's Missionary Union of Johnston Baptist Association again calls attention to a meeting of great importance. Community Missions Institute to be held in Pine Level Baptist Church, Monday October 20, 1947 at 10:30 a. m.

All churches in Association are urged to send a good representation, surely every church with a W. M. U. organization will put forth every effort possible to send a full delegation.

Those attending are asked to bring light lunch. Hostess church will furnish drinks.

It is requested that all who have the book "Community Mission Guide" bring and if possible read before coming.

Miss Ruth Provence Executive secretary North Carolina W. M. U. will give opening devotional.

Mrs. George Davis of S. C. Southern Baptist W. M. U. worker who revised the Community Mission Guide will be present to lead the Institute and lead great information and lasting inspiration.

Mrs. D. H. Crover from Booneville Community Mission chairman for North Carolina W. M. U. also Raleigh Divisional chairman. Mrs. Gardner from Henderson, N. C., will add greatly to the days program by their presence and helpful discussions.

This meeting is something new in Johnston Association. A golden opportunity that is ours—Let all who can take advantage.

Vets Kiwanian Guests

The Kiwanis Club of Selma entertained the Veterans of the Selma Veterans Training School at their regular meeting last Thursday night. A chicken barbecue plate was served. W. E. Vasse presented the veterans. Willard Johnson, program chairman, introduced the speaker, Rev. James Cammack of Smithfield who spoke on Democracy. A prize was given to the veterans by President R. M. Blackman. Matt Wall won the attendance prize.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 24—Mrs. J. A. Smith.
Oct. 29—Mrs. C. M. Ray.
Oct. 31—Mrs. Addie Capps
Oct. 31—J. H. Barnes.
Oct. 24—Jack Watson.