

## Magnolia Womens Civic Club Looks Back

Let's look back twenty-two years to February 14, 1955. On this cold Monday night a group of women gathered at the home of Mrs. L. E. Pope to discuss and make plans for a club. Although this might be an incomplete list the following women attended:

Mrs. Roscoe Potter, Mrs. L. G. Turner, Mrs. H. M. Pope, Mrs. N. T. Pickett, Mrs. H. L. Pippin, Mrs. Sally Tucker, Miss Betty Horne, Mrs. E. G. Sasser, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. Jake Baker, and Mrs. A. W. Croom. The last three are deceased.

These ladies decided to organize a club whose purpose was to work for the betterment of the school and the community. They decided to name their club The Magnolia Woman's Civic Organization. This was later changed to The Magnolia Woman's Civic Club.

Elected as the first officers were: President Mrs. L. E. Pope, Vice President, Mrs. Roscoe Potter; Secretary, Mrs. L. G. Turner, and Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Pope.

The first regular meeting was held one month later with more ladies attending. Before the end of the year there were seventeen paid members. Over the 21 years there has been an average of 19 members, with a present membership of seventeen.

Just as it was 21 years ago, membership dues are the same, that is, \$1.00 plus the will and determination to work hard for these things.

Past Presidents are: Mrs. L. E. Pope, Mrs. Roscoe Potter, Mrs. N. T. Pickett, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mrs. C. I. Quinn, and Mrs. Adma Martino, with Mrs. Alvin Powell now serving.

The Woman's Civic Club started at the very beginning planning ways to raise money to do the things for which they organized. Among these were: selling Christmas cards, danny duzits, knives, flavoring, and candy. They had a play and a basketball game with the members playing the Home Demonstration Club.

They put on suppers for which they have become famous. They also with the Lions Club formed the Outing Club and put on fish fries at Carlton's Pond. They had bingo for awhile at Fussell's Grill. They also sold goodies on election days.

Now that we know some of their ways of raising funds lets look at some of the ways The Magnolia Woman's Civic Club used these funds.

They helped the elderly, one thing being to help buy a T. V. set for the Od Folks Home. They gave money to the school lunchroom, gave milk to the needy children and helped furnish the Home Ec. Department.

Most people say ladies can spend money, but in 1955 it took these ladies three tries and six months to use \$50.00. They first gave it on the siren for the firehouse. After finding that the siren was paid for

they gave it on a stove for the lunchroom. It was finally spent on a hot water heater for the lunchroom.

The Civic Club wrote letters and worked with other groups to get a doctor in the community. They were helpful at a house warming for Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Quinn when they arrived in town. They sponsored the Boy Scouts and bought tents for them.

These ladies worked toward getting picnic tables at the edge of town and getting the speed lowered in front of the school. They worked to help get the islands at the intersections on Hwy. 117. They started working on a garbage pick-up in 1953 and didn't give up until it was realized.

In 1956 they put insurance on the firetrucks and paid the premiums for a number of years. Through these 21 years they have helped with the Heart Fund, Red Cross, Cancer Drive, March of Dimes and others.

In 1959 when everyone was talking Civil Defense, they again did their bit by taking a First Aid Course.

In 1960 the Woodmen of the World, The Lions Club, The Home Demonstration Club and the Civic Club joined together in forming The Magnolia Memorial Foundation. This club bought the present club building to be paid for in five years. Each club was to help pay for the building having a fourth interest. Later three of the clubs disbanded leaving the Woman's Civic Club to finish the job and become owners of the building.

In 1962 they made favors and served at the hospital. They also started making plans for decorating their town for Christmas. The ladies cut foil pans and wired coat hangers together although the year and with the help of the firemen had the decorations hung and turned on Christmas 1963.

They helped send the retarded class to camp in 1964. They also entered a manger scene in the Rose Hill Christmas parade and won first place.

They started trying to get the railroad cleaned up in 1953 and fourteen years and quite a number of letters later to the railroad company they got permission to clean it up and plant grass and shrubbery.

They did a lot of repairs to the club building including remodeling the kitchen.

In 1968 they found another way to help their community. Some of the members took the required courses and became members of the town's first Ambulance Squad. The club works with the Fire Department, the Ambulance Squad, and town in all worthwhile projects.

Among their most recent projects has been draining the club building and the grounds around it.

Yes, just as it has been for the past twenty-one years the ladies of the Magnolia Woman's Civic Club will continue to work for the im-

provement of the town they love.

## Sediments Expansive Problem In Environment

"Sediment continues to be one of the most troublesome and expansive problems in our environment today," says Calvin Mercer, Chairman of the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District.

"It is blown into our atmosphere and eroded into our streams, polluting the air we breathe and the water we drink. Many states, counties, and cities are passing laws and ordinances placing limits on the amount of sediment allowed to leave a given area. A large portion of sediment pollution today is coming from rural and urban construction sites."

The 1971 General Assembly directed the Legislative Research Commission to study the need for legislation on "Prevention and Abatement of Pollution of the State's Waters by sedimentation and siltation, particularly that occurring from runoff of surface waters and from erosion."

The study was initiated by the Environmental Studies Committee under the chairmanship of Senator William Staton of Lee County and Representative William R. Robertson, Jr. of Beaufort County. The Committee's recommendation was that legislation be enacted in 1973 to control siltation and sedimentation to the greatest extent possible. A draft bill entitled "An Act to Establish a Program for the Control of Pollution from Sedimentation" and to be known as "Sediment Pollution Control Act of 1973" was prepared for the 1973 General Assembly.

The National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts recently stated that these units of Government whose responsibility it will be to enforce those laws and ordinances relating to Sediment Pollution urgently need adequate and detailed guidelines in addition to valuable information and knowledge now possessed by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

This can be provided by additional research on the problem. The Agricultural Research Service in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service has developed a Soil Loss Equation for wind and water erosion that is a very valuable tool for determining what conservation practices to apply to the land.

"If the present Legislature does pass sediment pollution legislation, and all indications are that it will," Chairman Mercer continued, "the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District board will be available to assist local units of Government in drawing up ordinances, rules and regulations necessary to establish and administer an erosion and sediment control program in our country."

Two Penny made a business trip to Wallace Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sumner and Mrs. Emma Whaley visited Lavon Whaley in Cherry Hospital Mon.

Mrs. W.V. Odey was in Jacksonville Tuesday morning on business.

Mrs. Joe Albertson and Mrs. Nina Jackson stopped in Jacksonville Tues.

Mrs. W.V. Odey and Leslie Susan visited Mrs. Ruby Campbell and son and the Jimmie Kennedy family Sun.

Mrs. Earl Williams spent the weekend with her family. Cleveland Turner of Garner spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. James Trotter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Swinson of Jacksonville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Edwards.

Mrs. Brenda Futreal is scheduled for surgery in Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville Mon. Carl Horne has been readmitted to Veterans Hospital, Durham.

Mrs. Grace Pace visited Ben F. Brinkley Sr. in Duplin General Hospital Mon.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley Raynor and children of Jacksonville visited Mrs. Roy Sanderson Sunday.

Ted Clark and children of Durham and Mrs. Dee Blankford of Charlotte spent the weekend with Mrs. Grace Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniel Pace and family visited the Roger Howells in Whiteville Sat. Miss Turdy Pace of Wallace spent the weekend with Mrs. Phoebe Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hocutt of Clayton visited Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. Bill Carroll and Mrs. Grace Clark over the weekend.

Mrs. Pauline Brown is a patient in Duplin General.

Mrs. Doane Quinn spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Trotter.

Mrs. Dessie Houston has been with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Willford and family in Smithfield for the past week recuperating from illness.

Mrs. Cleveland Turner and son Daryl of Garner spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Trotter.

Mrs. Lula Parker who has been an operative patient in Duke Hospital, Durham, has returned home, and is spending some time with her niece, Mrs. Hector McNeil at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. J.L. Powers has returned home from Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Adelle Mathews shopped in Wallace, Friday, and later, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tony Raynor in Willard.

Mrs. Kate Sanderson Futreal and granddaughter visited Mrs. C. Sanderson Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Batts of Jacksonville visited Tom Batts in Chinquapin and Mrs. Adelle Mathews in Beulaville Thursday.

Mrs. J.J. Albertson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shirk of Rocky Mount left Sat., for Fla.

Mrs. J.A. Erinson visited Mrs. Jack Erinson a patient in Duplin General Hospital Fri. and Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ores V. Batchelor made a business trip to Goldsboro Thursday.

Mrs. Adell Mathews and Mrs. Cora Sanderson were in Kenansville on business Monday morning, also visited with Mrs. Bertha Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Whaley of Dillon, S.C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Whaley, and Mrs. Faison Thomas and the Danleys.

Mrs. O.V. Batchelor made a business trip to Kinston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bostic and children and Mrs. Stokley Bostic visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald in Danville, Va., over the weekend.

## Revival Services

Revival services each evening at the Beulaville Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church will begin April 2, through the 8th at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Willard Hardison, a former Beulaville resident. There will be special singing each evening, the

public is invited.

Revival services will be held at the Pines Grove F.W.B. Church on April 9-10th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be the Rev. Roy Savage of Peace Church of Wallace. Special music will be provided each night. The pastor, Rev. Samuel Grimes, invites the public to attend.

## U. D. C. Meets

John Ivey Thomas Chapter #2172 met with Mrs. Jasper Thomas Monday night, March 26, 1973 with eight members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Clyde Erinson.

Miss Ermine Sanderson, chaplain led the ritual and the Lord's Prayer.

The president led the pledge to the U.S. Flag, and the salutes to the N.C. and Confederate flags.

Mrs. Gordon Kennedy, secretary called the roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting for information and approval.

Mrs. Erinson gave a favorable report on the 7th District meeting at Burgaw, which was held in the Presbyterian Church.

"Confessions," a poem by Robert Browning and "Heroes and Heroines" were topics of the program presented by the president.

The hostess served pound cake with a topping, pickles, pecans and punch.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage Licenses Issued for the month of March, 1973, by Mrs. Christine Williams Davis, Register of Deeds, Kenansville, N.C.

Bruce Edward Johnson, Raleigh, N.C. & Nancy Elizabeth Perry, Raleigh, N.C.

Roger Lewis Wells, Teachey, N.C. & Linda Kaye Brice, Wallace, N.C.

Stacy Corbett Marsany Chinquapin, N.C. & Mary Williams Carter Fields, Wallace, N.C. Roger Dean Sholar, Wallace, N.C. & Barbara Ellen Blanton Brown, Wallace, N.C.

Willbur Duane Hardie, Whiteville, N.C. & Janice Marie Clark, Warsaw, N.C.

William Franklin Merritt, Rose Hill, N.C. & Vickie Lynn Henderson, Rose Hill, N.C.

Frederick Bruce Southerland, Albertson, N.C. & Cathy Joy Holmes, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Ervin Arnold Simmons, Jr., Teachey, N.C. & Annie Rae Bryant, Teachey, N.C.

Eugene Wolfe, Faison, N.C. & Stella Carr, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Tommy Ray Lee, Beulaville, N.C. & Elizabeth Ann Futrell, Beulaville, N.C.

James Ivey Thigpen, Pink Hill, N.C. & Hilda Gray Houston, Pink Hill, N.C.

James Henry Oregnia, Jr., Wallace, N.C. & Lucy Ann Walker, Wallace, N.C.

Landell Ray Rhodes, Rose Hill, N.C. & Brenda Ann Jones, Wallace, N.C.

William Frank Annau, Raleigh, N.C. & Penny Lee Whitman, Clayton, N.C.

Robert Louis Branson, Jr., Magnolia, N.C. & Shirley Ann Jackson, Teachey, N.C.

James Franklin Morrison, Willard, N.C. & Gloria Jean Wood, Wallace, N.C.

Leslie Leonardo Williams, Kenansville, N.C. & Ernestine Roslin Johnson, N.Y., N.Y.

Jimmie Lee Willis, Teachey, N.C. & Audrey Rogers, Wallace, N.C.

Edward Harrison Foster, Beulaville, N.C. & Addie Marie Miller, Beulaville, N.C.

John Michael Baker, Chinquapin, N.C. & Betty Jean Kennan, Chinquapin, N.C.

John Henry Whaley, Beulaville, N.C. & Lillian Louise Lanier Sholar, Rose Hill, N.C.

Willie Estus Byrd, Mt. Olive, N.C. & Eva Grace Hinson, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Benjamin George Dudley, N.C. & Pauline Williams, Bowden, N.C.

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