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## Woman's Club Most Active Civic Organization In Alleghany

### Club Sponsored Movement For Assembly Bldg.

Also Sponsor Library, Fair and Many Other County-Wide Projects.

**HAS 58 MEMBERS**

In a large measure responsible for the new county office and assembly building, its most ambitious undertaking to date, the Sparta Woman's club has long been a driving force in the accomplishment of many needed civic improvements.

Almost five years ago, little more than a score of women met and organized the club, which since that time has proved itself to be one of the most active and valuable organizations in the community and county.

Founders of the club were its first officers. They were Mrs. Edwin Duncan, president; Mrs. A. S. Carson, vice president; Mrs. Clinton Halsey, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Gambill, publicity chairman. Membership has grown to 58.

#### Officers Of Club

Present officers are Mrs. J. T. Inskip, president; Mrs. Edwin Duncan, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Thompson, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Jay Hardin, publicity chairman. Meetings were held monthly either in the public library or in members' homes, until the new building was completed.

The club's past accomplishments are numerous. Its civic pride and definite progressiveness have led its members to do much for the town of Sparta.

Food baskets and proper clothing have been purchased and given to the needy of the town. Shrubbery was set out at the two schools. Sewing machines were purchased for the home economics department of the high school two years ago. A public library was organized here three years ago and new books have been added from time to time.

#### Other Activities

In '38 the club was instrumental in bringing about a county fair which was held at the Sparta schools. Last fall the club played a big part in contributing to the success of the annual exhibition. Trash cans for the streets of the town were purchased in 1937. Another valuable project is the sponsorship of the public library.

In its meeting the club also provides its members with interesting current topics for discussion, secures prominent out-of-town speakers, and points out methods by which women may improve their homes and yards and otherwise make their daily existence happier and more comfortable.

Needed finance for the club's many valuable activities and contributions to the general welfare of the town are obtained by means of banquets, dinners, parties, picnics, dances and individual contributions from both members and outsiders.

#### Members Of Club

The present membership of the club is 58, and the names of the members are as follows: Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Eugene Transou, Mrs. R. L. Doughton, Mrs. A. S. Carson, Mrs. Robert Gambill, Mrs. Charles Castevens, Mrs. Hugh Choate, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, Mrs. R. C. Halsey, Mrs. Mexa Phipps, Mrs. Marvin Doughton, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. Harry Vaughn, Mrs. Bill Chester, Mrs. Ellen Parks, Mrs. J. T. Inskip, Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mrs. Lola White, Mrs. R. E. Black, Mrs. C. R. Roe, Mrs. P. L. Choate, Mrs. Vance Choate, Mrs. Walter Osborne, Mrs. Troy Irwin, Mrs. John Mac Edwards, Mrs. Clennel Richardson, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Mrs. Albert Richardson, Mrs. Haswell Rector, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. A. O. Joines, Miss Lillie Ervin, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Mrs. Jay Hardin, Miss Wilma Crouse, Mrs. George Reeves, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mrs. Crystal Heinz, Mrs. R. L. Berry, Mrs. Bryan Wagoner, Mrs. Nora Lee Stuart, Mrs. Claude Miles, Mrs. R. L. Hickerson, Mrs. Ralph Gentry, Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Miss Pearl Fields, Mrs. R. H. Hackler, Mrs. Clay Thompson, Mrs. B. F. McCann, Mrs. Ben Reeves, Mrs. Ed Dobyns, Mrs. N. D. Fox, Mrs. Mack Parsons, Mrs. L. K. Halsey, Mrs. B. O. Choate, Mrs. C. B. Choate and Mrs. Bruce Wagoner. The majority of the club's members contributed their time

### Here Are Fourteen Enthusiastic Woman's Club Members



Standing in front of the building which they helped to secure and pay for are 14 of the most active, enthusiastic members of the Woman's club. Starting at the left, they are (front row), Mrs. Troy Irwin, Mrs. J. T. Inskip, Mrs. R. E. Black, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. Albert Richardson, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, Mrs. Ed Dobyns; back row, Mrs. Harry Vaughn, Mrs. Nora Lee Stuart, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. John Mac Edwards, Mrs. Crystal Heinz, Mrs. Jay Hardin, Mrs. Lola White. The club has 58 members and the complete roster is given elsewhere on this page. (Staff Photo.)

### Commencement Address Here Is Delivered By Dr. Whitener

#### Large Crowd Attended Graduating Exercises Last Sat. Morning.

Before a capacity crowd of parents, teachers and students, Dr. D. J. Whitener, professor of history and government in ASTC, at Boone, told 58 graduating seniors here last Saturday morning that "although you are preparing to step out into a troubled world, your opportunities for advancement are greater today than ever before."

In reviewing the educational set-up in this state during the past century, Dr. Whitener mentioned the names of Archibald D. Murphy and Charles B. Aycock as men "who were among the foremost champions of the cause of public education in this, the Old North State."

North Carolina, the speaker declared, has long been one of the few states in the union that has placed its schools and educational facilities above seemingly more important activities. "As compared with the schools of Europe today," he said, "ours have far more to offer, and in most all respects are of a higher type."

#### Good Faculty

Dr. Whitener pointed out that the influence of the parents and teachers upon young people has always counted most in the results of their later lives. "You have been fortunate," he said, "fortunate in being able to go to school to a faculty that is among the best the state has to offer."

The speaker also lauded Gov. R. A. Doughon, the introductory speaker, as "a great statesman" and "a man who has done about as much for North Carolina as any man living in the state today."

Commenting on the county newspaper, Dr. Whitener singled out The Alleghany News as "a wide-awake, progressive country journal, full of news and a credit to the town for which it is published." He was especially enthused, he said, over the high school commencement edition.

Rev. L. F. Strader, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the invocation. Miss Sarah Warren presented a piano solo, "Prelude in C Sharp Minor."

#### Other Speeches

Arza Richardson delivered the president's address; Miss Mildred Wagoner, salutatory; Miss Elsie Wagoner, class history; Miss Wanda Choate, class prophecy; Miss Mattie Lee Rector, valedictory.

A piano duet, "Diana," was presented by Misses Emogene and

and services or both, to the drive for a building which not only would house a number of county offices, thereby providing additional space in the courthouse, but which would serve as a meeting place for county and community organizations.

### Several County Offices Located In New Building

#### Houses Health, Welfare, WPA And Library. Assembly Room Downstairs.

Personnel of the new county office and assembly building, regular and part-time, number 16 and serve five county offices and the public library.

Largest staff is that of the county farm agent's office, and includes R. E. Black, county agent, Miss Betty Halsey, Miss Pauline Osborne, Miss Billie Jones (who also collects for the REA, Miss Grace Smith and Miss Irene Church. Misses Smith and Church are NYA workers, and work alternate two-week periods.

Included on the staff of the welfare department is Miss Lillie Ervin, superintendent, Miss Eula Parsons and Miss Elizabeth Horn, who is case worker and serves this county on Wednesday of each week.

#### Other Departments

In addition to Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer, who visits the county weekly, the county weekly, the health department staff includes Miss Ola Collins, county health nurse, and Miss Rosamond Reeves.

C. A. Miles heads the Work Projects administration office. He is assisted by Wayne Spicer and Mrs. Wayne Waddell.

Serving as acting librarian is

well. Those seniors who received diplomas were Magdalena Darnell, Mary Lucy Gunter, Helen Shepherd, Edith Hayes, Virginia Robbins, Ruth Solesbee, Luther Clegg and Noah Glass.

### Finals Are Held At Glade Valley

#### Rev. Watt Cooper Commencement Address. Diplomas Are Awarded.

Graduating exercises last Friday morning, featuring an address by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, of North Wilkesboro, brought to a close the thirty-first commencement program at the Glade Valley high school.

Following a piano solo by Miss Edith Hayes, the class song was sung and the valedictory delivered by Miss Mary Lucy Gunter.

In addition to receiving diplomas, graduates were each given a copy of the Bible by Rev. J. S. Cook, of Leaksville.

Winner of the scholarship award was Miss Mary Lucy Gunter; music award, Guy Beck; recitation award, Miss Eva Sue Wagoner; award for activities, Lloyd Ryan; prize for best progress in home economics department, Miss Virginia Robbins; girls dormitory room prizes, Misses Blanche Burgess and Beatrice Baker; boys dormitory room prizes, Guy Beck and Bobbie Po-

prizes may be found elsewhere in this issue of The News.

Serving as ushers were Elmer Jarvis, Dan Thompson, Pika Rizzotti and Eva Jean Gentry.

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### Whitehead News

By Mrs. Carrie Jones

Miss Martha Morris, of Delaware, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert L. Edwards, for a few weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Millard Pruitt attended the birthday dinner given

Miss Carrie Jones, of Whitehead. A full-time librarian is to be appointed within the next few weeks.

en Sunday at John Tucker's in honor of Bill Fender.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Houser and son, of Buchanan, Va., returned home Tuesday after attending court Monday.

The singings every Sunday night at Whitehead Union Baptist church started again about three weeks ago. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mrs. C. E. Waddell has been ill with head trouble and a cold since Sunday.

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