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WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATION MEET

Preston Community Club Entertained Ladies With Interesting Meeting

BETTER HOMES CONTEST

The Preston Community Club entertained the Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs on Saturday, February 14, in the school auditorium. Each club in the county was well represented, about 150 being present at the meeting.

Mrs. Leo J. Waiz of Greensboro, president of the federation, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock with a song by the audience, after which the Qroutine business was carried forward in regular order.

The campaign for Better Homes was the topic of the day, beginning with a talk by the president. Commencing with the origin of the movement in Delaware, the purpose of which was to induce people to put up better buildings and improve their surroundings, she traced its growth to its present nation-wide scope, and its idealistic and spiritualistic development. The president, Congress, and insurance companies are all striving to instil this ideal into the homes of the nation. One vastly important side of this campaign concerns the betterment of our lives and our children's lives by education. It was suggested that endowment policies taken out at the birth of the children would insure sums adequate for their education.

Still another phase of this campaign is the health work supervised by the county nurse. In our own county, the work is progressing well under the able direction of Miss Ruth Jackson. Loan closets have been provided by Denton, Greensboro, Federalsburg and Ridgely, and clinics for children under 6 years of age have been instituted.

Miss Bessie Spafford, home demonstration agent, read a paper on the subject of Better Homes, and anounced an essay contest for the high school students, details of which may be found at the end of this article.

Right in line with the thought of the day was the splendid demonstration of plain and tied dying, by Miss Louise Parker, a 4 H club girl of Hebron. Miss Parker would take an article which she wished to dye and by folding, tying and dipping, produce a most artistically designed, exquisitely colored scarf. The ladies were very attentive to her description of these mysteries, and many tried for themselves, using their handkerchiefs. Miss Parker has these beautiful articles for sale.

During the luncheon hour, 12:30 to 1:30 at which time the hostess club served a dainty repast to the visitors, Mrs. Fernandes Davis held a meeting of the Federation Public Health Committee.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 with a song. Ridgely provided an excellent part of the program by a play, "The Trial of Fire", with a cast of about 20. This was along the better homes idea, presenting the part carelessness plays in the majority of fires.

A most interesting address on interior decorating was delivered by Miss Celestine Hodges, of the firm of Woodward and Lothrop, of Washington. Miss Hodges first discussed the suitable wall and floor coverings, and then appropriate furniture, and values of furniture. The talk was full of interest and valuable information.

A very delightful part of the program was part 3, when Mrs. Paul C. Phillips, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Thompson Swing of Ridgely entertained. Mrs. Phillips has the rare ability of imitating perfectly the birds and her "Characteristics and Songs of Maryland Birds" was a treat. Mrs. Swing gave a scene from "Madam Butterfly," in a charming manner, and both ladies were thoroughly appreciated in all their numbers.

Announcement was made that the Eastern Shore Federation will meet in Denton in May. With the feeling that this had been one of the most successful sessions ever held, the meeting adjourned.

The following gives the rules and topics for the Better Home Essay

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Better Homes in America

Better home in America is an educational institution for public service initiated in 1922 by Mrs. William Brown Meloney. It was organized on a national basis in December, 1923, with Herbert Hoover, secretary of Commerce, as its president.

More than twenty-one national organizations are co-operating with the Better Homes in America movement. The National Federation of Womens' Clubs is one of this number, and the Caroline County Federation, as branch

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LITERARY TASTES

By THE CRACKER

If for the classic stuff you crave, and in its pages find delight, 'tis but a matter of your taste and I do not gainsay your right, 'nor pass in judgement on your case, but read according to my lights. And if the lines which I persue, do not quite to your fancy take, its contents you may well eschew but tack no notice on my gate, or seek to syncronize my views along the lines you caculate. In thinking I'm no acrobat, and read the books I can digest; and on Zane Grey I'm standing pat, I love his stories of the West, so do not put me on the mat, if from Charles Dickens I disgress. And if along the street of print we cannot travel side by side, let not each at the other squint with disgust in our look or stride, I'm sure you've got a right to think, by Heck! I reckon so have I.

ACTIVE CHURCH WORKER DIES

One of Denton's best loved women was taken away by death Tuesday evening when Mrs. Sallie V. S. Webster died after an illness of four month's duration.

Mrs. Webster was 65 years old and had spent practically all her life as a resident of Denton. She was the daughter of the late Unity Stevens and the widow of the Rev. Zack Webster pastor at one time of the local M. E. church, who died here several years ago.

Mrs. Webster was one of the best known women in this section of the country, having always taken a very active part in all civic and M. E. church affairs, and her sweet disposition had won her friends in all walks of life. Her excellent Christian character and sympathetic ways were such marked attainments that they made her stand out as an example for all.

One brother, Mr. G. Lacy Stevens, of Denton, survives her besides five step daughters, 11 nephews and 7 nieces.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence and was in charge of Rev. C. N. Jones, with interment in Denton cemetery.

MISS STAFFORD VISITING GIRL' CLUBS

Other News on the Work of Demonstration Agent

Miss Bessie Spafford, Demonstration agent, is making visits to the Girls' Clubs this week.

Up to the present time the girls have been making bags, which has been more to teach the girls the correct way to hold neddle and the fundementals of sewing. They will now start their work on the making of dresses. Miss Spafford also conducts a business session at each meeting so that the girls may learn the correct parlimentary law forms.

The Hillsboro Girls' Club are making plans to hold an achievement meeting in the near future when 7 of the girls will receive their year certificates.

Twelve of the members of the Girls' Clubs attended the meeting of the Federation at Preston last Saturday to see the demonstration in dying by Miss Louise Parker, at 4 H Club girls. Girls were present from Denton, Hillsboro, Williston, and Choptank.

DENTISTS HOLD MEET AT EASTON

At Easton last Friday a meeting of the Easton Shore Dental Association was held at which Dr. P. P. Payne of Cambridge, read a paper that was of interest to both medical doctors and dentists. After some other business was transacted the members adjourned to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Claggett, who proved to be a most charming host and hostess. Entertainment was furnished by a colored quartette from Easton.

Those attending from Denton were Drs. J. M. Haymaker, J. H. Summerfield and W. A. Smith.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY HELD

A card party for the benefit of the children's home was held at Hillsboro last Saturday evening with about 90 people present.

Considerable enjoyment was had by those present competing for the great number of prizes offered. A delicious luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

Besides having an evening of pleasure the children home fund was made about $62 richer.

CAROLINE COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Owing to sickness and bad traveling only seventeen of our county schools reached the 90 per cent. mark in attendance for the month of January. Schools reaching this standard are listed below:

High Schools
- Caroline
- Ridgely
- Greensboro

Town Schools
- Denton Grammar
- Greensboro Elementary
- Denton Primary
- Ridgely Grammar
- Ridgely Primary

Two-room Schools
- Hillsboro
- Smithson

Rural Schools
- Chestnut Grove
- Central
- Concord
- Howard's
- Bethlehem
- Hickory Hill

Colored Schools
- Washington

The attendance banners are awarded to Caroline High, Denton Grammar, Hillsboro, Chestnut Grove and Washington (colored).

The patrons of our school will be pleased to know that our elementary schools ranked the highest in attendance in the state for the month of November and December. The teachers and school officials feel that this is an honor to our county which could not have been achieved without the co-operation of the parents.

ELIZABETH A. STONE
Attendance Officer

BANQUET BEING HELD TONIGHT

This evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the M. P. church, the 28th anniversary banquet of the Caroline Council 175 Jr. O. U. A. M. will be held.

The committe on arrangement headed by Rev. G. J. Hooker as chairman, assisted by Messrs. W. K. Scotten, S. T. Cole, C. H. Roe, Samuel Nowell and H. T. Pickering have made elaborate plans for the evenings entertainment.

Music will be furnished by the Arthur orchestra and addresses will be made by Hon. T. A. Goldsborough, Mr. Harvey Burgess, of Harrington, Del., and Rev. J. A. Leach of Wilmington, Del.

HAS DOGS ENTERED AT BALTIMORE SHOW

At the Annual Dog Show of the Maryland Kennel Club, at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Friday and Saturday, Mr. E. T. Orme, of Denton, is showing his English Setters, "Orme's Blue Dot" and "Bobby White Wings."

"Orme's Blue Dot" was successful last year in winning the special prize in the female puppy class, and "Bobby White Wings" was a runner up in the male puppy class.

Mr. Orme is also showing a dog from his kennels which is now owned by a Ridgely party. This is the first time the dog has been entered and the local dog fanciers have high hopes of it taking one of the prizes.

LIVE WIRE CLASS TO GIVE PLAY

The Live Wire class met at the home of Miss Martha Beck, on south Sixth street, Monday evening when they discussed the play the class are planning on giving in order to rise money for class' share of the church budget.

Sophronia's Wedding has been chosen by the class as the play to be given which will be under the direction of Mrs. Elbert Deen.

The play is a comedy in three acts and from the enjoyment that was had from the play that the class produced last year, "The Twelve Old Maids," a capacity audience is assured.

POEM READ ABOUT PRESIDENTS ELECTRIC HORSE

Considerable uproar was made in the House the other day when Representative Vinson, Democrat, of Kentucky, attempted to read a poem entitled "Cal's Hobby Horse." After considerable argument as to whether the Representative should be allowed to have the poem read into the Record, it was ruled by the chair that it would be permissable.

The poem made reference to the many trails of the Prince of Wales as a horseman and said that Mr. Coolidge had profited by that example. It also hinted that the movie men should be allowed to take pictures of the president taking his exercise.

MORE GLOWING REPORTS OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

Many Changes Have Been Made in the Past Four Years

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Wright and Mr. H. Earl Smith returned Saturday from a two weeks trip in Florida. Their trip took them to the cities of Palm Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Miami.

Dr. Wright brings back the same glowing reports that all other Florida visitors have. He visited Miami about four years ago and the changes have been so great that you can hardly realize that it is the same place. Property, such as hotels, office buildings and the like, that were worth $15,000 to $18,000 then are now held at $150,000 or more.

Dr. Wright states that at present there is probably over 200,000 visitors in Miami, this month being their big month. Some idea may be had of the number of people going into Miami by th fact that one railroad runs four large pullman trains into Miami a day and only one out.

Dr. Wright tells us that it is not only the cities that are developing so fast but that the country is being developed. Roads are being paved as fast as the work can be done and it is said that in ten years there will be one continueous city 250 miles long, where now there is a lot of small cities scattered out.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE

Extensive improvements are being made by the Service Ice Campany in their plant on West Sixth street, so that they will be able to take care of their increasing demand for ice.

An additional room 30x42 feet is being built and a new tank will enable them to turn out from 15 to 18 tons of ice every twenty-four hours instead of 10 tons, their capacity now, is being installed.

Ice is made by this enterprising company from their own wells and is supplied to about 12 surrounding towns.

LADIES AID SOCIETY TO GIVE PLAY

On Tuesday evening, February 24, at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium at Greensboro, the Ladies' Aid Society of the St. Paul's M. E. church will present a play entitled "The New Minister" for the benefit of the society.

The play is one of those side-splitting comedies and this one will be especially so, in as much as the characters are being portrayed by the older residents instead of the younger generation as usually is the case.

The public is invited and they are assured of a real enjoyable evening as well as helping a good cause.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ACTIVITIES

The ladies of the church with the beginning of the year, organized a Missionary Society which is to meet the second Saturday of each month. The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Arnold on South Third street. At this meeting a goodly number of ladies listened to an interesting report on the life and work of Panditta Ramabai, the most wonderful woman of India.

The second meeting which was last Saturday afternoon was entertained by Mrs. Swartz, at her home in West Denton. At this session a birds eye view was given of all the Foreign Missionary Work of the Church of the Brethern. Every field was located on the map and short talks given on the same. A splendid lunch of cocoa and wafers at the close added much to the enjoyment of the occassion. The March meeting is to be in the home of Mrs. B. B. Brumbaugh.

Despite the fact that many are suffering from colds, and other winter complaints a good interest in Sunday school and church is manifested. The subject for the discourse next Sunday morning will be "America First"

The church always welcomes you.

TO PRESENT PAGENT AT CHURCH

"The Fountain of Youth" can be found if you will be at the Sunday school room of the Methodist Protestant church on Friday evening, February 27, at 8 o'clock, when the ladies of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will present a pagent by that name.

Special music and a talk on "Missionary Work in India" by Mrs. S. I. Arnold will round out the evening's entertainment. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be

MEETING HELD AT CO. AGENT'S OFFICE

Tuesday afternoon at the office of Mr. L. M. Goodwin, county agent, a group of representative farmers was held at which time the advisability of raising tomatoes for the early markets was taken up.

Mr. A. D. Radebaugh, state canning specialist, was present and gave some valued information along this line.

Mr. A. W. Short has agreed to grow 100,000 plants in his local greenhouse. This would take care of about 25 acres, which has been signed up by the farmers.

Mr. Goodwin states that this will be more of an experiment this year and should it prove successful it will be conducted on a much larger scale next year.

A committee from the Board of Trade was present at the meeting, as considerable interest has been taken by them in the past few weeks in working out some plan for the local people in raising tomatoes.

On Monday, Mr. Goodwin attended a meeting of the farmers at Ridgely when 100 acres of tomatoes was signed up. These will be used for the early canning as well as the early market. The Ridgely farmers are securing their plants from the southern firms.

PARENT TEACHERS MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Court House the initial meeting of the County Federation of Parent Teachers' Association will be held.

Mr. William Norris, chairman, has prepared a splendid program which includes music and addresses by local people, while the principal address will be given by Dr. Titsworth, president of Washington College, who will speak on the subject, "The Kind of Teachers I want for my Children."

The meeting is being attended by members from all parts of the county and it is hoped that by the new organization that will be formed tonight the same splendid work that has been done in the past will continue in the future.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS MEETNG TUESDAY

At the meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday, a delegation from the Denton Parent Teacher Association was present and requested that the teaching of manual training and home economics be continued for the rest of the term. This request was granted by the Board and the secretary was instructed to secure teachers for these branches at the Greensboro school.

The secretary at this meeting also received the proceeds of the sale of the bonds for the new Denton high school, which amounted to $100,505, or in other words a premium of $505 was realized on the sale.

ENTERTAINS WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrating her 20th birthday anniversary, Miss Pauline Roe entertained a number of her friends at her home Wednesday evening.

The home was artistically decorated with crepe paper in keeping with the season. The evening's entertainment consisted of music and games and at a late hour the hostess served a delicious luncheon consisting of chicken salad, pickles, Maryland biscuits, ice cream dainties, cake and mints.

Those present, besides Miss Roe, were: Misses Esther Dunham, Florence Morgan, Nellie Thawley, Mildred Pitts, Winfred Hammond, Florence St. James, Lillian St. James, Margaret Cooper and Grace Hubbard and Messrs. Layton Bowdle, Smith Beck, Louis Porter, Charles Haymaker, Carroll Brigh, Dorsey Bowdle, Erward Towers and Raymond Beauchamp.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT IN COUNTY

Miss V. M. Keller, Home Demonstration agent, of College Park, Md., is spending Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the county visiting the Community Clubs in the interest of the Better Homes contest, of which she is chairman for the state.

Considerable interest is being taken in the contest and Miss Keller is endeavering to secure the close cooperation of all the community clubs through the state.

Due to the ice which delayed the boat from Baltimore, Miss Keller was unable to make her date at Federalsburg on Wednesday, but she visited the clubs at Andersontown, Hobbs, Denton, and Preston on Thursday and Friday.

FIREMEN HOLD FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

Last Thursday Evening at Christ Church Parish House

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN

In celebration of the first anniversary of the receiving the new engine the local firemen held their first annual banquet at the Christ Church parish house last Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The committee on arrangements, Messrs. W. H. Neal, K. W. Short and M. E. Wilson, are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which the evening's program was handled. The hall had been beautifully decorated and three large tables besides the speaker's table had been tastily arranged. The firemen, their wives, sweethearts, and friends, were informally entertained by music by the Cox's orchestra of Easton before the banquet was served.

During the serving the orchestra helped to liven the occasion by playing a number of the latest popular pieces, in true "jazz orchestra" style.

Congressman Goldsborough was toast master of the speaking program and in a very able way introduced the speakers. In his preliminary remarks, Congressman Goldsborough congratulated the firemen on the splendid work they had done the past year, reciting a number of occassions where they deserved special praise. He also told of the better feeling that now existed between the other towns of the county and Denton, all due to the work did by the men in some of these places.

Mr. Wesley E. Thawley, District Prosecuting Attorney, was next introduced, who had nothing but praise for the firemen in their work of protecting Denton and the surrounding territory. He also spoke on the Cooperation that should exist between the townspeople and the firemen in their efforts.

Harvey L. Cooper, who was chairman of the Board of Commissioners when the fire engine was bought, told of some of the objections and criticisms that were made at the time of buying the engine, but how those had all been overcome since the people realized what a real asset it had been.

In a very novel way, Congressman Goldsborough introduced "Doc" Allen of the Eddie Parlett Productions of Baltimore, who entertained the guests with a humorous monologue, that kept them in an uproar of laughter during its twenty minutes duration.

Through the courtesy of Fireman Marc Bryant, the guests were all then invited to the Palace theatre where a very enjoyable picture was shown for their pleasure.

Much commendation is due Chief Anderson and the committees assisting in the preparations and the carrying out to a successful conclusion an evening of entertainment that will long be remembered.

FARM BUREAU TO HAVE OYSTER SUPPER

Tuckahoe Neck Farm Bureau Local will hold an oyster supper in Thawleys hall, Wednesday, February 25.

Metes H. Fairbanks, state organizer, a very interesting and entertaining speaker, will talk on some of the vital problems that effect farm and community life. It is hoped that every farmer far and near will come and bring his family and have a good tme.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Gasoline went down a little last week when the oil truck dropped into the mud hole on the saw bones road.

The editor of the Screw Driver forgot to change the date on the paper last week, and so the subscribers got the same news they'ed had the week before.

Pete Doolittle has had to discontinue his sparkin' down in the Pigs Elbow neighborhood 'till the roads get better.

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