REPORT OF RURAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HELD AT FREDERICK, MARYLAND

As Submitted By Mrs. Wm. T. Brown, Delegate Who Represented The Rural Women Of Kent County

On January 11th, 1923 in the city of Frederick, located in a rich valley, and on a historical high way—with headquarters at the new Francis Scott Key Hotel, met the farmers and their wives to talk over the Rural Home. Its cares and its problems and how best to meet them. I shall endeavor to tell you some thoughts gleaned from the Rural Women's Conference and elsewhere.

At 10.30 a. m. the morning session was opened by Miss Venia Kellar, State Home Demonstration Agent, who introduced Mrs. McKenny, President of the Rural Women Clubs of Frederick Co. who took charge. Reports of the different counties were read. Their problems and work completed were very similar to ours. Miss Laura Amos, of the University of Maryland, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the very great importance of the Girls' Club Work. How it tended to develop leaders which we know are much needed. Great many people have good, practical useful thoughts but if they are not trained to express these thoughts, meetings would not so often be swayed by less capable women who have a convincing manner.

Dr. Woods, of the University of Maryland brought greetings. Mrs. Winfield Mason Buck, of Illinois, the first married woman to sit in the National legislature, with her attractive manner, pleasing personality, simplicity in dress and speech, told us that Congress should get the Womans' point of view on National things of importance. She would create an independent bureau of Home Economics, with a woman at its head. She said she favored a War Referendum Bill, which is a sort of "World Pact," in which each nation agrees to allow the people of the various countries to decide by vote, before they go to war. She would wipe out all previous legislation on subject of marriage and divorce from the books and replace them with a uniform marriage and divorce law, based and founded on sane principles. She thought women should vote for principle and ideals, not for party.

Dr. Normant of the Department of Health Service of Washington County said in part, "We should take care of the health of the youth of the country and the adults as well. Work to prevent sickness. His experience with children examined, physical defects remedied, eyeglasses were needed—in fact many cases when children were thought to be stupid at school, got along splendidly after this work had been done. If defects are found out they can be remedied. Once in a while you have your auto looked over why not your children? If a child is undernourished he is more apt to have disease. The Health officer mends broken bodies and keeps others from getting broken. We have no vision if we do not grasp our possibilities and take upon us our added responsibilities.

Gov. Ritchie brought out the fact before the Conference, that the object of any form of government was to better the condition of the people who come under that government. Instead of the old system of punishment, the modern prison has for its purpose the reforming of its inmates.

Since the recent and present system of Health Department, contagious and infectious diseases have decreased in number. In touching on Child Hygiene, he said, "Children of today are to become the officials and lawmakers of the next few years. He brought to the women the importance of organizations in connection with their influence upon the proper rearing of the children and the great importance of the cooperation of the women's organizations toward better government and we think a fair deal to the farmer. We all know the farmer is not making any money, but he wants to lose as little as he can during this period of depression. We cannot expect young men of ability to keep working on the farm unless we can find a way by which he can reap as great a return as they can from other industries. Why should the people (Balto.) pay freight on canned goods from Iowa when Maryland canners cannot put their goods on the shelves of city without the extra freight to the consumer. Once we begin to actually solve this problem of marketing, we not only have greater profit for the farmer, but a cheaper product to the consumer as well. To do this Farmers and Farmers wives must organize to develop state-wide thought and counsel.

Agriculture is the oldest business in the world, yet around it have grown far younger giants of industry. These younger industries have centralized and concentrated in a way the farmer has hardly begun to do.

Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wallace said ,"Never has American Agriculture experienced such a period of financial depression as the present. In times past crops have been low, but prices of things bought, manufactured, etc. were also low, as well as labor. During the past year prices of articles bought have been high. We know a prosperous agriculture mean a prosperous nation. The fertility of the land is the counties most valuable national resource. The farmer now sells on an unprotected market. He buys on a protected market. War spells inflation and after inflation as a natural consequence comes deflation. The farmer has had his unequal share of deflation. Deflation affects Agriculture most because the farmer cannot control his output owing to weather and other conditions. Business and industry (Second) for they can control their output. Labor suffered least for they did not share their equal part of deflation. Growth of the cities has not made for the advantage of the country. As more food was needed they pushed further west with intensive farming and introduction of machinery to save labor. The tariff in many instances has placed farming to a disadvantage. Home markets are not sufficient to take home products. Truth in food should be demanded. Reworked wool should be labeled correctly, as such. Education:

People in America are broader than in European countries. In Europe they are told exactly what to do. Here they read, think and share the mouldings of thought. So we must not neglect our schools. The public must push teaching just in proportion to other progress. Modern equipment in schools must keep apace with other work. It is easy to reach educated people. In 1800—80 days average time in life for education, in 1840—208 days, in 1922—1200 days.In 1920 only 1 per cent of taxes went for health, agriculture, and education combined. In 1922 it is estimated 15 per cent. of our taxes went to pay for education, research, cost of government, etc., and 85 per cent., to pay war costs.

Buying:

Each woman is a part of the body of buyers. There are twenty-two million homes in the United States. The women who buy for these homes spend on a average of $500 each per year or eleven billion dollars each year. She should be guided by wise and economical purchases and therby save a great deal. We do not need more credit but more purchasing power for our money.

The Rural Women's Clubs are organized to develop a program that will insure a better and more contented Rural Life. That science and art can contribute to home making. To spread the best housekeeping methods. To provide opportunity for women to inform themselves systematically on civic matters that effect the home. To secure for boys and girls best social and educational privileges.

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The sale of the Ferncliffe by Mr. Harry Hamilton to Mr. George Brice was recently closed. Mr. Brice sold his pretty home on Wheeler Avenue to Mr. Ewell Wilmer.

Mrs. Delia Kiker, of Baltimore, will soon have her large and attractive hotel completed on Ericsson Ave. and open for the summer season.

Mr. Harvey D. Moore is building an attractive and pretty home at the corner of Main Street and Second Ave. It also will be ready for the summer season. Harvey is a hustler and makes a success of everything he undertakes.

Mr. I. Harris Crewe, owner of Bayside Inn, is considering the development of his farm land directly back of his hotel, into either building lots or in the erection of small furnished bungalows for the summer season. There is a large call for medium priced building lots and also many calls for ready-to-live-in-Bungalows.

Mr. James T. Crewe, of the Hotel Betterton is greatly improving the place by painting his Hotel and out buildings. The color scheme is most effective.

Mr. Walter Brice who purchased the Hotel Rigbie last year has made great improvements on the place, which were badly needed. Walter is fully awake to the need of the times and is not afraid of work.

Mrs. Littleton Moore, of Philadelphia, has purchased two additional lots of land adjoining her Bungalow on First Avenue.

Mr. C. D. Crewe is greatly improving the Mann property, which he bought last year.

Mr. Minister, of Phila., who bought the Capt. McDade property recently, is making almost a new home of it. It will be called the Westminister and will open for the summer season. Welcome to our midst Mr. Minister and family. But they are by no means strangers, having operated one of the Ice Cream parlors here last season. They made many friends by their courteous manner.

It is said that several Bungalows will be erected on Bayside and elsewhere here before the summer season opens.

Practically every home in Betterton already has electric lights installed. So you see the people in general believe in progress.

The rock fishing season was a total failure while the shad fishing has done quite well. It is to be hoped that the catches and prices gotten will hold up for some weeks yet, as many of our people make their money fishing and if the season is a poor one they cannot make the desired improvements.

Comel and look the town over and see what has been done since you were here last.

P. S. C. DENIES PERMIT TO SHORE BUS LINE

Turns Down Application of Salisbury And Baltimore Promoters

A. M. Jackson, of Salisbury, and William J. Ogden, of Baltimore, who are interested in a motor bus line which runs from Salisbury to Claiborne and which is proposed to extend to other parts of the Eastern Shore, Saturday called on the Public Service Commission in Baltimore to discuss the bus situation on the Shore in the light of the movement of the Pennsylvania Railroad to abandon the operation of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway System.

Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Ogden are confident that the bus lines will prove a satisfactory substitute for the railway and they asked for permits that would enable them to operate lines from Rock Hall to Chestertown, from Chestertown to Centreville and from Centreville to Easton. These would be in direct competition with the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia rail line if it should continue in operation.

The Commission turned down the application flatly. William M. Maloy, chairman, said they would not be granted at this time and in fact no applications for new bus lines on the Eastern Shore would be granted until the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia situation was settled.

Oyster Season Over

The oyster season has passed and the months without it have come. No more until September will the oyster be on the bill of fare and, indeed, there will be no little demand for them before the first of October. The season just passed has been the best the industry has seen for many years. The mussels, which throttled the oyster the year before, had gone and the oysters themselves were larger, fatter and more desirable and the trade seemed to demand more and more. The result was that the oyster packers were crowded with orders and had to hustle among the tongers and scrapers to get enough to fill orders. This had a tendency to increase the price a little. In spite of the increase the demand continued to grow, until the price reached as high as $1.50 a bushel.

STILL POND

Mrs. L. P. Atwell visited Baltimore on Thursday of this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl M. Shockley spent this week at Madison, N. J., attending the commencement at Drew Seminary. Rev. Shockley was one of this year's graduates.

Mrs. Wm. B. Price is visiting her daughter near Georgetown, Md.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is planning a stereopticon lecture, showing pictures of the "Child Life in Many Lands" for June 2 in Hurlock's Hall. This entertainment will be followed by a bake. Further notice will be given.

The devotional service of the E. L. will be led on Sunday evening by Mrs. Bertha Shallcross.

The Epworth League met in the S. S. room on last Friday evening and elected the following officers for the year: Pres., Miss Mabel Norris; 1st V. P., Mrs. Carson Greenwood; 2nd V. P., Mrs. S. W. Matthewes; 3rd V. P., Mrs. Edward Dittman; 4th V. P., Mrs. Howard Rason; Treas., Miss Lucille Parr; Sec., Mrs. J. L. Price; organist, Miss Ann Bonwill; assistant organist, Miss Edna Hackett. An impressive candlelight installation service was held on Sunday evening.

Miss Rachel Parrott is having her house improved by a coat of paint.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

The members of the Dramatic Association are busying themselves with rehearsals of the commencement play, "When a Feller Needs a Friend." It is a farce in three acts and should be very amusing. There have been some changes made in the cast and the new members are equally as talented as those whom they are replacing.

The two literary societies will take opposing sides on the question, "Resolved, that the labor unions are justified in their demands for the closed shop," in their annual debate at commencement. This year it was the turn of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society to offer the subject to be debated. The Adelphia Literary Society had the choice of sides. The latter will uphold the negative while the Mt. Vernon will support the affirmative side of the issue.

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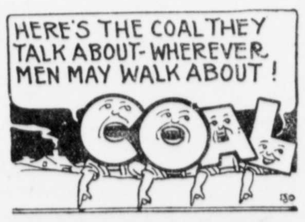
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