

FEDERATION MEETS AT LAKE VIEW.

Interesting Talks Made by Many Members.

With the singing of "Come Thou Almighty King" opened the twelfth meeting of the Dillon County Federation of Womens Clubs at Lake View Oct. 15, 1921. After the invocation by Rev. Ledbetter, Mrs. R. T. Renfrow in a happy manner with cordial words welcomed the Federation to Lake View. Mrs. Pierce Rogers responded with hearty enthusiasm and appreciation of the proffered hospitality.

When the Choral Club had entertained the guests with a well rendered selection Miss Amanda Edwards, acting president, announced the first speaker, Mrs. S. D. Plowden, president of the State Federation. Mrs. Plowden spoke of the State Federation giving those present a knowledge that must inevitably lead to a greater interest in the activities of the club women of the state. Her comprehensive resume of the scope and cosmopolitan nature of the work assured one of the dignity of the Women's Club activities.

Mrs. Edmund spoke of the welfare work in her state, North Carolina. She interested her audience in the great work she is doing.

At twelve o'clock Miss Edwards in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the occasion, Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, President of Wofford College and well known lecturer, who addressed the Federation on the subject: "Books." Dr. Snyder spoke in his fascinating facile style. His perfect diction, exact knowledge and vivid personality with a bit of pleasing byplay that added even to the meat of the lecture, held the absolute attention of the audience. After tracing the origin of the word book and some kindred words, he stated three fundamental differences between man and any other animal. (1) He keeps records (2) questions and (3) idealizes. Books are the expression of these impulses. In books we find the interpretation, explanation and presentation of life. From books we should gain information, answers to questions and interpretation of life and get these from wisdom and entertainment. In books we find the idealization of life in a variety of expressions. History, science, philosophy, prose and poetry.

After a rising vote of thanks to Dr. Snyder for this able address an appetizing lunch was served.

At two o'clock the program was resumed with the singing of the Federation song composed by Mrs. Renfrow, President of the Federation.

Mrs. Lyles of the Charleston Y. W. C. A. spoke on "Recreation in the Home and School." Having stressed the worth whileness of play she defined the term as a change of moods and mentioned three basic elements

of play; motion, rhythm and color, and reminded the listeners that play teaches team work, cooperation and leadership.

Reports of the various committees were heard. Miss Elita Sellers with Mrs. R. P. Hamer as alternate, was chosen delegate to the District Federation meeting in Timmonsville.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. J. D. Coleman.
1st. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Matthew Edwards.

2nd. Vice-Pres., Miss Julia Alford.
3rd. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Rod Evans.
Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Thompson.
Treas., Mrs. D. M. Michaux.

Resolutions of appreciation of Lake View's hospitality and of the splendid program were read.

An invitation to the spring meeting in Latta was issued and accepted. Mrs. Jack Watson played a piano solo with her usual skill and technique and the meeting was adjourned. Gertrude Manning, Publicity.

Baptist Pastors of the State to Exchange Pulpits

November 13th is to witness the greatest Fellowship Day among Baptists and the widest interchange of pulpits on the part of Baptist pastors ever known in the State. This Fellowship Day is to be utilized for the purpose of extending the acquaintance of pastors and churches, of promoting larger fellowship in the affairs of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina and of presenting the interests fostered by the Baptist State Convention and included in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

Among the things that Baptists are stressing at this time are the securing of 30,000 tithers, a great campaign of soul-winning on the part of preachers and laymen, the enlistment of 60,000 church members who did not subscribe two years ago in the 75 Million Campaign, and the payment of pledges for the second year ending December 1st on the part of all subscribers to the 75 Million Fund.

MARS BLUFF BRIDGE ASSURED

Mr. Hughes Says Marion and Florence Will Carry Out their Plans.

I have been requested to reply to the article evidently emanating from the State Highway Department and appearing on the front page of Sunday's State. I reluctantly do so, for the reason that I know that the public, like myself, must be heartily tired of this discussion. The Pee Dee Bridge Commission has rejected every attempt made by the Department, aided by the Federal Bureau, to force us to build the bridge where the law did not contemplate, and where the Commission did not locate or desire it. They promised us on May 29th at a meeting in Florence, that if we would locate the bridge they would endeavor to build it where we wanted it. Four months and a half rolled by, and neither the Highway Department nor the Government made any survey looking towards locating the bridge where the Commission desired it built. From information that we received from Washington in September that this had not been done and would not be done, but that our money was being spent for the purpose of bolstering up the location made by the Department's engineers last spring, and which was rejected, the authorities of Florence and Marion counties decided that they would dismiss any further dealings with the Highway Department and Bureau of Federal Aid. A meeting was therefore held at Florence some time in September and it was unanimously decided that Florence and Marion counties would proceed to build the bridge without any assistance from the Department or the Government; and it was so announced. The Highway Department requested the Commission to meet with their Engineers last Saturday at Florence. This was done as a matter of respect to the Government Engineer who was to make a special report. His report defended the former location by the Department and submitted other impossible locations, all of which would bankrupt these two counties to build and maintain. A great deal has been said about the estimated cost made by the Government. It is sufficient to say that this county entered into a Federal Aid project with the Highway Department over Little Pee Dee River and that they estimated then that it would cost fifty-five thousand dollars and be built in a year. It has cost us over a hundred thousand dollars and it took around three years to complete a dam built out of sand, and is regarded by many as almost worthless. It is evident to the public therefore just why we do not care to enter into any more estimated contracts, as we did in that case. It was

also stated in that article that Florence and Marion would build a low water bridge; this is not true. They are planning a bridge some eight feet above any water known to the river. The low water road, however, will be a spill-way for extreme freshets for a part of its length and will interrupt traffic possibly thirty-six hours per annum. It will cost a hundred thousand dollars more to save this one day per year, and these counties do not think it worth a hundred thousand dollars to do this. Mr. McNary, the Bureau's best engineer, according to the article, stated that he had recommended this in his report as being the best solution of the whole matter, but that the Chief of the Bureau had eliminated it, as Federal Aid would not be available for such a purpose. It was admitted by them, however, that just such a road was being built over the Wateree River, but that this would not do for us. I desire to say in closing this matter that it is the intention of Florence and Marion counties to build this dam and bridge at an estimated cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and that it is our intention to begin the work in a very short time. It is our opinion that this is a free country and that our counties can build a bridge where we please so long as we furnish the money and that the Highway Department and Federal Bureau have no right, and we think the public will concede this, to force us to build it where they want it in order to save their reputations, as is claimed. The bridge will be built in a much shorter time, and a great deal more efficiently and economically by the counties than can be done by the Department, because of the necessary red tape in connection therewith. It should be stated also that it is our intention to make this a toll bridge. This conclusion was reached for the reason that there is such a great outcry about taxes and the serious crisis and depression that is confronting us, that it was thought wise to make it a toll structure so that it would not be necessary to add any additional tax burdens to our people. The toll will be a small price and it has been calculated that the fees would pay for and maintain the

bridge and dam. It was thought also that in as much as the bridge would be used by the state that by making it a toll one that then all the state would have to pay for and maintain it. These counties therefore will build this bridge to convince everyone that they are right, and to start a timely movement for economy and

common sense in road and bridge construction in South Carolina. These engineers, we fear will, if let alone, break the State and Federal Government. It is time to stop it. We only ask that we be let alone by the Department in the building of our bridge and road.
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