

State President Speaks

Mrs. John Slaker, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, addressed the Second district at its annual convention held at the Dundee Presbyterian church April 15 and 16. Mrs. Slaker spoke Thursday evening on the subject, "Club Ethics." Excerpts from her address follow:

"It is not necessary for me to remind you that we are standing today at the parting of the ways; old things have passed away and many of the customs and environments of the old life are about to be made new, and, strange to say, woman is to be called upon to do her share in this reconstruction period upon which we are entering. She has always borne her share of the labor and anguish of the critical periods in the world's history, but now she will have an opportunity for the first time to participate in the deliberations which precede and direct the world's activities."

"What part is the Federated Women's club to play in the great world drama of reconstruction? I believe that, true to its original ideals, 'unmoved by the rush and the song,' it will go calmly on its way toward the mark of its high goal which is enlightenment. A thirst for knowledge and a desire to serve comprised the dual urge that was back of the whole women's club movement. Never was there greater need of these two motives than there is today. Women's clubs have always been pre-eminently study clubs; let us hope that they will so continue. Intellectual and moral culture inevitably begets the desire to serve. New avenues for service, new calls for the aid of trained minds and willing hands will be coming to us continually, and many times what we call the activities of our world will be so insistent that it will require stability and courage to prevent the Martha thought from suffocating the Mary thought; in other words, to avoid rushing madly around in ill considered activity to the complete neglect of careful study and serious thought, which might make unnecessary the cruder efforts."

Channels for Propaganda.

"Because the women's clubs are so well organized they are the easiest and therefore the most sought channels for propaganda. If a manufacturer wishes to advertise a new commodity by mail, he immediately secures a woman's club directory. If there is any public project to be popularized, its projectors at once seek audience of the woman's club. If certain legislation is desired, be it for private gain or public good, women's clubs are urged to memorialize legislators and representatives to vote for it. And now that our complete enfranchisement is near, political parties and their standard bearers will soon develop the most enthusiastic interest in all that pertains to club activities."

"This very popularity should awaken our caution. It should be a danger signal to warn us to avoid the reefs toward which our inexperience may draw us. Do not allow yourselves to become the tools of those who have axes to grind, even though the project in which they seek to interest you appears to be wholly in the interest of the public good. Do not hastily endorse proposed legislation; take time to carefully weigh and consider the arguments for or against the measure. It is better to neglect to support even a worthy cause than to rush into endorsement of something which may prove later to be of such a nature that you cannot conscientiously support it."

Sense of Proportion.

"Right now we are in great danger of going off on a tangent on the engrossing topic of citizenship. By all means we should study citizenship in all its angles and aspects, but let us keep it in its proper relative position. James Russell Lowell wrote: 'Before man made us citizens, great nature made us men.' Let us not forget that the things which we hope to accomplish in our ardent zeal, such as good government, just laws, protection of the weak against the strong, are, after all, only results. The function of the woman's club is to lay strong and deep the foundations of character from which these results naturally proceed. Render service to your community and your country by all means, but do not neglect the intellectual and spiritual culture which vitalize service."

Good Literature Needed.

"In the strenuous times that are immediately before us it will be necessary for us to guard our serenity well. Do not be in so great a hurry that you fail to feed your higher nature by the daily contemplation of beauty and truth. When we read we only think the author's thoughts with him, and so let us take a little time every day, even if it is no more than 15 minutes, to think the sublime thoughts of the world's greatest teachers with them."

Advance Strong Leaders.

"If you have a woman in your midst who is an exceptionally good presiding officer, or who has unusual executive ability, present her to your district as a candidate for president; it is your plate to do this—it is not only your privilege, it is your duty; you know her ability, other clubs do not, and your district is entitled to the services of the best equipped woman in its borders. That is the way they do it. An exceptionally good way to do. The same instructions hold good regarding other officers of your district and of the state. I hope that when the next district elections come several clubs will come forward with candidates for office. Share your splendid women with others, only don't put up candidates when you are the hostess club nor allow others to put them up. Experience as well as theory has pronounced this unethical. The reason is obvious."

Neglected Correspondence.

"And this brings me to a subject which every president and every chairman has talked about since I can remember, and I know that it long antedates my time. It is the utter disregard that a large number of women have to the ethics of communications. I realize that you are deluged with all kinds of letters that are impertinent, intrusive upon your time and your privacy, some of them so cleverly contrived that you are often made the sport of people



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who have schemes to advance. So, you protect yourself by treating them all with contempt. I can think of no other reasonable explanation. But here is where you need to discriminate and exercise your sense of proportion. You are members of a federation, acknowledged as one of the very greatest phases of our modern civilization, a power for good beyond computation; you came into it voluntarily, no one forced you, you enjoy the great benefits which accrue to its members, and yet when you receive a letter asking you to accept appointment in some line of the federation activity, you not only refuse to do your small part in the great work, but register a contempt for the organization and its officers by letting that letter lie for weeks unanswered."

"Every two years you elect women to office who are expected to give practically all of their time and strength and a considerable share of their means to your service. These women are amenable to rules which they have themselves accepted, that when they fail to perform the duties of their office, or fail to answer communications, their office shall be declared vacant. These are the rules of conduct which we lay upon our highest officers and which they accept. And yet the average club woman seems to feel no responsibility to reply promptly to important letters from her state officers and chairmen."

"There is one phase of the matter that seems to have been completely overlooked. When the appointments are made it is always the desire to divide up the offices so that each district shall have its proportion of the state offices and that the district chairmanships shall be so distributed that all clubs shall as nearly as possible receive representation. When you refuse to serve that means that your club will not have its merited degree of recognition. You sometimes hear the complaint that a certain club has more than its share, while another club has none. If you did but know, it is usually the case that some one has declined to serve, or worse still, has failed to answer communications, and the officers have had to secure this service from those who would do their part in the work in which they are engaged."

"Will you not go from this convention with the firm resolve that you will give to this splendid organization of ours your wholehearted devotion? And will you not take home to your clubs the pleading voice of your president that hereafter each communication will meet with a prompt reply."

Live Up to Motto.

"The measure of the standard of our club membership will be the measure of our standard in all relations of life; for every act of our lives is the expression of our habit of thought and the model which we hold before us. Shall we not adopt

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Beatrice Fairfax Hears From Big Sisters

Dear Miss Fairfax: Just read Susan's letter in The Bee. The Big Sisters are glad to help just such lonesome girls as she to make congenial friends. If she will call at room 523, Peters Trust Building, between the hours of 11 and 4, our extension secretary, Miss Catlin, will be glad to talk with her, or she can telephone us at Douglas 692. We have an attractive invitation for her to spend Tuesday evening with a group of business girls and women; if she will communicate with us not later than Tuesday forenoon. (The invitation also includes dinner.)

BIG SISTERS ASSOCIATION.

Christiansen-Thomsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomsen announce the marriage of their daughter, Clara, and Ernest M. Christiansen, which took place Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Daniels. Rev. O. D. Baltzly officiated.

Marriage Announced.

Mrs. P. F. Andresen announces the marriage of her daughter, Margaret, and Russell Andelfinger of Minneapolis, which took place Saturday at the Kountze Memorial church. Rev. O. D. Baltzly officiated. The bride wore her traveling suit. The attendants were Henrietta Andresen and Thor Andresen, sister and brother of the bride. The couple will reside in Dubuque after May 1.

Announces Marriage.

Mrs. H. A. Seymour announces the marriage of her daughter, Olive Mary, and Lester Bradley Dusenbury of Green Mountain Falls, Colo., which took place December 27, 1919. Rev. A. A. DeLarme officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Dusenbury will leave the first part of May to spend the summer at their home in Green Mountain Falls. They will return here in October to spend the winter.

Canteen Meeting.

Company B of the Red Cross canteen will hold their weekly meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Regina Connell.

To Attend Sorority Affair.

The annual formal dancing party and banquet of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority in Lincoln will be held there at the Lincoln hotel Friday and Saturday evenings. The Omaha alumnae chapter will have charge of the banquet this year. The following will attend: Mesdames A. J. Covert, Roy A. Ralph, H. F. Weller, Harold Holtz, Thomas Minnick, John A. McKenzie, E. La Motte Geissinger, and Miss Ruth Jorgenson. As Valley, Neb., is included in the Omaha chapter, Mrs. Marion Whitmore Webster, Mrs. Burton Whitmore and Mrs. Nels Johnson from Valley will also attend.

the ringing sincerity of our state motto: 'Not to demand success, but to deserve it.'

"Women of Nebraska, ours is a glorious destiny, without the limiting traditions of an older civilization, we stand at the gate of a large field of activity and service. Let us enter into our heritage with a firm heart and without a fear."

Reception for New Members.

The Omaha Woman's club will give a reception for new members Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Y. W. C. auditorium. The program will include the Woman's club quartet, vocal solos by Mrs. Florence Long Arnoldi, accompanied by J.

Dancers in Ballet



Frances Ellick is "Mercury" and Alice Hadley, "Happiness" in the ballet to be presented by the pupils of Miss Pleasant Holyoke, Friday night, April 23, at the Brandeis theater. The ballet and the dances composing it are the original conceptions of Miss Holyoke. The inspiration for the theme came from the old mythological stories of the happy children in the Garden of Paradise.

Briefly, the story of the ballet is this:

"In all the Paradise of Children, Epimetheus is the only child who is not contented. Every device of Happiness fails to please him. At last Mercury brings Pandora to be his playmate. These two frolic together for hours at a time, but one day Pandora's curiosity causes her to open the big box given Epimetheus by Mercury."

"Out pour the troubles so long confined; too late Pandora claps down the lid. The evils so torment

the two children that when they finally succeed in driving them away, Epimetheus and Pandora sink down exhausted beside the box. Then the voice of Hope is heard within the box. The children release her and she cheers their despair."

The following committees have been appointed for the ballet: Costume committee, Mrs. F. I. Ellick, Mrs. T. M. Finney, Mrs. George Sumner, Mrs. L. V. Nicholas, Mrs. Charles Martin Program committee, Mrs. T. M. Finney and Mrs. F. I. Ellick. Ticket committee, Mrs. Arthur Draper Smith.

Boxes for the evening have been engaged by Mr. and Mrs. George Brandeis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts.

Clifford Long; readings by Mrs. J. C. Lawrence, and dances by Frances Ellick and Margaret Martin.

All former and present members are invited.

Old-Time Dance.

An old-time dance will be given Tuesday evening by the Holy Angel parish at the hall, Twenty-eighth

mile. Farman, daughter of Henri Farman, the aviator, is, at the age of 13, seeking a flying certificate in France.

Lady Surma D'Mar Shimun, the only woman ambassador in the world, has arrived in London, where she will represent the Assyrian tribe as plenipotentiary.

Water, Not Champagne, Is Used When Y. W. Ship Is Launched.

The first ship to be launched by the Emergency Fleet corporation off Hog Island, Philadelphia, since the national prohibition amendment went into effect was the "Blue Triangle." This ship is a steel cargo carrier christened and sponsored by Mrs. James S. Cushman of New York City, chairman of the war work council of the Y. W. C. A., and named by her for that organization, whose wartime insignia was a blue triangle.

The "Blue Triangle" was christ-

ened with water, instead of the champagne which has been the time-honored liquid for such ceremonies. When the bottle broke against its bow, some of its contents splashed on to the sponsor's cuff and froze there, proving its innocence from alcoholic taint.

Aside from being the first ship launched since America went dry, this vessel was the first ever released by women's hands. Two girls in Y. W. C. A. uniforms manipulated one end of the cross-cut saw which cut through the last 12-inch plank which held it, and let it slide down into the water.

The Emergency Fleet corporation has conceived the unique idea of in-

stituting each of the national organizations which was particularly distinguished for war service, to name and appoint a sponsor for one of their ships. The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Y. W. C. A., the Knights of Columbus and the Jewish Welfare board are the other organizations so honored.

The "Blue Triangle" is a steel cargo carrier of 7,800 deadweight tons, 401 feet long, 58 feet in the beam, and driven by geared turbines. It is an oil-burner, capable of developing a shaft horse-power of 2,500. It was the 82d vessel launched by the Emergency Fleet corporation.

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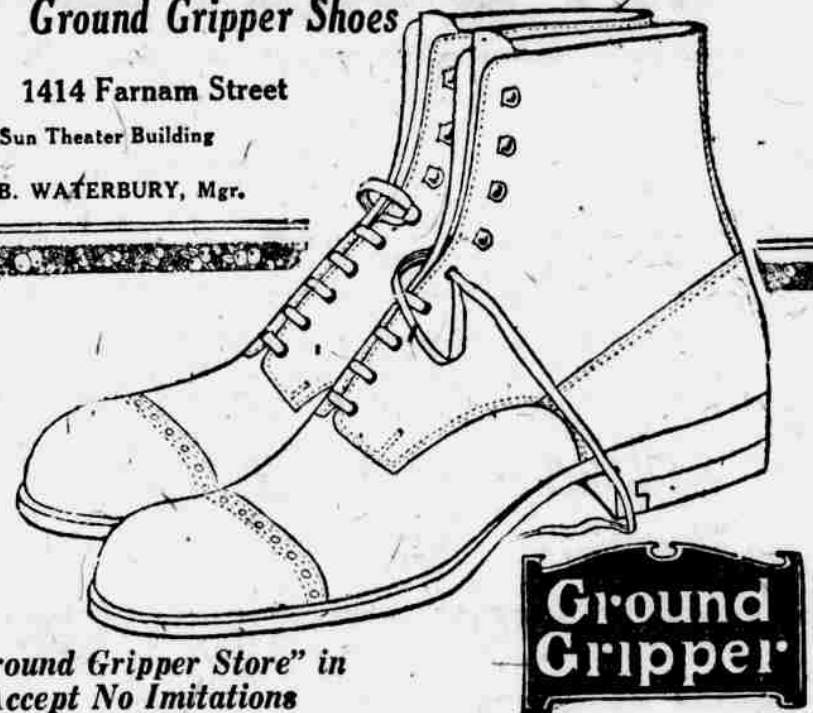
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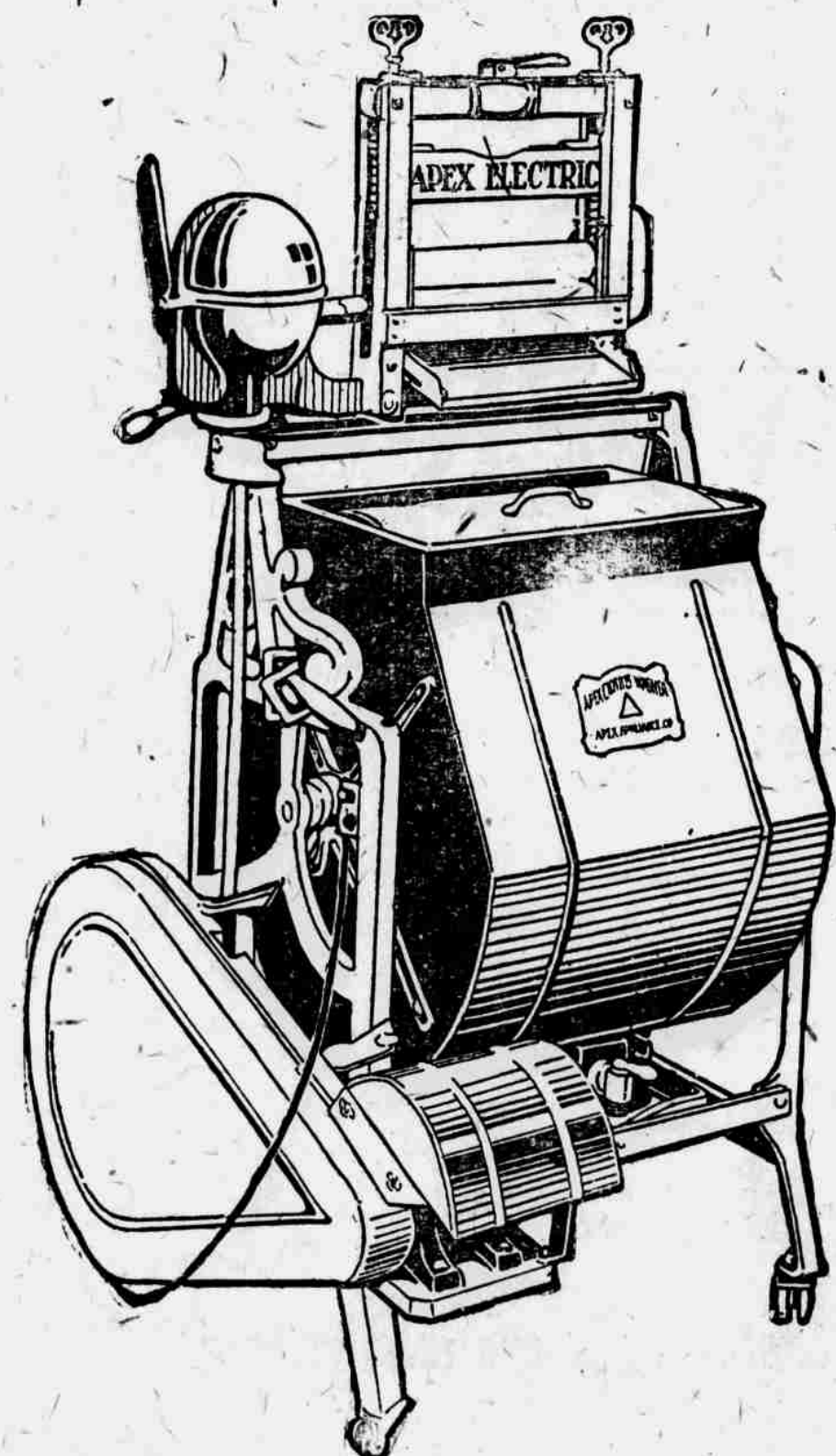
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