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Judge Camille Kelley To Speak At Convention

Camille McGhee Kelley, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee, will be the speaker at the Farm and Home Convention on Wednesday evening, August 10.

She is the daughter of Dr. J. P. McGhee who formerly held the Chair of Surgery in the Memphis Medical College, and the wife of Thomas Fitzgerald Kelley, a prominent Memphis Attorney.

Judge Kelley has three children: Heiskell B. Kelley, an attorney with the Solicitor of Agriculture, Washington, who served as Lieutenant Commander during World War II; Thomas Fitzgerald Kelley, a newspaperman, formerly with the United Press in China, who passed away in 1939; Evelynne Camille, who passed away at the age of twelve. Her brother, Howard Hawthorne McGhee is a prominent Southern writer and poet.

Judge Kelley is an honorary member of the National Pilot club; is on the Executive Staff of the National Business & Professional Women's Clubs of America; a charter member of Iota Tau, International Legal Sorority and a lifetime member of the P.T.A.

The National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. appointed Judge Kelley to represent its organization at the conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency; called in Washington November 1946 by the Attorney General of the U. S. and the Department of Justice. At this conference she was placed on the permanent Committee for Motion Pictures, Press and Radio.

She was the first woman south of the Mason-Dixon line and the second in the United States to hold the position of Juvenile Court Judge. To this office she has been elected seven times without opposition. Her court is known as the "Heart Center of Memphis".

In January 1945, Judge Kelley instituted a Counsel Guidance Clinic in connection with her court in Memphis. It is here that parent, student and child may come in for informal conferences before they become involved in court proceedings.

In June 1947, Southwestern University bestowed upon Judge Kelley an



Mrs. Camille Kelley

honorary degree, Doctor of Civil Law. In June 1947, a portrait of the Judge was unveiled in the State Capitol at Nashville, Tennessee. This was presented by the Tennessee Historical Commission. She is the only woman whose picture hangs in the Capitol.

She has spoken on numerous forums, including the Women's Forum under the auspices of the New York Times in 1943 and the Philadelphia Bulletin's Forum in April 1947. She has addressed leading "Town Hall" groups throughout the country.

In April 1946, four national magazines featured Judge Kelley and her outstanding achievement in dealing with juvenile delinquency; *Cosmopolitan*, *The True Detective*, and *Case and Comment*. A condensation of the *Cosmopolitan* article appeared in the *May Reader's Digest*. She has also been written up in two London magazines.

Judge Kelley is in *Who's Who in America*, *International Who's Who*, and is a member of *The American Platform Guild*.

Friendship Pennies

"Pennies for Friendship" gives each woman a part in furthering the Associated Country Women of the World's work in international friendship. Mrs. Everett Spangler, Country Women's Council Treasurer, urges everyone to give more than one.

Mrs. Raymond Sayre Federation Day Speaker

Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa, President of the Associated Country Women of the World Organization, will be guest speaker at the twenty-third annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs on August 11, in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh. Mrs. Sayre is a farm woman, a capable leader, and one to whom many honors have been given, because of her keen interest and outstanding work in rural organizations.

In March, Mrs. Sayre was invited by the Cultural and Educational Division of the American Military Government in the American zone of Germany to go to Germany as one of their "Visiting Experts".

The purpose of her visit was to make a general study of the cultural and educational needs of women in rural Germany and to make recommendations to the Division as to ways and means of meeting their problems. In an advisory capacity, Mrs. Sayre worked with the leaders of the newly organized German Peasant Women's Organization.

All Home Demonstration club members and their friends will be interested in hearing Mrs. Sayre's message on Federation Day, August 11.

President of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

"I am looking forward to seeing hundreds of club women at Farm and Home week, and on Federation Day. I hope that every club in the State will have a representative present to hear Mrs. Sayre", says Mrs. George Apperson, President of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Mrs. Apperson will preside over the Annual meeting of the Federation on Thursday, August the 11th. She will also preside over some of the general sessions of the Farm and Home Convention.

Mrs. Apperson has been very active in the organization, representing club members at various conferences and meetings. She is also a busy person in her community, maintaining a home, supervising the farm, teaching school and participating in church work.

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MY CLUB WORK

What does the club mean to me, you ask.

Why a spot in each month that lightens my task.

*A program, a game, and a cup of tea
 We try our better selves to be.*

*We know how well trained leaders
 taught*

Our rural women who soon caught

*The joy and pride from tasks well
 done,*

*The beauty of flower, of setting sun.
 We learned of poise and ease and
 grace*

And how to act in any place,

The way to rear and train a child,

*The way the newest sleeves were
 styled.*

To build, to furnish, make a home

*Where all our friends would love to
 come.*

*To plan and plant a garden fair
 With flowers sweet and shrubs so
 rare.*

We learned to lend a helping hand

To those in need in far-off lands.

To keep our home fires burning bright

That those around may see our light.

For the home of today makes the kind

The home of tomorrow we will find.

—MRS. H. H. WEATHERS,

Knightdale Home Dem. Club.

*This poem was published in the
Southern Agriculturist, May, 1949.

The National Home Demonstration Council will meet in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 4th, 1949.

Honor Club Sponsors Three New Clubs

The Gaston County Home Demonstration Honor Club, composed of twenty-three members has sponsored the organization of three home demonstration clubs.

Mrs. Douglas Phifer, President of the club divided her membership into three groups, making each group responsible for one action of the county where clubs were to be organized. Then she asked each club president to enlist the help of those who had time to visit in these communities. Through her visits, Mrs. Ray Dickson, President of the Riverside Club, found, as a prospective member, a former friend, Mrs. Tom Davis. During the war, these women became friends when their husbands worked together in a shipyard. Mrs. Dixon coached Mrs. Davis so well that she was a big help in organizing the club. The Jenkins Heights Club was organized with sixteen members.

Union-Sandy Plains Club claims an enrollment of twenty-six. After some visiting had been done in the community, the Home Agent, two Honor Club members and two officers of the County Council were invited to the Union Church Family Night to tell the Union women about plans for organizing a club.

Two years ago, the 4-H Club girls in the Chapel Grove Community worked towards getting their mothers and neighbors to organize a Home Demonstration Club. When the Honor Club, found that some ground work had been done in the community, they enlisted the aid of the girls to help complete the job.

The principal of the school and a former 4-H Club leader who is a teacher in the school pledged their support and the principal offered the school as a meeting place. The lunch room workers and teachers recognized the need for such an organization in their community and were interested as prospective members. All of the club girls participated in another series of visiting and the Home Demonstration Club was organized on May 25 with 15 new members, at which time, the 4-H girls served punch and cookies.

Results of National Home Demonstration Week

Home Demonstration club members throughout North Carolina, accepted the challenge of the theme for National Home Demonstration Week—“Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World”. From May 1-7.

District Federation Meetings

Citizenship was the subject of many of the Twenty-six District Federation Meetings which have been held in North Carolina this Spring.

The growing interest in Home Demonstration Club Work was in evidence at these meetings in the outstanding county reports and in the spirit and enthusiasm of club members. Inspirational talks by the speakers urged those in attendance to “Take Time to be a Good Citizen”, and thereby build for world peace.

These speakers were Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; Dean R. B. House, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina; Dr. I. G. Greer, Executive Vice President of the Business Foundation of North Carolina; Miss Lelia Tuttle, Former Missionary to China; Mrs. Charles Sewell, Administrative Director Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare; Mrs. Harriet Pressly, Director of Women's Affairs Radio Station WPTF; Mrs. B. B. Everette, President Associated Women N. C. Farm Bureau; Dr. F. L. Conrad, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point; Dr. Robert Humber, World Federalist; Miss Margaret Scoffield, Exchange Librarian from England; Mrs. Hiram King, former missionary to China; Mrs. W. G. Bailey of Poland; Mrs. W. B. Castleberry, County Home Demonstration Education Leader in Johnston County; Mr. Alton Lennon, Attorney at Law, Wilmington; Senator John D. Larkins; Hon. W. B. Umstead; Mrs. Fred Worthy, Member of the State Board of the N. C. Library Commission; Mrs. Pauline Clinkscales, Teacher of Elizabeth City High School; Dr. Guion Johnson, Director of International Relations of the North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Iris Davenport, Editor, Woman's Department, Southern Agriculturist; Mrs. Walter Garrison, Alamance County; and Mr. J. W. Clay of the Winston-Salem Journal.

In observing the week, the general public was made aware of the objectives, activities, and accomplishments of Home Demonstration work, through the press, radio, exhibits, tours and meetings. An attendance of 20,725 people participated in the various events of the week. Twenty new Home Demonstration clubs were organized with 1,176 members.

Excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Reika Oud of Holland to Mrs. Esther G. Willis, after her visit to North Carolina:

"As you know, I left New York at 10:00 A.M. by K.L.M. plane for Amsterdam on December 12th. It was fairly cloudy, but the plane soon carried us above the clouds into the sun. I could thus not see much of New England, but as we came nearer Nova Scotia the clouds below us drifted away, and we looked down onto the many lakes and forests, and the scattered farms and small villages of what seems from the air a rather forsaken part of the world. It had had a thin dusting of snow, this wintery landscape made me realize that I was indeed traveling northward pretty fast. As we approached New Foundland, the sun became much brighter, and the island with its high cliffs and deep canyons rose out of the ocean like an enormous iced cake . . . it was covered thickly with snow. It is a strange experience to look down into snow covered forests, here and there lakes all frozen over, no life to be seen, it seemed terribly lonesome, and yet it seemed to hold some thrilling mystery. As we circled lower and lower over the huts of the huge airport of Gander, we saw that snow ploughs were busy clearing the runways. As soon as I had had some refreshment, I slipped out for a walk in the snow, but more especially to get fresh air. My coat was much too thin, and my nylon stockings and thin shoes were not meant for such weather, but the air was delicious, and the sun set with the most glorious colors. Soon, however, these colors turned to the most lovely, ever-deepening greys, and by the time we took off for the Atlantic flight, it was quite dark.

"What a cold night we had! We flew out of the way of a storm, and that made our flight two hours longer. I could not sleep at all, so I watched the moon and the stars and the drifting clouds, and at times I could catch glimpses of the sea way down below me. I was glad to get a good wash at Prestwick in Scotland. We had breakfast there while the plane was refueled. On the way from Prestwick to Amsterdam I slept a little. As I was pulling myself together to look my best to meet my family, we got word that the ground mist in Amsterdam was so thick that we could no land. It was a great disappointment. We landed further south. My husband reached me by phone there, and said he and the children had been waiting since 8:00 o'clock in the morning, but would

continue to wait. A little later we flew to Amsterdam, and at 1:00 P.M. I saw from the plane my little girl's anxious face watching the landing of the plane. It was grand to see them, but I found them looking paler and thinner than I had expected. Perhaps it was because I unconsciously compared them to the vigorous, healthy looking boys and girls I had been meeting in America.

"My rooms were filled with flowers from friends and family. Unfortunately, I had caught a bad cold in the plane. Christmas found me with a troublesome cough. I managed to get rid of it about New Years; but just after that, my son went down with flu and my cold got started again. With all this my correspondence has got sadly behind. I have not even had time to begin to write up my notes of my visit to America. When we were both ill, my son came to sit in bed with me and together we looked at the map of North Carolina. You know it has little illustrations on the back of the map. I explained my trip through your State, the wonderful drive, the cup of coffee we enjoyed at a roadside coffee shop; the way the tray hooked onto the window of the car, and I could drink in, besides the coffee, the glories of a North Carolina sunset, within the far blue shadowy distance, the Smokies. He is learning American geography now, so he loved our little chat together. In the midst of it all the Doctor arrived, he rushed off to his own room, leaving my bed all strewn with maps and newspaper clippings!

"Shortly after my return my club had their Christmas meeting. The room where we met was most delightfully decorated by some of the members. Long tables with white cloths, plenty of candles, holly and other Christmas decorations; a few bowls of daffodils, hyacinths and cyclamen. This touch of spring seemed to lend the afternoon a particular sphere of hopefulness. There were carols, poems, a Christmas play and a short Christmas story. All this was carried out by our members. It was a lovely homecoming for me to be in their midst again at such an intimate time. I was able to convey the good wishes of the many American women I had met to them. I was also able to tell them how very, very kind you had all been. They found that I had grown fat and was looking awfully well.

"I must tell you something else. Last Saturday, 8th January, I had the great honor of entertaining to lunch His Royal Highness, Prince Bernhard.

His Royal Highness wanted to get acquainted with the business of which my husband is the director, and wanted to be informed by him of various aspects of the trade. They had a most interesting discussion at the office first. His Royal Highness then most graciously consented to go to my Father-in-law who could not be present because of his rheumatism, and then they came here for lunch. I had eight men at the table. I had cooked the lunch myself, and was ready all brushed up and dressed up to receive the Prince. It was quite a job being cook and hostess, and I will admit my knees shook as I stood in front of the stove, but it all turned out well. We had a good butler to receive the guests and to serve at table. My maid had to do the dishing up, and help with the serving. The other gentlemen were all most closely connected with the Court. They were all charming and put me much at my ease. The conversation at table was animated, friendly and jolly. There was no stiffness of formality. Things went without a hitch. You can imagine how pleased I was when the day was successfully over. It was a great and rare honor. I was able to tell my guests of my visit to rural areas of America. I pointed out to them how often we are inclined to base our ideas of American life on facts from the great cities, and how it is forgotten what a fine rural population America has. The Prince was most interested to hear that I had visited so many states. He is intelligent, interesting, well versed in current events, decided in his views, and most natural in his attitude. We found him an easy and charming guest to entertain.

"Dear Mrs. Willis, please take from this letter any news you think your members will be interested in. Give them my dearest love and most sincere wishes for 1949. I have received many cards and letters, it will take an awful long time to acknowledge them; ask the dear senders to have patience and please thank them in advance for me. Tell your members they are all doing a grand job, and they must keep on at it; faith, first in themselves and then in the great international task we have set ourselves . . . Friendship and understanding, not in the hollow meaningless way those words are sometimes pronounced, but the way women, just plain, ordinary women who love their families and homes, pronounce them. When they talk about friendship and understanding, it comes from the heart, the words are soft and mellow and true. It is our task to make them come true."

Farm And Home Convention August 8-11, 1949

The program for the Farm and Home Convention will be outstanding this year. Two excellent women speakers have been secured and will bring messages of interest to every home demonstration club member. Mrs. Raymond Sayre, President of the Associated Country Women of the World will speak on Federation Day, August 11th. Mrs. Camille Kelley, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee, will be the speaker on Wednesday evening, August 10th.

State, National and International affairs affecting rural people will be discussed by prominent national leaders. Education and citizenship leaders will have an opportunity to attend lectures given by Dr. Albert Coates of the University of North Carolina, and Mrs. Ford Worthy of Washington, North Carolina, on "Citizen Participation", and "Citizenship Training".

Talks and discussions will deal with new and improved methods and procedures for farm and home activities. They will include such things as crop and livestock production; farm mechanization, rural health, family relationships, house furnishings, clothing, and other phases of better family living.

There will be exhibits and demonstrations of new home equipment, the latest in farm machinery, and new methods in crop production. A number of these demonstrations will be of interest to both farmers and homemakers.

Tours will be made to historical places of interest in Raleigh, to the College farms and to the Experiment Station farms.

Group singing, contests and other enjoyable features will be included in the week's activities.

Begin now to plan for an annual get-together on the State College Campus in Raleigh August 8th to 11th!

Mrs. McKimmon's Message On A Coast-to-Coast Broadcast

All of North Carolina was thrilled over the radio appearance of Dr. Jane S. McKimmon and the remarkable Cavalcade of America program on May 2. This is perhaps the first time in our history that nation-wide recognition has been given to a home demonstration agent and we are happy that this honor was accorded Mrs. McKimmon.

Quoting from the Cavalcade of America program, Mrs. McKimmon says:

Toast To State And National Delegates From The Twenty-Sixth District

Mrs. A. L. Smith, District Chairman
Mrs. Dewey Bennett, former President
of the State Federation

Mrs. B. E. Alspaugh, Forsyth County
Family Life Leader.

(With apologies to Reuben and Rachel)

*Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking
Where did Mrs. Smith go?
When she got aboard a choo-choo
With the whistle moanin' low?*

*Oh, my goodness gracious, Rachel
I thought you would surely know
Mrs. Smith went to Tulsa
With the whistle moanin' low.*

*Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking
Did she have some company?
Way out west to Oklahoma
Far beyond the southern sea.*

*Rachel, Rachel, I've been thinking
That she had a merry time.
Mrs. Bennett was her companion
On the choo-choo's railroad line.*

*Reuben, Reuben, stop your teasing
Someone else went off, I know.
Someone else was sure transported
Down to Raleigh for a show.*

*Rachel, Rachel, I'm not teasing
You are right as you can be.
Mrs. Alspaugh went to Raleigh
For the fam'ly Life parley!"*

—MRS. CHARLOTTE SHERMER,
Mineral Springs
Home Demonstration Club,
Forsyth County.

"We did and we do love our work. That's what's made the program successful—far beyond our dreams. We all like people and it's a neighborly enterprise, where farm people show each other their skills, get together in a friendly way because they want to learn something and to be something, and we have seen a great body of project leaders develop in the United States. Today we are working for many things that are beneficial to our communities, such as scholarship funds, libraries, community choruses, health, safety, and 'exchange' programs with other countries. Our women call it 'The Country Woman's College.' It is probably the largest organization of rural women in America.

I Came To America

By MRS. G. W. BAILEY

Johnston County
Rt. 1, Benson, N. C.

The 8th day of August of the year 1946 was a very happy day for me as well as for about four hundred other warbrides as the S. S. Henry Gibbons docked at Staten Island. I was very excited as I looked at the high buildings and felt very small beneath them.

I had seen pictures in the movies and read books about America, but that was not like seeing it. The beautiful country between New York and North Carolina is something that I will never forget as it sped by past our train.

In January 1945, I, with a train load of other young girls, had left my native country, Poland, to work on a farm in Germany. In September 1945, I had met a North Carolina boy from Johnston County serving in the Army. We were married in Bremen, Germany, in June 1946. We were married twice on the same day, first by the American Chaplain and second by the German Civil Court.

I was coming to North Carolina—to Johnston County—the birthplace of my husband.

When we arrived here everyone was very nice to me and I understand what is meant by southern hospitality.

We have here a lot of different foods and ways of fixing them than we have in Poland. And they are a lot richer also. The farming situation is very bad in Poland because the farmers lack all the new and modern farm equipment. Housewives do not have the modern home appliances such as washing machines, home freezers and electric stoves. The clothes are worn in a different manner, but I like the way the American woman dresses better. It is much prettier.

The Polish people are very religious people.

I joined the Banner Home Demonstration Club in Johnston County in February 1947 and I enjoy being a member very much. I think that the American rural women are doing a great job in securing the peace and understanding the world over.

I would like to say that I enjoy living in America and I wish that everyone all over the world could have the proper medical attention, plenty of food, and freedom and rights and the many other things that the American citizen enjoys.

Mrs. Bailey appeared on the 17th District Federation Program in Smithfield on April 21.