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MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., April 4

Word comes from State Teachers College at Livingston that the faculty approved last week a special tribute to one of its members, Miss Carrie Lee Smith, who retired after a half century of service in Alabama's public schools.

the announcements holds more than usual interest in Ramer, where "Miss Carrie Lee" was principal of the elementary school in the days when Montgomery County was just entering into consolidated schools and free transportation for school children. The wonderful work of Miss Carrie Lee in the school, in the Sunday School, in the community life of Ramer is legend and when her name is mentioned grown men and women whom as boys and girls went to school to her, are wont to say: "Now there was a teacher." After 25 years, the name of Miss Carrie Lee is not infrequently mentioned and often is recalled in connection with the old elementary school building that burned. Since that time, a new brick building has been erected on the campus of the Montgomery County High School, which made its debut about the time Miss Carrie Lee came to Ramer. For the past 21 years, this veteran educator has been critic teacher in the Livingston College training school.

Miss Lee's old friends in Ramer will be interested in the tribute paid her by the Livingston faculty. Text of the tribute was: "It is seldom that in one person are concentrated as many of the admirable traits that go to make up a charming personality and a great teacher as in Miss Smith. The faculty and students of this institution who have come in contact with her unique character and scintillating wit will always treasure the association with her. She is loved and respected by co-workers, student teachers and pupils alike. That her influence is far-reaching and permanent is attested by the fact that many of her former pupils, now filling responsible positions in all parts of the State, unhesitatingly pronounce her the best teacher they ever had. To those of us who know her best perhaps the dominant trait of her character is loyalty – loyalty to fellow teachers, loyalty to the institution, loyalty to her pupils and loyalty to her church and religion.

"If it is true that 'teachers are born, not made,' it is also true that experience and training are needed to make a 'born teacher' a successful teacher in the truest sense of the word – and in Miss Carrie Lee were combined all these factors. After completing the course at Disque High School, Miss Smith was graduated from the (then) State Normal School of Livingston, and received the B. S. degree from the University of Alabama. In the following years she did graduate work in the University of Chicago, the University of Tennessee and George Peabody College for Teachers.

"Before coming to Livingston, Miss Smith had made a name for herself as a progressive teacher and able executive in several elementary schools of the State and as principal of elementary schools in Ramer and Montgomery. It was while she was principal of the Ramer School that she assisted in the inauguration of bus transportation, Ramer being one of the first two schools in the State to use this system. She has thus seen Alabama's system develop from the one-teacher school to the splendid consolidated schools of today. This work in the field gave Miss Smith an excellent background for understanding the needs and problems in preparing and training young teachers. To this work she gave unstinted and untiring devotion.

"In spite of the fact that the latter years of her service were made difficult by suffering from arthritis. Miss Smith never lost her sense of humor, her cheerfulness, her originality, or her youthful spirit. The faculty feels that in Miss Smith's retirement it has suffered a great loss. Every member wishes her many years of happiness with her family."

Miss Lee's home is in Gadsden, and since retirement, she has returned to residence there.

What's happening in the county this week:

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at the church at the regular hour.

The regular meeting of Pike Road 4-H Club, scheduled for Tuesday morning, has been postponed until Thursday morning.

The regular meeting of Pike Road Civic Club, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, has been postponed until April 21, when it will be held at the home of Mrs. Rufus Turnipseed at 2:30 p.m.

\Pintlala Civic Club will meet in monthly session Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Clint Brown, Mrs. Julian Venable and Mrs. Charlotte Urquhart as hostesses.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Desma Brady and Mrs. Leola Hataway as hostesses.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday at the regular hour with Mrs. W. V. Bell and Mrs. C. D. Keener as hostesses. Mrs. C. E. Mills and Mrs. H. H. Hassey will be in charge of a program on "Agriculture and Farm Life as Found in the Bible." and Mrs. Lee Coker will give the devotional.

Hope Hull Woman's Club will hold its regular program meeting Thursday afternoon at the club house.

Dalraida Civic Club will meet Friday at the regular hour.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: The Sellers family of Ramer lost a number of cows in the flood two weeks ago . . . When the soldier son, Maj. C. E. Sellers, arrived from Camp Van Dorn, Miss., with his family for a visit, the fatted calf was not killed, but a porker was barbecued and all the family sat in on the feast . . . What now, meat rationing? . . . Pigs are worth more than their weight in sugar – or rubber – and country families owning a sow and pigs are real plutocrats . . . The starched collar is beginning to come back in style for men . . . Meanwhile in some cities women are raiding men's furnishings stores for bow ties . . . The fad hasn't hit Montgomery yet.

With the warm day Friday, cotton dresses blossomed out like Spring flowers . . . The cool winds Saturday scurried women and girls back into warmer clothing. . . . Pike Road community is cancelling all organization meetings Tuesday and Wednesday so everybody can go to the Fat Stock Show in Montgomery . . . There is a fair crop of plums on the trees despite the freeze that caught them in bloom . . . What quirk is it in human bodies that causes nearly everybody to have a cyst at some time or other?

Bernard Hall, of Snowdown, a former 4-H Club boy now in the Army, writes from the University of Tennessee where he is taking special training: "I wish I could stay in the 4-H Club all my life. We learned plenty and had a swell time together. But now I have another job to do. I am learning to like the Army more each day though I do get terribly homesick and lonesome. Uncle Sam is sending me to the University of Tennessee. We have swell meats at the University cafeteria and co-eds serve the food. That doesn't sound like the Army, does it? All the instructors are nice and do their best to help us in every way."

Bernard thinks, however, that mail "from back home" makes a fellow feel better than anything. Former 4-H friends may wish to write him. The address is: Aviation Cadet Bernard Hall, Squadron E, Section 14, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

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By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., April 11 – Four Montgomery County 4-H Club members, three boys and a girl, exhibiting in the Fat Stock Show in Montgomery last week, brought home the lion's share of honors.

David Sheehan of Hope Hull, president of Pintlala 4-H Boys Club, exhibited four Hereford calves, one placing as grand champion of the Fat Stock Show, another as reserve champion, still another as second place winner in the medium weight class, and the last one as fifth place winner in the heavyweight class. David sold his champion steer at 40 cents per pound, receiving a total of \$408. He sold the reserve champion at 26 cents per pound, receiving \$247. He kept the third calf but sold the fourth for \$199.50. In addition, he got \$49 in prize money, \$60 to apply on a trip to the International Livestock Show at Chicago or the Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, making a grand total of \$963.50. Besides the money, David brought home two trophies, the Mayor Cyrus B. Brown cup and the Hooper Hereford Farm cup. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sheehan of Hope Hull, David is co-president of the Montgomery County Council of 4-H Clubs. Last year his calf was winner of the grand championship at the State Fair in Birmingham.

Jimmie Rittenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rittenour of Pike Road and Montgomery, exhibited a Hereford calf, placing fourth in the lightweight class. Sold for 17.75 cents a pound, the calf brought \$96.61, and an additional \$7 in prize money. Jimmie is a demonstrator 4-H member.

Rufus Turnipseed, Jr., member of Pike Road 4-H Club placed seventh in the lightweight class with his Hereford calf. Sold at 16.25 cents a pound, the calf brought \$102.40 and \$4 in prize money. Rufus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Turnipseed of Mamie community.

The fourth exhibitor, Helen Grubbs, a former 4-H member at Pike Road, continues her interest in cattle though she has finished school and is now employed at Maxwell Field. Helen will be remembered as the girl who surpassed all the boys in cattle judging at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham several years ago to come home as the champion 4-H cattle judge of Alabama. Exhibiting an Angus calf in the Fat Stock Show last week, she won ninth place in the heavyweight class. Sold at 19.25 cents a pound, her calf brought \$177.01, and an additional \$3 in prize money. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Grubbs of Pike Road.

Judging by the calves grown by these children, Montgomery County is producing a fine brand of cattle and has a great future in store as a beef cattle producing center. It is generally conceded that the 1943 Fat Stock Show was superior in exhibits to any in the past. Montgomery County boys and girls exhibiting this year have already expressed the intention of exhibiting again next year, and well they should if they can always come home with their pockets bulging with money.

While Montgomery County was receiving honors in Montgomery at the cattle show, she was also receiving honors in Birmingham, where the county high schools defense scrap book, on exhibit at the Alabama Education Association's annual meeting, was announced winner of second place in the State. The scrapbook, winner of first place in Montgomery County in a nationwide contest, was made under the auspices of the Montgomery County High School Defense Council, which gathered the material. Four high school girls, Jo and Jerry Underwood, Ina Anderson and Ernestine Tucker, assembled the book, with Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed and Miss Louise Kelly of the faculty, supervising its preparation. Sponsored by the War Savings Staff of the U. S. Treasury Department and the U. S. Office of Education through its Wartime Commission, the scrapbooks contain pictorial, printed and written record of their respective schools in varied activities during time of war. Commenting on the three winning scrapbooks in Montgomery County, the county high schools, Decatur Street Elementary Schools's and Chisholm Elementary School's, Dr. Clarence m. Dannelly, superintendent of education, said they manifested not only a large amount of activities in the war effort, but an artistic ability which was most pleasing to members of the county committee responsible for selecting winners to compete in the State eliminations.

All rural merchants who sell shoes are urged by the office of Price Administration to notify immediately the State OPA office at 1215 Bell Building, Montgomery, if they do not have access to ration banking facilities. Upon receipt of this notification, the State Office will send these merchants complete instructions as to how to take inventory, what to do with the ration currency collected from customers since Feb. 7, and how to operate under the Shoe Ration Order without ration banking facilities.

What's happening in the county this week:

Chisholm 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the school.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Eugene Boan as hostess,, the program to be in observance of the club's anniversary and better homes project.

Pintlala Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at the school.

Hunters Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon at the regular hour.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. F. Scarborough with Mrs. J. P. Curry assisting hostess.

Ramer Farm Bureau will meet Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the school.

Ramer 4-H Club will meet Wednesday morning at the school.

Pine Level 4-H Club will meet Thursday morning at the school.

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Grady Farm Bureau will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the school.

LeGrand Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m.

LePine Farm Bureau will meet Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Ramer F. F. A. hotbeds have tomato, egg plant and sweet and hot pepper plants for sale to local farm families . . . Ramer F. F. A. boys have placed an order for \$10 worth of filmstrips to be used in classroom work in the movie machine given them by the Montgomery Kiwanis Club . . . Success isn't as easy for the youngster as it once was . . . A famous movie personage

says: "Nowadays you not only have to build a better mousetrap than your neighbor, but you must also provide a paved highway if you want the world to come to your door." . . . Wise farmers will attend the community Farm Bureau meetings this week and learn OPA regulations for killing hogs, cattle and sheep on the farm, else they may find themselves afoul the law . . . Even the oldfashioned country custom of dividing fresh meat with the neighbors or with one's married sons and daughters comes under the regulation . . . Ignorance of the law in this case will bring something far from bliss.

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Ramer, Ala., April 18. — A cash crop par excellence is that reported by Mrs. Thomas W. Whitby, of Dalraida, from a japonica tree in her yard. The japonica, a "Sarah Frost," added to the family income this year a total of \$49.60, practically all "pure profit," according to Mrs. Whitby. The blossoms, a rich red, were sold on the curb market through late January and February, the blossoming period, the earliest ones bringing 10 cents apiece, the later ones, five cents, or 50 cents a dozen.

The tree requires no cultivation and is fertilized with leaves except for 15 or 20 cents worth of aluminum sulphate applied right after the blossoming season. Japonicas bear only on new wood and application of the aluminum sulphate strengthens the new growth, increasing the tree's capacity for blooms that next year.

The Whitby japonica, now 20 years old was growing in the yard when the family bought the place several years ago.

Approximately \$50 income from 15 cents is enormous profit in any person's language, but Mrs. Whitby's adventures in pansy growing are as productive. She bought \$2.25 worth of pansy seed and to date has sold \$80 worth of blooms from them, and the season is still at its height. She also sells the pansies on the curb market, getting 10 cents a bunch or 25 cents for three bunches.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mt. Carmel Methodist Church will hold its usual homecoming the first Sunday in May, though with a less elaborate program . . . Mrs. W. W. Sellers will be in charge according to custom. . . 'Tis heartening to see that all the homecomings haven't fallen casualty to the war . . . The Rev. Bascom Trotter, of Ramer, makes the comment that it will take a long time to build interest in homecomings back to the high pitch existing in Montgomery County before the war . . . More than likely, some will never be revived . . .

Mildred Brown Davis, of Pike Road, Auburn senior in home economics, has been in Wilcox County on field work as assistant to the home agent . . . She was in Pike Road with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davis, for the weekend . . . Sara Margaret Hicks, of Dublin, will be graduated from Auburn's school of education in May at the annual commencement, taking her degree in home economics . . . Mildred Brown Davis, graduating at the same time, will take her degree in demonstration, carrying out a desire

cherished from childhood to be a home demonstration agent . . . Alabelle Norman, of Fleta, another Montgomery County girl in the 1943 Auburn graduating class, will take her degree in sociology. Carolyn Hancock, of Grady, junior at Alabama College, is making a career of public speaking . . . Twice within the past month she has represented her college at speech tournaments . . . First she went to Jackson, Miss., to take part in the after-dinner and extemporaneous speaking contests at the Southern speech tournament, competing with girls from a number of other states, bringing home second place honors in after-dinner speaking . . . More recently, she was a member of the Alabama College team at the grand Eastern speech tournament in Charlotte, N. C . . . "Of all the things I've done in college," she says, "my experiences in public speaking have been the most pleasant and educational of all, and will, I believe, be very valuable to me later."

Incidentally, Carolyn Hancock and Mildred Brown Davis are the Montgomery County Council of Home Clubs scholarship girls of 1942-43 . . . Mamie Ruth Mills won first place in a biscuit making contest in Ramer Junior-Senior 4-H Club . . . Sara Cole Felton was runner-up . . . Anna Ruth Stephens won first place in the grammar school 4-H contest, June Felton won second place, and Joan Sumner, third . . . In Pintlala 4-H Club, Jean Hornady's biscuits were awarded first place, Lottie Mae Chesnut's second place, and Mary Virginia Lasseter's, third place . . . Ice last Wednesday morning in rural sections nipped the young gardens . . . Fruit crops are spotty . . . Late pear trees are full. Summer pears have no crop at all . . . Billie Bell of Grady, stationed in the Canal Zone, thinks he has the finest place in the U. S. Navy . . . He is a radio specialist.

What's happening in the county this week:

Cloverdale 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., at the school.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will meet Tuesday t 2:30 p.m., for the monthly demonstration program.

Pine Level Baptist W. M. S. will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday.

Pike Road Red Cross will sew Tuesday for war relief.

Ramer P. T. A. will meet Wednesday afternoon at the regular hour.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Rufus Turnipseed, the meeting having been postponed from the regular time.

The W. S. C. S. of Fairview Church on the Old Selma Road will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. J. S. Collinss hostess.

Pintlala P. T. A. will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., at the school.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m., at the clubroom with Mrs. Lucien Anderson in charge of the devotional and Mrs. Lee Coker and Mrs. Baxter Collier as hostesses.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. J. F. Kirk as hostess, and Mrs. E. P. Young in charge of the devotional. Members are asked to answer roll call with hints on "Wartime Recreation in the Home."

May 3, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., May 2 – Eunice Bedsole, will head next year Ramer Dramatic Club, an organization of Montgomery County High School students that has made many fine accomplishments this year under the presidency of Sara Frances Dubose, of Pine Level. Reviewing some of the things this club has done, there is a sofa bought to complete the school stage furniture; four Red Cross comfort kits bought for service man; presentation of the school's Christmas play and of another one-act play; presentation of art appreciation lessons to various groups in the school; and plans to give a final performance Wednesday morning before the student body when members will present "The Ghost of a Freshman," a one-act offering. Furthermore, the club has held two program meetings monthly with programs centered around things of interest and benefit to the group such as "Emotions in Acting," the "Actor's ABC's," biographies of well-known actors, discussions of the movie of the month, and demonstrations in acting.

Election of officers for next year is held annually in the Spring just before school closes. Serving with Eunice Bedsole, new president, in 1943-44 will be Margaret Tompkins, Pine Level, vice-president; John D. Boyd, Sellers, secretary; Charles Miller, LaPine, treasurer. Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed of the faculty and head of the English department is the "permanent" adviser of the Dramatic Club.

Coming again to the rescue in a time when volunteer service is an urgent need, the home demonstration clubs of Montgomery County will assist in the registrations for canning sugar this week. Among those announcing centers which they will sponsor are Pinedale Civic Club, Snowdown Woman's Club, Stones and Catoma Civic Clubs, Pike Road Civic Club, members of the now inactive Dublin Civic Club, and Mt. Carmel Civic Club, the last named sponsoring two center.

Mrs. W. A. Guy, of Mt. Carmel Club, reports: Rationing of canning sugar will start Monday. There will be a center at Sellers headed by Mrs. John D. Boyd, and another at Mt. Carmel Clubhouse with Mrs. W. A. Guy in charge, to register families in the Mt. Carmel-Bethlehem community.

Mrs. C. O. Jones, president of Snowdown Woman's Club, states that volunteers from the club will register applicants for canning sugar at Snowdown on Thursday.

Stones Civic Club and Catoma Civic Club officers announce a combined registration center at Catoma school on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. with volunteers from both clubs in charge.

Mrs. Rufus Fannin, former president of Dublin Civic Club, will be in charge of registrations at Dublin, the hours to be announced locally.

Mrs. Varney Gerald, president of Pike Road Civic Club, announces that the club will sponsor four centers, each to be open all the week. The first will be at Gerald's store at Swampview with Mrs. Gerald herself in charge. The second will be at Sidney Turnipseed's store at Downing with Mrs. Rufus Turnipseed and other club members in charge, and will serve the Downing-Mamie area. The third will be at Pike Road Red Cross sewing room with volunteer members in charge, and the fourth will be at Cecil with Mr. Pitts and volunteer club members in charge.

The registration centers will be open to all white and colored people of the various communities. To register for canning sugar, one must have ration book No. 1 since the numbers of these books must be written into the application. Only one No. 1 book from a family is necessary and it should be the book of the head of the family. Any other member of the family may go to the center as agent for the head of the house, but in all cases the No. 1 book of the head of the family must accompany the application.

The "What's Become of Them" corner: Remember the boys and girls who made names for themselves in this county's high schools? Here's what a well-known brother and sister, Ronald Sellers, Jr., and Mary Flynn Sellers, who graduated from Montgomery County High School, are doing now: Ronald is a maintenance engineering officer in the army, and is now stationed at Moody Field, Augusta, Ga. He received his commission at Yale University April 5 after having completed special training there and prior to Yale, at an army school at Goldsboro, M. C., where he was graduated with honors. Along with his graduation from Goldsboro came the appointment on Jan. 9, to Yale, as an engineering cadet, given because of his record, described as "meritorious and creditable." As a sort of "warming up" for the new college work, he was sent to the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Penn., for a few weeks of strenuous physical training.

Being among those who made the best grades in his class at Yale, Ronald was permitted to choose his headquarters and naturally chose Maxwell Field in Montgomery. While there briefly for assignment to his present post, he was able to visit for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Sellers, Sr., at their home in Mt. Carmel community.

Mary Flynn Sellers, who is now Mrs. Van Pilgreen is quite obviously happily married and just as obviously an excellent housekeeper as one would expect after her record in 4-H and Future Home Maker club work. Successful, too, in her position as a social service worker, she recently gave up her work to go with her husband, when he was transferred to Akron, Ohio. They had lived in Birmingham. Before leaving, she, too, visited at the home of her parents and renewed old associations.

J. E. Felton, of Ramer, who rolled up an outstanding record on the football field back in county high school days, took his people by surprise one night last week when he walked in unannounced. A staff sergeant of the U. S. Army Air Corps, he had been in North Africa for a year, and the family did not know he was coming home on furlough.

John Hall, of Cecil, who made a record in Pike Road High School, and who for the past year as a lieutenant in the Air Corps, has been piloting a pursuit plane in New Guinea, is also back in Montgomery County again and the center of a happy family reunion at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hall, of Cecil.

What's happening in the county this week:

The W. S. C. S. of LaPine Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Pike Road 4-H Club will meet at the school Tuesday morning.

Pike Road Women's Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Edgar N. Wright as hostess at her home in Mamie community.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the church parlor with Mrs. N. Trotter and Mrs. Bascom Trotter as hostesses, and Mrs. E. M. Fleming, leader.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. for an all day meeting at Pintlala School. A demonstration in slip cover making will be given by Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington and Miss Sarah Culpepper. Visitors interested in learning slip cover making are invited.

Ramer Dramatic Club will present a one-act play at the high school Wednesday under direction of Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed.

Ramer Civic Club will hold a spend-the-day meeting Wednesday at the Methodist Church parlor in observance of National Better Homes Week.

Catoma 4-H Club will meet Thursday morning at the school.

Catoma Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon.

Pintlala 4-H Club will meet Friday morning at the school.

May 17, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., May 16 – Montgomery County citizens will join Dean T. H. Napier, of Alabama College, in saying to Carolyn Hancock: "We are proud of the record you have made." Miss Hancock, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hancock, of Grady, and a junior at Montevallo, elicited the praise of the college dean for the honors she won in public speaking contests at Jackson, Miss., and Charlotte, N. C.

"You have brought honor to the college," Dean Napier said, "and that is one of the greatest things that any student or teacher can do. We are proud of your success in winning second place as an after-dinner speaker and third place in extemporaneous speaking in the Southern speech tournament at Jackson and second and third places in the grand Eastern tournament at Charlotte."

Miss Hancock, who is one of the two 1943-44 scholarship girls of the Montgomery County Council of Home Clubs, was last week elected president of Zeta Phi Eta and Phi Kappa Delta, speech fraternities, and of the Speech Chorus for next year and will be presented in the honor day program May 13.

Tom Guy, of Mt. Carmel, newly elected president of Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America, was selected by the teachers of the County High School from the student body to attend Boys' State this year. While he is attending Boys' State, Alton Russell, newly elected secretary, will be competing for the title of Alabama champion in the nationwide public speaking contest sponsored by the Future Farmers of America. So far, Alton has won top honors in club, district, quarter-final and semi-final eliminations.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Lieut. Walton Wingard, of Grady, is now overseas with the Army Air Forces . . . Until the latter part of April, St. Margaret's graduates were the only eligible from Montgomery for Red Cross nursing service and for Army and Navy nursing . . . Graduates of Hubbard Hospital are now in the fold . . . High school boys in the farm volunteer army harvesting potatoes in Baldwin County are supplied by the shippers with housing, eating and cooking utensils, beds and bedding except sheets, bed covers, pillow cases and towels; accident insurance while on duty, transportation to and from home and pay at the rate of 35 to 50 cents an hour for not less than 40 hours a week, all under-capable supervision . . . Each boy must pay for his food on a cooperative basis and for expenses incurred by illness . . . A local physician will care for minor illnesses at a rate of 25 cents a week . . . It will be a wonderful experience for many a high school boy and no doubt will cause some to wish to leave the city permanent for the farm, reversing the usual happening of the farm boy seeking the city. Some rural families haven't yet used a blue or red ration stamp . . . People who have been accustomed to "live at home" have small need for them . . . For its jungle fighters to sleep in, the Army provides a "jungle hammock" equipped with a water-proof canopy, insect netting and a canvas bottom with waterproof undershell . . . Slide fasteners which can be operated from inside or outside give the occupant instant access to his weapons, slung beneath the hammock on specially constructed slings . . . The jungle fighter who sleeps in the hammock is out of reach of tropical snakes and he and his weapons are protected from the dampness of the ground . . . The hammock can be packed in a small area and easily carried because of its light weight . . . For the Arctic fighter, the Army has a sleeping bag providing protection from sub-zero temperatures . . . It is said that never before has a sleeping bag been developed which is so light in weight, gives such complete protection and can be rolled into such a small pack as this one . . . Specially-placed fasteners permit instant break-away from within the bag . . . Doubly-constructed and filled with down, the sleeping bag is equipped with a water-repellant, wind-

resistant poplin outer shell, and the base of the bag is waterproof . . . The Quartermaster Corps, designers of the hammock and sleeping bag, is displaying them currently at their procurement office just opened in New York City, showing the public how the Army is providing comfort for American boys in all climates . . . Montgomery County boys based in Iceland and the South Seas may have something to tell of these "comforts" when they return home.

Several county organizations have elected officers for the 1943-44 year to take office in the Fall. Among them are:

Ramer Dramatic Club: Eunice Bedsole, president; Margaret Tompkins, vice-president; John D. Boyd, secretary; Charles Miller, treasurer.

Ramer Beta Club: Ina Anderson, president; Dennis Pouncey, vice-president; Jerry Underwood, secretary; Mary Frances Ledford, treasurer; Jo Underwood, reporter; Margaret Tompkins, parliamentarian.

Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers: Tom Guy, president; Roger Daniel, first vice-president; Roger Daniel, first vice-president; John Dean Boyd, second vice-president; Alton Russell, secretary; Haywood Cosby, treasurer; Willis Bell, reporter.

Montgomery County High School senior one class: Charles Miller, president; Willis Bell, vice-president; Haywood Cosby, secretary; Margaret Tompkins, treasurer; Anna Lauri Smilie, reporter.

Pintlala P. T. A.: Mrs. Frank Davis, president; Mrs. J. P. Henry, vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Windham, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. N. J. Venable, reporter.

Pintlala Civic Club; Mrs. W. S. Newell, president; Mrs. J. T. Chesnutt vice-president; Mrs. Julian Venable, secretary, and reporter; Mrs. W. F. Ferguson, treasurer.

Hope Hull Woman's Club: Mrs. H. C. Lamar, Jr., president; Mrs. J. F. Duggar, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. J. F. Davis, second vice-president; Mrs. Z. P. Gordon, secretary; Mrs. W. A. Webster, treasurer; Mrs. Samuel Fischer, auditor.

Chisholm P. T. A.: Mrs. S. J. Till, president; Mrs. Bill Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Howell Rowell, secretary; Mrs. E. A. Bruner, treasurer.

What's happening in the county this week:

Westview Garden Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. J. N. Brown as hostess.

Pine Level Baptist W. M. W. will hold the regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Ramer P. T. A. will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the regular hour.

Pinedale Library will be open Wednesday from 2 till 6 p.m., in Pinedale Chapel.

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Pinedale Civic Club will hold a general meeting Thursday at 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs. James McInnis, when Dr. Gaston Foote will review Douglas's "The Robe."

LeGrand Civic Club will hold an all-day meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Tucker, when the day will be devoted to making slip covers as a special gesture to National Better Homes observance.

Commencement Sunday will be observed May 23 at Montgomery County High School with a sermon at 11 a.m. by Chaplain U. K. Perego, of Maxwell Field, and at 3 p.m. at Pike Road High School with a sermon by Dr. W. F. Calhoun, of Selma.

Pinedale Library will be open Sunday during the Sunday School hour with volunteers from Pinedale Civic Club in charge.

May 24, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., May 23 – There was no better loved citizen in Montgomery County than J. E. Felton, who passed away at his home in Ramer last Sunday at the age of 80. During 28 years residence in Ramer, he had become an integral part of the life of all South Montgomery County through his activity in the lumber industry and his participation in church and civic affairs. Never ill until two or three years ago, Mr. Felton suffered much from then until his passing, and was confined to his bed most of the time since last Christmas. In spite of this, he always had a bright word, a cheerful smile and a joke for every caller. His sense of humor was as pronounced as his unselfish disposition and his kind heart, and for these three things in particular he will be best remembered. If anyone ever said an unkind word about Mr. Felton, this columnist never heard of it. The old type of Southern gentleman, Mr. Felton probably knew more people in Montgomery County than anybody else living in it and he was happiest when he was doing something for them. He was a person who could stand prosperity or adversity equally well, and probably the thing that hurt him most in the period of depression, which wiped his lumber business out of existence, was that he had less to give his family and his friends.

I wish I had the words to express how much his integrity, his loyalty, his public spirit and his kindness meant to those who knew him. His childish happiness at winning a domino game, his efforts to carry on when sickness overcame him, his heart which was as big as himself, are memories that will linger for a long time. Everyone who ever worked with him, who ever bought from him or sold to him, or shared his social life felt that Mr. Felton was his friend and his going was a keen personal loss to every one of them.

Lobman Guy and Melvin Guy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Guy, of Mt. Carmel community, have met in North Africa after months of separation. Lobman landed in the African theater in February and in every letter home wanted to know about Melvin. Both boys are in the army. More than a month ago, the family were notified of Melvin's embarkation for foreign service, and in his letter he, said if Africa was the place he landed he would look up Lobman.

In a recent letter to his parents, Melvin wrote them that he was stationed in Africa, and more than that, had learned he was only eight miles from Lobman. Getting to Lobman's station as soon as he could, he walked in on his brother while he was at work without even suspecting Melvin was on his way overseas. Since then they have had many visits together, swapping experiences in the Army, news from home, and from friends. Mr. and Mrs. Guy's third son, S. J. Guy, Jr., will graduate Monday night from Montgomery County High School and expects to be inducted soon since he was 18 1/2 March.

"No one knows," says his mother, "He might join his two brothers in Africa as what happens twice will happen the third time."

Rural people of Montgomery County are urged to watch for announcement of information stations to be set up in all communities for assisting them in filling out applications for ration book No. 3. Having them filled out legibly and correctly is imperative, for if they are not, the applications will find their way to the wastebasket and that will mean long delay in getting the new ration book, which will then have to be applied for at the local War, Price and Rationing Board. Attention is also called to the time of mailing the applications. Under no circumstances must they be mailed before June 1. The correct period is between June 1 and 10. Mailing of the new books will begin June 20, but it may be as late as Aug. 1 before some get their books, so don't worry if yours is that late arriving.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Joe Sutherland, of Snowdown, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sutherland, and a junior at Lanier High School, has been selected by the Montgomery Rotary Club to attend the Boys' State . . . The first shipment of pressure cookers received in Montgomery last week was sold in double-quick time . . . Canning turnip greens is the favorite indoor sport of rural housewives now . . . Plums and berries will soon be ready . . . Lucky is the gal who can sun-tan without blistering . . . or freckling . . . Old ideas of the impossible have gone up the river . . . Nothing seems impossible today in the world of production . . . Two plus two could be said to make five as machines are being made to turn out far more than they were built to produce, as people are turning out far more man-hours than thought possible since pioneer days . . . Some people earning \$100 a week pay checks admit they are not saving a penny nor buying a defense stamp or bond.

New version of "Cleanliness is next to Godliness": Grime does not pay . . . New version of "Sweet 16 and never been kissed": Sweet 17 and never been spent . . . Which is a reminder that stamp 17 will be no good for shoes unless spent before June 15 . . . Skin with the creamy texture of a rose petal is something to be devoutly wished for . . . Is there anybody left who takes sulphur and molasses in the Spring? . . . A garden, more than a pay check, is the measure of success now . . . The following report from Mrs. R. S. Hataway, of Bethlehem community, places her in the very, very upper strata: "I have been eating Irish potatoes since April 24. I had my first snap beans and squash and beets last Sunday for dinner, have turnip greens of two different ages and lettuce. My onions put out last Fall are gathered for the year's supply and collards were set out on these rows. My cucumbers are in bloom and dill is growing so it will be ready when they are. I have tomato plants with grown tomatoes on them, canteloupes and muskmelons in bloom and corn silking and tasseling. Butter beans and butter peas are in bloom and the sweet potatoes are putting on runners and cabbage is already heading. I still have plenty of canned peaches and pears and some canned meat from last year. My hams and bacon are cured and wrapped and sealed to use as needed. Having plenty of milk and butter, I will make cheese as soon as I can get rennet and coloring. I have made my dewberry jelly and there is still plenty of dried fruit to last until fresh fruit comes in. Three of my pear trees and my apple trees have a nice crop, but there are very few peaches . . ." Concluding her report, Mrs. Hataway says: "This is country life, I am more proud than ever of my homegrown food since food is rationed for it is such a help with the grocery needs and the grocery bill."

What's happening in the county this week:

Graduation exercises will be held at both Ramer and Pike Road Monday night.
Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.
Pinedale Civic Club will meet in neighborhood groups Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.
Chesser Community Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.
Grady-Dublin Home Club will hold a spend-the-day meeting Thursday at the clubroom.
Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:3 p.m., with Mrs. C. H. Warner as hostess.

June 7, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., June 6 – In a V-mail letter from England, Lieut. J. Pascal Hicks, of Dublin, writes this column: “I had a nice trip over, couldn’t have asked for better. Am located at a very nice place somewhere in England, much nicer than any place we were stationed in the States. This English countryside sure is beautiful just like the movies. Haven’t seen any of the cities yet but expect to go to London before long. Know there must be small towns not many miles away, but haven’t had a chance to wander around any yet. Haven’t received any of my Advertisers since Easter, but guess they will catch up with me some day. I was very lucky today. Received five letters in one mail.”

Like all the other boys in service, Lieut. Hicks gets his biggest thrill from mail call when there are letters from home. A former Montgomery County High School boy, he was a student at Georgia Tech in Atlanta when called into active service from the Air Corps Reserve. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hicks, of Dublin. His primary training was at Chanute Field, Ill., and later he was stationed at McDill Field, Fla., Myrtle Beach, S. C., and a camp in the East before embarking overseas. He is assigned to a bomb squadron.

A group of former Ramer boys and girls, now successful business men and women of Montgomery, will be guests of the community next Sunday night (June 13) when they will be entertained at Ramer Methodist Church. L. C. Henley, Montgomery home furnishings merchant and president of the Kiwanis Club, will preside at a program planned for the occasion. A special feature will be music by the Henley Harmony Boys. All residents of the community are invited. Services at the various churches will be cancelled for the occasion and the program will be started at 8 p.m.

Making report on Ramer-Pine Level Methodist charge at quarterly conference at Hill’s Chapel last week. Pastor Griffin Lloyd said that the charge, as a whole, was more than up to date financially on the first six months of the conference year. He reported repairs to the parsonage, including a new roof, at a cost of \$211.91; a special Easter service at Pine Level for the young people when they were addressed by Miss Mary Eoyang, of Huntingdon College; an observance of Layman’s Day at Pine Level; a good club of subscribers to the Christian Advocate; and a special temperance offering of \$15.20 from Pine Level, sent to the Alabama Temperance Alliance. He further reported that the Ramer Young Adult Fellowship organization had joined the Montgomery Sub-District Young Adult Fellowship.

The schedule of revival meetings was given as follows: Rev. H. P. Childs, guest pastor, Pine Level, and Rehoboth beginning July 11; Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, of Greenville, guest pastor, Hill’s Chapel,

beginning Aug. 1; Rev. O. C. Lloyd, guest pastor, at Orion. Other plans will be announced as completed. Resolutions were read on the death of J. E. Felton, and P. H. Harris was elected a district trustee to take Mr. Felton's place. W. A. Canty Mrs. B. G. Barnes, Mrs. S. U. Turnipseed, Mrs. A. F. Jones, Mrs. C. B. Smilie and Mrs. C. W. Adams, were named delegates to represent Ramer-Pine Level charge at the Troy district conference at Clayton. Dr. W. M. Curtis of Troy district superintendent, presided.

What's happening in the county this week:

LaPine Methodist W. S. C. S. will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Pinedale Civic Club will hold a general meeting Tuesday afternoon with Misses Lottie, Lillie and Eunice McInnis as hostesses.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will meet on Tuesday at the church parsonage at the regular hour.

Hunter's Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. H. G. Mashburn and Mrs. Alice Johnson as hostesses. Roll call will be an exchange of wartime recipes. The leadership lesson will be on "Shoes."

Ramer Civic Club will hold a spend-the-day meeting Wednesday at the vocational building, beginning at 9 a.m. Slip covers will be made.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Mills with Mrs. J. S. Myhand and Mrs. M. J. Sizemore assisting hostesses. Mrs. T. S. Skipper and Mrs. W. M. Weaver will give a program on the community history. Each member is asked to respond to roll call with an interesting event in the history of Grady.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the clubhouse with Mrs. Charles Poole and Mrs. Tom Sellers as hostesses.

Dalraida Civic Club will meet Friday at the regular hour.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Joe Sutherland, of Snowdoun, and Tom Guy of Mt. Carmel, are attending Boys State in Montgomery . . . Wallace Andrews, former Montgomery County High School boy, is in North Africa and "doing swell" . . . Clyde Andrews, his brother, who also attended school in Ramer, is with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific . . . Llewellyn Duggar, aviation cadet son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Duggar, Jr., of Hope Hull, has been transferred from California to Sioux Falls, S. D. . . . John Harris, of Hunter, with the U. S. Army in Africa, has turned up again with a letter after months of silence when his family thought he might be lost. . . . Forrest Milligan, of Ramer, has been sent from Fort McPherson, Ga., to Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . Capt. W. D. Smith, former Ramer coach, is on maneuvers with the Camp Rucker Wildcats in Tennessee . . . His wife and children are at Lebanon, Tenn., and their address is "in care of Mrs. S. N. Cook" . . . Edward Stephens, of Ramer, is working in Mobile after taking a machine shop course at Auburn . . . Alma McClurkin, of Cecil, is with the WAVES at Hunter College, N. Y. . . . Ann McClurkin, of Cecil, is working during the vacation from Auburn at the farm agent's office in the courthouse . . . Mildred Brown Davis, of Pike Road, just graduated from Auburn, is the new assistant home agent in Baldwin County . . . Sara Margaret Hicks, of Dublin, also just graduated from Auburn, is spending the vacation at home . . . She expects to teach this Fall . . . Willard Reynolds, of the armed forces, was home on furlough with his mother, Mrs. T. V. Reynolds, of Grady, last week Mac Fannin, formerly of Ramer, is working in Warner-Robins Airplane factory in Macon, Ga.

June 14, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., June 13 – Mutterings of a county correspondent: Ina Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson, of Mt. Carmel community, will go to Alabama College June 22-25 to attend the 10th annual student career conference . . . Miss Anderson was an outstanding student at Pintlala Junior High School and continued that record at Montgomery County High School as a senior high school student . . . Apologies to the Pisgah Church congregation for not getting the cemetery cleaning announcement in the paper . . . Blown out tires kept me from getting home and finding their notice about it . . . My nomination for a national dessert is apple pie, made of garden June apples. . . Sweet milk is my nomination for a national drink, provided it is served with the June apple pie . . . Montgomery County 4-H girls are looking forward to their annual camping trip to Camp Grandview June 29-July 1 . . . Mrs. James McInnis, of Pinedale, will again be in charge . . . Norma Jean Autrey, new assistant home agent, and attractive, too, will be along to help Mrs. McInnis . . . Rural club women are also looking forward to a camp but the dates are not set . . . City women are going in for food preservation in a big way and asking for old favorite recipes used by country neighbors . . . The recipes are being passed along to them by Mrs. Mamie Thorington, home agent.

Sweet 17 (the shoe stamp, you know) will be void after Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Moss Swearingen have a new home in London . . . That's right, but it is in Montgomery County, near Pike Road . . . The Turnipseed family met in reunion today at Oak Park, following a custom established by the late Thomas B. Turnipseed, of Downing . . . A revival meeting is scheduled to begin at Pine Level July 11 . . . The Rev. H. P. Childs will be guest pastor . . . Hill's Chapel will start a revival the first day of August . . . The Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, son of Mrs. W. U. Turnipseed, of Ramer, will come from his pastorate at Greenville to conduct the services . . . Orion will also start a revival at the Methodist Church the first Sunday in August, the Rev. O. C. Lloyd to be guest pastor.

Charles Rawls, Sr., of Pine Level, fought in World War I . . . Charles Rawls, Jr., of Pine Level, is repeating his father's record, already having embarked for foreign service . . . The Methodist parsonage in Ramer has a new roof . . . The C. E. Rushing hone in Dublin caught fire recently but was put out by volunteer fighters before much damage was done . . . As a result, the house will get a new metal roof . . . The Young Adult Fellowship of Ramer Methodist Church has joined the Montgomery sub-district Fellowship . . . Hope Hull Woman's Club has suspended meetings until Fall . . . LaPine Music Club has also suspended meetings for the Summer months . . . Little Sallie Smith, of LaPine, is my nomination for one of the most charming children in the county . . . She is the namesake of her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Athey, Grady postmistress . . . Principal P. H. Harris of Ramer schools, is victory gardening this Summer with a vengeance . . . He is fighting Bermuda grass with a weed burner . . . Only the stout can take it, for the heat is terrific . . . Pushing a lawn mower is cooling amusement compared to operating a weed burner . . . I speak from experience . . . It is my weed burner Principal Harris is using.

Among the canning demonstrations scheduled are one at Ramer school on June 22, an all-day meeting, and another at Brewer Heights at the hone of Mrs. W. A. Gardner on June 23 at 2 p.m. . . . It will be Brewer Heights' initial adventure into home demonstration work . . . Words are keys that may unlock hearts or close them forever . . . Children have more capacity for understanding than they are often given credit for . . . A little frivolity is necessary to keep from breaking under the tension gripping us as the boys and girls march off to war.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pinedale Civic Club will sponsor a canning demonstration Monday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George T. Watterson on Troy Highway, with Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington and Mrs. Elizabeth Ivey in charge.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will hold its monthly leadership meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. A. Brown.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday at the regular hour with Mrs. E. W. Langley as hostess and Mrs. G. C. McDowell, leader.

Pinedale Civic Club will sponsor a canning demonstration Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Vernon McInnis on McInnis Road.

LeGrand Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Snead with Mrs. Frank Dean assisting hostess.

Pinedale Civic Club will sponsor a canning demonstration Friday at 9 a.m. at the home of Mrs. James Stoner on Woodley Road.

The regular meeting of Snowdown Woman's Club has been postponed until June 21 when it will be held at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. H. G. Mashburn and Mrs. Olice Johnson as hostesses. The program will be the monthly leadership lesson on "Buying and Care of Shoes Under the Rationing System."

Sellers community library will be open for the Summer three days a week, beginning Monday. The scheduled days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, with hours from 1 till 5 p.m. The library has just received a new assortment of books and visitors to check out books or to read in the library will be welcomed at the hours of opening. Mrs. J. D. Gann and Mrs. John D. Boyd, volunteer librarians will be in charge.

June 21, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., June 20

A homecoming program at Ramer last Sunday night was such a success it seems that similar programs arranged in other communities would be valuable, especially in turning thoughts of those attending away from the war. Held at the Methodist Church, the homecoming packed the house for a program not much longer than an hour, but it seemed to peak a lot of significance into that brief period. Back in the 1920's, Miss Fannie Mae Norton, a teacher at Ramer, organized a non-denominational Sunday School class, known as the "Win One" class. The class became widely attended by the young people of the community, and when Miss Norton left Ramer school, the members who were Baptist went to the Baptist Church, the Methodists to the Methodist Church. The Methodists retained the name, "Win One," and received nationwide recognition in 1928 through newspaper and magazine publicity for their

sponsorship of a Sunday School bus which brought people to Sunday School each Sabbath Day just as the buses took children to day school each week day.

A. Cole Felton was teacher of the class at the Methodist Church, and it had long been his ambition to have a homecoming in honor of the original members of the Win One class. The homecoming last Sunday night grew out of that desire. L. C. Henley, an active worker in the class, and president, I think, who is now a successful home furnishings merchant in Montgomery and president of Montgomery Kiwanis Club, assisted Mr. Felton with arrangements and presided at the program. Before the date set for the program, members of the former class pooled contributions and bought two American flags, one to present the Ramer Baptist Church, the other the Methodist Church. Shan Sellers, another member of the class, and now connected with the FSA offices in Montgomery, was to have made the presentation speech and present the flags, but because of injuries received in an automobile accident several weeks ago, was unable to attend. Learning that the speaker could not come, L. C. Henley on a few hours' notice rose to the occasion prepared a talk and left thoughts with his audience that I believe they will remember a long time. Mrs. Dorothy Harris Williams, a post office clerk in Montgomery, another former member of the Win One Class, gave a reading that brought back memories of a lovely and obliging child who used to be called upon to read often in Ramer.

The remainder of the program was music by Henley's Harmony Quartet, and assembly singing, led by L. L. Eads, the quartet manager, which added a great deal to the evening's entertainment and inspiration. More programs along the pattern of this one would be invaluable in breaking the high tension to which all are pitched now.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mrs. Sally Webster, oldest member of the Warner Family Associations, will be honor guest for the second time when the reunion is held July 11 at the First Methodist Church in LaPine . . . All county clubs speak in laudatory terms of Mrs. Mamie Thorington's review of Lloyd Douglas's "The Robe" . . . Bob Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Guy of Mt. Carmel, who recently completed his first year at Starke University School, made the highest average in his class . . . Montgomery County singers are invited to take part in a singing convention next Sunday night at Luverne High School . . . Singing groups are specially invited to take part on the program . . . Felix Turnipseed, Jr., and John Dowling Turnipseed were missing from the family reunion last Sunday at Oak Park . . . Felix is a first lieutenant on military duty in England . . . A year ago he was graduating from Auburn . . . John Dowling is in Death Valley Desert in California at present with the Army, but headquarters at Fort Ord.

What's happening in the county this week:

The monthly meeting of Snowdoun Woman's Club, postponed from the regular date, will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. H. G. Mashburn and Mrs. Olice Johnson as hostesses.

An all-day meeting will be held at Masonic Home on Carter Hill Road Monday by Mrs. Mamie Thorington, home agent, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, foods specialist, for the purpose of organizing a community cannery.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet in neighborhood groups Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly study program. Answer to roll call will be "My Canning Budget."

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bascom Trotter for the regular monthly meeting, the program to be a discussion of "Care of Shoes Under Rationing." Assisting hostess will be Mrs. Napoleon Trotter. Answer to roll call will be a citizenship hint.

Chesser Community Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

A canning demonstration will be given Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Brewer Heights at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gardner with Mrs. Elizabeth Ivey in charge.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the clubroom with Mrs. Bill Ray, Miss Erlene Ray and Mrs. T. V. Reynolds as hostesses. Mrs. Mamie Thorington will be in charge of the program.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. D. A. Hosey. Mrs. C. H. Warner will be in charge of the devotional. Roll call will be answered with "Advantages of Living in the Country.

A canning demonstration will be held at the First Methodist Church on Broadway Street at Chisholm June 29, with Mrs. Elizabeth Ivey in charge.

Ramer library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 till 6 pm. With volunteers from Ramer Civic Club serving as librarians. Sellers library is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 till 5 p.m. with Mrs. J. D. Gann and Mrs. John D. Boyd as volunteer librarians.

June 28, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., June 27

The financial statement from the Montgomery County High School bank in 1942-43, released this month by Miss Louise Kelly, faculty supervisor is of more than passing interest. The bank, staffed by students, was conducted similarly to a regular bank, and provided for deposits, withdrawals, loans and the sale of War Bonds and Stamps.

Total deposits for school organizations were \$15,141.51, and total withdrawals were \$13,331.63, leaving a balance of \$1,809.88 when school closed. Deposits of school children ran to \$6,568.72 and their withdrawals amounted to \$6,132.89, leaving a balance of \$435.83. School fees handled amounted to \$251.75. And Bonds and Stamps sold totaled \$3,613.10

When school began in September, 1942, the school bank opened its third year in comfortable quarters in the school building which it had occupied previously. There were no outstanding needs in equipment, so Miss Kelly, the sponsor, planned to increase the time devoted to developing in the students traits most desirable in American citizens today, such as courtesy, initiative, moral character, and the willing acceptance of responsibility.

The outlook for the third year of the young bank was promising. The following students were chosen for bankers: Jo Underwood, Lila Hicks, June Hancock, Mamie Ruth Mills, Sara Cole Felton, Martha Paul, Eunice Bedsole, Hobbie Paul, Eunice Bedsole, Hobbie Cosby, Mary Carl Gardner, Georgia Pugh and Mary Elizabeth Cleghorn.

Twenty – minute conferences with all bank students were arranged when problems arising in the banking were discussed and the students were allowed to make plans for improving the services. At times, Principal P. H. Harris, was invited to attend. Mary Elizabeth Cleghorn was elected secretary of the bankers and minutes were kept to be used for reference. Later, Martha Paul served in this capacity. Among the ideas advanced was that of keeping a register for visitors and the names of many prominent

and interesting people appeared in the book before the close of the year.

Early in the year a system was devised whereby bankers might have 10 minutes between periods to check cash to the incoming banker. One student handled the cash the entire period, and if it came up short, that student, by unanimous vote, made good the deficit. On Friday mornings, the bank was closed after a short period to enable the bankers to close the books, make deposit slips, and mail the cash to the Alabama National Bank, Montgomery.

In the late Fall, the school defense council assisted by the Future Farmers, sponsored a scrap drive. After the F. F. A. boys had received scrap and given receipts for it, the bank acted as a clearing house for the receipts, giving the youthful bankers experience in another practical use of banks.

In the second semester Charles Miller took the place of Jo Underwood, who resigned because of heavy scholastic duties. In the Spring, the bank undertook the sale of garden seed and with the profits, made additional cabinet space. In March, the staff had a new member, Laurie Smilie, who took the place of Eunice Bedsole, resigned because of ill health.

During the school year, the bank made 343 student loans. In three years of bank history, as shown by the credit ratings, only one child has failed to pay a note and that note was for only 70 cents.

During the year, the school bank handled a grand total of \$25,575.08, approximately three times as much as that handled in 1941-42. Its services touched a larger part of the student body than ever before. At graduation, one of its most important staff members, Mary Carl Gardner, who began at the bank's organization, was lost. Her absence will be keenly noted when the bank reopens at the beginning of school next year.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

The annual Montgomery County 4-H girls' camp will be opened with Mrs. James McInnis, of Pinedale Civic Club, in charge and Miss Norma Ray Autrey, assistant home demonstration agent, and others on the staff of assistants. The group will return to Montgomery Thursday.

Mr. W. W. Marvin, county health nurse, will begin a series of typhoid inoculations at Payne's store at Dublin Thursday at 10 a.m. and continue each successive Thursday for four weeks.

Rural home clubs will suspend meetings in July and member will attend the annual county-wide rally at Oak Park, the date to be announced by Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, county home agent.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Two members of the 1943 graduating class at Ramer have taken positions at the State Health Department. They are Annie Ruth Suggs, the class salutatorian, and Mildred Paulk, winner of the loving cup awarded the best all-round member by the Future Home Makers . . . The Warner family reunion always honors the oldest member, "Aunt Sally" Webster . . . The reunion will be held on the regular date, the second Sunday in July, at the Methodist Church in LaPine . . . Even being ill has its compensations . . . It's been pleasant during the past week to see friends that hadn't been in my home since war quickened the pace of living . . . It's a satisfaction, too, to have time for meditation and there's plenty of that when the doctor orders one to bed . . . On the other side of the ledger, there are the pain, the extra expenses, no work, no pay . . . It happens to all and the stouthearted take it in stride. Farming is the greatest gamble in the world . . . Insects are setting a record this year . . . Small gardeners may take heart in knowing they are not the only ones spending money daily for insect poison . . . Will Paterson says Rosemont Gardens has already spent more for insect control than was spent last year for fuel to run the hothouses . . . Apologies to Glyndon Jones, Jr., for saying he was in overseas service . . . It

is his cousin, Hosea Sellers, Jr. . . Glyndon is at Camp Shelby, Miss . . . Lella Warren, author of the best-seller "Foundation Stone," is a great-niece of Walter P. Huey, of Ramer . . . Those of us who hand on to the same old jobs are becoming knock-kneed from the burdens of fixed income and excessive outgo . . . And there's a new withholding tax staring us in the face the first week in July . . . Twenty-one-year-old Jack Boone, who used to live in Ramer, received two decorations in one day in North Africa and was one day in North Africa and was in eight miles of Tunia, when the city was taken . . . He is with the field artillery.

It is hot but not too hot for the Red Cross to sew, say members of Snowdown Red Cross . . . The group, from the last of February until the first of June, has made 523 shirtwaists, a large number of men's shirts, quilts and other articles . . . Seeing these women at work should put some of the rest of us to shame for our lack of diligence . . . If they have to miss a few days for canning and other duties, they are right back at the sewing room at the next meeting.