

January 4, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Jan. 3

Emily Cowles, president of Ramer Beta Club, honorary fraternity of Montgomery County High School and members of the National Beta organization, writes this column an interesting letter of Ramer Beta's activities.

"We have realized that our country is at war and needs all the help it can get," the letter says. "The members of our club entered, wholeheartedly in the scrap drive and various other patriotic activities. We acted as hosts during National Education Week and different members of the club aided in registering people for gasoline."

The letter continues with an account of an induction ceremony recently held for a new member, Voncile Stubbs. On the same date, it recounts, an old member, Cora Lillian Jones, who moved to Troy, was lost, but will become a member of the Troy Beta Club.

Stating that "we all hated to see Cora Lillian go but were glad to have Voncile a member of our club," the writer described the induction ceremony. Beginning with group singing of the Beta song, the program was continued with a welcome by the president to the new member. There followed talks by Annie Ruth Suggs, Ernestine Tucker, Hazel Reynolds, Charles Price, all of whom are members, and by the faculty sponsor, Mrs. Arlie Mount. After the new member was given the pledge, the program was closed with group singing of carols.

With the opening of school this week after the Christmas vacation, Ramer Beta Club will begin practice on a one-act play to be presented at an early date.

Membership of Beta Clubs all over the nation consists of the outstanding pupils in high schools where chapters are in existence. Scholarship is a requisite, but other doings such as initiative, participation in campus activities, leadership and future promise are taken into consideration in choosing prospective members, who are taken in by invitation.

Emily Cowles, president of Ramer Beta, has been in the high school limelight for several years. President of Ramer Junior Red Cross, she was chosen president of the Montgomery County Council of Junior Red Cross one year and represented the organization at the national meeting in Washington. She has served in official capacity in school organizations and 4-H club work, and become a recognized leader on the campus of Montgomery County High School. She is the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Russell F. Cowles, of Ramer.

LaPine Methodist charge began its 1943 quarterly conference the first Sunday in the year, holding the first one today at LaPine Methodist Church. The Rev. W. M. Curtis, D. D., new superintendent of the Troy district, delivered a sermon at 11 a.m. and presided over the business conference in the afternoon. Reports from all churches of LaPine charge featured the afternoon meeting. The Rev. J. R. Helms, pastor, brought an encouraging report of activities of the churches and affiliated organizations

What's happening in the county this week:

LaPine Methodist W. S. C. S. will hold its monthly meeting Monday.

Pike Road Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs will meet at the school Tuesday.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sellers Davis.

Ramer Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon at the church.

Pintlala 4-H Club will meet Wednesday morning at the school, the meeting having been postponed from last week.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. J. T. Chestnutt as hostess.

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

Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. J. E. Elgin as hostess.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: A 1934 man's coat was made into a chic 1942 woman's jacket by Mrs. Rufus Fannin of Dublin . . . Gas rationing is giving new opportunities for making friends . . . Many a friendship has its inception in one person's courtesy in giving a ride to another waiting for a bus . . . A small town woman who moved to Montgomery told a city woman who gave her a life . . . "When I see a person riding in a car alone, and never offering a ride to anyone, I say to myself, 'That person has four Japs riding with him'" . . . "Training Negro Neighborhood Leaders" is the subject of an article about Montgomery County in the December Extension Service Reviews a magazine of national scope . . . The article was written by J. T. Alexander and Annie Mae Boynton, negro farm and home agents respectively of this county . . . The article reveals that negro farm families of this county have pledged \$6,351.26 to the War Stamp and Bond campaign . . . It shows further that negroes accounted for 47, 172 pounds of scrap metal and 1,222 pounds of scrap rubber in Montgomery County's scrap harvest . . . Normally, every rural home in Montgomery County can have nutritious, diversified and well-prepared meals . . . Of course it can't be done without expenditure of elbow-grease . . . People who have their own hogs to kill, their own cows in the pasture, their own chickens in the yard, and their own gardens need not feel too great concern over food rationing . . . It's the family living out of a paper sack that will really be hurt . . . An F. F. A. boy was heard to say: "If all the fellas in the Army, Navy and Marines like to eat as well as my brother in the Army, then we'd all better double our food production projects."

The income tax blank alone can compete with the Bible in teaching the futility of riches . . . Squawkers about high prices take note: On this date in 1861, first year of the War Between the States, flour was \$15 per barrel; coffee, \$1 a pound; a sack of salt, \$12.50; tea, \$1.50 - \$2 a pound; butter, 50 cents a pound; eggs, "extremely high"; lard, 35 and 40 cents a pound; laundry soap, 30 to 40 cents a bar . . . The figures are from a letter of a Confederate soldier to his wife . . . The letter also says: "the lowest wages paid a workman are \$2 a day and some get as high as \$3.

January 11, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Jan. 10

Mrs. W. T. M. Rushing, of Dublin, takes issue with the author of a pre-holiday article in The Advertiser about Alabama farmers and Christmas. She quotes the article as saying that Alabama farmers celebrate Old Christmas on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, that an hour before the day the heavens light up as if it were day, the polk berry sprouts and cows get on their knees; this lasts for a while, then darkness is resumed, the polk sprouts wither, and then comes the real daylight.

Continuing, Mrs. Rushing says: "I am 74 years old, was born and reared among farm people in Alabama, and my parents were. My grandparents came to Alabama before it was made a State, and lived in different parts of the territory. All were farmers. I have lived in different parts of the State and have relatives and friends in several counties whom I contact by visits and correspondence. If there had been such a custom, it seems I would have heard something of it.

"My Maternal grandparents told my mother the Old Christmas was the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, and from the 25<sup>th</sup> of December until the 5<sup>th</sup> of January inclusive was called the 'Old Twelve Days,' and that there was a legend that said the cows knelt at midnight (I think the cows were said to have knelt on Christmas Eve but am not sure whether it was then or Old Christmas night). It was told as a legend and I never heard of anyone who believed it.

"The early gardeners liked to plant English peas and other early vegetables during the 'Old Twelve Days.' I have lived in different cities, visited and associated with people from farms and cities of several different States, and I have observed that all the ignorant, superstitious people don't live on the farms in Alabama.

"I would suggest that those who know how Old Christmas is kept in Alabama give some information on the subject, telling whether it is kept religiously or with revelry. They probably have the snake dance or some obsolete religious ceremony. It would be very interesting and news to most Alabama farmers, I am sure."

This column is open to correspondence about Old Christmas and its observance in Alabama and will be glad to publish enlightening letters on the subject.

Gov. Elect Chauncey Sparks will be sworn into office at noon on Jan. 18 but his term of office will not begin officially until one minute after midnight. In other words, Frank M. Dixon will be governor all day and until one minute after midnight of Jan. 18, though his successor will be sworn in 12 hours before midnight. By virtue of this, Gov. Dixon may still make appointments after Sparks has taken the oath of office. This was tested in 1911 when one of Gov. Comer's actions in appointing a jury commissioner in the afternoon after his successor was sworn in was held legal by the Alabama Supreme Court. Contrariwise, while Sparks will be unable to assume the reigns of State government until 12:01 a.m., Jan. 19, his salary will begin at the time he is sworn in on January 18.

Feb. 10 has been set by Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America, for chapter eliminations in a nationwide speaking contest Emmett Hooks, reporter, announces. Haywood Cosby, serving on the public speaking committee, reports material is being received for preparation of speeches. Vernon Walton, chairman of the school supply store committee, reports a profit of \$155.73 to date.

What's happening in the county this week:

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

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

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Baltzer and Mrs. Eliza Kendrick as hostesses and Mrs. W. F. Brooks, program director. "Art in Our Daily Lives" will be the program subject and "Short Cuts in Housekeeping" will be answer to roll call.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. L. Cherry as hostess and Miss Edna Earl Mullins, leader.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will hold its monthly mission and spiritual life meetings Tuesday afternoon at the church.

LaPine Music Study Club will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ben Spear with Mrs. H. H. Spear, Mrs. Tyre Spear and Mrs. Frank Boswell assisting hostesses.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. R. W. Sutherland and Mrs. J. N. McLean as hostesses. The monthly extension study will be given by club leaders and roll call will be answered with "How We Can Share Our Cars."

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

Mr. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Herbert Talley and Miss Jewel Dean as hostesses. The monthly extension program will be given by the county agent.

The monthly meeting of Grady Round Table Club will be held Thursday afternoon.

LeGrand Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly extension lesson by the county home agent.

Mutterings of a county correspondent:

Where there are people there is always news . . . Likewise, there are always hobbies, regardless even of war . . . One soldier in foreign service writes of a scrap book he is keeping for the folks at home "after the war" . . . Clyde Andrews, former Montgomery County school boy, now a seaman, first class in the U. S. Navy, has a hobby of more than usual interest, a photographic diary . . . He makes pictures with his own camera and sends them home for safe keeping, often including souvenirs . . . Some of these most enjoyed by family and friends are pictures of his ship, a huge fish caught by the crew, and a captured Japanese submarine, all sent recently . . . Although he is far out in the Pacific and it takes an ordinary letter 20 days to come home, and an air mail letter eight days, the distance seems shortened, his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McNeill, say, when they meet, through photographs, the gunners, the boatswain's mate, the mail orderly, etc . . . The photographic correspondence works both ways and he keeps up with the folks at home through snapshots mailed to him . . . Since here is a sailor hankering for that last snapshot from all of his friends, here is the address: Clyde Andrews, seaman, first class, U. S. S. Jet, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif . . . Clyde's brother, Wallace, is in naval training at Great Lakes, Ill . . . He will go on a ship the last of this month as a gunner . . . In case you didn't know it, the War Department has ruled that after Jan. 15, no package may be sent a soldier overseas unless it contains an article requested by the soldier and the request has been approved by the commanding officer . . . The postoffice will not accept a package unless the written request bearing the commanding officer's approval is presented . . . Such packages will be limited to five pounds and not more than 15 inches in length . . . Magazines and newspapers may be mailed only by the publisher and only if the soldier is a subscriber . . . Letters will continue to be welcomed . . . Lack of space makes necessary the restriction on packages.

January 18, 1943

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By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Jan. 17

Mutterings of a county correspondent: The war is more and more surely stripping life of non-essentials. Many a stomachache is the herald of an appendix party . . . The Woman's Missionary Society of Ramer Baptist Church reelected all officers . . . Rationing doesn't let one forget the Hun and Jap are pounding at our doors . . . Jesse Lewis McNeill, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McNeill, of Macedonia community, got his silver wings and second lieutenant's commission in Texas last week . . . This column is guessing he'll be chosen for an instructor . . . He is a young man that has what it takes . . . Victory tax ate into pay envelopes last week, leaving a considerable hole . . . It's nothing to what income tax will do . . . Those who never paid it before will learn about it this year from Uncle Sam's revenue boys . . . Rural women of Montgomery County make cheese rivalling the "store bought" kind . . . Because of gas rationing, quilt making is taking on more charms . . . It's a pleasant Winter evening's pastime . . . Patchwork and applique are the two schools . . . Style for the sake of style is slowly but surely going the way of many delightful follies . . . More sewing is being done at home than in many a year . . . All sorts of old clothes are making second debuts in new incarnations . . . A man's suit becomes a woman's dress or little sister's coat . . . A tuxedo makes a handsome tailored suit in the feminine edition . . . C. O. Rawls, of Macedonis community, always makes topnotch sausage . . . This year it's in the super rank . . . A breakfast of pancakes and Mr. Rawl's sausage makes a body feel good from brow to bunions . . . Chauncey Sparks is Alabama's first bachelor governor in 70 years . . . Shredded orange peel in pie crust is like a wash of paprika in salad . . . County people are talking in terms of more gardens and more canning than ever before . . . The more food grown the less rationing will be felt . . . Mildred Brown Davis, of Pike Road, is playing a stellar role at Alabama Polytechnic Institute . . . She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers Davis . . . Congratulations to Sara Frances Dubose, of Pine Level, Montgomery County High School's "good Citizenship" girl.

Walter Daniel, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Daniel, of Pine Level, probably holds the record for collecting silk and nylon hose for the government . . . He has approximately 1,000 to date . . . The kid hit on the clever idea of writing all his mother's friends and they responded graciously . . . Where is the person who could turn down a 6-year-old's scrawl asking for anything? . . . An officer in the U. S. Army gets "leave" . . . An enlisted man get "furlough" . . . Sergt. J. E. Felton, of Ramer, now in the African theater of war, praises the food and sleeping quarters . . . 'Tis a New Year's wish that the stars of faith, hope and freedom will dispel the darkness beclouding the world and bring to it illumination once again.

Merit awards have been presented the following white Montgomery County FSA farmers for outstanding accomplishments in 1942: J. J. Register, Mrs. W. M. Ray, A. C. Garner, A. D. Norman, of Grade; Cecil A. Barfoot, of Pine Level; J. Howell Hall, Pintlala; Jerry M. Bell, Montgomery, R. F. D. Negro farmers as follows received merit awards: Willie Joe White, John A. Toles, Charlie Lamb, Chippie Calvin, Julius Carter, Ramer; T. C. Ellis, John Jones, Gus Bray, Horace Phillips, Van Graves, Wallace Burton, Patrick Campbell, Waugh; Reddick Shackelford, Tom Adams Tankersley, Willie Williams, James Gibbs,

Hugh B.. McCall, Montgomery R. F. D.

What's happening in the county this week:

A farm mobilization community meeting will be held at Chisholm Monday at 8 p.m.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Pine Level Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon.

A farm mobilization community meeting will be held at Pine Level School Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Ramer Parent Teacher Association will meet Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sellers Davis with Mrs. E. T. Davis assisting hostess, the meeting having been postponed from the regular date.

A farm mobilization community meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Catoma School.

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

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly extension lesson.

A farm mobilization community meeting will be held at Grady School Thursday at 8 p.m.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 3:30 p.m. for the monthly extension program.

Montgomery County's 4-H Clubs are joining other 4-H Clubs of the United States in a nationwide drive for old phonograph records. Proceeds from their sale will be used to purchase an ambulance which the 4-H'ers will present the armed forces. To date, Alabama has made the biggest contribution of any State.

January 25, 1943

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Jan. 23

The new semester, beginning Monday morning, is bringing more changes in teacher personnel to the rural schools of Montgomery County. Miss Gladys McNeill of Pike Road, faculty member of Pike Road High School for a long period, has resigned her position and is taking up new work at the Mountain Preachers' School at Clear Creek Mountain Springs, Pineville, Ky. Miss McNeill's new surroundings are by no means strange to her, since she has taught daily vacation Bible schools at the Mountain Preachers' School for 10 Summers. In preparation. Miss McNeill will be in charge of the organization of a program of child evangelism in the Bell County, Ky., public schools.

Miss Jean Freeman, librarian at Montgomery County High School, resigned to accept a position as librarian in the City High School at Tuscaloosa and will leave at the end of the week. In her new position, she will use free hours to do graduate work at the University of Alabama. Pending arrival on March 8 of a new librarian at the County High School, Mrs. E. M. Fleming, a former teacher in Alabama's public school system, will serve as acting librarian.

Walter T. McKee, assistant superintendent of Montgomery County Schools in charge of buildings and repairs, has completed a tour of county schools on which thorough study of all buildings was made with the purpose of having necessary repairs done as soon as feasible. To date all exterior woodwork at Montgomery County High School building has been repainted, a walk has been made from the high school to the cafeteria building and considerable repairs have been made at four negro schools, Madison Park, Davis on the Troy Highway, Tankersley in Pintlala community, and Arthur Cook in Chisholm.

Attendance of negro children at school is said by Superintendent C. M. Dannelly to have increased noticeable since the county's program of improved school buildings has been in effect. There is still a great deal to be desired in attendance mainly because of the long distance the children have to walk, and the inadequacy of their clothing in extreme weather.

"Santa Claus did come to New Guinea," Charles Reddoch wrote from his army location there to his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Athey, post-mistress at Grady. In a letter dated Christmas Day, Charles said: "I got more than I ever dreamed I'd get, and everybody seemed to know exactly what I needed. I saved all my packages until today and all the boys gathered around to help me open them. I was afraid it wouldn't seem like Christmas, but it does. By waiting until today to open my packages, I got just the Christmas spirit I needed." Charles is the son of Mrs. Maggie Athey Reddoch of Montgomery, formerly of Luverne, and the grandson of Mrs. J. W. Athey of Grady. He has been in foreign service since the late Summer of 1942.

Eight young men, grandsons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Langdon C. Parker of Pine Level, are already engaged in the service of their country or waiting to be old enough so they can volunteer. Morgan S. Guice, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Guice (Alicia Parker) of Montgomery, is in the Army Air Forces at Sioux Falls, S. D., where he will finish this Monday a special course in radio and will begin immediately and eight-week school in gunnery, after which he will receive the rating of technical sergeant.

James Townsend, son of Mrs. J. Murray Townsend (Cora Parker) of Pine Level, and the late Mr. Townsend, is an ensign in the U. S. Navy, having received his commission after a special training course at Northwestern University. Now stationed at Miami Beach, he is assigned to a transport ship.

Corp. Joseph Broom, son of Henry Broom and the late Mrs. Broom (Zuleka Parker), is in the Army and assigned to State Selective Service headquarters in Montgomery. A brother, Langdon Broom has volunteered for the Air Corps and is awaiting call to report at Maxwell Field. Another brother, Henry Broom, Jr., student at Georgia Military Academy, is only 17 but expects to volunteer as soon as he is old enough.

Charles Fannin, son of Mrs. T. L. Allen (Mary Parker), of Dallas, Texas, is a student at Texas A. and M. College and expects to volunteer for the Army as soon as he is graduated in the Spring.

Langdon Parker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parker, of Montgomery, and his younger brother, Edwin Parker, are students at Castle Heights Military Academy in Tennessee. Langdon, Jr., will graduate in the Spring and will go immediately into officers' training school from which he expects to emerge with a second lieutenant's commission. Only 17 now, he will be 18 by the time he is graduated. Edwin, too young for the service yet, will continue a schoolboy, leaving the fighting for his brother and first cousins until he grows up a little more.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. E. W. Langley, Mrs. Frank Stephens and Mrs. A. C. Felton as hostesses. Roll call will be answered with thrift suggestions.

Pinedale Civic Club will hold group meetings Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with the following hostesses: Virginia Loop neighborhood, Mrs. L. T. Mathews; Narrow Lane neighborhood, Mrs. C. E. Walls; Woodley neighborhood, Mrs. W. T. Coleman; Court Street extension neighborhood, Mrs. C. F. Halstead; Seibel's Road neighborhood, Mrs. Eugene Boan. Demonstrations in cheese making will be given.

Chesser Community Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Flora Faulk.

A meeting of the board of directors of Montgomery County Council of Home Clubs will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the courthouse in Montgomery.

The monthly meeting of Grady-Dublin Home Club will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the clubroom.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Relatives in Bethlehem get letters regularly from Marvin Davis, with the armed forces in New Guinea . . . His letters are full of wit and originality and marvelous descriptions of the beauty of the islands and the water, the sunrises and the sunsets . . . He doesn't see why all artists don't go there to live and paint . . . Paving of the highway from Spague to Highland Home is moving along in spite of hindrances from the weather . . . It's time to begin thinking about Spring gardens and not too early to begin planting certain vegetables . . . Once asked by a woman if he were faithful to his wife, W. S. Gilbert answered: "Madam, I am too good to be true" . . . The weatherman dished out a super-cold snap Tuesday . . . Sunday and Monday's rains were super super . . . "Blame the War and Pass the Aspirin" is Hollywood's new song . . . Capt. C. E. Sellers of Ramer, who began army service with the National Guard is now detached from all former company comrades . . . He was recently transferred from Camp Shelby, Miss., to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., leaving all buddies behind . . . The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church is poised for a pretentious series of Latin-American studies . . . Two meetings in February and two in March will be held at the church with school faculty members and school children, pastor, W. S. C. S. and church members taking part in the programs . . . Two films will add to the realism of the study of Mexico . . . The mission programs will be on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21, all at 7:30 p.m. . . . Members of Westview Gardens Civic Club will entertain at a Valentine party for families and friends Feb. 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Norton.

February 1, 1943

MONTGOMERY County news

BY Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Jan. 31

Ramer Chapter, Future Home Makers of America, has chosen for the theme of its studies in 1943 "The Part of the Home Maker in Defense." Club programs have included the following: Canning for victory,

foods to take the place of meat, gearing the needle to war needs, women in uniform, and other similar subjects. These studies are further emphasized in home projects such as making over clothing, patching, darning, increasing food supply through gardens, pigs and calves.

The chapter has given \$6 for comfort kits for boys in the armed forces. At present, members are selling subscriptions to popular magazines and flower and garden seeds to make money for chapter projects. A Halloween carnival was another money making enterprise.

In December, a meeting was held jointly with Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America. After the program and closing exercises, the Future Home Makers served refreshments to both groups.

An F. H. A. banner has been ordered. For the first time the chapter has prepared a yearbook and made copies for each member. Other marks of progress during the current scholastic year include appointment of hostesses for each meeting and emphasis on improved parliamentary procedure.

At a meeting held last week, a program on "Women Facing the War Front" was given by Mary Alice Bruce, Margaret Tompkins and Mary Pearl Hall.

Officers of the Future Home Makers are: Mildred Paulk, president; Emily Cowles, vice president; Ina Anderson, secretary; Annie Ruth Suggs, treasurer; Katheryn Rhodes, parliamentarian; Sadie Dubose, song leader; Cora Lillian Jones, reporter.

Grady-Dublin Home Club, issuing new yearbooks last week, named the following schedule for hostesses: Mrs. Lucien Anderson, Mrs. Rufus Fannin, January; Mrs. W. V. Bell, Mrs. C. D. Keener, Mrs. W. T. M. Rushing, February; Mrs. J. T. Browning, Mrs. E. F. Wingard, March; Mrs. C. E. Mills, Mrs. Lee Coker, Mrs. Baxter Collier, April; Mrs. A. J. Bigger, Mrs. W. M. Mills, Mrs. Rosa Gibbons, May; Mrs. Bill Ray, Miss Erlene Ray, Mrs. T. V. Reynolds, June; county rally, July; vacation, August; Mrs. M. C. Ellison, Mrs. Larry Lee, Mrs. Minnie Garner, September; Mrs. H. H. Hassey, Mrs. W. M. Weaver, October; Mrs. Cleveland Copeland, Miss Mary Houlton, November.

Officers of the club are: Mrs. Baxter Collier, president; Mrs. W. M. Weaver, vice president; Mrs. W. V. Bell, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. D. Keener, Mrs. W. V. Bell, local leaders. Local chairmen are: Mrs. Larry Lee, membership; Mrs. Rufus Fannin, publicity; Mrs. W. V. Bell, recreation; Mrs. W. T. M. Rushing, economic studies; Mrs. W. L. Coker, live-at-home program; Mrs. W. M. Weaver, community activities; Mrs. C. E. Mills, Farm Bureau; Mrs. A. J. Bigger, better homes.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pike Road Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs will meet Tuesday morning at the school.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., for the monthly extension program.

Pintlala Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. Gus Boyd and Mrs. Fitzhugh Ferguson as hostess.

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

Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. V. C. Elgin as hostess.

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

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will sponsor a mission program on Latin America Sunday at 7:30 p.m., at the church.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Westview Gardens Civic Club will have a Valentine party Feb. 13 for the members' families . . . There is a Banana River Naval Air Station in Cocoa, Fla. . . Mrs. R. E. Chancey, of Macedonia finds State Teachers College in Troy a fine outlet for her surplus vegetables . . . Furniture companies are now using wooden springs . . . Similar to the old-fashioned wagon springs, the main emphasis is on hickory . . . First tests have shown them to be comfortable . . . Ramer Civic Club has sponsored a public playground for eight years . . . "Silvered" mirrors date back to 1840 . . . During the preceding 19 centuries metallic substances ranging from metal leaf to amalgam of tin and mercury were used in mirror manufacture . . . Mirrors are mentioned in literature as early as 80 B. C. . . This year will be a test of ability to make the best use of resources at hand . . . The person who learns to make more out of less will be making valuable contributions . . . In London, stores are so short of salespeople, waiting rooms are provided and only as many as can be served are let in at the time . . . Great Britain has a new "Labor Call-Up" which will take women salespeople up to 45 from non-food retail stores and place them in war industries . . . American Indians were the first to use mussel shells from the rivers to make buttons . . . With a primitive drill and infinite care, they made ornamental pieces that were forerunners to modern fresh water pearl buttons . . . Compulsory grade labelling of canned fruits and vegetables, fought for by consumers for years, has now arrived as an outgrowth of rationing and the government price control . . . It will be a good thing if it can be carried over into peace time economy after the war.

February 8, 1943

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Feb. 7

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Luncheon checks are higher these war days . . . Honor came again to Montgomery County last week when Fred Duggar, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duggar, Jr., of Hope Hull, was elected editor of Glomerata, A. P. I. Yearbook . . . Fred is a junior in architecture . . . Pike Road 4-H Club turned in 97 phonograph records last week for the salvage drive . . . 4-H Clubs in Cuba are known as 5-C Clubs . . . With woodlots a plenty in the county, no fuel shortage is felt here . . . A little elbow grease and a crosscut saw turns the trick . . . Gene Cutts, of Snowdown, is making a favorable record as State apiarist . . . "Make Do and Mend Clugs" are just around the corner with prices going higher and higher and yardgoods growing less and less . . . Bernard Hall, of Snowdown, son of Mrs. J. Harold Hall, and prominent 4-H clubber, is in army flight training school at Miami Beach, Fla.

Meals are beginning to reflect food shortages . . . Oatmeal pastry makes the flour last longer and makes apple pies in particular a delightful dessert . . . 'Tis made by blending one pound of flour with one-half pound of oatmeal, flaking three-fourths of a pound of shortening into the mixture, adding one-half pint of water in which one-half ounce of salt has been dissolved and missing until all the water is taken up . . . Chilling the crust in the refrigerator always improves it.

In London an electrical "cloth de-shining" process has been introduced by a tailoring company which is said to take the shine off old clothes making them look like new . . . Cost of de-shining a suit is \$5 and of trousers or a skirt, \$2.40 . . . It takes a month to have the work done because of the slow process and

labor scarcity but it is said it freshens up a pre-war suit to look like new . . . White hat bands are promoted by New York stores to make wearers visible in the dimout . . . White socks and neckties are promoted for the same reason . . . The hat bands, made of rayon, may be slipped over the regular band at night and folded up in a pocket in the daytime . . . They cost 35 cents.

Heat and lighting are so scarce in London that stores close at 4 p.m. . . . Self-service is a necessity in all stores because of labor scarcity . . . Cigaretts are 40 cents for 20 and customers take them loose and like it . . . One may get a suit cleaned in two weeks if he proves urgent need and shoes may be half-soled only by repair men . . . Wooden-soled shoes for women and men are appearing on the market following experiments by the Board of Trade.

Our current change from peacetime to war economy is not unlike London's two years ago . . . With four years of war behind them, Londoners are said to be telling visitors there they "are not doing 'too badly', that under rationing, price fixing and the utility goods program, all share alike and that profiteering does not exist;" that there is no variety in food but there is enough of it and there is a general belief but that for the wartime controls inflation would have long ago gotten out of hand.

After four years of war, and no polish paint or remodeling, London stores are said to be a melancholy background to the streets which are almost bare of shoppers, and which have no private cars and only a taxi now and then. Stores do no advertising and windows are boarded up for protection, with only small spaces between planks so passersby can peek in and see the goods . . . One famous perfumer is said to be selling disinfectants now . . . We, in Montgomery County, don't realize how fortunate we are.

What's happening in the county this week:

The W. S. C. S. of LaPine Methodist Church will meet Monday at the regular hour with Mrs. J. R. Helms as hostess.

Pinedale Civic Club will be entertained at a luncheon meetings Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. James Stoner with Mrs. C. O. Jones assisting hostess. Mrs. Cecil Eagerton, Jr., will direct a program on first aid.

Hunters Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The monthly meeting of Ramer W. S. C. S. will be held at the Methodist Church parlor Tuesday at the regular hour.

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

LaPine Music Study Club will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. Theo Webster, with Mrs. Esther Webster and Mrs. Velma Grissette assisting hostesses. The program will be on Russian music.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs Gene Cutts with Mrs. Donald Hall assisting hostess.

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

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

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Mamie Hall and Mrs. Leon Anderson as hostesses.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday at the regular hour at the home of Mrs. Lee Coker with Mrs. Lucien Anderson assisting hostess.

Pike Road Farm Bureau will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the school.

Hope Hull Woman's Club will hold its regular program meeting Thursday afternoon.

Dalraida Civic Club will meet Friday at the regular hour.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will hold a Valentine party Friday night at the home of Mrs. F. B. Horton.

A meeting of Pintlala 4-H Club, scheduled for Friday, has been postponed until Feb. 15.

The first of a series of mission studies sponsored by Pine Level Methodist W. S. C. S. will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Mexico and Puerto Rico will be studied.

The Montgomery County 4-H Council directors will hold a meeting Saturday, the time and place to be announced.

February 15, 1943

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Feb. 14

Plain talk to the rural people of Montgomery County: This week we are faced with more of the cold baptism of self-denial. The government has frozen the sale of canned fruits and vegetables, canned fruit and vegetable juices, soups, catsups and chili sauce in all containers larger than the eight-ounce size. No matter how much money you carry to a store, you cannot buy these things. There are many to whom it will make no difference because they filled their shelves last Summer with home canned products. But others have depended on buying such products from the stores. Now a prince is no better than a pauper. It's share and share alike for all.

On Feb. 22 and through the week until Feb. 27, you may go to any one of the registration centers in the county or city and register for your Ration Book No. 2. All this week the newspapers will run daily facsimiles of the "consumer declaration," as the registration form is called, and hundreds of these forms will be sent out through postoffices and schools. Only one person from each family need go to the registration center.

In order to get your Ration Books No. 2 as simply and quickly as possible, have the head of the house fill out a "consumer declaration" (it may be clipped from the newspaper if another form is not available), and take it with the Ration Books No. 1 for every member of the family, and go to the most convenient

registration center. These centers will be at Ramer, Pintlala, Catoma, Pine Level and Pike Road white schools, Pinedale Chapel, Curry's story at Snowdown, Mt. Carmel, Dublin and the negro schools at Waugh, Mt. Meigs, Ramer, Chappell Gray, Lillian Dabney, McLean and Tankersley. If it is more convenient to register in the city, that may be done but it will probably necessitate standing in line and take much more time than registering in the rural centers.

When Ration Book No. 2 is in your hands, then you may buy the above mentioned articles by the point system. The coupons will be labelled as worth so many points and the canned products will have a point value put on them by the government. When you make a purchase, it is simply a matter of your merchant tearing out of your Ration Book No. 2 as many points as the desired articles are valued at and taking them with your money.

England, with four years of war behind it, is using the point system in this manner and has found it expedient in giving everybody an equal opportunity to buy articles made scarce because of the heavy drain upon them to supply the army. The people there are reported to be pleased with it.

As this year advances, more and more articles will be rationed. As the war goes on, we shall be tested as never before, but because we know what is at stake I am sure we shall meet the test.

The farming season is at hand. If we make the most of all our resources and all our energy, no one in Montgomery County need suffer for food and in addition this county can contribute large volume of food for the men in service. The acres of good truck farming land that lay idle in 1942 while able-bodied people scorned work will be an everlasting disgrace. This year we are living in full war economy and the person be he white or negro, who does not use the year so as to make it yield the maximum contribution toward victory is a worse slacker than the soldier who would run from battlefield, for at least he is not faced with gunfire.

This year, winning the war will have to be put above all other considerations. If it means working in the farms from day light till dark, it must be done. If it means burning the midnight oil, that must be done. Whatever it means, the maximum effort must be contributed. The Montgomery Countian worthy the name will here and now highly resolve to give to his job the utmost he has in the way of steady and unwearied endeavor. A whole United States doing that and that alone will be the one means of winning this war in the quickest possible time. Long hours of hard work are the Alps beyond which lies victory.

What's happening in the county this week:

Westview Gardens Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. W. M. Farnell as hostess.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday with Mrs. F. H. Stephens and Mrs. E. W. Bell as hostesses and Miss Marjorie Christian as leader.

Pintlala Parent Teacher Association will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the school for a Founder's Day program. Mrs. Frank Davis will preside and the entertainment program will be by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who will present a play, "The Pioneers."

Ramer Parent Teacher Association will meet Wednesday at the regular hour and will be followed by a class in nutrition taught by Miss Sue Dawson.

Quarterly conference will be held by Ramer charge Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Pine Level Methodist Church with the W. S. C. S. serving as hostess.

A cheese-making demonstration will be given Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Dublin at the home of Mrs. W. T. M. Rushing, with Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington in charge.

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

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly extension program.

A meeting of Grady Round Table Club, postponed from last week will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee Coker with Mrs. Lucien Anderson assisting hostess.

LeGrand Civic Club will hold its monthly demonstration meeting Friday at 2:30 p.m.

A school of missions will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Ramer Methodist Church under sponsorship of the W. S. C. S. Studies will be made of South and Central American countries.

At a meeting of Ramer Dramatic Club at Montgomery County High School, plans were made for presenting a one-act play, "Thanks Awfully," and the following cast was selected: June Hancock, Mary Ola Ford, Ina Anderson, Charles Miller, Georgia Canant, Mildred Supple, Lila Hicks, Margaret Tompkins, and Ann Nabors. The proceeds will be used in buying stage furniture. Sara Frances Dubose presided. Mrs. Carl Gardner and Charles Mill led a discussion on "Dramatic Expressions."

A school of missions was held recently at Pine Level Methodist Church under sponsorship of the W. S. C. S. Mrs. B. G. Barnes opened the school with devotional service and the Rev. Griffin Lloyd, pastor, made a talk introducing the study theme, "Missions in Mexico and Puerto Rico." Mrs. Morris Wingard and W. A. Cantey discussed missions in the two respective countries. Two films, "Mexico, The Far Away Land nearby," and "Mr. Layman Takes a Vacation," were shown and the school was closed with offering and benediction.

February 22, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

BY Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Feb. 21

Registration for war ration book No. 2 is the biggest thing before the American public this week. Only by registering can one secure certain articles of food on the rationed list. It is almost inevitable that other articles will come under rationing in months to come. Whether or not you are interested in a ration book to be used largely for commercially canned fruits and vegetables at present, it is imperative that you register now or find yourself in the plight of those who failed to register for book No. 1 last year at the appointed time.

What to do to register? It is comparatively simple. First, select one member of the family to go to the registration center. Second, clip from the newspaper a "consumer declaration" or get one from the registration center, fill it out for the entire family, and take it with the sugar ration books (No. 1) for every

member of the family to the center. The staff there will do the rest, returning to you in a minimum of time all the No. 1 books you brought and a new No. 2 book to go with each one. The two big things to remember are that only one person need go from each family, and that he must take with him the No. 1 books for every member of the family.

While notices of hours the different rural registration centers will observe have not come to this column from all the centers, if you expect to register in one of the centers listed below, check the hours from this list and don't waste your time by going when the staff is not on duty.

Westview Gardens: Registration center at Patrick's store will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. till 8:30 p.m., Westview Gardens Civic Club members in charge.

Dublin: The registration center at Payne's store will be open daily from Monday through Saturday between the hours of 1:30 and 5 p.m. only, members of Dublin Civic Club in charge.

Pinedale: A center at Pinedale Chapel will be open all day Monday and Tuesday until noon, with members of Pinedale Civic Club in charge.

Sellers: Registrations will be taken at the recreation building daily, Monday through Saturday, the recreation council in charge.

Mt. Carmel: Registrations will be taken at Mt. Carmel clubhouse, Mt. Carmel Civic Club members in charge. No hours announced.

Grady: Registrations will be taken at the school building, Grady-Dublin Home Club members in charge. No hours announced.

Snowdown: Registrations will be taken at Curry's store Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., and on Thursday till noon to accommodate women sewing for the Red Cross. Snowdown Woman's Club members will be in charge.

In addition to these centers, registration may be made at Pike Road, Pine Level, Ramer, Pintlala and Catoma schools, these centers to be under supervision of the school principals. Their hours have not been announced. Also, registration may be made at the following negro schools in the county: Montgomery County Training School at Waugh, People's Village at Mt. Meigs, Battle, Chappell Gray, Lillian Dabney, McLean, Tankersley, Ramer. Where there is community, both white and negro applicants will be registered there. The main thing is to be registered for book No. 2, and whoever you are, white or colored, go to the center most convenient to you and prove your patriotism by making this registration as near 100 per cent as it is humanly possible.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. L. Cherry, with Mrs. James Grant, Mrs. J. M. Grant and Mrs. T. B. Webster, assisting hostesses.

Pinedale Civic Club will hold five group meetings Tuesday as follows: Mrs. James Stoner will be hostess to the Woodley Road group at luncheon at 1 p.m., with a program meeting following; Mrs. Horace Beard will be hostess to Crossroads Neighborhood at 3 p.m.; Mrs. G. F. Hill will be hostess to the Southside group at 3 p.m.; Mrs. W. E. Persons will be hostess to Group No. 5 at 3 p.m.; Miss Lottie McInnis will be hostess to Narrow Lane Group at 3 p.m. Answer to roll call will be "A Personality of the Hour."

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

Chesser Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. John Amason as hostess.

A leadership County home demonstration club leaders will be held at the Alabama Power company kitchen at 10 a.m.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m., at the clubroom with Mrs. W. V. Bell, Mrs. C. D. Keener and Mrs. W. T. Rushing as hostesses, and Mrs. T. V. Reynolds in charge of the devotional service.

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

The second in a series of mission classes sponsored by the W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Central and South American countries and Cuba will furnish theme for the discussions.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Thomas Jefferson fought for the tenets of free men and made personal sacrifices to attain them . . . A glance backward shows they are the same creeds for which American boys are fighting today in the convulsions of a grim and gory global war . . . On one thing the prices have not gone up and the quality is still the same . . . If you can't guess, its' War Bonds and Stamps . . . Something to remember when you are worried by rationing; whining, fault-finding and complaining will retard victory . . . Don't let your boy in the trenches have to do more than his share . . . 'Tis possible to be a good soldier here at home . . . There's no better way to be one than to refuse to see food, clothing or any other articles wasted . . . Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jones, of Snowdoun, is making an enviable record at Auburn while her brother, Lieut. William O. (Billy) Jones is making his mark in the Air Corps . . . Elizabeth was elected first vice-president of the Methodist Student Conference recently meeting in Birmingham . . . She went as representative from the Auburn Methodist group in which she is an outstanding leader, having been tapped last Sunday for Phi Tau Chi, leadership organization of the Wesley Foundation . . . Pfc. Carden W. Reynolds, of Camp Livingston, La., spent a furlough with his mother, Mrs. T. V. Reynolds, in Friendship community. On Dec. 9, 1941, President Roosevelt said: "We are now in the midst of a war, not for vengeance, not for conquest, but for a world in which this nation, and all this nation represents, will be safe for our children" . . . Farm boys like Carden Reynolds used to be are giving their all for such a victory . . . Word comes back of the daring exploits of William Walter Sellers in North Africa, of the efforts of hundreds of others from Montgomery County, in the Solomons, in Africa, in Australia, in other far-flung posts trying to win that victory . . . They cannot do all by themselves . . . Victory should monopolize the daily thinking of every one of us on the home front . . . We must all be soldiers in a common cause and there must be but one thought, day in and day out, in our minds . . . That thought? . . . Victory!

March 1, 1943

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Feb. 28

With the purchase recently of a sofa to add to the stage furnishings at Montgomery County High School, Ramer Dramatic Club completed a project begun last year to equip the stage with a living room suite. Funds for the purchase were raised by giving a play. The club, whose president is Sara Frances Dubose, has 30 members and is one of the most active organizations at the County High School.

Under the leadership of Miss Dubose and Margaret Grant, program director, the Dramatic Club is carrying on six projects this year in addition to the major project of buying living room furniture for the stage. First, lighting equipment is being bought for the stage and is rented to groups needing it. Comfort kits for men in service is a second project. At the Christmas season, the club sponsored art appreciation studies of the Madonna and it sponsored the school's Christmas play. It is buying stage furnishings and finally the members, under direction of their president, recently presented a one-act play, "Thanks Awfully," before the school.

Programs at the semi-monthly meetings include timely topics such as "The Picture of the Month," discussions of the effects of the war on actors and plays, emotions in acting, actor's ABC's etc. This group forms a nucleus from which the school draws characters for its dramatic offerings and its work is of such high caliber as to draw the praise of faculty members.

The armed forces reached out recently to take another member of Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America, when Sam Wingard, senior class member of Montgomery County High School, was inducted into the army and sent to Fort McClellan. At a meeting last week, the chapter elected Herky Mosely second vice-president to take the place of Sam. Plans were also made at this meeting to hold initiation soon for advanced members of the nationwide public speaking contest, will be entered in a district contest in completion with other local school winners. Vernon Walton was appointed to make plans for having Lee Roy McLeod's name engraved on the chapter loving cup in accordance with the custom of having each annual winner's name placed on it.

Ramer schools observed "Brotherhood Week" last week, each grade and each home room having appropriate study and discussion of current problems and the need for brotherhood. Friday's assembly program consisted of contributions from all departments of the school, climaxing the week's observance.

What's happening in the county this week:

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

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. J. K. McClurkin as hostess.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. A. R. Garrett and Mrs. Elma V. Murray as hostesses.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will observe the annual week of prayer for home missions with an all-day meeting at the church Wednesday.

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

Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Robinson as hostess.

Pintlala 4-H Club will meet ??????

???? coating ammunition, so it is easy to see that economizing on civilian use of wax can be of great aid to the war effort.

M. C., of Pine Level: This week is called the "Week of Dedication" because it was response to a deep need for the message and ministry of the church in a tragic hour. Methodist Churches everywhere will be having daily services dedicated to worship and prayer.

B. C., of Smilietown: The Rev. Griffin E. Lloyd, pastor of Ramer-Pine Level charge, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Chandler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. Before attending Emory, he was graduated from the University of Alabama with A. B. degree and did special study at the Biblical Seminary in New York City. Before coming to Ramer, he was director of the Wesley Foundation at Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Dublin Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the church.

The annual junior class play, "Mama's Baby Boy," will be presented Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Montgomery County High School at Ramer. Admission, 20 and 30 cents.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will sponsor a school of missions Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Answers to questions: C. F., of Dublin: The real reason for the government prohibiting machine sliced bread is to save wax for coating ammunition, packaging Ration D, a concentrated food for men in service, and gas-proofing military shoes and leather equipment. It takes 13 pounds of wax to coat 21 pounds of paper used to wrap sliced bread, which requires two wrappers. Ten pounds of wax will coat the paper needed for the same amount of bread unsliced, which needs only one wrapper. Three pounds of wax saved on every 21 pounds of bread used runs into huge numbers when one considers the amount of baker's bread used by the 33,000,000 housewives of America. The government uses 50 tons of wax per month for gas-proofing shoes and leather equipment, 224 tons for packaging Ration d, and 822 tons for?????

March 13, 1943

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Mar. 14

Three Montgomery County boys in the armed forces were recently notified of promotions in rank. Second Lieut. J. Pascal Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hicks, of Dublin, now at Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, Myrtle Beach, S. C., was promoted to first lieutenant. Capt. Charles Edward Sellers, son of Mrs. J. @. Sellers, of Ramer, now in charge of a negro division at Camp Vandorn, Miss., was promoted to major. Dr. H. G. Mosley, son of Mrs. Sallie Mosley, Pintlala community, now stationed with the U. S. Army at Camp Shelby, Miss., was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Both Lieut. Hicks and Maj. Sellers were former members of the Alabama National Guard at Ramer, the former an enlisted man and the latter a commissioned officer. Lieut. Hicks was called from his studies at Georgia Tech last Spring for army service and had his training and commission at Chanute Field, Ill. Maj.

Sellers went with the National Guard to Camp Blanding, Fla., when it was inducted into regular army service, and has since served at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Shelby, Miss., and in South Carolina, and also had part in maneuvers in Louisiana and South Carolina.

Lieut. Col. Mosley, a graduate of Emory University, Atlanta, and a practicing physician in the city for many years, is one of the group of Emory alumni now in service. Last year a complete field hospital unit, staffed by Emory alumni, was sent into duty with the army, taking hundreds of physicians, surgeons and nurses who graduated from the famous Southern educational institution.

Alton Russell, winner of the Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America public speaking contest, was recently declared winner of Montgomery-Lowndes district through failure of other entries and will therefore be a district contestant for State honors in the nationwide contest. The State winner will compete in a regional contest, and the regional winner will participate in the national contest at the annual meeting in Kansas City in October.

With cheese rationing just around the corner, Montgomery County's rural women are preparing to meet the emergency even before it arises. For several months they have been learning to make cheese at home, and many of them have cheese already ripening. Through the aid of the county home agent, Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, and her assistant, Miss Sarah Culpepper, cheeseing demonstrations have been held at points in all parts of the county, with hundreds of women making up the total attendance. Since one gallon of milk will make one pound of cheese, there is hardly a farm family that cannot spare some milk for cheese-making. Six weeks are required for the aging process, and by making cheese every week, no farm family need ever be without. The quality of the homemade cheese sampled by this correspondent does not suffer in the least with the commercially made product. Cottage cheese, made regularly by many rural residents does not suffer either in comparison with the famed cheese from the Quaker City. City women interested in making either cheese or cottage cheese may get simple directions from the county home agent's office.

Preparing also to meet another emergency, the lack of help in repairing electrical appliances, rural women of this county are getting special instructions in repairing small appliances through demonstrations at regular club meetings. Mrs. Margaret Hutto, Alabama Power Company home economist, is visiting all the meetings, showing the women how they can help themselves when minor electrical troubles occur.

Still another preparation for food rationing is the lessons rural women are getting through the Extension Service in methods of dehydrating fruits and vegetables never done in large measure because canning has been the chief method of food preservation. Possible shortages in canning supplies may enhance the value of a thorough understanding of dehydration methods.

While rural women are studying methods of keeping food rationing from hitting too close to the belt, the rural men are enlarging their herds of beef cattle to aid the food supply. Determined to contribute every possible help to the war effort. Lucien Anderson, Grady R. F. D. mail carrier, retired Nov. 1, 1942, because of physical disabilities, is adding to his present herd of Polled Herefords and devoting his time to enlarging meat production in this county.

A World War veteran of 1917-18, Mr. Anderson knows firsthand the horrors and deprivations of war. Unable to do heavy work, he can raise cattle successfully and is now adding more heifers to his herd of 35 pure-breed Polled Herefords at his home, LaRue Farm, in the Friendship community near Grady. During his service as a postal employee, his cattle were a hobby that occupied most of his off-hours. Incidentally, Mr. Anderson entered the postal service as a substitute carrier at Sellers in 1917, received appointment as regular carrier at Grady in 1918, and held this position till his retirement last November thus service the U. S. postal system from one war into another. He was a member of the executive

board of the Alabama Rural Carriers Association for several years and in 1941 was voting delegate to the national convention in Columbus, Ohio. Recently, he had published in Southern Agriculturist, an article on the value of good herd bulls in raising beef cattle, the subject matter being from his own experiences and observations.

What's happening in the county this week:

Snowdown Woman's Club will meet Monday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold Hall with Mrs. James Wilborn assisting hostess. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Olice Johnson will give demonstrations in making sugarless desserts and Miss Sarah Culpepper will talk on "Sugar in the Diet." Mrs. Margaret Hutto will demonstrate repairing small electrical appliances.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon with Miss Edna Earl Mullins, Miss Gertrude Powell and Miss Marjorie Christina as hostesses and Mrs. J. M. Curtis, leader.

Pine Level Methodist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon at the church.

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

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

Pintlala P. T. A. will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the school. Annual election of officers will be held.

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

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly leadership school.

A leadership school will be held Friday at Alabama Power Company kitchen, Montgomery, for County Home Club leaders. Beginning at 10 a.m., the school will have a morning and an afternoon session, with Miss Mamie Whisnant, Extension Service home management specialist and Miss Elta Majors, child care and family life specialist, in charge.

March 29, 1943

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Mar. 28

Nine pupils of Montgomery County High School were accepted into membership by Ramer Beta Club at special induction ceremonies before the student body Wednesday morning. Emily Cowles, president, opened the program with an outline of the purposes of Beta and welcome pupils who were to become new members. Ruth Suggs made a talk on leadership; Ina Anderson talked on scholarship, and Ernestine Tucker talked on character. These three qualifications are necessary to be eligible for Beta, a nation-wide honor society for high school.

Mrs. Arlie Mount, the club's faculty sponsor, outlined work of the club and Principal P. H. Harris, in a general talk, complimented Ramer Beta on the fine work done this year, saying the club was "one of the best since Beta was established at the school."

Following the speeches, candidates for membership were given the pledge and presented membership pins. They were: Fariior Tompkins, Margaret Tompkins, Annie Laurie Smilie, Mary Frances Ledford, Mary Peal Hall, Helen Cowles, Jo and Jerry Underwood and Luther Mills.

Under the presidency of Emily Cowles, the club has made many fine accomplishments this year. Its most recent activity was sponsorship of the Red Cross War Fund drive, in which excellent cooperation from

faculty and students was reported. Earlier in the year the club sponsored the March of Dimes for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation and netted \$42.70. Miss Cowles says, "We were proud of this and considered it a very worthwhile project." The final report from the Red Cross drive will be announced when the drive is completed this week.

Another 1943 activity of Ramer Beta was sponsorship of a basketball game between club members and faculty members.

Snowdoun Red Cross, organized two years ago by Mrs. Lee Calloway and Mrs. G. M. Stowers, has met every Thursday of each week since that time to spend the day in sewing. Members take their lunch, sew together, chat together, and spread their meal together. In a time when transportation is a major problem and visiting any distance away from home hardly possible, such a day as that spent by Snowdoun women at the Red Cross becomes a delightful social opportunity as well as an opportunity to help a world in distress. Transportation to the sewing center for those beyond walking distance, is made possible by the county board of revenue, which through its engineer, Thomas H. Edwards, permits the use of a road truck to take the members there and back.

Upwards of 3,000 garments made since the center was opened was reported recently by the chairmen. These garments included snow suits, baby shirts, rompers, children's sleepers, men's pajamas, children's and women's dresses, ladies shirts and shortwaists, men's bathrobes, hospital bed shirts, men's shirts, boys' overalls, children's slippers, and knitted sweaters, helmets, scarfs, beanies and wristlets.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: War is easier to understand when we look upon it as a sick world trying to throw off a cancerous disease . . . Cured of malignant growth, it's bound to be a better world for those who live to see it . . . Being an instrument in effecting the cure takes some of the sting out of sacrifice . . . I can manage all other deprivations of war better than giving up contacts with friends . . . A home that has been full of company for four generations degenerates into merely a house when transportation problems prevent company coming.

The custom of celebrating birthdays with family dinner parties should never die . . . A "bundle buggy," made of a splint basket on small wooden wheels, is advertised by Mobile stores for shopping purposes . . . Any school child could make one with an apple crate and two wheels sawed from a three or four-inch log . . . Pinedale Civic Club's membership keeps increasing since the club instituted monthly neighborhood meetings . . . There were 52 members at the last count . . . Ramer will have annual clean-up the last week in April . . . Ramer Civic Club is the sponsor . . . The Stafford's home in Ramer caught fire Tuesday but the damage was slight . . . The Red Cross is the only link between the folks at home and boys in foreign prison camps . . . By appeal to the Red Cross, any parent here may make contact with a son or daughter held as war prisoner . . . The service is free . . . This is a good thing to remember . . . It's also a good thing to remember when Red Cross representatives ask for contributions to their war relief fund.

Based on the highest scholarship record in junior high school, selection of Doris Menefee for valedictorian of the junior three class of 1943 is announced by Principal Jesse L. Price. Helen Aplin, with the second highest record, will be salutatorian. The following members of the class were elected to other offices: Gene Dubose, historian; Marion Dees, prophet; Richard Webster, class lawyer; Dorothy Hooks, giftorian.

The next issue of the school paper, "Pine Levelife," will be dedicated to the junior three class, the plan being to issue a paper which may be kept as a memento of the school year.

What's happening in the county this week:

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

Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. E. S. Morgan as hostess.  
Pintlala 4-H Club will meet Friday morning at the school.