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MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, ALA., September 6

That rural club women of Montgomery County intend to do their part in the government fat salvage campaign is evidenced by the following letter from the Mt. Carmel Civic Club president, Mrs. Ronald E. Sellers, to the county home agent:

"I've just received your letter containing facts about the Fat Salvage, which impressed me very much. After talking with many housewives, I'm convinced that they like myself, utilize all their fats in their kitchens. However, owing to the pressing need for fats, there is one thing we can do: we can plan to use less fats in cooking: roast or broil some of our chickens and fish, instead of frying in deep fat. The amount of lard or cooking fat that would have been used for cooking the old way can be saved. I have already tried this and also used more butter and cream in cooking.

The Mt. Carmel Club is also interested in cheese making as another war economy. Therefore, at the scheduled meeting this week, Mrs. Leon Anderson and Mrs. Mamie Hall, two of the members, will teach the club personnel how to make cheese at home.

During the Summer, reports have come from Mt. Carmel of fruits and vegetables, canned and dried for Winter use, and the club president is convinced there will be no scarcity of food among the members this Winter.

Preservation of fruits and vegetables by drying has been done on a larger scale generally than ever before in the county, it is believed, and it would be interesting to have reports of different communities as to what has been done in drying. Mrs. Clanton Copeland of Pisgah community reports a huge quantity of apples dried for Winter use in spite of the rainy weather.

Rural women are invited to send their reports on canning and drying foods to this column.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webster of LaPine are convinced that the old saying "Trouble never comes single," is true. Last week they had a message that their older son, Lamar, stationed at Camp Forest, Tenn. Was in the camp hospital with a gangrenous infection. Right on the heels of this message came another from Camp Eliot, La., that their younger son, Richard, in Louisiana on maneuvers with the Army, was in the hospital with a broken arm.

Next, true to the old saying that what happens twice is likely to happen the third time, they had a message from their brother in Jacksonville, Fla., that he had broken a leg.

By the weekend though, second messages came through from the Camp Forest surgeon that Lamar was out of danger; from the Camp Eliot surgeon that Richard's arm was knitting back so

well that when healed he'd never know two bones had been broken; and from Jacksonville that the brother, Joe Webster, was convalescing satisfactorily.

The Mamie C. Thorington scholarship loans this year were awarded by the Montgomery County Council of Home Club's scholarship committee to Mildred Brown Davis of Pike Road and Carolyn Hancock of Grady. Miss Davis is a senior at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Miss Hancock a junior at Alabama College.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pinedale Civic Club will hold its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

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

Hunter Civic Club will meet Tuesday afternoon.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday afternoon.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Lee and Mrs. M. C. Ellison as hostesses and Mrs. W. M. Mills and Mrs. J. T. Browning in charge of the program. A book narration is planned.

Hope Hull Junior Woman's Club will meet Friday afternoon. Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon.

The Bethlehem recreation council is continuing sponsorship of the community playground since WPA leaders have been withdrawn, and members announce that the residents are still participating in softball games and are planning a series of volley ball games.

Within recent weeks, the grounds have been cleaned and all playground equipment painted by council members.

Sellers recreation ground is also being maintained by volunteer leaders in cooperation with the local council, and regular programs of entertainment and recreation are provided. A feature of the past week was a lecture on his travels by Capt. Charles A. Paludan, of the merchant Marine.

The Rev. Carlton Preer, district superintendent of Troy district, announces in his fourth quarter appointments preaching services for Ramer charge on Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and for LaPine on Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

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By Mildred Smith

Ramer, ALA., Sept. 13

Uninterrupted school bus transportation for Montgomery County's rural school children is assured this year, T. L. Head, assistant superintendent in charge of this branch of school operations, things.

According to custom, the school buses were given a through overhauling during the Summer vacation and put into as good condition as possible with available materials, the work being done in the county school garage at Ramer. Departing from usual custom, bodies were not built in the school garage but bought "knocked down" the time and labor saved more than making up for the additional cost. These bodies, however, are still in storage, because it is not possible to get new chassis for them.

Faced with this situation, it was impossible to junk any of the old buses as has been done in years past. Some of them, in service as much as 10 years, had to remain in use again this year if all the children were to have a way to ride to school. The mechanics in the school garage, under supervision of E. W. Collier, head mechanic, strained their efforts to the breaking point, with the result that when school opened last Monday these old buses came rolling in with their loads of school children.

Transportation of the school children would not have been possible at the opening of school had not the local tire board given permits for the purchase of 12 new tires.

During the school year, according to Mr. Head, at least 36 more tires will need replacing to continue operation of the buses and the board feels hopeful that permits will be issued.

The draft has cut heavily into the bus operations, taking valued drivers, Mr. Head says. To meet this emergency, school boy drivers are being employed and already nine school boys are driving Cloverdale buses, with one each at Capitol Heights and Pike Road.

In the early days of school transportation, school boy bus drivers were found to be satisfactory and Mr. Head feels sure that they will meet the challenge again in satisfactory manner.

"The atmosphere of war has them in its hold," he says of the boys, "and all of them, even the little boys want to have a part in winning this war."

According to latest reports, a total of 457,800 pounds of scrap metal and 200,184 pounds of scrap rubber have been brought into the collection center at LaPine with the aid of the WPA,

whose trucks made a house to house canvass of all that section, including parts of Montgomery, Lowndes and Crenshaw Counties.

Almost as good a report comes from Mt. Meigs, serving parts of both Macon and Montgomery Counties. Latest report from Mt. Meigs, where the scrap was also collected by the WPA trucks, gives a total of 327,000 pounds of metal and 600,811 pounds of rubber.

Meanwhile, the removal of scrap from 50 collection centers scattered in the various rural neighborhoods of Montgomery County, to the city will be continued this week through the courtesy of the county board of revenue and its engineering department, of which Thomas H. Edwards is head. The gravel trucks will begin the movement of scrap from the centers to the city in whatever available time they have throughout the week.

Previously, hardware and implement dealers of Montgomery had donated trucks for hauling 60,000 pounds with WPA labor assisting in loading the metal.

The Rev. Forrest Hicks, of Howard College, will preach at Friendship Baptist Church near Grady on Sept. 20 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor of this church for nearly two years, Mr. Hicks is now a ministerial student at Howard. He announces his subject for the Friendship service as "the Name of Names."

What's happening in the county this week:

Westview Gardens Civic Club will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Montgomery, with Miss Lavada Curtis, of the Alabama Extension Service, in charge. Preservation of nuts will be the subject.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. M. B. Rushton and Mrs. J. M. Curtis as hostesses and Mrs. J. M. Grant, mission leader.

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

The Ladies Auxiliary of Providence Presbyterian Church, LeGrand, will hold an all-day meeting Tuesday at the church. Both morning and afternoon programs are planned with Mrs. Rawdon Barnes and Mrs. J. A. Brady as leaders.

Pike Road Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Ramer P.T. A. will meet Wednesday afternoon.

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. E. Chancey.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. L. A. Lee and Mrs. M. C. Ellison, the meeting having been postponed from last week.

LeGrand Community Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. M. M. Sankey, hostess, and Mrs. Agnes Frye assisting hostess.

A nutrition workshop for representatives of seven counties will be held Friday at the courthouse in Montgomery under auspices of the State Nutrition Council, with Miss Amanda Tucker, nutrition specialist, in charge. There will be both morning and after sessions, and a number of prominent guest speakers will appear on the program. The public is invited.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Billie Bell, of the U. S. Navy, attending radio training school at the University of Wisconsin, talked over long distance to his parents in Grady in a moment of enthusiasm . . . Everybody know Billie knows the delightful charm of his "enthusiasms" . . . Ginning is on full blast in Grady but farmers say the cotton was grown elsewhere . . . Peanuts, they say, are "pretty good" if the weather is right for gathering . . . The draft is letting Vincent Bell, of Ada, off this go-round so he's returning to medical college at Emory University . . . Richard Payne's (Dublin) name is missing from the list returning to college . . . He enlisted recently in the Air Corps . . . Charles Rawls (Pine Level) is another whose name is missing . . . In Washington doing defense work he has just returned after a vacation visit with his parents . . . Out of college only since June, the service has gotten Joe McClurkin, of Cecil . . . He's at Nashville now . . . Pike Road women have set a big quota of Red Cross sewing for themselves . . . Their sewing room will be open daily . . . Tuesdays and Thursdays are special days when extra large quantities are expected to be turned out . . . The Bethlehem homecoming Sunday was a great success . . . It is one of the few not cancelled this year.

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#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Sept. 20

Born in the days when it was fashionable to have large families, "Aunt Sally" Webster, of LaPine, was the youngest of 12 children of Pleasant and Amanda Warner, pioneer settlers who came from Columbus, Ga., to Pleasant Ridge near the Montgomery-Crenshaw County line.

Now approaching her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and the only survivor of that large family, Aunt Sally has seen her country at war four times. She will be 82 on Oct. 3.

Perhaps she, better than most people, knows the value of Victory Gardens. At any rate, Aunt Sally, in spite of her 82 years, counts her vegetable garden a major hobby, along with her flowers and magazines and collection of greeting cards from her friends.

Though only three years old at the time, her memory is vivid of the march of the Yankees through Alabama. Her mother, she says, was forced to cook supper for six soldiers while they ransacked the plantation and took, among other things, all the family stock. The meat, being hidden in the loft, was not found, but one of the slaves, Buck, was frightened into telling where the animals were tied.

Perhaps, though, her most vivid recollection is of the Yankee soldier who took her on his knee after supper, showed her his pistol and asked if she would like to have it. Too frightened to answer, she could only look at her mother in helpless appeal.

“Two of my uncles had their experiences with the Yanks, too,” she recalls. “They were both Masons, and one of them, Uncle Jasper Logue, hung his compass outside so his house and stock were passed by unharmed. But the other one, Uncle Wash, failed to place his compass in full view and his farm was ransacked and everything in the way of food was destroyed.”

Women and girls knitting for war relief today had a precedent in the War Between the States and other intervening wars. Aunt Sally remembers wearing home spun dresses and home made shoes, and knitting after the day’s work was done. She reminisces of the mounting blocks from which the young ladies of her day mounted their horses to ride to camp meetings, parties and dances.

Aunt Sally’s 11 brothers and sisters were named mostly from the Bible, according to the custom of her day. They were: Jeremiah, Matthew, Benjamin S., Hiram Pleasant, John Spence, William Jasper, Eliza Jane, Susan Amanda, Harriet Ann, Mary and Asenath.

Though the little Sally Wise Warner grew up to be a belle of the community, her father saw to it that her Business education was not neglected. She had cotton patches worked by the slaves, and she in turn paid her father for the slave labor by making dresses for the women. One of her sons is now the owner of an heirloom highboy bought with the proceeds of some of her cotton.

At the age of 18, she married Theophilus B. Webster, merchant-farmer of LaPine, who lived eight miles from her father’s farm. During their courtship, she says, because there were no U. S. mail facilities, they wrote letters regularly, and sent them by hand through passing friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster had four children, W. T. Webster, of LaPine, known affectionately to hundreds in the LaPine section as “Mr. Theo,” former president of the First National Bank of LaPine; Mrs. Velma Grissette, of LaPine; John W. Webster, of Birmingham, and Dr. C. B. Webster, of Montgomery. The youngest child was only three years old when Mr. Webster died of typhoid fever, so Mrs. Webster had the rearing of her family on her own shoulders.

Besides her children, she has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A staunch member of the Methodist Church all her life, Mrs. Webster remembers riding horseback from her home on Pleasant Ridge to Rocky Mount, four miles away, to worship during her girlhood. She has taken an active part also in LaPine Music Club for many years.

Betty Baggett, of Stones, Montgomery County 4-H health champion, was a blue ribbon winner in the statewide health contest sponsored annually by the Extension Service to determine the healthiest 4-H club boy and girl in the state. State winners were Paul Morton Hodgens, DeKalb County, and Joyce Compton, Marengo County.

What's happening in the county this week:

A leadership school arranged by Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, county home agent, for negro home club leaders of Montgomery County will be held Monday morning at the Alabama Power Company kitchen. Mrs. Margaret Hutto, Power Company home economist, assisted by Mrs. Thorington and Miss Sarah Culpepper, assistant agent, will give demonstrations in the use of enriched and whole wheat flours. Annie Mae Boynton, negro home agent, will accompany the club women.

Pike Road Red Cross sewing center will be open every day during the week for sewing for war relief.

The Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. U. Turnipseed with Mrs. Arlie Mount, Miss Sue Dawson and Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed assisting hostesses. As this is the first meeting of the Fall season, the hostesses are urging 100 per cent attendance. Recreation will be the theme of roll call.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. C. E. Walls, Mrs. Norma Spivey and Mrs. H. G. Arrighi as hostesses. Mrs. Mamie Thorington will direct the program, which will have "Family Relations" for the theme. Members are asked to answer roll call with facts about South America and her people.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will hold its monthly spiritual life meeting on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Chesser Community Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., with the home agents in charge of the program.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. P. Curry as hostess. Mrs. Donald Hall will direct a "Reader's Digest" program. Current events will be answers to roll call.

Ramer Red Cross will sew for war relief Thursday from 2:30 p.m. at the vocational building on the high school campus. A full attendance is urged. Mrs. J. W. Sellers, chairman, states that those unable to do machine sewing may work on quilts and other hand sewing.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Ray Ellison and Mrs. Fitzgerald at hostesses. Roll call will be answered with hints on Fall gardening.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday afternoon for the monthly extension program.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mrs. W. Guy of Letohatchie, R. F. D. prominent club woman of Mt. Carmel community says it is not too early to bake fruit cakes to send boys in the service . . . "Of course there are some ingredients you can't get," she says, "but you can substitute preserves from your pantry shelves. Some of the boys may soon be sent to foreign service and cannot get the holiday goodies so I say send them now . . . Leonard Herrington, Jr. of Ramer, having just finished a course in airplane mechanics at the University of Alabama, is impatiently awaiting his call to the Glen Martin airplane factory in Baltimore, to start doing his part in this war . . . Leonard was a graduate of Montgomery County High School in June . . . Three "Little" soldiers, brothers of Mrs. Herrington, Leonard's mother were her visitors last week while on furlough . . .

September 28, 1942

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

All out for victory in rural Montgomery County this week, the 4-H Victori-aides are mapping plans for Fall and Winter work; the sixth grade of Ramer elementary school announces organization of a Victory Club; Grady-Dublin Home Club is making plans for an organized collection of fats for defense; the home demonstration clubs are being shown slides on victory gardening in Fall and Winter; and the movement of heavy scrap metal from rural homes to the city scrap yards will begin Monday morning.

Twenty-seven Montgomery County 4-H Club girls are serving their club, community and country by acting as Victori-aides. Because of the tire shortage, they took over practically all club work during vacation months and are now mapping plans for a vital part in defense work in Fall and Winter.

The Victori-aides visited each girl in their neighborhood, checked her projects in gardens, chicken, glowers and canning. Small canning demonstrations were held in the homes with excellent results reported. They helped the older people in the collection of scrap. They sponsored recreational activities, planning card parties, hay rides, informal dances.

Each girl feels she made a worthwhile contribution to her community as a Victori-aide during the Summer.

These Victori-aides are: Jane Claire Windham, Mary Pearl Hall, Stella Mae Chesnutt, Pintlala 4-H Club; Laura Frances Sullivan, Mary Ann Dees, Frances Sanders, Pike Road Junior Club; Emily Turnipseed, Pike Road Senior Club; Betty Baggett, Doris Joiner, Ann Padgett, Catoma Club; Louise Stephens, Millicent Scrushy, Lucile Rials, Ramer High School Club; Frances Austin, Carolyn Reynolds, Faye Norman, Eloise Pouncey, Ruby Andrews, Ramer Grammar School Club.

Eddie Ruth Head, Mildred Lewis, Betty Brown, Cloverdale Grammar School Club; Sara Charles McNair, Mary Ann Shine, Dorothy Jo Ingle, Chisholm Club; Anna Laurie Smilie, Margaret Tompkins, Mary Alice Bruce, Pine Level Club.

The sixth grade of Ramer School, reporting organization of a Victory Club for the purpose of boosting sales of defense stamps in the school, announces election of the following officers: Ernest Teague, president; Fred Davis, vice-president; Mary Ann Langley, secretary; Georgia Lee Holmes, treasurer. The club has reporters from each grade, and they are: Patsy Trotter and Gary Dean, first grade; Roy Smith and Helen Moore, second grade; Billy McDowell and Betty Neugent, third grade; Gilbert Sellers and Ciddie Underwood, fourth grade; Claude Collier and Frances Austin, fifth grade; Ina Ruth Stephens and Tom Alford, sixth grade.

During the first three weeks of school, the club sold \$37.50 worth of defense stamps, with the first grade in the lead in purchases.

Garden slides being shown by Miss Sarah Culpepper, assistant county home agent, at the regular meetings of home demonstration clubs, are giving the club women valuable information on selection of Winter garden spots, preparation of soil and planting, cultivation and harvesting, and methods of storing in trenches and banks.

Of Particular interest is the story Mrs. C. O. Rawls, of Pine Level, tells of her turnip patch. Planted during the early part of August between the sugar cane rows, the turnips grew into the finest she had ever grown. She is now spreading health and good cheer to both white and negro neighbors with her turnips, for all are welcome to visit the patch. Also, this turnip patch furnishes an example of one of the main principles of Fall planting, that the plants must be shaded from the September sun.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dalraida Civic Club will meet Monday afternoon.

Pike Road Red Cross sewing center will be open every day.

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

Catoma Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon

Ramer Red Cross will sew Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the county high school vocational building.

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

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

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Residents of Ramer were saddened by the death in Mobile of a former resident, Mrs. Annie Young Gilder . . . Her sister, Mrs. C. E. Rushing, of Ramer school faculty, and Mr. Rushing, and a brother, Henry Young, Montgomery, joined another sister, Mrs. Carl Moore of Birmingham, and a niece, Miss Mary O'Dea Moore, of Nashville, in Mobile Monday for the funeral . . . The oldest piece of heavy scrap reported so far is a Brush automobile belonging to Rufus Fannin of Dublin . . . It was in use during the first World War. . . Mr. Fannin also turned in a wagon tire press, the only one this correspondent ever saw . . . It formerly belonged to his father, the late J. D. Fannin . . . Herman Smith of Ramer has a garden full of Fall squash and okra. . . . Fred Duggar 3<sup>rd</sup>, of Hope Hull and Auburn, went to Atlanta Saturday for the Auburn-Tech game . . . Montgomery County people are all smiles to have their boys in the 31<sup>st</sup> Division so near home . . . Camp Shelby, Miss., seems very close in comparison with Camp Bowie, Texas . . . Mrs. G. L. Cherry, of Ramer, was at the Star-Bond luncheon in Montgomery Thursday.

October 5, 1942

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct. 4

Pine Level school, which attracted statewide attention last year by its spectacular program of progressive education under principalship of Prof. Virgil McCain, is continuing this year under guidance of the new principal, Prof. Jesse L. Price.

A popular course introduced this year is "Practical Arts and Science," with eighth and ninth grade boys enrolled. The building used for a cannery in Summer has been converted into a

Wintertime workshop. At present the boys are engaged in building filing cases for the library, and to date have completed filing about 1,500 pamphlets on various subjects such as food, agriculture, health, diseases, etc.

Boys Refinishing Classroom – The boys are also refinishing the first grade classroom furniture, and so far 15 chairs have been painted.

Included in the new “Practical Arts and Sciences” is a poultry project. Already one chicken yard has been sown in oats, an electric incubator purchased last year has been set, and the class hopes to furnish Pine Level community with some purebred chickens.

A rooting project is among the projected school goals and the boys have built a slat house 6X24 feet for the science class to initiate the rooting of shrubs and flowers, to be used in beautifying the school campus and homes of class members.

Beauty Parlor Opens – The school beauty parlor opened last week with the following girls working during the recreation period: Ruth Broadway, Dorothy Hooks, Mattie Ruth Lindsey, Mary Lois Campbell and Beatrice Eagerton.

The science class has ordered chemicals for making cosmetics, and manicures and shampoos are being given in the beauty parlor by the trainees for three cents and five cents, respectively. Mixing their own cosmetics is expected to make considerable saving over buying them ready prepared as has been the custom.

The last period in the afternoon, 45 minutes in length, is devoted to recreation at Pine Level school. Every student in junior high school is engaged in some kind of recreation, the outdoor program being supervised by Prof. Price and Mrs. Susie Wingard. Softball is a favorite outdoor recreation at this time. Beauty parlor work and banking are classed as indoor recreation, and the children are as enthusiastic in them as in conventional types of diversion. Other forms of recreation will be organized as soon as the pupils show a need for them. Every Friday is set aside for clubs and school assembly.

The Pine Level Parent Teacher Association is also planning a full year of activities. A meeting has been called for Monday night by the president, Mrs. Ernest Tompkins, and at this time Organization of committees will be completed for the year and plans will be set up for a Halloween carnival to be held at the school.

Pine Level's ninth grade has chosen Dorothy Hooks president for the ensuing year and other officers as follows: Richard Webster, vice-president; Jerriel Snowden, secretary-treasurer.

Pine Level Parent Teacher Association will meet at the school Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Pike Road sewing center will be open daily during this week.

Ramer Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. at the church parlor with Mrs. N.

Trotter and Mrs. Bascom Trotter as hostesses and Mrs. Arlie Mount, leader. Mrs. S. U. Turnipseed will preside and the spiritual life committee will conduct a special program in observance of the annual week of prayer. There will also be special prayer for the young men whose names are on the service roll of Ramer Methodist Church.

Pike Road 4-H Clubs will hold reorganization meetings Tuesday morning at the school.

Pike Road Woman's Club, advancing its regular meeting to this week, will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the club room with Mrs. J. K. McClurkin, Mrs. H. B. Fannin and Mrs. James Kirksey as hostesses. Members are urged to take note of the change in date.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

A meeting of the county war work chairmen and co-chairmen is called for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Montgomery by Lem A. Edmonson, farm agent, and Mamie C. Thornton, home agent. Purpose of the meeting is to plan another salvage drive.

A class in the Red Cross nutrition course will be organized at Ramer Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the high school vocational building with Miss Sue Dawson as teacher.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Willie Neal, Mrs. Jeff Hall and Mrs. Corinne Scaife as hostesses.

The Woman's Club of Hope Hull will resume activities after the Summer vacation with a program meeting Thursday at the clubhouse. In future, the second meeting of each month will be devoted to Red Cross sewing.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. H. H. Hassey as hostess and Mrs. C. D. Keener directing a Halloween program.

Ramer Red Cross will sew on Thursday afternoon for war relief.

Dalraida Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon.

October 12, 1942

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct. 11

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Felton of Ramer, observing their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last Monday, wrote this column: "We thought you might like to mention it

as living together 60 years is a little unusual." . . . Pvt. Sidney Fail has cabled from New Guinea to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Early L. Fail of Honoraville, R. F. D. that he is well and receiving their letters regularly . . . Dr. B. F. Anderson of Sellers is the only physician on the highway from Montgomery to Luverne . . . These times require the best in us . . . Whatever your problem, if it is suitably analyzed and appropriately attacked, it cannot defy solution . . . Mrs. E. P. Young of Stones community has a success story in raising edible soy beans . . . Maturing later than butterbeans and snap beans, neither insects nor rain hurt them . . . shelled and cooked like butterbeans, and served to husband and sons they didn't know the difference . . . Her next experiment will be in soy bean meal . . . Mention of Miss Lucy Jordan's refrigerator ice cream in this column has brought her a flood of requests for the recipe . . . Obliging, she answered all who sent stamped envelopes . . . Mrs. C. O. Rawls, whose roast turkey was also mentioned, likewise had requests for "how to do it" . . . County Farm Agent Lem Edmonson warns farmers it is high time oats were being planted . . . The little boys in Dublin organized a Junior Commando Club . . . Finding they all wanted to be officers, they had to invite little girls to be members so there would be some "privates" . . .

Officers of LaPine Music Study Club this year are: Miss Lucy Jordan, president; Mrs. J. W. Derden, first vice-president; Mrs. Leon Champion, second ice-president; Mrs. J. C. Landers, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Frank A. Boswell, treasurer.

Officers of Pike Road Club recently elected are: Mrs. Varney Gerald, president; Mrs. H. B. Fannin, vice-president; Mrs. L. W. Carter, secretary; Mrs. J. S. Davis, treasurer.

Officers of the Ramer Elementary Victory Club are: Ernest Teague, president; Fred Davis, vice-president; Mary Ann Langley, secretary; Georgia Lee Holmes, treasurer.

Ramer's Red Cross class in nutrition will meet again on Oct. 21, immediately following the business session of the P.T. A. Miss Sue Dawson is teacher. Women of the community are urged to attend.

Meanwhile the Red Cross sewing unit will continue to sew every Thursday afternoon Pike Road's Red Cross sews daily and everybody in the community is invited to take part.

What's happening in the county this week.

Catoma P. T. A. will hold its monthly meeting Monday night, the business session to follow an open house observance with each teacher receiving in her class room.

Chisholm 4-H club will hold a reorganization meeting Tuesday.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. F. Brooks. Mrs. James Stoner, program director, will review the book, "So You're Publicity Chairman," by Frances

Fiske. Continuing a series of studies of South America, members will answer roll call with facts about the climate and customs.

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

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. R. R. Underwood and Mrs. Macon as hostesses and Mrs. J. H. Milligan, leader.

Pike Road community will organize a course in home nursing under auspices of the Red Cross Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the club room in Pike Road school, with Mrs. Henry Nation as teacher.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. C. O. Jones as hostess. Answer to roll call will be "My Hobby." The monthly demonstration lesson will be given by Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington and Miss Sarah Culpepper.

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

The Consolidated Youth Club will meet Wednesday night at Hope Hull.

Hunters Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. R. Felts, the meeting having been postponed from the regular date.

Fairview W. S. C. S. will hold an all-day meeting Wednesday at Catoma school in observance of annual "Week of Prayer," with Mrs. J. H. Kirk as leader. Lunch will be served at the cafeteria.

LaPine Music Club will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Farley Spear with Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. J. C. Landers, Jr., Miss Ann Barr and Miss Lucy Jordan assisting hostesses. Mrs. Spear will direct a program on "Birds and Music."

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

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. T. Dees.

LeGrand Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. A. Brady with Mrs. H. B. Larkin assisting hostess.

October 19, 1942

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct. 18

The Montgomery County Council of Home Clubs will join other county councils of home clubs in making Oct. 31 a Statewide observance of "Achievement Day." Montgomery County's meeting will be held at Oak Park, with the other 16 clubs of the council attending. Mrs. C. O. Rawls, council chairman, will preside and make the president's address. Other council officers and chairmen reporting are: Mrs. W. G. Sellers, secretary; Mrs. Owen Green, treasurer; Mrs. E. P. Young, and Mrs. Jesse Reynolds, vice-presidents; Mrs. James McInnis, parliamentarian.

Committee chairmen will report as follows: Mrs. George Marsh, live-at-home program; Mrs. Lewis Felder, community activities; Mrs. C. O. Jones, social and economic problems; Mrs. H. W. Bell, Farm Bureau; Mrs. R. E. Chancey, reaching more rural women.

The 17 member clubs of the council and their presidents are: Pike Road Civic Club, Mrs. Varney E. Gerald; Pinedale Civic Club, Mrs. Charles N. Putnam; Smilietown Community Club, Mrs. C. O. Rawls; Dublin Civic Club, Mrs. Rufus W. Fannin; Grady-Dublin Home Club, Mrs. Lucien Anderson; Ramer Civic Club, Mrs. W. G. Sellers; Mt. Carmel Civic Club, Mrs. Ronald Sellers; Pintlala Civic Club, Mrs. W. S. Newell; LeGrand Civic Club, Mrs. Frank Dean; Chesser Community Club, Mrs. Ethel Paulk; Snowdoun Woman's Club, Mrs. C. O. Jones; Catoma Civic Club, Mrs. V. C. Elgin; Stones Civic Club, Mrs. J. O. Grant; Dalraida Civic Club, Mrs. W. A. Sexton; Hope Hull Woman's Club, Mrs. Vernon Ford, president; Hunters Civic Club, Mrs. Gordon Harris; and Westview Gardens Civic Club, Mrs. C. F. Poole.

The Montgomery County Council of Home Clubs and of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Farm Bureau and State Council of Home Demonstration Women, meeting simultaneously in Birmingham Nov. 3-5. Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington and Miss Sarah Culpepper, home agent and assistant home agent, respectively; Mrs. C. O. Rawls of Pine Level, council president; Mrs. E. P. Young of Stones and Mrs. Gordon P. Harris of Hunters will be among those attending the State Council meeting. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Harris, winners in the two divisions of the Montgomery County clothing contest, will vie for State honors in the State-contest featuring the Alabama meeting.

C. W. Rittenour, chairman of the livestock division, and E. W. Norris, chairman of the poultry division of the State Farm Bureau; County Farm Agent Lem A. Edmonson and Asst. Agent Robert Kimbrough, are among those who will represent the Farm Bureau. A good representation for the rural communities is also expected.

Taking advantage of October's bright, blue weather, the primary grades of Pine Level School, taught by Mrs. Sanderson Benbow, are dramatizing stories from their readers outdoors, and inviting other elementary school groups to be audience. Two dramatizations recently were: "The Rabbit Who Wanted Wings" and "Little Bear in the Woods."

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mrs. F. H. Ferguson, of Hope Hull, wants a name for the new fowl raised in her chicken yards . . . Its father was a rooster, its mother, a guinea . . . It calls like a chicken, has feet and head like a guinea and insists on following the guinea fashion of roosting in trees . . . A very pretty bird, Mrs. Ferguson says . . . F. P. Hicks, of Dublin, kept his scrap iron when other people were selling it to dealers years ago for shipment to the Japs . . . Now he reports the sale of approximately six tons, all for the good old U. S. A. . . . The 67 collection centers in rural Montgomery County yielded 407,300 pounds of scrap Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mail addressed to Dublin comes through on time though there has never been a postoffice named "Dublin" . . . Residents there are supposed to get their mail on R. F. D. 1, Ramer . . . Miss Sue Jones, past president of the County Council of Home Clubs, was seen Tuesday in a local beauty parlor after long months of illness . . . Rural residents are advised to have their heavy scrap metal ready for immediate collection . . . Dealers have been delayed in calling for it because of inability to get oxygen for blow torches used in breaking it up to handling size.

It's better to be "inefficient" free people than efficient slaves . . . That's one of the reasons we need to buy war bonds . . . The government could grab the money from our pockets and take the pockets, too, if we lived in "efficient" Germany . . . Sophie Jordan Laney, formerly of Highland Home, is being kidded by city friends for believing it when told Winter turnip seed are square.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pike Road P. T. A. will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at the school, the general meeting to be preceded by an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Westview Gardens Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Pike Road home nursing class will meet Tuesday at the clubroom.

Pintlala P. T. A. will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the school.

Ramer P. T. A. will hold a business meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the vocational building, after which members will attend the Red Cross nutrition class, taught by Miss Sue Dawson. All residents in walking distance are urged to attend.

Cloverdale 4-H Club will hold an organization meeting at the school Wednesday.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. D. Keener, Mrs. H. H. Hassey and Mrs. W. J. Dendy as hostesses. Roll call will be answered with plans for next year's flower growing.

Hope Hull Woman's Club will sew Thursday for the Red Cross in lieu of a program meeting.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. C. H. Warner as hostess. The meeting will be featured by an auction sale.

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By Mildred Smith

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In one of the English classes at Montgomery County High School, members are preparing a news letter to be sent a high school student in Brazil in answer to a letter received from him by Mary Frances Ledford, a pupil of the county high school.

Their Brazilian correspondent is studying the English language. In his letter he said Brazilians like the language of our people, adding: "There is in my town a truthful enthusiasm and dedication about the study of the English language, about which we have received some news from one of our friends of America, and to whom we have sent our information." He put quite a bit of emphasis on "fraternity sentiment" and repeated these words more than once, according to Miss Ledford. He stated that his English teacher, Miss Edith Foster, from whom he received Miss Ledford's address, was the finest representative of this new and spiritual fraternity in this country.

Miss Ledford says it was easy to tell from his letter that he was not very familiar with the English language. The letter, mailed May 21, had been opened and examined but nothing had been censored from it.

With the help of their English instructor, Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed, Miss Ledford and her classmates have divided into groups to gather the information the young Brazilian student requested and also to write a news letter about their school, which they believe would be interesting to the young man.

The class hopes to receive an answer from Brazil when their communication has reached their correspondent in that country, but thinks it will probably be a long time before the transfer of letters can be carried through.

While Mary Frances Ledford and her classmates are interesting themselves in international relations through correspondence with other high school pupils, the third and fourth grades of Pine Level school are putting forth effort to do their part in helping defeat the Japs. Many of

these boys and girls have brothers or other relatives in the service, a fact that gives additional incentive to take part in the "all out for victory" program. Some of the things that have kept them busy the past few weeks are, collecting scrap metal, electric light bulbs and rubber; preparing tin cans for salvage, and studying war news that they may keep informed.

Incidentally, a large part of the rubber scrap collection is toys donated by these young people. According to their teacher, Miss Ruby Smilie, these youngsters not only enjoy this activity program but they are diligent readers of the war news in their own little weekly paper, "My Weekly Reader."

A group of girls recently organized at Pintlala School, known as the Girls' Activity Club, has a twofold purpose, one practical, one cultural. On the practical side, the members will study the art of sewing and plan to learn embroidery, crochet, knitting and the basic elements of sewing.

On the cultural side they plan to study how to make good talks before real audiences, to develop poise, good posture, a pleasing manner and the ability to be at ease on their feet. They have asked to be permitted to give a program at the P. T. A. once a month. Other projects will be planned.

The Activity Club has the following officers: Addie Boyd, president; June Davis, vice-president; Mary Kate Stubbs, secretary; Doris Talley, treasurer; Lottie Mae Chestnutt, reporter; Jane Claire Windham, program chairman.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dalraida Civic club will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

The W. S. C. S. of LaPine Methodist Church will observe annual week of prayer with a retreat program Monday at 2 p.m. at the church. The public is invited.

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. with Mrs. J. W. Sellers, Mrs. J. C. Sellers and Mrs. W. E. Armistead as hostesses. Roll call will be "My Favorite Hobby." Club leaders will be in charge of the program, Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Cecil Eagerton, Miss Elizabeth Jones and Mrs. H. B. Bailey as hostesses. Roll call will continue a series of South American studies, and will deal specifically with governments of countries of the continent. Club leaders will give the monthly extension program.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will hold a spend-the-day quilting party at Grady School Building Wednesday.

Chesser Community Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday with Mrs. Orlis Johnson as hostess and Mrs. J. P. Curry, program director. Roll call will be answered with current events. The monthly

“Reader’s Digest” study will feature the program.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: When all of us back home have made up our minds to play the game unselfishly and do our part willingly and anxiously, then we, too, have joined the Army . . . Having made this decision, it will be easier to part with that extra spare tire the government is demanding by Nov. 9 . . . Giving up that tire will be too much like having a tooth pulled . . . If tempted to hide those extra tires back in an out of the way place, don’t only think of our own government’s penalty . . . Think once again of our ruthless enemies and their extravagant belief that they not only should but will rule the world . . . That extra tire isn’t what we need . . . Instead, it is the sort of morale that would be found on an All-American football team . . . The sort of morale displayed by your boy and yours and yours walking into the jaws of the cannon’s mouth on some far flung battle front . . . Better hurry and get your ties down to the maximum of five before the deadline catches up with you . . .

It’s new faces for old at Ramer postoffice . . . Russell F. Cowles, newly appointed postmaster, has succeeded Mrs. W. G. Sellers, acting postmaster since the death last January of M. B. Rushton, who held the office 35 consecutive years . . . October’s bright blue weather has seemed a little brighter than usual . . . Wild flowers are the prettiest this year in the memory of many old timers . . . ‘Twill be sad to see both weather and flowers give way to Winter.