JOHNSTON COUNTY

SHORT JOURNEY

BY DOROTHY E. SMITH

Since Handicraft is a very important factor in the elementary school, Miss Smith has chosen it as her yearly activity. One hour each day from 2:30-3:30 has been set aside as activity period. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the primary grades are held and Tuesdays and Thursdays the grammar grades.

During the year the classes have made baskets from reed and raffia, waste paper baskets from cardboard, finger painting, clay modeling, soap carving, weaving and stuffed animals.

The purpose of this activity is to provide opportunities for the development of simple tool skills and mechanical abilities useful in the home, school and a vocational life of the pupil.

The Southerneers of Raleigh presented an evening of Gospel hymns March 13. The program was sponsored by the Sanders Grove Church.

The Fourth Grade Class raised during the Class Rally Drive with the help of parents and friends a total amount of $41.26. The highest amount raised in the class was contributed by Doris Walker, at the rate of $1.25.

The following attended the County Council of the Negro Home Demonstration Club from our Community: Mary McLean, Mrs. Allie Barbour, Mrs. Lena Atkinson, Mrs. Kate Lyles, Mrs. Mable McClemit, Mrs. Julia Lassiter, Mrs. Frances Leach, Mrs. Eula McLean, Mrs. Queen Elliott.

ANNA JARVIS HOUSES PLANNED AS HAVEN FOR NEGRO MOTHERS

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — It has been announced that details in the purchase of two houses that belonged to the late Miss Anna May Jarvis, founder of Mother's day, have cleared up last Saturday. The houses are to be converted into one single home for worthy Negro mothers.

The real estate agent who handled the transaction said the two houses had been placed in the charge of Rev. Aloysius Mickels, head of the Anna May Jarvis Foundation. Mickels it was disclosed, is a resident of a town in the south and has not arrived in the city.

The building will house about 50 mothers when completed.

SELMA HAPPENINGS

RICHARD B. HARRISON FACULTY HONORED

The Richard B. Harrison School PTA gave a banquet in the honor of the school faculty in the school library Tuesday night, March 15.

The menu was composed of chicken salad, potato chips, deviled eggs, cheese, crackers, punch, ice cream and cookies, served in the banquet style.

Party plants decorated the tables. Mrs. E. C. Gardner was toastmistress. Solos were sung by Mrs. M. H. Douglas, Mrs. M. B. Reid and Mrs. F. B. Holt. Remarks were made by Mr. I. E. Coley, Mr. Edward Reid and Mr. Charles Sands.

PTA members who had charge of the affair were: Mrs. Mary Blake, chairman, Mrs. Annie C. Owens, Mrs. Maggie Crawford, Miss Mervin Crawford and Mrs. Martha Reid.

SHOWER GIVEN NEWLY WEDS

The Baptist Junior Missionary Circle gave a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Mildred B. Sanders and Mrs. Catherine L. Mitchener at the home of Mrs. Cary Everett in Watson Street, Monday, March 14.

Ivy and freshly cut flowers were arranged in the house.

Corsages were presented to the brides who received a number of gifts.

Members of the club and guests present were: Misses Alice McMillan, Barbara Kelly, Brunette Everette, Lottie O'Neil, Rebecca Mitchell, Evelyn Reid, Marilyn Crawford, Edith Reid, Mesdames Marie Cannaffeler, Jessie Miles, J. W. Reid, Mildred Saunders, Catherine Mitchener and Cary Everett.

BUS DRIVERS ARE HOSTS AT PARTY

By GENEVA WILLIAMS

The members of the Bus Drivers' Club of Johnston County sponsored a party Friday, March 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the Four Oaks Elementary School. Guests were invited by the members of the club.

A well prepared menu consisting of chicken salad, ham, and banana sandwiches, punch, ice cream and mixed cookies was enjoyed by the group along with good music.

A special feature of the party was a short speech by Robert L. Holt, principal.

His speech was very encouraging to the drivers because he emphasized the fact that "bus drivers as a whole receive little appreciation for their essential service that is being rendered."

Put we feel that such inspiring remarks will aid us to increase our driving skill greatly.

A few words of appreciation was also given by the president, Forrest Smith.

Commercial hatcheries in North Carolina produced nearly four million chicks during January—more than twice the number produced during the same month last year.

Color For Your Walls

Scores of the most stylish colors in modern decorating are now available in easy-to-use resin and oil wall paint, thanks to the recent advent of eight new deep colors. The new colors, called Kem-Tone Vogue Deep Colors, are designed to be used full strength or for the tinting of the present Kem-Tone line. They can be applied right over wallpaper, too.

State College Answers

What material should I use to control blue mold?

For blue mold control, the State College Extension Service recommends three fungicide materials: Dithane Z-78, Kaptam and Ferbam. In some tobacco plants, the blue mold fungicides have caused injury. But we don't know if these materials will do the same thing on other varieties. Farmers should not use them for commercial purposes until they have been tested on their own varieties. Information on how to use these materials may be obtained from your county agent.

I live in Carteret County and wish to begin producing soybeans. Please advise me as to variety, planting date and fertilization.

You can obtain a copy of Extension Circular No. 295 (Revised), entitled "Profitable Soybean Crops." The last date of planting is from May 1 to May 20. Three varieties are recommended. The medium maturity variety, Dare, is the variety you should select if you are in doubt. Your soil should be inoculated with the proper bacteria. The inoculation should be made just before the seed are put in the ground. The inoculation may be made by using a commercial inoculant or by using soil from a field that has produced a good stand of soybeans. Soil from a field that has produced a good stand of soybeans may be used at the rate of 400 to 600 pounds per acre. Soil should be applied in the furrow with the seed. Soil should be dried and screened before being used. Soil should be taken from a field that has been in soybeans for at least two years. Do not use soil from a field that has been treated with 2,4-D or other weed killers. Do not use soil from a field that has been treated with DDT to control insects.

How does hen manure compare with stable manure in crop production value?

Tests by the Pennsylvania Experiment Station indicate that hen manure is three times as valuable on an equal weight of stable manure. This conclusion is based on results from 11 crops of corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, and tomatoes. When fresh stable manure was applied at the rate of nine to 12 tons to fertilize the plants with 100 pounds of 5-10-20 or 600 pounds of 5-12-12. Soybeans remove a high amount of nitrogen and phosphorus. It is necessary to use fertilizer when soybeans are planted. It is very beneficial to place fertilizer properly so as to avoid injury to the seed. If you do not have a fertilizer attachment on your planter, be sure to put it deep in the row, be sure to put it deep enough that it will not injure the seed. The Ogden variety is not adapted to your area. During the growing season you will probably find it necessary to dust with DDT to control insects.

DRAMATICS CLUB PRESENTS PLAYS

The Dramatics Club of Johnston County Training School gave two one-act plays in the auditorium, Friday, March 11. They were "The Dummy," by Alice L. Kase and "A Deferred Proposal" by Byron W. Newhrop.

Cast for "The Dummy" included Carol Maurice McNeill, a senior as Roy Hitchcock; Christine Rodgers, a senior as Jane Hitchcock; Hattie Williams, a senior as Emma; Harvey Heartly, a sophomore as Ed Manners; and Gerald Stewart, a sophomore as an officer.

The cast of characters in the Deferred Proposal included Helen Atkinson, a sophomore as Mrs. George Parker; Josephine Simms, a sophomore as Geraldine Parker; John Howard, a sophomore as Jimmy Parker; Roosevelt Sanders as Horatio Bangs; James Barfield as George Parker; Betty Jean McNeill, as Betty Bloom; Georgia Newsome, as Patty Pollard. Both of them were friends of Geraldine.

Each of these one-act play were comedies and were well acted by talented players.

The Club is continuously improving its dramatic ability under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Jordan, instructor of English.

JCTS GRADUATE DELIVERS FIRST CHURCH SERMON

Smithfield—On Sunday, March 13, Johnston County Training School's first minister delivered an excellent sermon at the Free Grace Presbyterian Church corner Seventh and Massey Sts. Smithfield.

Rudolph Obey, who graduated from the Training School with the class of 1945—and from the Johnson C. Smith University's Liberal Arts Department, June 1948, was the teaching speaker. Mr. Obey is a freshman in the Divinity School at the University.

YWCA CONVENTION TOLD OF PROGRESS OF ORGANIZATION

SAN FRANCISCO (ANP) — Awakening in interracial activity within the Young Womens Christian association was reported here last week before a meeting of 2,000 delegates at the 16th National YWCA convention in the Civic auditorium here. Making the report was Miss Myra Smith of the executive program subject department.

Her report showed that in 1943 there were 132 interracial boards as contrasted to 103 in 1945 and 74 in 1942. In the southern section of the country, the rate of change was higher than in the country as a whole. The south had three boards in 1942, five in 1945 and 14 in 1948.

"While we value this data," she said, "we know full well that it is the spirit behind the practices that really counts. People may be together in increasing numbers, but are they comfortable and at home with each other?

"Do they feel free to discuss, to take initiative, to carry responsibility side by side and on the same terms? We know, of course, that no human beings feel fully emancipated and at home with others when they meet only once a year at an annual meeting or even once a month at a board meeting. It doesn't happen with people of the same race. It will not happen with people of different racial origins. It is a volume of experience that counts.

"People who really work together will learn to forget skin color and other superficial differences to develop real acquaintance in the common task."

She said that in 1941 Negro women and girls made up 8.8 per cent of the educational-recreational constituency a figure which went constantly up to 9.8 in 1945. It dropped to 8.8 in 1946 and to 8.6 in 1947.

"This decrease is in part accounted for by a sharp decline in those enrolled for educational activities and may be correlated with a decrease in spending power."

Fla. A. & M. Head Makes Charter Day Speech

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., President of Florida A. and M. College delivered the annual Charter Day address at Wilberforce State University in Wilberforce, Ohio on March 20. He spoke on The Role of Wilberforce In Meeting The Needs of Negroes Following The Reconstruction After The Civil War and Its Challenge In Meeting The Social Needs Today.

$500 BOND IS SET IN STORE ROBBERY

RALEIGH — Joseph Frazier, 23 year-old man of 326 East South St. was caught by local detectives in Willard Sanfords Store shortly after he had broken in late Sunday night. He was charged with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving.

Young Frazier is being held under a $500 bond.

Investigation officers said Frazier had in his possession $4.38 in coins and five packages of cigarettes which belonged to the store. They stated that he attempted to hide under the counter when they entered the store to investigate.

His subject was "The Requirements for Christian Living." The speaker had a very appreciative audience, consisting of many of the parents in the community, his former school mates, classmates and friends. In the audience was the mother and father of the speaker together with 3 of his brothers.

After the sermon Mr. Obey informed his audience that he was thankful that the community of his birth had permitted him to conduct his first full service. He assured the people that their presence would mean a great deal to him as he continued his preparation for the ministry.

In addition to scholastic duties of the visiting minister, he acts as and he feels that this experience will serve as the source of great practical experience that will be so much needed in his future work as the servant of the people.

PREACHES SERMON — Rudolph Obey, a graduate of the the 1945 graduating class of the Johnston County Training School, and the school's first graduate to enter the ministry, who delivered the Sunday sermon at the Free Grace Presbyterian Church last week. (Story on this page).

JOHNSTO NCOUNTY A YOUNG POET SPEAKS EDUCATION

You know I've often wondered
Why people seek an education
They go to school and then to college.
It must be wonderful sensation.

But education is no good,
Unless you put it to work.
If you dont apply your education,
You end up being a jerk.

PEACE IN THE WORLD

We need a world of peace and hope
Where discrimination is not allowed.
A happy world; a peaceful world
Where people and nations walk side by side.

That is the world I like to see.
A world without crime and unlawful acts.
This is the way it was meant to be
This is the way we should face the facts.

We as a nation should defend our rights,
We should work together and be victorious,
Defeat the evils that lurk in the night,
For this is the way it was meant to be!

LIFE'S POSSIBILITIES

Why can't I be president
Of the United States?
I guess I could, if I wanted to
But I just don't got what it takes.

Maybe I'll be a great movie star
And act in some big role,
I'll be another Jesse James,
So free, so happy and so bold.

I might even spend life in jail
And chine the jailers' boots.
The only thing about it is,
I just don't like those striped suits.

You don't become famous for who you are,
This, I'll tell ya you,
Your chances of gaining fame
Depends on what you do.

LOVE

There are many kinds of love,
As you all probably know
There's the puppy kind of love,
Which isn't much of a show.

Then there's the real love
A love thats pure and true
In it one finds strength and hope,
To succeed when things are blue.

A DEFINITION

According to Mr. Webster,
"Life is the state of being alive."
Now, I'm not one to contradict,
But this statement has expired.

Life is more than being alive,
It's the inspiration and visions of men,
To enjoy life, it is to know about life
And to serve and to do the best you can.

A WOMAN

You know, I've often wondered,
Why a woman will boss a man;
It ought to be like it once was
When man would take the stand.

I guess its just common nature,
For a woman to have the last word
And poor, poor little man
Creeps away like a broken hearted bird.

But in spite of all these handicaps,
Man is still supreme
For without his strong protection,
A woman would be lost in a dream.

These are original poems of Jonah Smith, an honor roll student of the eleventh grade. Aside from writing poems, Jonah draws very well. This versatile student desires to enter commercial art or business education upon graduation. He is also president of the Student Council of the Training School.

North Carolina commercial watermelon production this year will total about 11,500 acres, according to present estimates.

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