

WOOD DEPARTMENT

WOOD

News of Wood and surrounding community.

Edited by Wood Citizens

B. Y. P. U.

It is a great pity that we could not have a model program Sunday night to prepare us for a good beginning on the last quarter, but Mr. Dowell went back to Franklinton as soon as possible. His sermon was great, and so many have expressed in part the good that did them. Yet there is nothing that can take the place of B. Y. P. U. and under no circumstances are we going to omit a program during the new quarter. Every member of Group 2 is especially urged to be up to date on Bible reading. A comparison of groups will be made in regard to that particular thing Sunday evening October 7th. Don't let Group 2 score anything less than the best. Let's make our record a challenge to the other four groups members group 2.

Program for Sunday night, Oct. 7, 1923, 7:30 p. m.

Group No. 2, Lucy Belle Denton, leader, Subject: Coveting Christian Gifts. (Devotional Meeting.)

Song—No. 1. Chain prayer—Group No. 2. Bible Readers Leader—Bertha Burnette. Scripture—Edna Wicker, 23rd Psalm. 1. What may a Christian Covet—Dolly Gupton. 2. Spiritual Gifts are from God—Fannie Coley. 3. Spiritual Gifts for service—Jettie Gupton. 4. God's Gifts Differ—Viola Gupton. 5. Living a Successful Life—Doris Wester. 6. Coveting Gifts—what—Zelma Gupton. Song—No. 2. Dismissal—Jodie Radford.

W. M. S.

"The Deliah Circle"
On October 1st, at 7:30 circle 2 of the W. M. S. held its regular meeting at the church. Those present were Mesdames Waters, leader, Coleman Denton, secretary, Alex Wester, Nancy Gupton, Martin Gupton, Chas. Denton, Phillip Sturges, Misses Honrio Fogleman and Pearl Gupton. Dr. Beam was a visitor. The circle welcomed Misses Fogleman, Woodburn and Frye as members. A committee of three was appointed to plan a "Manless Wedding" to be given at the Wood Baptist church Friday night, October 12.

Our circle (2) now proudly bears the name of the "Deliah Circle" in honor of the deceased wife of Mr. G. M. Raynor. Since the organization of the society here, she remained a dutiful secretary, and decidedly one of the most faithful personal workers our society has ever known. She never spared her means in the cause of her community's betterment. We are grateful that our society has known such a worker, and each one of us are, as has been said, proud for our circle to bear her name. We hope that we may be deserving of it by letting her seed sown bear fruit in our lives.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meetings were held Wednesday night at Mr. H. B. Gupton's and Mr. Major Gupton's. Below we give the program at Mr. H. B. Gupton's.

Song—No. 16. Shall it be you. Prayer—Alex Wester. Song No. 101. Let us work while we may. Bible reading—by Dolly Gupton. Proverb 2 chapter. A short talk by Alex Wester. Bible reading by Nancy Gupton. Proverb 25 chapter. Talk by Mrs. Alex Wester. Prayer. 23 Psalm by Jettie, Doris, Wilmer and Vera Gupton. Song—136. Soon we'll walk the golden streets. Sentence prayer. Talk by Dr. Beam. Song—39. Do they think of me in Heaven tonight? Resolutions passed that each one would do their part when called upon. To meet next Wednesday night with Mrs. Tommie Lewis.

COME AND SEE DAY PROGRAM COMES UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Dr. Beam Recipient of a Beautiful Token

Every one had been looking forward to "Come and See Day" with great expectations. They came, they saw and they were impressed. The expressions of the visitors made us feel good and inspired us to higher ideals and greater aims. The program was carried out as announced and that was impressive to see the little toddlers as well as the larger children taking an active part in the program. Mr. Dowell of Franklinton was with us and in his gracious comment on the way we do things he made us feel that we were in line in Christian work. He actually told us that we were ahead of Franklinton, considering populations of both places. We appreciate that, but we hope Franklinton will grow until she will have a much greater Sunday school.

Dr. Beam, our superintendent since August 1st, is quite often springing surprises on us in the way of entertaining or in one way or another. We appreciate him, and are glad to be so fortunate as to have him for our leader in religious affairs. He has been quite an inspiration to this community for quite a while, but we could not realize his wonderful merit and ability until during the past two months since he has come out of his shell, as it were, in the work of the church. Under his able leadership the Sunday school has grown by leaps and bounds. (Note the reports in another column of now and a year ago.) No effort is

too great, and no amount of cost too much for him to put on boosting our Sunday school. Not only is he an efficient medical adviser but in every branch of community upbuilding he is a foremost figure, and no one is allowed to exceed him in either effort or expenditure. The value of such a fine character in the community can never be fully realized, but as an appreciation of his wonderful work here—both religious and secular—the Calvin class, a fine bunch of men of all ages, met and when the question came up of showing their love in a material way for Dr. Beam, they willingly contributed until they were able to purchase a lovely watch as a token of their esteem for him. His birthday came last week, and on Sunday morning all unexpected to him at the close of the "Come and See Day" program this beautiful watch and chain was presented to him in a very fitting way by Supt. E. L. Best, of Louisburg. When it was passed over to Dr. Beam, there was no speech necessary for his face showed plainly the thanks and appreciation of the good feeling of the community, and the act in itself so filled him up that he could only say "Thank you." Personally, as a teacher of the Sunday school, this was the most enjoyable part of the program.

Exhibit of Monkeys

We haven't heard what Mr. Dowell had to say about the three monkeys he saw in Wood Sunday. Dr. Beam took him and Mrs. Nerve Gupton and Mrs. Joe Shearin out to his office to see them. If a normal kind of fellow he certainly like one of them. Go in some time and express yourself.

MISS HARPER IS CARRIED AWAY WITH "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL"

Woman's Training School Far Exceeds Her Expectations—North Carolina W. M. U. Sends Apples This Year.

The following letter has been received from Miss Neva Harper:

W. M. U. Training School, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

Sept. 23, 1923.

Dear S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Folks, My heart is full of love and gratitude to you for the thoughtfulness you showed toward me in having two bright cheery letters to greet me on my arrival here. You can't imagine just how much they mean to me. They have given me a still greater desire to do my best here this year. To know that you, the people whom I so much love, are backing me up with your prayers, is such a help and inspiration to me, and even though I am away, I believe that you know that my heart is with you in your work for the Master.

May I tell you a bit about the Training School, which is also called "House Beautiful"? The school richly deserves its name, for it is indeed beautiful, both inside and out. A modern well equipped building in every respect. But something far more impressive than the building, is the spirit of love and loyalty shown among the students toward each other and toward the faculty. Although the school is a busy place, it seems that no one is ever too busy to do a kindly deed for someone else.

It would do your hearts good to see the dear white-haired couple here, whom we call grandmother and grandfather Eager. They have been connected with the school for a number of years, and we are all their adopted grandchildren so they have quite a large family.

To me, one of the sweetest times of all the day here, is in the early morning, when we gather in groups for "morning watch," when we lift our hearts to God in thankfulness for all his goodness toward us, and asks his guidance through the day; nor, do we forget to ask is blessings on the different organizations of our churches back home.

Of course, you already know that the Training School is supported by the W. M. U. of the South, and various states send different things to the school. Last year a Kentuckian sent enough chickens for dinner. We hope he still raises chickens. Another person from Kentucky sent a barrel of rabbits. Some of the states send rice-keys. They tell me that North Carolina is sending apples this year. Now, I never have cared much for apples, but we had some the other day, and I ate some too, because I thought they might be from North Carolina. Although we are very busy people here, we do not have to sit in straight rows with folded hands, as one of the girls told me she thought before she came. I am quite sure you will not find a happier bunch of girls anywhere than at "House Beautiful." They seem to realize that, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Back to the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school for a moment. I hope by now you are not having a single part read in B. Y. P. U. You can have every part spoken, so why not? Set your heart on becoming A-1 this coming quarter, and reach your goal, with the Master's help. As I open the Franklin Times, I shall look eagerly to see what the Sunday school is doing, but I feel sure it is still going forward, for by taking God as your guide, and giving your able and loyal superintendant your hearty support you are bound to go forward, for there is no such thing as standing still.

Yours in the advancement of His Kingdom.

NEVA HARPER.

Radford-Thompson

Last Friday night a surprise wedding was sprung upon the citizens of this community when Mr. Charlie Radford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Radford took unto himself, Miss Ora Belle Thompson, the charming daughter of Mrs. Minnie Thompson. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate A. A. Shearin, Centerville, at

7:30 p. m. Witnessed by a few close friends, Miss Jodie Radford, Mr. Sam Radford, brother and sister of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Denton. For the present the newly weds are making their residence in the home of the father of the groom. To these young people we extend best wishes for long successful, happy and useful lives.

MR. SIMS THINKS WOOD DEPARTMENT A "HIT"

Says Six Point System and Graded Lessons Good—Will Visit Us Again When Opportunity Affords.

Sept. 25, 1923.

Dear Dr. Beam:— Your letter of September 11th was duly received but I have been out on a trip of field work almost constantly and have not had a chance to answer until today.

You certainly know how to write a good letter and say a lot of nice things and while you may be short on some other qualifications (though I do not know that you are) you are long on one of the most important things for a Superintendent, to have—ENTHUSIASM.

I am glad you are going to put in the Six Point System and Graded Lessons. You will find both very helpful. You asked what I thought about the "Wood Department" in the Franklin Times. Seems to me you or someone have made a hit in getting the management of the Franklin Times to carry such a department. It gives an opportunity, not only for the general news of Wood, but also the church and Sunday school news, and incidentally it seems to me this would be a real help to the people, for it gives the human interest and personal side about what is going on around Wood.

I thank you for your invitation to visit the school again, and if opportunity presents itself it will be a pleasure, though we are keeping pretty busy in Conventions.

I am always glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,

D. W. SIMS,

General Superintendent.

Y. W. A.

The following committees have been appointed. Please note which one you are a member and lets pull together for a greater and bigger Y. W. A.

Membership—Bertha Burnett, Chairman, Ola Pearce, Annie G. Gupton, Annie F. Gupton, Zelma Gupton.

Program—Viola Thompson, Chairman, Daisy Gupton, Leah Coley.

Social—Pearl Gupton, Chairman, Daisy Ball, Ora Bell Thompson.

Personal Service—Dolly Gupton, Chairman, Monica Denton, Penola Burnett, Hattie Wilder.

Booster—Viola Gupton, Chairman, Ida Coley, Odell Thompson.

Beware the Coming of Winter

Just a word to the members of our Sunday school. Cold weather is beginning to set in and we are extremely desirous that our Sunday school shall not be affected by it. So far each Sunday has been beautiful and so we trust that when a rainy dreary Sunday comes we will not stay at home. We have set out with a determination that when each one of us enters the church he will find it as comfortable as his home. Mr. Major Gupton has already brought a load of good pine wood, sawed the right length and Mr. Alex Wester of his own free will and accord is going to put another there this week, so if any one stays away it will not be on account of the church being cold and uncomfortable. We are going to make it pleasant and profitable for you during the cold months. So now let each one make the necessary preparations for rainy and cold days. We can do it. If we let cold weather put a damper on our enthusiasm it may take unusual measures to thaw us out next Spring. All together to have the biggest average attendance for any winter term. We thank these gentlemen mentioned above for their thoughtfulness. They are really workers and are true blue citizens, worthy to live in any community.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot impart to you members of the Calvin class just how much I appreciate the token of esteem you presented me on last Sunday. I assure you that my every effort has been to the upbuilding of our Sunday school and community and will continue to be. To the following who so willingly contributed I express my appreciation and exhort you to continue with the great and glorious work you have started. Great good has come to our community thru your influence and more will come. May God richly bless each of you in my prayer. S. T. Leonard, E. J. Fuller, J. P. Gupton, J. P. Leonard, Wm. Coley, G. W. Raynor, W. J. Galloway, A. S. J. Hamlett, John Heath, John J. Lanier, S. P. Denton, M. F. Parker, C. R. Lewis, Johnnie Griffin, J. S. Shearin, Bryant King, Charlie Radford, Taylor Gupton, Dewey Madison, Martin Gupton, H. B. Shearin, Romie Wester, Lt. Wester, Matthew Gupton, Allen Gupton, Bud Gupton, Ben Gupton, Charlie Denton, J. G. Johnson, H. R. Waters, Geo. Coley, T. C. Denton, W. D. Fuller, R. C. Gupton, P. G. Sturges, Battle Wester, R. P. Jones, R. O. Thompson, Alex Wester, Arthur Gupton, Logan Gupton, Morris Griffin, Major Gupton, Cleveland Gupton.

Sincerely,
H. M. BEAM.

Honor Roll

Beginning with this issue we are publishing a weekly honor roll. This week the only requirement for the honor roll is perfect attendance—no absences or tardies. After this week there will be three requirements, perfect attendance, a grade of 90 or more on department, and an average of 90 on daily recitations. Now, children we want to see how many will put forth enough effort to make these re-

quirements. It will really mean quite an honor to have your name on the honor roll.

It will be interesting to see who of you will keep your name continually on the honor roll. You can do it with diligent study and attention to all the requirements. The honor roll for last week follows:

1st Grade—Pauline Lewis, Evelyn Sturges, Russel Raynor, Pattie Jane King, Lorine Gupton, Lorine Radford, Russel Leonard, L. W. Benton, William Johnson, Lucille Johnson.

2nd Grade—Linwood Gupton, Paul Griffin, Robert Griffin, Betty Ruth Leonard, Ruby Leonard, Anna Mae Sturges, Evelyn Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Willard Burnette, Roland Grey Gupton, Rufus Denton, Sidney Perry Hamlett, Sue Denton, Bertton Burnett, Lawrence Coley, Rhonald Shearin, Martha Lynn Denton, Ruby Thomas Shearin, Ruby Lanier.

3rd Grade—Garland Burnett, Vera Gupton, Nannie Bell Gupton, Ned Gupton, Marshall Gupton, Mammie Johnson, Preston King, Cooper Leonard, Lela Mae Lewis, Ruby Lewis, Horace Lewis, Alta Medlin, Elma Radford.

4th Grade—Eugene Denton, Ezra Denton, Edgar Fuller, Wilmer Gupton, Ollie Gupton, Frits Gupton, Henry Alex Gupton, L. E. Gupton, Matilda Gupton, Hubert Hamlett, Morris Wester, Doris Wester, Edna Wicker, Callie Thompson.

5th Grade—Geneva Benton, Vonnie Benton, Clinton Gupton, Mabel Gupton, Dolan Hamlett, Reed Johnson, Wilbur Rayor, Leona Raynor, Freddie Thompson, Garnold Leonard, Mary Sturges.

6th Grade—Norman Gupton, Freedland Green, Jettie Gupton.

7th Grade—Kenneth Ayescue, Thurman Gupton, Hattie Bell Gupton, Torbert Sturges, Elizabeth Fuller, Jodie Radford.

Thanks to the Fair Helpers

We wish to thank every one who helped in any way to make our parade on Wednesday a success. We appreciate every suggestion and aid rendered by each person. To the following we especially wish to extend our thanks. Mr. Will Taylor for making the Log Cabin; Messrs. J. S. Shearin, Gus Wester, L. E. Gupton, Raymond and Torbert Sturges for securing the pine poles; Mr. G. M. Raynor for the use of his truck in hauling the poles; Mr. E. J. Fuller for furnishing the boards for the top; W. D. Fuller and Co., for nails; the school faculty and Mrs. M. T. Griffin for their suggestions and making of the caps and ties for the school children; W. D. Fuller, G. M. Raynor and C. G. Wood for the use of their trucks in transporting the children and exhibits to and from the fair.

Sunday School

Yes sir, Sunday again passed our expectations. It was a beautiful Sabbath morn, a special program to be presented, but there were one hundred and ninety six people out to hear the Sunday school lesson taught. We were elated over the fact that so many people made their plans to be pres-

ent even if the time was one half hour earlier than usual. There might have been a reason for the large attendance—possibly a secret—but they came and our hearts filled with joy.

We are elated over the fact that so many came. You know "we told you that the cow would swallow the grind stone," didn't we? Well, we know you enjoyed being there and we were glad to have you. Come again regularly. We need your presence and inspirations. The Star Classes Sunday. 1. Attendance—Class No. 5 Mrs. W. D. Fuller, teacher. Every one present, not a single absent member. 2. Collection and number of bibles brought, Class No. 4, Junior Baraasa, \$5.41 contribution and 12 bibles brought. Fine! excellent for both classes. We certainly commend both classes. Next Sunday is Promotion Day. We call your attention again to the ages of each class and also to the fact that each member is expected to remain in the class assigned them until promoted by the teacher of their class. Come on time next Sunday—bring a good contribution and a Bible. All together as we enter our new year. Report for Sunday, Sept. 30:

Class No. 1—teacher present, No. scholars present 30, absent 14, visitors 5, collection \$2.38, Bibles 4.

Class No. 2—teacher present, No. scholars present, 22, absent 7, new scholars 4, visitors 6, collection \$4c, Bibles 6.

Class No. 3—teacher present, No. scholars present 19, absent 11, visitors 2, collection 69c, Bibles 4.

Class No. 4—teacher present, No. scholars present 15, absent 8, new scholars 1, visitors 1, collection \$5.41, Bibles 12.

Class No. 5—teacher present, No. scholars present 24, absent not any, new scholars 1, visitors 3, collection \$1.37, Bibles 9.

Class No. 6—teachers present, No. scholars present 17, absent 7, new scholars 2, collection 71c, Bibles 2.

Class No. 7—teacher present, No. scholars present 23, absent 12, new scholars 2, visitors 3, collection 25c, Bibles 1.

No. teachers and officers present 12, No. scholars present 184, No. visitors 20, no scholars absent 50, total present 196, total collection \$12.00.

Condensed report for 1 year ago: Officers and teachers present 5, scholars present 35, scholars absent 70, total collection \$1.87.

Condensed report one month ago: Teachers and officers present 12, pupils present 119, pupils absent 57, new pupils 12, visitors 3, Bibles 33, collection \$5.50.

Condensed report 1 week ago: Officers and teachers present 10, scholars present 138, scholars absent 61, new scholars 2, visitors 6, Bibles 34, collection \$6.00.

Last Sunday closed the first two months under the supervision of the new officers. We wish to call your attention to the following facts: For these two months the average attendance has been 145, average collection

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