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#### CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

We are requested to state that there will be a Clinic for crippled children held at the Roanoke Rapids High School on May 21st where all children brought will be examined by Drs. O. L. Miller and Hugh Thompson. Any parents having crippled children are urged to take them to this clinic that they may receive the relief it is possible for them to get.

#### "APRIL FOOLS"

American Legion Memorial Minstrel Scores a Triumph for Home Talent Production—Memorial Cup For Franklin County Schools is a Certainty.

Due to lack of time we were unable to give our readers a detailed account of "April Fools", in our last issue of the Franklin Times. We have heard so many compliments paid to the production that we feel inclined to comment further upon this masterful bit of minstrelsy.

After four years of watchful waiting, the Jambes Post again appeared in the role of producers of home talent theatricals, and we give them credit for staging a wonderful performance. They ran true to past form and produced a better minstrel than ever before,—a show that gave the patrons their money's worth, regardless of the fact that it was a beneficiary affair. A Legionnaire told us before the show went on that he would not consider it a success, even though it played to a full house, unless it gave the audience value received. In this respect it was an unquestionable success.

The first part was a delightful blend of clan comedy and delightful music, and presented a dazzling effect of color and gorgeous costumes. "Dear One," sung by Charlie Elmore, was heavily applauded. "Hard Hearted Hannah," put over by Jack Brown and the male chorus, was a splendid number. Lanky Gupton's clog dancing pleased all,—just as clog dancing always appeals to a Southern audience. Maude Ashley, singing "Because They All Love You," drew a big hand,—

something that always happens when Maude sings. Following this number Babby Turner drew a tremendous encore with her rendition of "Blue Eyed Sallie." Babbie Turner trained the chorus, which we will comment upon later in this article. Bob Malone was the most outlandish nigger that we have ever seen. He played his part well, but we wish that he had talked louder and thrown his gags beyond the front row. The duet, "At The End of the Sunset Trail," by Margaret Turner and Dick Jennings, was one of the prettiest and most effective numbers in the whole show. Their voices were sweet and harmonious. Dave Pearce was one of the most natural appearing black faces that we have yet seen. He is to be congratulated on his comedy. The crowning feature of the first part, and a distinct surprise, was little Jean Fleming, and her father "Doc" Fleming, playing as the "Daddy" cotton picker and his little pickaninny. The audience roared its approval of this feature.

The second part consisted of specialties. The Ragged Rookies produced slap stick comedy that greatly amused the kids in the audience. Their lines were good, but the act was a bit too long drawn out. Chalk talk was an act of very clever crayon sketching by Lynn Hall and Dr. Harry Johnson. It was unique, pleasing, new, and unusual for home talent,—which accounts for the applause that it well merited. The male quartette produced good harmony, but was too long. It was far better at the second performance and was well applauded. The fancy dancing by Hazel Allen, Billy Phillips, Katherine Pleasants and Jones Parham, was splendid and each number was endorsed. The Yodeling specialty by Jack Brown, accompanied by Dick Jennings, was the recipient of a thunderous encore the first performance. A new act was introduced the second night,—a farce by "Arch" Green and "Doc" Fleming. These two old timers walked away with the feature specialty of the second performance and drew the heavy hand from an appreciative audience. The Finale, featuring the Chorus and Maude Ashley, was the most beautiful and spectacular scene ever witnessed here in a home talent production.

The outstanding feature of the entire performance was the chorus. The girls were beautiful, gorgeously costumed, and danced and sang like professionals. One forgot that they were amateurs. The men were snappily attired in white, with a touch of orange. Usually the male chorus in a home talent production appears ragged, because of non-descript costumes, but this one was splendid in their appearance.

The orchestra contained real musicians. Their selection were void of the blatant jazz that we have been so decidedly overfed upon during the past few years. It produced real melody, which was delightfully refreshing and

praiseworthy. We feel proud of the fact that such a splendid minstrel was produced, by our own townsmen. No professional was employed to produce "April Fools." It was planned by home folks and trained by home folks. We home folks that were so fortunate to see it, fully appreciate the unusual talent that we have in our midst. The Memorial Cup is a certainty, due to the hearty support of the public. Upon the request of the Jambes Post of the American Legion, we thank the public for their liberal patronage of "April Fools."

#### SEATING CAPACITY INCREASED AT WINNER THEATRE

Seating capacity at the Winner Theatre has been increased to its full capacity. The seats have been curved so that no matter where you sit in the theatre you will have a good view at the picture on the screen. Each seat could be classed as a reserve seat. The theatre has also been equipped with sufficient electric fans to make the patrons appreciate having a good movie house to attend. The manager informs us that it is his greatest desire to please each and every one of the theatre's patrons, and adds that he has been requested many times to put on Thursday nights. Therefore to acquiesce in this request he will from now on run every night of the week. In addition to granting this request this will be done in order to take care of pictures that are now booked.

The manager informs us that he has the very best pictures produced and has provided for complete change in programs each day. And in order to arouse a greater interest for a while, he is offering five regular 25 cent tickets for \$1.00, twelve for \$2.00, and nineteen for \$3.00.

#### MRS. PLEASANTS' CIRCLE MEETS WITH MRS. LEACH

Circle No. Nine with Mrs. M. C. Pleasants as Leader met with Mrs. L. C. Leach on Monday evening, April 27. The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Lillian Massenburg, the bible reading being taken from John 15. After the minutes were read and approved the roll was called by the two Captains, Mrs. Leach and Mr. Festus Fuller. Mrs. Leach's team in attendance reported fourteen while that of Mr. Fuller was eleven.

There was a favorable report from the treasurer in regard to funds raised for the new shrubbery on the church grounds.

After the business part of the program was completed several of Miss Jarman's Seventh Grade girls sang many of the Old Plantation melodies, accompanied by Mrs. Claude Collins on the guitar.

Before adjournment Mrs. Leach served a delightful salad course.

#### KATESVILLE SMASHES RECORD FOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS

What is said to be the largest meeting ever held at Katesville and the largest community meeting yet held in Franklin County was held at Katesville Friday night, April 24. 200 people from Louisburg to Franklinton packed the one-room school house and grounds to make this first meeting a success. One passer-by asked, "What in the world is going on at Katesville? I never saw so many cars there in all my life."

At this joint meeting of farm men and farm women mass plans were made to do real community work this year. After short talks by the Home Agent, Farm Agent, and Miss Pauline Smith the demonstration program for men was completed as follows:

Commissioner J. R. Jones—Cotton fertilizer test.  
R. H. Jones—Cotton seed test.  
Dr. C. H. Banks—Cotton fertilizer test.

Felix Banks—Corn fertilizer test.  
Smith Brothers—Soy beans vs. cowpeas for hay.

The Women's Club which serves this community, known as Mitchiner's Club, made their program sometime ago and are carrying it out in their monthly meetings now.

Commissioner J. R. Jones presided over this meeting and introduced the speakers and Bohanan's Band. Bohanan's Boys Band of Franklinton is a growing institution in Franklin County and it brought repeated cheers from this Katesville audience.

The advertising for this meeting was directed by Mrs. Jim Mitchiner to whom a large part of the credit for the record crowd is due.

#### BETHLEHEM B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR MAY 3, 1925

Scripture reading, by Alice Mae Johnson, John 14 chapter, 25:27.  
Prayer, by Mrs. Kate Johnson.  
Introduction, by leader Frankie Mae Richards.

Christ Promises Peace, by Frankie Mae Richards.  
Jesus Life Illustrates peace, by Stella Mae Perry.  
Peace in Time of Trial, by Mrs. C. E. Richards.

Song, Jesus Paid It All.  
Permanent Peace, by Mr. E. W. Puryear.

World Peace, by Mrs. S. R. Johnson.  
Violin solo, by Harry Rogers.  
Prayer, by Marjorie Lois Richards.  
Song, Jesus Saves.

The spoken word may be powerful, but it generally has to bow before the name on the dotted line.

The scandal market this week remains firm, with the public demand still strong.

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#### MT. ZION MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

Mt. Zion Missionary Society, Circle No. 1, met Friday, April 24, 1925 with Mrs. R. E. Garbee. The following program was rendered.

Hymn—Stand Up For Jesus.  
Devotional—Mrs. Florence Gupton.  
Hymn—Where He Leads Me.  
Roll call and report—Secretary.  
Personal Service, a round table discussion.

Foreign Missions a gift to our churches—Annie Belle Murphy.  
God's Unit in Jugo-Slavia—Fannie Gupton.  
Roumania's Open Door—Mrs. J. R. Parrish.

The Outlook in Spain—Mrs. E. G. Cooper.  
Something for which to pray—Lillie Harper.

Reading, The Place—Mrs. R. E. Garbee.  
Hymn, I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go.

Dismissal—Lillie Harper.  
Those present were: Mrs. R. E. Garbee, Mrs. J. R. Parrish, Mrs. E. G. Cooper, Mrs. P. G. Murphy, Mrs. Lucy Foster, Mrs. Pink Cooper, Mrs. Florence Gupton, Mrs. J. H. Harper, Mrs. W. F. Leonard, Misses Lillie Harper, Annie Belle Murphy and Fannie Gupton.

Fannie Gupton, Leader.  
Mrs. P. G. Murphy, Sec'y.

#### WOOD W. M. S.

Della Circle met with Miss Pearl Gupton, April 11, 1925. Seven members present, five visitors. Scripture by Miss Pearl Gupton. Sentence prayer led by Mrs. M. F. Parker. Business called for. Program leader in charge. Program read and personal service report given. Visits to sick 15, milk carried sick 1 quart, trays to sick 3, flowers 1. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. G. M. Raynor Saturday before 4th Sunday. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. W. D. Fuller. Delicious cake was served by Miss Pearl, which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Major Gupton, Pres.  
Mrs. Alex Wester, Sec.-Treas.  
Neva Circle met with Mrs. B. B. Burnett, April 18, 1925. Subject, present day persecutions in Europe. Song I live for Him. Scripture by Fannie Coley. Prayer, Mrs. Alex Wester.

Roll call, present 8, absent 5, new members 6, visitors 6, collection 60c. Personal service report, visits to sick 35, trays to sick 4, milk to sick 4, flowers 2. Lesson discussed by members. Refreshments consisted of hot chocolate, ginger cakes, coconut cake and pickle. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. M. Griffin in March.

Mrs. C. E. Denton, Jr., Pres.  
Mrs. B. M. Gupton, Sec.

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#### FERTILIZER PEACH TREES FOR BEST CROP YIELD

Asheville, April 27—Fertilizing peach trees with one pound of Nitrate of Soda per tree proved a profitable investment in the orchard of R. A. Rau of Henderson County according to demonstration conducted in this orchard last year by H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist for the State College of Agriculture and County Agent E. F. Arnold.

Reporting the work Mr. Niswonger says, "The demonstration was conducted with a block of about 500 peach trees in the orchard of R. A. Rau. One row was fertilized last spring with one pound of nitrate of soda per tree just as the buds were swelling and yielded around 25 bushels of marketable peaches under a handicap of freezing weathers. The other trees dropped all their blooms without setting any fruit.

"This spring all the trees bloomed and again subjected to cold weather. At the present time, those trees in the row treated with nitrate last year have set a good crop while the remainder of the peach trees in the orchard have shed both bloom and fruit.

"The use of nitrate of soda combined with good cultivation and the sowing of cover crops has proven a profitable investment in this orchard."

Mr. Niswonger states that the owner of this orchard is now managing it according to directors given him by the county agent and the Division of Horticulture. He has seen that it pays.

#### EPSOM COMMENCEMENT

The Epsom commencement sermon will be preached at the eleven o'clock hour, Sunday morning, May 3, at Liberty church. Rev. J. H. Mitchiner will have charge of the service. The sermon will be preached by Dr. W. S. Alexander of Elon College.

Miss Yelvington's music recital will be given Monday night, May 4th, at 8 o'clock.

On Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock the seventh grade exercises will be given and certificates presented at 11:30 o'clock the literary address will be given.

Commencement closes with a play on Tuesday night at 8:15 o'clock. The play is Aaron Boggs, Freshman, by Ben Hare.

#### STRAYED OR STOLEN

A small white Fox Terrier with tan and black marks on left side of face and ear—has tan spot on right side of face. Has stub tail about 3 inches long, weight about 9 lbs. Answers to the name of "Trouble." Will give liberal reward for return of dog, or will appreciate any information regarding his whereabouts. Please notify MAY COOPER at Dr. H. G. Perry's office or MR. G. H. COOPER, Louisburg, N. C. 5-1-25

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