

SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

The children from the first grade through the eleventh will be represented in the Seven Stages of Life, showing Babyhood, Childhood, School days, College days, and the climax, Marriage, then Old Age, which are the stages of a girl's life. This play is presenting between sixty and seventy-five school children. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross Society. This play will be at the City Opera House, Selma, N. C., Thursday night, March 14. It begins at 8:30 o'clock. The admission is 15c and 25c. Come and make the school a Junior Red Cross.—C. P. K.

On March 6th and 7th the Selma High was victorious in defeating the Princeton High on the 6th and the Donaldson Military School on the 7th in two games of fast basketball.

The Princeton game was won with much ease. The Selma Highs did not use much science in this game as it was not needed. The score was: Selma 31; Princeton 12. The Donaldson game was not a cinch but took hard playing to win it. Haynes and Richardson starred in goal shooting while Creech starred in guarding. The score for this game was: Selma 23—Donaldson 14.

The Selma Highs have not lost but one game this season. This game was with Trinity Park and was not a High School game.—H. R.

The school children have shown their patriotism and loyalty by the enthusiasm with which they have carried on the Thrift campaign which was started recently in the school. Ten Thrift Societies have been organized. \$1400 has been invested in War Savings and Thrift Stamps by the children and teachers. One teacher on the faculty has gone the limit and purchased a thousand dollars worth of War Savings Stamps. Before the campaign is over, every teacher and every child will be expected to own at least one War Savings Stamp.—L. S.

Thursday morning Mr. Moser conducted the chapel exercises. He left a very interesting and appropriate lesson. He has been reading the book, You Are The Hope of the World. The following is the illustration which he used to show to us the need for replying on our selves.

"Boys and girls, there are two wars to fight: a war within and a war without. You are too young to fight in France. But the youngest of you is not too young to fight here at home for a keener participation of all in government of his town, his state, his nation. You may be too young to die for democracy, but you are not too young to live for democracy.

"Are you going to do your part, young America? or are you going to sit down and let the other fellow do it for you? If you do, you are not using your efficiency. You are similar to the man who cut down his apple tree to gather his fruit. If you had fried chicken for dinner, there is not a one of you that would ask your teacher to eat it for you. Why? Because you know that this will give physical strength to the teacher, and weaken your body. Boys and girls, apply this to your hard problems in Algebra or Latin. If you ask your teacher or someone else to work your problems, then you are weakening your mental strength. If you form a habit of depending upon other people to do your work, then you will starve mentally just as you would starve physically if you depended upon the other fellow to eat all your food. Boys and girls, eat your own 'fried chicken.' It is up to you, for you are the hope of the world."—L. S. S.

The Moser Literary Society met at the usual time Thursday afternoon. The following programme was rendered:

Current Events James Fields
Recitation Joseph Talton
Original Composition . . . Roy Driver
Life of Washington . . . William Brown
Debate: Resolved, that agriculture offers as good opportunities to young men as professions do.

Affirmative: Negative:
Eula Lee Claiborne Massey
Francis Young David Fields
The debaters were well prepared but as there was only one debater present on the negative side, the judges did not render their decision.—H. C.

On Friday afternoon March 1st, the Selma girls played a game of basket ball against the Fitzgerald girls on the Fitzgerald grounds. This game, though the first the Selma girls had played, attested to the fact the Selma High School has a promising girl's team. The score was 14-12 in favor of Selma. The Fitzgerald girls have been playing all the season and have won in all the games except when they met the Selma girls. They are very good players, in fact

they are almost a match for the Selma girls. We hope very soon to have a return game.—Z. H. F.

Mr. Moser made a proposition to the school a few months ago which should encourage every pupil to attend school each day. His offer applies to every grade in school. His offer was an hour of holiday on the last of the month to every grade who was at the end of the month with out an unexcused absence or tardy. The tenth and eleventh grades are the first grades of the High School to win the holiday. Hurrah! for the Juniors and Seniors.—M. F.

The most thrilling and exciting game of Base ball ever played in Selma was played at noon recess on the school ground March 8, 1918. One team was lead by Miss Helen Paris, the Domestic Science teacher, and the other by Miss Ruth Folger, the music teacher, while Miss Margaret Boseman, the English teacher, acted as Umpire. It was impossible to see the line-up for either side because of the numerous spectators. Several thrilling plays were made by each side. In the later part of the ninth inning, Miss Rena King, the brilliant first baseman, came to the bat with three men on bases. It looked like a home run but the speedy and excellent pitching of Miss Helen Paris soon showed that it was not the case. Aided by the excellent team work, Miss King was fanned and the others kept from getting home. Then Miss Zilphia Fulghum came to the bat and made a long hit to shortstop where Miss Lelia Straughn was doing excellent playing. She made a flying leap, caught the ball, threw it home just as the runner was sliding in. It looked like a tie but the keen eye of the Umpire saw better and sang out, "Runner Out" just as the bell rang and ended the game.—O. L. B.

JONES SCHOOL NOTES.

Rev. A. S. Anderson filled his regular appointment at the school house Sunday night, March 3rd. A large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Guin Simmons of Seven Springs, spent the week end with Mrs. Chapin and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Munns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones and little daughters Olivia and Margaret spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Joseph Johnson near Selma.

Miss Margie Benoy from Selma spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Elizabeth Chapin.

Mr. Andrew Caudill and Mrs. G. Parker and little daughter, Louise, of Benson, spent Sunday night with their father, Mr. Mathew Caudill.

Mr. J. W. Jones went to Wilson's Mills Monday on business.

John the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapin, is very sick. We hope he will soon bewell again. L. N. J.

GREAT RISE IN COTTON GOODS PRICES.

Advance Accelerated by Fears of Scarcity, and by Some Speculation.

A phenomenal rise in cotton goods prices has occurred in the past two weeks, induced in part by fear among civilian buyers of greater scarcity, and impelled, also, by speculative buying that could not be restrained. Many mills and selling agencies have withdrawn all quotations and all goods without material lessening the pressure upon the markets. In other textile divisions, such as in silks, woolsens and jute products, while there has been no sign of weakening values, the fever to buy has not been so great.

Reports from out-of-town jobbing centers and from many of the local jobbers show that buying is more active, although lots are smaller. Retailers continue to anticipate their wants, and are reporting a fair trade in many departments. Many leading merchants are taking extraordinary means to avoid dangers that grow with the great price advances. In some instances, unusual restrictions are being imposed through new sale notes; freight allowances are being abandoned, and in one instance, the policy has been adopted of selling to all customers on a net cash, 30 days, basis. In many cases, houses find it easy and profitable to anticipate payments; yet signs are lacking of a tightening, due to inability to finance the rapidly accumulating costs resulting from purchases of sub-normal quantities of merchandise at abnormally high valuations.

Labor difficulties are multiplying in different sections where textile industries are established. Strikes are reported in some of the duck mills in Baltimore, and demands for higher wages are anticipated during the coming two months in nearly all mill centers.—Dun's Review.

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COTTON PRICES RANGE HIGHEST

Both Spot and Option Quotations Surpass Top Records of Early January.

After a lapse of a period of about two months, during which the market sustained a fall of fully \$10 a bale, it has again become necessary to discuss new high price records in cotton. The rise which occurred last week and the week previous carried quotations back within easy striking distance of the top levels of early January, and on Tuesday of this week the spot article here attained the best figure of modern times and the option list went to a position not equaled on any former occasion since the present system of trading in futures was inaugurated. Thus, the March delivery reached 32.65c., May 32.23c., July 31.80c., and October and December 30.64c., and 30.40c., while middling uplands touched 33.60c., the latter exceeding by 30 points the maximum of January 9. From the highest prices of the average, mainly on profit-taking, and spots yielded 40 points; but Friday ended with net gains of 20 to 50 points over last Saturday's closing.

Explanation of the week's further price advances rests mainly in a broadening of the trade demand and in the continued lack of sufficient rainfall in parts of the belt, notably in Texas and Oklahoma. The absence of anything like a general precipitation in the Southwest has led to growing apprehensions that new crop preparations in that section will start a handicap, and elsewhere in the South the season has also been too dry. One of the week's trading features was the large volume of Liverpool buying, partly in the way of covering hedges, and mills in this country continue to purchase against government contracts. Some stimulus was imparted in the later session by the reported lowering of the war risk rate to 3 per cent., as against 5 per cent, recently, and this was accepted as implying an improvement in export prospects. But after such a great rise in prices as has lately been witnessed, it is not strange that successful speculators were disposed to take profits, and the increase in southern hedge selling attracted some attention.—Dun's Review, 9th.

Lights Along the Way.

A beautiful little story is told of a converted cannibal who, when he heard that heaven is beyond the stars said in grandly simple words: "The stars are the lights God has left burning along the way that leads to His city."—Kind Words.

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