

SOCIAL

The Twentieth Century Study Club met with Mrs. H. C. Ledbetter Thursday of last week. The club is enjoying the study of "Macbeth." Roll responded to with a quotation from the play. A brief sketch of the play was given by Mrs. Fairley Long. A character sketch of Lady Macbeth, Mrs. H. D. Ledbetter. Reading by Mrs. E. G. Scott, "Was Lady Macbeth Intoxicated?" The club elected Mrs. W. J. Adams an honorary member.

A charming hospitality of Saturday afternoon was the "at home" given by Mrs. E. G. Scott in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Watson D. Scott, of Leaksville, a recent bride. Mrs. Henry Ledbetter welcomed the visitors at the door. Miss Faith Covington directed them to the parlor where Mrs. Scott introduced them to the honoree. Assisting were Mesdames W. J. Adams, Laura Alden, of Savannah, Fred Bynum. Misses Laura Page Steele and Berta West served refreshments. Mrs. Eugene Payne poured tea. Ruth Harrison and Octavia Scales played delightfully on the piano. During the afternoon there were many callers.

The Junior Study Club met on Monday with Miss Ruth Harrison. "Southern Literature" was the subject for study. Roll call was answered by a Proverb from Emerson. Mrs. W. E. Crossland read a most interesting paper on the "Progress of Literature in the South Since the War." "Most Prominent Southern Writers and Their Works," by Miss Bessie Terry. Poem of John Charles McNeill read by Mrs. Roberson. Miss Lillian Long read a selection from "Uncle Remus." By special request William Ed. Harrison gave a "Drum Solo."

Mrs. John Ledbetter entertained this week in honor of Mrs. W. D. Scott, the house guest of Mrs. E. G. Scott. "42" was the game. After several most enthusiastic rounds, the hostess presented the honoree with a lovely corsage of Parmer violets. A delicious salad course and accessories were served.

Saturday evening Mrs. H. D. Ledbetter gave a most enjoyable "Moving Picture Party" to Mrs. E. G. Scott and her visitor, Mrs. Watson D. Scott. After "Pictures" the company adjourned to the drug store and were served refreshments.

Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter was hostess to the Young Ladies' Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon. Five tables were placed. Mrs. Arthur Douglas and Mrs. E. G. Scott "tied," the cut proved Mrs. Douglas to be the winner of a bottle of "Mary Garden" perfume. The hostess served a delicious fruit salad and iced tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Jones celebrated their "eighth anniversary" on Wednesday evening. Auction bridge was the game chosen. Several progressions were made before the final scores were called; Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter holding the highest, was given a handsome box of stationery. Mrs. Jones served chicken salad and accessories.

To The Merchants.

The Post-Dispatch has in stock a large number of the Certificates, printed on a good quality of white Bond paper, that must be used by the merchants in selling flour to the farmers. If you desire any of these, phone or write the Post-Dispatch; will sell in any quantity, from a dozen up. Price 10 cents per dozen, or 60 cents per 100. Special price in 250 or 500 lots. In ordering by mail, include postage.

School Record of Stamps.

The following is the amount of War Savings Stamps and Certificates subscribed by the various grades of the Rockingham (white) school to March 4th:

Table with 2 columns: Grade and Amount. Includes rows for Grade 9 (\$298.75), Grade 5 (260.50), Grade 1 (252.25), Grade 6 (251.25), Grade 8 (246.25), Grade 7 (232.50), Grade 2 (159.00), Grade 10 & 11 (157.75), Grade 3 & 4 (Moore) (156.50), Grade 3 (116.75), Grade 4 & 5 (Eaves) (107.00), Grade 1B (56.00), Miscellaneuous (5.00), Total (\$2299.50).

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Even in Fun.

The law holds a person liable who points a pistol at another, even tho' the weapon is unloaded and the parties are in fun. And this is right; it is intended to discourage the "didn't know it was loaded" class. Two weeks ago a negro, Willie Leak, while trying to sell a pistol to Edgar Quick, is said to have pointed the weapon towards the said Quick and cocking it, remarked that it was "rearing to go." And sure enough it did go, the ball entering Quick's hand. Sure, Willie claimed it was an accident. Leak was arrested and last Saturday given a hearing before Squire Guthrie charged with assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. He was bound over to criminal court that convenes April 8th.

Memorial Service.

Arrangements for the memorial service for the late W. C. Leak, who for nearly 17 years was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the city schools, are taking final form. It will be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday morning, March 13th, at 11 o'clock. The exercises will be in charge of the school board and will be presided over by Hon. W. N. Everett, newly-elected chairman.

The order of the service will be:

- Song—Holy, Holy, Holy.
Invocation—Rev. Bruce Benton.
Sketch of life—W. N. Everett.
W. C. Leak, the friend—H. S. Ledbetter.
W. C. Leak, the business man—Claude Gore.
A tribute to his memory from the school faculty—by Miss Bessie Dunlap.
A tribute from the pupils—by Elsie Fairley.
Song—"Now the Day is Over."

The school children will be encouraged to bring floral offerings from their home gardens which will be arranged by a committee of ladies and later sent to Eastside cemetery. The public is invited to be present.

Compulsory School

Attendance.

John W. Lassiter was given a hearing before Magistrate Guthrie Saturday, charged with violation of the school compulsory law. It was in evidence that his nine and eleven-year-old children attended the Zion school but 12 days out of the required 80. He was found guilty and fined \$5 and costs.

The compulsory attendance law requires the parent or guardian of every child between the ages of 8 and 14 years to cause such child to attend the local public school continuously for four months of the school term of each year. The law exempts the attendance of any child who is physically or mentally unfit; or where the child resides 2 1/2 miles or more by the nearest traveled route from the schoolhouse; or where in case of extreme poverty the services of such child are necessary for its own support of its parents.

Ozmer L. Henry in Camp.

The following letter was written to a friend in Rockingham by Mr. Ozmer L. Henry, and was not intended for publication. However, the editor got his clutches on it, and is passing it on to the Post-Dispatch readers. Mr. Henry relinquished his law practice here several weeks ago to enter the service in Army Y. M. C. A. work. He is now stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Camp Forest, Army Y. M. C. A. 31. This letter was written March 2nd:

"We are really hard at work these days from five-thirty in the morning to nine at night. Everybody is on the move hurrying up preparations for going over. As I write this heavy motor trucks and long lines of soldiers are tramping by headed for the station with full accoutrements. Last night we said the last good bye and in a few hours they will leave. Oh well, we don't know exactly where but to do their duty for our Country and in defence of our homes. They are all seemingly happy and each army truck piled high with military stores and then as many fellows as can stick on; the fellows are singing and waving Old Glory above them. Capt. Davison just dropped by to tell me that he would save a good place for me when I was transferred and that he hoped to sit across table from me when we dined in Berlin sometime in the future. They are going across with the idea to do or die and you may take it from me that they are going to give old Germany HELL before they come back. The recent sinking of a transport by a submarine, instead of creating fear of going across, has only made the fellows all the more anxious to get at the Hun and make him pay dearly for doing the trick. These old chaps, most of them having seen service in Mexico or the Phillipines, can't be bluff. Today's crowd is the seventh to leave since I came into camp and more are trained and accoutred and waiting the word. Just as fast as they leave others come in to take their places. The Commanding officer told me last night that fifteen hundred men from Ohio were to be removed from the detention Camp this afternoon to fill up the barracks and more were expected from Indiana tomorrow.

"To say that I am enjoying my work and nothing more would be speaking in a whisper. I am reveling in my work but chafing under the collar with the thought that I cannot go on over now and get into the fray.

"I presume that more and more the people of Richmond County are realizing what we are up against and we shall go united in the defence of our homes and the sacred principles we cherish. Of course we are going to win but not until every American Citizen has done everything in his power to force the issue. The sooner we all realize that great necessity the sooner will the stars and stripes float over the Kaiser's Palace in Berlin."

"Snow White"

(Contributed)

The pupils of the City School on Friday evening, March 22nd, will give the beautiful Opera, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." There will be about 50 pupils in the cast, who are practicing daily under the able direction of Miss Bernice Turner. A number of very attractive songs and choruses are found in the score. These parts are being taken nicely by the Rockingham pupils, some of whom have voices of decided talent. The proceeds of the play will be divided between the Thrift Stamp Campaign movement and the local Red Cross. Fuller announcement will be made in next week's paper.

An Ingenious Idea.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary to the U. C. T., at Great Falls, Montana, have formulated a plan by which they hope to raise \$1,000 for the local Chapter of the Red Cross. The plan is for a Red Cross quilt, the centerpiece of which will be a large Red Cross. Other blocks in the quilt will be smaller Red Crosses, 172 in all. Each woman who pieces a block for the quilt will be permitted to place her name in that block. Space in the quilt will be auctioned to the women of the city. The large cross in center is expected to command a particularly large price.

Red Cross Notes.

(Contributed)

A word about the COMFORT KITS for "OUR BOYS."

We are told that the boys will go in lots of fifty or more from now on. Shall we send them off without this parting GIFT?

Mother has looked after the darning and patching for her boy but he must look after these for himself. Is it asking too much of our people to sacrifice just a little more and help to provide the Comfort Bags.

We have been told by the boys who receive them, that they were rightly named "COMFORT," for they were a comfort to every boy in camp. We have been told sometimes that the boys have all, or parts of these things. We have asked everyone who has all, or part of these things, to share his bag with one who has been less fortunate, and this has been done in many cases.

The bag and contents cost about \$1.50 wholesale, and truly that is not an expensive gift for the boys who are to fight for us and our liberty. But, we must have HELP if we are to keep it up.

Citizens of Rockingham alone have provided everyone for the boys who have gone thus far.

We now ask help from the county at large—Ellerbe, Hoffman, Mangum, and every person throughout the county.

Mrs. R. B. Waddell is Chairman of the Comfort Kit Committee and will be glad to receive from anyone a donation for this cause. Leave it at Miss Legg's Millinery Store or Dr. Biggs' Drug Store, if not convenient to see Mrs. Waddell, and she will receive it all right.

A Member

THE STAR Picture Theatre:

PROGRAM

Monday, March 11 to 16

MONDAY

Metro—"Alias Mrs. Jessop" in five acts, featuring Miss Emily Stevens.

TUESDAY

Pathe—"The Hunting of the Hawk" in five reels, with Mr. William Courtenay and Marguerite Snow. We would like for you to see this picture for it is going to be good; made by Pathe Company.

WEDNESDAY

Mutual—"Molly, Go Get 'Em," in five reels with Margaret Fisher and an all-star cast.

THURSDAY

Pathe—"The Price of Folly" Ruth Roland. Paramount—"His Hidden Purpose," a two reel comedy; you laugh all the time you are in the show. A "Hearst-Pathe News," five reels in all.

FRIDAY

Goldwyn—"Married"; this is another of those good GOLDWYN PICTURES featuring Miss Madge Kennedy, in six acts. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

SATURDAY

Vitagraph—"The Fighting Trail," in two acts. Keystone—"Hunted by Himself," in two reels, with a "Pathe News," which will make five reels in all.

RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS

Group Centres March 28th, 29th, April 2nd, 3rd and 5th. County Commencement at Rockingham April 6th.

A series of school commencements will be held this year for the public schools of Richmond county of the group centre schools. The usual literary and athletic contests will be conducted, the winners of which will contest later against each other in Rockingham as conducted in the past.

The dates for the Group Centre Commencements will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: School Name and Date. Includes Little's Mills (March 28), Ellerbe High School (March 29), Cordova (April 2), Roberdel High School (April 3), Pee Dee (April 5).

The usual County Commencement contests will be held in the courthouse at Rockingham, Saturday, April 6th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The prizes offered this year will be paid in Thrift Stamps. The prizes offered at the Group Centre Commencements will be valued at \$1 each, those at the County Commencement \$2 each.

The contestants will be divided into three classes: Primary, including grades 1 to 3; Intermediate, including grades 4 to 7; High School, including grades 8 to 11. For the contests each teacher will be allowed to enter one contestant for each prize for which he or she has eligible pupils, but they must have been bona fide pupils of the school for at least one half of the term. In schools with more than one teacher, each teacher's department will be counted as a school.

PRIZES FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.

Table with 2 columns: Contest Name and Prize Value. Includes Best declamation, primary (\$2.00), Best reading, grade one (\$2.00), Best writing, grade one (\$2.00), Best oral spelling, primary (\$2.00), Best addition, primary (\$2.00), Best multiplication, intermediate (\$2.00), Best long division, intermediate (\$2.00), Best work in pine straw, wire grass or shucks, pupils of any grade (\$2.00), Best work in plaid sewing, fancy work, any pupil (\$2.00), Best work in wood or iron, any pupil (\$2.00), Best exhibit of school work from a one-teacher school (\$2.00), Best exhibit of school work from a two-teacher school (\$2.00), Best exhibit of school work from a school of three or more teachers (\$2.00).

ATHLETIC EVENTS

The athletic events will take place on or near the grounds of the Rockingham school at 3 P. M. These contests will be under the direction of a committee composed of W. C. McColl, O. G. Reynolds, T. L. Williams and Raymond Peele. Pupils from Hamlet and Rockingham City Schools will be allowed to enter these contests. The rules governing the same are as follows:

Two men from each school may be entered for each contest, except the relay race in which three may be entered. The winner of first place shall receive 5 points, second place 3 points, third place 1 point. The winners of relay race and basket ball contests will receive pennants. The school receiving the highest total number of points will receive the Silver Cup for the coming year. If this cup shall be won 3 years in succession by any school it shall become the property of that school. Thrift Stamp prizes for the winners in the athletic contests will be given to the value of \$1 for first place, 50c for second place and 25c for third place. Events are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Contest Name and Participants. Includes 100 yard dash (High School boys), 100 yard dash (Girls any grade), 100 yard dash (Grammar Grade boys), Standing High Jump (High School), 220 yard Dash (High School), 50 yard Sack Race (Grammar Grades), Running Broad Jump (High School), Pole Vault (High Schools), Shot Put, 12 lbs. (All Grades), Relay Race (3 boys).

Arrangements for the basket ball games will be made and announced later.

Examinations for 7th Grade Diplomas, Etc.

The examination for 7th grade diplomas which entitle the holders to enter any High School of the County without further examination will be given at the Group Centre Schools on March 28. The diplomas will be delivered to the 7th grade graduates in Rockingham on April 6th. Teachers and pupils are urged to file a copy of this paper for constant reference. The co-operation of every teacher and committeeman in the county is solicited and expected to the end that the commencement may be made creditable in every respect. No school in the county should fail to have an exhibit of work. The poorest exhibit a school can make is to make none. The one-teacher schools are given an equal chance in the contests. Let no school or teacher fail to enter a contestant for every possible event. I shall be glad to hear and consider suggestions from any teacher or committeeman in the county. The contests will begin promptly at 10:30 o'clock. Let everyone make a determined effort to be on time—teachers, pupils and parents.

L. I. BELL