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## FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS AS REPORTED BY CORRESPONDENTS

### MITFORD.

Mrs. J. M. Smarr and Mrs. J. W. Isenhower spent Tuesday with Mrs. Grady Smarr, of Great Falls.

Misses Jo Miller, Isabelle Glass and Mary Raines spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Grady.

Mrs. J. S. Glass spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Ford, of Great Falls.

Mrs. Rufus Keistler motored to Chester Thursday on business.

Mr. Rufus Keistler spent Friday with his brother, Mr. W. S. Keistler.

Miss Janie Belle Lumpkin and Mrs. W. B. Lumpkin spent Sunday with Mrs. J. S. Glass and family.

Rev. J. E. Brown spent Sunday with the Ligans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ligon and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Rocky Creek, spent Sunday with the Ligans.

Misses Mary, Lois and Lucile Shere and Mr. White and Mr. Sherer and Miss Mary Thomasson, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Thomasson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ford and family spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Glass.

The League will meet Sunday night at Bethesda church at 8:00 o'clock. All are welcome to join with us in our service.

### BETHEL.

On the occasion of bringing the Methodist folk together from the four circuits of Fairfield and Upper Richland counties to a group conference of the Sunday schools in those circuits at Bethel the past Sunday, a great gathering and much profit was the result. Not only were those schools present but in the large crowd the question was asked as to the census of the body of people, and not one showed who did not belong to some Sunday school.

We were glad to have some members of Winnsboro and Greenbrier schools and members of other than Methodist churches.

The Rev. L. D. Gillespie did the talking in the morning and afternoon. He was at home, as he is field secretary of the U. S. C. conference Sunday schools. At the morning hour he talked of life and its capacities. He told how serious it is to handle the young life about the time they are beginning to think and act for themselves. Only the heavenly Father, through Christ, can help them. The speaker, continuing, said that as the cotton seed must have proper culture and help or it will not make cotton. So the boy and the girl will make the best when they are trained and cared for best. They must be allowed to be developed according to that which God has placed within them. They can be helped to make right decisions and grow right characters, not forced into anything.

The Rev. A. A. Merritt also talked along the line of making the Sunday school what it should be and then the outside world will be attracted to the Sunday school. Lift up Christ to all and He will draw others.

Miss Clements, our county nurse, with the women of the community, put on a most effective pageant. It was a decided success, very impressive and carried home the lesson of true motherhood as evidenced by Bible characters that were used, from Eve to Mary, the mother of our Lord. Too much cannot be said of her good work Miss Clements is doing in our county.

All the people went away glad that they had been to such a meeting of enthusiastic workers in the school of the church.

Shower for Miss Goldsmith.

A most delightful social was given by Mrs. J. B. Brooks on Friday afternoon, April 23rd, with a lingerie shower in honor of Miss Mary Goldsmith, niece of Mrs. Brooks.

At three o'clock the living room and front porch, which was made most beautiful and inviting with potted plants and cut flowers, was one continuous hum of merry voices, while many ladies and young girls were busily engaged with their patch

work making a quilt for the honored guest. The prize winner was Miss Vick Trapp, who excelled in her needlework, and who also had the largest number of squares in a given time.

The quilt being completed, the guests were invited into the dining room by the hostess, which was very pretty indeed in its drapery of white and pink. Vases of white and pink roses were everywhere. From the ceiling hung rods and from these dainty garlands of pink and white.

As the guests were partaking of delicious refreshments, two old, antebellum negroes entered carrying wash-boards on their heads, which were laden with excellent gifts for the bride-to-be.

### MOSSY DALE.

A good deal of cotton will be replanted as a result of the recent unusual cold spell.

What seems to be a total failure—caused by rust.

I traveled from Winnsboro to Monticello by way of Lebanon church the other day, and from Winnsboro to Little River has the appearance of being the most progressive section of the county. I passed for the first time the beautiful home of my distinguished friend, Mr. Mose Carrk, and as I neared the spot where so great a man first saw the light I felt as though I should doff my hat—and while it was not my pleasure to see Friend Clark as I passed, I saw the little ox he had been plowing standing by the wayside with the harness on.

I passed the old Davis home, too—there I saw the biggest pile of cotton in the world, and I wondered why Johnnie didn't borrow money on it and quit dunning those who owe him.

There has been a good deal of talk about the division of school district No. 18, but the board of education composed of the best men in the county has decided that there should be no division at this time, which I have no doubt is best for all concerned. I understand that W. W. Ligon made an able presentation of facts in advocacy of the division. He is a very forceful speaker, any way, and when he is fully aroused he can roll back the clouds and pin them with the stars.

I am very sorry for Robert Mann. Saturday evening he bought a big, fine roast of beef and put it in a box on the front porch where it would keep cool, then he invited his uncle and his aunt and his cousins to dinner on Sunday; but alas, when he opened the box Sunday morning the roast "were not present." I have frequently warned him to keep an eye on Dr. Estes, and I think that he will do so hereafter.

T. C. Leitner is giving us some good roads. Old Tom is a good one. Some of the boys wish to serve notice on the candidates that something more substantial than cold drinks will be expected this summer.

I think that Beckham is going to become a candidate—he is peddling fish now—and when a man becomes fishy he is liable to do any mean thing.

The all day Sunday school meeting at Bethel last Sunday was, we think, a grand success.

### HICKORY RIDGE.

Mrs. Clarke Langford, of Blythe-wood, spent a few days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Timms.

Mr. Raymond Young returned to Gastonia last Saturday, after spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Annie McNaull, of Columbia, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Timms.

Mr. Edgar Timms, who has been spending a few days with his parents returned to Gastonia Saturday to take up his work again.

Mrs. J. D. McMeekin spent a few days the past week at the home of Mrs. Laura Timms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Timms announce the arrival of a little son.

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## GENERAL NEWS OVER THE WORLD

Washington. — World cotton consumption has returned to its pre-war level after a five-year period of low consumption, according to a survey of the international cotton situation covering production, consumption and stocks, as of April 1, made public by the commerce department.

"The striking feature of the situation," the department said, "is an indicated consumption of 21,000,000 bales for the year ending July 31, 1922, approximately 6,000,000 bales more than was produced for the crop year."

The world carry-over, the department concluded from its survey, will return to normal by August 1, 1922, while the outstanding feature of interest now is the degree to which the cotton production will return to the pre-war level, or whether it will continue on the basis of the last five years' average of 18,000,000 bales. Much depends, the department declared, on weather conditions and the extent to which the boll weevil proves to be a limiting factor.

### Little Change in River.

New Orleans.—While water flowed through the three crevasses in the lower Mississippi river continued to cover more lands, the fight to prevent other breaks in the levees was carried on without any let-up. Thousands of men spent their Sabbath filling and piling sand bags to strengthen the weak places and to raise low stretches of the embankments to meet higher river stages than any yet recorded.

In the third Mississippi levee district alone no less than 10,000 men were engaged in the fight to hold the swollen river in its channel, the 4,000 employed by the government in this district being reinforced by more than 6,000 civilians who have volunteered their services for the common protection of their homes. Church services were dispensed with in many places, the pastors leading their flocks to the levees, where the day was spent in hard labor to prevent further flooding.

### Shoots Son and Commits Suicide.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Dr. W. P. Allen of Dayton, Tenn., who last December was acquitted of the murder of Burch C. Gardinire, member of a well-known Tennessee family, after one of the most sensational murder trials ever staged in Rhea county, killed his nine-year-old son, W. P. Jr., shot at his wife and committed suicide.

The double tragedy occurred three miles south of Dayton as Dr. Allen, his wife and son were returning from an automobile ride.

Mrs. Allen said the shooting was done without any warning. She told Sheriff Burnette, who made an investigation, that Dr. Allen, who was driving the car, stopped at the side of the road, drew his revolver, shot the child through the head and then got out of the seat. She jumped out on the other side, she said, and ran, as Allen started shooting at her.

### Captain Coleman Seeks Relief.

New Bern.—At the jail here Arthur Coleman, captain and owner of the British schooner "Message of Peace," convicted of selling whiskey and sentenced to six months in jail by Judge H. G. Connor, said he expected to be released on bail. His counsel, John D. and Emmett Bellamy, went to Wilmington to attend to securing the bond which was fixed at \$2,500.

Captain Coleman declared that he was far from being through with the case. He expects to sue for the recovery of his ship and its cargo.

### Many Children Hurt.

Rome, Ga.—Five children were seriously injured, one probably fatally and 18 others suffered bruises when they were thrown out of a truck taking a curve near here.

Ruth West, 13, of Lindale was reported to have suffered a fractured skull, and was not expected to live. Four others, Houston Hendricks, Richard Bean, Louise Mathis and Walter Green, also were taken to a hospital painfully hurt. The injuries to the others were chiefly minor cuts and bruises.

### Marshal Joffre Leaves New York.

New York.—With the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," played by a municipal band as the liner Celtic speeded up off the Statue of Liberty, Marshal Joffre waved good-bye to America and began the last lap of his world tour. The band was aboard the police boat John F. Hyland.

The marshal stood at attention for a moment after the band began, then suddenly waved his red and gold hat, grew more enthusiastic and waved his cane, while the big liner slipped away toward the open sea.

## HAPPENINGS OVER THE WHOLE STATE

York. — The White Rose town was the mecca of South Carolina Episcopallians, who were drawn here by the second annual pilgrimage of the members of that denomination to the Church Home orphanage of York. The attendance was approximately 600, which, though satisfactory in point of number and representative of the entire state, would doubtless have been even larger had not the day been decidedly crisp and cool.

The majority of the pilgrims made the journey by automobile. Among the cities and towns especially well represented were Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Greenwood and Winnsboro. From Winthrop college came upward of three score students, accompanied by Mrs. Alex Long of Rock Hill.

The central feature of the day was a special service held on the grounds in the open air at 11 o'clock in the morning. The sermon was preached by Bishop Guerry of Charleston and a short address was delivered by Bishop Finlay of Columbia. In connection with this there was held a confirmation service in which children of the orphanage and the parish were confirmed. Among those taking part in this service were the Rev. F. A. Jahan of Greenville, the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton of Spartanburg and the Rev. T. T. Walsh and the Rev. T. P. Noe of York, the latter the superintendent of the orphanage. Musical numbers were rendered by the children of the institution and the choir of Christ church, Greenville, and the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.

At the conclusion of this service lunch was eaten on the grounds in picnic style, the children of the institution being the guests of the pilgrims.

At 2:30 o'clock there was held an informal laymen's conference presided over by Bishop Finlay. The address of welcome was made by J. S. Brice, a York citizen and member of the executive committee of the institution. Other addresses were made by Major W. F. Robertson of Greenville, Major W. B. Moore of York and Professor Vermont of the Converse college faculty, Spartanburg.

The visitors expressed themselves as enjoying the pilgrimage and as highly pleased with the work being done here for the wards of the church. It was also a great day for the children of the institution, who were delighted at the presence of so many of their friends. Their smiling faces, childish candor and winsomeness will doubtless linger long in the minds of the visitors and inspire the latter to greater efforts in their behalf.

In future years the pilgrimage will be held on Mothers' day, the second Sunday in May.

### Killed By Automobile.

Rock Hill.—Fred Hutchison, aged 65, unmarried, who resided in the Indian Hook community, eight miles from the city, was almost instantly killed when struck by an automobile driven by unidentified persons. The accident occurred on Oakland avenue, near Winthrop college. A man driving a Ford car was seen to strike the buggy in which Mr. Hutchison was riding. The car was backed out and turned back toward the city, no notice being taken of the man struck. The victim was dying when spectators rushed to his aid and he expired in a few minutes.

### No Free Cigarettes.

Florence.—No more cigarettes for chaingang convicts at the expense of the county was the word passed by the county governing commission when checking up claims it came across one for \$55 for smokes furnished the convicts by the county since the first of the year. It is stated that this has been the custom here for some time, the grade of cigarettes furnished being inferior. However, free cigarettes will not be distributed any more.

### To Attend Assembly.

Fort Mill.—Col. Thomas B. Spratt has received appointment as commissioner to the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, which convenes in May in Charleston, W. Va., to represent Bethel Presbytery.

### Will Sell at Home.

Greenwood.—A system to place home grown and home canned fruits and vegetables on the local market, thereby creating home industries and bringing in revenue to farm homes, has been worked out by Miss Janie Roberts, home demonstration agent of this county. Miss Roberts has signed a contract with a local wholesale grocery firm to handle over 100,000 cans of home canned fruits and vegetables during the following season. All of the products will be standardized and sold under one label.

## NEWS FROM THE WINNSBORO MILLS

Mrs. Annie Blocker, after being away for several weeks, has entered again upon her duties in the new spinning room.

On last Thursday Mr. W. E. Sentell, Robert, Ben and Tom Sentell and Rev. G. C. Gibson attended the state high school oratorical contest held at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Mr. Tom Sentell was one of the contestants. He won a place in the preliminaries and represented Mt. Zion school in the finals. He acquitted himself well, but the judges decided against him. However, Tom is a good loser and always accepts the decisions of the judges as final. After all, it isn't how we won or lost but how we played the game.

The ball game with Great Falls last Saturday was postponed after Jupiter Pluvius came to bat and knocked a home run. When players learn to play baseball in canoes they will not have to put off games because the diamond is flooded. Manager Smith asks us to say that he has a good game booked here for this Saturday with Pacific Mills of Columbia. The game will be called at 3:30. Be sure to see this game. Pacific Mills boast of a great team, but if they win they will be lucky, is the way we think. What say you? Be out there Saturday to tell us how you feel about it.

Mr. Darby Floyd, who seems to be wild about the successful reorganization of the band, came to us this week with boiling enthusiasm to ask us to let the folks know that the band was certainly a humping organization. When asked what made him think so, he shot back, "Why man, we already have twenty-eight men signed up to take an instrument and for his weekly wages. And do you know that new musician, J. W. Comstock, can teach a dog to make music on a crooked stick. Fellow, he is some instructor. And the thing that tickles us is that the fellows are up to their necks in this thing. I never saw such enthusiasm. No smoking, cussing, drinking or poker playing in that band room now. No sir! But you ought to see how those fellows work. Mr. Correspondent, just say in the news column that if there are two or three other good, sincere, earnest men who want to learn some band music that they can get in if they hurry." With that, he strutted off down the street to the band hall.

Each night last week in the temporary quarters where the Methodist folk are holding their religious services, Rev. R. F. Revis, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted revival meetings. The meetings were largely attended and much interest was manifested. We feel that great and lasting good was done.

On Tuesday evening the cottage prayer meeting held by the Methodist church each week was held at the home of Mrs. Abbie Summers. A large number were present. Rev. R. F. Revis conducted the service. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 the service will be held at Mrs. Starnes', at 1315.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wylie had as their guest last week, Mr. Wylie's aunt.

Master Gene Wylie had the misfortune to tumble down the steps one day last week, and break his collar bone.

Mr. W. E. Sentell has been busy for the past few days putting the streets in good shape. As a finishing touch a good coat of oil is being applied. This may cause the housekeepers a little trouble, but it will not be so bad as the clouds of dust that we are accustomed to have in the summer.

Mr. Clayton Conyers has been very ill for several days, but we are glad to report that he is improving.

Mr. Sam Cherry left several days ago for Charlotte, where he goes to accept a position as carpenter.

### NOTICE TO WOMEN VOTERS.

Have you registered? The registration books are open the first Monday in each month at the sheriff's office from 9 a. m. til 2 p. m.

Use want ads—folks read 'em.

## SIDELIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

It would have been good for lots of people with the blues to have been present at the Democratic county convention last Monday. It was the most heartening public meeting since the boll weevil's invasion of Fairfield, and is likely to have a far reaching influence for good in the coming years of changing social and economic conditions among our population.

Just as soon as the business for which the convention is held could be concluded, and the political ball put in motion, which was accomplished without the slightest friction, the meeting, as by one consent, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the state of the people. Edwin McDonald struck the keynote of the whole proceeding when he arose and asked one and all to consider what a plight Fairfield county will soon be in with the white population now rapidly leaving it, or shifting homes, unless some steps are taken in the near future to correct the evil conditions now endured by us.

He gave as his judgment that the same necessity is for a general road building and of an improvement in those now used, citing from his own experience that the direct cause of the low value brought about by the lack of a demand for farm ownership of land in Fairfield was due to the state of the highways. He cited as an instance, the turning down of a sale of the Mobley Stock Farm brought about by his being forced to explain to his client the necessity (this was in February) of waiting thirty days to show the place to the party. The prospective purchaser replied that such was the case, if he couldn't travel the road from Winnsboro there in February he couldn't get it.

Now, Mr. Isenhower rose and getting down to particulars, introduced formally a resolution calling for the meeting to recommend the construction of the main highway through the county from the county seat up to Blackstock in the manner of that which is now nearing a finish down to Ridgeway.

His proposition was warmly endorsed, and then followed Mr. Yarborough, of Jenkinsville, in presenting a resolution setting forth the necessity for the building of the road from the Richland line through his village to reach, via Monticello, a bridge to be placed across Broad River at or near Shelton.

This, as well as the subject of good roads generally as indispensable, was also endorsed by speeches from Rev. Mr. Sharpe, Rev. Gibson, of the mill, and others, and unanimously adopted.

These matters unavoidably brought into consideration the other side of the proposition—the question of defraying the cost of them, whether by annual levy or issuing bonds.

In reply for information, Representative Wollong stated the annual expenditure on the roads of Fairfield last year was \$22,000. It was then brought to the consideration of the meeting the question if it were not better, and carrying not any additional expense, to take, say, \$25,000 of this money and float, at five per cent, a half-million dollar bond issue, the expenditure of which would not only give employment to many citizens now hard-pressed to make a daily living, and which would, by circulating the next three or four years from the bank to the pay roll, then to the merchants, and back to the banks, constitute a revolving fund of several million dollars during a transformation period when cash money would be sorely needed; and would hasten the development of a highway system equitable and general throughout the entire county within a period of, say, five years, instead of one hundred years, which is the period it will take under the present annual levy, building about five miles only each year, to complete the job.

In addition, the difference between \$25,000 and \$36,000, now being annually spent on the roads, would afford approximately a fund that would retire the entire bond issue within a forty year period; each year in-

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