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VAN WYCK SECTION SCENE OF PROGRESS

BUSY WITH FALL TRADE

Farmers, Merchants and Manufacturers All Busy—A Section of Progressive People.

Van Wyck is taking on new life since the business season has opened up. The brick yard is running on full time and turning out fine brick by the thousands every day. A number of teams are busy hauling wood for burning these and everything around the brick plant is moving and gives the scene an air of thrift and progress. The clay for making brick here is fine and enough to keep the plant running for years.

The cotton gin fills the air with its musical hum as it separates the fleecy staple from its seed and is doing fine work under the supervision of Mr. Will Yorborough. This ginery has recently been overhauled, and a good deal of new machinery added, which makes it well equipped for business, and we bespeak a liberal patronage for the company which has gone to considerable expense to please their customers. The cotton crop is short in this territory and will not give the owners of this gin plant much profit this season.

The merchants have opened up a good line of fall goods and are busy selling to the fall trade, and will buy cotton, and seed and give the highest market prices, and believe in the slogan: "Buy at Home."

We are getting fine roads from all directions to Van Wyck. The Northeast Road, or the Monroe Road, leading from Cureton's Ferry towards Waxhaw and Monroe is now being graded by the experienced road builder, Mr. J. A. Hyatt, and when finished will be among the best roads in the county. This is a much traveled road and for several years has been in a deplorable condition, and almost a disgrace to Lancaster county. The county board has our thanks for having the work done. It is rumored that a new ferry boat will soon be installed at Cureton's and when this is done it will give more travel on our roads and will be a great convenience for this part of Lancaster county and the travel to Rock Hill. As it now is, the only place for crossing Catawba river for some distance is near Fort Mill.

The weather continues dry and fine for gathering feed crops, but unfortunately here in the flood district, there is very little to gather. The forage crops were destroyed by the floods and very little hay grasses have grown since. The pasture grasses were destroyed and very few places, if any, grass has grown enough for stock to feed upon.

Some farms here where a hundred tons of hay were grown other years, will not produce more than two or three tons, and the farmers will have to depend on imported feed supplies. This is a new experience for many of our farmers, as they have never farmed much in cotton, always making their home supplies, and these largely on their low lands, along streams that seldom overflowed to such an extent, as to cause a total loss. But this "record breaker flood" of July has taught them a lesson—never again to depend entirely on the low lands for a supply crop. They are going bravely on, preparing for grains and grasses that will come in early in the spring, that will help them over the hard experiences of their farm operations next year.

Mr. Taylor of Columbia, filled his appointment with the Christian Endeavor Society last Friday noon, at the school auditorium, where he made a very interesting talk to the school and at night at the Presbyterian church, where he addressed an audience of children and older people and gave them much information concerning the work of the Christian Endeavor in this and other countries.

Mr. McCan and son of Greenwood made a week-end visit to Mrs. McCan at Mr. R. H. Masseys.

Mr. Moore, brother-in-law of Mr. W. N. Ashe, stopped over with Mr. Ashe on his way to Rock Hill last Saturday night.

Mr. John Yandle and family of Rock Hill visited Mr. John Spray and family last Sunday.

Miss Odell Griffin has returned to Rock Hill to resume her studies at

HEATH SPRINGS IDEAL LOCATION FOR FAIR

USE BALL PARK GROUNDS

Could Exhibit Products of Little Town—Would Prove Beneficial to Community.

One among the best locations in Lancaster county in which to hold a genuine first class community fair is Heath Springs. Surrounded by a splendid agricultural section noted for the fertility of its soil, and inhabited by a progressive class of thorough going enterprising people, the little town enjoys every facility needed with which to successfully conduct a one or two days fair.

In the vicinity of Heath Springs are men who raise the finest live stock to be found in this section of the State. Among some of the best farmers in the county are located in this particular climatic favored section, and the ability of the Heath Springs graded school to arrange a suitable exhibit for an occasion of this kind has been demonstrated at the many field day and local fairs in this city time and time again.

Heath Springs has splendid fair grounds already in that of its ball park. Suitable tents could be rented at a small cost in which the various exhibits could be shown. A small line of clean up-to-date amusements could be located in the grounds on a percentage basis which would net the fair management a neat sum. A small admission could be charged at the gate which could be used in defraying the general expenses in connection with the fair. It would not be necessary to give a large cash premium list, as those interested in such work will, as a general rule, work as hard to secure a "blue ribbon" for a prize as if it were a fifty cents or a dollar. At a very small cost the undertaking could be thoroughly advertised, and of a certainty it would prove of an incalculable worth to the town and entire community from an advertising, competitive and constructive standpoint.

The real worth of such an undertaking cannot be estimated in dollars and cents to a community in that it tends to create a competitive spirit, or rivalry as it were, among the people in which they endeavor to outdo their neighbor in the high production of those things so essential in ones every day life, all of which redounds to the general good of a community and the welfare of its people.

So far, five community fairs are to be held in the county this fall at the following places: Flint Ridge, Van Wyck, Oakhurst, Antioch and Pleasant Valley, and much work is now under way at these places in order to make them a success. In all probability, a county fair will be held in Lancaster this fall. Committees are busy today soliciting financial aid from the local merchants and business men for this purpose, and, of course, Lancaster WILL NOT FAIL.

Now, if the citizens of Heath Springs, assisted by the many farmers and stock men of the section, want to hold an event of this kind for one or two days during the fall, and we have reasons to believe they do from what we have recently heard, The News will be glad to assist in every way possible in order to make the first annual event a success.

Winthrop College.

Mr. T. H. Wilson and son, Charlie, made a visit to Lancaster Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Wilson is getting ready to send Charlie back to Cedar Springs school, where he spent last year.

Prof. J. Herman Yoder will give a piano musical at Van Wyck Tuesday night. He will leave on Wednesday for St. Augustine, Fla., to resume his teaching in the ancient city where he has taught the four past winters.

J. M. YODER.

Van Wyck, S. C., Sept. 18, 1916.

FORD ON BAND WAGON.

New York, Sept. 14.—Henry Ford declared today that he and "his neighbors" would support President Wilson for re-election, it was announced at Democratic headquarters tonight.

COMES TO BURY BELOVED SISTER

SERVICE TO BE BRIEF

Funeral of Mrs. Annie Wilson Howe Formerly of Columbia Will Be Simple.

Columbia, Sept. 17.—Simple, almost to austerity, will be the funeral today of Mrs. Annie Josephine Howe, wife of the late George Howe, M. D., of Columbia and sister of President Wilson, which will be held in the First Presbyterian church on the arrival of a Seaboard Air Line train from the North, which is due this morning at 11:35 o'clock. The funeral party, including the president and Mrs. Wilson, will leave Columbia via the Seaboard at 6:15 o'clock this evening. Mrs. Howe died early Friday in New London, Conn.

President and Mrs. Wilson joined at Trenton yesterday afternoon the party from New London, comprising Mrs. Howe's sons, George and Wilson Howe, with their wives; her daughter, Mrs. Annie Howe Cothran; Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, and Joseph R. Wilson, Mrs. Howe's brother. The president is probably accompanied also by the White House physician, Cary T. Grayson, M. D.

Service Will Be Brief.

The funeral service will consist of two scripture readings, a prayer and three hymns. One of the hymns will be sung at the funeral party enters the church. It is likely that the selections will be "Abide With Me," "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Two hymns will likely be sung by a quartette during the committal. One of these may be "Beautiful Garden of Eden," which was sung at the funerals of Mrs. Howe's father, Dr. Joseph Ruggles Wilson, and her husband, George Howe, M. D. The prayer will be offered by the president of Columbia seminary, the Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D. Among the passages of scripture which will be read by the pastor, the Rev. A. W. Blackwood, will be the latter portion of the 31st chapter of Proverbs, beginning with the 10th verse, on "the praise and properties of a good wife."

Seats for the immediate family and a few others will be reserved in the church. At the conclusion of the service the congregation will await the departure of the funeral party before leaving their seats. The interment will be private.

Out of deference to the expressed wishes of the family, formal public marks of sympathy which had been proposed will be omitted. Rawley W. Holcombe, secretary of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, consulted with those in charge of the arrangements, telling them that merchants had offered to close their places of business during the services and to drape them appropriately. Mr. Holcombe was asked to thank the mercantile community and to say that inasmuch as the president comes unofficially the tribute tendered would be perhaps not in character with the nature of his mission. James L. Tapp of the Tapp department store telegraphed from New York instructing his manager to close the store during the funeral. He was informed by wire of the intimation as to the preference of the family. City and State officials also will be guided by the wishes of the family that no official cognizance of the president's visit be taken.

Traffic Arrangements.

Tentative dispositions for the handling of the traffic and other police problems have been made in cooperation with J. W. Richardson, chief of police. These are subject to revision by the secret service operatives accompanying the president's party. Access to the church, regard being had to the necessary reservations, will probably be as free as usual, but the public will be asked to keep out of the church yard, since the interment is to be private.

Douglas McKay, one of the six pallbearers, is at Pawley's Island. Should his train be late his place will be taken, on the suggestion of the family, by S. B. McMaster.

The late Mrs. Howe was Woodrow Wilson's senior by several years. Since the death at Columbia of her husband, in 1895, she has lived most of the time with her children in other places. She and her daughter, now Mrs. Annie Howe Cothran, were in

VILLA'S MEN FAIL IN SURPRISE MOVE

WOUND FOR TREVINO

Carranza Commander at Chihuahua City Continues to Direct Fight in Spite of Hurt.

Chihuahua City, Sept. 16 (Delayed by cut wires).—Villa's own troops executed a surprise attack on Chihuahua in the dark of this morning, which although successfully initiated, ended in a complete victory for the de facto government troops under Gen. Trevino, who received a flesh wound in the left forearm under the fire.

At 3:30 o'clock during a heavy rain and while the people were asleep, after the festivities of two nights in honor of the Mexican independence day, the Villa forces entered the town in two columns. One made straight for the penitentiary, where Jose Ynez Salazar, the amnestied rebel on trial for plotting against the government, and political prisoners were released. Others rushed for the government buildings and federal palace, driving out the small Carranza guard.

Gen. Trevino covered the government buildings with rifles and machine guns. He then took personal command of the artillery at Santa Rosa and by a few well directed shots made the buildings untenable. The bandits fled out of the city to the northwest, leaving more than 100 dead behind.

The fleeing Villa followers at Nombre de Dios ran into the forces of Gen. Ramos, placed there to cut off retreat. Ramos continued the pursuit with heavy losses to the bandits.

Although in command of the attack, Villa did not enter the city with his troops. The streets around the government buildings are strewn with dead men and horses, while wounded bandits continue to be brought in.

A large number of former adherents of Villa and Orozco, are among the dead. Marcelo Caraveo, once a general under Orozco, was taken prisoner, which proves the complicity of other factions with Villa.

Gen. Trevino received his wound, which is not serious, while directing the fire of the field guns. He remained with his men, however, throughout the fight. It is reported that not a single government soldier deserted his post during the fight.

ANOTHER COTTON BUYER

FOR LANCASTER

Farmers Jubilant Over Fact That Mr. Julian Ahrens, Representing Harvey & Company, Will Buy Cotton in City This Fall.

The News is pleased to announce for the information of our many farmer friends that Mr. Julian Ahrens, representing Harvey & Company, of Sumter, will be located in Lancaster this fall for the purpose of buying cotton.

Mr. Ahrens is no stranger in this county, he having resided here seven or eight years at one time, but leaving Lancaster some twenty-five years ago. He is well remembered by a large number of older residents of the county who hail his return in the cotton market with much enthusiasm. It is now expected that Lancaster will furnish one of the best cotton markets to be found in the State.

Mr. Ahrens will be located at the store of Mr. E. W. Sistare for some two weeks, after which he will have his office in the little house owned by Miss Emmons, adjoining the new building now being erected by the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, now occupied by the law firm of Jones & Jones.

Farmers before selling their cotton should call and have Mr. Ahrens bid on same.

Mrs. Ahrens will join her husband soon and they will make their home in Lancaster.

We welcome these good people to our city.

Germany with George Howe, now of the University of North Carolina, during his student years at the University of Halle. Mrs. Howe had lived for considerable periods at Chapel Hill, N. C. Recently she had made her home in Philadelphia.

WILL OPPOSE TRAXLER GREENVILLE POST OFFICE

MAY LAUNCH A FIGHT

Congressman Nicholls Doesn't Want Him in Office—Fight to Be Made.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Interesting developments are promised at an early date over the Greenville post-office appointment.

Representative Sam J. Nicholls said today:

"I have already attested that the action of the postmaster general was a complete surprise to me. You may rest assured that I will do everything in my power to put Mr. Traxler out. I have not fully decided upon the best course to pursue in the matter, but I expect to go to the bottom of it. Further than this I do not care to make any statement at the present time."

In 1913 there was an agreement among the members of the South Carolina delegation in congress, the house members and the two senators agreeing, that the house members would have the naming of the postmasters in their respective districts and that the senators would not interfere except where recommendations were personally objectionable. This agreement has been strictly adhered to and the question that Mr. Nicholls will ask just as soon as Postmaster General Burleson returns to Washington is who Mr. Traxler's sponsor was.

It is not known that either Senator Smith or Senator Tillman took a hand in the present situation and it is interesting to know who did.

With the elimination of the South Carolina senators, there remains the question of who it was with sufficient influence to have the postmaster general tell Mr. Traxler that he might go back to work as postmaster at Greenville after what has happened during the last three months.

Mr. Nicholls, in demanding of the postmaster general that Mr. Traxler's resignation remain as submitted some time ago, will stand squarely on his official rights, he said, and will insist that his prerogatives as the representative in the house from the Fourth district of South Carolina be respected. On the other hand, The State's correspondent has information to show that Mr. Traxler's friends will insist that the postoffice department stand by its decision and continue him in the postoffice.

Altogether the situation over the continuance of Mr. Traxler as postmaster at Greenville is one of the promised features of official life in the near future.

BREAD INQUIRY HALTED.

Department of Justice Stops Chicago Investigation.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The department of justice at Washington today called a halt on federal investigation in Chicago of the increase in bread prices.

"This department does not wish an investigation made at this time," said a message from A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the department's bureau of investigation, to Hinton G. Clabaugh, of the department's Chicago office.

What effect the department's ruling would have on the investigation being made by United States District Attorney Klyne was not made public tonight.

Bayers who have appeared before Klyne recently have cited figures to show the increased cost of manufacture of bread justified an increase in wholesale and retail prices.

WILL HELP AFFLICTED.

Wellesley, Mass., Sept. 15.—An unlimited fund has been set aside by the Ford Motor company of Detroit for the treatment of crippled children throughout the country who are in need of orthopedic or surgical care, according to the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, head of the Ford educational department, who addressed a conference of business men here today. He said a fund originally had been created for the use of cripples in the families of the employees of the concern, but because of its limitations another fund had been provided. Further details were not made public.

BRITISH SCORE MOST NOTABLE ADVANCE

SMASH GERMAN LINES

Made Most Notable Advance Since Anglo-French Offensive Began July 1.

London, Sept. 15.—Smashing the German line on a front of six miles north of the Somme in France, the British forces have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began July 1.

Three towns, two woods and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Combles and the Pozieres-Bapaume Road fell to the British. Not only did the Germans lose these points but the British drive imperils the Combles and Thiepval positions on either end of the British front. The gaining of the high ground north of Combles gives the British command of the approaches to Bapaume.

The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. Courcellette, east of Thiepval, and north of the Pozieres-Bapaume Road, and Martinpuich, south of the road, fell into the hands of General Haig's men. Further south they took Flers, and the High wood, making secure their possession of Ginchy. The Bouleaux woods, north of Combles, also was lost to the Germans.

More Than 2,300 Prisoners. The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, fought stubbornly to hold their ground, and the fighting was severe all along the line. More than 2,300 prisoners were taken by the British.

Aiding the British in the encirclement of Combles the French have taken additional trenches north of Le Priez farm. South of the river three German trenches near Berny-on-Santerre were taken by the French who also captured 200 prisoners. Berlin claims the repulse of British attacks southeast of Thiepval and of French efforts between Rancourt and the Somme. The official statement admits the loss of Le Priez farm west of Rancourt.

In northern Macedonia the British, French and Serbian armies have gained additional successes, breaking down the Bulgarian defense in the center and on the left wing. French troops took Bulgarian positions a half mile deep on a front of one mile. West of Lake Ostrovo the Serbians captured Malkanidze. The British attacked west of the Vardar and also gained ground.

Bulgarians Retreating. Unofficially it is reported the Bulgarians retreated 12 miles in front of the Entente rush and Athens reports the abandonment of Kastoria by the Bulgarians. Berlin says Entente attacks east of Vardar were repulsed.

The Italians have begun a new drive toward Triest. Lines of Austro-entrenchments east of the Vallone have been taken, Rome reports, together with more than 2,100 prisoners. Vienna, while admitting Italian successes on the Isonzo front, declares the first assault is looked upon as a failure.

In the Dobruja region of Roumania, Bucharest admits that the Russian and Roumanian troops are retiring northward before the advance of the forces of the Central powers. Violent fighting is in progress in this region. In Transylvania, however, the Roumania forces are continuing their progress and have reached the Aluta River northwest of Kronstadt.

There has been no change in the situation on the eastern front from the Carpathians to Riga.

British Capture 2,300.

London, Sept. 15.—The greater part of the Bouleaux wood, High wood and the towns of Fleers, Martinpuich and Courcellette have been taken by the British, who also have captured all the high ground between Combles and the Pozieres-Bapaume road, according to tonight's official communication. More than 2,300 prisoners were captured in the drive.

Troops in Retirement. Bucharest, via Amsterdam to London, Sept. 15.—The Russian and Roumanian troops in the Dobruja region of Roumania are in retirement northward, according to the official communication issued today.