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VAN WYCK MAN REPLIES TO ARTICLE

ROAD WORK BEING DONE

Ice Cream Supper and Other Social Features During Week. Many Visitors.

Van Wyck, Oct. 3.—Mayor Jones' reply to my letter of Sept. 12, gives much information and we are glad he has informed the country people as to what the town of Lancaster has been doing for them. The road building was very much needed a few years ago, when much of the produce raised in Lancaster county was marketed outside of the county as better roads were found going to Waxhaw, Monroe and other towns. But since the good roads have been made in Lancaster county leading to Lancaster, the trade has been turned that way, so that the town of Lancaster has been somewhat compensated for the road taxes its citizens have been paying for the rural roads. We have no fight to make against Mayor Jones in using the flood money by flood sufferers for building good streets in Lancaster. But as I stated in my letter on Sept. 12, that I knew of no other place the flood funds were being used in Lancaster county, only on the streets of Lancaster. I thought this was a great injustice to many of the flood sufferers in Lancaster county and did not think it right; that all the flood funds of Lancaster county should be used on the streets of the town of Lancaster, and requested that an investigation be made for the purpose of making a more equitable distribution.

It is impracticable for many of the flood sufferers to leave their homes and work on the streets of Lancaster, and work should be more conveniently arranged for them. The mayor of Lancaster has nothing to do with this, but the supervisor of the county should look after this, and I think this was the intention of the plan of the distribution of these funds, when the supervisors of each county was named on the committee of distribution, as it would be very natural that he would be best posted as to where the work could be placed to the greatest convenience of the flood sufferers. This has been done in many counties, and it should be done in Lancaster county.

We notice the call for a convention of the Reform Progressive Party for the State of South Carolina. Van Wyck will not have a representative in that convention, as far as we know. If we have any kickers around here they have not made themselves known.

Mr. W. H. Hyatt of Kershaw has brought his teams to Van Wyck and is assisting his father, Mr. J. A. Hyatt, in building roads.

Miss Kathleen Bailes entertained Van Wyck Christian Endeavors at her home last Wednesday afternoon and gave them a pleasant time.

Mrs. C. S. Massey and Mrs. H. C. Houston of Waxhaw visited Mr. R. H. Massey's family last Thursday. They made the trip in Mrs. Houston's Ford.

The ice cream and box supper at Van Wyck school house last Friday night was an enjoyable occasion. It was well attended by the young people and a few older ones, all of whom seemed to be in the very best of humor and everything passed off very pleasantly. A nice little sum was turned over to the financial committee for Van Wyck Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rogers of Gastonia, N. C., have been week-end visitors to the former's sister, Mrs. G. L. Vaughan.

Mr. Reid Ferguson, who has been away for several years is on a visit to his father, Mr. E. E. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson is located in Virginia. J. M. YODER.

THIRTEEN ARE KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR

Detroit, Oct. 1.—Thirteen persons were killed and more than 25 injured, several probably fatally, late tonight when a switch engine pushing two freight cars crashed into a crowded trolley car at Forest avenue and Dequindre streets on the east side. There were more than 90 persons in the street car, many of them returning from the theaters.

PEOPLE APPROVE WILSON SPEECH

TO FOLLOW SAME LINE

Future Addresses at Shadow Lawn Will Tell of Politics But Less Abroad.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 1.—So many messages congratulating President Wilson on his speech here yesterday were received by him today that he had decided to follow the general line in future addresses at Shadow Lawn. His speeches in Omaha, Indianapolis, Chicago and New York which will be before non-partisan organizations will be less political in tone.

Arrangements were completed today for the president's trip to Omaha beginning Tuesday. He will arrive in Omaha Thursday morning at 11:40 o'clock and will remain there until 10 o'clock that night, returning to Long Branch Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Saturday afternoon he will address an assemblage of independents here.

A busy day has been arranged for him in Omaha. Soon after his arrival he will attend a luncheon at the Commercial club. Then he will ride at the head of a historical pageant and later review it. After dinner in the evening he will speak in the Omaha auditorium.

Henry Ford of Detroit, who recently came out in support of Mr. Wilson for another term, has been invited to visit the president here and will lunch with him tomorrow. Prospects for peace in Europe are expected to be discussed.

President Wilson received a number of telegrams today bearing on his message to Jeremiah O'Leary, president of the American Truth society, telling him he wanted no "disloyal" Americans to vote for him. Most of the telegrams praised the president for his stand, but a few criticized him.

Statements made by a brother of Mr. O'Leary that suit should be brought against the president for libel were received lightly by administration officials. No comment was made except that President Wilson personally handled the telegrams to Mr. O'Leary and stands back of the message.

WEEVIL EXPERT IS GOING WITH PARTY

OUTLINE OF THE PLANS

Trip to Mississippi Valley is Part of This State's Preparedness Campaign.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Dr. W. D. Hunter, the boll weevil expert of the department of agriculture, accompanied by B. H. Rawl, head of the dairy division of the department, J. A. Evans, second in command of the farm demonstration work, left here today for Columbia, where tomorrow they will meet Governor Manning, President Riggs, of Clemson College, and others who will join them in a trip to the Mississippi Valley to study the boll weevil problem in the light of experience there, with a view of being ready for the destructive insect when it arrives in South Carolina next year.

Mr. Rawl is a trustee of Clemson College. Representatives of the State Bankers' Association and of the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association will participate in the conference.

From Columbia the committee and experts will proceed to New Orleans to interview the cotton men and bankers; thence they will journey to Baton Rouge to confer with the governor and the State experts; and next they will look over the plantation districts in the interior.

A round-up meeting will be held at Vicksburg October 7, to perfect a plan for South Carolina with the benefit of all these fresh, first-hand observations in the heart of the weevil's country.

Dr. Hunter, who is the leading authority on the boll weevil, says that South Carolina is making the best record of any of the States in systematic preparedness for the pest.

COUNTY FAIR WORK VIGOROUSLY PUSHED

MAX G. BRITAIN ELECTED SEC'Y--TRAS

Managing Committee Met Last Evening and Perfected Further Plans---Additional Committees Appointed and Special Prizes Offered---November 20 to 25 Exact Dates---Mgr. Madra Very Busy.

At a meeting of the managing committee of the Lancaster County Fair Association held last evening, much work was perfected in the interest of the coming event, the exact dates being November 20-25, 1916. From present indications and reports coming in from all parts of the county, the proposed undertaking will, in all probability, materialize into a much greater event than was at first anticipated by those behind the movement.

The association regretted very much the loss of Mr. J. H. Poag, assistant cashier Bank of Lancaster, as secretary and treasurer, but on account of certain pressing business matters he could not undertake the arduous duties in connection with the office; hence, Mr. Max G. Britain of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company was prevailed upon to accept the office. Max, as he is known by a large circle of admiring friends, is a hustling young business man, possessed of an abundant supply of push and energy, and is much interested in work of this nature, therefore, a better selection for the office of secretary and treasurer could not have been made.

By some unknown reason The News in its last issue omitted the name of Mr. C. L. McManus, Lancaster county's efficient Farm Demonstrator, from the list of those who constitute the premium and exhibit committee. Mr. McManus is a valuable worker, and has always taken a great interest in our Fair Association work. He is a valuable man on this particular committee.

Among the additional committees appointed were:

Display and Decoration.
Mrs. J. B. Mackorell, chairman.
Mrs. W. H. Millen.
Mrs. Millen Pyley.
Mrs. Mary Barron.
Mrs. G. D. Derrick.

Among the duties of this committee is to see that the town, store buildings and display windows are

BRITISH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

IN THIEPVAL REGION

Buildings in Eaucourt L'Abbaye Have Been Cleared of Teutons, Says Report.

London, Oct. 2.—British troops on the Somme front last night repulsed a German attack on their advanced positions east of the village of Eaucourt l'Abbaye, the war office announced today.

The buildings of Eaucourt l'Abbaye has been cleared of Germans.

In the Thiepval region the British advances last night north of Courcellette, but were forced by a German counter attack to give up part of a trench they had captured.

The statement follows: "During the night our troops south of the Ancre beat off an enemy attack on our advanced positions east of Eaucourt l'Abbaye. We have now established our front in that area and have cleared the buildings of Eaucourt l'Abbaye of the enemy."

"Further west during the night we also established our lines from a point 1,200 yards north of Courcellette in the direction of the Hessian trench. An enemy counter attack forced us to relinquish a portion of the Regina trench which we had gained further north. This area has shown stubborn fighting during the past 24 hours."

"Elsewhere on our front the night was calm. Successful raids on the enemy's trenches were carried out north of Neuville St. Vaast and east of Laventie."

properly decorated. A prize of \$5 will be given for the best decorated building, and a prize of \$5 for the best window display.

Program Committee.
Rev. Hugh R. Marchison, chairman.

Prof. C. E. Wessinger.
Prof. V. A. Lingle.
J. B. Mackorell.
E. Curtis Mackey.
Hon. S. E. Bailes.
Prof. S. E. Miles.
Prof. H. W. Scott.
L. C. Lazenby.

Thursday, November 23, has been designated as "FARMERS DAY."

A splendid program will be arranged suitable for the occasion. A grand automobile parade will be held on this date.

Friday, November 25, has been designated "SCHOOL DAY." All school children in Lancaster county are expected to attend on this day. A grand parade of all the children will be one of the features. A prize of \$5 will be given for the best school float; a prize of \$5 for the largest per cent of enrollment from one school and a prize of \$5 will be given for school making best showing on foot. Other special prizes will be offered in addition to the regular premium list which will be announced in a few days.

Home Demonstration Work.

Miss Martha G. Creighton, County Home Demonstration Agent, was appointed to have exclusive charge of this particular department. This class of work has been pushed vigorously the county over during the year and it is believed by those having charge of the management of the fair that a creditable line of exhibits can be gotten together by the Canning Clubs and Home Demonstration Clubs of the county.

Remember the success of the third annual Lancaster County Fair depends largely upon the co-operation and support of all the people throughout the county.

PALMETTO TROOPS ON 60-MILE MARCH

TRIP WILL TAKE 15 DAYS

Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan Guardsmen With Those from South Carolina.

El Paso, Oct. 2.—South Carolina guardsmen, with those from Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, numbering approximately 18,000 in all, are making a sixty-mile practice "hike" to Fort Selden, N. M., which is expected to take fifteen days to complete. The troops, comprising the Tenth provisional division, began their second day's march at sunrise today.

With the arrival here today of the Second and Third infantry regiments, North Carolina, National Guard, the contingent here from that State is complete, the cavalry, ambulance and hospital commands having arrived last week.

The First, Third and Tenth Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, will leave for Mt. Gretna, Pa., soon to be mustered out.

MEETS DURING FAIR.

Conference of Blease Faction Leaders is Postponed.

The State conference of Blease faction leaders, called by W. A. James of Bishopville, to meet in Columbia, October 18, has been postponed until Tuesday night of fair week, October 24. The meeting will be held in the Richland county court house.—The State.

BECKHAM LOSES LIFE IN RIVER

BODY NOT RECOVERED

Foot Slips While Working on Trestle Over Coosaw Causing Fatal Fall.

Columbia, Sept. 30.—W. J. Beckham, formerly of Columbia, was drowned late Friday afternoon in the Coosaw river about 20 miles from Beaufort. The body had not been found last night. Two sisters, Mrs. Douglass Lowrance and Mrs. J. D. Moorehead, of Columbia, have gone to Beaufort, as have other members of the family who live in Rock Hill, Charleston and Lancaster.

Mr. Beckham was engaged in construction work on the Seaboard Air Line's new line being built through the coastal section of South Carolina. While on a trestle being erected over the Coosaw river, his foot slipped and he fell about 20 feet. His head struck one of the supports and it is believed that he was unconscious when he went into the water, for he never rose. Mr. Beckham could swim.

For a number of years Mr. Beckham made his home here, being associated with his brother-in-law, Douglass Lowrance, in the cement construction business. From Columbia he moved to Lancaster where he was engaged in sidewalk paving and more recently he lived in Beaufort. His second wife, who was before marriage Miss Bessie Crawford of Darlington county, and two little girls, Pauline and Frances, were in Beaufort at the time of the accident. A daughter by the first marriage lives at Heath Springs. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Lowrance and Mrs. Moorehead of Columbia, Mrs. H. B. Collins of Rock Hill, Mrs. M. P. Harto of Charleston and surviving brothers are Paul Beckham and Harvey Beckham, both of Lancaster.

Mr. Beckham was 38 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beckham. He was born in Lancaster. He was a member of the Christiana church.

Douglass Lowrance, who accompanied his wife to Beaufort, returned to Columbia yesterday, but he will go to Beaufort again this morning.

Funeral announcement will be made later.

SENATOR CLARKE IS DEAD OF APOPLEXY

WAS STRICKEN ON FRIDAY

Former Governor of Arkansas and Three Times Elected to U. S. Senate.

Little Rock, Oct. 1.—Senator Jas. P. Clarke, of Arkansas, president pro tempore of the United States Senate, died at his home here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Senator Clarke suffered a stroke of apoplexy Friday and never regained consciousness.

Senator Clarke first complained of feeling ill when he returned to his home from his office last Wednesday, but it was thought at the time that he was suffering from indigestion. His indisposition continued Thursday and Friday, however, and late Friday the stroke of apoplexy occurred. News of his death came as a shock, as it was not generally known until today that his condition was serious.

Sixty-two Years of Age.

Senator Clarke was born at Yazoo City, August 18, 1854. He was educated in the schools of his native State, and in 1878 graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia. He began the practice of law in Helena, Ark., in 1879. In 1886 he was elected to the lower house of the Arkansas Legislature, served through the session of 1887, and in 1888 was elected to the State senate, where he served until 1892. He was elected president of the senate in 191. He was elected attorney general of the State in 1892, and Governor in 1894.

Declined Renomination.
He declined renomination for Gov-

WOULD FIX LOANS AT TWELVE CENTS

SUGGESTION OF POPE.

Pres. of Farmers' Union State Presidents' Association Calls on Southern Congressmen.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 1.—Henry N. Pope, president of the Farmers' Union State Presidents' association, has submitted to all Southern members of congress the suggestion that congress fix or empower the federal reserve board to fix a minimum loan price of 12 cents per pound on cotton for all crops. A large majority of the replies from senators and representatives favor the plan and Mr. Pope stated today that he would call a special meeting of his association in New Orleans at an early date to give it final consideration and work out the details.

Many members of congress have expressed their willingness to give the movement their coporation. Among the numerous communications received by President Pope was one from Senator Hardwick of Georgia saying: "I can not see for a moment why this board should not be authorized to fix a minimum price on which cotton loans should be accepted. I am already giving this subject careful consideration and I hope that at an early date something effective and reasonable may be worked out along the line of your suggestion."

Representative T. W. Sims of Tennessee writes: "I am in hearty sympathy with this proposition and I shall be glad to do all I can to secure the legislation needed just as soon as congress convenes in December. You can rely upon me without any sort of hesitation to give this or kindred legislation active and earnest support."

Representative Otis Wingo of Arkansas states: "I shall be glad to do anything I can toward amending the federal reserve act along proper lines with a view of facilitating credits for the cotton farmer and giving him greater freedom in the marketing of his cotton."

President Pope states that there should be a careful distinction between the loan minimum and the selling minimum of cotton. "The loan minimum should be protected by the government," he said, "and cotton would of course never be sold below that point. The selling minimum is one that the union advises its members to sell and may vary from crop to crop or from time to time. With a protected loan minimum of 12 cents the selling minimum of 20 cents can be more easily maintained. The government would never be called upon to put up one cent under this plan for when a farmer knows he can borrow 12 cents per pound on cotton he will never sell unless he can get a much higher price. Neither could the consumer be penalized, for the fluctuation in the price of cotton has little effect upon the price of the finished product to the consumer. We expect to mature our plans at our meeting at New Orleans and it is likely we will seek the counsel and approval of the federal reserve board before presenting our plans to congress."

error for a second term and resumed the practice of law in Little Rock. In 1903 he was elected United States Senator and re-elected last year for his third term. He was elected president pro-tem of the senate in 1913 and re-elected in 1915. His present term as United States Senator would not have expired until March 4, 1921.

Senator Clarke was married in Helena, November 15, 1883, to Miss Sally Moore, who with a son and two daughters survive.

Funeral Tomorrow.

Announcement was made tonight that the funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Oak Lawn cemetery here.

Governor George Hays announced that he will issue a proclamation tomorrow ordering all State departments closed the afternoon of the funeral.

"Senator Clarke was one of the nation's greatest leaders," said Governor Hays. "The State and country has sustained a great loss."