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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1915.

OUR WALHALLA FRIENDS.

For some time past The Courier has been calling on its friends and subscribers to keep track of their subscriptions to the paper and to remit promptly. Subscribers have been meeting our calls remarkably well, but it is a peculiar fact that the fewest responses come from our home town.

We want every subscriber in Walhalla to take the trouble this week to examine the date opposite his name, and if it shows that there is a year or more, or nearly a year's subscription due, to take a little more trouble and send us the money or a check covering the amount. And incidentally we might mention that a year's subscription in advance would not be amiss. "Turn about is fair play."

LARGER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

The fact that extra efforts are being made to increase the attendance of the children of Oconee county in the public schools should interest every citizen of Oconee. It should be the desire of every citizen to see our county make greater advances along educational lines than we have made in the past, even though the record made during the past twelve months was such as to give our county the place at the head of the list in percentage of increase in attendance. That is, as the Supervising Teacher and Superintendent of Education wisely put it, a ground for a feeling of getting the children into the public schools there is no room for lack of diligent effort on the part of trustee, teacher, patron, and even the citizen not directly interested, to secure the attendance of every child of school age at some of the schools of the county. We are all anxious to see Oconee move higher and higher up in the educational scale until she will finally reach the summit and show zero as her percentage of illiteracy. Attendance on the free public schools of the county is the bed-rock upon which all efforts to that end must be placed. We have the schools and the teachers, but they are of service only to the extent that they have pupils to accommodate and to instruct.

We appeal to every trustee and patron and teacher to lend every energy to the accomplishment of great results next Monday, February 8th, toward bringing the percentage of children attending the public schools of the county to the very highest possible mark. To this end we reproduce here the call that has been issued by the Supervising Teacher and Superintendent of Education, and we commend it most heartily to the careful consideration of all. The call is as follows:

Banner Enrollment Day. Walhalla, S. C., Feb. 2. To the Trustees, Teachers and Patrons of the Rural Schools of Oconee County: Last winter we sent you a circular on the above subject, and we are proud to report that great good was accomplished. Your response to our appeal was hearty and effective. One hundred and twenty-two children in the county entered school on that day as a result of our combined special efforts to bring them out, and the enrollment for the whole year was increased 157 children attending the free public schools. A fine showing! and as a result of it our beloved county becomes the banner county in the whole State for percentage in increase of attendance, being the greatest of them all. This is very gratifying to us, and doubtless to you all, and should make us all feel proud of our mountain county, and its splendid progress in education, and of our own efforts to improve it.

But the work is not complete. In fact, it is but fairly begun. We are to remember that we are in the lead only in the percentage of increase in attendance. We were, before, so low down in actual number of our children staying out of school, that very many—indeed, most of the

counties of the State—were ahead of us in this matter. Let us give you an example of our condition. This is an average case: Just before Christmas a school was reported where the enrollment to date was 42, and the average daily attendance was 36. The whole number of children of school age in that district is over 60. The teacher is a good one; there is no personal opposition to her; the community is a prosperous one, having many fine farms in it; December is a month when but little farm work is being done to keep children from school. Why the small attendance? We do not know, but some one of us must find out and conditions must be changed. We must in some way secure the attendance of all children of the county in the public schools. We have decided to have another "Banner Day" for attendance, and for the date have fixed Monday, February 8th. Let us all then get busy—trustees, teachers and patrons—and get every child of school age in the county in the schools. Annie McLahan, Supervising Teacher. Thos. A. Smith, County Supt. of Education.

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Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Singleton Painfully Burned—Deaths.

Westminster, Feb. 2.—Special: Representative Frank H. Shirley returned to Columbia yesterday after spending Sunday at home with friends. Rev. John B. Dickson closed a series of meetings Sunday night at the Christian church. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Johns sympathize with them in the loss of their little daughter, Margaret, whose death occurred last week. The little one had been sick only a very short while, and all that skill could do availed nothing. The remains were laid to rest in Eastview Cemetery Thursday. We regret to learn of the death of J. M. Phillips, which occurred at Hamburg, Tenn., last week. He was raised in Oconee county, and all his people live in and around Westminster. Quite a delegation from Westminster Baptist church attended the funeral.

WATER ENTERS MANY BUILDINGS.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 31.—Half a dozen blocks in the section of this city contiguous to Town Creek were inundated to-night when the waters burst their banks. A number of stores were flooded. Merchants upon the principal shopping street called in the fire department to help them erect dikes against a repetition of the disastrous flood of last March. Street car traffic over the creek bridges was suspended. Dispatches from Hattiesburg, Miss., state that traffic in Forest county was being impeded by rising creeks.

LADY MISSION WORKER

Will Lecture at Seneca on February 15th—Bits of Local News.

Seneca, Feb. 1.—Special: Mrs. J. D. Verne, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Broder, at Woodbury, Ga., returned to Seneca last Saturday for a short stay. Willie Austin has been with her several days on account of having had grip. He was in the hospital, but was well enough to come over from Clemson last Friday. Miss Sue Ellen Hunter is recovering from the hospital in Anderson. It is pleasant news to her friends to know that she will soon be able to resume her studies at Landrum. Gordon Todd, of Clemson College, spent Sunday with homefolks here. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Jones are in Townville, where Mr. Jones will be after business interests for several months. Miss Annie Reid was with Stella Finckann last week on a short visit. Miss Elsie Ravenel, of Knoxville, visited Mrs. J. E. Clarkson this week.

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ALMOST TORNADO IN SOUTHWEST.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 31.—The eastern portion of Texas and parts of Arkansas and Oklahoma early today felt the effects of a severe winter storm, which at Tyler, Tex., and Vern and Garland City, Ark., assumed the proportions of a tornado. Falling temperatures also were reported. No serious delay to traffic or damage to crops were reported.

JEFFERSON, GAINESVILLE AND TULSA.

Jefferson, Gainesville and Tulsa, Texas, reported severe winter weather, according to unofficial reports, dropped 10 degrees during the day. While Enid, Oklahoma, reported an inch deep. At Garland City several houses were blown down and property damage was estimated at several thousand dollars.

ASKED TO USE CHEAPER BREAD.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Housewives of Chicago will be asked to buy their own bread from a cheaper source, flour, or from potatoes, if necessary, to combat the threatened rise in bread prices. Mrs. H. V. ... chairman of the market committee of the Clean Food Club, announced today. "White bread is a habit, she said, 'women should declare a war against it if prices are raised and use rye, corn, potato and whole bread instead.'"

W. H. MCGILL.

Departed this life January 21, 1915, near Mountain Road, W. H. McGill. He was born in Anderson county 76 years ago. He was four years of his life to serve in the Confederate army, proving a gallant soldier indeed. He was married to Miss Francis Sims, who preceded him to the grave 20 years. A son from this union are now in the army. His death the last of the year was away from this immediately. He was a kind and thoughtful neighbor, always ready to help those in distress. After appropriate services conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. J. Whitten, his body was interred at Double Springs to await the resurrection of the just.

PROMINENT RED CROSS NURSES.

New York, Jan. 30.—Among the passengers on the liner Lusitania, which sailed yesterday, was Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo. Miss McAdoo plans to engage in Red Cross work in France. In her Red Cross work Miss McAdoo will have with her a close friend, Miss Catherine Britton, of Washington. Col. E. M. House, one of President Wilson's close political advisers, and Mrs. House, of this city, will chaperon the young women.

A CONDITION APPALLING.

White Man Endeavors to Give Two Children to Colored Couple.

Bounty Land, Feb. 1.—Special: Tomorrow is "ground hog day," and now looks as though the little animal will have to creep back into his burrow upon failing to see his shadow. Judson Bagwell, of Central, made a recent visit to his uncle, B. E. Bagwell. Miss Sallie Davis left Wednesday for Greenville to be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. S. A. Davis, who has been quite ill for a week or two. Encouraging reports of her condition will be welcomed by her friends here. Mrs. E. L. Stone is suffering from grip, but is some better to-day. Miss Gussie Cunningham, principal of our school, left Friday for a visit to her home in Abbeville. Mrs. T. M. Kelley, of Tamassée; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Woolbright, of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Bagwell, of Seneca, visited their father, B. E. Bagwell, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Kelley will remain through the week.

ITALIANS CLAMORING FOR WAR.

Neutralists Attacked and Soldiers Called to Restore Order.

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E. F. HUDSON.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Architect to remove from our brother, E. F. Hudson, and he is no longer with us, we have laid him in the silent grave. While he had many noble characteristics, prominent among which were his affability and kind-heartedness, and ever looked at things upward, yet we are not slow to remember that he had his weaknesses in the flesh and strived hard to overcome them. Resolved 1. While we grieve over the death of our brother, we humbly resign ourselves to this affliction, believing it was done by infinite wisdom. Resolved 2. That we tenderly and sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family, and that our tears freely mingle with theirs as they fall over our common loss. Resolved 3. That a page in our minute book be dedicated to his memory, and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy be sent to our county paper for publication.

NEGRESS MEMBER G. A. R. DEAD.

New Albany, Ind., Jan. 30.—Lady Nichols, said to be the only negro woman honored with membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and pensioned by the government for her service in the Civil War as a nurse, died here yesterday. She joined the 23d Lidiania regiment in Tennessee in 1861. Sanderson Post, G. A. R., composed chiefly of members of that regiment, elected her an honorary member several years ago and helped obtain, by special act of Congress, a pension for her.

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DEED OF MARTIN HARRISON TO LOSEN PADGETT, 103 ACRES.

Deed of William Drummond to Claiborne Rothell, 40 acres. Deed of Solomon Palmour to Jas. Barker, 123 acres. Deed of Jas. Barker to Solomon Palmour, 423 acres. Plat of Lewis Cain, 137 acres. Plat of George Percival, 80 acres. Plat of Moses Cantrell, 264 acres. Plat of Hughs land, 511 acres. Plat of Hunnicutt land, 42 1/2 acres. Plat of Reeder land, 103 acres. Plat of land of James Malone, 113 acres.

PLAT OF LAND OF GEORGE R. CHERRY, 327 ACRES.

Plat of land of James Malone, 87 acres. Plat of Brackenridge land. Plat of land of C. H. Spears, 84 acres. Plat and grant of Martin Harrison, 115 acres. Will of Catharina Margaretha Buck. Will of James Malone. Any person interested in any of the above papers will please confer with me. V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate. Feb. 2, 1915.

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DON'T WASTE COSTLY TIME AND MONEY TAKING POOR, CHEAPLY MADE FARM IMPLEMENTS TO THE BLACKSMITH SHOP. YOU WON'T "HAFTO" IF YOU BUY GOOD RELIABLE IMPLEMENTS FROM US. WE "BACKUP" WHAT WE SELL, AND MAKE GOOD ON ANYTHING THAT GOES WRONG. WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS. YOU WANT OUR GOOD STUFF.

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ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Among a lot of old papers I have found the following to wit: Will of Mahala Ballenger. Plat of 131 acres real estate of Lewis Cain. Plat of Leonard Towers, 1,345 acres. Plat of Leonard Towers, 1,345 acres. Plat of Harvey Davis, 529 acres. Plat of James Barker, 423 acres. Plat and grant, Fields Pruett, 321 acres. Plat and grant, Solomon Palmer, 245 acres. Deed, Claiborne Rothell to Benson Turner, 157 acres. Deed, John Pulliam to Claiborne Rothell, containing 117 acres. Deed of H. A. Cole to Emory Moore, Lot No. 124 Seneca City. W. G. Mullinax, Ex., to James Dadd, (copy of deed), 475 acres. Deed Samuel Beck to John Swafford, 256 acres. Deed of Benson Turner to John Blackwell, 157 acres. Deed of Sarah Brown to Moses L. Emerson to the real and personal estate of Richard Hood. Deed of William W. Hays and Eliza Hays to John Pulliam, 117 acres. Deed of John Blackwell to Benson Blackwell, Hardy Blackwell and Tompson Blackwell, 157 acres. Deed of William Drummond to William W. Hayes, 117 acres. Deed of A. Bryce, S. P. D., to A. P. Reeder, 85 acres. Deed of S. C. Reeder to Martin Harrison, 103 acres. Deed of Denica Emerson to Moses L. Emerson, her interest in lands of Richard Hood. Deed of Martha Hicks to Martha Hicks and others, land in Rabun county, Georgia. Deed of Leanna Holliday and Elizabeth Watson to Moses L. Emerson, their interest in the real and personal estate of Richard Hood. Deed of James M. Hunnicutt to the legal heirs of W. J. Hunnicutt, 42 1/2 acres. Deed of Martha Harrison to Losen Padgett, 140 acres.

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