

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest from all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, April 19.—This morning about 4 o'clock Mr. James McLean McLeod, who had been hopelessly ill for quite a while, fell into a sweet sleep from which he never awoke, but he bore his long suffering with patience and submission seldom equaled.

The deceased was the son of the late Capt. W. J. McLeod, and nephew of the late Bishop A. C. Coker and Rev. E. D. Smith. His surviving brothers are Lieut. Gov. Thos. G. McLeod, Rev. D. M. Dr. W. R. Walton, J. Frank, A. M., McLeod and C. A. McLeod, besides one sister, Mrs. W. F. McNeill.

The funeral services will be held at the Lynchburg Presbyterian church tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

TINDAL.

Tindal, April 19.—Some of our farmers have good stands of corn, and cotton planting is well on the way. Cows are looking fine, with prospects of a good crop this year.

The several applicants who stood their examination for rural mail carrier from Tindal are waiting patiently to hear who is to have the job.

Mrs. Susan S. Tindal is improving she is now able to be up again.

Misses Lola Rivers and Beattie Hodge spent Thursday in Sumter.

The barns and stables of Mr. A. J. Jones were destroyed by fire on Friday, April 9th.

Mr. Joseph H. Hudson who has been sick for several months, died at his home in this neighborhood on Friday night. Mr. Hudson was about forty years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

The funeral services were held at Bethel church on Saturday afternoon. Our old friend, Mr. James E. Jervey, of your city, made several calls in this neighborhood last week. We are always glad to see him.

OUR SUMMERTON LETTER.

New Residences—Improved Streets—Theatricals in Aid of Baseball—High School Building.

Summerton, April 19.—This week marks something of an "Era of New Life" in the business world of our thriving little town. Much to the satisfaction of the whole community, W. R. Coskrey reopened this morning. In accordance with announcements sent out last week, he begins today the sale of his entire stock at greatly reduced rates. Already the town is alive with those eager to take advantage of Mr. Coskrey's liberal offer; and it seems as if there will be no trouble in effecting its ready disposal.

Mr. W. C. Johnson, who ran a soda fountain in connection with his merchandise business, will this season open an Ice Cream Parlor in the old millinery department of the Summerton Mercantile Company. Mr. Johnson expects Mr. Arrowsmith, his expert "soda jerker," to arrive tonight. The parlor has been furnished, the fountain put in place, and everything is in readiness for the warm weather and its call for cool drinks.

The residence being built for Mr. W. R. Coskrey is nearing completion, and will probably be occupied by him in a very few days. This building is a very handsome and conveniently planned house, and has the additional advantage of being located upon one of Summerton's prettiest residential lots. It is situated on the eastern portion of Main street in a grove of beautiful oaks which furnish a lovely setting for a residence.

Another evidence of the constructive work being done in and around town is the claying and repairing of the streets, already alluded to in former letters. Dukes street which runs at right angles to and intersects Main street has been clayed over its greater portion; and well defined sidewalks have been constructed on either side. The force of labor is now at work repairing the curbing on Main and other streets. This is only one of the many improvements being effected by the town council. Frequent meetings are being held to discuss matters of interest to the town. The purchase of a fire engine is now being agitated; and an agent is expected at an early date to demonstrate the use of one which was recommended to the council.

The frequency with which drummers are visiting our community is a noticeable and ominous fact. It would seem to indicate one of two things or perhaps both: that the stocks of our merchants and business men need constant replenishing or else that Summerton is especially attractive to visiting strangers. Every train brings more or less agents of all kinds, and the three hotels are being duly patronized. On arrival at the station, the visitor has not far to go to "Hurter" Hotel; and the Hotel Central and Benbow House vie with it in affording entertainment to all comers.

One source of amusement and entertainment to the people of Summerton and surrounding community during the past week was an amateur performance given by the young people here. "Josiah's Courtship," a comedy in four acts, was played in the school auditorium on last Friday night, the proceeds of which will be given for the support of the High School baseball team. The different characters were well taken, and the play was quite a success. The music rendered by the "Summerton Orchestra" between acts was one of the enjoyable features of the programme. Following is the cast as given on the programme:

BEGINS LIFE SENTENCE.

J. S. Parnell, Convicted of Murder, Decides Not to Appeal.

Darlington, April 18.—J. S. Parnell, alias "Dock" Parnell, under a life-time sentence for the killing of Robert Randall in March, 1908, has abandoned his appeal and was taken to the State Penitentiary last Friday to begin his sentence.

In March, 1908, Parnell, observing Randall working near the line of the lands occupied by them, and being enraged because Randall was paying no attention to his notices for him not to be about the place, took his gun and fired without warning, tearing a great hole in Randall's neck from which death ensued immediately.

Parnell was tried and convicted but recommended to the mercy of the court in the June term, 1908, but through his attorney, Mr. E. C. Woods, gave notice of his intention to appeal to the Supreme Court, and has remained in the jail at this place until last week, when the abandonment of his intention to appeal was decided upon.

Since Parnell's incarceration, Mrs. Parnell has married again.

The man in the moon is the only chap who seems to thrive on a high ball.

Report of the County Supervisor of Sumter County.

For the First Quarter of the Fiscal Year of 1909, Quarter Ending March 31st.

Table with columns: Claim No., Roads and Bridges, and various entries with amounts. Includes items like '353 E A Jackson 705 feet lmb', '354 Burrill Moody labor and hauling', etc.

Public Buildings Account.

Table with columns: Item description and amount. Includes items like '360 Skinner Iron Wks 9 grate bars & frt', '361 City Water Wks water and meter rates', etc.

Fees and Salaries Account.

Table with columns: Item description and amount. Includes items like '403 W. J. Young services c 4 fr', '404 J. T. Brodson services c 4 fr', etc.

Jail Account.

Table with columns: Item description and amount. Includes items like '363 W. H. Epperson diet pric dec', '364 W. H. Epperson soap for jail', etc.

Court Expenses.

Table with columns: Item description and amount. Includes items like '758 T. W. Lee trees, court exp', '759 T. W. Lee trees, court exp', etc.