

The Watchman and Southron

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PERSONAL

Mr. Hughson Green is at home for the summer from Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. W. Richard Wells spent Saturday in Orangeburg.

Misses Gladys and Sophia Wells left Tuesday for Winthrop.

Prof. William E. Mikell, dean of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, received last week at the commencement of the University of South Carolina the degree of Doctor of Laws and Literature and this week the University of the South, Seawane, Tenn., conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Civil Law.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams and Misses Louise and Martha Williams left Friday for their summer home in Hendersonville, N. C., going by automobile.

Mrs. H. W. Scott, of Bishopville, spent last week in the city with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Scott.

Mrs. B. B. Bethea, of Bishopville, has been visiting Mrs. H. P. Scott.

Messrs. Leland Edmunds and Jenkins Knight left on Tuesday for Camp Knox, near Louisville, Ky., to attend the summer R. O. T. C. camp. They go by way of Asheville and will spend a day or two at Blue Ridge before proceeding to the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Walsh, Jr., have returned from points north, and will be at home to their friends at 111 S. Harvin St.

Mr. MacDonald Dick is at home from the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Will White of Abbeville, has returned home, after attending the Clark-Bynum wedding.

Messrs. Frank Clark, Jack Wright and Harry Price, have gone to Blue Ridge to attend the Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Miss Cassie Nichols left Wednesday for Columbia to attend the teachers' summer school at the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Robert Claiborn Burton, of Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. C. W. Kingman.

Mr. Ralph Flowers is at home from Georgia Tech.

Messrs. R. C. Richardson and D. R. Lide, of Pinewood, spent Wednesday in Elizabeth.

Miss Elizabeth Lesesne has returned home from Randolph-Macon College for the summer vacation.

Mrs. S. W. McCormack of Roanoke, Va., is visiting Mrs. C. L. Pemberton on Bartlett St.

Mrs. C. L. Pemberton has returned home, after visiting her mother, Mrs. R. O. Dunning in Columbia.

Richard Wells left Wednesday morning for Camp Knox, Kentucky, where he will spend six weeks in the R. O. T. C. camp.

Mr. W. M. King is spending the day in Newberry on business.

Mr. G. C. Cooper left for Newberry this morning on a business trip where he will be until Saturday.

Mr. W. E. Pully and family of Florence have just moved to this city. Mr. Pully will have charge of the agency for the American Express Co., here.

Mrs. J. D. Jennings who has been in Bennettville for several days on account of the illness of her father is returning home today.

Miss Sadie Scarborough has returned to her home at Dalzell after visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Harby left several days ago for their summer home on Pawley's Island.

Mrs. J. Walter Doar, who has been visiting Mrs. E. S. Booth, returns to her home in Georgetown this afternoon.

Mr. C. H. Wilson has gone on a week's fishing trip on the Pee Dee river in lower Marion county.

Mr. Hubert D. Osteen returned today from Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

Mr. Sol Krasnoff returned today from a business trip to New York.

Laid To Rest

Yesterday afternoon at the close of day Rev. C. C. Brown, for more than thirty years pastor of the First Baptist church, was laid to rest in the Sumter cemetery to await the general resurrection when those who have labored faithfully and zealously in the Master's vineyard will be called to their reward. The burial services, characterized by the utmost simplicity, were conducted by Rev. W. E. Thayer, Rev. W. T. Derieux and Rev. Z. T. Cody, long time friends and co-workers of the deceased.

There was a large assembly of sorrowing friends present at the services and when the last rites had been concluded the grave was covered with a wealth of beautiful flowers, the tributes of friends from far and near.

Bridge Club Entertained.

Mrs. Graham Bowman entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on the North Church Street this afternoon. Quantities of summer flowers were artistically arranged in bowls and vases about the living room where the tables were placed for cards. Score was kept on dainty tallies and at the end of the game Miss Caroline Richardson was presented with the prize, a dainty corsage of orchid and sweet peas.

Delightful refreshments consisting of fruit salad, sandwiches and iced tea were served by the charming hostess who was assisted by Mrs. P. G. Bowman, Sr. The entire club then left for the Kingman-Saunders wedding. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hugh Brown. Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mesdames Kershaw Skinner, Hugh G. Brown, Misses Vermeils Pitts, Marion Knight, Caroline Richardson, Mary Knight and Blanche Spann.

Last County Court Meeting

The final meeting in the interest of the county court was held in the court room Monday night with quite a large crowd in attendance. The court room was comfortably filled, with a number of ladies in the audience. The meeting was called to order a few minutes after eight o'clock, and on motion of Mr. Jennings, Mr. S. K. Nash was elected chairman. The first speaker, Judge M. S. Whaley, of the Richland County Court was introduced by the chairman. Judge Whaley related the story of the successful movement in his county to establish a county court for civil jurisdiction only, the criminal business being left in the court of general sessions. He then gave a statistical review of the work done by the court since its establishment in 1917. He drew the conclusion the court had been instrumental in saving money for Richland county, and had reduced the average cost of handling civil cases, as well as materially expediting the determination of suits. Mr. E. D. Epps, the next speaker, who was substituted for Mr. J. H. Clifton, who was called out of town, made a strong, clear and well considered argument in favor of the county court. He made the best possible presentation of the reasons why a court should be established without further delay. Starting with the fundamental proposition that he laid down as the basis for his advocacy of the county court the logical conclusion was that the county court should be established, but the arguments against the proposition were not met or disposed of in a convincing manner. The fact that the circuit court has not been efficiently and effectively used to transact the legal business of the county still stood out prominently in the minds of those who were not disposed to add another court while the one we have is not being used effectively and without needless loss of time.

Mr. L. D. Jennings, the third speaker, discussed the matter of comparative costs in the county court but devoted a greater part of his time and attention to the newspapers, and the Daily Item and its editor in particular. His remarks on these matters were purely personal and had nothing to do whatever with the county court, except inferentially and insinuatingly. At the conclusion of Mr. Jennings' speech Mr. H. G. Osteen requested as a matter of personal privilege, to be permitted to reply to Mr. Jennings' reference to him. The request was granted and he as briefly as possible touched upon the allegations made by Mr. Jennings and made explanations and statements that seemed requisite to keep the record straight and disabuse the minds of the audience of misapprehensions respecting the consistency and sincerity of the course he had followed in the county court.

The candidates for judge, Hon. P. O. Purdy and B. D. Hodges, Esq., then in brief speeches announced their candidacy. The meeting was concluded with the announcement by Mr. John B. Duffie of his candidacy for the office of county court solicitor.

Rev. C. C. Brown Dead.

Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., died at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning in a Richmond, Va., hospital where he had been under treatment for some days. Until Monday his condition was not regarded as immediately serious and hope of his recovery from this attack was entertained. But Monday a telegram was received stating that his case had taken a sudden turn for the worse and that his end was a matter of only a few hours.

Mr. Bartow Walsh, his brother-in-law, left on the evening train and arrived shortly before the end came. The body was brought home for interment, arriving here on the early morning train Wednesday.

The funeral services were held at the city cemetery at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Brown was for many years one of the leading and most popular ministers of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, and he was well known and had friends in practically every section of the State. His death will bring sadness to his many friends everywhere. He came to Sumter as pastor of the First Baptist church about 1877 or 1878 and served that congregation continuously for more than thirty years, retiring in 1914. For a few years after his retirement from the active ministry he made his home in Beaufort and Columbia, but then returned "home" to Sumter, where the active years of his life from early manhood to middle age had been spent. In recent years his health has been poor, but he never lost interest in the affairs of his church and public matters generally. No man ever had warmer or more loyal friends than he had in Sumter, and while, he had to a degree dropped out of active life, his death is felt as a distinct loss by a large circle.

The local sleeper on train between Florence and Augusta is to be discontinued after June 15th.

Mr. Ben Mitchell, who has developed a nice orchard by careful attention and modern methods, brought several specimens of fruit to the Item Office yesterday to show that perfect apples as well as peaches and plums can be produced right here in the vicinity of Sumter. He has pruned his trees and sprayed them with the approved sprays, according to the directions of the horticultural experts of the department of agricultural department. By tanning the fruit and sprouting it properly on the limbs much larger and more perfect specimens are obtained. Fruit such as he produces would be classed as prime on any market.

It is stated that work has actually been started on the bridge at Garner's Ferry. The next thing is to start work on the four miles of approaches on the Sumter side of the swamp. The bridge without the approaches will be ornamental, but not useful.

Mayesville News Notes

Cotton Holders Turning Loose. Boll Weevils Plentiful—Personal Mention

We regret to know that Mrs. J. F. Bland is still at the Florence Infirmary, but hope she will be able to return shortly.

Mrs. U. V. Weinberg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Richardson, at Whiteville, N. C., this week.

Miss Alice Cooper is visiting relatives in Darlington, S. C., for the week-end.

The Mayesville team goes to Bishopville this afternoon to try their luck in a game of ball with the latter. We hope for good luck.

T. L. Kahn, merchant here, who went to Asheville last fall, states, while on return visit, that he is doing nicely and we hope he will be able to return home completely well very soon.

The farmers look as if they are going to turn their cotton loose. About 500 bales have been moved within the last three or four days.

The cotton crop now is off 40 per cent on account of the recent rains we had, and the boll weevil is also getting a pretty good hold. Mr. J. F. Bland, one of our farmers, pulled up a stalk of cotton and found 8 or 9 weevils on it. To make sure he sent it to Clemson College and he has received notice that they were genuine boll weevil. His confidence in the cotton crop was badly shaken.

William W. Deschamps.

Bishopville, June 12.—Mr. William Deschamps died at his residence here Saturday at 12.30 p. m. Mr. Deschamps has been in failing health for some time and had recently returned from John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore.

Mr. DesChamps was born near Sumter, November 26, 1854 and was in his sixty-seventh year. He was the son of Major William F. and Mrs. Alice A. DesChamps. Mr. DesChamps grew up on his father's plantation, was prepared for college at Sumter and completed his education at Wofford College. Soon after leaving college Mr. DesChamps settled at what is now Wisacky in Lee County, where he remained until retiring from active business in 1913. In early life Mr. DesChamps was married to Miss Sue Brown Green, the daughter of Major William M. Green, who lived in this same neighborhood. Mrs. DesChamps died several years ago and Mr. DesChamps was again happily married to Mrs. Bell Lillian DuBose, a sister of his first wife, who survived him.

Mr. DesChamps began his business career as a farmer, but likewise in a small way operated a mercantile business at his farm under the firm name of W. W. DesChamps & Co. This business under the management of Mr. DesChamps grew to be one of the largest mercantile businesses in Lee County and was subsequently removed to Wisacky about one mile from his original home and place of business. For the past few years during the continuance of his business career he operated as the W. W. DesChamps Co., Inc., of which he was president and general manager. In 1913 he closed out his mercantile business and retired from active life, shortly after removing to Bishopville where he has since lived. Mr. DesChamps continued his farm activities and was an active director, until his resignation last year of the board of directors of the Bishopville National Bank.

The body was laid to rest by the side of his loved ones in the family plot at St. Luke's Cemetery. Mr. DesChamps is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bell Lillian DesChamps, his children, Edgar G., William G., Carroll G., and Miss Blanche DesChamps, Mrs. C. W. Calhoun, Mrs. R. R. McLeod, his stepchildren, Mr. M. G. DuBose and Mrs. H. T. Green.

Pisgah News and Views.

Pisgah, June 19.—Not in years has the oat crop been so nicely saved as this year. No rain on it.

Corn is a poor prospect for a crop. Many drawbacks to it, and the best that can be said is the crop will be light.

Farmers are getting well up with their work and are not so pushed. The May rains put them in the grass but that has been conquered.

Farm labor is plentiful for all needs and purposes. Fifty cents per acre for cotton is what is paid to hoe and all seem satisfied.

I have read with pleasure and interest what has been said about the county court. Mr. Dunbar's piece represents the sentiment of the people here, who will vote no if what they say is true. We will see. In Kershaw county the project was voted out about five to one a short time ago.

Mr. Fulmer is making his mark in congress. He is doing what Earle said, when sworn in you are as much a senator or representative as you ever will be, then why not make yourself felt at once, and not sit like you were seared.

Don't you pity a man that lets some one control and think for him. Poor fellow!

The county court is now settled, lets think and talk about something else. There are lots of things that can be done to make Sumter a better place in which to live.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Margerite Pringle and Mr. Edward Atkinson was made Sunday at the home of Miss Pringle in Charleston. Mr. Atkinson, who has many friends in Sumter has been connected with the General Rubber and Asbestos Co., of Charleston, for some time and has just been promoted to assistant manager of the branch office at Pittsburgh, and will leave for that city next week to take up his new duties. Both the young people spent Monday in Sumter as guests of Mr. Atkinson's mother and sisters.

The only people really hard to get along with are those who object to our having our own way.—Petersburg Index-Appal.

News From Harvin

Plan Under Way to Consolidate School With Alcolu

Harvin, June 14.—It is suggested with a great degree of certainty that the Harvin and Alcolu schools be united with one school at Alcolu, discontinuing the Harvin school if the plan proves a success. That will give a greater school at Alcolu, with none at Harvin, one of the oldest schools in the county, being discontinued. There will be one teacher less to be paid, as there will be no teacher at Harvin and only two at Alcolu as heretofore.

Miss Lillie Eudora Brogdon, who with Miss Julia Wilson of Manning, were the teachers at Alcolu last session, will be principal of the Brogdon school this session.

Mrs. Genie McFadden Nettles who in company with her sister, Mrs. Marcus Vivian Plowden, Mr. Plowden and Mr. James McFaddin Plowden attended the Sunday school convention in Rock Hill last week has returned to Harvin.

Mr. George Legare Harvin of the University of Carolina is home for the summer.

Miss Frances Harvin who has been attending school in Columbia has returned to Harvin.

Mr. Sam John Brogdon was a visitor to Bennettville last week.

Mr. William Cole, one of the oldest citizens of this county, has returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. W. T. Lesesne, Mrs. Fannie Sauls and Miss Sara Lesesne of Manning were visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alderman will tour Europe this summer, going to Palestine and other points.

Mr. A. D. McFaddin of the Columbia bar and Miss Margaret McFaddin also of Columbia spent the week-end with relatives here, returning Sunday and Monday respectively.

Women Voters Hold Monthly Meeting

The League of Women Voters held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at six o'clock at the Girls' high school. Only a small number were present, possibly from fear that heated discussions would be added to the weather's warmth. A matter of national importance just now disarmament, was to have been presented by Mrs. R. B. Furman but sickness prevented her coming out. However there was a discussion of this subject and the League unanimously passed a motion to endorse the movement for a world conference on disarmament.

The present topic of great local interest—the county court—was explained and advocated by Miss Edith DeLorme. She used as an apt introduction a story recalled from her school days. "The Specter of the Broken." For many days a stalking monster on the mountain top had brought terror to the hearts of the people in the valley. Their fear grew as they watched him daily. Finally one of their number gathered courage to go up and view the awful creature at close range. He found a harmless shepherd living there alone. By a curious refraction of light he was made to appear to the distant inhabitants below as an unusual, terrifying specter.

Miss DeLorme had carefully compiled a number of figures to show the saving in time and money, as she believed, by having a county court supplement and curtail the work of the circuit court. She thought that with the county court, the present jail could be remodeled and continued in use at small expense compared with building a new jail as is now planned. There would also be a saving in board and keep of the prisoners by giving them quick trial. This phase was also stressed from a humanitarian point of view. Miss DeLorme spoke of the need to clear the dockets and catch up with the carenow far behind; and of the hardship sometimes entailed by this delay instancing a case where a needy woman was unable to collect her life insurance (all she and her family had to live on) until her case could come up in court and the insurance company made to settle. The address was very lucid and clear. And interest in the matter was evinced by the general discussion afterwards, when some good points against the establishment of the county court were advanced. It was apparent that each person, while open to conviction, was resolved to do his own thinking.

A crowd of sixty to seventy farmers gathered in the Lyric Theatre Tuesday to see the boll weevil moving picture prepared by the department of agriculture for the information and instruction of farmers in the weevil infested sections, and to hear the lecture on the best methods of growing cotton successfully in weevil territory by the representative of the department. This film is making a tour of the state under the auspices of the farm extension department of Clemson College and it is hoped that it will prove helpful to all cotton farmers. Those who saw the film and heard the lecture were pleased and instructed, and it is unfortunate that a greater number did not take advantage of the opportunity.

College Scholarships.

The following college scholarships are open to young men and young women of Sumter county: Teachers' scholarship in the University of South Carolina, examination to be held on July 8th. Four year and one year scholarships in Clemson College, examination to be held July 8th. Winthrop College scholarship and entrance examination to be held July 1st.

Up to this date no one has expressed the intention to take the Carolina examination and only one the Clemson examination. Any information desired may be obtained by applying at the office of the county superintendent of education.

Fighting The Boll Weevil

Letter From Prof. Savelly of The Department of Agriculture

Dear Mr. Williams: I have been very glad to hear from you and am glad to hear you are asking him to come down and assist me in a campaign to advise the farmers at the present time. Prof. Savelly is one among the first County Agents that started up the fight against the boll weevil in Texas and has pursued the weevils relentlessly in their travels eastward and north east across the cotton belt. I shall appreciate it very much if you will publish Prof. Savelly's letter.

Very truly yours, FRANK WILLIAMS, County Agent, R. 3, Sumter, S. C., June 15.

Mr. J. Frank Williams, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

We remember with pleasure our visit to your county a few years ago, and it is a pleasant surprise to us to find you, later stating that you want us to come back and double the dose.

The boll weevil, true to prediction, [notice has come to your county; and if he follows his time-honored custom he has come to your county to stay. We have no record of the weevil having abandoned a section when once he has become established. The experience of your farmers this season in wanting to plow up their cotton because they notice a heavy infestation of weevil is just the same as that farmers have experienced everywhere when the weevil is new to that section. In time they will learn that this is a most natural occurrence and one to be expected and will cease to be so greatly alarmed about it.

The fact that you have a heavy crop of weevils this early in the season is not a thing to be especially alarmed about. Many of the old weevils will die before the cotton begins to fruit—a few of them will survive. I do not know whether it will pay to pick the weevils as many times as before squares begin to form as you suggest that some of your farmers are doing. The cotton should be cultivated rapidly from the start to keep own grass and to keep the plants making a vigorous growth. Above all, there should be left a good stand of cotton on the ground. Experimentations now, without exception, show that a little closer spacing of cotton will be more profitable than the present wide spacing.

As for the many successful farmers in weevil territory believe that it pays to pick the weevils once or twice just before squares begin to form. The weevils should be kept up once a week if weather conditions permit. The one step of greatest importance in cultural methods, next to this in importance might be named the driving down of stakes where you notice weevils puncturing squares in the field and going over this area about once a week, if labor conditions will permit to pick the punctured squares.

Now that the weevils have planted their eggs and have planted their cotton on well-dained land, have used as much as 400 pounds, where it is needed, of a well-balanced fertilizer, and have prepared a good stand of cotton, attention to picking squares one or three times early in the season, depending on the quality of the cotton, will be the best thing to do for the crop.

Heavy losses from boll weevil damage, because of protracted rains, July and August, the weevil damage will beavier.

The rule laid down for your farmers is the time that we had in mind here a few years ago is a good one, viz: plant velvet beans in the corn, follow the corn and beans next year with cotton, fertilize the cotton with at least 400 pounds of acid phosphate and a little potash if needed, plant cotton on well-dained land, and work it often. This will be about the safest and best plan for growing cotton under weevil conditions. Planting velvet beans in the corn will keep

the land rich, full of vegetable matter, and warm. It will cut down the nitrogen, which is the expensive part of fertilizer, and the farmer will not have to buy more fertilizer as the weevils prove unfavorable and will damage heavy.

... show you, under weevil conditions; and, lastly, if they expect to pick the squares, encourage the laborer to do a close, thorough job of the picking of squares will be most wanted. There will be very little good accomplished by picking squares after the first of August, as the weevil begins to migrate shortly after that time. In the early part of the season the weevil does not migrate from one square to another and that enables the farmer to win the fight on his farm, even if his neighbors pay no attention to weevil control.

I regret that my plans are such

... they will not become unduly

... a mighty safe plan, when you have the weevil, to have a few surplus hogs, grow your own meat and potatoes, and some surplus corn, so that if cotton is seriously damaged the farmer will have something to fall back on.

With kindest regards, I remain Very truly yours, H. E. SAVELY, Agriculturist and Field Agent.

The Eastern Star Meets

Mrs. Kate Beaumont, Worthy Matron of Beauclaire Chapter

At a meeting held Monday night in the Masonic hall, the Order of the Eastern Star was reorganized by Mrs. Cathora L. Briggs, of Florence, assisted by Mesdames R. B. Lewis, Malie E. Jeffords, and Pearie M. Howard. From the interest displayed in this meeting everything points to a most successful future. While the membership is yet small, the large amount of applications for new members indicates that before long we shall have a chapter to be proud of. The following officers were elected: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kate D. Beaumont.

Worthy Patron, Mr. R. M. Jones. Associate Matron, Mrs. Ruth Lawrence. Secretary, Dr. E. P. DeKant. Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Sherrill. Conductress, Miss Jennie Walsh. Associate Conductress, Mrs. Willie Rowe. Chaplain, Mr. W. R. Plowden. Marshal, Mr. Walter Boyce. Adah, Mrs. Louise Sherrill. Ruth, Mrs. Lyde Huff. Esther, Mrs. Janie King. Martha, Miss Bertha Sweet. Electa, Mrs. Clyde DuRant. Warden, Mr. B. J. Haynesworth. Sentinel, Mr. W. J. Lawrence.

Death of Mrs. Aerial

Sumter, June 14.—Harvey Shaw, one of the most respected citizens of Sumter, died at his residence here Sunday night, at 11 o'clock. The body was carried to Birmingham, Ala., for interment.

Sumter, June 14.—Mrs. Aerial, wife of W. J. Aerial, who died at the following hospital order, will be buried at the Sumter cemetery Thursday afternoon immediately after the arrival of the train from Columbia, due here at 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. S. Reynolds is a sister of the deceased.

The Italian grave diggers strike is one case where the ultimate consumer does not give a rap.—Denver Times.

NEILL O'DONNELL President, ARCHIE CHINA Vice President, O. L. YATES Cashier. "Any Fool Can Make Money But It Requires a Wise Man to Save It" This is just as true today as when it was first uttered. Saving money is, first of all, a Brain and Backbone matter. And this is just the reason why so many people who make money can't save any of it, they don't think and have little self-control. Fortunately, however, there are very few who cannot learn the necessary lessons, if they only will. Now is the time to start. We'll help you by adding 5 per cent compounded semi-annually. First National Bank, Sumter, S. C.

The National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter, S. C. Capital \$500,000 Surplus and Profits \$230,000 Strong and Progressive The Most Palatable with COUNTRY Give us the Pleasure of having YOU The Bank of the Rank and File C. G. ROWLAND, President EARLE ROWLAND, Cashier