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## PLANS MATURING FOR COUNTY FAIR

Everything Being Gotten Into Readiness.

ADDITIONAL PREMIUMS NOW COLLECTED

Sales and Livery Stables of the City have Offered to Shelter Horses and Mules Brought in the Night Before. Farmers Urged to Send Exhibits.

There is not a great deal more to be said about the annual Laurens county fair except that as the 17th of October approaches the prospects for a successful exhibition grow brighter and brighter. The management is alive and alert to every need of the occasion and nothing is being left undone that could possibly add to the day's attractiveness. Haziness as to plans is every day giving away to a certain definiteness that gives promise of a well organized machine on the eventful day. With the present plans carried out, nothing could prevent a successful fair but a lack of exhibits and, if present county-wide interest counts for much, the exhibits will be here. The fair will be a success.

**Pure Food Exhibit.**  
According to an item of news sent out from Columbia, Commissioner E. J. Watson will send the state Pure Food Exhibit here. Mr. Byrd made a request for this several days ago and though he has not heard definitely from Mr. Watson, it was stated in several of the daily papers that the exhibit would be sent. Incidentally, the Laurens county fair has received considerable favorable mention from without during the past few days. The Laurens county fair is recognized as an educational institution conducted largely by the farmers for their own educational and material advancement and this is recognized by government experts as the ideal to be striven for. That the fair here has no side-show attractions and no admission fees has been widely commented upon. It was because of the educational appeal in this fair that Com. Watson consented to allow the health exhibit to be sent here.

**Farmers Expected to Co-operate.**  
Mr. Byrd, president of the association, was in the city yesterday making further arrangements for the fair and securing more prizes. He took occasion to state that the merchants have been exceedingly liberal in contributing to the fair this year and that he would consider it a special favor to himself and to the merchants if the farmers would express their appreciation of this interest by sending in exhibits. He stressed the fact that those farmers who have been successful enough to produce prize products of any kind should exhibit these things and in this way join with the merchants in stimulating a desire for better things on the part of those who are still treading the old paths. He said that the merchants could show their interest in no other way than by offering prizes and that it is left to the individual farmers to work out for themselves and their neighbors the problem of advancing the cause of agriculture in the county.

**Stall Room for Stock.**  
W. P. Childress & Son, J. F. Hicks & Son, D. H. Counts and L. W. Martin, all live stock dealers, have generously offered their spacious stables for the use of exhibitors the night before the fair. They will furnish free stalls for all horses and mules to be exhibited in the show ring. As space will be naturally limited, they will not be able to take care of cattle or other stock. This arrangement is expected to solve the problem of those who will have to come from a distance. Cattle and other stock will have to be staked within the fair grounds.

**Officers of the Fair.**  
Through oversight The Advertiser has until now neglected to publish the names of the fair association officers for this year. They are as follows:

**President.**  
W. D. Byrd.  
**Secretary and Treasurer.**  
C. A. Power.  
**General Superintendent.**  
J. D. W. Watts.

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## COMMUNITY FAIR FIRST OF ITS KIND

Committees Have Been Named and All Arrangements Made at Rock Bridge to Hold the First Fair of Its Kind in the South.

Miss Janyce Garlington, who has charge of the school at Rock Bridge, has announced that all arrangements have been completed to hold a Community Fair at the Rock Bridge schoolhouse on Oct. 11th. The whole community is expected to take part in the fair. It is the first of its kind to be held in the South, and will no doubt be productive of many fine results. Miss Garlington states that it will be conducted exactly like the state fair and the county fair.

The prizes will be confined entirely to blue ribbons. A ribbon will be given for the first prize in the adult exhibition and one for the first prize in the school children's exhibition.

Those in charge of the various departments are as follows:

Grain, Mr. Ernest Hipp; Stock, Mr. Watts Davis; Poultry, Mr. Geo. Davis; Vegetables, Mr. Will Lynn; Fancy Work, Mrs. Watts Davis, Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Willard; Cooking, Mrs. Jim Milam, Mrs. Jim Young and Miss Lula Young; Canned Goods, Mrs. Elmore Simpson, Mrs. Chandler and Miss Agatha Davis; Pets, Mr. Douglas Hipp.

Arrangements have been made to have several well-known men of the state address the fair visitors. The following are among those who will make speeches: Prof. Harper, head of the agricultural department at Clemson, Prof. Tate, Mr. Swearingen, Supt. Geo. L. Pitts, John D. W. Watts, W. D. Byrd and Miss Frayser of Winthrop.

Prizes will be given in the following branches: grain, stock, poultry, vegetables, canned goods, cooking, and fancy work. During the day an old time barbecue will be served.

Everybody is invited to come and take part in the fair or come and be a spectator.

### Meeting of Teachers.

The Laurens County Teachers association will meet in the graded school auditorium here Saturday, the 4th of October. This will be an important meeting as officers are to be elected for the ensuing year. Miss Wil Lou Gray, rural school supervisor, has issued invitations to the teachers and a number of others to an "At Home" to be given in the newly opened rest room in the court house. A large number of teachers is expected and a delightful day is anticipated.

### Knights of Pythias Banquet.

A pleasing feature of the entertainment to be afforded the visiting knights during the convention of the Knights of Pythias here next week will be the banquet to be served in the dining room of the King Hotel, Wednesday evening. Seats will be taken at 9:30 o'clock. While the program has not been entirely arranged, several prominent Pythians have already accepted invitations for after dinner speeches.

### Arrested in Greenwood.

C. C. Anderson, convicted at the last term of court of disposing of property under mortgage and a sealed sentence handed down, was arrested in Greenwood Monday and brought to Laurens to serve out the sentence. Anderson is a white man and was charged with crossing the Greenwood line and disposing of cotton under mortgage.

### Oak Grove School.

The Oak Grove school, situated near Mr. P. B. Bailey's, will open next Monday, the 6th. All of the children are expected to be on hand promptly at the usual hour.

### Shooting Near Goldville.

Loomis Kinard, colored, has been lodged in the county jail for shooting a negro near Goldville several days ago. The wounded negro is not supposed to be fatally wounded.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful of us during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father. These kindnesses will ever be remembered and appreciated by us.

Mrs. Downs C. Barksdale and Children.

## BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF FALL GOODS

The Annual Fall Openings of Laurens Stores Attended by Ladies from All Sections of the County.

With an unusually large number of visiting ladies in the city Thursday, the millinery stores of Laurens had their fall "Openings". Quite a number of ladies were here from different nearby towns and from the optimistic reports of the merchants the day must have been a very successful one from their viewpoint. From early in the morning until late in the afternoon, the ladies went from one store to the other admiring the newest and noblest of the season's creations. Some bought and some only tried on, but as the day was not expected to bring forth many purchasers, the merchants were satisfied with the impression made upon the visitors.

While the fall openings are generally understood to be but displays of millinery, no little attention was given to other lines. The latest fashions in coat, suits, dress goods, shoes and notions were handsomely displayed in all the stores and received no small share of attention. The stores having millinery departments, Davis-Roper Company, Minter Company and Switzer Company, were of course the principal gathering places for the day, but the handsome displays of dress goods and other ladies' materials made by H. Terry and W. G. Wilson attracted quite a bit of attention.

The Advertiser man is not expected to go into any minute description of styles, but it would doubtless be safe for him to say that the hats are a little smaller this year. Whether or not the tariff has yet had any effect on the price he does not know, but judging from the few remarks caught here and there he has come to the conclusion that the market is holding its own and that, if any revision has been made it wasn't downward. However, the hats in Laurens are in a par with any of those shown elsewhere and the prices are no higher here than anywhere else. The fact is, the merchants here claim that they carry as complete a line of ladies wearables as the stores of larger cities and that their prices compare to considerable advantage.

### INCENDIARY ORIGIN SUSPECTED.

M. B. McCuen, of Princeton, Loses Barn and Contents by Fire of Mysterious Origin.

Believing that the fire which destroyed his barn the night before was of incendiary origin, Mr. M. B. McCuen, of Princeton, secured the blood hounds from the state penitentiary Sunday morning and carried them to the scene hoping that they might pick up the trail of the supposed incendiary. The effort to locate an incendiary was unsuccessful, however, and the dogs were returned to Columbia that afternoon.

The fire occurred on the place of Mr. McCuen Saturday night, being his second loss of this kind recently. While the barn was a very small one and the loss not large, Mr. McCuen had reason to believe that the fire was not accidental, but that it was of incendiary origin. It had been reported to him that a former negro hand with whom he had had some trouble had threatened to "get even" with him and this negro was suspected of being the guilty party. However, no proof of any kind was secured to substantiate this suspicion, as the dogs could not pick up any trail leading from the scene of the fire and no further clues found no charges of any kind have been preferred.

### U. D. C. Meeting.

There will be a regular meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Sullivan. This is a very important meeting and all of the members are urged to attend. Members are requested to notify the hostess as to whether or not they will be able to be present.

### High School Superintendents.

The superintendent of every State Aided high school in Laurens county is requested to meet Miss Janyce C. Garlington, at the Laurens graded school chapel at half-past ten o'clock, Saturday morning, the fourth of October. Miss Garlington is anxious to meet every high school superintendent, as she has important business to lay before them.

## CLINTON NEWS OF THE WEEK

Athanaen Club Entertains. Other Social Events and Paragraphs on Visitors To and From Clinton.

Clinton, Sept. 30.—On Tuesday morning the Athanaen Club met with Mrs. W. J. Bailey.

Invitations to the wedding reception of Mr. James R. Davis to Miss Mary Sullivan were received here last week with much interest. Mr. Davis is a Clinton boy and has a host of friends here to wish him everything that is good and successful in the years to come.

Miss Laurie Aull left Tuesday for Laurens where she will teach this year.

Mrs. Hall left Monday for Spartanburg where she will visit her mother and from there she will join Prof. Hall in Chester where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Graham are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Graham, Jr. on Broad street. Mr. and Mrs. Graham will make Clinton their home in the future to be with their two sons who are in college here.

Dr. Wm. P. Jacobs, Dr. W. S. Bean and Mr. F. D. Jones left Tuesday for a meeting of Presbytery to be in Cross Hill.

Mr. W. C. Harper spent the week end with his parents in Anderson. Mrs. J. C. Harper returned from Greenville this week.

Miss Irene Adair left last week for Moore's where she will teach this winter.

Miss Annie Blakely left Tuesday for Darlington where she will teach this winter.

Miss Louise Workman left Tuesday for Gaffney where she will enter Limestone College.

Mr. Lucius Newton left Saturday for Greenville where he will study music this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watts returned to their home in Columbia after visiting relatives here last week.

Mrs. Nevy Reed of Pauline is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Bailey.

Mrs. W. E. Braumlet and Miss Ayle Mahaffey of Laurens visited in Clinton last week.

Miss Nina Neely has returned from Abbeville where she has been visiting her sister.

Miss Minnie Bailey returned Tuesday from Asheville, N. C.

Mr. L. T. P. Connell of Greenville is visiting friends in Clinton.

Mrs. H. S. Seafie left Thursday for a visit to her sister Mrs. Norman in Chattanooga, Tenn.

### TO LAY CORNERSTONE.

Interesting Exercises at Trinity-Ridge Friday Afternoon.

An attractive program has been arranged for the cornerstone laying of the new school building at Trinity-Ridge. The exercises will take place Friday afternoon. The following is the program:

Bible reading and prayer—Rev. H. L. Baggott.

Opening Remarks—Superintendent of Education G. L. Pitts.

Song—"America."

Reading—Miss Laurie Aull.

Dedicatory prayer—Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn.

Address—Hon. R. A. Cooper.

Song—"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

Benediction—Rev. B. P. Mitchell.

Immediately after the exercises, cake and ice cream will be served for the benefit of the Rural Improvement association. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Ice Cream at Ora Schoolhouse.

The patrons and friends of the Ora school met at the schoolhouse on Friday afternoon, Sept. 26, at the closing hours of school, and under the direction of Miss Wil Lou Gray, county supervisor, and the teachers, Misses Hickson and McFadden, organized a School Improvement association. Much interest was manifested and it is expected that this will be a profitable year for the school. Mrs. John McClintock was elected president of the association. The other officers will be elected at the first regular meeting. It was decided to give an ice cream entertainment at the schoolhouse on Friday night, October 3rd. The public is cordially invited to come.

## DOWNS C. BARKSDALE PASSES TO BEYOND

Well Known and Popular Citizen of Laurens Passed Away Last Thursday.

After an illness lasting over several months, Mr. Downs C. Barksdale, one of the city's widely known citizens, died at his home Thursday morning, at 11:30 o'clock. For the past few days his death had been momentarily expected, so his relatives and friends were prepared for it. Although he had been suffering from a complication of diseases for several weeks, the end was hastened by several paralytic strokes immediately preceding his death.

The funeral services were held at the house Friday morning and the interment, preceded by prayer and song service, took place at the Laurens cemetery. The services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. M. L. Lawson, of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. L. P. McGee. The grave was completely covered by the many beautiful floral tributes carried by loving friends and relatives.

The following were the active pall bearers: S. M. Wilkes, C. M. Miller, C. B. Bobo, C. H. Roper, C. A. Power, J. D. Owings, J. A. Franks, Dr. R. E. Hughes, J. S. Bennett, J. M. Philpot, honorary, G. S. McCray, W. G. Wilson, J. J. Phass, E. P. Minter, W. T. Crows, R. E. Babbs, Dr. H. K. Aiken, N. B. Dial.

Mr. Barksdale was born and reared in this county. He moved to the city about twenty-five years ago and since that time has been employed in various capacities at the court house, peace officer, court clerk and deputy, besides being a public auctioneer. In fulfilling his duties in these offices, Mr. Barksdale always carried a certain congeniality and joviality which made him a very popular man all over the county. His friends were numerous, his enemies none.

Besides his wife, who was a Miss Kate Holt, Mr. Barksdale is survived by several children, as follows: Edgar D. J. Allen, Laurens Barksdale, Miss Lucia Barksdale and Mrs. J. M. Burgess, all of Laurens, and W. O. Barksdale, of Spartanburg. Besides these three brothers and three sisters survive him, as follows: W. D. Barksdale, of Laurens, Geo. A. and John A. Barksdale, of Greenwood, Mrs. W. P. Nash, of Mississippi, Mrs. J. H. Franks and Mrs. George Byrd, of this county. Mr. Barksdale had a very extensive relationship in this county, his ancestors having been among the early settlers.

### TWO HELD FOR MURDER.

Riley Owens, Colored, Killed in the Lower Part of the county Saturday Night.

Riley Owens, colored, was killed at Belfast in the lower part of the county Saturday night and T. Y. Pitts and Manse Simpson, also colored, have been locked up in the county jail charged with the deed. Both of the men deny the charge.

According to witnesses to the tragedy, Owens and several other negroes were out gambling. While in the act of playing, certain parties slipped up from behind and shot Owens with a pistol, the ball entering the back of the head. It is alleged that the two prisoners were seen running away from the scene of the crime and that other incriminating evidence has been secured.

### Shot in the Leg.

Henry Young, colored, has been lodged in the county jail on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. It is alleged that Young shot another negro in the leg near Ora several days ago and that the leg will have to be amputated. The shooting grew out of a dispute over a gambling debt, so it is reported.

### Frank Stone Pardoned.

The governor has granted a pardon to Frank Stone, who was convicted in Laurens county in 1912 on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve 30 days. Since assuming office the governor has extended clemency in 756 cases.

### Copeland School to Open.

The Copeland school, Miss Lattie Young teacher, is expected to open for the year's work next Monday, the 6th. The children and parents are expected to bear this in mind.

## JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBABLY DIVIDED

Congressman Aiken Introduces Bill in Lower House.

TWO PLUMS WHERE NOW BUT ONE

Bill Introduced by Congressman Aiken Calls for Duplication of Present Federal Judicial Machinery. Laurens would be Included in Western District.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Congressman Aiken has introduced a bill which if passed will divide the State of South Carolina into two judicial districts, this bill which is very much wanted by many lawyers in the State is as follows:

"The western district will include the counties of Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Laurens, Abbeville, Greenwood, Edgefield, Saluda, Newberry, Union, Cherokee, York, Chester, Lancaster and Fairfield, as they exist at the date of the passage of this act. The eastern district includes the residue of the said State.

"That the president should appoint a district judge for the said western district who shall possess and exercise all the powers conferred by law upon the judges of the district courts of the United States, and who shall, as to all business and proceedings arising in said western district, succeed to and possess the same powers and perform the same duties within the said western district as are now possessed and exercised by the district judge for the eastern and western districts of the district of South Carolina, and who shall receive the same salary as the other judges of the district courts of the United States.

"That the present district judge and marshal who are now the district judge and marshal for both the eastern and western districts of South Carolina, as heretofore constituted, but who are residents of the eastern district, are hereby assigned to the eastern district as constituted by section 1 of this act, and the present district attorney, who is the district attorney for both the eastern and western districts of the district of South Carolina, as heretofore constituted, but who is a resident of the western district, is hereby assigned to the western district as constituted by section 1 of this act and there shall be a district attorney for the eastern district as constituted by section 1 of this act to be appointed as district attorneys are appointed in other judicial districts of the United States.

"That there shall be a district attorney and a marshal in said western district to be appointed as marshals and district attorneys are appointed in the other judicial districts of the United States. That the district attorney for the eastern district of South Carolina and the district attorney for the western district of South Carolina shall receive an annual salary of \$4,500 and the marshal of the eastern district of South Carolina shall receive an annual salary of \$4,500.

"That a term of the circuit court and term of the district court of the United States for said western district of South Carolina, as constituted in section 1 of this act, shall be held in Greenville on the third Tuesday of April and on the third Tuesday of October in each year; at Anderson on the fourth Tuesday in February in each year; at Spartanburg on the first Tuesday of June in each year; and at Greenwood on the first Tuesday of December in each year.

### Labor Day.

Next Saturday, the 1st of October, has been set apart by the different labor organizations of the State as "Labor Day," when the earnings of the day's work are expected to be given to the different church organizations. As the past year has been a very trying one for these institutions, it is expected that the day's contributions will amount to a large figure. The public is requested to bear this date in mind and to act accordingly.