



## FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS AS REPORTED BY CORRESPONDENTS

### GREENBRIER.

Mr. S. F. Castles has gone to Hot Springs. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Leslie Lyles and family were recent visitors in Monticello.

Miss Janie Castles was a recent visitor in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Castles have spent most of the week at the bedside of Mr. W. P. Blair. We regret that Mr. Blair is ill again.

Mrs. C. L. Smith and Miss Ione Smith spent Saturday in town.

Quite a number from this community attended the Mt. Zion commencement.

### MITFORD.

Mr. Boyce Nichols motored to Chester on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and little son, Walter, Jr., of Great Falls, spent Sunday with Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Katie Jackson.

Mr. Edward Ligon, of Columbia, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Will Agnew and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. T. Raines.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nichols and little son, Johnnie, spent Thursday with Mr. J. A. Nichols.

Miss Julia Nichols motored to Chester one day last week.

Mr. Clyde Jackson, of Nitorlee, spent one day last week at home.

Mr. Quay Hollis and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Eunice Brown.

### BETHEL.

The educational campaign for the Christian colleges is meeting with a greater degree of success than some at first thought it would. Wherever there has been a diligent canvass for the church colleges there has been a somewhat generous response.

We are glad to announce another college graduate in our community. Miss Lillian Leitner comes back from Columbia College with her degree of Bachelor of Arts. We covet for all the youth such aspiration. It will be well when all high school students will not be satisfied with anything short of a college degree. This county ranks very high with other counties in the number of those who have been to college.

A goodly number of the Bethel people attended church at Cedar Creek Sunday. They report one of the best Sunday school days ever held in the community. There were four Sunday school superintendents and many other leaders in Sunday school work in attendance.

Mrs. Eula Mann had some of her friends from the neighborhood and a few from Columbia to tea with her on Saturday evening.

Miss Rebecca Robinson, Miss Helen and Marguerite Robinson, Miss Sarah Brooks, Miss Lillian Leitner and Miss Nancy Sharp are at home for their summer vacation.

Miss Nannie Lou Beckham and Mr. Charles Henry Leitner have been chosen by the League to attend the summer conference for Epworth Leaguers at Lander College, Greenwood. They will go up on next Monday.

Mrs. H. G. Hardin, of Charlotte, N. C., is with her sister, Mrs. Sharp, for a few days. She and Master Henry Grady, Jr., and little Miss Nan Walker came last Saturday.

Miss Clowney is spending a few days with the Robinson girls.

An important change has been made in our mail route. Mr. Bray now goes up to Mann's store. We are grateful and delighted with the improvement.

The lumber business is looming up large here now. Large trucks pass through our village both day and night hauling to Bookman.

Farmers are busy cutting grain and working up their crops. Tractors and binders are humming.

About the strangest coincidence we have seen lately was Sunday when Messrs. T. C. Camak, G. R. and B. J. Beckham were seen riding on the same seat. Strange things will happen sometimes and accidents will happen in the best regulated families.

But this was funny to say the least of it.

We were glad to have Mr. "Bob" Beckham to worship with us Sunday.

### JENKINSVILLE.

Our neighborhood has taken on new life with the return from college of so many of the boys and girls. It is quite a pleasure to have them at home again.

Misses Elizabeth Glenn, Alyse and Bessie Yarborough arrived last week from Limestone College, and Messrs. Clyde Douglass and Vivian Glenn have returned from Wofford College.

Mrs. C. B. Douglass, Jr., is attending commencement at Wofford College, where her son, Merritt, is a member of the graduating class.

Messrs. John and Robert Curry, of Greenville, spent the past week-end at the home of Mr. B. H. Yarborough.

Mr. Henry Parr, of Newberry, was the guest of Mr. B. H. Yarborough on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Wheatley is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. G. Yarborough.

Mrs. B. H. Yarborough is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hughey, in Gaffney.

Messrs. J. S. Swygert and D. G. Yarborough spent last Wednesday in Columbia.

Mrs. Tom Smoak, of Branchville, was a recent visitor in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swittenberg, of Newberry, attended the funeral of Mrs. Swittenberg's uncle, Mr. Curry, on Saturday.

### GREENBRIER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Castles spent Monday in Winnsboro with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blair.

Mr. T. W. Ruff, of Great Falls, spent Sunday with Mr. W. M. Estes and family.

Master William Estes is spending a while with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ruff in Great Falls.

Miss Annie Bess Ruff, of Monticello, is visiting Miss Helen Lyles.

Little Miss Helen Owens, of Columbia is visiting Little Miss Nannie Bell Castles.

Miss Helen Lyles is at home, after spending two weeks in Monticello.

Miss Isabelle Hunter, of Columbia, is visiting Miss Catherine Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Castles spent Friday in Columbia.

Mrs. Scott, of Columbia, returned home on Friday, after spending a few days with her brother, Mr. W. M. Estes.

Misses Erine, Rebecca, Helen Lyles, Annie Bess Ruff, Nannie Bell Castles, Helen Owens and Mrs. J. D. Lyles, Jr., spent Tuesday morning in Winnsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Walker, Jr., were visitors in our community Sunday evening.

Mr. W. M. Estes, Catherine and William spent Friday in Columbia.

### WHITE OAK.

Dr. David Kennedy, who recently graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia, is a visitor in White Oak.

Dr. G. B. White and his son, Mr. M. H. White, of Chester, spent the week-end with Mr. T. G. Patrick.

Mr. Joe Matthews, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with his children here.

Mrs. W. W. Parkinson is attending the Home Demonstration Course in Winthrop this week.

Mr. John C. Wilson, Jr., is getting along nicely after his accident and has returned to Winnsboro.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has preaching services here every Sunday now. On the first and third Sundays of each month, Sunday School at 3:30 p. m., and preaching at 4:30 p. m. On the second, fourth Sundays, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m., and preaching at 11:15 a. m. The public is cordially invited to all services.

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## NEWS FROM THE WINNSBORO MILLS

On last Friday and Saturday we practically completed the top-soiling of the streets. This work was done by the employees of the mill and at a very much lower cost than it could have been done by contract. The men who worked did so with a feeling of interest and pride. For in an especial sense we were getting paid for doing something that was to be a permanent benefit to ourselves. Not only so, but we took an especial pride in having a hand in making our own village beautiful. These men are due a spoken vote of thanks, not so much for the work they did, for they received pay for that, but for the splendid spirit manifested throughout the work. Spirit such as they demonstrated never can receive its just recompense in money.

This fine spirit, however, is an index of the way our people have faced the hard times through which we have passed. There is a unity of effort, of thought, faith and of spirit that has kept one from complaining. Of course we have talked about hard times and we have not refused to look the issues squarely in the face. Yet it has always been done with a heroic faith that out of all the issues good times were coming. This very thinking has made what might have been a bad time a very pleasant time. For happiness has not ceased to prevail in our community. A stalwart faith always frightens fear away.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Gibson have as their guest Mrs. Gibson's aunt, Miss Pearl Cook, who has recently returned from Paris, France, where for the past three years she has been in Red Cross work. While in France, Miss Cook made a study of social and political conditions in the Old World. She visited England, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Germany while she was abroad, and was in close touch with conditions in Austria, Hungary, Russia, Turkey and the Middle-Europe territory. She tells some thrilling first-hand stories about European conditions.

Mr. R. E. Barnwell and Mr. I. U. Kaufman, of the Atlanta office of Lockwood, Green, & Co., Engineers, were in our village Monday on business.

Mr. Amos Johnstone, who has been in school at the University of Georgia, arrived in Winnsboro Wednesday morning for the summer vacation.

Mr. Tom Sentell went to Rock Hill Wednesday morning to attend the State convention of the South Carolina Sunday School Association at Winthrop College, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Maud Hawthorne, who taught this year in the village school, left Tuesday morning for Rock Hill, where she will spend several weeks before going to her home in Abbeville. She will represent the Mill church also at the Sunday School Association being held this week in Rock Hill.

Rev. Geo. C. Gibson attended the Sunday School Association convention in Rock Hill Thursday.

The ball game last Saturday on the local diamond was presented to Chester, 6-5. Chester scored four runs in the first inning without a hit. Not a ball was hit out of the infield in this inning. Enloe pitched a masterly game for the local team and with a little better support should have won easily. A rally in the ninth netted the local team three runs but fell short the run to tie on account of bad base running.

Mrs. T. R. Finley and two children, Eliabeth and Gibson, of Montgomery, Ala., are on an extended visit to Mrs. Finley's brother, Mr. C. E. Reese, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Reese, of St. Petersburg, Fla., are on a visit to their son, Mr. C. E. Reese, and family.

The village school held its closing exercises in the hall Monday evening. A splendid program was rendered. In the program as rendered there was ample evidence of the wonderful work of the teachers and also of the interest and faithfulness of the children. The year's work has been ex-

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## COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT ZION

The Commencement exercises of Mt. Zion Institute were held in the Community House on Friday evening June 3rd. The graduating class consisted of twelve young people—four boys and eight girls: Jessie Douglass, Margaret Ketchin, Lizzie Clarke, Merrill Turner, Louise Hamilton, Katherine Turner, Frances Neil and Rebekah Mcfee; Joe Elliott, Bob Jennings, Cornwell Jennings and Jack Lemmon. Rev. G. Croft Williams, of Columbia, Secretary of the State Board of Charities and Correction, made the annual address before the class. Mr. Williams, a man of strong personality and original ideas, was at his best. His address was most helpful and instructive. The music, furnished by the whole school in various grade formations, was especially fine. It was real music, and the children showed thorough training. The "Week Song" by seven little girls of the first and second grades pleased the audience immensely, as did "Violets," sung by selected voices from the high school, and the selections by the graduating class. Perhaps the most ambitious number was a lullaby sung by the high school chorus, which was well rendered and highly appreciated by the audience.

All in all the occasion was a notable one. Twelve young people finishing their high school course is a real event in any community.

The following pupils made the honor roll at Mt. Zion Institute for 1920-1921. Those highly distinguished made a general average for the year of between 95 and 100; those distinguished, an average of between 90 and 95. The attendance honor roll contains the names of all children who were neither absent nor tardy during the session. Where a pupil is on both rolls the fact is noted by a star before name on attendance roll:

1st Grade, Highly distinguished—95-100—Mary Long, Jamie Brice, Thelma Sitton, Ed Rion, Jack Propp, M. E. Parks. Distinguished—Caroline Arnett, Prentiss Baker, Tallulah Center, Billy Courtney, Luther Glad, James Jackson, Ned McDonald and Grady Turner.

2nd Grade, Highly distinguished—Lizzie Elliott and Daisy Hood. Distinguished—Wilhelmina Aiken, Zelma Brice, Estelle Dawsey, Moselle Dawsey, Ella Johnson, Margaret Macfie, Nell McMeekin and Thomas Lemmon. Attendance—Lizzie Elliott, Margaret Macfie and Lamar Utsey.

3rd Grade, Highly distinguished—None. Distinguished—Corin, Cathcart, Louis, Christmas, Nell Douglass, Tommie Elliott, Norwood Ohear, Ruth Turner and Frances Wilkes.

4th Grade, Highly distinguished—Jeannette Phillis. Distinguished—Gordon Quattlebaum.

5th Grade, Highly distinguished—Daisy Belle, Ella Cathcart, Irene Hood, Sarah Law Kennerly, Elizabeth Ohear, Elizabeth Phillis and John Bennett. Distinguished—Maurie Douglass, Ruth Jennings, Marion Johnson, Mary Jan, Macfie, Ruth Robinson and Tom Ketchin. Attendance—Daisy Belle, John Bennett, Tom Ketchin.

6th Grade, Highly distinguished—Lucy McDonald and Mary Johnson, Robert Richardson, Elizabeth Jennings, Annie McMaster, Sarah Getty, Carrie Mayes, Gussie Wilkes and Andrew Bennett. Attendance—Mary Johnson, Leonora Jennings, Elizabeth Jennings, Margaret Elliott and Annie McMaster.

7th Grade, Highly distinguished—Wallace Johnson, McMaster Ketchin, Spencer Elliott, Merritt Quattlebaum and Floride Douglas. Distinguished—Margaret Dunlap, Joe Owens and Alma Ray. Attendance—George Rion and Merritt Quattlebaum.

8th Grade, Highly distinguished—Irene Richardson, Jennie Bomar and Marjorie Wyndham.

9th Grade, Distinguished—Beth Turner. Attendance—Pauline Brice.

10th Grade, Highly distinguished—Elma Steele and Philo Caldwell. Attendance—Annie Lee Younge.

11th Grade, Highly distinguished—Jessie Douglass. Distinguished—Margaret Ketchin.

## HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY WRITTEN BY A FORMER CITIZEN

(Through the further kindness of Mrs. T. H. Ketchin, we are reprinting an address by Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle, written in 1880 and printed in The State on Jan. 24, 1907.)

The defeat of Braddock (July 9, 1755) has a special interest for us who live in South Carolina. That disastrous affair left the English colonies in the North exposed to the savages generally and led to a general rapid movement southward. The tide rolled on down the eastern valley of the Blue Ridge. Some, tempted by the inviting lands of Virginia, stopped for a while, or permanently, on the banks of her noble rivers, driving horses, cows and hogs with them. Thus disaster and defeat led in the wise arrangements of Providence to growth and expansion elsewhere, turning the stream of population and history into new channels.

In 1760 the Cherokees received a check and were forced to yield their rich lands, which now form some of the finest counties in the upper portion of our State. There were a few settlers in this part of our State before this, Lyles having come about 1745. But after the event alluded to above, the settlements rapidly increased. The government offered inducements to quicken immigration, giving each head of a family 100 acres and 50 acres to each child. This was the border ground between the Cherokees and Catawbas, and along this dividing line, almost precisely on the railroad track, was the trail or path which led to the Congaree below.

Col. Pearson gives 1745 as the first settlement within the limits of this district, John and Ephriam Lyles from Brunswick, Va., at this time, settled at the mouth of Beaver creek on Broad river. About the same time Richard Kirkland, grandfather of Reuben Harrison, settled on the opposite side of the district, at or near Peay's ferry.

Other names given by Pearson are Thoma s Woodward, Richard Winn, James Kneaid, John Pearson, Isaac Gibson, John Winn, John Gray, Benjamin May, William Strother, John Buchanan, William Morris, John Cook, Cant, Boler, Capt. Watson and Edward Martin.

The Catawbas appear to have been a Canadian tribe. Retiring before a strange tribe, about 1650, they came south until they reached upper Carolina, where the Cherokees disputed their march. The tradition is that they fought a terrible battle on the banks of the Catawba, which was ended only by night. Next morning propositions of peace were made by the Catawbas and accepted by their foes. The Catawbas were to occupy the eastern bank, while the Cherokees were to dwell on the western bank, including this pine ridge between the rivers, which now constitutes York, Chester and Fairfield. Later the Broad river was the line, as its Indian name is said to mean dividing line. The Catawbas have a sad history. They were always faithful to the whites. Their last degraded representatives lingering in Lancaster should draw forth from the whites only sentiments of kindness and pity.

These strange and ill-fated people have given rise to a great deal of poetry and sentiment, but very little history. They have left few relics in this immediate vicinity, no mound, perhaps nearer than Camden, no well marked burying ground. In our boyhood a few of the Catawbas used to pass through this village on their way to Columbia with their bows and arrows and pottery for sale. The generation now growing up will be strangers to the red man, it now being easy to find grown persons who have never seen an Indian. When we come from men to animals, it is startling for a moment to think that buffaloes, elks, bears, panthers, wolves and beavers abounded, where now a deer, or even a wild turkey, is an unusual sight. We give a few items collected by Dr. Logan for his history.

In 1760 a Mr. Graves crossed the Wateree at Green's Ford, and seeing the tracks of buffaloes, told Reuben Harrison to follow them. He soon

killed three fat buffaloes. The meat was stolen by the wolves during the night, but the loss was easily supplied next day. A venerable old citizen, Busby, who lived to the age of 110, related that he had often seen at one, 3,000 buffaloes on the meadows of Little River. The last elk in all this region was killed by Robert Newton near Winn's bridge in the western part of the county. The antlers were sent to England as a curiosity. Beaver creek in the western part of the county, one of the earliest settlements, took its name from the beavers which abounded in its waters. Some of these animals may be looked back upon with regret by the active sportsman of today, but when we read of a rattlesnake killed many years ago in the Means neighborhood which had just swallowed a fawn, this may lessen our sorrow for the disappearance of some of our "oldest inhabitants." Old Jesse Gladden, grandfather of the late Gen. Gladden, who lived on the Wateree not far from Mount Moriah church, has been heard to say, pointing to a valley on his plantation: "In my boyhood I often saw large herds of wild horses running along that valley in a wild stampede, and so great were the numbers that the ground on which our cabin stood shook under their tread." And while speaking of animals more or less dangerous we must not forget the witches. Phillip Edward Pearson, writing in 1834, says: "In 1792 witches abounded in Fairfield. A court of witch doctors was held at the house of Thomas Hill, five miles below Winnsboro. Four persons were tried and punished by stripes and burning their feet at the bark fire so that their soles came off. I can barely remember seeing one of the sisterhood in the hands of the officers of this court, a poor old German woman, 70 years of age, going to the place of trial, and afterwards to have seen the scars of the cowskin on her arms and shoulders.

The Witch's Oak. Some now present may remember an old oak near the southwest corner of the courthouse, called the Liberty tree. Tradition says that witches were whipped, perhaps burned, at this spot.

The eulogy on the land around here by Lord Cornwallis is well known. Speaking to Walter Robertson, he is reported as saying: "I can conceive of no finer region, taking into consideration its fertile soil, mild climate, its long drawn beautiful valleys and glorious highlands." And, no doubt, these grand old hills, when in their native dress, did present an appearance which we, who look at them now in their barrenness, not conceive. Much of the upland of this portion of the State, was then covered with luxuriant wild vines and canes as high as a man's head on the ordinary ground. On some places the canes rose from 20 to 30 feet in height.

But we turn from nature and animals to the men who subdued the one and exterminated the other. The settlers of that day were chiefly from Great Britain. Dutchman's Creek bears witness to a small element from the continent. Here, as elsewhere, the names of the streams and settlements have, in them instructive history, as for instance, Beaver Creek, Horse Branch, Fox Creek, Hemppatch Creek, Wolfpit Church, Alligator Creek, Old Cow Pen. In the upper part of our county is a Dumper's Creek. I have spent many happy hours on its banks when a boy, but could never find the origin of the name, whether a family name or a corruption of Dumper's Creek. If this is the origin, it may join with Sauney's Creek in the lower part of the county, in bearing witness to the Scotch element in the colony. The English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh, in some cases, came directly from Great Britain, induced by letters sent back with glowing accounts of this new country. In other cases they came by the way of Pennsylvania or Virginia. The names, York, Chester, Lancaster, which they re-

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