



FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS AS REPORTED BY OUR CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS

STOVER

We have been having plenty of rain lately which makes our newly built roads very rough.

Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Jr., and Mrs. Olin Salley and Miss Mammie McDonald motored over to Nitrolee Thursday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wil Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Willie McDonald is spending a few days with homefolks.

Mr. Stormont McDonald and his friend, Mr. Butler, spent Thursday night with Mr. McDonalds parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald.

Messrs. James, Willie and Stormont McDonald, John B. Smith and Butler went opossum hunting Thursday night.

Mrs. T. M. Black and Miss Lizzie Black spent Friday with Misses Mary and Sallie Black.

Mrs. J. S. McDonald, Sr., and Mrs. Olin Salley spent a while Wednesday afternoon with Misses Mary and Sallie Black.

Miss Martha McDonald has returned home after spending awhile with relatives at Woodward.

Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Sr., and Mrs. Olin Salley called on Mrs. Irene McDonald Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Irene McDonald and children, James Andrew, Hugh and John S. spent Wednesday with Miss Janie Bankhead.

Misses Sara and Annie Black spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. B. S. Bankhead.

We are sorry to report that Mr. R. B. McDonald is very sick. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Black and little daughter, Estell, spent Sunday with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Black.

Mrs. Higgins spent Thursday with Mrs. B. S. Bankhead.

MITFORD

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lumpkin spent the week-end with friends near Winnsboro.

Miss J. Miller Glass spent the week end with Miss Janie Belle Lumpkin.

Mr. W. B. Lumpkin motored to Winnsboro Friday on business.

Miss Emma Smarr spent Saturday morning with her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Glass.

Mrs. J. F. Thomasson spent Saturday with Mrs. J. M. Smarr and family.

Mr. Charlie Steele, of Great Falls, spent the week-end with friends and relatives in the community.

Miss Ada Smarr spent Sunday with Miss Hattie Steele.

Messrs. Alex Glass, Rufus Keistler, Joe Nichols and Mrs. J. A. Nichols motored to Chester to see Mr. Heath Nichols, who has undergone a serious operation. He is doing nicely and hopes to be home in a few days.

Messrs. W. B. Lumpkin and Boyce Nichols motored to Chester to see Mr. Heath Nichols.

Mr. J. J. Steele has returned from Rock Hill after a very pleasant visit to his friends.

The Epworth League Sunday night at 7:30. Everybody is welcome.

Mt. Zion B. Y. P. U. Sunday morning at 11:30 everybody come out.

STROTHER

Mr. Chapman, of Newberry, spent the week-end in town with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. May.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. May and Miss Helen Gue went to Winnsboro Saturday.

There will be an oyster supper at Mrs. J. S. Suber, Jr., Friday night November 3rd. The proceeds for the building of a chapel.

Mrs. T. B. Willingham spent the week-end in Union with her mother, Mrs. Counts.

J. B. May went to Greenwood Monday on business.

Mrs. W. B. May, Mrs. Ella Hentz, Mrs. J. S. Suber, Sr., and Miss Helen Gue went to Newberry Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Little and son, Bill, Jr., have gone to Wadesboro, N. C., on a months visit.

Mrs. W. B. May gave a dinner Tuesday noon, celebrating the 21st birthday of Mr. Hunter Brown. Miss Helen Gue helping the guest.

HILLCREST

Mrs. A. Mac Park and children visited relatives in Hickory Ridge Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Cathcart, of Winnsboro, is visiting his aunts, Misses Belle and Janie Lemmon.

Mr. George Timms, of Hickory Ridge, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. Mac Park.

Mr. George Chappel, of Jenkinsville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lemmon.

Mrs. Mary Boulware and children of Hickory Ridge, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Park.

Mrs. Annie McNaul left Saturday for a visit to friends and relatives in Columbia.

Messrs. W. D. Young and Boyce Park spent Wednesday in Columbia.

Mr. John Crawford, of Horeb, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hawes last week.

Mr. George Park motored to McConellsville Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Lemmon spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. A. Hugh Park.

WOODWARD

Miss Ray Montgomery came home Sunday from the Chester Sanitarium for a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Montgomery.

The many friends of Mrs. J. C. Stewart, who has been ill, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, for the last ten days, are delighted to know that she is improving rapidly and hopes to be up and out again soon.

Mr. Robert McIlroy spent Sunday with his father, Mr. David McIlroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McAliley spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Laurie Brice.

Mrs. McAliley has recently returned to her home in Chester after spending several months in New Jersey and New York with relatives.

Mrs. J. F. Coleman spent last Wednesday in Winnsboro at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Macie and Mrs. Brice and family went up to Chester last Tuesday afternoon for the picture, "The Country Beyond".

Mr. Sam McClerkin, who has been in North Carolina the last year is now with Mr. W. M. Patrick and is receiving a cordial welcome from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coleman spent Sunday in Columbia with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Coleman.

Misses Marie Jones who teaches in the Ridgeway schools with Mr. A. R. Nicholson, Jr., came up Friday afternoon to visit her sister, Miss Bessie Jones, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brice and went with Mrs. Brice and Miss Bessie Jones to Charlotte Saturday.

Mesdames A. W. Brice, Sam Brice J. F. Coleman and Mathew Patrick attended the D. A. R. meeting in Winnsboro Friday at the home of Mrs. Mark Doty, where Mrs. Doty and Mrs. A. W. Brice were joint hostesses.

A delightful meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor was held with Miss Ellen Wallace Brice Friday afternoon with Miss Lizzie Mae McDonald as leader. At the conclusion of the program, the children played games and were then served hot chocolate and chicken sandwiches.

The Mission Study Class was held at Concord church Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Melvin Blane as leader.

The regular monthly meeting of Catherine Ladd Chauter U. D. C. was held with Mrs. W. M. Reid the second Friday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Sam Brice, the first vice president, Mrs. W. M. Reid conducted the meeting. October being the time for election of officers, the program was dispensed with and the entire time was devoted to business.

Mrs. J. F. Coleman was elected as delegate to the General Convention which meets in Birmingham and Mrs. Sam Brice to the State Convention which meets in Greenwood.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. J. C. Stewart, president; Mrs. Sam Brice, first vice president; Mrs. Macie Brice third vice president; Mrs. J. F. Coleman, historian; Mrs. T. W. Brice, treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Brice, registrar; Mrs. Jim McKeown, secretary.

During the social hour following the meeting the hostess served chocolate and sandwiches.

Miss Rebecca Lewis had as her guest last week, Miss Margaret Sterling, of Avon, and Miss Mary Lewis also was her guest for the week-end.

Mrs. Young Lewis went to Rodman last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Milling, who was ill.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE COMING WEEK IN THE INTERESTS OF GOOD ROADS

Salem—Thursday, November 2nd: Speaking.
Bethel—Friday, November 3rd: Speaking and barbecue.
Mitford—Tuesday, October 31st: Speaking.
Winnsboro—Saturday, November 4th: Speaking, barbecue.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST OVER THE STATE.

Captain Carlisle White Proves That Staple Can Be Raised Despite the Pest.

Chester.—Capt. W. Carlisle White, a young banker and progressive farmer of Chester, is unquestionably one of the most progressive farmers in the Piedmont section of South Carolina. He has waged a successful, strenuous battle this year in raising cotton under boll weevil conditions, by using calcium arsenate poison and other things. He will make from 10 to 15 bales of cotton to the plow and over 400 bales on his farm. Captain White is a World War veteran and has been farming only two years. By hard work and ingenious resourcefulness he has practically triumphed over the boll weevil. His case is an excellent example of what can be accomplished in the Piedmont section of South Carolina by a young man working along scientific and progressive modern farming lines, adapting all of the new methods and only holding fast to that which is best in the old. His crop of cotton is the subject of much optimistic talk in this section of the commonwealth and is proving a great inspiration to other farmers and is a barometer indicating that splendid crops of cotton can still be raised in the Piedmont section of South Carolina, despite the heavy inroads made on the crops by the boll weevil.

Sells School Bonds.

Mullins.—The trustees of the Mullins school district sold the issue of bonds recently voted on for school purposes, amounting to \$45,500, for a premium of \$3,115 and accrued interest from the date of the bonds. From 12 to 15 bond companies were represented at this sale. Some very spirited bidding was indulged in by the representatives of the various companies. Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, were the successful bidders. The trustees feel that they have made a very satisfactory sale of these bonds and were lucky in being able to place them on the market while the bond market is so attractive. It is understood that the trustees plan to begin the erection of a very modern school building in the early spring.

Much Profit in Onions.

Sumter.—It seems that the onion crop was a profitable one in this county this season. It is a new crop for Sumter farmers and having been found successful this time, a number of Wedgefield farmers have decided to plant 150 acres this fall. They will plant the variety known as the Brown Australians, as that seems well adapted to the soil and climate of this section and there is a ready market for them. County Demonstration Agent J. Frank Williams reported that the onion crop this year yielded \$150 per acre.

Sumter Sells Bonds.

Sumter.—At a special meeting of city council for the purpose of receiving bids for the purchase of \$100,000 paving bonds the bonds were awarded to the Hibernia Securities company, semi-annual interest, for \$100,225. Bids were received from four other companies, ranging from \$98,500 to \$100,600 annual interest.

Council directed the clerk to take up with the various banking institutions of the city the matter of distribution of the funds derived from the sale of the bonds, with a view towards receiving from them a bid for interest to be allowed on the daily balances for the whole or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds.

On the question of cost of water mains to be laid to the abattoir now in the process of construction, it was decided the water department should pay the cost of extending the mains to the city limits, and that the cost from the city limits to the abattoir should be charged to the abattoir.

Stops Train to Save Chicks.

Graniteville.—An incident which attracted the attention of by-standers near the railroad tracks here was the stopping of a train before a diminutive hen with her bird-like brood that hopped and fluttered in vain to cross the rails. The little mother realized her predicament, as she jumped back and forth from the track, then returned to her baby chicks which were unable to follow.

GENERAL NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

James O'Donnell, Mechanic's Helper Credited With Having Saved Nearly a Score.

New York—Fifteen persons, most of them children, lost their lives in a fire, believed by city officials to be the work of a pyromaniac. The flames swept with murderous suddenness from cellar to attic of a five-story brick tenement at Lexington avenue and 110th street in the thickly populated East Side.

The blaze apparently started in a baby carriage under the stairs in the lower hall under almost identical circumstances as the recent incendiary fire in an upper west side apartment house which resulted in seven deaths. So quickly did the flames shoot through the building that a number of the dead were found in bed burned or suffocated without the slightest opportunity to escape.

Nathan Silver and his four children were among the victims. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Matitsky and Sidney and Catherine Sugarman, brother and sister of Mrs. Matitsky, also perished.

City Marshal Joseph Lazarus, while on his way home, saw smoke issuing from the hallway of the building. He ran to the next corner and turned in the alarm. When he returned the whole building the ground floor of which is occupied by stores, was a mass of flames and exit by the stairways was cut off. Most of the persons on the second floor succeeded in making their way down the fire escapes, but those on the upper floors had to battle through smoke and flames pouring out of the windows.

Several tenants perched on upper story windows threatened to jump, but were prevailed upon by firemen to remain until ladders could be raised. One aged woman, Mrs. Mary Ingless, disregarded the warning and leaped from the fourth floor, receiving injuries which caused her death.

While the firemen were at work on the second floor and preparing to fight their way to the one above, the third floor collapsed, but not before a warning roar had sent the firemen to safety.

Nearly a score of persons owe their lives to 17-year-old James O'Donnell, a mechanic's helper, who was eating at a restaurant in the vicinity when he heard a woman cry for help. Running to the street he saw the woman leaning out of the window on the second floor of the burning tenement with two small children by her side. The young man clambered on the sill of a store window, jumped and caught a swinging sign and pulled himself up to the window. He led the three frightened tenants down the fire escape to the street and then raced back and rescued the woman's 18-months-old baby, who was asleep in a crib. Later he went to the roof of an adjoining building and by throwing a board over the alley space made it possible for a number of tenants who had been cut off from escape on the roof, to cross in safety.

Industry Shows Big Gains.

New York.—Developments of the past week in industry and finance are encouraging in many respects. Wholesale and retail activity in particular increased perceptibly, being partly stimulated by the cooler weather. Continued strength in prices for farm products, however, overshadowed for the moment other important industrial factors.

Although cotton growers have sold the staple heavily, excellent buying by the foreign and domestic trade has given the market the needed support. A tardy awakening of spinners to the fact that a real shortage may have to be faced later, it is pointed out, is responsible for much of the present active demand. Cotton futures at 23 cents a pound or better are selling at the highest levels since the beginning of drastic deflation in 1920. The effect in the South is already apparent.

Prevailing grain prices also contrast sharply with the recent low levels and with prices of a year ago. While fears of a war in the near east gave the market its first impetus, continued strength since the smoothing out of the difficulties in that situation indicate a healthy statistical position. Reports of shortage abroad have been an important factor in the market of late.

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION DISCUSSES THE RELATION BETWEEN GOOD ROADS AND GOOD SCHOOLS

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FROM WINNSBORO MILLS

Folks down our way are ordering coal and wood. The past few days have made a little fire look very cheerful. Makes a fellow think of Hallow-e'en. We have brushed the dust off of our old pop-corn popper, bought us a few peanuts and popcorn so that we can sit around the fire after family prayers at night and have a good time. Sometimes we gossip a little or talk politics and then again we talk about life, our daily life, the life of the very day that is just closing and try to find some worthy things that we have thought, said or done. Then we naturally speculate a little about tomorrow, and all of the tomorrows, until we find ourselves headed out into eternity somewhere. And we wonder out aloud what we are going to do and where we are going to be out there. Somehow we believe that we are going out there. "Where do we get our belief from?" Well you see we are foolish enough to be a bit religious. And we read an old Book called the Bible and it has a lot to say about eternity. And too we haven't been able to get away from a deep desire and looking forward to an eternity in these human lives of ours. We believe that a Master designer is working on a plan that one day is going to be finished and when that is finished everybody is going to think a little more about eternity. Then we quit popping corn and go to bed thinking about man, God and eternity and wonder how it all is going to turn out.

Mr. H. C. Everett, Jr., Treasurer of Winnsboro mills arrived from Boston Sunday afternoon and spent several days in the village giving "us" and "it" all the once over. We are always glad to see Mr. Everett.

Next Sunday morning at the regular hour for the preaching service (11:15 a. m.), at the Baptist church the Sunbeam Band led by Mrs. G. C. Gibson and Mrs. G. H. Lokey will have charge of the service and render a programme of some recitations etc. These children have worked faithfully for a long time on this programme and their little hearts will be keenly disappointed if the church is not filled to hear them and to see them. Everybody come out.

On November 5th a series of revival meetings will be held at the Baptist church. Rev. John Bomar, of Winnsboro, will do the preaching. Everybody is invited to come and hear him. Let us all get right with God.

On last Wednesday night the little five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dupree, of Griffin, Ga., bade farewell to this life to answer the summons of heaven to come home. Mrs. Dupree is a sister of Mrs. Chishenhall and was on a visit to her sister in our village. Thursday afternoon after the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. George C. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Dupree left with the little body for Marietta, Ga., where interment will take place.

Mr. W. E. Sentell is still confined to his bed with fever.

We are glad to see "Bill" Verner on the streets again after a confinement of several days.

Mrs. R. M. Williams and family, of Great Falls, moved to our village last week. Mrs. Williams is simply returning home as she moved from Winnsboro to Great Falls about a year ago. We are glad to have these good folks back with us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crouch, of Great Falls, spent several days in our village last week.

Work on the new Methodist church is progressing rapidly.

AT EVERETT SCHOOL

A few weeks ago the fifth, sixth and seventh grades organized the Johnstone Literary Society. The meetings are held every Friday at noon. The program is carried out with great care. The following officers were elected by the votes of the children:

Pearl Killian; President, Mary Lokey; Vice President, Theodore Sims; Secretary, Ralph Rush; Censor, Mr. Scarborough; Critic, Miss Douglass; Critic, Rubey Sineath; Eulalie Starns and Burrell Brannon; Committee.

Editor of The News and Herald:

The voters of the County are doubtless, giving very serious thought as to how they will vote in the coming election on the question of issuing bonds for road building.

In all the discussion I have seen and heard on this subject, I have not yet heard any mention of the — this proposition will have on our schools.

We have come to the time when the transportation of our children to and from School should give us more concern than transportation of our crops to market and fertilizers and other purchases home again. A better system of roads is necessary for the successful transportation of school children than for the transportation of bales of cotton or sacks of fertilizers.

The National Bureau of Education has just issued a circular comparing the one teacher rural schools and the small town schools in the State of Kansas. This circular states that the tracts of Kansas for getting, even the chance of a child in the rural districts of an education is fifty-fifty. The census figures for the two types of district compared show 214, 928 children in the one-teacher districts and 121,099 in the small town districts. The enrollment is 67 per cent in the one; and 90 per cent in the other. The average attendance is 48 per cent for the one group; and 70 per cent for the other.

The length of term for the one-teacher group is 29 weeks and for the other it is 35 weeks. The length of recitation periods is 5 to 12 minutes in one case; and 25 to 40 minutes in the other. Nine years are required to complete the 8th grade in the one group and 8 years in the other. The cost per pupil of completing the 8th grade in the one, is \$47.10, while in the other it is \$31.28. The building and equipment for the one is valued at \$49 per pupil served; for the other the value is \$116. The average salary paid teachers is \$74.60 per month and \$82.65 per month in the respective districts. This comparison shows that it takes one year longer for a child to finish the 8th grade in the one-teacher school than in the other and that it costs the county \$75. more to give him this education than to give the same thing in the larger schools.

A similar comparison in South Carolina would show similar results. The one-room school house with the one-teacher is not giving the training that our present day demands. If our boys and girls are to have the opportunity they are entitled to and which they are rapidly getting in other States, we must consolidate our schools.

The greatest hindrance to the consolidations we have tried is the conditions of our roads.

A recent magazine article describing the wonderful progress made in the past few years in the schools of Montgomery, Ala., makes these very significant statements. "At the outset he has in his favor a system of good roads," good roads came to the county before good schools.

Any one familiar with the location of the school in the county will readily see by looking at a map of the proposed road construction that it would greatly facilitate the consolidation of our schools.

I believe our people want the very best opportunity they can possibly provide for their children. To have this we must have consolidation of schools and transportation of children at public expense. To do this we must have better roads. Can we afford them? Dr. J. L. Curry, of Alabama, said to the people of that State years ago; "We are too poor not to educate." In a democracy, every dollar of wealth is under first mortgage for the education of all the children of all the people." Think on these things when deciding how to vote on the bond issue.

J. L. Brice,
Co. Supt. Ed.

MUST SIGN NAME TO COMMUNICATION

At different times articles are sent in to us unsigned. For any article to have attention at all the writer must have his signature. This does not mean that the name will have to be published every time, but the editor must know from whom the items come.