



Fairfield County News as Reported by Correspondents

CENTERVILLE.

Mr. Frank Mattox has moved to his new home. He has recently bought the H. E. Dinkins place and has built him a new store, which will be a great accommodation to the neighborhood.

Mr. Morgan Nelson is over at his son-in-law's butchering hogs for his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Ezell Branham.

Mr. Samuel Branham, Jr., is still on the carpenter force in Columbia. Mr. Jessie Branham is still on his job at Winnsboro.

Mrs. Francis Neal is very low at Mr. Leslie Peak's.

Mr. Thos. Hollis has moved to Rockton.

Mr. C. C. Jeffers is planning a trip to Winnsboro where he expects to meet his children who work in the mill.

Mr. Samuel Branham is counting on a good hog crop for next year. He is out buying shoats.

We notice that Mr. S. R. Branham is repairing his old home.

We are proud to know that Mrs. Amanda Freeman, who has had rheumatism vary bad, is now improving. Mrs. Lou Rush has returned to her home from Mrs. J. S. Nelson's, where she has been spending a few days.

MOSSY DALE.

Another year with all of its sorrows and joys, its misfortunes and its achievements has gone, never to return. And on the whole, things are no worse than they usually are at Christmas.

It is true we have had wars and rumors of wars, and murders and suicides and thefts and many other kinds of devilment; but I believe that the good that is being done in the world will balance with the evil. I don't believe that we are going backward. The devil is being fought harder today than ever before, and with more improved and up-to-date implements of warfare. So when we check up everything this Xmas is about the same as the past fifty or eighty that it has been my pleasure to observe and celebrate, though the things that made a boy happy fifty years ago will not make a boy happy today. The old cap pistol and the muzzle loading gun were all a boy wanted then, but now it would bankrupt Germany if she had no war debts to pay to furnish enough fire-works to satisfy the kiddies.

As we look back over the year that is so fast slipping by we realize that there are many things that we should be thankful for. As to myself, the chief among them all is that I don't live any closer to Beckham than I do.

I never have been ready for Xmas when it comes, and this boy of mine says that I will not be ready for the judgment when it comes. But this boy is no preacher. However, I do not wish to test the matter now.

The Xmas wood has to be hauled and the hogs have to be killed and corn sent to the mill, and a stove put up for the little grand-baby that is coming, and the kitchen has to be covered to keep the custards from getting wet, and the old rooster that is to impersonate a turkey has to be fattened; and I reckon that I will have to divide my surplus money with my darned poor neighbors, and that will take some time.

Oh, I have lots to do before I can sit down in the corner and hold our baby and "chaw" my Red J tobacco.

I wish that there were no law-breakers in the world and that every body lived in peace and gave their neighbors no trouble. Then I would not have to trudge through the rain to keep cattle and hogs off my oats. It is a pity for good people who never break the laws have to be taxed to pay the expenses of criminal courts to try people who are never satisfied only when they are hanging around the courts house being prosecuted or persecuted.

I wish for everybody a Merry Christmas, and especially our able and much beloved Editor, and each and every one of his correspondents. And Mr. Editor, when you go to your Xmas dinner let prudence and moderation be your guide—for you know that doctor's bills are hard to pay.

With best wishes for all of the "Dees-es," I have the honor of subscribing myself your obedient servant.

P. S.—I wish you would ask John

W. or Mr. Bryson if they know where a fellow could get a little hellfire to go with the eggnog.

Just a line to let Beckhams friends know that Bull is dead and he himself is hatless.

There is deep and heartfelt sorrow in the Beckham family to-night. Yes Bull is dead—shot by a neighbor. Bull had many noble traits of character—but could not be called a successful monkey fighter. It is said that trouble never comes single handed—just the other day Beckham bought a nice 40c hat and about the first day he had worn it he was loafing around a ginhouse and walked under the suction pipe and in a moment his hat was carried to the gin saws. The wonder is that his head was not taken, it being so light. And now Bull is gone. A faithful helper by day and trusty protector by night—but Beckhams loss will be my gain. There will be more persimmons left for my little grand-children.

HICKORY RIDGE

(Received too late for last week.) Mrs. A. C. Miller and her two daughters, Misses Dorothy and Helen, and Messrs. William Riley and Edwin Zobel, of Columbia, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jernigan and Mr. A. A. Young and Miss Annie Lee Young motored to Columbia on last Saturday.

UNION

Mr. Smythe Lemmon is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Lemmon.

Miss Mamie Brown, who is attending Greenbrier High School, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. A. G. Brown.

The stock has recently raised the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, leaving a daughter, and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Robinson leaving a son.

Dr. Johnson visited Union school during Education Week and made an address to the pupils and patrons.

Christmas is here again and people seem to be getting the Christmas spirit in their bones, especially the children, who are eagerly looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus. Unless he comes by airplane thru this community, I am afraid he will not get here, if he has any kind of a heavy load, for he will be sure to get stuck in mud which at the present time is something terrible. But we are hoping the weather will take up by the time he makes his visit and the roads may be a little better.

There will be a Christmas tree at Palmetto School house, Friday night, December 22nd at 6:30 o'clock.

Here wishing the correspondents and Editor of the News and Herald a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Hope Santa will be good to all of you.

WALLACEVILLE

Mr. Glenn McMeekin, of Columbia, spent the past week-end at home.

Cadet Henry Glenn, of Clemson College, came home last Saturday on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. D. L. Glenn, Sr. Miss Clara Jeter, a granddaughter, arrived from Winthrop College Sunday.

Mr. Hunter Glenn, of Chappells, was at home for a few days this week.

Tommy Glenn, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Glenn, returned last week to Parris Island, where he is now stationed.

Mr. C. A. Wilkie left last Tuesday for North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hudson, who have been living in Chester, moved down last week. We are always glad to see our folks come back home.

Mr. J. W. Clark leaves this week for Atlanta, to spend the winter visiting his sons.

Hugh Yarborough, of Mount Zion Institute, spent the week-end at home.

JENKINSVILLE

Miss Bessie Yarborough, of Limestone College, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Hughey, of Gaffney, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yarborough.

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That this may be a season of untroubled joy, and that 1923 will be a year of good will and prosperity is our hearty wish for the people of Fairfield County.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST OVER THE STATE

Greenwood—Much is said about law enforcement, but I want to ask you, you realize, you men of South Carolina, that if the law is observed, there will be little problem of law enforcement? Governor Wilson G. Harvey asked in the course of an address here under the auspices of the League of Women Voters. "I would rather hear a man say he believed in law observance than in law enforcement, and then demand that the law is enforced," he continued.

After making a plea for greater observance of the law, Governor Harvey made a plea for better educational facilities.

"The women of South Carolina should inform themselves about their state; the men have not, or they would not be led astray by demagogues. South Carolina pays less taxes per man than any other state. Is that anything to be proud of? The state institutions show it. What a man comes along and wants to raise your taxes 15.50, you want to crucify him. Yet you will pay more for an automobile than you do in taxes for your automobile. You get a few rides and for your taxes you send from one to five children to school; you have good roads to your door; you have the protection of the law, etc. And you will whine and you whimper when someone wants to raise your taxes a few cents."

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Youth Dies From Wound. Chester.—A peculiarly sad tragedy was that of DePass Brewington, white boy, aged about 14 years, who died at the Pryor hospital in this city from the effect of a gunshot wound in the right leg just below the knee, inflicted by Sam Kirkland, a negro. The shooting took place just over the line in Fairfield county, in the Cool Branch church neighborhood.

GENERAL NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich.—Twenty-seven persons are missing and are believed to have drowned or died from exposure following the disaster which overtook the tug Reliance when it hit the rocks off Lizard Island a few days ago. This was the fear expressed by officials of the Superior Paper company, owner of the tug, who, for the first time, admitted that in addition to the crew of 14, the Reliance carried 22 passengers.

Seven survivors of the wreck have reached here. Two others, Mr. and Mrs. John Harten, cooks, were suffering from cold and exposure that they were left at a station of the Algoma Central railroad for medical attention by other survivors.

The last seen of the missing 27 persons was when the Reliance, battling through a blinding snowstorm, went on the rocks off Lizard Island, stripped her keel and sank almost immediately.

Captain D. A. Williams, of the city, and six others who were forward, took one lifeboat which the nine others, including Mr. and Mrs. Harten, took the other. The second boat drifted several hours in the storm and was blown ashore on the Canadian mainland 35 miles north of here. Mrs. Harten was so exhausted that the party was held up 38 hours in an Indian shack before it was able to start inland toward the railroad. The survivors expressed little hope that the others survived the storm.

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Social and Community Activities at The Winnsboro Mills Village

Christmas

"Glee day is one for wholesome fun, For thankful hearts that beat as one; For young and fair, for old and gray, An oasis upon the way— A light that shines throughout the year, To brighten hope and lighten fear!" Cobb.

The Kindergarten

The keenest interest is being displayed upon the parts of the children of our village in all the plans of organizing our kindergarten. The service department announces that the equipment and furnishings of the kindergarten room are now on order, and it is hoped that everything will be here so we can open up the second week of January.

Miss Louise P. Wylie of Lancaster, will be in charge of the kindergarten.

Foreman's Training Course

The second lecture in the Foreman's Training Course was given last Friday night. Mr. Daves was again with us to give the lecture. Every member of the course was present with the exception of one who was sick. It is this sort of spirit that we like to see shown. The lecture lasted about an hour and was very interesting. It covered the work done in the first unit. At the close a discussion was held and those points that were not clear were thrashed out.

The next lecture will be held on Friday-December 29th, 1922 at 7:15 p. m. It is hoped that we will again have a full attendance.

Ladies Club

The weekly meeting of the Ladies Club was held Tuesday afternoon at the Community Building.

Preacher Gibson Returns

Preacher G. C. Gibson returned to our midst after a two weeks vacation in southern Georgia. Last we heard was that he had killed many birds while away, and last night he proved it by giving a "bird" dinner at his home. Mr. Cawley, Mrs. Lindsay and Quattlebaum, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Roberts were the guests. From all accounts they had their fill, Mr. Cawley owning up to having eaten four birds.

A demagogue is a politician whose chief ambition is to stand on the grave of a great dead industry and boast to a multitude of unemployed of his bloody deeds."

Free Picture Show

The Mill wishes to announce that on Monday January 1st, 1923, a free picture will be shown in the movie hall. The title is "From the Manger to the Cross" and is a film version of the life of our Savior. Outsiders as well as members of the mill community are cordially invited.

Mr. Ingle's Accident

Returning from Columbia Saturday night Mr. John Ingle and his son, B. R. Ingle had a close escape from death. While driving on the new paving about eight miles from Columbia, they struck a log, which was lying across the road, causing the machine to swerve towards the deep embankment on the side of the road. The brakes were applied but the car did not come to a stop until three quarters of it was over the edge. The back wheels stayed on the edge which alone saved the day. Half a foot more and nothing could have prevented them from going down the twenty foot drop. It took the Messrs. Ingle four hours to extricate the car and that with the combined effort of a truck and a Ford.

Boys' Club Meeting

Boys club meeting Wednesday of this week. Everybody get ready to put the mitts on.

Last Friday we all had a good time having our picture "took". Mr. Hecker, the photographer, reports that his camera stood the strain O. K.

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from Dr. Andrews, consulting physician for Lockwood Greene and Company.

Everett School Items

Christmas week is here and examinations are over. At the time of reading this we will have laid aside our books to enjoy the great old times of Christmas and all the good cheer that this season brings. Our first semester is ended. Can we look back and say that we have fought a good fight, we've played the game square, we've given the best in us to our nearest duty? If we can't say this can we not say that, after our rest after Christmas, we are coming back with renewed vigor, and a new determination to see the year through?

We are glad to see that reports coming out this week show a good healthy increase in the quality of the work being done. May we ask that the parents examine these reports with care and help us to correct those faults which are most apparent.

On Friday the 22nd, the school is going to have their Christmas celebration. Just a few carols and a recitation by the whole school of that wonderful passage from St. Luke, which tells of the birth of the Christ Child. The place will be the Baptist church, and we will be glad to see any one who would like to be with us on that occasion.

We are planning to have a beautiful flag fly from the building in the near future as Mr. Johnstone has very kindly presented us with a flag of which the Johnstone Literary Society will be the custodian.

Holidays are going to start on Friday 22nd of December and end Monday January 8th. We are wishing for each one just the happiest time ever.

Mill Closing For Holidays

On account of Christmas the mill will close down at the end of the night shift Saturday morning at 6:30. A vacation will be given for three days the mill opening up again at 7:00 Tuesday morning.

Night School

On Tuesday January 9th, the night school will be open to all persons in the mill who want to attend.

Just in a few words as possible we are going to outline the plan so that all who intend taking the course may arrange their time to fit in.

The classes will be in session three nights a week and for two hours each night, thus making a total of six hours of class room work a week.

It is the intention to give every one the instruction they are prepared to take. There will be classification as to age, advancement, etc.

May we add that the teaching force are to be chosen of those who are vitally interested in this work and those who come can be assured of a hearty and ready co-operation in anything that they will undertake.

This school is free as it is supported by the state and so there will be no expense incurred by those who enroll.

We are going to ask those who want to come, give their names to their overseer or second hands this week as we are anxious to get our enrollment complete before the holidays.

Opportunity come to all is the old saying. Is this yours? Nearly all are agreed that even an Elementary education is a great help in fighting life's battles. Take this chance and prepare yourselves for bigger things when they come.

Mr. Kirkland Night Supt.

Mr. M. A. Kirkland, recently in charge of the laboratory at the mill, has been appointed night superintendent. Mr. Kirkland has been with us for two years, starting as apprentice, and it is with great pleasure that we hear of his promotion. Mr. S. A. Roane will now be in charge of the laboratory.

Mr. Wylie Resigns.

It is with great regret that we hear of the resignation of Mr. S. M. Wylie, of the supply room. Mr. Wylie has been with us for over two years and they have been pleasant years. We wish him the best of luck wherever he goes.

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