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WALHALLA, S. C.

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"IT IS ENOUGH."

From the press dispatches it is learned that the strike in the shipyards whose employees were engaged in building craft of various types for the government has been ended and the men who have been out on strike for a week have gone back to work—gone back to do their simple duty, from which course they were led astray by misguided leaders who for the moment lost sight of the fact that "Our Country" means infinitely more to every man, woman and child within our borders than go countless dollars and cents. We call special attention to the brief statement of T. L. Guerin, a leader among the shipbuilders:

"The President has spoken, and that is enough. The men will return to work."

That should be the sentiment of every citizen of the United States. When the President speaks, that should be enough to command not only all due respect to what he has said, but to call forth instant co-operation. He is not infallible, but he has information at hand upon which to base sound advice or stern command. He has information from hundreds of sources, by reason of which he is able, through his subordinates, to direct affairs intelligently—information which would be made public to every citizen of the country were it not for the presence in every community of those who are half-hearted citizens of the United States—loyal through fear alone, which in reality is no loyalty at all; spies for and agents of the Imperial Government of Germany, whose business it is to keep eyes open, mouths shut, and feign loyalty to the United States while but seeking opportunity to stab Uncle Sam in the back. We should not complain of "secrecy" in our government to-day. The fact is, things have been conducted too openly for our government's good, and we have dealt too leniently with those spies and secret servitors of the Kaiser who have already been rounded up. There isn't a German spy in an internment camp, or Federal penthenitary, or elsewhere in our country to-day, who has had a fair trial and been convicted of his crimes, who should not long since have faced a firing squad and tumbled into a grave dug with his own hands. We believe in stern measures for spies whenever caught and convicted. Dead spies spy no more.

A few real military punishments of the sternest sort would have such deterrent effects that spies in our country would have to "quit business." We hope the government will yet feel called upon to take up this important means of dealing with the menace that faces us daily. Until that day we may hope for nothing approaching extermination of the spy and his tribe, though our government has done remarkably well in curbing the insidious work of the foreign spy and the native renegade.

Coneross Local Union.

The members of Coneross Local Farmers' Union, No. 74, are urged to attend a meeting of the union, at the usual meeting place, next Saturday afternoon, February 23d, at 1 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted, and it is hoped that every member will be present on time. J. W. Alexander, President.

From Mountain Rest.

Mountain Rest, Feb. 18.—Special: Many friends here and elsewhere will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Sam Hamby is very ill at this writing. Jesse Duncan was on a business trip to Greenville last week.

Notice to Veterans.

The Pension Board of Oconee county will meet on sale day in March (first Monday). This will be the last meeting for adjusting pensions for 1918. All veterans will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. W. T. McGill, Chairman of Board.

NOTES FROM U. S. SECTOR.

Huns Strike at Hospitals—Telephones Tapped—Traps Laid.

With the American Armies in France, Feb. 17.—An American field hospital in a town within our lines apparently was the target for a German airplane which flew over it Friday night and dropped several unusually heavy bombs.

The hospital, in which were a number of sick and wounded officers and men, was the building nearest the places where the German airmen dropped two different sets of bombs.

Fortunately, none of the missiles reached their mark, although the hospital patients and the residents of the town were severely shaken by the explosions. American anti-aircraft guns engaged the enemy, but without success. The hospital probably will be moved to a less dangerous spot.

Germans Tap Lines.

Places where the Germans have been tapping the American telephone lines at the front have been discovered and steps have been taken to prevent these occurrences happening again. Insulation has been found scraped off wire, at a certain number of places where the enemy has been listening in.

One enemy wire actually was found attached to an American wire and running out across No Man's Land. Just how this was accomplished it is not permitted to disclose, although among the men there is talk of "spy hounds."

This tapping of wires at times caused considerable temporary inconvenience, fictitious names being used on the telephone lines for places and officers. American wires frequently have been connected in some way with those of the enemy, and on one occasion an American officer is said to have talked to a German in a listening post when he started to use the telephone. The German made a few terse remarks and then the connection was broken.

Escape from German Trap.

An American patrol having passed the first line of German entanglements and approached the second line last night was suddenly cut off by a current of electricity along the first wire line.

Instead of attempting an immediate return to their trenches, which would have meant certain death from electrocution or machine gun fire, the Americans clung close to the earth and later, when the electricity was cut off, returned in safety to their positions.

Seneca Local News.

Seneca, Feb. 19.—Special: Mrs. J. S. Stribling was the gracious hostess to the Once-a-Week Club last Thursday. Mrs. J. E. Hopkins had charge of the program, which proved of unusual interest to those present. During a social half hour dainty refreshments were served.

A cordial invitation is again extended to the public to the patriotic service to be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. E. A. Hines is to present the "Service Flag," which will be received in behalf of the congregation by J. W. Todd. A special collection will be taken for the work outside the training camps being undertaken by the Southern Presbyterian church.

Services were held in the Episcopal church last Sunday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Schroeter. It is regretted that he cannot have regular appointments for this church, but services will be announced from time to time, whenever Mr. Schroeter finds it possible to be here.

Supt. J. P. Coates, Miss Roddey and Miss Adams attended the teachers' meeting in Walhalla last Saturday.

Miss Etta Clarkson came over from Clemson last Saturday to spend two days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Clarkson.

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. Owing to the illness of the president, Mrs. Charlie Gignilhat, Supt. Coates presided. A very interesting paper on "Patriotism" was read by Mrs. Adams. Rev. I. E. Wallace gave a short talk, and prayer was offered by Rev. O. A. Jeffcoat. Several musical selections of a patriotic nature were on the program.

Mrs. O. F. Bacon was called to Marietta, Ga., last Wednesday on account of the death of her nephew, Harry Pope.

Misses Maggie and Leila Thompson spent Saturday in Anderson.

Miss Annie Hunter leaves this week for Holly Hill, S. C., on a visit of some length to her sister, Mrs. Gordon Carson.

St. Francis' Catholic Church.

Sunday, February 24. (The second Sunday of Lent.)—The regular 4th Sunday services will be held in the Catholic Church of St. Francis, Walhalla.

Mass and sermon at 10.30 a. m.

Sunday school immediately afterwards.

The public will be welcome to all the services.

Flour Seized from Hoarders.

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 16.—Nearly 3,000 pounds of hoarded flour have been confiscated by agents of the food administration in a raid on 12 residences in Klester, a mining

NEWS FROM BOUNTY LAND.

J. E. Pickett Goes to John's Island. Cooking School in Progress.

Bounty Land, Feb. 18.—Special: J. E. Pickett, of Clemson, visited his mother, Mrs. J. B. Pickett, last week. Mr. Pickett's friends will be interested to learn that he has accepted a position with the Sumter Plant Co., on John's Island, and contemplates moving his family to Charleston. He left last week to engage in his new work.

Miss Nellie Hines, assistant demonstration agent, of Seneca, is teaching a cooking class at the school house here. We hope these lessons will prove a benefit to the mothers by way of efficient help, as well as economy in the kitchen.

Washington's Birthday will be observed in our school next Friday afternoon. The program will begin at 2.30 o'clock. Everybody in the community is invited to attend, and especially the voters in the district, as it will be decided on that day whether or not the two-mill tax which was voted on for building purposes will be voted off or retained.

Mrs. Joe Bennett and little son left last week for Anderson, where her husband has secured rooms in order to be convenient to his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Cromer, of Townville, were week-end visitors of their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Woolbright.

Elbert Bottoms has been quite indisposed during the past week, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stone visited the former's brother, John Stone, of Jordania, last week, who has been suffering from a third stroke of paralysis and is seriously ill. His friends will regret to learn of his precarious condition and hope for an early improvement.

Mrs. J. L. Smith, who has been a sufferer from grip, is able to be up again.

Mrs. J. E. Kelley and two children, of Tamassee, spent Tuesday night here with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. John L. Smith.

Miss Ferol Acker spent the week-end with her home people near Belton.

Edgar R. Shanklin spent a few days last week in North Carolina, having gone to Rockingham to stand the required physical examination.

The many friends of Miss Emma Denny, who, several weeks ago, was stricken with paralysis, will be interested to learn that her condition is favorable to recovery, she having improved to the extent of being able to be removed from University Hospital to the home of her niece, Mrs. O. C. Skinner. Physicians hold out the hope that she may soon be able to walk.

Mrs. W. P. Reid, of Seneca, was a week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Pickett.

It is a source of much regret among quite a number of the young people of the community that weather conditions were such as to prevent their attendance at a Valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeder Cleveland on the evening of the 14th. The Misses Cleveland are charming hostesses and we feel sure that the invited guests on this occasion missed a rare treat in the way of delightful entertainment in this hospitable home.

Miss Cora Hubbard has quite recently undergone an operation at Steedley's Hospital, Spartanburg. We hope she may soon regain her usual good health.

J. Russell Wright was in the community a short while Tuesday, having returned from a visit to relatives at Greenville and Greenwood.

Coneross Local Notes.

Coneross, Feb. 18.—Special: Miss Clara Lee Ballenger is on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Greenville.

Misses Maude and Daisy Hesse and brother Henry spent several days last week with relatives and friends of Aversville, Ga.

Miss Corina Dilworth, who is attending the Westminster High School, is suffering with the grip. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hubbard, of Richland, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Alexander and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Breazeale and little niece, Marion Alexander, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Alexander.

Miss Annie Mae Murphy, of Wolf Stake, spent part of last week with her cousin, Miss Ada Duckworth, of this section.

Miss Ada Duckworth is spending several days with her grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Murphree, of Oakway.

Virgil Powell, of Westminster, was a recent visitor of B. W. Alexander.

town. Sacks were concealed behind false walls and in beds. In one case flour had been sowed inside a mattress.

MR. HUGHES REVIEWS WORK.

Writes of Work Accomplished During Two Sessions.

Editor Keowee Courier: Since it is impossible for one to get any idea of what has been done from reading The State, I take this means of informing the people of Oconee in a general way of just what the two past sessions of the General Assembly have accomplished. Of course it will be impossible in a limited space to give in detail an account of, or even mention, the various acts that were passed, but I shall attempt to give briefly the general trend of affairs at the capital, and some of the results.

To begin with, in so far as Oconee county alone is concerned, there was no change made this year in the county government, and only two acts of real importance I need mention. One of these gives jurors three dollars per day and mileage, instead of two. We made this change because of the fact that the old pay would not meet actual expenses of jurors while in attendance upon court. The other act was by way of a joint resolution requiring Supt. J. E. Swearingen to pay to a number of schools in Oconee their just pro rata for term extension from the fund appropriated last year for needy schools, and which Mr. Swearingen had refused to pay. Another of some importance is an act requiring all chattel mortgages recorded in Oconee to be marked satisfied on the record.

As for State matters: The two paramount questions before South Carolina to-day are, and have been, the improvement of our roads and the betterment of our schools. The Legislature last year established the State Highway Commission for the improvement of roads. We cannot expect miracles, but must be content with a gradual improvement through a long period of time. This commission will finally spread its influence throughout the State, and our roads will be gradually but surely improved.

In the matter of education, the Legislature last year, as well as this, made more liberal provision for the public schools than ever before. In addition much money was given to higher education for buildings. As for this last, I am frank to admit that I was opposed to any new buildings for our colleges at this unsettled period, but the majority thought otherwise. In addition to providing more money for the common schools, we also took another step forward in putting the teaching of agriculture in the common school on a firm footing, and established a chair of agriculture at the University for the training of our teachers who come to us from there. The whole trend of legislation for schools was upon a progressive course, and I believe when vocational training shall have been once firmly established, the wisdom of the course taken by the General Assembly in school matters will be proven.

On most other matters the Legislature was progressive; in fact, on some things too progressive, I thought. However, I am glad to say that, among other things which might be mentioned of a wise and constructive course, the following are not of the least importance:

The establishment of the Australian ballot. The Senate amended this so as to apply only to incorporated towns and cities, but I am gratified that we got even that much, for in time the wisdom of it will be apparent to all, and the result will be that it will be applied to rural as well as town precincts.

The establishment of a home for the feeble minded was another long step in the upbuilding of the mentality of the State.

The establishment of a reformatory for wayward girls will result in much improvement in the morals of our people. Heretofore a girl convicted of any offense was confined in the jails, and left in worse company than she found on the streets, while the boys were sent to a reform school; but at last we have made the same provision for the girls.

The placing of the so-called negro reformatory under the control and management of the board having charge of the reform school for white boys was, possibly, the greatest act of mercy done by the Legislature. This school had, as a matter of fact, been nothing but a penitentiary for boys of the negro race. These boys were put in stripes, some of them in shackles, and worked as convicts, with never so much as a Sunday school lesson being taught them, and yet it was called a reform school! That has now been remedied, or rather the means provided for remedying it.

The General Assembly came out of its trust of prejudice against women, and passed a law allowing women to practice law in this State.

We also ventured into a new field on a small scale in allowing the State to insure the cottop of the farmers in

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W. P. Nimmons, Seneca.

the warehouses. The insurance companies have all made a great deal of money, and I have never understood why the State could not safely insure its own people with a profit to itself and a great saving to the people. This insurance is really an experiment on a small scale. If it proves successful I am sure that the future will see the State in it to a greater extent.

There are many other things which I might mention, but lack of space forbids. However, notwithstanding the opinion of the Columbia State, any one who cares to look into the facts will find that the session of the General Assembly just closed, as well as the one that went before, was progressive in its trend, and was constructive in the legislation which it enacted. Of course, the State advocated some things that we did not see fit to adopt, and we, therefore, (in the opinion of the State,) are a set of fools.

Since I will not be in the race this summer, in closing I wish to thank the people of Oconee for the honor conferred upon me by them, and wish to assure them that their entire delegation always stood by their guns, and endeavored to do their full duty by the county as well as the State. Yours very truly,
Harry R. Hughes.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of George A. Harrison, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.
(MRS.) HANNAH E. HARRISON, Executrix of the Estate of George A. Harrison, deceased.
Jan. 30, 1918. 5-8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Lumkin, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said Estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.
J. V. LUMKIN, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Lumkin, deceased.
Feb. 6, 1918. 6-9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Josie V. Barton, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.
R. T. JAYNES, Executor of the Estate of Josie V. Barton, deceased.
Feb. 20, 1918. 8-11

TO
Hog Breeders!

I offer the services of my Thoroughbred Duroc Boar.
"KINK OF OCONEE," No. 90317, to the farmers of this and adjoining counties. He is a perfect Duroc in every particular and a real beauty. If he is not the prettiest hog you ever saw, will give service free.
"King of Oconee" was sired by Twitthale's Pal, No. 7355; dam, Jones' Red Jacket, No. 147856.
See the hog and talk to me about particulars.
W. CHAS. BURNSIDE, Walhalla, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1. (One Mile South of Court House.) Feb. 20, 1918. 8-11

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.
(In Court of Common Pleas.)
J. J. Norton, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Mrs. T. A. Norton, deceased, Plaintiff,
against
Laura Evans, Hampton Norton, Charlie Norton, John or Manse Norton, Owen Reed, Laura Rees Holloway, Charlie Floyd, Elizabeth or Betty Evans and Albert Blake, Defendants.

Summons for Relief.—(Complaint Served.)

To the Defendants Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers, at their offices, on the Public Square, at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within this time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
January 26th, 1918.

STRIBLING & DENDY, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

To the Absent Defendants: Hampton Norton, Charlie Norton, John or Manse Norton, Owen Reed and Elizabeth or Betty Evans—

Take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action were filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court on February 2d, 1918; that the object of this action is the foreclosure of a mortgage given by Toney Norton to Mrs. T. A. Norton on the 2d day of February, 1878, recorded in Clerk's Office for Oconee County, S. C., in Book "D", page 75; that no demand for judgment against any of you personally is made.
January 26th, 1918.

STRIBLING & DENDY, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Feb. 6, 1918. 6-8

Blue Ridge
Cafe

Just opened. Wide-awake eating house. When in town call around at the Blue Ridge and get what you want. Opposite post-office.

Chas. D. Gillespie,
Walhalla, S. C.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS AND VAGRANTS.

Walhalla, S. C., Jan. 28, 1918.
TO THE PUBLIC: Please take notice that it is unlawful to drive any automobile or motor cycle after February 1st without having the 1918 license tags.

All rural constables and the public generally are requested to co-operate in enforcing the statute. Thirty days of grace has already been extended.

VAGRANCY NOTICE.

All able-bodied men and boys must do five days' work each week or they will be indicted for vagrancy. The vagrancy laws will be strictly enforced.
JAS. M. MOSS, Sheriff Oconee County, S. C.