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Field Day Exercises for Chesterfield County to be Held Last Saturday in March.

On Saturday, March 28 the pupils of all the schools of Chesterfield county will gather at the Court House to celebrate Field Day exercises. This will be the first celebration of this kind ever undertaken in this county, and unusual interest in it is being shown by patrons, teachers and pupils all over the county. For weeks the teachers have been cooperating with Supt. R. A. Rouse and County School Supervisor, Miss Alexina Evans, and already the pupils in practically every school in the county have taken hold of the idea and are preparing in earnest for the various contests of the day. Chesterfield County is deeply interested in the improvement of her schools and the spirit of progress and devotion in her teachers and school officials is an indication of the great educational forward movement of the county. Miss Evans in visiting the county schools finds the same spirit among the boys and girls and a great interest being taken in the approaching Field Day exercises.

On Friday evening, March 27, at the Court house in Chesterfield, will be held a Declamation and Recitation Contest for the pupils of the High and Graded Schools of the County. On Saturday morning, March 28, pupils from all the schools of the County will assemble on the grounds of the Chesterfield School, forming there a parade consisting of floats and decorated school wagon, each carrying...

During these public exercises contests in Composition and Reading will be conducted by committees in private rooms down stairs. Music for the day will be furnished by a County band, and the Literary Exercises will conclude with a song by the pupils.

A committee of Chesterfield ladies will take charge of the picnic baskets brought by the pupils, and arrange the dinner...

South And East Shiver in Snow.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—The South and Southeast shivered to night in the grip of a general snowstorm which blanketed the Atlantic seaboard as far south as southern Georgia and reached to the Gulf States. Weather bureau records for from eight to 20 years were broken. Falling temperature accompanied the storm, in many sections the snow turning to sleet. While no serious interruption of traffic was reported, many trains were behind their schedules in localities where the snow was heaviest. Wire service was demoralized between Georgia and Florida points early in the evening.

The heaviest snowfall was reported in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi. At Macon Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches, while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and Savannah. In Louisiana and Mississippi the snow began falling about noon and at nightfall it had been recorded from a trace in the extreme south to six inches in the northern section.

Thermometers at New Orleans, Mobile and other Gulf points hovered about the freezing point and the snow melted as it fell.

In addition to a heavy snowfall in South Carolina the country around Charleston was covered with ice and sleet.

Birmingham, Montgomery and other Alabama cities were affected by the snowstorm. More than four inches fell in the latter city.

While snow fell in the tests which there will be running for both the large and the small boys, as well as the girls; four in jumping; the 1-Mile Relay Race, in which the four best runners of any school will compete with runners from other schools for a school prize; a contest in pole vaulting; one in throwing the base ball; and a Potato Race for the girls.

Citizens from different parts of the county and the Daughters of the American Revolution of Cheraw have shown their interest in these exercises by offering attractive prizes, first and second for all of the contests.

Dr. Saunders Exonerated

The legislative committee investigating the charges against Dr. Eleanor B. Saunders of personal and professional conduct in her official position as second assistant in charge of the woman's department of the state hospital for the insane, made its report to the legislature Wednesday entirely vindicating Dr. Saunders of all the insinuations, innuendoes, as well as the more direct charges made against her.

The following is the report of the committee:

To the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: The undersigned committee has in accordance with your instructions contained in concurrent resolution, house No. 10, senate No. 571, thoroughly investigated the actual and supposed troubles existing at the Hospital for the Insane.

The evidence, which is voluminous, is attached hereto—here with reported as the basis of our findings with the request that it be printed along with this report in permanent form.

Holmes Was Inventor Of Cotton Gin.

Having read several pieces lately as to who really is the inventor of the cotton gin, I have been surprised to find that the country and the world have been misled by the false statement that Col. Kincaid refused to allow him to see it.

One day, when Mr. Holmes and Col. Kincaid were away, young Whitney came dashing up and persuaded Mrs. Kincaid to let him have the mill key so he could just look at the gin. Of course, it was a Yankee trick—he made a drawing of the gin and made a model and had it patented.

These facts came direct from Col. Kincaid, the grandfather of Capt. Thomas Anderson.

While it will not be of any pecuniary value to the descendants of Holmes, the fact that he, not Whitney, is the inventor of the great machine should be established while some are living who received the facts direct from the lineal descendants of the Kincaids, at whose home the gin was invented. Let honor be to whom honor is due.

(Mrs.) M. E. W. McArthur

Six Health Rules for Farmers.

1. Keep the source of water doubly clean.
2. Do not permit the drains to become clogged so you can make them clean. Disease has its home in filth.
3. Only wholesome, well cooked food. Hosts of farmer should be as careful here as they should be.
4. Avoid exposure to storms. If wet, put off the cold garments, and thoroughly dry yourself the first thing you do.

In a Tight Place.

"My wife had some hard time yesterday."
"What was the trouble?"
"She was dressed up in a swell cloths and saw a dollar on the sidewalk."
"Where is the hard time?"
"She couldn't stoop to pick it up."—Detroit Free Press.

Question Of Taxation Discussed in Cheraw.

Cheraw, Feb. 26.—The Cheraw lyceum had its regular monthly meeting at the club rooms last night. The subject for debate was, "Should Property be Assessed for Taxation at its full value?" Owing to the extremely cold weather there was a small attendance, but the subject was ably discussed.

William Godfrey, who is a member of both the county and State board of equalization, opened the debate. He pointed out the inadequate system of listing property in this State, by which 92,000 acres in small tracts here and there in the country, or by old and unreliable surveys, were not on the tax books at all, and said that the adoption of the Torrens system of land registration would cure this evil. He also mentioned that there was great inequality in returning property, not only in the different counties but in different sections of the same county, ranging all the way from 7 to 60 per cent., and in a few cases to 100 per cent., of the true value. A mule in rich Marlboro is returned for less than one in poor Chesterfield. A dishonest tax payer lists his property for much less than the same property returned by a conscientious taxpayer.

Interlocking Locks.

Ingenious and novel are the electrical devices on the Panama locks to prevent the operator from making mistakes and to let him know just how every part of the monster machinery is working, though parts of it are half a mile from his bench and all are out of his sight. Miniature lock gates open and shut on the bench in front of him exactly as they are opening and shutting in the big locks, for instance.

Each of the two leaves of his miniature lock is controlled by the great leaf it represents, and so moves just as the big leaf moves. In front of each one of the big locks is a monster fender chain, to hold back any ship that approaches the gates before everything is ready for the ship's admission to the lock; and in front of the operator is a miniature chain, controlled by this big chain, and lowering or stretching tautly exactly in time with the big chain.

Indicators show the operator the height of the water in the lock at all times, accurate within half an inch of the lock height. As a further precaution red and green lights indicate when the lock gates are open and shut. Most intricate is the electrical wiring to prevent the operator from doing the wrong thing at any time. It is the rule that the fender chain must be stretched fully in front of a lock gate, never the lock gate is closed, accordingly there is an arrangement that prevents the operator from lowering the lock gates.

The Unwritten Law.

The verdict of the jury in Mecklenburg last week in which it acquitted Monroe Jetton, the young Davidson druggist, for the murder of Dr. W. H. Wooten is further notice that no jury will convict a man for slaying one who has invaded his home and the man who invades another's home takes his life in his own hands. This jury hardly believed the evidence of the accused man or that part of his wife when they stated that Dr. Wooten assaulted the defendant but they did believe that Dr. Wooten went to this home with an immoral purpose and in so doing he forfeited his life. Thus the unwritten law prevails to the fullest extent.

Teacher's Meeting Postponed Until Saturday.

On account of the unfavorable weather last week, the meeting of the trustees and teachers of the County which was to have taken place at Cheraw, Saturday March 28, has been postponed until next Saturday, March 7. Convenient schedules on the C.&L. Railroad will be in effect, the trains leaving Pageland that morning at 7 o'clock and returning at 3 p. m. This promises to be an interesting meeting and a lively subjects will be up for discussion, among them preparations for Field Day Exercises, which will take place on the last Saturday in March, at Chesterfield. Entertainment for the teachers and trustees will be provided by the citizens of Cheraw and it is earnestly desired that every one will attend.

Program of Baptist Union

The Baptist Union of the Chesterfield Association will meet with the Union Hill church on Friday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March.

The following program has been arranged:
10.30 a. m. Devotional led by Frank Funderburk.
Enrollment of delegates. Organization.
11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. B. Caston.
12 m. Our apportionments last year and this year by J. M. Sullivan.
1.00 p. m. Dinner.
Our non-contributing members and how to enlist them opened by Leon Funderburk.
3.30 p. m. The new situation of our Association.

No Newspaper Terror.

When you, Mr. Smith, Mr. Brown or Mr. Jones, hear a candidate for office denouncing the newspapers, ask yourself this question:

"What does the candidate want of me?"
Then ask these:
"What does the newspaper want of me? Is it a candidate? Is it begging for my vote? Is the candidate running against the newspaper?"
"Is there any danger of the newspaper being elected to anything or of getting anything out of me that I don't want to give it?"
"Does the candidate take me to be fool enough to think that the newspaper is running against him or that I am in danger of being owned or bossed by it?"
Really, Mr. Voter, you are a sane man—otherwise you would be in a padded cell and couldn't vote. What do you think of a candidate whose principal effort is to save you from the clutches of the newspapers?—The State.

There is more art in telling the truth than in lying.

He who buys his friends pays too much for them.
Some men cannot tell the truth till they are drunk.
The man with horse sense sometimes kicks like a mule.

Furniture Going Regardless of Cost
For the Next Ten Days
COME ONE, COME ALL, FOR WE WANT TO
get out as much of our stock as we can in ten days in
order to do some plastering in our building.
If you want bargains come.
W. & Knight