

FOUR MEMBERS OF FAMILY ARE DEAD

Baby and Its Father Rushed to the Hospital

POISONING IS SUSPECTED?

Physicians Believe Acute Case of Malaria Affects Humans and Stock.

Allendale, Nov. 8.—One of the most mysterious affairs ever occurring in this county came to light this morning when the fourth member of the family of Joe Lee, a constable of a magistrate living at Beldoc, a town about four miles from here, succumbed to a mysterious illness last night. Previous to the death of the wife of Mr. Lee last night three of the children of the family had died, all within less than a week. The only members of the family now alive are a four months old baby and Mr. Lee, himself. Mr. Lee was taken to the University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., this morning upon advice of physicians who are unable to diagnose the case to their satisfaction.

An inquest was held over the body of Mrs. Lee this morning and the vital organs of the woman sent to the State Laboratory for analysis. The peculiarity of the affair lies in the fact that every member of the family has been affected the same way. In addition to this, it is reported that all the livestock around the home of Mr. Lee has been affected. Two boys have died. All the poultry have died and the cow has been vomiting for two days. The facts, together with other circumstances, have brought out the opinion in this section that the family has in some way been so peculiarly affected that the poison theory has established some credence among them and the stomach of one of the victims was cut out and sent on Wednesday to the laboratory of the State Board of Health for examination.

The board further has been requested to send to the scene an expert to examine the source the probability of the poisoning theory. This in all probability will be done and a correct diagnosis of the case be in hand in a few days. One physician in attendance on the family went so far as to admit that the symptoms in all the cases were almost identical to those evident in arsenic. The theory of poisoning is given further credence by the fact that the victims themselves firmly believe that such is the case and go further and state that the poisoning is the result of foul play. It seems that Mr. Lee or some member of his family had had a difficulty with a nearby neighbor and there was bad blood between them. Lee voluntarily gave the name of the person he supposed to have committed the crime, alleged.

So far no action has been taken officially, due to an utter lack of evidence. Lee seems to think and the peculiar circumstances arising from the death of the livestock about the place bears this out in a way, that the well, from which the supply of water was taken, had been poisoned. It is for the purpose of examining the water in the well and to look into other peculiar circumstances surrounding the strange death of the victims, that the presence of an expert from the State board has been requested. While all three of the physicians so far called into the case cling to the hypothesis that acute malaria is the cause of the deaths, there is an obvious doubt in all their minds that the poisoning theory is not altogether impossible. Every effort will, of course, be made to clear the mystery of the affair up. It was said to have been a most distressing sight to have seen the dead bodies of the three children lying side by side and the mother and father lying at the point of death.

PLAN TO HANDLE THE TOBACCO CROP

Florence, Nov. 8.—Darlington county reported to headquarters of the South Carolina Tobacco Association tonight she has signed approximately 30 per cent of the requisite quota of her tobacco crop under the Tri-State Cooperative Marketing Association. She went past the million-pound mark today, this total being the largest yet reported from any county in the belt. A. Hyman, of Darlington, signed up 100,000 pounds, which is the largest amount yet reported for any one grower. In signing up this huge lot Mr. Hyman made the statement he felt he had taken the greatest act of his tobacco-growing experience to improve the conditions of this crop and its planters.

Thursday noon, under auspices of the Kiwanis Club, the business and professional men of Darlington, including the county, will have a special dinner and meeting to hear the plan and provisions of the tobacco contract. T. B. Young will address them and other prominent men of the State will be present. These citizens are expected to line up with the bankers of the belt, and assist personally towards putting over the organization.

Darlington's crop in 1920 was 7,200,000 pounds, of which 40 per cent must be signed. Her pledges to date promises she will be first in South Carolina to go over the top. E. E. McGill is county chairman and is vigorously pushing the campaign.

"Black Beauty," read by millions has been visualized. "Black Beauty" in motion pictures will be presented at Pastime Theatre Friday, November 11th, afternoon and night, 3:30—7:45

CONTRIBUTED

Editor The Manning Times:
Few people in Manning realize the amount of work that Mr. Richards has done in developing our first High School Foot Ball Team, and how the boys have responded to his intelligent and systematic coaching. There is no cleaner or manlier sport than football. It calls for quick thinking, quick acting, plenty of grit, perseverance and physical endurance. The foot ball stars both in high schools and colleges deserve all the praise that is bestowed on them.

I didn't start out to write a dissertation on foot ball, however, but to call attention to the foot that our boys are going to play the Conway High School team here next Friday afternoon, November 11th. This is a holiday and we should all turn out and give the boys a boost. It costs money to bring the Conway team here and I imagine the treasury of the local team needs replenishing. Our boys have won exactly half the games they have played this season, which is a fine record for a first year team. They are determined to add another game to their string of victories Friday afternoon. Let's all turn out help them win. If you don't understand the game, come anyway. You can find some one to explain the main points, and you will never learn the game except by seeing it played.

Let me add that I am not connected with the school or the foot ball team and this is written without the knowledge of the coach or any member of the team. I have admired the earnest and enthusiastic work of Coach Richards and the boys and I am anxious that we should give them the encouragement and support they deserve.

"Observer."

PARTY TO MAYESVILLE

The following people left here about noon today and motored to Mayesville, where they will attend a reception at the home of Mrs. J. M. Shaw: Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Harvin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Sprott, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Plowden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Plowden, Dr. and Mrs. Brockinton, Dr. and Mrs. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cantey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Helms, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gerald and Mrs. Warren Dickson. They will return sometime tonight.

COTTON ASSOCIATION TO MEET HERE NOV. 15

A meeting of the American Cotton Association, Clarendon County branch is called to convene at the Court House at Manning, November 15th at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting such other business that may come before the Association. I urge upon all members of the Association to attend this meeting as the Association is planning to organize the state into a cooperative sales corporation and have succeeded in organizing a number of counties. We believe that this will be a long step towards solving the problem of cutting out the middle man and giving the producer the benefit of his commission.

The Agricultural Block in Washington has succeeded in putting over legislation that has been of great benefit to farmers all over the United States and they need your co-operation in the work they are doing.

F. C. Thomas, Pres.
J. M. Windham, Sec. and Treas.

TOBACCO GROWERS MEETING HERE TUESDAY, NOV. 15

The plan of organization for co-operative marketing of tobacco will be discussed by a member of the South Carolina campaign committee, and every grower is urged to be present. If you are not satisfied with the present marketing system of tobacco, come and learn how other growers have gained economic freedom through co-operation. Be sure you come Tuesday, November 15th at eleven o'clock, and bring your neighbors.

HONOR ROLL FOR NEW ZION GRADED SCHOOL.

- 10th. grade—Nell Gibbons, Sadie Lou Buddin, Annie Nelson, Sallie Nelson, Hattie Wheeler, Vernon DuBose, Thompson Buddin.
- 9th. grade—Jannie Fleming, Eula Lee Fleming, Mildred Hicks, Eugene McIntosh.
- 5th. grade—Linwood Baird, Eula Frost, Janey Mae McIntosh.
- 6th. grade—Creighton Gibbons, S. E. McIntosh.
- 7th. grade—Edna Buddin, Lennie Gibbons.
- 4th. grade—Annita Flemming, Alza Buddin, Sudie Wheeler, Katie Frost, Gladys Gibbons, Carlisle Buddin.
- 3rd. grade—Laurins Gibbons, Theo Kennedy.
- 8th. grade—Idalene Johnson, Sammie Smith, Louel Gibbons.
- 1st. grade—Margaret Black, Woodrow Beard, Bensley Buddin, Allen Buddin, Lamar Derrick, Virginia Gibbons, Alton Gibbons, Helen Johnson, Mable Wheeler, Myrtle Ard, Bessie Lee Kennedy, W. E. DuBose, Janie Wheeler.
- Adv. 1st. grade—Pauline Beard, Ernie Beard, Curtis Gibbons, William Kennedy, Eloise Lavender, Glidia Plowden, Evelyn Plowden.
- 2nd. grade—Ruby Buddin, Dorothy Derrick, Edna Osborne, Earl Buddin, Wilburn Kennedy.

Mesdames W. S. Harvin, Jr., S. I. Harvin and Bessie Lesnesse were visitors in Columbia Saturday, to attend Chu-Chin-Chow.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

November 6, 1901

Mr. E. S. Ervin is having erected a nice dwelling in triangle park.

Died last Saturday, Josie, the 12-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sprott.

Mr. Wilson Dickson, who has been at Boardman, N. C., for the past six months is in Manning.

D. Hirschmann is selling out his entire stock of clothing at very low prices.

It is being daily demonstrated that short crops, bad collections, big stocks, fall notes and heavy insurance is a combination liable to ignite and cause a great conflagration almost any night. It is to be hoped debt will take on a torch craze in this town.

Mr. W. C. DuRant has bought a lot on Church street, upon which he can raise cane or anything else he wants.

Court convenes in Manning Monday, November 18th, with Judge James Aldrich presiding. The following is the list of names drawn up to serve as petit jurors from Manning: W. W. Brailsford, J. C. Ridgeway, J. W. Ridgill, I. M. Bagnal, J. E. Lowder, W. J. Rawlinson, Sr., and W. M. Lewis.

The Way of the World

First Man—"You used to think Benber was a great friend of yours. I notice he never offers to help you now that you need help."

Second Man—"No; but, then, you must not forget how free he was to offer me assistance when I didn't need it.—(There are still a large percentage of these men still living.)"

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

The many friends of Mrs. B. B. Breedin will be glad to learn that she is very much improved, although unable to return home yet.

The many friends of Mrs. J. H. Orvin will be glad to learn that she is doing nicely after an operation last Saturday at a hospital in Columbia.

Mesdames T. M. Davis and Cary Smith have returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Richland.

Mrs. Chas. Geiger entertained the Neighborhood Bridge Club last Thursday afternoon; those present were members of the club.

Mr. H. I. Ellerbe has returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he attended the National Convention of the American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hirschmann, Pearl Hirschmann, Mrs. Bene Ness and Shirley Ness motored to Sumter Sunday for the day.

The many friends of Mr. J. A. Weinberg are glad to see that he is able to be out again; Mr. Weinberg has been quite ill at his home for about ten days.

On account of City Council and the electric light company disagreeing on the price of current the street lights have been discontinued. The town last night was in utter darkness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson and little son have returned to their home in Richmond Virginia, after a two week's stay at their father's home, near Wilson Mill, where they were called on account of the death of their brother, Mr. Elbert Johnson.

Last week the police force fattened the city treasury with two hundred and seventy-five dollars of whiskey money taken from Mr. Haimey who runs a little grocery shop and a Frenchman who stays in the same shop. Haimey was fined \$100 and Frenchie \$75.00. The other victim was Mitt McDuffie, colored. Mitt put up \$100 for having a jug of white corn in her restaurant.

STORES TO CLOSE FRIDAY

We the undersigned merchants, and business concerns of Manning, agree to close our stores on Friday the 11th, Armistice Day:
Plowden Hardware Co.
Dickson Grocery & Feed Co.
Leon Weinberg.
The 5-10-25c Store
S. L. Huggins, Mgr.
Manning Furniture Co.
R. R. Jenkinson.
D. Hirschmann.
The New Idea Co.
H. D. Dubrow.
Riff & Ness.
The Peoples Store.
J. H. Rigby.
The Manning Hardware Co.
Iseman Mercantile Co.
Alderman's.
Clarence Iseman.
S. Katzoff.
Weinberg Co.
by B. A. Weinberg.

BONUS BILL PASSES

Jefferson City, Mo. Nov. 8.—The Missouri soldier bonus bill to make available \$15,000,000 in bonds to cover cash payments to veterans was passed by the Senate today by a vote of 31 to 9.

BANKS STILL HAVE PLENTY OF WHEAT SEED

The continued fine weather for planting small grain has moved a very considerable amount of wheat from our stock in the past week. The three Banks of Manning, however desire to advise their friends and patrons that they still have an ample supply on hand for distribution.

The three Banks feel very much gratified at the liberal response being made to their appeal for more food crops, and from present indications, we will be in much better position to take care of ourselves in the matter of food supply than for some time past. With plenty of provisions in our community there can not be much privation.

As our crops of cotton and tobacco, neither of which can be used for home consumption to any extent, seem to be precarious money-getters at this time, we are again urging our friends not to depend on them, only in the most limited way.

The three Banks desire to urge their farmer friends to devote as much attention as it is possible, to raising stock for home use as well as food crops, particularly hogs. It is well known that we are among the largest consumers of pork and cured meats per capita of any section in our big country. We have in the past been one of the largest purchasers from the West of these commodities, yet we have an abundance of land adjacent to branches and water courses, if fenced on which to pasture and raise hogs more than enough for our home needs. If it is possible to do so fence these lands and raise hogs, every home grown hog will aid us in conserving our resources.

We trust that our continued advice regarding the matter of providing provisions for home consumption may not prove offensive to our friends, but from information at hand relative to conditions in communities ravaged by the boll weevil we wish to assure them that it is a matter of vital importance to our future welfare.

MUFFET-THUMB WEDDING

The marriage of Little Miss Muffet and Mr. Tom Thumb was celebrated at the Pastime Theatre last Friday evening at eight o'clock. The stage was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms and cut flowers. While the guests were being seated Miss Phyllis Hagerdon sang "Peggy O'Neil and Miss Jennie M. Horton sang "A Girl Like You." As the bridal party entered the wedding march "Blowing Bubbles" was played. The flower girls, Eugenia O'Bryan and Olive Harvin entered first, followed by the ring bearer, Seamon Richardson, Jr. The bride, Leila O'Bryan, entered with the maid of honor, Ellen Harvin, while the groom, Hugh A. Plowden, entered with the best man, Harry Harvin. The bridal couple were met under a huge wedding bell by the preacher, "Rev." Geo. W. Williams Jr., who performed the ceremony. When the preacher asked if there were any present who knew of any reason why this couple should not be united in marriage an old maid Dorothy Ervin, said she objected to it, but the parents, Ida Wideman and Louis Appelt, said it was only an old maid's grudge against men, the reason she objected, so the ceremony was finished uniting Little Miss Muffet and Mr. Tom Thumb.

DEATH OF MAGGIE DURANT

Maggie Durant, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Durant, died at her home in Durant's early Friday morning. She had been suffering for two weeks with a severe attack of influenza which later ran into pneumonia. She was the fourth daughter and dearly loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Grier from Mayesville; later she was laid to rest in the Durant cemetery. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends and relatives of the Durant family.

FUNDS GO TO A GOOD CAUSE

The Charity Committee of the Civic League have donated part of the proceeds of the Rook Tournament to the helping of a young country girl entering Roper Hospital at Charleston to take training for a professional nurse. It would have been practically impossible for this young lady to taken up her chosen profession without this donation from the League. This action of the League is causing much favorable comment.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. T. M. Mouzon entertained last Thursday afternoon at a bridge party in honor of Miss Margaret Duncan of Bennettsville, who spent the week-end with her. Those present to greet Miss Duncan were Mesdames W. E. Reardon, J. A. Weinberg, Leon Weinberg, Allan Bradham, George Williams, Frank Burgess, J. W. Wideman and Miss Corinne Barfield. A lovely salad course with coffee was served the guests later in the afternoon.

THE STORY OF THE DOLLAR

A dollar rolled into my office the other day, sat down on the edge of the desk and dubbed his silver face.

"Well," he said wearily, "I've had a busy year. Gosh, but I'm glad you didn't put me in the bank or pay me out on your ear."

"You'd better be glad you didn't go to pay the income tax," I responded coldly. "Where have you been all this time? Sit down and give an account of yourself."

"I've been spending most of my time among the ex-service men," he admitted. "Do you know that in this country there are at present 26,000 ex-service men in hospitals served by the Red Cross? I have been visiting often where there are 1,100 men suffering and dying of tuberculosis contracted through the war, and Keenworth where men lie year after year in plaster casts because of a bit of shrapnel in their spines and the Psychiatric hospitals where the boys were sent away in 1917 screaming and raving and have to be behind bars till they die. Ten million of my dollar friends went to help the ex-service man last year and through the Federal Board of Vocational Training we have helped 80,000 ex-soldiers thrown out of work because of disability back into normal life. And 80,000 men represent at least 250,000 women and children dependent on them. Ah, no, the hospitals and sanitariums it is still being fought."

He paused a moment and stroked the E Pluribus Unum on his brow, then continued pensively, "Ah, yes, I've seen some strange things since you sent me away last year. I've been in seventy disasters in the United States alone—calamities like the San Antonio flood and the Oconee cyclone. I have stood with the doctor and the Red Cross nurse alone in cities laid waste by wind or earthquake and have heard the cries of the living for the dead. I have been with the Public Health nurse in little mountain towns and in far remote places where she did everything from bathing the new-born baby to burying the dead. And I've been in Europe too, 3,500,000 little children saved to civilization through the European Relief Council."

"You have certainly earned a vacation," I assured him. "Do you want to spend a quiet life time in the Safe Deposit Vault or how about a few months in the baby's bank? Either one is guaranteed to be restful."

The Dollar hesitated so long that I could see the eagle's feathers quiver.

"If it's all the same to you I would rather keep on working," he explained thoughtfully. "I can't do a whole lot of good as a gentleman or leisure. Helping soldiers and feeding dying babies is much more in my line."

"I wish they all felt the same way about it," I said as I put him back on the Red Cross Roll Call.

Red Cross Roll Call—November 11th to Thanksgiving. Hear the Call, Join the Roll.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

A pleasant meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Davis last Monday afternoon. The subject for discussion was "Peace and Arbitration," and great interest was manifested in the approaching Disarmament Conference to be held soon in Washington. A great women's petition is to be presented by Miss Anna Gordan pleading for reduction of armament. The text of the petition is as follows:

"To Honorable Charles E. Hughes, Chairman American Delegation to International Disarmament Conference: We, the undersigned, commend the President for calling into conference representatives of great nations for the purpose of entering into an understanding or agreement for international limitation of armament to secure the peace of the world.

We respectfully and earnestly petition you to use your influence to hold the conference to the primary purpose of the consideration of the reduction of armament, not allowing other issues to displace this fundamental task."

This petition is being circulated in every State in the Union and it is expected that 1,000,000 women will sign it. Women of all faiths, nationalities, and classes are signing. The petition circulated in Manning was signed by one hundred and seventy-three women. The monthly lesson on "Citizenship" is always enjoyed. Mrs. John Herriot conducted the lesson on the "National Parties and their Platforms."

In obedience to the proclamation sent out to local Unions from National W. C. T. U. Headquarters, an Hour of Prayer "will be observed from 11 a. m. to 12 noon, Friday, November 11th, Armistice Day, in the Methodist Church. The public is earnestly and cordially invited to attend this meeting."

Dr. and Mrs. Watson B. Duncan of Dillon, Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Davis and Miss Laura Keels spent a short time last week in Florence, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Haynesworth.

SHOOT TO KILL SAYS ORDER TO MAIL CLERKS

Marines Assigned to Duty of Protecting Trains, Trucks and Postoffices in Fifteen Cities

OPEN WARFARE ON CROOKS

United States Mails Will Be Taken Care of Regardless of Cost and Sacrifice, Says Hays.

Washington, Nov. 8.—With orders to shoot to kill if necessary to prevent mail robberies, 1,000 marines were ordered to duty today as guards of mail trains and trucks and at postoffices in fifteen cities. The men will be armed with pistols, and sawed-off shotguns, Postmaster General Hays announced after a conference with Major Gen. Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps. The marines are to be replaced eventually, he said, by a special force recruited from the postal service.

Arrangements for the services of the marines, the Postmaster General said, were made with the Secretary of Navy. The matter was discussed at today's cabinet meeting, and President Harding is said to have expressed approval of Mr. Hays' plan to checking loot of the mails.

The Postmaster General also announced that as a result of the recent New York robbery, orders had been issued suspending from the service three New York post officials—Elijah M. Norris, superintendent of mails; Henry Lippman, superintendent of registry, and Walter S. Mayer, superintendent of money orders.

Will Board Trains

Some of the marines. Gen. Lejeune said, would board trains tonight, and within twenty-four hours would be on guard on practically all trains, in the country carrying valuable mail. Men for duty in the East, South and Central West, he said, would come from the marine corps post at Quantico, Va. while those for service in the West would report from San Diego and Mare Island, Cal.

Among the cities to which they will be sent for duty are: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Telegrams were dispatched tonight by the Postoffice Department instructing postmasters and postal inspectors at these points to cooperate with the guards.

Declaring that it was proposed to protect the United States mails "to the last postal card regardless of cost and sacrifice," Mr. Hays said he wanted it known that the Postoffice Department had declared "open warfare on the crooks and bandits of the country."

During the twelve months ended last April 9, according to Mr. Hays a total of \$6,300,000 was stolen from the mails, but in the six months following the announcement that postal employees would be armed the total stolen fell to \$318,869.

The advisability of enacting legislation authorizing the government to pay death benefits to the families of postal employees slain by bandits is understood to have been discussed today by the cabinet.

As a further deterrent to mail robberies, Attorney General Daugherty has suggested to the district attorneys in the various States that the courts be urged to impose heavier sentences where convictions are obtained for mail robberies. Mr. Daugherty expressed the opinion that the widespread unemployment was responsible for much of the crime in the country. Men being out of work are more likely to break the laws than those employed, he said.

NEWS FROM CLEMSON COLLEGE

Clemson College, S. C. Nov. 7.—The Clemson cadets had the pleasure of seeing "The Microbe of Love" which was given in chapel last Saturday night.

It will be of great interest to the readers of the Times to know that Mr. A. M. Musser, who is well remembered as being Clarendon's county agent a few years ago, has been appointed Associate horticulturist and will assist in the horticultural research work at Clemson College. He will also conduct the co-operative experimental work with truckers and fruit growers in the eastern part of the State.

On next Friday, November 11th, Armistice Day exercises will be held here at which time a bronze tablet dedicated to the 26 Clemson men who died in the service during the World War, will be unveiled. The exercises will be held at "Memorial Grove."

Among the many exhibits at the State Fair, was an exhibit showing "The Clemson Student in Action" in the process of getting an education. The exhibit proved to be quite interesting to the large number of people who stopped to look at it.

A member of the Student's Newspaper Correspondence Club of Clemson College, Clemson College, S. C. Home address, Jordan, S. C.

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