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## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### NEWSEY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

**Lake View.**  
Mrs. Kitty Gaddy, of Mullins, spent the week end with her brother Mr. Hiniard Rogers near town.

Those on the sick list this week are Mr. Allen Scott, Mrs. H. Powell and Mr. Allen Hayes.

Mrs. Emma Jordan and two children and Miss Lillian Leath of Mullins spent the week end in town with relatives.

Rev. W. R. Phillips who for the past four years has been pastor of the Methodist church here leaves this week for conference. He will at this time be sent to a new field where he will take up his work. His many friends will regret to see him and his family leave our community and town.

Mr. Luther Floyd and Mr. Cortez L. Norman left Sunday to spend a few days with friends and relatives in Asheboro, N. C. They motored through the country.

A new barber shop was opened last week by Messrs. Goodwin and Braswell. The shop is in the rear of the bank building and is furnished with up to date equipment.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 a. m. At night the B. Y. P. U. will present a "Victory Pageant" beginning at 7:00 p. m. All are invited to attend both services.

Quite a delightful informal party was given on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. E. Ayres in honor of Miss McInnis. Games were played after which refreshments were served. The crowd, which by the way was well represented from town, left at a late hour. All reported a splendid time.

Miss Aline Norman, who was indisposed for several days last week is out again.

Mrs. Andrew Smith is quite sick at this writing.

### Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Edwards returned from their wedding trip Saturday and spent Sunday with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Spell were receiving the congratulations of their friends Sunday on the completion of seventeen years of happy married life.

There will be several changes here at the beginning of the new year. Mr. Will Page of Birmingham, Ala., will conduct a mercantile business at the Guy Haiselden stand, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris have already moved here and are conducting a business at the old Pratt Watson place and Mr. Anderson has recently sold his stock of goods to Mr. Foxworth.

Rev. J. R. Sojourner preached his last sermon of the year Sunday. Conference will convene at McColl this week, and several of our Methodist folks will probably drive over and hear Bishop W. V. Darlington Sunday.

Sunday is Victory Sunday and the local church here, Antioch, is expecting to go over the top with its quota of the Baptist 75 million campaign.

Mr. Walter E. Bethea has about finished up painting the dwellings and outbuildings for Messrs. W. D. Sellers and D. M. Watson.

Miss Mattie Price spent the week end with relatives at Mullins.

Miss Eunice Bass was greeting relatives and old friends here Sunday. She has recently given up her position with Lowrick and Lawrence at Columbia and is now working for W. C. Parham at Latta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brickhouse and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Milliken of Marion visited here Sunday.

### Minturn.

Messrs. Preston Cashwell and Pope Stephens of Lumberton, N. C., spent Sunday with Mrs. D. D. McRae.

Mrs. W. W. Evans and daughter, Miss Kate, are spending a few days in Darlington.

Mr. John Hugh McCormac who attends school at Marion spent the week end at his home.

Mrs. Clarence McLaurin attended the District Federation of Womens Clubs in Dillon last Monday.

Miss May Reece Hamer spent last week end with Miss Gladys Covington of Clio.

Misses Elizabeth Henagan, Charlton John, Mattie Hamer and Annie Hengan and Messrs. Fred Ballenger, James L. Alford and Prof. M. A. Wilson were guests at a dinner given by Mrs. W. W. Evans last Friday evening.

Miss Mattie Hamer spent Sunday with friends in Dillon.

### Kemper.

Miss Ruth Kneese spent the week end at the home of Dr. N. N. Schofield of Fork.

Miss Manna Ray who has been very ill with diphtheria has recovered.

Mr. R. S. Rogers visited the school last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Langley spent the week end at Latta and Little Rock.

Miss Ruth Kneese, Manna Ray and Olive Hayes expect to attend the State Teachers Meeting in Clumbia this week.

## YOUNG GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Tries to Hang Herself After Being Taken Into Custody by Town Authorities.

A slip of a girl giving her name as Alice McLendon of Red Springs, N. C., attempted to take her life in the Dillon county jail Sunday night. The girl was being held by the town authorities pending the arrival of relatives from Bennettsville who were to take her back to her father. The girl who is only 16 or 17 years of age came to town a few days in advance of the carnival and when the carnival arrived she said she was going to join the carnival and travel with it. Her conduct was such that she came under the surveillance of the police. It was alleged that she was sleeping in box cars or any other place where she could get protection from the chill night air, and Sunday morning Mayor Hamer had her placed in the county jail upon the promise of her relatives that they would come and get her.

The girl protested vigorously against being held in this manner and it is presumed that she brooded over the matter until she decided in a fit of anger to destroy herself. She tied a scarf around her neck and pulled it into a tight knot cutting off the blood and air circulation. Fortunately she was discovered before life was extinct, although when found she was in an unconscious condition. Dr. Craig was summoned and revived her. The girl appears to be a professional tramp. Although of tender years she appears hardened and while in custody used such violent language that she shocked the sensibilities of the officers. She belongs to the class of unfortunate that make up the flotsam and jetsam of the human tide, and when her relatives failed to appear in an appearance she was taken into custody by Probate Judge Davis who will no doubt send her to a rescue orphanage.

### A REMARKABLE CASE.

Woman Killed by Train While on Way to Stand Trial in Court for Murder.

Chatham, Va., Nov. 20—When the case of Mrs. Ludie Barriett of Gretna, charged with the murder of Cresley Neal, suitor of her 14 year old daughter, was called in court here today, attorneys for the defense announced that Mrs. Barriett was killed by a train Monday at Dry Fork, while on her way to stand trial. The woman and her husband were charged jointly with the killing of Neal, and the court continued Barriett's case until the next term.

### Pretty Home Wedding.

The following account of the marriage of Mr. G. G. McLaurin of Dillon to Miss Inez Ragsdale of Winnsboro is taken from Sunday's State: Winnsboro, Nov. 23—A pretty home wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening when Miss Inez Ragsdale, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ragsdale of Winnsboro, became the bride of Gordon McLaurin of Dillon. The bride entered the drawing room, where the ceremony was performed, on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. Her only attendants were her sister, Miss Edith Ragsdale, who acted as maid of honor, and her little niece, Ethel McLaurin, who bore the ring in the heart of a large white chrysanthemum. The bridegroom had as his best man Fred McLaurin also of Dillon. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, the Rev. H. B. Hardy.

The drawing room was beautifully decorated in bridal white and green. In the hall vases of roses and chrysanthemums were used, and in the dining room the color scheme was yellow and white, which was carried out in the refreshments of block cream, cake and mints.

The bride's costume was a smart tailored suit of midnight blue, worn with a taupe hat, with taupe gloves and shoes. She carried a bouquet of bride roses showered with lilies of the valley.

### Reynolds-Edens.

Mr. T. B. Reynolds has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Lila Mae, to Mr. Henry Timmons Edens. The happy event will be solemnized at the home of the bride in Sumter, S. C., this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Edens is a son of Mrs. Annie Edens and has been making his home in Sumter for the past several months where he is engaged in the automobile business.

### Fork.

Miss Anna Calhoun and Mrs. Hoover of Columbia spent several days last week with Mrs. J. C. Calhoun.

Miss Kenneth Huggins spent the week end at her home in Hemingway.

Miss Ronnie Edwards has returned home from Lander College where she graduated last Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Smoak of Lander College is the guest of Miss Ronnie Edwards.

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and children of Rowland spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. N. N. Schofield entertained a number of young folks Saturday evening at their home. Music and conversation were the chief amusements of the evening.

Buy a Health Bond for good health and a happy New Year.

## MEXICAN SITUATION LOOKS SERIOUS

OFFICIALS SAY ARMY AND NAVY READY TO ACT.

Jenkins' Arrest Likely to Lead to Hostilities With Mexican Republic.

Washington, Nov. 25—The new flare up over the Mexican problem growing out of the Jenkins case was given serious consideration today at a meeting of the President's cabinet. There was no intimation as to what this government might do in event President Carranza refused to answer the note from the State Department demanding immediate release of William O. Jenkins, consular agent at Puebla, held on a charge of conniving with bandits who kidnaped and held him for a \$150,000 ransom.

### Situation Serious.

No attempt was made to conceal the feeling that the situation was serious and that relations between the United States and Mexico were strained. Officials said the three departments, State, War and Navy, were ready to meet any eventuality and deal with any situation arising out of a more defiant attitude by the Carranza administration toward the United States. In the absence of advices from the embassy at Mexico City officials were not inclined to put much faith in reports coming by way of Laredo, Tex., that the release of Jenkins "was momentarily expected." There was no word to the department from the Mexican embassy here, and while nobody seemed to know what the next day might bring forth, officials said they would not be surprised to hear that Jenkins actually had been released.

### High Class Rating.

Meanwhile, the government has checked up on the official and private record of Jenkins and has given him a high class rating. Officials declared that there was no foundation for the charge that he had conspired with the bandits and that information from every available source showed that his statement of his capture and the methods employed by the bandits was correct in all details.

The latest reports from the American embassy showed that Jenkins was still in the penitentiary and ill and that bail had been refused him.

### No Jurisdiction.

In looking into the various features of the consular agent's predicament, officials pointed out today that under the Mexican constitution State courts had no jurisdiction over cases involving diplomatic or consular offices, such jurisdiction being lodged specifically in the federal court. It was contended that the federal court of Mexico could settle the question with one stroke of the pen simply by assuming jurisdiction, as is its right. Mexican officials have stated that their government could not mix up in the case; that it was before the State court and that the federal court could not interfere.

### 17 MILLIONS LEFT BY TOBACCO KING.

Winston-Salem, N. C. Nov. 20—Richard J. Reynolds, tobacco manufacturer, left an estate valued at \$17,119,430, according to an inventory completed today. The state will receive an inheritance tax of more than \$530,000.

### Young Nurses Wanted.

Because the war made so many new openings in the business world for highly trained women, thousands have been drawn from the field of nursing, resulting in a great shortage of nurses in all hospitals throughout the state, declares Dr. C. F. Williams, Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Columbia. He also points out that the situation is becoming so acute at the State Institution that he has been forced to send out a call for young women.

"In order that our patients may receive the proper nursing and care," he asserts, "we must have more young women." While they are in training many advantages are offered them which no other profession offers. Young women between the ages of 18 and 35 are needed badly. At present there are many openings, and those who desire to learn the profession of nursing have a splendid opportunity to do so.

### Policeman Captures Still.

At Mayor Hamer's office is a crude outfit for making whiskey which Officer McRae found in the home of Herbert Bethea, colored, last Monday. The outfit was complete with the exception of the worm which was missing. When asked what had become of the worm Bethea said the one he had been using was too small and as the "oil of joy" did not flow freely enough he had sent it off to be exchanged for a larger one. With the still was a quantity of raw material ready to be converted into the liquid product and a barrel of mash. Bethea is under bond and when the town gets through with him he will have to face the federal authorities.

Miss Hattie Parks returned home Wednesday after a two weeks visit with relatives at Selma, accompanied by her little nephew, Linwood Allen Hood.

## SAYS NATION'S COAL BIN NEARLY EMPTY

FACING MOST SERIOUS PERIOD SINCE STRIKE.

Cries for Fuel for Household Purposes Grow Louder Throughout Nation.

Washington, Nov. 25—With less than 40 per cent of the normal output of bituminous coal being produced, the nation is facing its most serious period since the strike of soft coal miners was ordered, according to reports received today by the railroad administration. In scores of cities the number of industries in operation is rapidly falling off while the nation's coal bin continues to diminish.

Officials held out only a ray of hope for increased production. While last week's production showed an increase over the previous week and indications were for a production of about 50 per cent of normal this week, officials said they could not expect sufficient production to check the drain on the national supply until all differences between the miners and operators are ironed out.

### Temperature Drops.

Meanwhile, temperatures in the northern half of the nation have dropped and the cry for coal for household purposes grows louder. So far, the supplies have been dealt out rather liberally to meet this demand, it was said, but further releases of coal must be limited if the nation is not to face a serious tie up of industry as well as transportation before normal production is again reached.

Ranks of the soft coal miners, while showing some losses in men returning to work, still held firm, reports showed. In some districts, it was said, men have gone back to their jobs in large numbers but in many mining areas the union ties have continued to keep the mines closed.

### 22,000,000 Tons Held.

Reviewing the coal supply situation, the railroad administration reported that 22,000,000 tons were held under its distributing system on November 2, the second day of the walkout. Since then these stocks together with current production have been drawn on to supply fuel for the railroads, ships, public utilities, essential industries and public welfare institutions as well as for household uses.

The railroad administration's central coal committee still is holding the thousands of cars of export coal assembled at Atlantic tidewater ports. Officials declared that, contrary to reports, conditions were normal at the ports where this reserve supply of coal is held and that no congestion was being permitted.

### "Lest We Forget."

Today as God opens wide the windows of heaven and lets the sunshine of His love fall about us, we are thinking of war-stricken Serbia, of Belgium, torn and bleeding, of France trampled upon but unconquerable. We are thinking of all the allies that threw their weight against the maddened despot of a nation, and we wonder if the bright sun beams that fall so richly around us instill in their hearts that happiness, that care-free spirit that abounds so abundantly in our lives?

They told us once that the heroes of Balaklava were no more, that the world was drunk, mad with the wines of indifference, but they were mistaken as long as there are men to throw their bodies as a breastwork between loved ones and danger, as long as they stand with unflinching eye and undaunted courage and yell above the din of battle "They Shall Not Pass," the breed of heroes will never perish.

The war is over, but out yonder in Flanders' fields gleam the rows of crosses that mark the resting place of those that fought and died for an ideal. Out there dying, they begged us not to break faith with them, they who had given their all, save their untarnished honor upon the altar of patriotism.

Shall we let the flaming torch that they dying, threw to us, and begged that we carry it on, flicker and finally go out?—out of hearts that smile in defiance at sordid fears, out of the hearts that gave "the choicest flower of America, comes the answer, "Yes! Yes! We shall carry the flaming emblem, symbolic of steadfastness and faith!"

This Thanksgiving day while we are rejoicing in the rich harvests, and while we are thanking God for the preservation of our lives, for friends, for loved ones and for all, the multifold blessings of life, lets look across the waters and see the crosses that gleam out there somewhere in the sunlight of Flanders' Field. Let's visualize our own khaki-clad laddies that rushed in the thickest of the fray and put democracy over autocracy, dreams over dollars, and love over hatred, and then thank God that you are an American, and that you had the privilege of living with those who have suffered and that have lost, thus stringing us all on the necklace of understanding.

Jessie Fant.

Lake View, S. C., Nov. 24.

Lieut. W. J. Carter, of the Navy, is spending a few days in the city.

Commander A. F. Carter, who has been spending some time with his father, Mr. W. J. Carter, returned to Washington Monday night.

## RECRUITING MEN FOR NAVY.

Officer Spent Yesterday in the City Enlisting Young Men for Navy.

L. J. Rock, recruiting officer for the U. S. Navy, spent yesterday in the city looking for young men who want to enlist in the navy. Mr. Rock has headquarters at Florence and if there are any young men in Dillon or vicinity who would like to sail the seas under the Stars and Stripes they can get all the information they want from Mr. Rock by addressing him at Florence. Speaking of the Navy and its equipment Mr. Rock says:

"Battleships are primarily a complex piece of machinery and employ a number of skilled men in various trades. As ships must be maintained in a constant state of operating efficiency, and as their machinery, the hull and fittings must be kept in fine order, a great number of skilled men are used. This duty falls to the artificers and much of the magnificent showing made by the Navy during the War may be attributed to the excellent work done by such men.

"As the work that these men are called upon to perform is of a special nature as compared to similar work in civil life, it is necessary to train these men especially for the Navy. Such a school has been established at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, California.

The course is for six months intensive training. Upon completion the men are examined by officers of the Construction Corps and, if found qualified, are given ratings and returned to general detail for service on sea going vessels.

"The deck artificer ratings comprise the following—Blacksmiths, molders, patternmakers, carpenters' mates, shipwrights, shipfitters, and painters. The ratings, except the shipwright, are all petty officers, and their pay ranges from \$41.00 to \$77.00 per month, with \$5.00 increase for each four year enlistment. "Short talks are given at intervals by officers of the Construction Corps on general subjects, such as the pumping, drainage and ventilation systems of modern vessels, ship nomenclature, care and preservation of vessels, and other subjects of like nature. The school is conducted in accordance with general orders issued by the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department, this bureau having cognizance over all training schools for enlisted men."

### 25 PERISH IN FLAMES.

Three Hundred Persons Become Panic Stricken at Fire Alarm and Many Women are Crushed to Death.

Ville Platte, La., Nov. 23—Twenty-five persons mostly women and girls perished in a burning building here last night when three hundred, attending a dance became panic stricken and stampeded down a narrow stairway and were crushed to death or burned. Fifteen are known to have been dangerously injured.

Ten were burned to death, their features were unrecognizable and identification was by remnants of clothing or by jewelry.

### Relief Work Going on.

Work of removing the debris of the Deville building, in which the dancers from Evangeline Parish were caught is still going on and the death toll will not be known for some time.

It is reported that several mothers, chaperoning their daughters, perished but saved twenty babies which were in a nursery room of the dance hall. While those in attendance were fighting like beasts on the one exit, a narrow stairway to the street were attempting to fight their way up to rescue the members of their families, mothers seized babies and hurled them over the heads of the struggling mass of men, women and children to the outstretched arms of men below.

### Snatched From Heap.

Some who were snatched from the fighting heap at the foot of the stairs died in the hands of men carrying them high over the heads of the crowd in the street.

The fire originated in the rear of a lower floor when an oil stove exploded. While a packed moving picture theatre was running in the same building, a cool headed leader instructed the crowd to depart quietly. None of these was injured.

The flames spread so rapidly that the entire lower floor of the building was ablaze before warning was given the dancers. The three hundred persons in the dance hall were seized with panic and rushed pell mell to the only stairway.

### Trampled Down by Mob.

The weaker were trampled down by the surging mob. In the fight on the stairway rescuers dragged down many persons who had succeeded in climbing above others.

Several who did not rush into the stairway jam escaped through the windows to an adjoining roof and made their way to safety by climbing down posts or leaping into arms of men in the street below.

Calls for fire fighting equipment and for doctors and nurses were sent to neighboring towns, and persons from the surrounding country came in time to aid the firemen who were handicapped by the mob-jammed street.

### Fire Truck Arrives.

The Opelousas, Louisiana, fire truck arrived after a run of 45 minutes over a rough country road of 18 miles, and extinguished the blaze. Surgeons and nurses from Eunice,

## BAPTIST CAMPAIGN BEGINS SUNDAY

MANY CHURCHES WILL HOLD "SUNRISE MEETINGS."

All-Day Meeting Planned While the Committees Will Solicit Members Not Present.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 24—The opening of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign throughout South Carolina next Sunday morning, the 30th, will be observed by "sunrise prayer-meetings" in Baptist churches throughout South Carolina, according to announcement today at state headquarters of the Campaign.

Congregations of churches throughout South Carolina will meet at their respective places of worship at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, and after prayer service, the work of solicitation in the great moneyraising campaign will be immediately commenced. While the campaign will continue through December 7th, Baptist leaders are confident that virtually the entire amount asked will be subscribed by the various churches on the opening day.

A large number of the churches will have all-day meetings, the members meeting at 7 o'clock, and continuing together until afternoon, during which time the solicitation will be in progress. Members not present will be visited by committees.

South Carolina's apportionment in the campaign is five and a half millions.

Daily reports are to be made of subscriptions during "Victory Week" November 30th to December 7th. Church organizers are to make their reports daily to the association organizers, and the association organizers are to send their reports in each night by telegraph or telephone to Dr. W. T. Derieux, at Columbia, state director. No association reports are to be sent to state headquarters at Greenville, though daily reports on the state at large will be received here. A complete report of subscriptions in all churches Sunday is expected to be sent in Sunday night.

### Baptist Campaign Opens Sunday.

Greenville, Nov. 24—Prospect now are that South Carolina's quota of \$5,500,000 in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, which is to begin next Sunday and continue for eight days, will be raised on the opening day and will be largely oversubscribed before the end of "Victory Week." Officers of the Campaign at state headquarters in Greenville are optimistic for next Sunday.

Final preparations for actually soliciting funds are now going forward in each of the 38 associations in the state and by Sunday all the 1,142 churches in the state, with a combined membership of 166,000, should be ready for this greatest drive in Baptist history. The state has been canvassed from end to end by speakers who have told of the cause.

Of the \$5,500,000 to be raised in South Carolina, every dollar will be spent for a just cause. The educational institutions of the denomination in the state will alone receive \$1,520,000, divided as follows: Furman \$750,000; Greenville W. Mans College, Anderson College and Coker \$200,000 each; Edisto Academy, Long Creek Academy, North Greenville Academy, Six Mile Academy, and Spartan Academy—\$35,000 each. The State Mission Board will receive \$25,000; Baptist Hospital \$160,000; Connie Maxwell Orphanage \$425,000; and the Board of Ministerial Education \$100,000.

### POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED.

\$5,300 in Victory Bonds Are Taken at Hampton.

Hampton, Nov. 24—The postoffice, located on the first floor of the Guardian building, was forcibly entered some time during last night by unknown parties, the safe blown open and in addition to the cash and stamps in it, a registered package from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond to the Bank of Hampton, containing \$5,300 in Victory bonds, was taken. No clue to the robbers has been obtained.

The Herald is published under difficulties this week and if it does not contain as much reading matter as usual our readers will know the reason why. We are putting in a new floor and the interior of the office resembles a junk pile. The office work is carried on by shifting machines from place to place as the old floor is torn up, but this seriously handicaps the workmen and very little work can be done during the day. We hope to have the floor in by the latter part of the week, and The Herald will be up to its usual standard next week.

Bankie and other towns began arriving during the night in automobiles, and hotels and some private residences were turned into small hospitals under the direction of local and visiting doctors for the injured victims. The dance was attended by townspeople and many from the rural district, and all night long people wandered the streets in search of missing relatives or friends. At a garage where the bodies of the dead were assembled relatives identified the dead by small pieces of clothing or bits of jewelry.