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## DR. T. C. McSWAIN DEAD.

Former Well-Known Dillon County Physician Dies in South America.

Mr. D. A. McCallum has been notified through an American consulate in South America of the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. T. C. McSwain, a former well-known Dillon county physician. Dr. McSwain died on August 7th, but news of his death did not reach Dillon until last Thursday.

The letter stated that Dr. McSwain was taken sick while traveling as a passenger on a coast-wise steamship. The ship called at a port and Dr. McSwain was placed in a hospital, where he died in 24 hours after being taken ill.

Dr. McSwain had been in South America about eight years. He returned home about four years ago and after spending a few months with relatives returned to South America where he was interested in some large timber holdings.

Dr. McSwain was a native of Cumberland county, North Carolina. He came to Dillon when quite a young man and engaged in the practice of medicine. Later he married Miss McCallum, a daughter of the late Brown McCallum, and a sister of Mrs. D. A. McCallum and Mrs. R. P. Hamer. His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago.

When the government undertook the task of establishing a new form of government in the Philippines, Dr. McSwain was sent there as a surgeon in the United States army where he spent four years. He was a skilled physician and the government was so well pleased with his work that he was urged time and again to re-enter the service, but he declined the offers. He was a man of charming personality and as a physician and surgeon he was endowed with extraordinary talents. His passing brings deep regret to hundreds of Dillon county friends.

Rev. F. W. Watlers, pastor of the Second Baptist church, says he has in the past four months baptized 24 members and admitted ten by letter. The work of the church is progressing wonderfully and there is a steady and substantial growth in the membership.

## THE DEATH OF AN INFANT

To The Dillon Herald:

The little infant child that was born in Capt. Gibson's home on July 30, 1920, and adopted to Captain Gibson, of the Rescue Workers, on August 16, 1920, died on September 24, 1920, at 3 a. m., and was laid to rest in the Pleasant Grove Church cemetery at 4 o'clock Friday, 24th.

Funeral conducted by Rev. Maston Gasque, pastor of the Dillon Mill Methodist Church, at the home of Capt. Gibson.

While it is our loss, it is heaven's gain. We, therefore, submit it all to the will of God, who said: Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not. We therefore extend to the bereaved mother our deepest sympathy in her hour of grief and trouble.

May God's blessings rest upon all of those who are in distress and grief, is the prayer of your humble servant.

CAPT. B. Y. GIBSON,  
Officer in Charge Rescue Workers,  
Dillon, S. C.

## LIVE ON RUBBER TIRES

Family Dwells in House on Wheels.

In Houston, Texas, W. S. Myers and family of three, decided to live on rubber tires. They are now touring the entire United States and expect to visit Canada.

They designed and superintended the construction of a convenient, roomy and very neat home. It is ten feet long by six feet wide and has four seats.

From ceiling to floor, the car is five feet, ten inches high. Its front entrance is by a limousine door. A folding bed is across the back and above it an infant's crib, clothes press and parcel rack. Four wardrobe drawers are under the bed. The center aisle is three feet by five.

There is a refrigerator, hot and cold water, hot air heat, electric fans, three burner gas stove, folding dining table, lavatory, electric lighting, kitchen cabinet and cupboard, shower bath and every modern convenience and luxury. The car is equipped with tool boxes, compass, draperies and rugs.

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Main Street Methodist Church.—Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor.

Morning subject: "The Witness of the Spirit;" evening subject: "The Young Man Who Came to Himself." Prayer service on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Public cordially invited to all services.

Aunt Liza's former mistress was talking to her one morning, when suddenly she discovered a little pick-anony standing shyly behind his mother's skirts. "Is this your little boy, Aunt Liza?" she asked.

"Yes, miss, dat's Prescription."

"Goodness, what a funny name. Auntie, for a child! How in the world did you happen to call him that?"

"Ah simply calls him dat becaz Ah has seen had wud gettin' him filled."

## SON-IN-LAW OF FRENCH PREMIER

Paul Rockwell, Formerly of Lake View, Married Premier Legyues' Daughter.

The election of Georges Legyues as Premier of France is of more than passing interest to Dillon county folks because the new Premier is the father-in-law of Paul Rockwell, who spent the greater portion of his boyhood days near Lake View with his grandfather, the late Enoch Ayers, Mr. Rockwell is a nephew of Mr. Elias Ayers, of near Lake View, and a cousin of Prof. Ayers, of the Agricultural Department of the Dillon High school.

There were two brothers, Paul and Kirvin Rockwell. Kirvin, it will be recalled, was a member of the aviation corps in France and was killed in action during the early days of the war. Paul was an officer in the infantry and received wounds which forced him out of active duty. They joined the Allies long before America entered the war and were fighting with the French.

Their mother, Dr. Anna Louise Rockwell, is a daughter of the late Enoch Ayers, and lives at Winston-Salem, N. C., where she is engaged in the practice of osteopathy. When a young woman she was married to Rev. Mr. Rockwell, who died some years ago.

After the death of their father the Rockwell brothers made their home with their grandfather until they were almost grown.

After receiving his discharge from the French army Paul Rockwell located in Paris where he obtained a position one of the Paris newspapers. Shortly after taking up civil life again he was married to Miss Legyues, whose father at the time was prominent in French political affairs, being minister of marine under President Clemenceau.

## COUNTY CASE GOES TO REFEREE

Some of The Herald's readers did not understand the article in the last issue which stated that the case of Dillon County against the National Surety Company, which involved claims to the amount of \$80,000 had been referred to a special referee by Judge Henry A. M. Smith, of the U. S. Court. The article in question was clipped from the News and Courier and gave only a brief account of the case which had come up in the U. S. Court at Charleston the day before. The suit covers alleged shortages in the county treasurer's office during the administration of the late Treasurer McInnis. The alleged shortages came about in the way of Treasurer McInnis' failure to collect interest on certain funds deposited in the banks, as provided by statute, the refunding to tax-payers of over-paid taxes without authority from the Comptroller General and many other matters which are disputed by the National Surety Company under which Mr. McInnis was bonded. Several audits have been made of the treasurer's office by auditors representing both sides, but there was such a wide difference between the findings of the auditors, the county and the bonding company could not reach an agreement, and hence the case went to the courts. As the bonding company was located in another State the action had to be brought in the United States Court and when the case came on to be heard before Judge Smith at Charleston last Tuesday he referred it to Henry Buck, an attorney of Marion, who will take the testimony and make his report back to the court.

## HIS HUNTING LICENSE RETURNED

Lumberton Robesonian.

On last Thursday a young gentleman from the Loris section in the course of the culmination of his nuptial obligations, whispered nervously to Mr. Taylor, of the Conway Hardware Company, to know whether he dealt in license. "Yes," replied Taylor, "take State or County." "County," replied the anxious groom-to-be. The deal was closed, the price handed over, and the blushing bride-to-be recognized the satisfied smile on the face of her suitor as he returned emerged and proceeded to point the nose of his Ford the nearest route to the preachers. Now this cranky clergyman being too much disposed to scrutinize, very violently broke the saw news to the happy couple that the form of their license did not conform in all respects to the specific document which in his judgment would constitute the necessary prerequisite to a legal form of marriage ceremony. The maiden blushed and waited while the hunting license was returned and another document of different dimensions was procured, and now they are at home to their many friends.

All license dealers are diligent and busy men but Taylor's picture is wanted at the Fish and Game Department as the first to succeed at substituting marriage license for hunting license.—Contributed.

Roy Plaxico, Louis Blackwell and Glee Hursley left Monday for California, where they will enter college.

Frank Hursley, who has been in Baltimore where he has been having his leg treated at Johns Hopkins, is at home again.

## All Have Faults.

Nothing will make us so charitable and tender to the faults of others as by self-examination thoroughly to know our own.—Fenelon.

## HENRY FORD DISCUSSES PRICE REDUCTION

Says There is No Wisdom in Trying to Maintain Artificial Standard

Henry Ford has announced a reduction of prices on all Ford motor company products at a pre-war level as a step toward restoration of business to normal conditions. In a statement accompanying the announcement Mr. Ford declared that present business conditions demanded that "some practical effort be made to bring economic conditions back to normal," that the business of the country may be stabilized, and that the "progress, prosperity and contentment of our people may be restored."

Inquiry among heads of other automobile industries failed to indicate whether the Ford announcement presages a general decline of motor car prices. A number of manufacturers declined to comment.

Discussing business conditions, Mr. Ford declared that since the war has ended "war prices also should be reduced."

"There is no wisdom," the manufacturer said, "in trying to maintain an artificial standard of values, for inflated prices only retard progress." "There is a lull in business generally," the statement continues. "People in every walk of life are waiting for prices they know are unnatural, to become lower."

"Manufacturing plants are being shut down all over the country and in every line there is a growing inactivity because the volume of consumption is growing less and less through the self denial of people who realize the injustice of the situation. Labor is being thrown out of employment but notwithstanding this there has been little change in the cost of living."

Although rich in natural resources the country's progress is being held practically at a standstill through the greed of profiteers. Now is the time to call a halt to war methods, war prices and war greed. It may be necessary for everybody to sacrifice a little but in the end it will be most profitable, for the sooner we get the business of the country back to pre-war conditions the sooner will the lives of our people become natural and progress, prosperity and contentment be restored."

The price reduction on the Ford product ranges from 14 to 31 per cent and is effective immediately. There will be no wage reduction at any of the plants, it was announced.

## SHERIFF "CHICK" WEATHERLY

Pee Dee Advocate.

J. A. Weatherly, of Bennettsville, Marlboro county, defeated R. J. Patterson for the office of sheriff in the primary last Tuesday by a majority of 140 votes. Years ago when we were somewhat younger, we remember him very distinctly by his nickname which was "Chick." This, we believe now, was given him for his excellent ability to defend himself and none of the "boys" in Bennettsville would dare give offense to him unless they were sure to be in the right. This being the case he was a high-toned gentleman in all of his manners to his friends and each one felt that if "Chick" Weatherly was his friend he was one of the elect.

## VOTE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD

Straw Vote Compiled by Rexall Co. Shown at Evans' Pharmacy

The straw vote on the Presidential election gathered and compiled every four years by the Rexall Drug Co., which has stores in every town in the United States, is being shown at Evans' Pharmacy and the results so far do not look very encouraging for the Democrats. Up to yesterday the vote stood as follows: Cox, 167; Harding 364. The Rexall Co. estimates that a majority of 266 is equivalent to an election, and according to these figures Harding would be the winner if the election were held today. Four years ago, however, the Republican candidate led by a large majority until a few weeks before the election when sentiment began to change and shortly before that date took the lead. The vote is posted daily at Evans' Pharmacy.

## ANDERSON COTTON SEVEN FEET HIGH

Anderson, Sept. 22.—John H. Kay, who lives about eight miles above the city, was in Anderson Monday with a stalk of cotton that looked more like a healthy young poplar tree than it did cotton. Mr. Kay said that this is known as the Cleveland Boll cotton, and that his crop would range in height from five to about seven and one-half feet. He also stated that while the bolls on this cotton are not very numerous they are very large.

Mr. Kay has about three acres of this cotton, and he says that he is expecting a very good crop.

## WOMEN NOT LIABLE FOR JURY DUTY

Attorney General Wolfe Renders Opinion on Subject.

Columbus, S. C., Sept. 25.—Women of South Carolina are not liable to jury duty, according to an opinion rendered today by Attorney General Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe opined the constitution to the effect that only men are liable to perform jury duty in circuit courts. The opinion was expressed in a letter to J. L. Perrin, clerk of court of Abbeville county. Jury lists are to be made up by clerks of court in December.

## SALE ENDS WITH FIGHT

J. W. Goodwin and J. J. Matheson Have Personal Encounter

The auction sale of J. W. Goodwin's stock farm, on Pee Dee river, last Tuesday, ended in a fight between Mr. Goodwin and J. J. Matheson, who sold the farm to Mr. Goodwin and holds a mortgage on it.

The pasture, containing 627 acres, was sold in eight tracts. Most of it was bid off by J. B. Maxwell and J. J. Matheson, and the sale totaled about \$19,000. It was sold as a whole and bid in for Mr. Goodwin.

A big barbecue dinner was then served and enjoyed by quite a large crowd. The fine herds of cattle, sheep and goats were to have been sold after dinner.

About the close of the dinner, Mr. Goodwin approached Mr. Matheson, resenting something which he had heard that Mr. Matheson had said, and struck Mr. Matheson in the face. Two or three licks were passed between them before they could be separated by Rev. T. V. McCaul, Percy B. Odum, Hamp H. Hubbard and others.

This ended the sale, and the stock were not sold.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENTS

There was only a small gathering at the court house last Thursday night to hear the report of the committee appointed at the recent citizens' meeting to look into the matter of selling or improving the light and water plants, but the committee, through its chairman, Mr. C. L. Wheeler, recommended that the town retain the plants and make improvements costing not more than \$65,000. The committee in making its report was guided largely by the findings of an expert engineer who inspected the plants and made his recommendations. The improvements will consist of one 200-horse power and one 100-horse power engine, the smaller unit to be used in the daytime and the larger one at night. If council and the commissioners decide to adopt the recommendations of the committee the \$65,000 will have to be raised by a bond issue. A petition will have to be presented to council to order an election and if the issue carries at the election it will have to be ratified by an act of the General Assembly. The petition will be circulated at once and the election will be held as soon as possible.

## HEN TOOK JOY RIDE

Rode Twenty-five Miles on Rear Axle of Automobile.

Taking a twenty-five mile ride on the rear axle of an automobile on a rainy night was a Pennsylvania hen's idea of a joy ride, relates a Hagers-town, Md., dispatch.

Raymond Shiffler, of near Boonsboro, motored with his family to the home of a relative just across the Mason and Dixon line to spend the day. During the evening, just before Shiffler was ready to leave for home, rain began falling and a flock of chickens in the yard sought shelter under his automobile.

While driving to his home that night, Shiffler heard peculiar sounds coming from under his machine and he thought some part had become disarranged. On arriving at home he examined the automobile and found a bed-ragged hen perched on the rear axle, in which position she had ridden all of the distance.

## DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND

The following statement shows the names and amount of subscriptions given to the Democratic Campaign Fund by the voters of Little Rock Precinct. This amount was forwarded direct to Mr. T. W. Berry, chairman, by Mr. Jas. W. Hamer:

J. W. Hamer	25.00
E. A. McCormac	1.00
L. A. Manning	25.00
J. R. Thompson	25.00
T. L. Manning	10.00
D. C. McCall	1.00
A. L. Pope	1.00
S. D. Lane	1.00
C. L. Daniels	1.00
A. H. Daniels	1.00
Boyd Lane	1.00
W. H. Hargrove	1.00
L. B. Andrews	1.00
L. B. Andrews	1.00
T. B. Thompson	1.00
H. C. Bethea	1.00
C. J. Bennett	1.00
H. A. Hasty	1.00
F. L. Bethea	1.00
M. S. Britt	2.00
J. H. Meadors	1.00
L. W. Corbett	1.00
J. C. Ellen	5.00
W. F. Stanton	5.00
C. H. Myers	1.00
H. C. Stanton	1.00
R. G. Dunlap	2.00
I. L. Dundap	2.00
Total	\$112.00
W. B. Stackhouse	3.00
Total	\$115.00

Amount subscribed as shown in issue of The Herald, dated Sept. 23rd \$218.08

Amount subscribed as shown in issue of The Herald, dated Sept. 23rd 288.85

Subscription of W. C. Toland 5.00

Total \$115.00

Latia, S. C., Sept. 29, 1920. Received of T. W. Berry, Chairman, of the Democratic Fund.

(Signed) T. W. BERRY,  
County Chairman.

## CORBETT CLAIMS SELF-DEFENSE

Orangeburg Man Who Killed Three Men Last Fall on Trial For His Life.

Orangeburg, Sept. 27.—The taking of testimony in the case against Carlos Corbett, charged with the murder of Bryan Salley, was concluded today and the arguments of counsel begun. The arguments will be resumed tomorrow after the jury has made an inspection of the place of the killing and the case is expected to reach the jury Tuesday afternoon or night.

Featuring the testimony of the day was the statement of both Corbett and his wife that one of the men in the party had attacked Corbett with a pistol before he opened fire. This serves as a basis for Corbett's defense that he shot in self-defense and in defense of the castle.

Testimony was resumed this morning at convening of court at 9:30 o'clock with Mrs. Carlos Corbett on the stand for the defense. Mrs. Corbett testified that on Friday before the shooting on Saturday night, her husband had hauled five one horse wagon loads of sugar cane pumice and placed it in a washed place in front of their home. Saturday, she said they drove in their buggy over to Salley to do a little shopping where she visited relatives for a short while in town and then they returned home about an hour of sun, had early supper and retired.

## Awakened by Big Light.

About 11 o'clock, Mrs. Corbett stated, she was suddenly awakened by a big light and thinking the premises were afire she aroused her husband, told him to take the pistol and fire to enlist assistance from neighbors. When she went out, the witness said, her husband told her the pumice in the road was afire and she drew water, while Corbett carried it to the scene of the fire, which was in the road just in front of their house. She soon gave out drawing water, she said, and Corbett told her to go to the steps and rest, as she said she could do no more if the whole premises burned down. About the time she was seated at the front steps Mrs. Corbett continued, a car came up in the road and she heard some one speak in vile terms, she giving the exact language in court, and saying also "there he is now putting out our fire, we will give him hell and set it again." They then drove the car around the fire and turned in toward the yard, the witness said, and stopped the car, all getting out after each other and started toward her husband, firing a pistol, Mrs. Corbett stated that she did not know how many shots were fired before her husband opened fire and she then went into the house. Later her husband came into the house, she said, and told her to get his best clothes, after which he went out with a flash light. When he came in the house, the witness said, she asked if he was hurt and said she thought they had killed him and that her husband had told her he thought he had killed three of them. Corbett, his wife said, then dressed and left to surrender and she spent the remainder of the night in the barn.

## Carlos Corbett on Stand.

Carlos Corbett testified deliberately and calmly, giving his version of the killing. He corroborated his wife as to his putting the pumice in the road on Friday and as to their activity on Saturday. He was aroused by his wife about 11 o'clock, he said, and was told the house was on fire. He jumped into his overalls, Corbett said, took the loaded pistol from the bureau and about three or four cartridges nearby and ran out of the house to fire the pistol to alarm the neighborhood, but did not shoot. Putting the pistol in his right pocket and balls in left, he and his wife began fighting fire as Mrs. Corbett testified, the witness said. While his wife was sitting on the steps and he was fighting the fire with the water in the tub, he said he heard an auto coming. He also heard the statement testified to by Mrs. Corbett as coming from the auto, Corbett said. The auto came on up around the fire, the witness continued, and stopped in front of his house with one wheel about to his front yard, the car broadside to him, where the occupants got up and began to get out. He thought he recognized the voice of Jones Salley telling the boys to give him hell, the witness testified, and then three or four jumped into the road, he said, and were making for him, one shooting as he came. He opened fire, Corbett said, and immediately reloaded and emptied what he reloaded with, since after he reloaded two more men were coming toward him from toward the back of the car.

## Shot in Self-Defense.

He shot in self-defense and defense of the castle, Corbett testified, as the shots from the advancing crowd were going to where his wife was, too. Mr. Corbett said that he did not know who the parties were at the time, and that he went into his house and upon inquiry told his wife he was not shot, but thought he had killed three or four men, that all fell, except one, who ran off. He told how he seized his wife, to get his clothes and get his flashlight and went out to where the bodies were in his yard.

Later he returned to his house and then went to a neighbor's asking her to go and stay with his wife. He testified that when he went out with his flashlight, he found a pistol lying about equal distance between two of the dead men but did not search them, that he brought the pistol back with him and gave it to his wife, with instructions to hold same, until trial. A pistol was opened in court by the

## SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR COUNTY FAIR

More than a year ago it was decided by a few men to have a County Fair, but we found we were too late.

Early this spring we set out to have a County Fair this fall. To accomplish this we have arranged our program list in order that it might attract the whole family. By a close study of our program list you will find we offer prizes for most everything grown and done in our county.

It looks as though we are going to have a real "Fair," and I want to urge every man, woman, girl and boy in Dillon county who have something to exhibit to co-operate with us to the extent of looking up the chairman of that department most interesting to them and entering whatever you have in that department. We want to make this a county-wide fair and only by your co-operation can we succeed. We do not know what kind of farmers our neighbors are until we have an opportunity of seeing some of the things they are raising. We have arranged to have horse racing and other amusements as well as the best farm exhibits to be found at any county fair in this state.

All the buildings have been completed at Fair Grounds and we would like for those interested to come out to the grounds and see just the type of buildings we have and be convinced that not only are we going to have a great fair but that we have the best buildings to be had at any county fair.

We have as good a county as there is in the state and taken as a whole we have the best people to be found anywhere, so don't be misled. Just come along and help us make this the best county fair in the state. Remember the date, October 19th-23rd, 1920.

A. V. BETHEA,  
President.

## OVERTON-ROUMILLAT

A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends was that of Miss Selma Gertrude Roumillat to Mr. James B. Overton, which was solemnized on Tuesday morning at the Bishop's residence on Broad street, the Rev. James McElroy officiating.

The bride wore a modish coat suit in dark blue with accessories to match and carried white asters with fern tied with tulle and entered on the arm of the groom.

The only attendants were Miss Bessie Roumillat and Mr. William Roumillat, sister and brother of the bride, and those present, besides these, and the bride's mother, Mrs. B. L. Roumillat were near relatives and a few close friends.

Immediately after the ceremony the company repaired to the bride's home on Logan street where refreshments were served by Miss Nellie McHony and little Mary Elizabeth Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton left for a motor trip to Asheville before going to Dillon to reside, where Mr. Overton is engaged in the automobile business. He is a native of Durham, N. C., and is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Overton, of that place. His bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. B. L. Roumillat and the late Dr. William Roumillat and has many warm friends in her home city who regret that her marriage will take her elsewhere to reside.

## NOTES FROM THE SMITH-HUGHES AGRICULTURE CLASS OF DILLON.

The agriculture class started out the new year with an enrollment of eleven boys. Five of these are from the tenth grade, and six from the eighth grade. The course of study for this year consists in a study of farm crops, soils and fertilizer.

The class met this week and organized themselves. It is expected that they will do quite a bit of work outside of the regular school work.

The following officers were elected: President, Jas. Hamer; vice-president, Buist Jordan; secretary, J. W. Williamson.

sheriff with difficulty, the cartridges were removed, and some were empty, having been shot. Mr. Corbett stated that he got some one to carry him to Columbia and he surrendered to the authorities at the penitentiary. He told of an interview he had with some newspaper reporter at the penitentiary and that Mr. Bleese was present at the time and that he was merely talking to the gentlemen present and did not know he was giving any statement to newspaper and did not state fully the facts of the shooting.

Columbia Newspaper Man Testifies. The defense in reply put up W. J. Cormack of Columbia to testify that Corbett did not tell him of any of the parties advancing upon him having any pistol when interviewed at the penitentiary. The sheriff and coroner were put upon the stand to contradict Mrs. Corbett's testimony concerning some statement she made to them the next day.

Both the sheriff and coroner testified that Mrs. Corbett was very nervous and about down and out at the time.

The jury will be taken to the scene of the killing to-morrow morning early by Sheriff Drake and deputies. No one representing either side will be allowed to be present at the time and the case will be resumed at 11:30 o'clock. The scene of the killing is about 25 miles from Orangeburg, near the Aiken line.