

PRACTICE IN CHARLESTON

T. Brooks Alford Secures Office on Broad Street.

News and Courier. Mr. T. Brooks Alford has secured an office at 27 Broad street for the practice of law and is now having it furnished. Mr. Alford received his law degree a few weeks ago at the University of South Carolina, where he also pursued his academic studies as a member of the class of 1914.

After serving as secretary to the late Congressman J. W. Ragsdale in Washington, Mr. Alford entered the consular service in 1916, being assigned to Russia as vice consul. For eight months of the two years that he spent in Russia he was stationed at Riga, where, as vice consul in charge, he looked after the Allied interests and also those of Germany and Austro-Hungary, until the entrance of the United States in the war.

Volunteering for service in the army of this country, Mr. Alford was advised that he was to continue in the work then engaging him, and he remained in the consular service throughout the war. He relates some interesting experience with the Germans and the Bolsheviks. Mr. Alford's duties in the government work have also carried him to China, Korea, the Scandinavian countries and the British Isles.

As a result of his experiences abroad, Mr. Alford became acquainted with and interested in shipping and commercial conditions generally.

Hall-Fort.

Marion, June 27—A marriage of much interest to their many friends was that of Miss Carolyn Hall and Mr. Elbert W. Fort of Fork at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hall, Wednesday afternoon, June 15th at 3:30 o'clock.

The spacious home presented a scene of beauty for the event. The lower floor was thrown open for the reception of guests, and the interior had been transformed into a bower of pink roses, ferns and vines.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by Mesdames Greyton and Barker and invited to the front hall where punch was served.

Just before the ceremony the guests assembled in the parlor, where the ceremony was performed. Mrs. S. M. Cartwright sang "I Love You Truly," and "Sweetest Story," accompanied by Mrs. O. B. Johnson, sister of the bride groom. As the notes of Lohengrin's wedding march pealed forth, the Rev. O. B. Johnson, brother-in-law of the bridegroom entered the parlor, followed by the flower girls, Tilla May Hall and Grace Carmichael, bearing baskets of roses.

Immediately preceding the bride was little Katherine Hall bearing the ring in a huge magnolia. Then the bride and bridegroom entered together, the bride wearing a lovely white georgette over satin with accessories to match carrying a brides bouquet. After the marriage vows had been spoken, refreshments consisting of block cream and c. c. carrying out the color scheme, were served to the bridal party and guests.

Mr and Mrs. Fort left on an evening train for Asheville and other points in Western North Carolina.

Death Claims R. C. Webster.

Mr. R. C. Webster, the subject of this tribute, was born in the Carolina section of this county on the 28th day of May 1880, being the second oldest son of Mr. Robert Webster and Mrs. Susan Hamer Webster. He spent all of his life near where he was born. Being in bad health a few weeks ago he went to hospital in Lumberton to regain his health but as the disease had gained too strong a grip on him which was more than he could bear he quietly passed away on the evening of the 25th day of June in his 42nd year. The funeral and interment were at Carolina Cemetery Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, his pastor, which was witnessed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

Early in life he connected himself with Carolina Presbyterian church, remaining a member throughout his life. He bore his affliction with christian fortitude throughout. He was happily married to Miss Mollie Andrews, daughter of Mr. J. R. Andrews of Chatham County, N. C. Of this union 4 children were born, 2 sons, 2 daughters. All them survive to mourn his death.

To his bereaved father, mother, brothers, and sisters and especially to his devoted widow and children they have our most heartfelt sympathy and may they look to their heavenly father for aid through these trying hours, realizing that He is able and willing to heal the broken-hearted who are in trouble. May they also turn to him with the belief that afflictions may seem severe that they are in mercy sent.

The following relatives, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webster, A. H. Walters, Costen and Gary, brothers, and Miss Laura, sister, survive him. May heaven's richest blessings be showered on them is the wish of a life-long friend. McR.

Jeff Turner of Pageland spent Sunday in town with friends.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

The subject was "fall Irish potatoes." A traveling man at the Southern Wholesale & Distributing Company was telling Mr. M. A. Stubbs of the sad experiences of some of his friends who had made failures with the fall Irish potato. "One of my friends," said the traveling man, "was encouraged by the glowing press accounts of the wonderful possibilities of the fall Irish potato and he planted a bushel. He cultivated them with care, and when harvest time came he gathered just exactly a bushel. Undaunted he ordered the next fall from a well known seed house a barrel of guaranteed potatoes. These he also planted and cultivated with care, at the same time bragging to his friends how well he was going to succeed with his fall crop of Irish potatoes. He was convinced that heretofore the fault had been with the seed. The plants looked healthy and there was every promise of an abundant crop of fresh fall tubers. When harvest time came he gathered exactly a barrel. No sir, the fall Irish potato in this section is a problem. Not one crop out of ten succeeds."

"That reminds me," remarked Mr. J. W. Edgerton, salesman at the Wholesale & Distributing Company, "of a story I heard some months ago, which although stranger than fiction, is said to be true. In one of the Florida truck growing counties lives a very aged man who has made trucking a life time business. He has been very successful and even the infirmities of age cannot keep him from giving close personal attention to the cultivating, gathering and marketing of his crops. His eye-sight is very bad, but from day to day as the crop grows, is gathered and packed ready for shipment he walks around among his hands and sees that everything is done according to Hoyle. One day while his Irish potatoes were being packed for shipment he went around peering into the different barrels to see that the potatoes had been properly graded and packed, and while thus engaged his eye-glasses fell off and lodged in a barrel of potatoes. The old fellow was so deeply engrossed in his work that he did not discover the loss of his glasses until some time later in the day. The potatoes went on to their destination.

The following winter was a very severe one and all the Irish potato seed were killed. The old man was forced to order new seed from a firm in the north. His seed potatoes came in and according to custom the old man went through each barrel to see that the seed were in proper condition. He opened a barrel, plunged his hand down into the tubers and there were his eye-glasses."

Big Damage Suit Filed.

There was filed in the clerk's office Monday a complaint in an action against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for damages to the amount of \$100,000. The plaintiff in the case is Mrs. Nettie Henslee, wife of Dr. S. C. Henslee, who was struck and seriously injured last fall by a fast freight at the Cleveland street crossing of the Coast Line. Mrs. Henslee was returning from the High School building in an automobile when she was struck by the train. Her injuries were of such a nature that she spent several months in a hospital, and at times her condition was such that little hope was entertained for her recovery. She is still suffering from the injuries she received. This is the largest suit ever filed in the county. The case is docketed for the fall term Court of Common Pleas.

BIG DAY JULY 4TH.

Dillon will celebrate next Monday, July 4th, with a baseball game in the forenoon and horse races in the afternoon. At 10:30 o'clock there will be a game at the race track between McColl and Dillon and the races will begin at 2 o'clock that afternoon. McColl's boy wonder, Thompson, will pitched for McColl. Thompson is a 16 year old boy, but he is one of the best pitchers the state has developed in many years. Beginning the season with a school boy team he made such a wonderful record that he was soon drafted to the men's league where he has made good. He has an offer from Philadelphia to sit on the bench for the remainder of the season, but will continue to play with the locals.

Among the entries for Monday afternoon's races is the great trotting mare Marguerite that trotted a mile on May 10th in 2:13 1/4, winning from Future Tramp. Future Tramp will be here also and some good sport is promised. There will be four races in all, two paces and two trots. Banks and business houses will close for the day.

Join the National Guards.

Enlistments are still open for the 2nd Co., C. A. G. S. C. N. G. Join this home company and let's make it the crack organization of the State, make it one that, not only we, but our town and community will be proud of having. It is not only a protection to our community but is a great asset in many ways.

For information get in touch with the recruiting officers at once. 2nd Lt. Chas. S. Stubbs, Recruiting Officers.

COUNTY NEWS.

Fork.

Mr. M. K. Fort of Spartanburg is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. L. J. Fort. Miss Louise Hayes of Kemper is the guest of Miss Emma Carmichael. Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and little daughter, Grace, of Rowland, N. C., and Mr. Albert McLellan of Hamer spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. L. J. Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers and little daughter, Margaret, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting Mrs. L. K. Bethea.

Mrs. Lee Jones and baby of Laurinburg, N. C., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Martin McQueen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fort have returned from their wedding trip to Asheville and other points in Western North Carolina. Messrs. C. E. Taylor and J. T. McQueen spent last Wednesday at Mt. Carmel, N. C. Miss Annie Dameron of Amherst, Va., is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Mary Rogers is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Foster Rogers of Marion.

Oak Grove

Good rains fell in this section last week breaking the long dry spell and the crops have since shown a marked improvement. Quite a number of girls and boys from this section are attending the encampment at Lake View this week. Curtis Brigman who has been working up north for the past several years came home recently for a short visit to relatives, after which he went to Charleston where he now has a position with the street railway company.

J. R. Smith and family have gone to Aynor to live. The third quarterly conference for the Brownsville circuit will be held at Mannings Chapel, Bingham, July the thirteenth.

Hayes-Thorn.

Kemper, June 22—A wedding of unusual interest was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the lovely country home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hayes, when their youngest daughter Olive became the bride of Mr. Joseph Burrell Thorn, Jr., of Bostic, N. C.

The ceremony took place in the parlor which was a scene of simple loveliness, being decorated for the occasion, using a color scheme of green and white. Roses, hydrangeas and ferns were very artistically arranged. At the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Louise Hayes, niece of the bride, the bridal party entered. First came Miss Bettie Hayes, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, dressed in white organdie, carrying a lovely bouquet of blue hydrangeas. Next came the little ring bearer, Little Emma Meggs, niece of the bride, dressed in white organdie carrying the ring in the heart of a rose.

Then came the bride, Miss Olive Hayes, with the groom Mr. Joseph Burrell Thorn, Jr. She wore a stylish coat suit of navy blue. French serge with grey accessories to match and wore a lovely corsage of bride's roses and ferns. She was never more beautiful than on her wedding day. The bride's pastor, Rev. W. H. Simpson performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and a few friends.

After the ceremony a reception was given. The guests were invited into the dining room where delicious ice cream and cake were served. Immediately after the reception the bride and groom motored to Dillon where they caught a northbound train. They will visit the groom's relatives and then spend several weeks in the mountains, after which they will be at home in Lake View, S. C., August 15.

Mrs. Thorn as Miss Hayes was one of Kemper's most attractive young ladies. She was a student of Coker College and for the past three years has been a teacher at her home. Mr. Thorn is a graduate of Wake Forest and for the past ten years has been a very successful teacher in various parts of North and South Carolina.

Their numerous friends wish them much happiness.

Floydale

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Way of Rome are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Floyd. Miss Lucile Mills of the Floyd Co. spent the week end at her home in Kingstree.

Miss Mamie Berry has returned home after a pleasant visit to her mother at Minturn. Miss Bettie Porter of Sumter is visiting Mrs. W. S. Floyd. Miss Laura Stafford of Latta spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Hodges and little son spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stackhouse. Little Jack, one of the twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reaves, is seriously sick in Florence hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Reaves are with him. Mrs. J. L. McLaurin and daughter Jean are visiting Mrs. A. B. McElyea at Maxton, N. C. Messrs. H. B. Floyd, Jr., and Alton

HOBO OF HEAVENS PROVES BASHFUL.

Pons-Winnecks' Discovery Now Believed to be Outward Bound Through Space.

Cambridge, Mass., June 27—Several weeks of intimacy with this solar system have had such an effect on the Pons-Winnecke comet that it has changed its itinerary and departed from its orbit, the Harvard observatory announced today.

The change in the comet's plans has been caused by planetary influences, and as a result the predicted meteoric showers are not now likely to fall, Solon I. Bailey, acting director of the observatory, asserted. "As far as we have learned no showers have yet occurred and it is unlikely that any will take place," Mr. Bailey said.

The comet he added, is now outward bound through space. The expected meteoric shower from the swish of the tail of the comet, Pons-Winnecke, predicted by astronomers for either last night or tonight, was not visible to the naked eye in Columbia last night, despite the eager watching of hundreds of amateur observers. The comet, which yesterday passed within 12,000,000 to 20,000,000 miles of the earth, was not expected to be seen without the aid of a fair telescope, being of approximately the fifth magnitude. The heavenly pyrotechnics are supposed to be caused by the swish of the comet's 2,000,000 mile tail which is now streaming toward the earth, pushed away from the sun as the comet has come within the range of the sun's influence, which causes the tail to flow away from the flaming nucleus on the side opposite the sun.

The comet was discovered by Jean Louis Pons, a French astronomer, in 1819, taking its name after its discoverer, who had the honor of first locating 37 of these "tramps of the solar system." In 1869 Winnecke, another astronomer, rediscovered the wanderer and immediately labeled it Winnecke's comet. Pons-Winnecke, as it is now known, is one of the most frequent visitors to the sun's balliwick in the universe, returning every 5.67 years. Encke's comet, also first discovered by Pons, is one of the best known "hairy stars," being especially remarkable for the fact of its frequent returns, requiring only 3.29 years to complete its orbit out into space and back again into the range of earth's telescopes.

Encke's has the shortest period among known periodic comets, but there are, at least four other of these celestial hoboes which are more frequent visitors to the sun. These are: Tempel II which covers its orbit in 5.28 years; Tempel-Swift, with a period of 5.51 years; Brorsen, which returns every 5.52 years and De Vico which has a period of 5.66, only one-hundredth of a year less than the period of Pons-Winnecke, which had not been affected by its close passage to the earth and other planets of the solar system, would have been due to return again in 1927. Thrown off its orbit, as astronomers think, it will now perhaps join the legions of lost comets that after gaining records for punctual returns have suddenly passed close to some planet to be thrown off their regular orbits leaving the solar system, bound for destinations unannounced. Jupiter, many times larger than the earth, has heretofore proved itself the particular comet siren in the sun's family and has lured many of the solar tramps to change their course and wander off into the unknown reaches of the universe.

Married on Wednesday.

Mr. William Ernest Campbell of Florence, S. C., and Miss Kathleen Bailey, of Latta, S. C., were married at the Methodist Parsonage at 10:30 A. M., June 29, 1921. Dr. Watson B. Duncan, performing the ceremony. The happy couple left in the afternoon for their bridal trip. Upon their return they will make their home in Florence. The best wishes of their many friends accompany the bride and groom.

Hayes of Marion spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Ruth Hodges of Brownsville spent several days at Myrtle Beach and stopped over for a few days with Misses Agnes and Kathleen Stackhouse.

Mrs. Emily Corabo of Latta is visiting Mrs. H. L. Calhoun. Miss Marietta Calhoun has returned home from a visit to Rowland, N. C.

Mr. Ralph Utley has returned from Florence hospital much improved. Mr. Murry Hayes visited friends in Mullins Saturday.

Rev. Paul K. Crosby is in Spartanburg attending the training school. Mr. and Mrs. Percy McDonald visited at the home of Mr. J. C. Calhoun Sunday evening.

Pee Dee river is quite a popular resort these hot days. Our section was visited by a fine and much needed rain Saturday evening.

Janet Stackhouse has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. K. B. Hodges.

ELEVEN FIND DEATH IN FLAMES

Mayfield, Ky., June 26—Eleven persons, representing two families, were burned to death at the home of Ernest Lawrence, near here last night. Tonight the authorities were investigating. They believe a maniac committed the crime.

The building was a log structure consisting of three rooms. Otis Drew, a brother-in-law of Lawrence, had gone with his family to spend the night at the Lawrence home. At midnight neighbors saw the house in flames. Not until daylight had the fire died down sufficiently to permit a search of the ruins.

Remains of the victims were burned beyond recognition. In the ashes were found charred skulls and torsos of 11 persons.

A coroner's inquest was started late today. Neighbors said they heard strange sounds coming from the lonely cabin last night.

"It sounded like women and children screaming," said one of the witnesses, "and then there were six or seven explosions like shotguns or pistol shots."

A small rifle, a shot gun, a pistol and an axe were found in the ruins of the front room. The bodies were found in the ruins of the two adjoining rooms. The authorities believe the victims were attacked by a maniac, or that some member of the family suddenly went insane and slew his relatives, set the house afire and ended his own life.

Neighbors said both families were of good terms and they had no enemies so far as any one knew. Mrs. Lottie Riley, mother of Mrs. Lawrence, was hysterical when she viewed the scene of the tragedy and attended the coroner's inquest. She was unable to give any explanation and could name no enemies.

Coroner's Inquest.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that it was unable to determine the cause of the holocaust. "We believe there was foul play but we do not know the cause," it read.

Sheriff McCain announced the investigation would be continued tomorrow. At 10 o'clock last night, according to witnesses, music was heard at the Lawrence home. It appeared to be coming from a violin and guitar. It was midnight, two hours later, when the shots were fired. A few minutes later the hillside were lighted by the house in flames.

The ruins indicated the doors of the house had been open when it burned. The weather was very warm. Sheriff McCain explained, in advancing the murder theory, that it would have been almost impossible for all of the eleven to be caught in a fire death trap. He intimated that he was working on information that might result in an arrest in a few hours.

The farm house was in an isolated section six miles north of Mayfield. It is a wild, mountainous country and would have been easy for a mad man to have attacked and slain the inmates, fired the house and escaped detection.

Dillon Boy Succeeds in Florida.

Mr. O. C. Bryant of Wagner, Fla., spent several days last week with his father, Mr. Jno. Bryant, who lives on the J. R. Regan place four miles east of Dillon. Mr. Bryant went to Florida about 20 years ago and this is the second trip he has made back to his native home. He said he had not forgotten Dillon and home folks, but he has been so busy getting a start in life that he has not had an opportunity to do much traveling since he left here. Mr. Bryant went to Florida with Mr. Regan to work on a turpentine farm, but when the turpentine industry began to decline he turned his attention to truck raising. The first venture Mr. Bryant made was to buy on credit five acres of land for which he paid \$100. He cleared the land and planted it in truck. His returns were profitable and he bought more land which he brought up to a high state of cultivation. As his holdings increased he began to buy orange groves and now he owns five groves which return him a good profit every year. Mr. Bryant is a very modest man and it was not easy to draw him out, but he has proposed wonderfully in his adopted home. He is a large planter of celery, asparagus, lettuce, beans, Irish potatoes and numerous other truck crops. He owns a number of irrigated land which always make acres of irrigated land which always make him a good crop and his net profits sometimes run as high as twenty (\$20,000) thousand a year. Mr. Bryant said it was no secret that any man who would go to Florida, work hard, save his money and look after his business closely could do the same.

K. of P. Meeting.

The rank of squire will be conferred on two candidates tonight and every Knight is cordially invited to be present. C. S. Herring, C. C.

Notice to Dillon Post No. 32, The American Legion.

Regular meeting of this Post will be in the Club Rooms at 8:30 P. M. Tuesday, July 5th. Every member is urged to be there. The doors of the Club Rooms will be closed at 8 P. M. to all members of the Club except the American Legion members. John C. Henagan, Jr., Post Commander Chas. S. Stubbs, Adjutant.

FORE-ARD

The Methodist church was the scene of a beautiful rainbow wedding at five-thirty on the evening of June the twenty-second when Miss Louise Fore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crum Fore, became the bride of Mr. Emerson Ard of Hemingway.

The church was attractively decorated about the pulpit and chancel with long leaf pine and rainbow ribbons. Graceful arches, rainbow colored, marked the end of each aisle and the middle of the chancel. White gates under the aisle arches remained closed until the bridal party entered.

Just before the appointed hour a musical program was rendered by Miss Mae Berry, soprano; Mrs. Henry Easterling, alto; Mrs. Burke Berry, Jr., violinist; and Mrs. Bill Summerlin, organist.

When the notes of the wedding march sounded, Misses Rebecca Kornblut and Margaret Rogers, in dainty little, dresses of yellow organdie marched down the aisles, unfastened the gates, and held them open for the bridal party to enter. First came the brides, Messrs. Grady Fore, Duncan McDuffie, Dan Bethea, and Hoyt Watson. The following maids wearing dresses to carry out the rainbow scheme and carrying baskets of shasta in daisies entered attended by the groomsmen: Miss Vivian McMillan and Mr. L. C. McLean; Miss Jennie Lee Dew and Mr. K. E. Croel; Miss Agnes Davis and Mr. Rogers; Miss Eva Allen and Mr. A. K. Cockfield; Miss Sara Lassiter and Mr. George Foxworth; Miss Verna Ard and Mr. Stephen Fore; Miss Ruby Bethea and Mr. Fairy Ard; Miss Mary Fore and Mr. Caesar Haselden. Mrs. Harriet Berry, grand aunt of the bride, carrying a beautiful bouquet of white astihmas acted as Dame, Little Lola Hodge and Richard Fore preceded the bride scattering daisy petals in her path. The bride wearing white charmeuse with pearl ornaments and carrying a shower bouquet of shasta daisies and shadow fern entered with the groom. Always attractive she was never more so than when wearing the maiden veil caught with orange blossoms. Beneath the chancel arch the couple stood to be pronounced man and wife, by Rev. J. H. Graves assisted by Rev. S. L. Watson.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party, relatives, and friends went to the bride's home where a reception was held. Mrs. H. A. Bethea and Mrs. H. A. Edwards met the guests while Mrs. J. J. Tolar and Mrs. Hoyt Watson introduced them to the bridal party. They then passed into the hall to be refreshed with punch dispensed by Misses Elizabeth Bailey and Pearl Proctor. Each guest registered in the bride's book presided over by Miss Annie Covington before being invited into the dining room by Mrs. Walter Pope and Mrs. E. L. Powell where, delicious cream and pound cake were served by Misses Anna Watson, Thelma Hayes, Katharine, Bethea, Elizabeth Dew, Mildred South and Evelyn Stafford. Misses Lola Coleman and Elizabeth Braddy planned on appropriate favors. Mrs. P. C. Henry presided over the gift room where many useful and beautiful presents attested the high esteem in which the couple is held.

During the reception the bride and groom departed to spend a few days at the beach before visiting the groom's relatives in Hemingway, S. C. The popular bride has a large number of friends and relatives, who regret that her marriage will take her away from Latta. Mr. Ard is a recent graduate of University of South Carolina. He has become a member of a prominent law firm in Kingstree, S. C., where he and his bride will make their home.

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 8:30 P. M. by the pastor. Morning Subject: "Parables by the Sea" No. 2—The Mixture of Good and Bad in the Church. Evening Subject: "Christian Citizenship." A patriotic service. Junior Epworth League at 4 P. M. Miss Sarah Hargrove, President. Prayer Service on Wednesday at 5 P. M. Public cordially invited to all services.

TO INVESTIGATE CREDIT FACILITIES OF SOUTH

Washington, June 27—President Harding has requested Secretaries Hoover and Mellon and Managing Director Meyer of the War Finance Corporation to investigate the credit facilities of the south available for carrying over present cotton stocks until they can be marketed in orderly manner, according to Mr. Hoover.

Washington, June 27—The American Legion.

Regular meeting of this Post will be in the Club Rooms at 8:30 P. M. Tuesday, July 5th. Every member is urged to be there. The doors of the Club Rooms will be closed at 8 P. M. to all members of the Club except the American Legion members. John C. Henagan, Jr., Post Commander Chas. S. Stubbs, Adjutant.