

## ENDOWMENT OF CONVERSE

To Establish a School of Practical Arts Keeping the Institution in Operation All Year Round.

Spartanburg. — Converse College trustees gave out definite announcement concerning the \$500,000 endowment campaign to be put on the middle of the month. Spartanburg will be asked to contribute \$200,000 of the amount and, an organization of local business men has been perfected for directing the drive.

It is the purpose of the school to establish a school of practical arts keeping the institution in operation the year around. Additional buildings will also be erected.

Lake City.—Mrs. Chalmers Truluck is seriously injured as a result of an automobile collision while she and her husband were returning to Olanta.

Washington (Special). — Mrs. Nathaniel B. Dial of South Carolina was among the new comers welcomed at the meeting of the informal Tuesday club which has grown out of a custom developed during the war by ladies of the senate of meeting once a week to knit warm woolen garments for soldiers and sailors.

Rock Hill.—Victoria mill village observed field day and the several hundred residents of the village enjoyed the numerous games. A holiday had been declared and everybody was on hand at the playgrounds for the various contests. The crowning event of the day was the organization of a branch Y. M. C. A.

Spartanburg. — The Spartanburg County Warehouse Company the concern growing out of the organization of the Spartanburg Cotton Association which purchased the warehouses built by the government at Camp Wadsworth announced that there were now stored in the warehouse more than 5,000 bales.

Gaffney.—The Gaffney Manufacturing Company is experimenting in the erection of two "ready, cut" bungalows on its property here and if they prove satisfactory it is probable that a number of similar houses will be erected here. These are the first buildings of the kind to be erected in Gaffney, and as a consequence are attracting much attention.

McCormick. — Samuel Baker of Greenwood, engaged as a contractor in the construction of the McCormick Memorial Baptist church, was found dead here, sitting on the seat of a motor truck with the eaves of a shelter he had constructed to keep the truck out of the weather under his chin his head thrown back and his neck broken.

Benettsville.—One of the most important land sales ever held in the state was in Marlboro county, October 28 when the estate lands of Lewis Hunter, situated seven miles from Benettsville in the Hebron section of Marlboro county, containing 96.56 acres, sold for \$51,236.88, an average of \$332.71 per acre. A part of this land 37.5 acres sold for \$752.50 an acre.

Anderson.—At a meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms of a committee from each church of the city, called by John E. White, Jr., secretary of the chamber of commerce, it was decided to celebrate the signing of the armistice by giving all of the boys who served in any capacity, at home or abroad, a dinner. The program has not been definitely decided upon, but Governor Cooper will be asked to come.

Chester.—The Catawba Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church held its regular fall meeting in this city last week. Catawba presbytery consists of the South Carolina counties formerly belonging to First presbytery, which latter body is now constituted is made up entirely of North Carolina churches. The division was made last spring and the meeting held in Chester was the first meeting of the new body.

Chester County Fair. — The Chester county fair opened with a record-breaking first day attendance.

The fair is complete in every particular and is by odds the greatest from every standpoint ever held here. The exhibits are exceptionally fine. The swine, cattle, poultry, agricultural, canning clubs, mercantile and other exhibits are exceedingly large and greatly impressed the crowds.

The horse show brought out some fine blooded animals and was of high order.

Land Suits Filed.

Charleston. — Three land suits, brought by North Charleston interests, against the United States government, were filed in the federal court, asking for compensation of over \$1,000,000 in settlement for several hundred acres of lands requisitioned by the war department for sites for the port terminals construction and for which the government appraisal board made an award which is declared by the plaintiffs to be far too low for the value of the property.

Senator Smith is Puzzled.

"I can not understand why the department of agriculture practically ignored the resolution demanding a report on abandoned acreage," says Senator Ellison D. Smith in a telegram to J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association.

Senator Smith also expresses amazement at the low price cotton seed are bringing. "There is something radically wrong somewhere," he says. "Cottonseed meal is higher the ever; cottonseed hulls, a fine filler for cattle, the world clamoring for foodstuffs and cotton seed lower than they were in 1917! All this in face of a disastrous shortage in supply."

Must Pay on All Premiums.

That insurance companies are liable to an assessment of 2 per cent on all premiums collected, regardless of their source, is in substance the opinion of S. M. Wolfe, attorney general.

The town clerk of Bennettsville has written the attorney general with regard to an interpretation of the act of the legislature of 1917 which has to do with the license fees on insurance premiums. The town clerk held that insurance companies were liable for the tax on all premiums collected by a company having an office in the municipality, while he says the insurance agent held that the license was to be paid only on premiums collected within the corporate limits of the town.

The attorney general holds that the act permits municipalities to collect the license tax upon the aggregate of premiums collected in a municipality, regardless of their source.

Paying the Fiddler.

"The combination of manipulators who sold a tremendous amount of cotton late last fall at 22 cents for October delivery in New York with prearranged plan and understanding of beating the market down to 12 1/2 and 15 cents have paid dearly for their efforts to prosper on the adversity of the farmer," says J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association. Interesting information regarding the working of the clique, of how it had planned to push the price down, etc., has been furnished the association, Mr. Wannamaker by some friends of the cotton producers in New York.

Prepare to Fight T. B.

The deadly menace of tuberculosis in South Carolina was strikingly pointed out at a conference of the workers in the approaching Christmas seal campaign. Representative men and women from practically every county in the state were present and they were told of the inroads which the disease is making in this state.

Miss Chauncey Blackburn, executive secretary of the South Carolina Tuberculosis association, told the conference that she estimated that there were now 200,000 cases of the disease in South Carolina. Other speakers declared it on the increase.

No Law Against Flogging.

That there is no law on the statute books of South Carolina prohibiting a teacher from inflicting corporal punishment on a disorderly school child is in substance the answer S. M. Wolfe, attorney general of the state, has made to a letter asking for information on the point. Of course if the teacher inflicts punishment which is wanton or malicious in its nature the law would hold him responsible.

Mail Carrier Appointments.

Proposals will be received at the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general, postoffice department, until 4:30 p. m. of January 13, 1920, for carrying the mails of the United States from July 1, 1920, to June 30, 1924, upon the star routes in the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Lists of routes and other information will be given upon application to the fourth assistant postmaster general.

Secretary to Stoll.

Washington (Special) — Congressman Stoll has appointed as his secretary D. T. Ellerbe of Marion, a son of the late Congressman Edwin F. Ellerbe of that place. Mr. Ellerbe has arrived in Washington and has begun the discharge of his official duties.

Hostess Houses to Close.

All Y. W. C. A. hostess houses at the various camps over the country with their equipment are being turned over to the government.

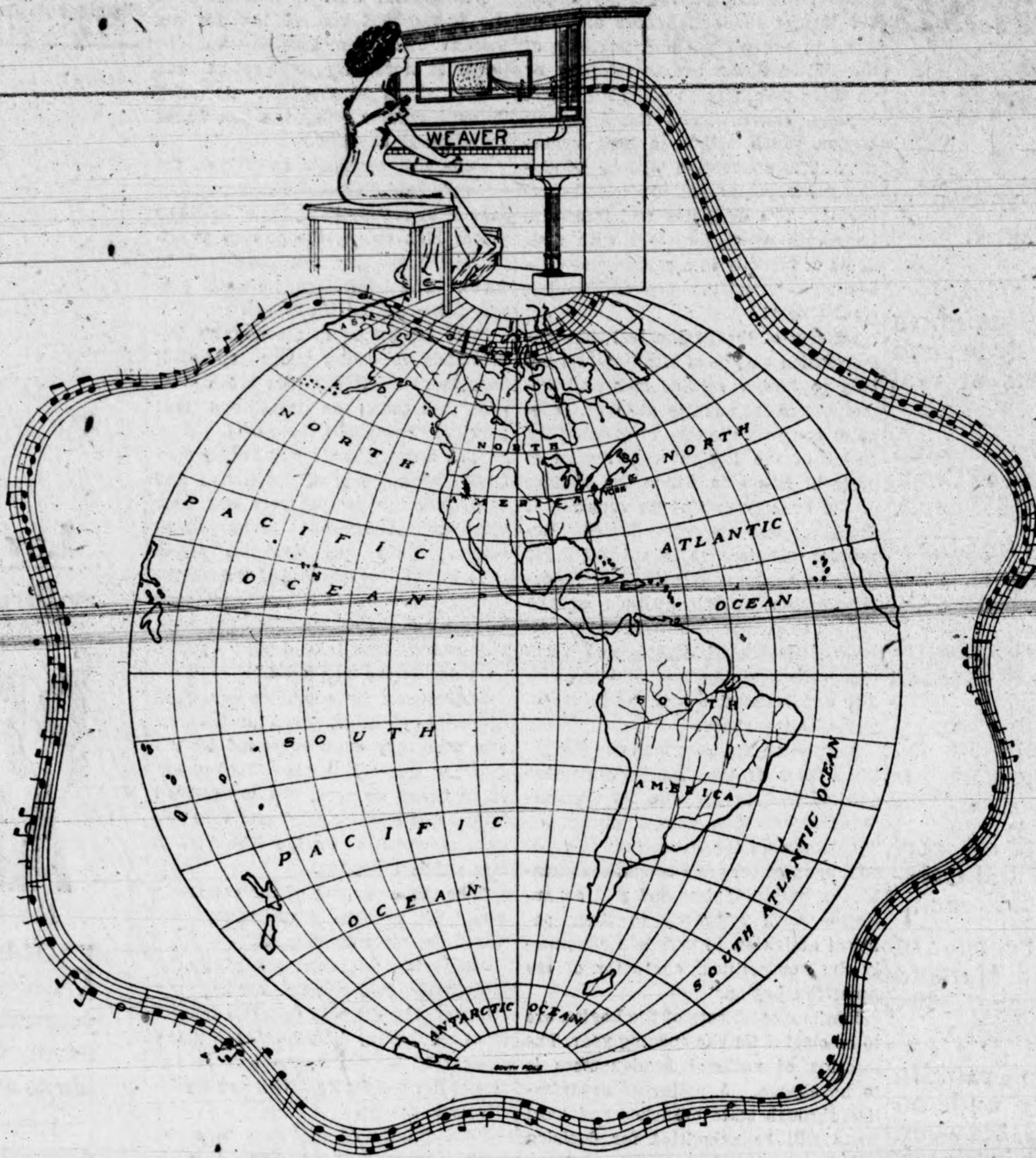
The two hostess houses at Camp Jackson have also been turned over to the government and one of them will be used as an officers' club, while the other will be used as a service club for enlisted men. Mrs. A. F. Coursen will have charge of these hostess houses and will be assisted by Miss Emma Falley.

Oxford Scholar Selected.

The Rhodes scholarship selection committee met in Columbia, gave a hearing to the candidates and recommended a man to fill the 1918 appointment which was not filled sooner because of the war. The successful contestant will be announced from national headquarters of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships in a few days.

Qualifying examinations have been abandoned. Now applicants appear before the committee and judged on Academic record, athletic record, leadership and force of character.

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