

## DOCTOR DOUGLAS PAYS TRIBUTE TO COL. SPRINGS

Lauds Work of South Carolinian for Presbyterian College. Presents Swimming Pool on His Behalf, and McSween Accepts.

Speaking here last Thursday morning, presenting on behalf of Col. Leroy Springs the handsome natatorium that has just been completed at Presbyterian college, Dr. D. M. Douglas paid high tribute to Colonel Springs and to what he has done for the institution. His combined gift of a gymnasium and swimming pool was characterized as the largest financial contribution to an educational institution ever made by a South Carolinian. President McSween accepted the gift in a few well chosen words and expressed his thanks on behalf of the student body, board of trustees, and the alumni. The dedication exercises were held in the college chapel and attended by a large number of students, alumni and local citizens.

Dr. Douglas' presentation address in full, follows:

"A very delightful duty has been imposed upon me, but I would feel far more natural standing in the place of a recipient than occupying the position of a benefactor. However, my obligations are so great, my esteem so high and my affection so deep for the benefactor, Col. Leroy Springs, that I feel honored to represent him in any position.

"When I was president of this college I received many words of praise and commendation which I constantly maintained I did not deserve. The praise was due a few outstanding friends, whose sympathy and liberality made possible the upbuilding of the college. Without their help I would have been left prostrate, unable to accomplish anything. One of the most liberal of these friends was Col. Leroy Springs whom I represent. I never forget my obligation to him and a few other friends who contributed largely to any success I may have attained.

"The Presbyterian college is now in possession of one of the most handsome and complete gymnasiums in the country, not one of the largest where it is necessary to take care of thousands of students, but one of the most beautiful and complete to care ade-

quately for the needs of 400 or 500 students. This plant represents a growth in the liberality of Colonel Springs.

"In 1916 or 1917 at the beginning of the financial up-turn after the great deflation following the opening of the war, I went to see Colonel Springs to beg assistance for the college. He first said he would give \$1,000 if I would raise \$100,000, but soon moved up from \$1,000 to \$10,000. A little later he increased his offer to \$25,000 and then doubled the amount, making it \$50,000. When I conceived the idea of turning his gift into a gymnasium I told him I thought we could get a good, modern gymnasium for \$70,000 and asked him to increase his gift to that amount. This he promised to do.

"We secured an architect who spent much time studying gymnasiums and consulting physical directors. Finally plans were completed and bids opened. We found the lowest bid to be \$93,000 and the highest \$127,000. I was horrified and at a loss to know what to do. The architect cut of \$10,000 or \$12,000 in his specifications and then with fear and trembling I notified Colonel Springs that after cutting out everything we thought possible and advisable the lowest bid was \$81,000 or \$82,000. He immediately wrote me to put everything back in the gymnasium that was necessary. He said while he was building it he wanted to do it right and would furnish all money necessary. He sent me checks for the gymnasium amounting to \$100,000.

"When Colonel Springs decided to give the gymnasium we all thought a good gymnasium could be built for \$100,000, including a swimming pool, which, of course, could have been done. However, when Colonel Springs said he wanted the gymnasium built right while we were at it, we found that it took the \$100,000 to carry out the plans and use the grade of material that would give the kind of gymnasium that would reflect credit upon the donor and he left us with the hopes

that he would contribute a swimming pool later, which he has now done.

"This natatorium, which we are dedicating today, has been built under the direction of Colonel Springs at a cost of approximately \$50,000, bringing the grand total for the completed gymnasium up to \$150,000. This is probably the largest contribution that has ever been made by a South Carolinian to one of our colleges. The pool and all inside work is laid in beautiful tile and is furnished with the most modern improvements in heating and filtration, housed in a building in perfect harmony with the gymnasium and sufficiently large to take care of both the sports and spectators.

"While Colonel Springs has devoted his time and energies largely in the fields of manufacturing, transportation and finance, he has also maintained a live interest in education. Practically the whole time of his long residence in Lancaster he was a member of the board of trustees of the town school and took a keen interest in the public education of both whites and Negroes. He has given scholarships and assisted in the college education of hundreds of boys and girls. While I was president of this college I think every year there was a student in college assisted through his liberality and what he has done is only a small part of what was in his heart to do if he had not been denied the opportunity and his plans thwarted.

"Presbyterian college now has equipment for the physical training of its students equal to any in the country. A magnificent gymnasium and natatorium lie hard by a beautiful football field surrounded by what is acknowledged to be the best running track in the South. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association has constantly held its meets here on account of the running track and splendid equipment. To complete the equipment we have the Bailey stadium sufficiently large to accommodate any crowd that may come to see the various contests. This was made possible through the liberality of one of your own citizens, W. J. Bailey.

"And now, Mr. President, in the name of Col. Leroy Springs I deliver this beautiful natatorium with all its modern equipment to the Presbyterian college, through you, its representative. The desire of Colonel Springs is that young men be trained well, physically, intellectually and morally, in order that they might become worthy citizens taking their part as good soldiers in the work of carrying on and building up the church and state. I do not believe there is any one in whose hands he could entrust his gifts with greater confidence than in yours, with the assurance that your endeavor will be to fulfill these desires. If you can train young men to have your sense of duty, outlook on life and faith in eternal things, and his fidelity to business, love of country and spirit of liberality, you will have fulfilled his desires and rendered a service to humanity."

### Farm Demonstration Notes

C. B. Cannon, County Agent

For the past three or four years poultry has been given quite a bit of interest throughout Laurens county, and it has been very profitable as a source of income, as a sideline. In 1926 the county agent did not ship any poultry from this county. In 1927, 3,855 pounds were shipped; in 1928, 25,856 pounds, and from January 17 to May 22, 1929 there was 48,859 pounds shipped, valued at \$12,090.45, bringing a net profit to the farmers over the local market of \$1,366.99. The quality of poultry has greatly improved, due to culling, selection, feeding, breeding, and housing.

There are a few farmers in the county who keep a monthly record on their poultry flock, and send to the county agent's office a copy of the record, which is also sent to Clemson college. These demonstration flocks are divided into three groups:

Namely: backyard, which is composed of from 5 to 50 birds; demonstration, 50 to 500 birds; and commercial demonstration, of 500 or more birds.

In this county there are demonstrators keeping records in each of the above named classes. In the November report from Clemson college, which summarizes all the flocks of the state, H. M. Turner, Cross Hill, received honorable mention in the farm flock, with M. B. Henderson, Owings, and Jones & Martin, Laurens, receiving honorable mention in the commercial flock.

Those completing their demonstrations for this year are as follows:

A. H. Moore, Laurens; H. M. Turner, Cross Hill; Mrs. W. E. McClintock, Ora; M. B. Henderson, Owings; Mrs. R. S. Gaskill, Clinton, and Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Laurens. The cash gain above feed cost per bird on these demonstrations ranged from \$1.89 to

\$4.14 per bird. The average number of birds kept for the year was 255, producing 142 eggs per bird with a total income of \$5.74 per bird. Feed reached an average of 90 pounds, at an average total cost of \$3.19, or an average gain above feed cost of \$2.56, or an average income for the year of \$652.80, above feed cost. This is the average of all the complete demonstrations.

I wish to mention the small flock of 18 birds owned by Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Laurens, producing an average of 158 eggs with a total income of \$5.50, a total cost for feed of \$2.20, with a cash gain per bird over feed cost of \$3.30. M. B. Henderson, Owings, has made wonderful record with his commercial flock of an average of 556 birds (white leghorn). He produced an average of 184 eggs per bird, with a total income of \$8.29 per bird. Feed amounted to 120 pounds average, at a cost of \$4.15 per bird, with a cash gain above feed cost of \$4.14 per bird.

Mrs. R. S. Gaskill, Clinton, has an average of 187 birds (white leghorn), producing 124 eggs per bird, with a total income of \$5.34. Feed amounted to 76 pounds per bird, costing \$2.60, or a cash gain above feed cost of \$2.74.

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shows that Mr. Henderson received the highest egg production per bird from his commercial flock during the month of October of any commercial flock in the state, being 11.8 eggs per bird.

The success of poultry with the above demonstrators is due to their care in handling their birds. The season that we are now having is very bad on poultry. The birds should be well housed, and fed a balanced ration of both mash and grain, with an abundance of green feed, if you expect your poultry to be a profit to you. The question of profit in poultry is a question of producing, or buying, feed at low cost.

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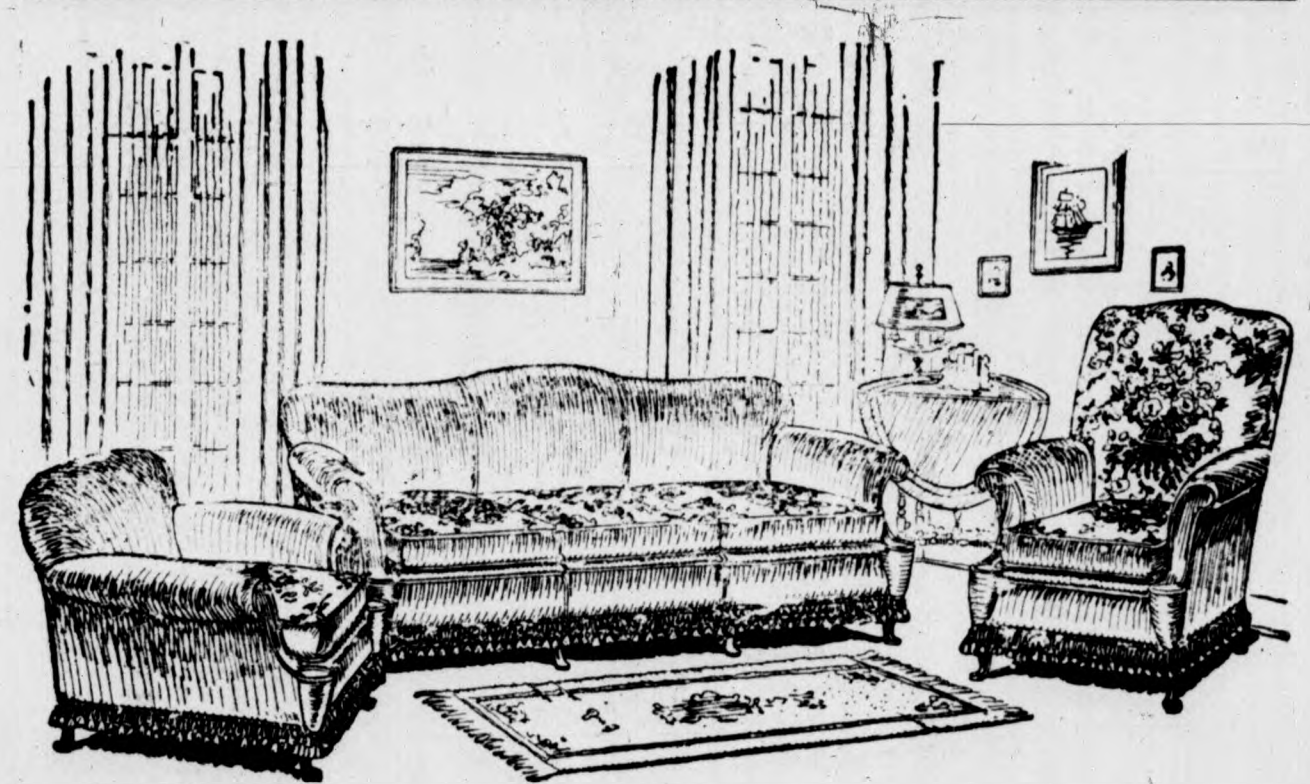
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