

Visitors in the Town And the Community

—Mrs. Aaron Rice spent Tuesday in Augusta.

—H. J. Brabham, of Columbia, was in the city yesterday.

—Miss Ray Bozard is visiting relatives in Orangeburg this week.

—Dr. W. C. Kirkland, of Latta, was in the city last week visiting relatives.

—Miss Thelma Bruce is at home from her school duties at North for the holidays.

—Mrs. Moselle Squier, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

—Weller Rothrock, of Aiken, spent the past week-end in the city with Col. W. C. Duncan.

—Ben Pearson, of Augusta, a former resident of Bamberg, spent several days here this week.

—W. J. Heflin, of Concord, N. C., spent a few days in the city this week, leaving yesterday for Birmingham.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. North, of Columbia, spent the week-end in the city with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mitchell.

—The graded school teachers residing out of town have gone to their respective homes for the holiday vacation.

—Mrs. Roy Smith and little son, Roy, Jr., left Tuesday for Edgefield county to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mrs. J. J. Jones and little daughter, Elizabeth, left Tuesday for St. Augustine, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays.

—Mrs. W. J. Heflin, of Concord, N. C., is spending the Christmas holidays in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Felder.

—Mrs. I. B. Felder and little son, Isaac, left Monday for Georgetown to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Felder's home folks.

—Mrs. George F. Hair left Sunday for Spartanburg to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Cudd. Dr. Hair will leave the later part of this week for Spartanburg.

—R. M. Brice, one of the barbers at Hooks's Barber-shop, went to the Orangeburg hospital last week for an operation for appendicitis. His friends will be glad to know that his condition is quite satisfactory.

EARLY VERSUS LATE PLANTING OF COTTON.

Clemson college, Dec. 20.—"We continue to advise planting cotton without delay in the spring, using early varieties, and pushing the crop to early maturity," says Prof. A. F. Conradi, Entomologist, in answering a number of farmers who, having observed that in some instances the weevil damage was worse in early-planted cotton this year than on late planted cotton, have asked us in regard to the advisability of planting later hereafter rather than early.

The fact that infestation in some instances was heavier on an early-planted field may be accounted for in two ways, as follows, Prof. Conradi continues:

1. The weevil rarely occurs uniformly over a given section, farm or field. The farmers will invariably find that some spots are more heavily infested than others, and this accounts for early cotton in some cases having been more heavily infested than late cotton.

2. In some sections, especially in the Piedmont section, cotton planting was greatly delayed on many fields, because of adverse weather conditions, but due to the mild winter and the very early spring, the weevil began to come out of winter-quarters very early. The result was that a large number of the overwintered weevils died before cotton began to square. A condition just like this may not occur again for many years and, even if it did, there is no evidence that it would be worth anything.

Comparatively few of the weevils that enter winter-quarters in the fall succeed in passing the winter and puncture the squares the next spring. Therefore cotton production amounts to a race between the cotton crop and the time when weevils become abundant; or, in other words, it amounts to an effort to get bolls formed and hardened before the weevils become very abundant. Any operation that delays planting and maturing is dangerous, because the squares and young bolls will be lost later in the season by the increasing number of weevils.

In short, there is no evidence at hand that anything is gained by late planting, but abundant evidence is at hand that there may be much to lose. We therefore advise planting without delay when conditions have become favorable, and we advise doing everything possible and practicable to keep the plants fruiting and to hasten maturity.

Renew your subscription today.

Santa Claus Letters.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a humpty dumpty set, and if you can't get this bring me something that would please a little boy seven years old Your little friend.
JOSEPH FREE.

Denmark, S. C., Dec. 15, 1922.
Dear Santa:
As the times are so hard and I won't ask for so much. Santa I want a pistol and a ball, some fire works some fruit, and a gun. My name is James. Your little boy.
JAMES SANDIFER.

Olar, S. C. R. 1.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy most three years old and I want you to bring me something that you think best, but don't forget to bring me a bank for I'm going to be a banker some day and I want to start saving my pennies now. Bring me lots of fruit and candy. Your wee little boy,
RICHARD KEARSE.

P. S. Pleast bring Rosa, our cook girl, something cause she's so good to us.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I'm so anxious for you to come I can hardly wait, please bring me a ball, a horn, a coon jigger and lots of fruit and fire works, and please don't forget to bring my little sisters some fruit and candy. Your friend,
EDWARD SELLERS.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 17, 1922.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a tennis racket, a pair of gloves, a doll with sleepy eyes and curly hair, a doll trunk, a lot of fruit and fire works. From one of your little friends
CORRIE LEE ENGLAND.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 19, 1922.
Dear Santa:
I will write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a bicycle, pair roller skates, a doll with curly hair and sleepy eyes, basket ball, fire works and fruits. I am not asking you for much as times are hard. From your little girl,
MARY BELL ENGLAND.
P. S. I hope you a merry Xmas.

Ehrhardt, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Santa:
I am one of the best looking boys in Ehrhardt and I want you to bring me a little money so I can buy the girls some candy, and don't forget the little girls of Ehrhardt, so please bring them a box of candy and a pair of silk hose. Your little boy,
JOHNNIE BIVINS.

Ehrhardt, S. C., Dec. 16, 1922.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to tell you what I want for Xmas, I want a pretty "Doll Baby" with curly hair, and a bag of marbles, fruit and candy, and don't forget my little teacher "Miss Puckett" and bring her something nice. Your little friend,
VIOLA PRIESTER.

Ehrhardt, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Uncle Santa:
I am a little boy just eighteen years old and I want you to bring me a toy pistol, baby rattle and a bottle with a nipple on it, I won't ask for very much this year as I know times are hard with you. From your little boy. FRANK CHASSEREAU.

Clear Pond, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Old Santa:
I am my mother's baby girl, and I want you to bring me a large doll baby and things to amuse it with, a poodle dog with ear bobs and a black cat with green eyes, as I expect to be an old maid. Your little girl.
ADRINE MORRIS.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a cute little boy doll with cross eyes like a cupie and curly hair and a go-cart to ride him in, a baby rattle, teething ring, fruit and some fire crackers. I am your little friend,
VANGIE BEARD.

Ehrhardt, S. C., Dec. 18, 1922.
Dear Santa:
Pleast bring me for Xmas a large doll baby that was teaching the C. P. school as I like her company very much. Thanking you for this. Yours truly,
EUGENE CARTER.

Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 19, 1922.
Dear Old Santa:
I am a good little boy and I want you to bring me a "choo choo" train, a little truck, ball, horn and some fruits. Don't forget my little sister. I will be at grandmother's so please don't forget to come up there.
CLAUDE HOLLIFIED, JR.

A recent amendment to the jury act of Alberta, Canada, allows women to sit in a case where a woman is concerned.

GRUESOME WORK OF MANIC.

North Carolina Husband Murders Wife and Mutilates Body.

The details of a murder near Asheville, N. C., so horrible that it is without a parallel in the criminal history of the state, are told by the Spartanburg Herald.

Reports that Richard Garrett, alleged murderer of his wife and two children, had made his escape from the Polk county jail at Columbus last night were branded as false by Chief of police Newman of Saluda county today. Chief Newman said Garrett was still in jail and that county officials report that Garrett had escaped by beating up the jailor was stated.

Story of Crime.
(Special to the Herald.)
Saluda, Dec. 6.—Richard Garrett, who on Friday night shot and killed his wife and a four year old child, is being held in the county jail at Columbus, the coroner's jury having returned a verdict that the two came to their death at his hands.

Living as he did in the fastness of the mountains back of here, the officers have encountered great difficulty in gathering all the facts of the killing. The only witness to the double murder were four small children of the family. According to statements made the officers by the oldest child, a girl of about nine or ten years old, the father and mother were sitting before the fire Friday night. The father became nervous and began pacing back and forth. Later he began arguing with the mother, and finally standing before her hit her in the mouth with his fist, knocking her on the floor, where she lay begging him to be quiet and listen to something she had to say to him. His frenzy seemed to get beyond his control and he ran to the shed and grabbed an axe. Rushing into the room where she lay he swung the axe, the blade digging deep into her face, splitting it practically in two. The crazed man flung the axe under the bed and rushed into the hall for his single barrel shot gun. This he loaded and emptied into the body of his dead wife six times. The children ran screaming from the house, but left behind the four-year-old daughter who was lying in bed. The father then turned the gun on the child, the load entering her mouth and coming out the back part of the head, which was torn off by the discharge. He then points the gun at the other children and snapped it but he had no more shells.

Built Giant Fire.
Leaving the four children in the yard the maniac returned to the room where the bodies of his wife and child lay. He built up a giant fire in the room, and with the frenzy of a cowd animal tore at the body of his wife. He tore off every shred of clothing from the bloody mass of flesh. After the fire had reached the height he wanted Garrett dragged the remains of his wife to the hearth, where he attempted to cremate it, but for some reason he did not accomplish this purpose, but dragged the body away from the flames after having badly burned it.

When the officers arrived on the scene, Garrett was on the roof of the house, holding a child in each arm, and from his motions it was evident that his intention was to hurl the children below at the approach of the officers, but one of them engaged him in a conversation, and asked him to come to the door for a few minutes, and talk with them. This seemed to soothe him, and Garrett crawled into the house, dragging the children with him. He was some time in coming to the door and officers stood ready with their guns in their hands. Garrett started to the door with a shot gun, but realized that it had no shell, so hid it behind the dresser, where it was found later. He knew all the officers and talked with them, stating that his wife was in the house and would be out in a few minutes.

Sight officers Encountered.
When the officers entered the house they met with a sight that nearly caused them to retreat hardy as they are, and used to the sight of crime. The naked body of the woman lay in the center of the floor, but difficult to identify it as the body of a human, as it was only a mass of flesh and blood. The face was almost entirely cut away. The small child lay in the bed sweltering in its blood, and with its face blown off. Garrett had evidently at some time during the night had an idea to clean up the room, as he had gathered the brains and scraps of flesh from the floor and placed them in a bucket.

The crime was discovered Saturday morning by a brother of Garrett's, who came to the house and asked if there was anything that Mrs. Garrett wished in Tyron, as he was going to that place to shop. Garrett replied, "No" but the oldest child began crying and wished that its mother would come back to her. The brother walked to the window and looked in, seeing the body lying on the floor. He

retreated without letting Garrett know that he had been seen. Just two days before the killing Garrett had had a fight with a brother and beat the brother almost unconscious, and had blackened his face beyond recognition.

Garrett had been in the insane asylum at Morganton for sometime, but about six weeks ago was released on an application from his family and wife. He appears to be the same now, with the exception of the contention that his wife is still alive and will come to him.

The officers report that they had difficulty in escaping with their prisoner, as a great many threats were made on his life, and they believe that if the neighbors had had time to gather, there would have been a fight to get Garrett to jail. However, everything seems quiet now, and they anticipate no trouble from that source.

What a Small Farmer Proved.
Two weeks ago there appeared in The State an exceedingly interesting and informing letter from David R. Coker of Hartsville, descriptive of his method in the use of a calcium arsenate and molasses mixture for poisoning the boll weevil—from which method Mr. Coker had obtained satisfactory results.

Due to the present prospect that it will be impossible to obtain sufficient poison to apply the calcium arsenate in dust form to more than a fifth of the acreage of the 1923 crop, and to the fact that application of the poison in liquid form is a great economy in the use of calcium arsenate, it is especially interesting to have from a small farmer who tried the molasses mixture a statement of his experience. Such a statement is contained in a letter from Mr. K. G. Yonce of Ridge Spring and his experiences are here outlined for the benefit of the readers of The State who are interested in cotton growing.

Mr. Yonce describes himself as "a small farmer" and one who does not believe what he hears and only about half of what he sees. In 1921, when farmers were grasping at almost any

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
For the convenience of those living in different sections of the county, the auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days and dates named for the purpose of taking returns of personal property. Real estate remains the same for 1923, unless parties have bought or sold land since the first of January, 1922.

Ehrhardt.—Tuesday, January 9th. St. Johns.—Wednesday, January 10, from 11 to 1 o'clock.
Kearse.—Wednesday, January 10, from 2 to 4 o'clock.
Olar.—Thursday, January 11. Govan.—Friday, January 12.
Denmark.—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17.
Lees.—Thursday, January 18.
Farrell's.—Friday, January 19, from 10 to 12 o'clock.
Camp Branch.—Friday, January 19, from 1 to 3 o'clock.

Snow storms cancel any date which will be provided later.

Each taxpayer will please come prepared to give township and school district his property is located in.

All returns sent in by mail should be written with ink and signed before a notary public.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 are subject to a poll tax of \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons between the ages of 21 and 55 are liable to the commutation road tax of \$2.00, except those living in incorporated towns.

The time for making returns is from January the first until the 20th of February. After the 20th of February a penalty of 50 per cent. will be added to all returns not made.

In order to facilitate matters it would be a good plan for each taxpayer to make a list of personal property and bring this when he comes to make his return.

W. D. ROWELL,
Auditor Bamberg County.

remedy proposed for the weevil, he "sat still, watching the others and let the weevil eat up" his cotton. In 1922 Mr. Yonce "got busy and by some means fell in love with the molasses method." When his cotton had five or six leaves the farmer found four or five weevils on some stalks. He sprayed with the calcium arsenate and molasses mixture before any forms appeared. Mr. Yonce sprayed four times before July 1. He had no punctured forms to pick up. On July 1 the most careful search did not reveal a weevil in his fields. At that time his supply of poison was exhausted and he couldn't get any more, "but," he says "the weevil did me very little damage."

But Mr. Yonce wanted to find out some things for himself. And he did. Wanting to see if the weevils would eat the molasses and if it would kill them, he followed fifteen minutes behind the sprayer, caught some weevils and took them to the house. In three hours all were dead. Again he went out, caught weevils ahead of the sprayer, put them on stalks that had been sprayed, placed them on the poison and watched them eat; then he took them to the house. Within three hours they were dead. But this Ridge Spring farmer has a head as well as hands, and he wanted knowledge, so for the third time he experimented. He caught three weevils on cotton that had not been sprayed and took them to a stalk having poison on it. He let one eat for one minute, another for a half minute and the third for 15 seconds. They all died and "there wasn't more than 30 minutes difference in the time of their death."

CITATION OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.
The State of South Carolina, County of Bamberg.
By J. J. Brabham, Jr., Judge of Probate.
Whereas, Mrs. Alma B. Barr made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of John W. Barr.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said John W. Barr deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Bamberg, S. C., on the 4th day of January next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 19th day of December Anno Domini 1922.
J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,
Judge of Probate.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

The above is scientific information obtained by "a small farmer" with brains in his head.

How did Mr. Yonce mix and apply the poison? "One and one-half pounds of calcium arsenate, five gallons of water, one gallon of black molasses." He set the machine to put about four drops to the stalk when the cotton was small; increasing the quantity when the cotton increased in size and foliage.

Mr. Yonce has heard it reported that the weevil will not eat the sweetened mixture when there are white blooms on the cotton. This theory was supported by his experience; he could not get them to eat the poison when they were in a white bloom. "But," he says, "the white blooms don't open till eight or nine o'clock in the morning; they turn pink and begin to close before night." He could find few weevils in these blooms late in the afternoon and then it is that they will eat the poison—until the white blooms open the next morning.

Each rural township in South Carolina would be better off if there were in it one "small farmer" of Mr. Yonce's intelligent inquiring mind.—The State.

NOTICE.
Notice is given that the officers at the court house will be closed for the Christmas holidays on the following days: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 25, 26, and 27, inclusive. All parties having business at the court house will take note and govern themselves accordingly.
COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS.

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you our appreciation of our Pleasant Business relations during the past year and to wish each of you most heartily Health and Prosperity for the coming year 1923.

Cordially yours,

MOSELEY'S

OF ORANGEBURG, S. C.

BIG CHRISTMAS SALE ON PATTERN HATS

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Everybody looks at a pretty hat. And everybody can be wearing a pretty stylish hat if they will just stop, look, and listen at the Hard Time prices now in effect at the INEZ HAT SHOPPE

A classy line of beautiful Pattern Hats still on hand, but they must be off hand by New Year's. We don't expect to make anything on them, and we can't carry them over; the price of every Pattern Hat in the shop has accordingly been

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