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## PICKENS LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. P. Carey went to Atlanta Friday where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Jennings is visiting her son Jesse in Hardeeville.

Mrs. W. C. Newton is visiting Miss Olivia Evatt in Greenville this week.

Mr. E. L. Henderson, prominent Central citizen, was a county seat visitor one day last week.

Dr. J. L. Aiken is enjoying a ten days' vacation at his home in Brevard, N. C.

Mr. James Clements, of Atlanta, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. G. R. Hendricks.

Mr. Leland Boggs and children, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting his sister, Mrs. Wayne Mauldin.

B. F. Hendricks is back on the job after spending several days with his Miss in Walnut, Mississippi.

Miss Ellen Nealey, a student at a business college in Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Nealey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alexander returned to Anderson Wednesday after a pleasant visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Alexander.

Mr. J. J. Chastain has returned after visiting in Atlanta. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. T. L. Frances, of that place, who will visit relatives here.

Dr. Richard Alexander and wife have returned to their home in Anderson after a pleasant visit to his parents, Senator and Mrs. F. E. Alexander, in Pickens.

County officers, magistrates and others entitled to a copy of the 1921 Acts of the Legislature may get same by calling at the clerk of court's office.

Mrs. B. B. LaBoon and baby and son Harry left a few days ago for Petersburg, Va., to visit her sister, Mrs. Olga Goodwin. They made the trip by auto.

Special attention is called to the new school law which is published in this paper this week. This law concerns practically every family in the county and is of considerable interest. Read it carefully.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulghum and three children returned to their home in Wilson, N. C., Tuesday after a two week's visit with relatives and friends here. They made the trip by auto.

A party consisting of Misses Sarah Mae, Ellen and Eva Freeman, Edna Willis, Frances Cox, Nannie Morris and Messrs. Oliver Bolt, Marvin Rogers, Roy Davis, Henry Sittin, Virgil Rogers and Mesdames Willis and Bolt as chaperones, are campers at Table Rock cove this week.

J. P. Carey, Jr., of Pickens, went to Danville, Va., one day last week to defend a Greenville man who was tried in the Virginia court charged with stealing an automobile. The jury in the case could not agree and the judge ordered a mistrial. The Danville papers gave a long account of the trial and spoke very highly of Mr. Carey's conduct of the case.

A most delightful party was given in honor of Miss Catherine Fulghum by Mrs. C. E. Robinson on last Monday afternoon. Thirty sweet little girls attended it and enjoyed the happy games played underneath the old scuppernong vine. Miss Margaret Lesene won first prize and Miss Bess Partridge won the booby prize in pinning on the elephant's tail. Fruit and ice cream constituted the refreshments.

Mr. Lonnie Jennings and Miss Jessie Lee Jennings, formerly of the Pickens postoffice force, left Sunday for Denver, Colorado, where they have accepted positions. These young people have many friends who regret to see them leave Pickens, but we wish them every success in their new home. Frank Jennings, a brother of Lonnie, lives in Denver, where he is employed by one of the big railway systems.

J. Walter Langston and family are spending several days in Jocassee.

Miss Alberta Young left Saturday for West Union, where she will have charge of the summer term of school.

A number of the ladies of the Baptist church attended the annual meeting of the W. M. U. at Cedar Rock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McFall and children have returned from a visit to Mrs. McFall's sisters, Mrs. Milholland and Mrs. Oliver, in Charlotte. They made the trip in their car and while away also visited relatives in Union county.

Messrs. Lee McFall and Frank Smith have opened a garage and automobile repair shop in the Carey garage building. Lee has only recently returned from Detroit, Mich., where he took a course in an automobile school and Frank has had several years' experience in garages around here. They are both young fellows and are anxious for the public to give them a chance to show what they can do.

### T. L. BENSON NOW MANAGER THE M. S. NIMMONS STORE.

The Anderson Daily Tribune says: T. L. Benson, of T. L. Benson & Co., with stores in Pickens and Simpsonville, has assumed management of the store of M. S. Nimmons Co. in this city, and will divide his time between the three establishments. Mr. Benson will do all the buying for the trio or stores, thus affording a decided advantage to them in the fact that better wholesale prices can be secured by the combined purchases. Mr. Benson will give his personal attention to each of the three stores, and has plans for the development of the Nimmons store that promise much for the already high grade of service furnished local buyers.

H. L. Dillard, who has long been associated with Mr. Benson, will be store manager of M. S. Nimmons Co., and under his guidance the establishment is sure to increase its usefulness to the buying community. Mr. Dillard is a veteran store man and will be able to effect improvements in the place here that will be found of great convenience to its patrons.

M. S. Nimmons is for the present enjoying a vacation, and will spend some time on his farm near here. He is taking advantage of an opportunity to escape these hot days in the store."

### ANNUAL HOUSE PARTY.

Mrs. Elvira Robinson and daughters are enjoying their annual house party at the home of Mrs. Grady Williams, near Easley. With Mrs. Robinson are her six daughters, as follows: Mrs. B. H. Williams, Mrs. C. J. Ellison, Mrs. W. S. Mauldin, Mrs. Mattie Bryant, Mrs. Josie Hunt and Mrs. Grady Williams.

### TENT MEETING.

Tent meeting began July 19 at Six Mile. H. H. Williams, of Kansas, is preaching. Don't fail to hear him. He has had thirty-six years of experience in this great work.

### G. C. Crenshaw.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father and we also wish to thank Dr. Cannon. Mrs. W. H. (Bill) Gilstrap and family.

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, E. L. Jones and B. L. Hendricks, in the ownership and management of the general merchandise business known as E. L. Jones & Hendricks, Easley R. F. D. 6, has been by mutual consent dissolved, by the said E. L. Jones purchasing the interest of the said B. L. Hendricks in the said business. All accounts will be received by E. L. Jones and he will pay all indebtedness of said firm.

This the 20th day of July, 1921. E. L. Jones. B. L. Hendricks.

FOR SALE—At this office. Tresspass Notices, printed on cloth.

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUE TO BE VOTED ON TOMORROW--FRIDAY

### The Sentinel Publishes Communications Below For and Against the Bond Issue

#### BOND ELECTION TOMORROW.

The election to decide whether Pickens school district shall issue \$10,000 worth of bonds for school improvements will be held Friday, July 22. Balloting will take place at the court house. This is one of the most important matters local people have been called upon to decide and a full vote is expected.

#### TO THE PATRONS OF PICKENS SCHOOL.

We are now face to face with a school problem at Pickens and something must be done if we are to keep abreast of the times and on a par with other schools of the county.

For twenty years our present school facilities have answered the purpose, but now with the increase in attendance from year to year we are compelled to enlarge our school building and have additional teachers if we are to do the most effective work, which under the present crowded conditions is impossible. With this in view a petition was presented to the qualified voters of the district, asking that an election be held on the 22nd of July (next Friday) to decide whether or not this district should vote \$10,000 in bonds to be used in enlarging our present school building and an additional 7 mills to be levied to enable us have three additional teachers and an additional grade (the 11th) be added.

Please note the information following:

Present bonds, \$6,000. Mills to retire, 5. Will be retired in two more years.

Seven mills will insure an eleventh grade.

Five mills additional will pay the interest and create a sinking fund to retire the \$10,000 bond issue.

\$10,000 will build four class rooms and an auditorium and also convert present auditorium into two class rooms.

We now receive from the state approximately \$3,400.

If an eleventh grade is added we will receive approximately \$4,400.

We would have a teaching force of ten whereas we only have seven.

Children completing the high school would be able to enter any college in the state.

Those that do not wish to attend college will have one year's additional high school work to their credit.

After two years our present bond issue will be retired and after one more year the 6 1-4 mill levy for North Carolina road will be stopped, and after that time our levy will be practically no higher than it is now.

During the past session of the school the trustees were compelled to call on the patrons for two months tuition at the rate of \$3.50 per pupil in order that the school run the full term. This same condition will exist again next session if something is not done in the meantime. If the Bonds should be voted and the additional levy added and you had as many as three children in school your additional taxes would not be more than one-half what you will be called upon to pay in tuition another year, to say nothing of the benefit to the child on account of more room and less pupils to the teacher, etc.

We bring these facts to your attention feeling sure that after due consideration that you will vote yes in the election NEXT FRIDAY, THE 22nd. The trustees have no "axe to grind" in the matter. We want a good school and we are here to serve the patrons to the best of our ability. On the other hand if you are content to let the school drag along and be deprived of the additional state aid and tolerate the present unsatisfactory conditions existing and vote down the bonds then it will be our desire to carry out your wishes and do the best we can. In either case it is entirely up to you. Remember, however, that we cannot have improvements in schools or anything else without it costing something.

Yours very truly,

Board of Trustees.

#### WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT.

Have you hunted through your brain for some decent looking excuse for voting against the school levy? Can you afford to vote against progress? Are you going to do less for your children than other towns are doing?

We need an eleventh grade. We cannot put on this grade without putting additional teachers in grammar grades. The top cannot be heavier than the foundation. When we put in more teachers where are we going to teach? Is it better to arrange some temporary makeshift which is inconvenient or build the permanent house which is needed. Poor light and ventilation and poor construction, so that children in one room can hear those in other rooms reciting will be the result of any cheap temporary arrangement. Then sooner or later the permanent building will have to be built and the money put into the makeshift will be wasted.

Last year the state high school inspector threatened to cut out our state aid entirely on account of our grammar school not having enough teachers. We are in danger of losing all our state money for the coming year unless we put in more grammar grade teachers.

I have taught where grades were scattered around in different buildings in the town, and I have taught in poorly arranged buildings, etc., and I can tell from experience how much this injures the efficiency of a school.

I believe that the people of Pickens are interested in their school and will come to the rescue. I say, come to the rescue because conditions are such that we will have to do something to hold our own.

W. F. Hagan.

#### TO THE PEOPLE OF PICKENS.

We oppose the issuing of \$10,000 in bonds and voting the extra 7 mills with which to pay teachers in the school at Pickens and resigned as trustees rather than order the election, for the following reasons:

First: The people are already burdened with taxes. It was with great difficulty that many of them paid their taxes last year, and we did not want to add to their burdens until some of the present taxes were gotten off.

Last year the people of the town of Pickens paid 82 mills taxes. That is \$8.20 on each \$100 of taxable property. If the bonds are voted on us and the 7 mills to pay teachers it will increase the mills to 94 for this year, or \$9.40 on each \$100 of taxable property.

In addition to this we already have water works bonds on us and we understand that it will be necessary to levy 2 or 3 more mills to pay the interest on these and to create a sinking fund for the principal.

Second: We do not think it necessary at this time to expend so large a sum either on the present building or to pay teachers. We have made a careful investigation and know the conditions and in our opinion adequate room can be provided to put on an eleventh grade and take care of all the other grades by converting the auditorium into class rooms or providing a small house outside of wood at small cost. This can be done with very little expense and will meet all needs until such time that the people can be relieved of some of their present burdens.

Third: It is not necessary to vote the extra 7 mills for teachers. Two or three more mills is all that will be necessary with the aid we get from the state to pay all teachers. It is true that at the last session of the school the patrons were asked to supplement so as to complete the term, and at that time we did not know that we would receive any further aid from the state for paying teachers, but during the latter part of June we received \$1,233.09 and we were asked to allow it to stay in the treasury to be used the coming year, and this money, or a large part

#### SUNSET ITEMS.

Republican Leader Tolbert Visits Pickens County—Other Items.

Mr. James Winchester, son of Elijah Winchester, is slowly improving, to the delight of his many friends.

Hon. James W. Tolbert was in this section on business one day last week, accompanied by Dr. Robert Kirksey. Come again, gentlemen. We were glad to see you.

Mrs. Daniel Winchester and her son, Ben T., attended the Smith reunion on July 8th, held at Mr. Thomas Smith's, over at Batesville, seven miles beyond Greenville. They report a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Winchester are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. (Whit) Garrett, at Norris.

Rev. H. F. Wright filled his regular appointment at Antioch last Saturday and Sunday, delivering some very forceful sermons, especially on Sunday. Prof. Seagle N. Bolding was present and sang a lesson before preaching and he had an appointment at Big Eastatoe church on Sunday evening. Prof. Bolding was accompanied by Rev. H. F. Wright and several good singers, as it was Rev. Wright's regular time to preach. So the time was given to the singers and the singing was just real fine and seemed to be enjoyed by all present. They made up Professor Bolding a ten day music school right then and there, to begin on July 12. Success to you, Professor. Come again.

Mr. J. W. and Miss Rosa Winchester have returned from the Sunday school convention at Greenville and report a great time.

Most everybody is about through laying by their crops and rain is very much needed. We will ring off.

Mountain Sprout.

#### BOLL WEEVIL IN PICKENS.

Pests Found in Several Pickens County Fields Last Week.

All doubt as to whether the cotton boll weevil would ever reach Pickens county has been dispelled with the finding of the pests in considerable quantities in different parts of the county within the past week or two. Near Pickens weevils have been found in the fields of J. M. Ward on Mayor C. L. Cureton's place and in the fields of Bob Waldrop. Reports say they have been found in other parts of the county. There is absolutely no doubt but that the insects found are the genuine boll weevils. Several from Mr. Cureton's farm are on exhibition at the Pickens Drug Co.

While the weevils have not appeared here in numbers to do any great amount of damage so far, it is stated by those in position to know that they will be here in full force within a year or two.

If any farmer notices his cotton squares falling off he may find out if the boll weevil is the cause of it by picking up several of the squares and placing them in a fruit jar. If weevils are in the squares they will come out in a day or two.

#### ALONG LIBERTY ROUTE ONE.

Mrs. Nancy Kelley is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Knight and four sons visited at the home of Mr. Noah Scott near Central one day last week.

Mrs. Maggie Bolding is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bagwell, near Slabtown.

Mr. Harry Knight is preparing for a trip to Atlanta.

Mr. Jim Brackins is very sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Wooten.

Johnny Scott spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Knight.

K. B. C.

#### SINGING AT CENTRAL.

The Central township singing convention will meet with the First Baptist church at Central the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody come.

C. L. McLean, Sec.

of it is in the treasury now to the credit of the school fund in this district.

T. L. Bivens. J. H. Bruce.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEES HAVE GOOD MEET

EIGHTY PER CENT SCHOOL TRUSTEES PRESENT

The trustee meeting held last Saturday at the county court house was probably the greatest success of any trustee meeting ever held in this county. Eighty per cent of the trustees of the county were present, and the interest that was manifest was more than pleasing to those that were most interested in the school work of the county.

The adult school work for the summer was discussed and a number of schools were planned. The talk by Miss Clayton, the county organizer, was most instructive. Supt. F. V. Clayton, as well as a number of the trustees, commented on the work. Much good is anticipated for this work during the summer. Senator Alexander and Representatives Leopard and Williams were among the speakers at the meeting.

Another question discussed was that of the compulsory school law. It was decided by the trustees to let it remain in the hands of the trustees and not put on an attendance officer. Much interest was taken in this discussion, and it is planned that the law will be strictly enforced for the coming year.

Supt. Clayton made a brief appeal to the trustees to be most careful in their work of correcting the poll list of their respective districts. The dog tax was also mentioned by him, he referring to the fact that only a few dogs in the county were returned.

It was a real get-together meeting. The most interesting part was that 80 per cent of the school districts were represented.

A spirit of co-operation was pledged by the school men present for the betterment of the school facilities of the county, and much good is expected to result from this meeting.

Governor Cooper and Senator Dial had been invited to address the meeting, but were unable to attend.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

According to the compulsory school law, every parent or person having charge of a child between the ages of seven and fourteen inclusive, must report same to the trustees of their school district on the last Friday in July, which date is the 29th. Failure of any person to do so will subject them to a fine of ten dollars or imprisonment on the chain gang for a period of ten days. Parents please take notice of this and do your duty. The trustees will be found at the different school houses in the different school districts.

F. V. Clayton, Supt of Education.

#### NOTICE.

All persons interested in the Enon cemetery are requested to meet at the church on Wednesday morning, July 27, at 9:00 o'clock for the purpose of cleaning off the grounds.

All persons interested in the Georges Creek cemetery are requested to meet at the church on Thursday before the fifth Sunday in July, which will be July 28, for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery. Eight o'clock is the hour.

#### LEE CHASTAIN KILLED.

Lee Chastain, of Pickens county, met a horrible death near Reidsville, N. C., last Monday morning when he was crushed to death beneath a stump puller. Mr. Chastain was engaged in road work and was pulling a huge stump when the cable broke and the machine fell on him. He lived only a short time. His body was brought to his home and interment took place in the Pickens cemetery Tuesday.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie T. Chastain of the Pickens Mill, and leaves a wife and two small children, besides a host of friends to mourn his untimely death. He was 28 years old.

#### BASEBALL.

The Easley Mill won her fourth straight game Saturday by defeating Judson Mill 6 to 1.

Liberty improved her chances for the pennant in the Piedmont Textile league by defeating Glenwood 8 to 1.