

Pickens County Teachers' Institute Was Great Success

Representing fifty-one of the fifty-two white schools of Pickens county, 189 teachers registered for the county teachers' institute which came to a close Saturday after a highly successful three-day session in Pickens.

The splendid record Pickens county made of going from last to first place in the matter of illiteracy within ten years, was one of the outstanding facts brought out at the institute and all present showed a keen determination to keep Pickens there. This county, according to the United States census of 1920, had an illiteracy percentage of only 10.7, being the lowest of any county in the Palmetto State, and F. V. Clayton, county superintendent of education, struck the keynote of the meeting when he stated that it was to further lower that percentage of illiteracy that the teachers of the county had been called together.

From an inspiration standpoint, as well as otherwise, it is believed that the institute will be of untold value to the educational system of the county. With the exception of the Clemson-Calhoun school, every white school in the county was represented.

The program for the opening day consisted of a discussion of history by Prof. T. E. Hubbell, of Furman University; primary reading by Miss Mimie McFeat, of Winthrop College; high school management by Prof. J. A. Stoddard, of the University of South Carolina, and intermediate reading by Miss McFeat. The film "The Keowee Trail," showing the pagan-green in which hundreds of Pickens county persons took part, was shown at the local theatre Wednesday and Thursday nights to large audiences. An informal reception was given the teachers at the Masonic Temple, delightful refreshments being served during the evening.

The program for Friday consisted of discussions by the following: Miss McFeat; Prof. H. C. Davis of the University of South Carolina; and Prof. M. D. Earle, of Furman University.

Prof. Davis in his discussion of English, stated that as good material as is to be found anywhere in the world existed here in Pickens county, and that by instilling a child craved to express itself. He emphasized the fact that while mathematics, history and other benefit of schooling might be forgotten with the passing of years that the ability to express oneself, both in speech and writing, remains with the child even after they reach manhood and womanhood. Saturday's program consisted of a talk by Dr. I. Schayer on public sanitation, and a lecture by Prof. H. T. Cox on science.

The visiting teachers were entertained in private homes and the people of Pickens, in the most hospitable manner, welcomed the visitors from all parts of the county.

The success attending the first teachers' institute indicates that it will be a permanent institution as the opinion was expressed by Mr. Clayton and others that it had passed the experimental stage. The schools of the county closed for two days in order that the teachers might attend the institute.

MONUMENT TO MR. GEER

Stockholders of the Easley Cotton Mills have erected a monument to the memory of the late John M. Geer, founder of the mills and first president and treasurer from 1900 to 1919 when he died. The monument is in front of the old Easley Mill and is twenty feet high. Mr. Geer was one of the most successful mill men and at the same time one of the best loved men this section has ever known.

DEATH OF GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. W. B. Allgood Died of Blood Poisoning Monday

Died at her home near Pickens, December 12, 1921, Mrs. Louisa Frances, beloved wife of Capt. W. B. Allgood. Several weeks ago Mrs. Allgood stuck a nail in her foot and blood poison set in and caused her death.

Mrs. Allgood was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Rogers. She was born in Spartanburg county April 11, 1847, and was in the seventy-fifth year of her life at the time of her death. Her parents moved to Pickens county when she was nine years old and she resided here until her death. She joined the Baptist church at Secoma when she was sixteen years old and through all the years until the Master called her home she adorned the doctrine of Christ her Saviour by a Christian walk and a Godly conversation.

On November 8, 1864, she was married to Mr. William Barnett Allgood and to this union twelve children were born as follows: Mrs. Mary A. Boggs, Thomas Oscar Allgood, Barnett Alexander Allgood, Richard Amos Allgood, William Miles Allgood, Hosea Foster Allgood, Eber Dean Allgood, Mrs. Bettie Alexander, Mrs. Addie L. Boggs, Claud C. Allgood, Joel Ernest Allgood, Frank C. Allgood. Of these children Richard Amos Allgood is dead; Hosea Foster Allgood is in Missouri; Eber Dean Allgood is in Texas, and the others live in Pickens county. Most all of the children were able to be with their mother and help nurse her during her last sickness. Mrs. Allgood is also survived by the following sisters: Mrs. Bittie Allgood of Liberty, Mrs. W. W. Ford and Mrs. Ellie Ellison of Easley, Mrs. Monroe King and Mrs. Hester of Georgia.

Funeral services were held at the home by Rev. J. C. Diggs, pastor of the Methodist church in Pickens, assisted by Rev. D. W. Hiott, who was Mrs. Allgood's pastor forty-four years ago, and Rev. E. P. Mitchell, present pastor at Secoma. Mr. Diggs visited her during her last illness and he bore beautiful testimony of her faith in Christ while she lay upon her dying bed. Truly, a good woman has left us, but our loss is her eternal gain. The body was carried to the church at Secoma and there in the city of the dead she was laid away to await the morning of the resurrection, when God shall bid her rise.

It was one of the most pathetic services I have ever witnessed. When the large concourse of people in the funeral procession left the home which had been her happy home for so many years "Uncle Bill," as the people affectionately called him, had to be left behind—not able to go—almost eighty-six years old—leaning on his staff waiting for the Master's call to come up and join his loved companion with whom he had lived for fifty-seven years.

It will be a glorious meeting if the entire family shall one day reach the Heavenly home.

When those shall meet again Who have loved, who have loved; And their embrace shall be sweet At the dear Redeemer's feet.

When they meet to part no more, Who have loved, who have loved.

D. W. Hiott

CHICKEN SUPPER AT BETHLEHEM.

On Thursday night, December 22, there will be a fruit and chicken supper at Bethlehem school house. The following dishes will be sold: Chicken pie; fried chicken, rice and gravy, cake and coffee, peanuts, candy, apples and oranges.

We will have a fish-pond and several cake-walks and peanut games, the winner in the games receiving a prize. Some excellent music will be furnished on the old time fiddles and banjos. The proceeds of the supper will go for the benefit of the school. Everybody come! Come hungry! and you'll certainly enjoy your supper. Thursday night, December 22, 7:00 o'clock.

A NEW VERSION

(Make not thy Father's house a house of merchandise.—St. Mark xi:16).

O Lord I come to thee in prayer once more;
But pardon if I do not kneel before
Thy gracious presence, for my knees are sore
With so much walking. In my chair instead
I'll sit at ease and humbly bow my head.
I've labored in thy vineyard, thou dost know;
I've sold ten tickets to the minstrel show;
I've called on fifteen strangers in our town,
Their contributions to our church put down;
I've baked a pot of beans for Thursday's spree,
An old time supper it is going to be;
I've dressed three dolls, too, for our annual fair,
And made a cake which we must raffle there.
Now, with thy boundless wisdom so sublime,
Thou knowest that these duties all take time;
I have no time to fight my spirit's foes,
I have no time to mend my husband's clothes;
My children roam the streets from morning till night,
I have no time to teach them to do right;
But thou, O Lord, considering all my cares,
Will count them righteous, also heed my prayers.
Bless the bean supper and the bazaar
And make people come from near and far.
Induce the visitors to patronize
The men who in our program advertise;
Because I've chased these merchants till they hid
Whene'er they saw me coming; yes they did.
Increase the contributions to our fair,
And bless the people who assemble there;
Bless thou the grab-bag and the gypsy tent,
The flower table and the cake that's sent;
May our whist club be to our service best,
The dancing party gayer than the rest;
And when thou hast bestowed these blessings, then
We pray that thou wilt bless our souls. Amen.

—Anonymous.

CENTRAL NEWS LETTER

Local and Personal Items From A Good Town

The Isaquena Mill is building several new houses to accommodate the people who want to work. They are running day and night.

Dr. L. G. Clayton and W. E. Hylle are out again after being shut in several days from injuries received in an auto wreck some days ago.

Mrs. L. A. Falls is visiting her mother at Macon Ga. during Christmas.

Mrs. F. B. Morgan, who has been in the hospital for several days is improving very much.

Mr. J. H. Balentine, who has been very low for several days is slightly improved at this writing. He is around 75 years of age, an old soldier and one of Pickens county's best citizens. His many friends hope him a speedy recovery.

Mayer, T. A. Robinson is making some needed improvements on the street near the Railroad crossing.

Mr. C. G. Rowland was in Greenville last week on business.

W. I. Miller did not sell his market and store to Mr. Reece, as was announced in the paper a short time ago.

Central is the best dog market in the county, some having sold them for as much as \$95.00.

J. W. Julian and R. T. Chapman destroyed a large still last Thursday and caught two men and 8 gallons of booze. The men caught were, C. M. Jellie and A. Mr. Bradwell. They went back to the mountains Friday and Saturday and cut up three other large stills and poured out several hundred gallons of beer and several bushels of meal. Somebody's Santa Clause is split.

CHURCH SERVICES AT HOLLY SPRINGS

Pastor Abercrombie requests all people of the Holly Springs community, especially members of the church, to be at the church Saturday afternoon at the two o'clock service and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. This will be the last service for Mr. Abercrombie as pastor at Holly Springs and he wishes to meet all the people again before he leaves.

Mr. Abercrombie has accepted a call back to his old field at Salem and will take up his work there January, though he will not move his family to Salem until spring. The Baptists of Salem are building a new church house, by the way.

Rev. Fulton Childress has been called as pastor at Holly Springs.

WORLD WAR VETERAN DEAD

Walter Edens Dies From Wounds Received While In Army.

Walter Edens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Edens of Oolenoy, died at their home Monday night as a result of wounds received in battle during the recent war. Funeral services were held at Oolenoy Wednesday.

Mr. Edens was severely wounded in the battle of the Hindenburg line and was also gassed. Since that time he has been steadily getting worse, though he has been at some of the best hospitals in the country in an effort to get relief.

He was a brave soldier, a splendid young man, and his parents have the sympathy of the entire county in their loss.

MRS. ELVIRA ROBINSON DEAD

Mrs. Elvira Robinson, aged 82 years, died Tuesday morning, December 13, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Williams, in the Cedar Rock section of Pickens county. She was stricken with paralysis about a week ago and this was the direct cause of her death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Hiott at Cross Roads church Wednesday morning and the body was laid to rest in the family burying ground near Duesville.

Mrs. Robinson is survived by the following children: John A. Robinson, Sam Robinson and Mrs. Columbus Ellison, of Easley; Mrs. B. H. Williams and Mrs. Grady Williams of Pickens county; Mrs. Mary Bryant and Mrs. Hunt, of Greenville, and Mrs. Sam Mauldin and Jim T. Robinson of Anderson county.

MRS. TUCKIE HOLCOMBE DEAD

News has been received by Mrs. Walter R. Stewart of Liberty that Mrs. F. E. (Tuckie) Holcombe died at the home of her youngest son, J. Henry Holcombe, 90 Avon avenue, Atlanta, Ga., on December 3. Mrs. Holcombe was a relative of the late John R. Holcombe, one of the first editors of The Pickens Sentinel. Before marriage she was Miss Tuckie Williams and was reared near Liberty. She was about 75 years of age and was loved by a host of friends. She was buried in Westview cemetery by the side of her husband's grave. Surviving are two sons, W. Earle and J. Henry Holcombe; one grandson, J. H. H. Jr., and one sister, Mrs. Amelia Blossom, in Texas.

All of her neighbors and a host of Pickens county friends will mourn her death. A Friend.

Maine Woman Suing for A Divorce From Easley Man

During the past week dispatches from Portland, Maine, have been appearing in newspapers throughout the country telling of the case in which Mrs. Riley Rhodes, a native of Maine, is suing for divorce from her husband, Riley Rhodes of Easley. The stories say that the woman ran away from her home when thirteen years of age and married Rhodes in Philadelphia. Mrs. Rhodes is painted in the dispatches as a perfect lily of the valley and about the most refined lady ever born, while Rhodes and his parents are painted as brutes. According to the Portland story Mrs. Rhodes was driven from the Rhodes home in Easley barefooted, ragged and hungry and she returned to her home in Maine and is suing for divorce.

There is no doubt some truth in the story, but it bears many of the earmarks of the favorite pastime of some alleged journalists of Yankeeedom—that of making mean and stirring remarks about things of the South. There is no doubt but the tale is overdrawn and exaggerated for this purpose.

Following is a story concerning the affair as told in Easley:

EASLEY.—Supporting in some details and in others widely differing from the story told in a Portland, Me., divorce court by the young wife of Riley Rhodes, formerly of this place, Easley persons who knew Rhodes, threw additional light on the story which has caused widespread interest in this state and New England.

That the young wife of Rhodes, who this week has been suing for an absolute divorce from her husband, at one time lived at Easley mill was a fact remembered by many of the residents of that part of the city. Rhodes is a native of North Carolina, but has spent the greater part of his life here, and virtually everyone at the Easley mill village knew him until he joined the navy, which was said to be 12 or 14 years ago.

Rhodes and his wife returned here, and at one time his wife remained here while her husband returned to his ship, it was stated. The parents of Rhodes had died previous to this, however, and the young wife made her home in the family of Al Dalton, a half-brother of Riley Rhodes.

According to Fred McGaha, a resident of the Easley mill village and an uncle of Rhodes, the young couple appeared to live in peace for a time at least. Mr. McGaha stated that the young wife was cordially welcomed into the Dalton home and by other relatives of her husband.

"I do not know a lot of things that have been said about the case," Mr. McGaha stated, "but I do know that Rhodes' wife was treated as if she were a visitor. She never assisted in the cooking, and I remember her stating that she had never seen a biscuit before coming South. As far as I know, her stay here was pleasant."

Mr. McGaha recalled the death in 1917 of Riley Rhodes' mother, Mr. McGaha said he carried the telegram to the office and dispatched it to Riley Rhodes, informing him of his mother's death. An answer was received the same night from Rhodes' wife, the young woman who is now attempting to obtain a divorce. While the burial was postponed for two days, Rhodes did not arrive before his mother was placed beneath the sod, it was stated.

Mr. McGaha stated that Rhodes arrived about a week afterward and said that his wife did not inform him of the telegram until seven days after his mother's death. "Riley said he was so provoked

that he dealt roughly with his wife on that occasion," Mr. McGaha said, "and for that reason he did not bring her home with him. However, as far as I know, there was never any trouble between husband and wife during the time of their residence in Easley."

While Mr. McGaha could not recall the exact time of the young wife's departure from here he did not believe that she had been forced from the Dalton home or that she had left hungry and bare-footed, as was claimed. Mr. Dalton and wife had treated her cordially at all times, as far as Mr. McGaha knew, and if any serious trouble between husband and wife had taken place it must have been in some other city, Mr. McGaha thought.

Rhodes is an enlisted man in the United States navy, and is now serving his third six-year term, it was stated by those who have known him for many years. He is said to be a first class water-tender and to be making a medium, if not large, salary.

Rhodes' parents died here a number of years ago while his only brother, as far as could be learned, removed to Ware Shoals. Al Dalton, half-brother, resides at Walthalla. He has not been in Easley for about two years, it was said, while it was previous to that time that he and his wife were here.

LUSK-MARTIN

Miss Joe Annie Lusk and Mr. Babney Gaines Martin were happily married at the Pickens Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. C. Diggs on December 1, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple motored to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lusk, where a wedding feast was awaiting them.

The bride is a very attractive young lady, a graduate of the Greenville high school and very popular. At the time of her marriage she was the accommodating and efficient central telephone operator at Pickens. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Martin and a splendid young man of bright promise.

The happy couple have gone to Asheville, where they will make their home.

WILLIS-GRANT

Married at the parsonage of the Pickens circuit, December 10, Mr. Chris C. Grant and Mrs. Mattie Willis, Rev. D. P. Hudson officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. B. C. Holcombe of near Easley. Mr. Grant is a son of Mrs. L. E. Grant of the Crow Creek section. He has been a valued employee of the county for many years and is known in all sections of Pickens. They have the best wishes of hosts of friends.

CANTRELL-THOMAS

Miss Ida Cantrell and Mr. Rhett Thomas were married by Rev. D. P. Hudson at the Pickens circuit parsonage last Sunday afternoon in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cantrell of the Eastatae section and the groom is a son of Mrs. John W. Thomas of Sumter. They have the best wishes of many friends for a long, happy and useful life.

ROBERTS-HUDSON

Married, November 13, at the Pickens Methodist circuit by Rev. D. P. Hudson, Miss Carmen Roberts to Mr. Julius R. Hudson, both of Twelve Mile section. We wish them a long and happy life together.

GLENWOOD CHILDREN HAVE NINE GRANDPARENTS.

Little Dora and Roy Bruce Bagwell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bagwell of Glenwood Mill village, have nine grandparents, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bagwell and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Duncann, of Pickens; Mrs. Lesley at Easley, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncann at Walthalla, all well and hearty. Can anybody beat this record?