

## SCHOOL CONTESTS DRAW LARGE CROWD

### Boys and Girls in Annual Contests

### KEEN RIVALRY IS DISPLAYED

Kenneth Sumerel, of Hickory Tavern, Wins First Place in Boys' Declamation Contest and Miriam White, of Cross Hill, Lead the Girls.

With more than usual interest displayed this year and a varied program being carried out, the annual county high school declamation, recitation and athletic contests, held here Friday afternoon and evening were said by many to have been more successful than any held before. In the declamation and recitation contests held in the Court House, 14 contestants were entered from eight schools in the county, while in the athletic contests held in the afternoon, more than twenty-five boys participated in the events from four schools.

The John R. Minter medal, a prize offered annually to the winner of first place in the boys declamation contest, was won by Kenneth Sumerel, of the Hickory Tavern school, who declaimed, "South Carolina's Contribution to American Independence." In the girls contest, a medal awarded by the Laurens County Teachers Association, was won by Miriam White, of Cross Hill, whose recitation was "The Sign of the Cross." Honorable mention was made of Pauline Price, an eleven year old girl of the Thornwell Orphanage, and of Frances Witherspoon, Clinton. Boys receiving honorable mention were Thomas Wofford, of Laurens, and Lee Crocker, of Clinton.

Honors in the athletic contests, in which keen rivalry was displayed by all the schools entered from the beginning until the last event was over, was won by the Clinton school, which earned 25 points. Second place went to the Thornwell Orphanage with 21 points. The Laurens schools received 22 points and Gray Court-Owings 19 points. The highest individual score was earned by a Gray Court-Owings boy, Rogers, who received 16 points. Barksdale of Laurens was second with 14 points. Dunlap of Thornwell Orphanage and Ferguson of Clinton were tied for third place, each earning 8 points.

#### Results By Events

100 yard dash—  
First, Barksdale, Laurens, 11 seconds  
Second, Dugan, Thornwell, 11 2-5 seconds.

Third, Rogers, Gray Court-Owings.  
Running High Jump—  
Timmons, Clinton, 5 feet.  
Barksdale, Laurens, 4 ft. 11 inches.  
Chappell, Thornwell, 4 ft. 10 inches.

Half Mile Run—  
Dunlap, Thornwell, 2 min., 30 sec.  
Daniel, Thornwell, 2 min. 33 sec.  
Steer, Clinton.

Discus Throw—  
Ferguson, Clinton, 116 ft.  
Thomas, Laurens, 108 ft. 5 in.  
Timmons, Clinton, 105 ft. 2 in.

220 Yard Dash—  
Rogers, Gray Court-Owings, 24 2-5 seconds.  
Tidwell, Laurens, 25 seconds.  
Rhame, Clinton.

Pole Vault—  
Barksdale, Laurens, 9 ft. 5 in.  
Thompson, Laurens, 9 ft. 2 in.  
Davis, Thornwell, 9 ft. 2 in.

120 Yard Hurdles—  
Blakely, Clinton, 17 1-2 sec.  
Rhame, Clinton, 17 1-5 sec.  
Barksdale, Laurens, 18 sec.

Running Broad Jump—  
Rogers, Gray Court-Owings, 18 ft. 1 in.  
Hopkins, Gray Court-Owings, 18 ft.

Stamps Thornwell, 17 ft 4 in.  
440 Yard Run—  
Rogers, Gray Court-Owings, 60 sec.  
Dunlap, Thornwell, 62 3-5 sec.  
Daniel, Thornwell.

Shot Put—  
Martin, Thornwell, 35 ft. 18 in.  
Ferguson, Clinton, 33 ft. 10 in.  
Steer, Clinton, 33 ft. 1 in.

Contestants in the girls recitation contest in the order in which they spoke are:

1. Elizabeth Stoddard, Gray Court-Owings, recitation entitled, "Mother Love".
2. Frances Knight, Laurens. Recitation vocation. A round table follows.

## CITY ELECTION HELD YESTERDAY

M. L. Smith, L. G. Balle and W. R. McCuen Elected Public Works Commissioners. Large Vote Is Cast.

Polling almost as large a vote as that cast in the primaries held several weeks ago, the city general election held yesterday evinced considerable interest. In addition to the election of mayor and aldermen, three commissioners of public works who will have charge of the city's waterworks and lighting plants were voted for. The three commissioners elected were: M. L. Smith, L. G. Balle and W. R. McCuen.

The newly elected city administration is as follows: Mayor, Dr. W. H. Dial; Alderman, Ward 1, E. D. Eastery; Ward 2, D. R. Simpson; Ward 3, J. McD. Moore; Ward 4, J. F. Montgomery; Ward 5, H. Douglas Gray; Ward 6, Albert Dial.

In the absence from the city of City Attorney Todd, the date of the inauguration of the city's new officials has not been determined, but it is generally expected that it will be next Saturday, April 15.

The vote cast yesterday for public works commissioners is as follows: M. L. Smith 322, L. G. Balle 321, W. R. McCuen 249, S. G. McDaniel 118.

## NEW ARRANGEMENT MADE FOR ROADS

State Highway Commission to Supervise Road Building in County Under New Plans.

An arrangement for the maintenance of the top-soil roads in Laurens county was perfected yesterday at a meeting of Supervisor J. D. W. Watts with the State Highway Commission which was held in Columbia.

The supervision of work on the top-soil highways will now be with the State Highway Commission who have appointed George Anderson, of Waterloo, and Artemus Long, of Mountville, to take care of the maintenance of the county highways. Both men will work under the direction of Division Engineer Sloane.

Supervisor Watts stated yesterday that since the County Highway Commission was dissolved, his office has been in charge of the roads in the county. Under the new arrangement, all work will be done under the direction of the state body. Recommendation for the appointment of Anderson and Long was made by Supervisor Watts.

## tion entitled, "College Oil Cans".

1. Roy Lyons, Green Pond. "The Paths of History."
2. Thomas Wofford, Laurens. "Spartacus to the Gladiators."
3. Jerome Gray, Gray Court-Owings. "National Permanency."
4. Kenneth Sumerel, Hickory Tavern. "South Carolina's Contribution to American Independence."
5. Charles Wilson, Thornwell Orphanage. "Pres. Wilson's Flag Day Address."
6. Lee Crocker, Clinton. "Smashing Two Lines at One Blow."
7. W. B. Alston, Cross Hill. "America Where."

The judges in the girls contest were Mrs. W. L. Gray, of Laurens; Mrs. A. B. Martin, of Clinton, and Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, of Laurens. Those in the boys contest were Rev. Graves L. Knight and Phil D. Huff of Laurens, and Mr. R. W. Wade of Clinton.

A thousand people, it is estimated, filled the Court House to hear the speaking contests. As a prelude to the program and to entertain the audience during the intermission between the girls and boys contests, several selections were played by the Watts Mills Band, each of which was followed by requests for encores.

A coincidence in the subjects of two boys in the declamation contest was that one of the boys, Kenneth Sumerel, established the "Mason-Dixon line" while another, Lee Crocker, broke the imaginary line with his subject.

## BANKERS ENDORSE MARKETING PLAN

Tell Farmers That Membership in South Carolina Cotton Co-Operative Association No Bar to Financial Aid.

That bankers of Laurens county endorse the cotton co-operative marketing contract is evidenced by the statement issued below by bankers of Laurens county. The statement, circulated by Mr. L. G. Balle, was signed by all the bankers he was able to reach. Mr. Balle said that he was quite sure that other bankers of the county would have signed if they had been approached.

The following is the statement: "Believing that the co-operative marketing of cotton will result in a stabilization of the South's greatest product, the undersigned banks heartily endorse the campaign of the S. C. Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association and commend it to the farmers of Laurens county and of the state.

Under the co-operative marketing plan the farmers will sell intelligently and collectively in large quantities through expert selling agents, with proper grading and proper financing.

The undersigned banks hereby assure their customers that membership in the Association will not influence us against extending usual loans for agricultural purposes. On the other hand we will more readily extend credits where customers are members of the Association.

We do not wish it understood, however, that mere membership in the Association will guarantee a loan from our bank. Our only desire is to let it be known that we will place no obstacles in the way of a complete organization of the county and that we endorse the plan.

Enterprise National Bank.  
Farmers National Bank.  
Palmetto Bank.  
Laurens National Bank.  
Peoples Loan & Ex. Bank.  
Bank of Gray Court.

## TIMMONS AND WILLARD TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

Are Removed for Safe Keeping. Case Will Be Appealed.

Luther Timmons and Monroe Willard, who have been in the county jail since the sentence of 10 years was passed on each by Judge Wilson at the last term of criminal court, were taken to the state penitentiary in Columbia Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff S. C. Reid. Timmons and Willard were removed to the penitentiary on account of the dilapidated condition of the county jail.

W. B. Knight, leading counsel for Timmons and Willard, said yesterday that the appeal to the supreme court will be perfected this week.

## S. S. FARRAR BURIED AT MOUNTVILLE THURSDAY

Tragic Death of Mountville Citizen Shocks Friends Throughout County. S. S. Farrar, Mountville citizen, who according to the coroner's verdict, came to his death by a self inflicted wound early last Wednesday, was buried last Thursday afternoon in the Mountville cemetery after services were conducted in the Mountville church by Rev. Ratchford, of Cross Hill.

Mr. Farrar and his family moved to this county from Union about 15 years ago, later buying a part of the Teague place, where he has been considered a successful farmer, running about four plows. News of his tragic death because of financial troubles came as a distinct shock to his many friends throughout the county. Surviving Mr. Farrar is his wife, his son, J. C., and a daughter, Miss Judith. He was 63 years old.

## MRS. ANNA D. MILLER

Mother of Mrs. J. G. Sullivan Died Last Saturday Night. Burial in Hendersonville.

Mrs. Anna D. Miller, widow of the late D. L. Miller of Greenville and Hendersonville, died last Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Sullivan, on South Harper street. Death came after an illness of several days duration.

The body, accompanied by a large number of friends and neighbors of the family, was taken to Hendersonville for burial. The journey from Laurens was made by automobile.

Mrs. Miller was a most estimable woman and had a large number of friends here who mourn her death. She was a sister of Col. M. I. Donaldson, of Greenville, and Dr. C. N. Donaldson, of Atlanta, all of whom were natives of Greenville county. Surviving her are two sons, Walter N. Miller, of Greenville, and T. L. Miller, of Washington, D. C., and three daughters, Mrs. J. G. Sullivan of this city, Mrs. W. H. Clawning and Miss Janet Miller, of Greenville.

## Singing Meeting.

There will be an all day singing at Brewerton Pentecostal Holiness church the third Sunday in April. The public is invited.

W. L. McDonald.

## RILEY HAMMOND, MERCHANT, SLAIN BY TOM DUNCAN

Homicide Occurred Thursday at the Home of Tom Duncan Near Madden Station.

Riley Hammond, a merchant of the Laurens Cotton Mill village, was shot and killed Thursday morning shortly after 8 o'clock by Tom P. Duncan, a young farmer living about six miles from Laurens near Madden station. Three shots were fired by Duncan from a single barrel shot gun, two of them taking effect. Hammond lived about an hour after being shot and so far as is known made no statement. Duncan, when seen at the county jail after the shooting, said that he killed Hammond in defense of his home.

The shooting took place in the yard of Duncan's home and was witnessed by Lucius Burns, a Laurens transfer driver, who was sent to the Duncan home by Hammond earlier that morning with instructions to carry Mrs. Duncan to the home of a relative. Rural Policeman Andy Boyd was on the scene shortly after the shooting and brought Duncan to the county jail from which he was released Friday afternoon on bond of \$1,500.

At the inquest held by Coroner R. R. Owings Friday afternoon Lucius Burns, the only witness placed on the stand, testified as follows: State of South Carolina, Laurens County.

Lucius Burns being duly sworn, says:

On the 6th of April, 1922, I drove up in yard, Mr. Hammond was in yard and said cut off motor, lady will be ready in a minute; Hammond walked back into yard about 25 feet from house. About two and one-half or three minutes until the first shot. I did not see it, I was not looking toward house. I stepped behind barn after first shot; heard second shot fired then. Mr. Hammond called me and asked me to carry him to town, that he was shot, so I walked out from behind barn and told him that I would carry him to town, but was afraid to come out in front of all those shots. Then I saw Mr. Hammond walk about 5 feet around my car; then I saw third shot fired, Mr. Hammond fell to ground. He never did make any statement to me; then I went for Mr. Boyd. He was still breathing when I left; was still breathing when I came back. When I came back with Mr. Boyd, he sent me back to his home to telephone to Dr. Vincent. I came on back to house and Mr. Hammond was still lying on ground; Mr. Boyd was leaving out of yard with Mr. Duncan.

## "CLEAN-UP WEEK" IN CITY APRIL 17-22

Civic League Will Conduct Clean-Up Campaign. League Members and School Children Parade Next Monday.

A "Clean-Up Week" throughout the city is the latest movement to be launched by the Woman's Civic League, which is making every effort towards making Laurens the prettiest and cleanest city in the state.

The "Clean-Up Week" will begin Monday, April 17 and continue until Saturday, April 22. One of the features of the clean-up campaign will be a parade on the square Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in which the members of the Civic League and school children will participate.

Mrs. J. D. Watts, chairman of a committee in charge of the "clean-up" program, has issued the following:

"Each ward leader is requested to call a meeting of members in her ward and urge every one to make her premises as attractive and sanitary as possible. Each leader is also urged to report any objectionable places in her ward to the health officer, J. H. Henderson.

"The League desires the co-operation of the new council in this undertaking and stands ready to do its part toward making Laurens the prettiest and most healthful place in the state. It desires, also, the co-operation of merchants and owners of property on the square. It is hoped that each one will make his place clean and attractive in the front and on the rear."

## WILL BEGIN WORK ON LAURENS-CHURCH STS.

Machinery Arrived in City Monday. Program Will Not Interfere With Chautauqua.

That work will soon begin on Laurens and Church streets became a certainty Monday morning, when a corps of laborers and machinery to be used in the work arrived in the city.

Mr. McCrady, of the General Road, Drainage and Construction Company of Columbia, when in the city Saturday, stated that his company expects to make sufficient headway on Laurens street and part of Church street as not to interfere with the Chautauqua which will be here May 2 to 9.

## Delegates Leave City.

M. L. Smith, S. B. Sexton and L. G. Roff, delegates from local Masonic lodges, left the city Monday for Florence, where they will attend the meetings of the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

## DRAMATIC COMEDIES FEATURE CHAUTAUQUA

### Program For Chautauqua Week Announced

### STRONG SERIES OF LECTURES

Chautauqua Week to Open in Laurens May 2nd With Program Said to be the Strongest in the History of the Association. Two Dramatic Comedies.

Two top-notch dramatic comedies, "Turn to the Right" and "Friendly Enemies"; Lieurance's Little Symphony Orchestra; Judge Marcus Kavanaugh; former Governor Brough of Arkansas and other headline lecturers; Irene Stolofsky, eminent violinist; unique children's programs; Jess Pugh, noted fun specialist—these are among the eighteen notable attractions which will appear here at the big Seven Day Redpath Chautauqua which opens here Tuesday, May 2nd.

The Collegian Male Quartet, four exceptional singers who are also splendidly accomplished as a brass quartet, will launch the week's program with a popular concert on the first afternoon. Following a prelude by this company at night, Hon. Charles H. Brough, scholar, educator and for two terms governor of Arkansas, will deliver an eloquent and illuminating lecture, "America's Leadership of the World."

A grand concert given on the second afternoon by the Montague Light Opera Singers will feature many light opera melodies presented in costume with a wealth of realistic dramatic detail. At night, following a concert by the Montagues, Edward F. Trefz, one of the organizers of the United States Chamber of Commerce, a man of wide travel and an authority on community problems, will give his stirring lecture, "The New Industrial Day."

On the third afternoon, Irene Stolofsky, brilliant concert violinist, and assisting artists will appear in an artists' recital.

The third night will be Artists' Night. Miss Stolofsky and company will be heard in concert, following which Sidney Landon, interpreter, humorist, and scholar will present his famous impersonations of Twain, Kipling, Longfellow and other literary masters, with readings from their works.

The Cramer-Kurz Trio, three gifted entertainers—a soprano, a character interpreter and a piano accompanist—will present a delightful program on the fourth afternoon preceding the unique lecture-demonstration, "Well-dressed on a Moderate Income," by Evelyn Hansen, noted authority on dress. During the past year Miss Hansen has lectured on this subject to 95,000 people under the auspices of the Art Institute of Chicago. She will be assisted on the platform by young women models.

On the fourth night comes the irresistible comedy success, "Turn to the Right," with a wealth of amusing and heart-gripping episodes. "Turn to the Right" will be presented by a notable New York cast, organized by the New York Producing Department of the Redpath Bureau.

On the fifth day Lieurance's Little Symphony Orchestra of four violins, two cellos and a piano, features an abundance of classical and popular favorites for strings in a grand concert in the afternoon and a prelude at night. The Little Symphony was organized by Thurlow Lieurance, famous composer of "By the Waters of Minnetonka," and on tour will be under the personal direction of Harold Lewis, pianist-composer.

On the fifth night Judge Kavanaugh, noted jurist and criminologist and relentless foe of lawlessness, will deliver a challenging lecture, "Traitors to Justice." Judge Kavanaugh is a member of the American Bar Association's special committee on law enforcement, and his activities against lawlessness have received nation-wide recognition.

Another question of importance will be presented by Chester M. Sanford, vocational expert, who lectures on the sixth afternoon on "Failures of the Misfits." Mr. Sanford's address points out the vital need of choosing the pro-

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