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UPS AND DOWNS

Mercury in Weatherman John Henry Baxter's thermometer fell to a low ebb on and following Turkey Day. Up until that time and in spite of the lateness of the season, the silver-white metallic element had been flirting with the 50's but Thanksgiving brought the wind and the rains and the thermometer down to the 25's. Sunday morning, the 22nd, the day the cook didn't show up, the quick-silver settled on 22 and Monday morning it fell to 17. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week, however, showed a slight up-rise.

WHO IS HE?

Quite a few have dropped in to inquire the identity of "Spectator". We find many of our more serious-minded readers follow him faithfully each week and that is well. Spectator is one of the most level-headed gentlemen we have ever met. We have found him on the wrong side of the fence only once and that when he jumped in (under cover) with Olin Johnston. Even there his intentions were of the best for he thought Olin was the Moses to lead us out of the wilderness of debt and woe. But Moses only went further in the wilderness and tapped the rock for another flow of filthy lucre to the extent of a four million dollar deficit and left poor "Spectator" bawling beside Sinai.

Who is "Spectator"? Well, among other things he is a lawyer and a good one who doesn't practice; he is a farmer, a student, a philosopher. He once consoled and advised a South American president, he has knocked about the old world some, and about this country much. His home is in Manning from whence he commutes almost daily to Columbia where he compiles his column and roots about the state offices to find out what's what. He is head of the taxpayer's league and another outfit the name of which is so long we have forgotten it but which has as its purpose "the more abundant life" and pocketbook. He is fiftyish, bald, a Scotchman, and a most delightful conversationalist. "Who is Spectator?" Haven't we told you?

CONTINUED STORY

Well I moped around a few days but continued to feel as though Sherman's army was camping in my midsection and stabling their horses in my mouth, so I decided to go back to see Dr. Gus.

He didn't appear any too well pleased but stuck his grease rag in his pocket and extended his hand; I told him I was getting no better fast and he asked why I was fasting. Doc. had to have his little joke.

"Park yourself over there and I will see what I can do" he ordered, disappearing thru a door in the hospital. Returning he hopped upon my bumper and began jumping up and down—to test my reflexes he said. After so long a time I got my tongue back in my mouth and he said he discovered only a slight squeak which he could fix with a quart of Pennsylvania Super Slick. He then took me into the hospital and strapped me to the operating table. He took a crank from his tool box and complained about having to crank "these damn model T's", but once humming old Doc. was all eye and ears.

Suddenly he appeared startled—glanced up at the collection of vital organs on the shelf behind him, then listened long and intently. Switching me off he grinned a little and approached the head of the table.

"Tell me," he said. "Since your operation has everything seemed backward—upside down? Yes! Yes! That's it! That's it!"

"That's what, Doc?"

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Well, I guess I just tell you the truth. That liver we put in you was from a Chinaman and we got it in backward. Ha! Ha! Ha! It would have served a Chinaman all right for as you know he walks upside-down. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

When Doc got thru laughing I asked him what there was to do about it.

"Do?" he replied. "Why there is only one thing you can do. Either walk on your head or go to China."

Not wishing to go to China I slipped off the table and banished my head on the tile floor, but I didn't walk—I woke up! Woke up to find it all a dream; that is all of it except Old Sherman—he was still there.

WALK IN THE WOODS

Ramblin' thru the grayling woods, Readin' nature's book. 'Cross a rail fence, up a gully There a house of logs and putty.

Hard beside the door, ajar, A lanky dog is sleeping, And within the room a sound—Someone is speaking!

"The good book has it this way Let not your heart be faint. At least that's the parson's lay And isn't he a Saint?"

"Yes, I reckon that is right. Parson is a saint. But if I get much hungrier I'm going to be a 'Hant.'"

Feedin' in the grayling woods Drinkin' nature's nectar Small the care for earthly balm Here is peace, and quiet, and calm.

Awaken now! The sun is set! The wind blows willy-nilly "Make it two, boys; make 'em hot. And add great gobs of chilli!"

AMONG THE SICK

Miss Virginia Dufford, who recently underwent an operation at the county hospital, was dismissed Sunday afternoon.

Professor W. H. Gaver will be discharged from the local hospital this weekend following a week's treatment there.

Mrs. H. M. Bryson is a patient in a Charlotte, N. C., hospital.

The condition of Pete Plampin is reported much improved at the county hospital.

DATE IS CHANGED

The date for the concert of Mildred Dilling, harpist, has been changed from Friday evening of this week to Thursday evening (tonight).

The program to be held in the high school auditorium will begin at 8:15 p. m.

Mrs. Mary P. Fant

"To know her was to love her" can truly be said about Mrs. Mary P. Fant, well-known Newberrian, who died last Tuesday at her Main street home after an illness of nine months. Mrs. Fant, who was 74 years of age, lived in three towns during her life—Charleston, Whitmire, and Newberry. In each place, she was prominent in social, civic, and religious life of the community.

Mrs. Fant, born September 24, 1864, was the daughter of Sallie Hargrove and McDuffie Metts. Her girlhood was spent in Charleston where at one time she served as organist of the Bethel Methodist church of that city. She was socially prominent in Charleston.

In 1886 she moved to Newberry and upon coming here served as organist and choir director in the Central Methodist church until her marriage when she moved to Whitmire as the bride of the late John Perry Fant. Mr. and Mrs. Fant were among the earliest residents of Whitmire. They took an active part in the organization and building of the Methodist church in that town. Mrs. Fant performed many humanitarian deeds while residing there. In the early days of the town when doctors and nurses were few, Mrs. Fant devoted many days to nursing the sick and helping in anything she was called on to do.

Returning to Newberry in 1911, Mrs. Fant again took up active work in the Central Methodist church. She showed particular interest in civic affairs by proving a popular member and worker in the Drayton Rutherford Chapter, U. D. C., and the Civic League. She was a charter member of the local American Legion Auxiliary.

In spite of the many outside activities that demanded her constant attention, Mrs. Fant did not neglect her home. According to one of her children, "she made us a good home and a good mother."

Mrs. Fant was of an amiable disposition and her gracious hospitality drew a host of friends both at Whitmire and Newberry. During the past five years while she suffered failing health, she was always bright, cheerful, unselfish, and patient.

Mrs. Fant is survived by five children, two sons and three daughters. They are as follows: Mrs. Butler Holmes, Mrs. Seth Meek, and P. Metts Fant, all of Newberry; Mrs. Oliver W. Holmes of Fayetteville, N. C.; Eddie Fant of Greenville. One sister, Mrs. Sara S. Metts of Rutherford, R. I. also survives.

SCIENCE PUSHING USE OF COTTON

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 28.—Excellent progress is being made in the fight of science to maintain and advance uses of cotton. Dr. L. W. Bass, assistant director of the Mellon institute in charge of the cotton research foundation, reported tonight.

Speaking before a group of Memphis cotton and business men, Dr. Bass guarded his statements to prevent premature disclosure of research now underway but he asked his listeners to "take my word for it that excellent progress has been made" and gave a general outline of the course being taken by scientists of the foundation.

A major field of research, he said, is being carried on to develop full technical advantages of cotton in competition with rayon which in the past few years has replaced cotton in many markets.

"We are working to make cotton equal to, or better than, any rayon that can be put on the market," Dr. Bass said.

He told the group that the South could look forward to a new industry built on cottonseed. He did not elaborate on this statement but cited one instance which he said was illustrative of development of the research work—use of cottonseed hulls instead of sawdust for floor cleaner.

"We have found that the small fibers make the hulls a particularly efficient cleaner," Dr. Bass said.

Announcement of the new patent floor cleaner resulted in at least twenty-five inquiries by cleaner manufacturers who wanted to know more about the product. Dr. Bass explained that the development was of incidental commercial importance and merely was a by-product of the major research being carried on.

Dr. Bass said the foundation, a non-profit organization, was following a policy of controlling its developments by patent, with any benefits being used for further research. He stressed necessity of patent control to provide protective inducements for pioneering among commercial investors.

He said that improvement of wood pulp as a base for rayons was cutting in on use of cotton linters for this purpose and said research was being carried on to regain this market.

Dr. Bass saw a major threat to American cotton in development of synthetic fibers by foreign countries.

A SON

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn announce the birth of a son, Charles Arthur, at the county hospital Wednesday morning, November 30.

Mrs. Vaughn is the former Miss McDonald of Prosperity.

MRS. LIPSCOMB HONORS COLUMBIA VISITOR

Mrs. E. M. Lipscomb entertained members of her card club Tuesday afternoon at her home on College street. An extra table was arranged in honor of the hostess' sister-in-law, Mrs. Sanford Epps of Columbia. A Christmas motif was used in home decorations, tallies, prizes, and refreshments.

Mrs. John Clarkson won the club high score award and the guest prize went to Mrs. C. I. Youmans. When bingo was played, Mrs. J. E. Wiseman was winner of the prize. A gift was presented Mrs. Epps. After bridge, sandwiches, fruit cake, and drinks were served.

GOVERNOR GETS 12,000 FLAGS FOR USE ON ROOSEVELT VISIT

Columbia, Nov. 28.—Governor Olin D. Johnston announced today he was ordering 12,000 United States flags of a size twelve by eight inches to be placed in the hands of school children on the occasion of President Roosevelt's visit here next Monday.

"The flag indicates patriotism, and allegiance to the principles of our government, and its use is most appropriate in the welcome of our president," Johnston said.

"The children will be permitted to keep the flags they use; they should preserve them as souvenirs of the occasion, for not every child in our nation has the opportunity to play a part in welcoming the president.

"In years to come, these flags will be highly prized by the children and I am sure they will treasure them."

General Charles P. Sumnerall, president of the Citadel, announced here that that institution had accepted the invitation to take a part in the welcome to the President, saying that a drill platoon of Citadel cadets would participate.

State's First Farmer Dies at Hartsville

David Robert Coker, agricultural scientist, business man and philanthropist, was found dead in bed at his home here early Monday, one day before his 68th birthday.

His death which was discovered shortly before 2 a. m., was attributed to a heart attack, the culmination of several months of ill health.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow in the chapel of Coker college, an institution founded and endowed by his late father, Maj. James Lide Coker, and of which he himself was a frequent benefactor. Interment will be in the Baptist churchyard. Dr. Howard Reeves of First Baptist church will be in charge, assisted by Dr. Sylvester Green, president of Coker college, and Dr. Henry N. Snyder of Wofford. The active pallbearers will be Negro friends of Mr. Coker, and the music will be by Coker college girls.

Although Mr. Coker gave freely of his time and energy to public services and operated several successful business enterprises, he was most widely known for the development and perfection of superior strains of crops in his model scientific agricultural laboratory.

The achievements of this laboratory included the origination of new varieties of cotton, a highly productive type of wheat, two new varieties of corn, a new yam type potato, smut and cold-resisting oats, a superior type of cigar tobacco, and a number (Continued on page eight)

ATTENTION PLEASE

A committee representing the Community Christmas Tree will ask help from the merchants and from other people in the business district of the city Tuesday, December 6. We ask for your cooperation.

BETH-EDEN LUTHERAN PARISH

Rev. M. L. Kester, pastor

Colony:

10 a. m. Sunday school. Carlisle Fulmer, superintendent.

11 a. m. The service.

St. James:

10 a. m. Sunday school. Mr. Herman Epting, superintendent.

ST. PHILIPS NOTES

Divine services will be held Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at the St. Philip's Lutheran church conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Emmett Roof. A fine Thanksgiving service was held at our church last Thursday. We were glad to have the visitors, members of the St. Paul's and Bachman Chapel churches, with us.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. A. P. Ruff has returned to her home from the county hospital. However, her condition is reported unsatisfactory.

As the Christmas season draws near, home decorations are going up. It will be nice to pass by the homes on these winter nights and see the bright lights and the trees.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Nichols spent last weekend in Durham, N. C. attending the Duke-Pitt game on Saturday afternoon. They were the guests of Mrs. Nichols' brother, J. M. Heldman and Mrs. Heldman.

Mrs. A. S. Heldman of Spartanburg has been visiting in the home of the R. F. Nichols on Drayton street for several days.

Mrs. Don Rook and Mrs. Ben Buzhardt spent Wednesday in Greenville.

Mrs. J. Peter Schumpert and son, John Peter, were guests at the home of her brother, the Rev. J. B. Harman, and family last week.

Colie L. Blease, Columbia, was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Boozer, teacher at Paolet Mills, was at home for the weekend.

Miss Annie Laurie Davis, teacher at Pineview, Ga., spent the weekend in the city with relatives.

Miss Myra Boozer, Winthrop student, spent Thanksgiving holidays in the city.

Miss Frances Rooser of Iman was a visitor in the city over the weekend.

BAPTIST MINISTER NAMED MINISTERIAL GROUP HEAD

The Rev. B. F. Rodgers, pastor of the West End Baptist church, was named head of the Newberry Ministerial Association at the regular meeting of the Association Monday at Central Methodist church. The Rev. M. L. Kester was elected vice-president and the Rev. James Mitchell, secretary.

A panel discussion on the subject, "The Contribution of the Denominations to the Christian Thought of the World" was presented by the three ministers: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kester, and Dr. J. W. Carson. Other ministers will bring up discussions at the next meeting of the group.

On account of the next regular time of meeting being on Monday of Christmas week, it was decided to change the date to the following Monday, January 2, 1939.

MISS COUNTS AWARDS 4-H CLUB MEDALS

Miss Dorothy Johnson of Chapells and Miss Helen Goggans of Newberry have been presented medal by Miss Ethel Counts, county home demonstration agent, for outstanding 4-H club work during the past year.

Miss Sara Mae Kinard, winner in a state-wide 4-H contest was awarded a trip to Chicago. She left Saturday to join a party of delegates to the National Club Congress in that city. She expects to return December fourth.

JOINT HOSTESSES AT TUESDAY AFTERNOON PARTY

Mrs. J. E. Stevens and Mrs. George Way were hostesses at a contract bridge party Tuesday afternoon at the former's home on Main street. In a Christmas setting, three tables were placed for the games.

Mrs. Arthur Welling won the high score prize. Bingo award went to Mrs. Hayne Shealy.

Hot chocolate, sandwiches, and date bars were served later in the afternoon.

Kendall Mills Lutheran Parish

Rev. J. B. Harman, pastor

Summer Memorial:

Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday school. Mr. Eugene Shealy, superintendent.

11 a. m. Divine worship and Election of officers.

Bethany (Oakland school house):

Sunday 3 p. m. Meeting of Council.

Sunday 6 p. m. Sunday school. Mr. E. B. Hite, superintendent.

7 p. m. Evening worship. At this time Dr. James C. Kinard, President of Newberry College, will give a report on the recent convention of the United Lutheran church in America at Baltimore.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

The members and friends of the Summer Memorial and Bethany Lutheran congregations gave Rev. J. B. Harman a generous pounding of groceries, fresh meat, etc., on the night before Thanksgiving Day. For these and all other manifestations of appreciation the pastor and his family are very grateful.

JOLLY STREET NEWS

The Luther League of the Bachman Chapel church enjoyed a very delightful social at the home of Jeff Metts Tuesday evening. During the evening, contests and parlor games were held. Prizes for the various contests were awarded.

Miss Sara Mae Kinard left Saturday to join the party of delegates in Spartanburg to attend her National Club Congress to be held in Chicago. Ill. The winning of this trip is quite an honor to Miss Kinard and to the community. We congratulate her on her splendid 4-H club work.

Don't forget to come to Jolly Street Friday night, December 2, for the old time barbecue chicken and boy supper. There will be plenty of good things to eat and fun for all.

A large number of members from both St. Paul's and Bachman Chapel congregations attended the joint Thanksgiving services at the St. Philip's Lutheran church last Thursday. The address of the morning was brought by the Rev. J. E. Roof.

The local teachers spent the holidays at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. "Kiss" Boines of Denver, N. J., are visiting in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Metts of Blaney and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kinard of Columbia were recent visitors here.

Single Case Consumes All Court Week

Civil court convened here Monday afternoon and has been engaged upon the case of Mrs. Marguerite Johnson against the Belk-McKnight company since that time. The case is attracting large crowds who seem to be enjoying the battle between opposing counsel.

Mrs. Johnson, after gaining the right of a new trial before the supreme court of the state, is suing the Belk company for \$95,000 on four counts. She is represented by Blease and Griffith while the defendant company is represented by Alan Johnstone and Joseph Hiott of this city and Christie Bennett of Columbia.

The case grew out of a check alleged to have been passed by Mrs. Johnson. Later a Mrs. LaBoon was arrested in Columbia and admitted in court here that she passed the worthless check on the Belk concern.

Most of the time since Monday has been taken up with the testimony of Mrs. Johnson and Deputy Hub Quattlebaum, with the following witnesses appearing for short periods: Cole L. Blease, Clint Graydon, George Bell Timmerman, Father Murphy, T. E. Johnson, Jr., Leo Jenkins and Mrs. Earl Taylor. Lawyers for the plaintiff were still questioning witnesses Thursday morning and the case is expected to take all week, or perhaps longer.

Members of the jury are, C. D. Harden, foreman, Adrian M. Sumner, F. H. Jones, J. L. Bedenbaugh, Johnnie M. Kinard, J. S. Taylor, Walter H. Davis, George S. Ruff, M. M. Connelly, Virgil J. Shealy, O. J. Wilson, and D. F. Senn.

Court will continue into next week.

TO GIVE PAGEANT

The Luther League of Beth-Eden Lutheran church will render a Thanksgiving pageant in the church Sunday, December 4, at 7 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

DRAYTON RUTHERFORD, U. D. C.

The Drayton Rutherford Chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. H. L. Parr Tuesday afternoon, December 6, with Mrs. J. D. Wheeler as associate hostess.

Many a man thinks he is wise because he has no children to expose his ignorance.

RETURNS TO WORK

C. H. Albrecht has returned to his work after an illness of two months and confinement to the county hospital three weeks.

ENTERTAINS AT CARDS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. L. E. Aull was cordial hostess to members of her bridge club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. John C. Billingsley was invited to play with the members.

The high score award at contract was presented Mrs. Ed. Anderson and winner of bingo prize was Mrs. James Aull.

After the games, the hostess served a salad course.

NAMED BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. L. G. McCullough has been appointed a member of the Board of Missions of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist church, by the Rev. W. B. Garrett, presiding elder of the Greenwood district. She will serve on the Board four years.

Mrs. McCullough attended a meeting of the Board held Monday in Greenwood.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Dominion Oil Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina, that a meeting of the stockholders will be held in the office of the said company on Saturday, December 31, 1938, at ten o'clock A. M., for the consideration of a resolution which will then be offered providing for the liquidation and dissolution of said company.

Harry W. Dominick, President, R. W. Young, Secretary, Newberry, S. C. December 1, 1938.

JUST ARRIVED—Fresh shipment of Steele's Jumbo pansy plants from Jordan's Pansy Gardens of Aiken, S. C. Miss Mattie Adams.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

26 YEARS AGO

The State. Many South Carolinians know, and many others will learn with interest, that Mrs. C. L. Trabert of Berkeley, Cal., who was elected the other day registrar general of the national organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, is a South Carolina woman. She was before her marriage Karriet Abney Wells of Newberry, in which town her mother, Mrs. C. T. Wells, is still living. Mrs. Trabert was elected to the office by the executive board of the national organization at its meeting in Charleston on the 20th.

The next change in Newberry, and a welcome one, will soon be the new up-to-date telephone system. Everybody is anxious to see the wires underground; and it will be so much easier to phone.

I have always said that the thing I hated about coming over was the thought of having "Cooties." I am worse now than ever. I can stand the shelling and all other kind of fire, but the "Cooties" simply run me almost mad. I went "Cootie" hunting this morning and was very successful, finding about 25 nice big ones and a lot of eggs. It has been three weeks since I have washed my face and hands. Haven't had a bath or clean clothes for over a month, we've been so busy. It has been a month since I have had my clothes off. But with all of this I am enjoying the best of health and am having a great time over here. (The above excerpts are from a letter written home by a soldier boy about two weeks before the Armistice was signed, and was reprinted in the H. & N.)

SEEN ABOUT TOWN

Wide interest centers in the Johnson vs. Belk-McKnight case being heard in the court of common pleas this week and since there is nothing much doing about town except the trial, Seen-About-Town shifts to seen-about-the-courtroom. In the warm crowded courtroom where the air is heavy with smoke of cigars and cigarettes we noticed such as the following during the week: Catherine Coleman perched on edge of seat trying to see over the crowd... Mrs. J. C. Brooks attending several sessions and always carrying knitting bag to have something handy in case proceedings get dull... Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carson proving interested spectators... "Nook" Langford sitting on edge of a front row seat... Mrs. Arlie Johnson attending most of the sessions... Mrs. Sloan Chapman, Mrs. C. C. Rutto, and Mrs. Everette Evans filling in seats... Mrs. Drayton Taylor occupying front seat since the beginning of court... Gene Cole sitting on back of seat... Dave Hayes taking in scene dressed in shop clothes... Claude Sanders looking through the doors... Bailiff Pearce Banks trying to keep outsiders quiet... Two of the star witnesses taking cushions into courtroom... Boyd Jacobs passing out red sticks of candy to lawyers and witnesses... Asbury Bedenbaugh, prominent teacher, taking in afternoon session... The Rev. M. L. Kester attending most of the sessions and sitting beside his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cousins... Number of college students spending the afternoon in court... C. A. Dufford coming in for short time... also Holland Sligh... Macie Davis celebrating her 21st birthday Wednesday by attending court... Bill Turner sitting in window of courtroom... Jackson Bowers and two daughters taking in Wednesday afternoon session... Walter Wallace looking for his mother to ask her permission to do something... B. P. Ringer coming up to door of the room looking for a certain spectator and finally giving up hopes of finding him... Bessie Boozer and Louise Senn spending every spare moment away from their books in court... also Dot Boozer and Tommie Johnson... J. C. Neal leaning against the wall in chair taking in the whole scene... Ben Dawkins always on hand to run errands and answer the many questions that spectators always have in store... and the doors at the back of the courtroom swinging backward and forward all through the day admitting those who just come and go to pass the time away.