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## SPECIAL ELECTION SET FOR DEC. 11

TO DECIDE UPON THE QUESTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY OF RUTLEDGE--ITS BOUNDS.

In a proclamation issued last week Governor Manning has called an election to be held Tuesday, December 11, 1917, to decide whether certain parts of the counties of Williamsburg and Florence shall be annexed into the proposed county of John Rutledge. The proposed new county embraces an area of 436 square miles, 194 from Williamsburg county and 242 from Florence, in which an estimated population of 20,000 persons dwells. The approximate value of the taxable property in the territory to be voted on totals \$2,229,925.

The following section of the Governor's proclamation describes the boundaries of the proposed county:

"Beginning at Lynch's bridge on Lynch's river, in said county of Florence, running thence up Lynch's river to the point where the Florence-Sumter county line intersects with said river; thence southwest along said line to its intersection with the Florence-Clarendon county line; thence along said Florence-Clarendon county line to its intersection with the Williamsburg-Clarendon county line; thence southwest along said Williamsburg-Clarendon county line to the point where it intersects with the road leading from Cades along by Hebron church into Clarendon county (taking as a basis for description and location a straight line from the last named point southeast to the southern boundary line of the lands of W C Wilson in White Oak swamp, which line as a basis for description and location is hereinafter called the "basis line"); thence, that is to say, from said point of intersection of the Williamsburg-Clarendon county line with the Cades by Hebron church road a straight line S27 15W one mile; thence southeastwardly a straight line to the point on the said "basis line" 43,000 feet from the court house building at Kingstree; thence southeastwardly a straight line to the point on the center of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad track 43,540 feet from the court house building at Kingstree; thence southeastwardly a straight line to a point on the said "basis line" 43,000 feet from the court house building at Kingstree; thence southeastwardly a straight line coinciding with the said "basis line" to the southern boundary line of the lands of W C Wilson in White Oak swamp; thence passing along the said southern boundary line of the lands of W C Wilson in White Oak swamp and continuing in the same straight line to its intersection in Black Mingo swamp with a line running from the northwest corner of the town of Hemingway southwest in a straight line along the public highway in front of the Indian town schoolhouse; thence, that is to say, from said point of intersection of said two lines in Black Mingo swamp, a straight line northeast to the southeast corner of the lot of land upon which the Indian town Presbyterian church is situated; thence N69 30E a straight line to the road at or near the residence of R J Brown; thence northeast a straight line to the southwest corner of the town of Hemingway; thence north along the western boundary line of the said town of Hemingway to the northern boundary line of said town of Hemingway; thence running along the southern boundary line of said town of Hemingway to northeastern corner of said town; thence S37E to the Williamsburg-Georgetown county line; thence up said county line northeast to its intersection with Great Pee Dee river near Smith's Mills; thence up Great Pee Dee river to Bostick's Landing; thence southwest along the road leading from Bostick's Landing to Beulah church two and three-tenths miles; thence northwest in a straight line passing through Bass's Cross Roads and continuing to Lynch's river; thence up Lynch's river to a point one mile south of Anderson's bridge on said river; thence northwest in a straight line to Lynch's bridge, the point of beginning."

### Get Your Exhibits Ready.

To the housekeepers of Williamsburg County:

Please remember our county fair which begins on November 13, and get your exhibits ready so that we may have them between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on November 12. Let us all pull together to make our department better this year than ever before. If I can give you any information or assistance I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly,  
MRS LEROY LEE,  
Supt Household Dept.

There was 13,929 bales of cotton ginned in Williamsburg county prior to October 18, as compared with 5,705 bales ginned to October 18, 1916.

## EBBIE J WATSON HAS PASSED AWAY

SOUTH CAROLINA LOSES BY DEATH A FAITHFUL OFFICIAL AND USEFUL CITIZEN.

Hon Ebbie Julian Watson, since March 15, 1904, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commerce and Industries for South Carolina, died at his home, 917 Earnwell street, Columbia, at 1:30 p. m. last Saturday after an illness of several months.

It had been known for some weeks that commissioner Watson's illness would result fatally, and his death Saturday afternoon was not a surprise to the friends who knew of his condition. Throughout the State expressions of sorrow are general over the death of one of the State's most faithful servants, one who has done a constructive work for South Carolina, which will indelibly inscribe his name on the annals of this commonwealth.

Commissioner Watson was best known for his interest in the agricultural element of South Carolina and his untiring zeal in making the Palmetto State a constructive leader in progressive farming, manufacturing and kindred enterprises. Under his leadership the agricultural interests took on a stimulus which increased yearly, until South Carolina has taken the lead in many of the modern methods that are revolutionizing Southern farming.

When Commissioner Watson took hold of the State Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Immigration it was an anæmic organism; but he soon animated it with his own vigorous personality, until today it is without doubt the largest department of the State government, in scope, power and influence. From one room in the State House he built it up until now it occupies an entire floor of the Union National Bank building, has a laboratory at the University of South Carolina and other branches.

### BIGELOW SEVERELY BEATEN.

Anti-War Advocate Handled in Ku-Klux Fashion in Kentucky.

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 29:—Herbert S Bigelow, pacifist, Socialist, head of the People's church of Cincinnati, who was horsewhipped near Florence, Ky, last night by a band of men gowned in Ku-Klux fashion, "in the name of the women and children of Belgium," as one of the leaders termed it, was tonight suffering severely from nervous shock, as well as from the bruises and lacerations inflicted.

At the hospital it was said tonight Bigelow was resting under the influence of opiates, but that his condition was quite serious. Bigelow's physician said he counted forty welts on Bigelow's back.

A man's voice, calling on the telephone at Bigelow's home tonight, said the speaker was one of those who were in the kidnapping party and that the protestations of loyalty made by Mr Bigelow today are accepted at their face value, and that Mr Bigelow was free to remain in this vicinity, subject to his remaining loyal in the future.

Attorney Edward Alexander, counsel for Bigelow, has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any, or all persons connected with the kidnapping and whipping.

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### HEMINGWAY HAPPENINGS.

**Hallowe'en Party for Benefit of the Red Cross Society--Personal Mention.**  
Hemingway, October 29:—Messrs Charlie Creel, G B Ingram, P A Ingram, Carlisle Campbell and Dr H L Baker attended the State fair in Columbia last week.  
Mr R B Smith of Georgetown is visiting relatives near here.  
Dr Boyd Baker of Fork is visiting at the home of his brother, Dr H L Baker.  
Mr D I Wilson of Oaks attended the Hallowe'en box party given here last Friday night.  
Mr R N Speigner and Miss Elise Rollins represented the Hemingway High school at the teachers' meeting in Kingstree last Saturday.  
Mrs Julia Brown and daughter, Miss Alberta, and Mr and Mrs Ollie Brown spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Ed Hemingway.  
Miss Sallie Cox, of the Vox section, has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mr George Cox.  
Messrs Jule Springs and Joe Doyle from Georgetown spent two days here last week.  
Mrs Edmunds, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs N M Venters, returned to her home in Savannah, Ga, last week. She was accompanied as far as Kingstree by Mrs Venters.  
Mrs A G Eaddy of Johnsonville visited her sister, Mrs George Cox, last week.  
Dr L G Day and Mr Charlie Creel spent Sunday at Fork.  
Miss Alberta Flowers has returned from Columbia, where she has been visiting her sister at College place.  
Had a stranger seen the many ghostly and masked figures on the streets of Hemingway last Friday night, he would certainly have thought that he had been transported into the land of spooks and goblins, but such was not the case. The ghosts and goblins in evidence were only patriotic men, women and children making their way to the school house for the Hallowe'en box party given for the benefit of the Red Cross. As the crowd assembled at the main entrance, they were met by ghostly figures, who escorted them to a huge cauldron in the hall where they enjoyed a witch's dance by Misses Rollins, Toole and Speigner. A number of the crowd who had already gotten into the true Hallowe'en spirit, joined in. The cauldron was presided over by Miss Lela Burney, who, disguised as a witch, stirred the burning alcohol and sang in weird strains for the amusement of the crowd.  
Our attention was next attracted to the entrance of the witches' cave where black cats, bats and witches abounded on a white background, adding to the "spooky" atmosphere of the evening. The feelings which were aroused by a trip through that land of horrors are indescribable. It was with a feeling of relief that we came back to the more cheerful abode of the masked figures in various costumes, and were allowed to visit a witch's tent of corn stalks, where we paid a dime to draw from her pie, which contained many pretty and useful articles.  
From a booth in front of the auditorium Mr Kenneth Creel, the clown of the evening, called the boys to buy the boxes while the girls waited in breathless suspense in the hall until their number was called. Hot chocolate was served with the boxes and it was indeed a jolly party that assembled in the auditorium to enjoy the refreshments.  
On leaving the auditorium, we mounted the stairs to the landing where we visited the fortune telling tent of Madame Zora. On our way down stairs we were peered at by Jack O'Lanterns, skeleton heads and black cats until we fairly shivered, but we soon forgot our fears in the mad, mad rush to get into the great mid-way. Once on the inside we enjoyed many side shows—Mr and Mrs Tom Thumb, the Tiny Twins, Mr Quin, Blue Beard's wives and the largest ape.  
The last amusement was a contest in throwing pumpkin seed conducted by Miss Rubie Thorn. There was much genial rivalry displayed, after which Mr Charlie Creel was declared to be the successful contestant and was presented with a handsome box of stationery.  
The entertainment was a grand success, over sixty dollars being realized for the Red Cross.

**Brown-Mims Nuptials.**  
Lane, October 30.—A wedding of much interest to their many friends throughout the State was that of Miss Nonie Brown and Mr Charles Marion Mims, of Florence, which took place at the Lanes Hotel on Saturday evening, October 27 at 9:15. Only the intimate friends and immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. W. I. Sinnott of Salters.  
The color scheme of yellow and green was effectively carried out, the fall decorations of ferns and golden rod being used in the ceremony room.  
A dainty sweet course of cake and wine was served immediately after the ceremony and the happy couple boarded a northbound train for their wedding trip, the bride wearing a chiffon broadcloth suit of midnight blue with accessories to match.  
Miss Brown is the daughter of Mrs M M Brown and is very popular among old and young, attracted to all by her lovable disposition and charming manner.  
Mr Mims has been connected with the A C L railway office at this place for five years and has made a host of friends in the community who will be glad to know that they are still to make Lanes their home.

**Rural Carrier Examination.**  
The United States civil service commission has announced an examination for the county of Williamsburg, to be held at Kingstree at 11:30 a. m., on December 1, 1917, to fill the position of motor rural carrier at Kingstree, and vacancies that may later occur on motor rural routes from post offices in the county. The salary on motor routes ranges from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum. An examination for the county of Williamsburg, is also announced to be held at Poston and Kingstree at 2 p. m. on November 24, 1917, to fill the position of rural carrier in each case will be open only to male citizens who are domiciled in the county.

**Mr B F Thompson Dead.**  
Mr B F Thompson, one of the oldest citizens in this community, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs W J Reddick, here at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr Thompson had passed his eighty-fifth birthday and led an active life until a few weeks ago, when he was stricken with paralysis. The remains were taken to Elloree, his old home, where interment took place yesterday, the body being accompanied by Mr W J Reddick, Mr and Mrs E F Martin and Miss Kizzie Hornaday.

The Woman's Liberty Loan committee of Maryland announced that it had discovered a woman about 25 miles from Baltimore who had not heard of the Liberty loan and did not know that the United States was at war with Germany. The committee stated that the woman was intelligent and mother of several small children. She told the committee her husband went to work daily at 4 a. m. and was too tired when he came in from the field at 6 p. m. to talk. The woman added that she had not been out of her home except to go to church in five years.

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