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PERSONAL.

Mr. F. O. Lawson has returned from Union, where he was called by the death of his father Monday night. Miss Burnie Owens has returned to her home in Wilmington, N. C., after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Fishburne. Capt. Clarence Galespie, of Florence, conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line, spent the night in the city on business. Mrs. E. C. White and Miss Jaunita White went to Cordover last night to attend the funeral of Mrs. White's sister-in-law, Mrs. Nora Smoak. Mrs. Louise Fraser, of Hartsville, is in the city for a few days. Miss Elizabeth Stuckey, of Bishopville spent the day in the city with her aunt, Mr. W. J. McKagen. Dr. T. R. Littlejohn has returned from New York after spending several months in special hospital work.

Old Pioneer Passes Away.

Thorn, Thorndale, Texas. Henry J. Richardson died at his home on the San Gabriel river six miles north of Thorndale at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 2, after an illness of several weeks from pneumonia. He had been in failing health for the past year or more and the infirmities of age rendered him unable to withstand the disease.

The deceased was born in Sumter county, South Carolina on July 9, 1836, and was in his eighty-second year. He was married on January 6, 1867, and came to Texas and to Millam county in 1873 and located on the farm of T. W. Felton, just east of San Gabriel, where he resided for a number of years. He then purchased a farm in the Locklin community where the family has since resided. He was a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic fraternity. He is survived by his widow and four sons, John James, Frank, DeLeslie and Willie Richardson, all of whom live in the San Gabriel community.

Besides his wife and four sons, he has five brothers and two sisters who survive him: Alex Richardson of Seattle, Washington, C. H. Richardson of Monroe, N. C., F. O. Richardson of Manning, S. C., J. P. and S. D. Richardson, of Tindal, S. C., Mrs. Adalid Hedge and Mrs. E. D. Rodgers both of Tindal, S. C.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon under the supervision of the Thorndale Masonic lodge. Rev. M. A. Darby, pastor of the Thorndale and San Gabriel Baptist church, delivering the funeral discourse at the grave, after which the Masons took charge of the body and interment was made according to the ritualistic ceremony of that fraternity.

Thus passes from this stage of action another of those noble sons whose determination, courage, fortitude and fidelity helped blaze the way to our present civilization. In the skirmishes of life he was a gallant soldier. Enrolled in the army of justice he marched through hardships to a splendid victory, and when the enemies of right and the persecutors of the oppressed and weak were conquered by his hand and power, his were generous hands extended—his were the words of cheer. He fought the battles of his life successfully until at last his weapons failed and his breast was bared unto the sword of Death, the enemy invincible, against whose march he planned and fought so bravely and so well.

The Thorn joins the many friends of the bereaved in extending condolence in this their hour of sorrow.

Flour Certificates.

State Food Administrator William Elliott announces that no flour certificates will be sent out, but that all persons who have more than thirty days supply of flour are required to report the amount on hand to the County Food Administrator at once. Just write to Mr. G. A. Lemmon, County Food Administrator, stating the amount of flour on hand. Do this at once if you have more than a thirty-day supply of flour.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

P. C. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer. (Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon)
Good Middling 30 1-2.
Strict Middling 30 1-4.
Middling 30.
Strict Low Middling 29 3-8.
Low Middling 28 5-8.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Year	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	30.20	30.28	30.15	30.19
Feb	29.74	29.81	29.73	29.75
Mar	29.20	29.29	29.17	29.24
Apr	28.00	28.07	27.99	28.03
May	27.78	27.81	27.76	27.80

MIXED FLOUR ORDER.

New Regulations Issued by the United States Food Administration for South Carolina.

Mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent. of wheat flour may be sold without substitutes according to a statement by the United States Food Administration today.

Special rules governing the sales of other mixed flours have been promulgated. Retailers are forbidden to sell mixed flours containing more than 50 per cent. of wheat flour to any persons, unless the amount of wheat flour substitutes sold is sufficient to make the total amount of such substitutes, including those in mixed flour. For instance, if any mixed flour is purchased containing 60 per cent. wheat flour and 40 per cent. substitutes, it is necessary that an additional 20 per cent. of substitutes be purchased. This brings it to the basis of one pound of substitute for each pound of wheat flour.

The other exceptions to this basis of purchase, in addition to that of mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent. of wheat flour, are those concerning graham flour and whole wheat flour, which flours may be sold at a ratio of three pounds to five pounds of wheat flour; and a special exception, which may be granted upon application showing the necessity in the case of specially prepared infants' and invalids' food containing flour.

FIFTY DRAFTSMEN CALLED.

Ordered to Report Wednesday, February 20th to Be Sent to Camp.

The following men were drafted by the Local Board for the county of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and will be sent to Camp Wednesday, February 20th. Ordered to report at the office of the Local Board, at Nine o'clock A. M.:

- A. D. Allen,
 - A. R. Bell,
 - L. R. Bozard,
 - L. L. Bradham,
 - J. A. Brewer,
 - O. S. Broadway,
 - J. S. Brockington,
 - J. G. Brower,
 - B. A. Brown,
 - E. P. Brown,
 - W. A. Brown,
 - J. E. Brown,
 - J. E. Brunson,
 - F. E. Chandler,
 - J. M. Cooper,
 - J. W. H. Duncan, Jr.,
 - J. H. Freeman,
 - R. J. Holladay,
 - G. H. Hurst, Jr.,
 - J. C. Jervey,
 - W. L. Jones,
 - F. M. Kortjohn,
 - D. K. Lee,
 - Vernon Lee,
 - G. K. Mack,
 - M. P. Mayes,
 - L. V. Middleton,
 - T. M. Monaghan,
 - T. A. Moore,
 - W. L. Moore,
 - Herbert Morris,
 - J. R. McLeod,
 - P. H. Nelson,
 - A. S. Pace,
 - E. R. Plowden,
 - R. W. Plowden,
 - W. D. Raffield,
 - W. H. Revill,
 - J. G. Richardson,
 - J. J. Rivera,
 - E. E. Seale,
 - Carlisle Strauss,
 - L. O. Thigpen,
 - V. J. Wadford,
 - B. A. Weinberg,
 - Marion Wells,
 - W. C. Williams,
 - B. C. Whitlock,
 - J. F. Driggers,
 - J. A. Owen,
- (All white men.)

The Women's Meeting.

The mass meeting of the women of the county will be held according to schedule at 3.30 tomorrow afternoon. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Girls' High school unless it is found that Council of Defense is to hold an afternoon session there, in which case the ladies will meet in the court house. Announcement of whether or not the afternoon session will be held will be made at the morning meeting.

The ladies are taking much interest in the coming meeting. Many from the country have been communicated with and said they would be on hand. Others have promised to give some of the simple substitutions they have already put into effect in their own homes. The program mapped out by the ladies committee is practical and the meeting will produce results and will not be a mere "talkfest."

The ladies are urged to attend the morning session at the auditorium to hear what the speakers have to say, and to listen to the business transacted. This meeting is open to the public.

STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Members of Chamber of Commerce and Business Men Invited.

Members of Chamber of Commerce and other business men are invited to attend meeting of the State Council of Defense at the auditorium of the Girls' High school at 11.30 a. m. tomorrow, Tuesday, February 19th. A. C. PHELPS, Chairman County Council of Defense.

Red Cross Notes.

The Sumter Red Cross Chapter has cause to be very proud of its work since 1918. From every box that has been shipped to Atlanta has come back the report of "very good." This means that the contents of each box were perfect, and speaks for persevering work on the part of those knitting and sewing for the chapter.

The auxiliaries are becoming more and more interested, and reports show a new life among their workers. Deserving of praise, too, is the Junior Red Cross of the city schools who have done much towards helping in all the branches of Red Cross service.

The latest privilege that has been granted the American Red Cross is that of "trading with the enemy," the license for which has just been granted by the War Trade Board, according to information received from Washington on Wednesday by Colonel William Lawson Peel, manager of the Southern Division.

In return for the privilege of sending letters, food and money to American prisoners of war in Germany, which was granted exclusively to the Red Cross, the German government has asked that the Red Cross act as a medium through which German fathers and mothers can send a word from home or a remembrance to sons confined in American prison camps, and, to a minor extent, to prisoners in French and British camps.

Since this, in a sense, constitutes "trading with the enemy," the sanction of the War Trade Board was necessary. This has just been granted, authorizing the American Red Cross to communicate with prisoners of war the world over—enemy, allies and neutral.

This makes the Red Cross the single international postoffice and cable office for prisoners of war all over the world. The war department undertakes to send only the barest information to relatives concerning killed and wounded soldiers and those taken prisoner, but the Red Cross supplements the fact by securing the details. Recently a naturalized Austrian came to the Red Cross, asking to be allowed to send supplies and a letter to his son who was a prisoner in Siberia. In the letter he begged his son not to allow himself to be exchanged and sent back to Austria or Germany because in that event he would be forced to fight Americans. The father wished him to stay where he was until the war ended and he could come to America.

Scores of similar cases are coming to the Red Cross for attention.

County Red Cross Auxiliaries (Colored.)

Red Cross auxiliaries have been organized at Mill Brook, Stone Hill, Monaghan, Mt. Zion and New Haven. The coming week will be at Fox Grove, Tindal, St. James, Privateer and Dwyer. Teachers' meeting will be held at the county demonstration rooms, 220 South Salem Avenue. All the teachers of the county and city are requested to attend so that the usual arrangements may be planned for Field Day, which is to be March 29th. County commencement to be Thursday night, March 28th, at Shiloh Baptist church. We hope all will attend. Other important business to be attended to. Very truly yours, L. Bragg Anthony, M. D., County Supervisor.

Red Cross Notes, Colored Auxiliary.

The Attacks Community Club held a meeting at the residence of the chairman, Mrs. L. R. Williams on Wednesday afternoon, the club was in full attendance and reported to the Red Cross headquarters for this week, two suits of pajamas and six comfort pillows. A class in knitting has been organized and were given their first lesson by Mrs. C. A. Lawson.

Mrs. D. P. Pendergrass, Secretary.

Death.

Mrs. P. B. Baggott died at the home of her father, Mr. F. A. Wood, Monday morning at 7.45. The funeral services will be held at the home corner Salem Avenue and Dingle street, Tuesday 3.30 p. m. Interment will be in the city cemetery.

Quarterly Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Broad Street Methodist church will be held at the parsonage, No. 2 Broad street at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

CITY NURSE'S REPORT.

Summary of The Year's Work of Civic League Nurse.

Through the kindness of The Daily Item I hereby submit the annual report of the public nurse work of the Civic League to the people of Sumter who make this department possible.

The year will ever be a memorable one in the annals of the department on account of the splendid gift of a car for the use of the nurse from Messrs. L. D. Jennings, H. J. Harby, I. C. Strauss, H. J. Barnett, Neill O'Donnell, W. B. Burns, D. C. Shaw, and others. Just after the annual report was published last February Mr. Jennings took up a subscription which resulted in this purchase of a Ford sedan and \$95.00 towards running expenses. This was greatly appreciated by the League, not only as a useful gift, but particularly as a manifestation of the attitude of the men of Sumter toward this welfare work. It was also accepted as a tribute to the splendid service Miss Gibson has given the city with untiring energy for so many years. Mr. Jennings reported that he had never met with such immediate response in soliciting funds for any other purpose. The car has made Miss Gibson very happy, it has helped her so much on her daily rounds, especially in bad weather and has enabled her to reach more families and accomplish more than in former years.

Before the subject of the bicycle is entirely dropped from the records of our public nursing, we wish to give credit and thanks to Mr. H. L. Tisdale for his kindness in keeping in repair the Civic League bicycle for nearly five years, even to supplying new tires and other parts.

The statistical report of the work for the past year under Miss Antonia Gibson R. N. is as follows:

- Total number patients, 147.
- Total number visits paid patients, 2,974.
- Births, 27.
- Deaths, 16.
- Sent to Tuomey Hospital, 43.
- Number tubercular patients, 15.
- Deaths from tuberculosis (included in above), 8.
- Visits to tubercular patients (included in above), 544.
- Number cases typhoid fever, 19.
- Deaths from typhoid, 1.
- Number cases acidosis, 4.
- Deaths, 2.
- Patients remaining, 12.
- Number of families on visiting list, 80.
- Number welfare visits, to other than patients, about 2,000.

The following is the financial report for the year:

Bal. forward, Feb. 1, 1917, ..	\$223.88
City of Sumter, \$25 per mo. . . .	300.00
County of Sumter, \$10 per mo. . . .	120.00
Interest	10.97
Nurse's Services	92.85
Metropolitan Life Ins. May-January	74.00
Jury Foremen	11.00
For car supplies	95.00
Individual contributions	958.05

Total receipts	\$1,885.75
Nurse's salary, \$100.00 per month	\$1,200.00
Commission on collections	30.47
Medical supplies	56.94
Dry goods and laundry	5.40
Car expenses, April-Jan.	189.84

Total expenses	\$1,482.65
Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$403.10
The Harby fund (income from the gift of Henry J. Harby to the Civic League) is managed by the Nurse Department. This is expended chiefly for necessary nourishment as follows:	
Bal. For. Feb. 1, 1917	\$174.26
Interest on \$3,000, Sept.	240.00
Contributions for bread, through school	30.00

Total receipts Harby Fund \$444.26	
Milk	\$255.16
Groceries and ice	30.57
Wood, dry goods	4.90

Total expenses	\$290.61
Balance on hand Harby Fund Feb. 1, 1918	\$163.65

Expenses of the public nursing work yearly become heavier, although these cover only the nurse's salary and necessities for her work. Many who have contributed in the past are now under arms far from here. The public is begged to continue its support of this work by sending contributions and pledges to those in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMIDA MOSES, Secretary and Treasurer, Nurse Department Civic League of Sumter. Mrs. H. C. Haynsworth, Chairman; Mrs. R. S. Hood, member ex-officio; Mrs. N. M. Solomon, Mrs. John T. Green, Mrs. L. D. Jennings.

FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

FOOD AGREEMENT SIGNED.

Hotels and Restaurants Pledge Themselves to Observe Regulations.

The cafe and hotel proprietors of this city lined up at Chamber of Commerce yesterday and signed an agreement to rigidly observe every feature of the wheatless and meatless program of the food administration.

C. F. Whitted, proprietor Hotels Claremont and Imperial; C. A. Macheras, proprietor Charlie's Cafe; J. L. Nicholas, proprietor of the Imperial Cafe, and G. D. Chalmes, proprietor of the Dixie Cafe signed the agreement that on Mondays they will serve no wheat in any shape or form, but will serve corn and rye bread instead and will serve either corn or buckwheat cakes instead of wheat cakes. On Tuesdays they will serve no ham, beef, lamb or pork. On Wednesdays they will observe the same rules as on Monday. On Saturdays they will serve no pork, this means no ham, no breakfast bacon or fresh pork.

Complying with the suggestion of the local food administrators the hotels and cafes will hereafter have their waiters to put sugar in the cups of coffee, and not allow patrons to do this, as there is a big waste of sugar in permitting the sugar bowls to remain on the tables and allowing the patrons to sweeten coffee and tea to suit themselves. This sugar rule is in vogue in many other cities besides Sumter.

The Chicken Nuisance.

In answer to the many inquiries and complaints that come every spring to this department, as to the remedy for the prevention of the neighbors chickens ruining flower and vegetable gardens, I would like to say that Section 59 makes it unlawful for fowls of every description to run at large on the streets, public places where grass or shrubs are growing, or upon private property without the consent of the owner of such land.

Upon conviction, the owners of the fowls are liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars, or more than twenty days.

If persons whose property is trespassed upon by the fowls will go before the recorder and make affidavit of the facts and procure a warrant for the arrest of the owners of such fowls they will speedily be brought to trial and the nuisance will be promptly abated.

J. R. SUMTER, Chief of Police.

TAX RETURNS NOTICE FOR 1918

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places and on the dates given, for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 1918. Returns of Real Estate, Personal Property, Polls, Roads and Dogs should be made. The office will be open to receive returns from January 1st to February 20th:

- Tindals, Tuesday, Jan. 8.
- Privateer, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
- Levi Siding, Thursday, Jan. 10.
- Wedgefield, Friday, Jan. 11.
- Claremont, Tuesday, Jan. 15.
- Hagood, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
- Remberts, Thursday, Jan. 17.
- Dalzell, Friday, Jan. 18.
- Brogdon, Tuesday, Jan. 22.
- Maysville, Wednesday, Jan. 23.
- Oswego, Thursday, Jan. 24.
- Pleasant Grove, Tuesday, Jan. 29.
- Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 30.
- Norwood Cross Roads, Thursday, Jan. 31.

R. E. WILDER, County Auditor.

HELPING WEAK SCHOOLS.

Columbia, Feb. 17.—The act to encourage consolidated and graded schools in country districts and the increasing appropriations made by the legislature every year has had a most salutary effect in developing the educational system in the rural sections of South Carolina, according to a statement by John E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education, just made public. The consolidation of weak schools in larger numbers every year, he stated, has made for more efficient methods and has considerably lengthened the school terms. From an appropriation of \$15,000 for six schools in 1911-12 there has been an increase to the appropriation of \$187,500 this year, benefiting more than 700 schools, employing over 2,000 teachers and enrolling more than 75,000 pupils.

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