

DISASTROUS FIRE MONDAY MORNING

Three Concerns Destroyed Another Damaged

Dixie Cafe, Union Candy Kitchen and City Barber Shop Completely Wrecked—Damage About \$15,000.

A destructive fire occurred here early Monday morning and caused damage to the extent of something like fifteen thousand dollars. Concerns and property owners lost heavily. The Dixie Cafe, Union Candy Kitchen and the City Barber Shop were wiped out, and the buildings in which these concerns were operating were completely gutted.

The fire is thought to have originated in the large cellar which extended under both the Candy Kitchen and the Dixie Cafe. Just how it originated is not known.

The fire alarm was turned in about 12:20 Monday morning and the fight to extinguish the flames was kept up for more than three hours. Owing to the dense smoke and the location of the fire it was with difficulty controlled.

The Dixie Cafe, owned by Mitchell Psilon and Charlie Bellisroy, was insured for \$2,000 with a value of \$3,000. The building was owned by Geo. W. Going and was insured for \$1,000, perhaps less than 50 per cent of its value.

The Candy Kitchen, conducted and owned by George Couchell was insured for \$1,500, the value being \$3,500. The building was owned by Geo. W. Going and was insured for \$800, that being less than half its value.

The City Barber Shop was owned by Jno. R. Mathis and was almost a total loss to the owner, there being no insurance. This building was owned by the S. S. Linder estate, and was partially insured.

The J. F. McLure Co.'s store was flooded with water and the stock of goods badly damaged by the fire.

OF INTEREST HERE.

Mrs. Laura C. Keller announces the marriage of her daughter Fairley Belle to

Mr. Walter B. Counts on Tuesday, June nineteenth nineteen hundred and seventeen St. Matthews, South Carolina

Mr. Counts is a Union boy and his friends congratulate him and wish for years and years of happiness for both of them.

MR. J. J. PURCELL IS CRITICALLY ILL

The many friends of Mr. J. J. Purcell will regret to hear that his condition does not improve. Mr. Purcell has been confined to his bed for several weeks. Miss Shands of Spartanburg, trained nurse, is at his bedside.

Messrs. James and Charles Purcell, of Akron, O., were called home Monday on account of their father's continued illness.

DEATH OF FRED ROCHESTER.

Fred Rochester, a member of Co. E., died in Columbia Friday of last week and the body was carried to Walhalla for burial. It is said that his death resulted from ptomaine poison caused from eating canned tomatoes. Rochester joined Co. E from Buffalo.

YOUNG LADY INJURED.

Greenville, June 18.—Miss Corrie Springfield, daughter of H. G. Springfield, merchant who resides on the Cedar Lane road, sustained a fractured skull, possibly a fractured shoulder and serious bodily injuries when an automobile in which she was riding with Mr. Mike Shelton, capsize on the mountain road to Hendersonville Sunday and was wrecked against a rock. Mr. Shelton, who was driving, was also slightly injured. Miss Springfield was thrown clear of the car and her head struck either a tree or rock.—Daily Piedmont.

RED CROSS RALLY AT SEDALIA SCHOOL

There will be a rally at the Sedalia school house on Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross Relief Fund. A musical program will be furnished by local talent and speeches will be made by local favorites. The committee is actively engaged in the work of collecting for the fund and use this method of adding to their amount. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

Mrs. C. T. Murphy has been quite indisposed for several days but her friends are pleased that she is able to be out again.

DEATH OF S. K. HUMPHRIES.

End Came Suddenly Sunday Afternoon at 5 O'clock at His Home in Florence, S. C.—Was for 15 Years a Resident of Union.

Mr. S. K. Humphries dropped dead Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home in Florence, S. C., and was buried at Pisgah church, Darlington county, Tuesday.

Mr. Humphries was for 15 years a resident of Union, and was in business here. About a year ago he moved to Florence, bought a home and entered business there. He was 62 years of age and was a man of high character.

He was twice married, his last wife, who survives him being before her marriage Miss Florence Kirvin of Florence county. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jim M. Harris, of Union, a child by his first wife.

Mr. C. G. Humphries, his brother, and family, left Monday for Florence to attend the funeral.

MOVIE BENEFIT FOR RED CROSS.

The Edsonia theatre will give a movie benefit for the Red Cross Relief Fund on Thursday afternoon and evening and together with the splendid pictures shown, the local musical talent and some minstrel stunts will be pulled off.

Come out to the movie on Thursday and help this worthy cause. The managers of the theatre have been most liberal and patriotic in offering to give this benefit and the citizens of the community ought to appreciate the spirit and patronize the show. Popular prices will be charged and the Red Cross committee ought to pile up a good many dollars.

FLAG DAY OBSERVED.

The local Elks celebrated "Flag Day" here last Thursday afternoon in the Elks' Home, there being present quite a number of visitors as well as members of the order. An appropriate program was carried out, and was participated in with zest.

Dr. F. P. Salley, Exalted Ruler, presided and delivered a brief address in the opening exercises, paying a high tribute to the flag. He was also the closing speaker and in closing discussed the war situation that now confronts us.

Senator J. G. Hughes made an appropriate patriotic address, as did Rev. L. W. Blackwelder.

The exercises were calculated to deeply stir patriotic sentiment and to justify our entrance into the war.

CAPT. SARRATT HONORED.

The comrades at Fort Oglethorpe held a farewell meeting Friday evening, June 15, and their patriotic toast was, "We part in Chickamauga to meet in Berlin." The engineers go first to pick the way; the artillery goes to blaze the way and the infantry follows to hold the way.

Many tokens of esteem were presented the instructors by the soldiers and Union is especially interested in "Capt Sarratt's company, No. 5, gave him a valuable watch and adopted a resolution thanking him for patience and interest in training them. In the back of the watch is the following inscription:

"To Lieut. J. A. Sarratt, U. S. Army, from the 5th Co. Officers Reserve Training Camp, June 15, 1917." Capt. Sarratt is a Union boy and is better known to his friends as "Tony"; they are very pleased to hear of his high regard in which he is held by his men and congratulate him upon being thus honored by them.

MR. WHISENANT IMPROVING.

Mr. Lampley Whisenant, who was so severely injured in an automobile wreck last week, is considered out of danger, but still confined to his room. His friends are pleased to hear that he is on the road to recovery.

LOCATES AT CENTRAL.

Rev. C. A. Kirby, who completed his course at Furman university this summer, has accepted a call to the church at Central and moved with his family to that place.

COLORED TROOPS PASSED THROUGH UNION FRIDAY

Sixty-eight colored soldiers passed through Union last Friday en route to Des Moines, Iowa, to enter the National Training Camp at that place. The colored citizenship of Union to the number of some six hundred, gathered at the station here when the train arrived and presented the soldiers with cigars, soda water and fruit. A committee of prominent colored people served as a committee to serve the refreshments. The patriotic and kindly service was greatly appreciated by the soldiers.

FINE TALENT IS DISPLAYED

Women of Missionary Society Give Excellent Entertainment—Money to Be Used For New Church—Will Go to West Springs Saturday Night.

The ladies of the missionary society of the Jonesville Baptist church will give an entertainment in the auditorium at West Springs high school Saturday night, June 23, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. They will give the play entitled, "The Old Peabody Pew," and it is interesting from start to finish.

The ladies of this society have already given the play in Jonesville and Paolet, and at both places large audiences gathered to hear and enjoy the fine program. The prices are reasonable, 10 cents for children and 15 cents for grown people. Besides going to West Springs the company has already engagements to go to several other points.

The cast of characters in the play are:

Mrs. Baxter, the minister's wife, Mrs. R. E. Littlejohn.

Mrs. Burbanks, president of the Dorcas Society, Mrs. J. T. Scott.

Mrs. Miller, wife of Deacon Miller, the sexton, Mrs. J. D. Whitmire.

Mrs. Sargent, a village historian, Mrs. R. C. Coleman.

The Widow Buzzell, willing to take a second risk, Mrs. G. E. Brown.

Miss Lobelia Brewster, who is no lover of men, Mrs. W. P. Leister.

Miss Maria Sharp, quick of speech, sound of heart, Mrs. W. W. Wood.

Cindy, the faithful maid, Mrs. R. B. Koger.

Miss Nancy Wentworth, who has waited for her romance ten years, Miss Marie Littlejohn.

Justin Peabody, sole living claimant to the old Peabody Pew, Mr. Julian Lipscomb.

It is expected that a large audience will hear the play at West Springs, and it goes without saying it, you will get your money's worth.

Pretty Church Wedding Thursday of Last Week

The culminating event in the series of affairs preceding the marriage of Miss Louisa Merriman Duncan and Donald Matheson Eaves of Bamberg Thursday evening at Grace Methodist church at 9 o'clock was the reception at the church. The marriage was of cordial interest by reason of the popularity of the couple and their extensive acquaintance not only in South Carolina but many places outside the State. For some time before the ceremony the handsomely gowned women and their escorts were arriving until the church was entirely filled with guests and friends. Miss Mary Jones, Miss Kathleen Thomson and Mrs. Henry S. Adams of Chester rendered the following program: "Cortege Nuptial," "Salut d'Amour," "March Pontificale," "Traumerie." At the conclusion of the program Miss Kathrin Layton sang "O Perfect Love." The "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin was played as a processional and during the ceremony improvisations were softly rendered. The altar was banked with palms and ferns and lighted with cathedral candelabra, Southern smilax and ivy traced the chancel railing and tiny wedding bells were artistically swaying in the double arches. The pews for the reception guests were marked by tall standards topped with bunches of pink and white sweet peas tied with fluffy bows of white tulle. Stationed at the ribbons were little Misses Henrietta Jordan and Roberta Wallace, escorted by Thomas McNally and Alex Garner. The little girls wore white organdie with pink sashes and their escorts wore white suits and a boutonniere of sweet peas.

The bridal procession was led to the chancel by the ushers, R. P. Harry, Sam Layton, Maurice Garner and Dr. I. M. Hair of Spartanburg; then followed the groomsmen and maids who entered singly and down opposite aisles. The maids were: Miss Mary DuPre, Miss Kathrin Clinkscales of Spartanburg, Miss Margaret Gale of Birmingham, Ala., Miss Dorothy Bettis of Trenton, Miss Mary Ellen Eaves of Bamberg, Miss Jenny Robinson of Easley, Miss Kathleen James, Miss Ludie Jordan, Miss Elizabeth Arthur, Miss Virginia Poole and Miss Theo Young of Union. They were modishly gowned in turquoise blue satin with silver trimmings and carried arm bouquets of pink sweet peas tied with pink satin streamers. The groomsmen were: A. W. Knight, Will Duncan, J. D. Copeland, Jr., W. A. Klauber, Lane Etheridge, Jack Burnett, Byrd Miller, Duncan Bellingier, Jim McGowan, R. P. Morgan, Gordon Hughes, Stuart Smith. Following the maids and groomsmen was the matron of honor, Mrs. Turner Fitten of Atlanta, Ga., sister of the bride. She

REVIVAL MEETING AT JONESVILLE

Rev. Walt Holcomb, Evangelist, Preaching to Large Congregations—Services Held Three Times a Day in the Armory—Rev. J. Douglas Swagerty Leading the Singing

Rev. Walt Holcomb, evangelist, is conducting a revival meeting in the armory at Jonesville, and is preaching three times each day. Large congregations are attending the meetings and a deal of interest is being manifested. Mr. Holcomb is being assisted by Rev. J. Douglas Swagerty, gospel singer. The meetings began in the First Methodist church several days ago, and it was later decided to move into the armory. Seats have been provided and a platform to accommodate the speaker and a picked choir of 50 people has been built. The denominations of the town have united in the meeting and each of the local pastors is cooperating with the movement. The sermons are strong gospel sermons, with a direct appeal to the hearers. Both the singing and the preaching are of a high order and the interest is marked. The meeting will go on through Sunday and probably longer.

IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Ralph Fike, the son of Mr. L. E. Fike, of Spartanburg, but formerly of Union was badly injured in an automobile "mix-up" in Spartanburg on Monday afternoon. The little fellow was riding a bicycle and turned a sharp corner and was struck by a car driven by a woman; she lost control of the car and the two members of the Jonesville Coast Artillery who happened to be passing by, jumped aboard and stopped the car and prevented further disaster. The Spartanburg Herald says efforts were made to learn the identity of the driver of the car but without results.

Mr. Bill Goforth of Co. E will spend the week-end with relatives.

RED CROSS FUND GROWS RAPIDLY

TANK SHIP WAS SUNK BY A GERMAN U-BOAT

The John D. Archibold Was Operated by the Standard Oil Co., Which Made Announcement of Sinking.

New York, June 19.—The oil tank steamship, John D. Archibold, of the Standard Oil company, has been sunk by a submarine. The announcement was made at the offices of the company here today. Four members of the tanker's crew were lost. The Archibold was sent to the bottom last Saturday in European waters. The John D. Archibold was two days en route to this country from France.

The ship was armed and a gunner's crew from an American warship was on board. The names of the missing crew members are: Jose Lorenzo, an oiler; Gregorio Soza, a fireman, and Domingo Lago, a wiper, and a crew member whose name is uncertain. The company has cabled for further information. The John D. Archibold was an American steamship of 8,374 tons gross register, owned by the Standard Oil company, and built at 1914, at Newport News. The ship left here May 20, for Havre and Rouen, France, with cargo, under the command of Captain H. B. Thompson with a crew of 41 men of whom 12 were Americans.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LOWER FAIRFOREST

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. will meet at Lower Fairforest Baptist church on Sunday, July 1, 1917. The devotional exercises will be conducted by Mrs. Joe Smith. Greetings—Miss Mason Blankenship.

Informal response—Miss Iris Wilburn.

Roll call, society and band of Circle No. 4.

Helpful Ideas of the Work of W. M. S.—Mrs. H. O. Holcombe.

Helpful Ideas of the Work of Y. W. A.—Mrs. J. F. Caudle.

Helpful Ideas of the R. A.—Mrs. R. E. White.

Helpful Ideas of the S. B.—Mrs. O. L. P. Jackson.

Round table.

Recess. Lunch.

Missionary sermon 2 p. m.—Rev. J. M. Trogdon, pastor of the church.

Alternate, Rev. E. A. Fuller.

CAR LOAD OF TIN CANS.

A car load of tin cans has been received by the Union Chamber of Commerce, through Nicholson Bank & Trust company. Anyone wishing cans for preserving fruits and vegetables can get them by applying to Mr. R. P. Harry at Farmers' Bonded Warehouse.

VISITS UNION.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Garland and children of Hartsville motored to Union last week and spent several days with Mr. J. P. Herring. Mr. Garland was pleased with this country, all but the red hills and the gullies.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Home Economics club of Sedalia at the school house Friday afternoon, June 22nd, at 3:30 o'clock. Misses Smith and McCutcheon will talk on "The Rearing and Care of Small Children. The ladies of the community are invited to attend. The club will serve light refreshments.

BENEFIT OF RED CROSS.

The citizens of Cedar Hill will have a box supper Saturday night, June 23, at the Cedar Hill school house for the benefit of the Red Cross relief fund. Come and bring a box of goodies and help this worthy cause and spend a pleasant evening. Committee.

MORE BIG SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Twenty-seven of Large Size Destroyed—Total Greater Than for Any Week Since May 5.

London, June 20.—Twenty-seven British ships of more than 1,600 tons have been sunk, according to the weekly British summary given out today. Five British vessels under 1,600 tons also were sent to the bottom. No fishing vessels were destroyed.

The summary follows:

Arrivals 2,897, sailings 2,993. British merchant ships over 1,600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, including three previously, 27; under 1,600, including one previously, 5. British merchant ships unsuccessfully attacked, including two previously, 31. British fishing vessels sunk, none.

Mrs. J. C. Jeffries and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Jeffries, of Gaffney, spent Wednesday with Miss Minnie Lee Walker.

Hundred Million Dollar Mark Will Be Reached

Encouraging Reports From All Over the Country—Union County Doing Her Part Well.

On Wednesday morning the Union county chairman of the Red Cross War Fund received the following telegram from Mr. R. H. King, State agent for the Red Cross at Charleston:

"Advices from Washington indicate tremendous encouragement and success throughout the United States. Telephones and telegraph reports from all parts of South Carolina most encouraging. Some counties are just organizing. Some have raised half their amounts. All are determined to exceed apportionment.

"Governor Manning offers a State flag to the county first reporting to the undersigned that full quota is raised. Also a United States flag and State championship to the county which on Tuesday morning, June 26th, has exceeded its allotment by largest percentage.

"We are banking on you. Report daily."

Union county's chairman hopes that every section of the county will rally in the support of this noble work, as the money given will mean so much in the future to relieve suffering soldiers, and by giving now Union may have the honor of winning the United States flag and State championship offered by Governor Manning. This fund cannot be raised solely by means of \$1.00 subscriptions, and every man and woman who can give \$25, \$50 or \$100 should do so, especially if they have friends or loved ones who may probably soon be fighting in France, if they cannot go themselves, to help forever put down militarism and atrocities that the Germans have in their campaign stood for.

Contributions by Precincts—Total to Wednesday Night.

Mt. Tabor	2.00
West Springs	33.10
Wilburn's	32.31
Lockhart Junction	33.35
Buffalo	14.15
Oakland School	1.00
Monarch Mills	2.00
Sedalia	10.35
Carem	1.00
Lockhart	146.85
Kelton	23.35
Joesville	123.15
Santuc	51.00
Meador	1.00
Cross Keys	39.95
Union, Ward 1	219.50
Union, Ward 2	232.90
Union, Ward 3	123.45
Union, Ward 4	178.73

Total \$1239.54

The largest single subscription, \$50, was made by Knight Foster, a colored farmer of Jonesville. Our corporation, Nicholson Bank and Trust company made a subscription of \$50. And there are several other individuals and corporations that will probably come into the \$50 column.

FINE BASKET OF FRUIT.

The editor's heart was made glad Wednesday morning when a large basket of peaches and apricots was left on his desk by Mrs. Preston B. Bobo of Sedalia. These dainties have been enjoyed immensely and one peach was given to a kind young man who cranked our "Tin Lizzie" after many futile attempts on our part.

MRS. W. B. ESTES IMPROVING.

Mrs. W. B. Estes, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is improving, which is very gratifying news to her many friends. She has as her guests Mrs. Broome and Miss Isabella Hunter, who will remain with her for sometime. Mrs. J. R. Hunter and children of Norfolk, a. Mrs. B. N. Broome and children of Columbia, Mrs. Edwin Scott of Columbia and Mr. W. M. Estes and daughter of Rockton, have returned to their homes after visiting Mrs. Estes.

TO RAISE RED CROSS FUNDS SATURDAY EVENING

Big fish stew, Lockhart, 7 p. m., Saturday evening, brick church, Joe Meggs cook.

Ice cream supper, Carem, Friday night, 8 p. m.

Sedalia school house, Friday night, 8 p. m., musical selections, speeches and recitations. Free will offering at door.

Kelly's school Saturday night, 8 p. m., ice cream supper.

Cedar Hill, box supper at school house Saturday night.

Santuc school house, Friday night, June 22, ice cream.