

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS OF GOLDVILLE

MRS. E. G. KAY, Correspondent and Representative

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fulmer spent the week-end with relatives in Batesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. M. J. McFadden visited relatives in Rock Hill and Fort Lawn over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blakely and son, Bob, spent the week-end with the former's parents in Mauldin.

Pvt. Charles Franks of Fort Jackson, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Franks.

Miss Sara Osborne and Sgt. Lacey Whitley spent several days last week with the latter's parents in Rockingham, N. C.

Mrs. Calvin Poag and daughter, Jean, are visiting her parents in Belton.

Pvt. Jim Byars of Camp Croft, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Byars.

Mrs. James Furr has joined Cpl. Furr near Nashville Tenn., for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooley spent the week-end in Anderson with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Riding and children spent the week-end with relatives in Pacolet.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Keels and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sanders of Columbia, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams over the week-end.

Joe Turner of the navy, is spending several days with his mother, Mrs. R. L. Turner.

Mrs. James Addison and Mrs. John A. Addison spent Monday in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and small son, Skipper, of Ninety-Six, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nix, Mrs. Harry Johnston, Mrs. Gary Davenport and son, Gary, of Greenville visited Mrs. Jack Gilliam and Mrs. J. D. Barrett Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Ayers and daughter, Patsy, of Tigerville, and Mrs. J. W. Davis of Ninety-Six, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stewart.

Mrs. Bertha Rodgers and children of Augusta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hunnicutt and daughter, Shirley, of Ninety-Six, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hunnicutt.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wood of Newberry, attended services at Epworth Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Fred Ross and daughter, Fredna, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Templeton in Fort Mill.

Mrs. Thelma Foy spent the week-end with relatives in Newberry.

Mrs. C. B. Dickey of Greenville, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clement visited relatives in Greer over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Templeton and son, Jimmy, and Mrs. DeWitt Adams of Fort Mill, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ross and son, Verner, and Betty Douglas Ross of Greenville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ross.

Mrs. R. L. Boyce has returned home from a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Allsbrook, in Sumter.

Miss Fannie Copeland spent the week-end with Mrs. George Addy in Clinton.

Miss Margie Crawford visited friends in Columbia last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Jenkins of Greenwood, visited Mr. and Mrs.

Wade Jenkins over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chandler of Newberry, spent Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Ray Wertz.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall and son, Jerry, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hall.

Mrs. Ed Warren and daughters, spent the week-end with relatives in Columbia.

Miss Myrtle Silvey spent the week-end with relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. T. R. Bridges was called to Langley last week due to the death of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Wier attended the Wier-Clarkson wedding in Newberry Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fulghum of Key West, Fla., visited Mrs. Fulghum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Frady, over the week-end.

Mrs. Cecil Farmer and Mrs. Tom Farmer visited Cecil Farmer at Jacksonville, Fla., last week.

Miss Martha Yarborough spent the week-end with her mother in Saluda.

W. W. Niver, Walter Regnery, J. L. Delaney and A. D. Barron are spending a few days in New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ellis and daughter, Miss Hazel Ellis, visited relatives in Belton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kimmel of Bethlehem, Pa., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beckham.

Mrs. Leroy Upton and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean, in Spartanburg.

With The Sick

Mrs. J. M. Holsonback has returned from Hays hospital, Clinton, where she was a patient several days.

Mrs. H. G. Murrah has returned from Hays hospital where she has been a patient.

Little Patsy Poag is ill at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. H. Poag.

Mrs. Red Lever is a patient at Newberry hospital.

Earl Holsonback has gone to Duke hospital, Durham, N. C., for treatment.

Mrs. Gertrude Sample is ill at the home of her brother, J. O. Heuble.

Harold Russell is a patient at Hays hospital where he underwent an appendectomy.

Mrs. Lee Ellison is a patient at Hays hospital.

Birthdays

Martin Bolick celebrated his birthday Tuesday.

Audrey O'Shields has a birthday tomorrow.

Bonnie Arrowood observes a birthday May 16.

Florella Campbell has a birthday today.

Mary King observed a birthday Monday, the 10th.

Aileen Dees celebrated her birthday yesterday.

Bonnie Brannon had a birthday Monday.

J. L. Abrams observed his birthday May 11th.

Mrs. Pete Schumpert has a birthday tomorrow.

Mrs. Claudia Mae Furr observed a birthday yesterday.

Miss Mildred Bozard has a birthday May 16th.

Mrs. Lila Phillips observes a birthday May 15th.

W. P. Rushton had a birthday yesterday.

F. C. Rowe observes his birthday May 15th.

E. A. Tinsley had a birthday Monday.

Mrs. Alice Brown celebrates her birthday May 16th.

Mrs. Annie Chapman observed a birthday Monday.

J. A. Clark had a birthday Monday.

Mrs. Troy Ellis observes her birthday May 16th.

Clarence Fulmer had a birthday Monday.

E. H. Hunnicutt observed his birthday Monday.

Otis Lewis has a birthday Saturday.

Mrs. Lester Hair observed her birthday May 8.

W. M. U. Meets

The Woman's Missionary Union of Goldville Baptist church met last Monday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. R. H. McGee with twenty members present.

Mrs. Mason Rowland had charge of the program on the topic, "Our Denominational Colleges." Mrs. Sallie Craig gave the devotional. Interesting talks were made by Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Louis Murphy, Mrs. Ralph Stroude and Mrs. Charles Murphy.

A new member, Mrs. Walter Waits, was welcomed by the organization.

A business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. L. H. Poag.

A committee on community missions was appointed with Mrs. Rolfe Clark, chairman, Mrs. Otis Murphy and Mrs. R. H. McGee.

Mrs. Warren Clement, treasurer, was given a surprise shower at the close of the meeting.

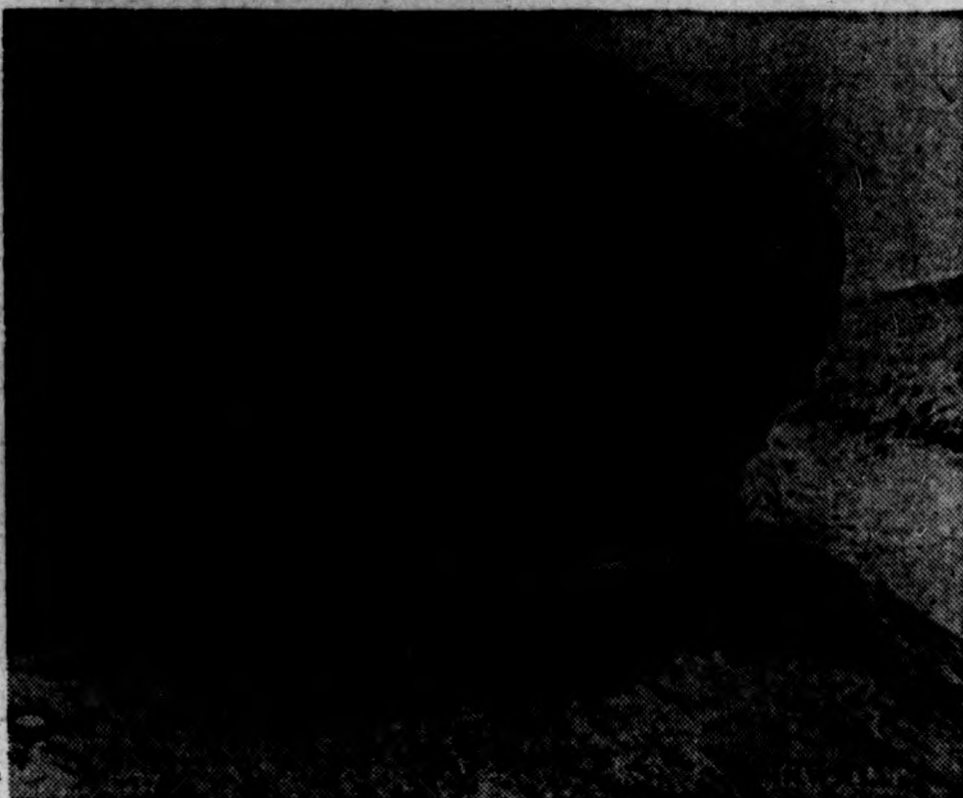
The hostess served punch and sandwiches.

Junior-Senior Prom

Joanna club was the scene of a merry party on last Friday evening when the young people of Goldville, who are members of the junior and senior classes at Clinton high school, were hosts and hostesses to their classmates at an informal dance.

Members of the faculty were chaperones, and A. T. Ferguson rendered a number of piano selections during intermission. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served throughout the evening by Mrs. Robbie Francis and Mrs. W. O. Stewart.

Tank Destroyers Wait for 'Customer'



Three tank destroyer men of the U. S. Second Army Corps find ideal cover under an overhanging shelf on the side of a hill overlooking a valley in the Bluerie area of Tunisia, as they await orders for action, coinciding with the appearance of an Axis tank. U. S. forces have fought the battle all the length of Tunisia.

A Private Citizen Speaks His Mind Spectator Comments On Men and Things

I had hoped to turn my mind to other topics since I am not fighting the Santee-Cooper in its proper field, but merely opposing such an expansion of it as would seem to threaten the state with a power octopus under political control. The progress and prosperity of the great low-country power development must be pleasant to contemplate.

The Associated Press has sent out an interesting story on the Santee-Cooper which the dailies carried on April 29. The story gives the following information:

"The Santee-Cooper is operating at actual capacity, that being somewhat under the theoretical maximum productive capacity, naturally, and is earning \$50,000 a month 'in excess of all expenses.' I'm not sure that we

can call that a net profit of \$50,000 a month, because accountants talk one language and we untechnical people talk another. At any rate, the Associated Press states authoritatively, or as authentic, that the big "project" on the Santee is selling \$200,000 of power a month and that \$50,000 is above all expenses.

At first blush I wondered if the usually accurate Associated Press had made a slip. The statement, under analysis, is confusing. It says that the Santee-Cooper is selling about 2,400,000 kilowatts, which is almost three times as many kilowatts as all the power companies in South Carolina generate. The total capacity of all generating companies in this state is 857,160 kilowatts; and this includes every type of generating company, steam, hydro-electric and internal combustion, and considering the full theoretical capacity of the Santee-Cooper.

It may be that the reporter was not informed that there is a vast difference between kilowatts and kilowatt-hours. As I said, the total capacity of kilowatts of all South Carolina companies combined is 857,160. Assuming, then, that the reporter was in error and that the Santee-Cooper is selling 240,000,000 kilowatt-hours there would seem to be another error for 240,000,000 kilowatt-hours for \$200,000 a month, or \$2,400,000 a year, would indicate a rate very notably high, much higher than the private companies charge. We know, as a matter of public record, that the Santee-Cooper is selling 144,000,000 kilowatt-hours at 5 1/2 mills, so that leaves \$6,000,000 kilowatt-hours, the greater part of it said to be sold at 3 mills, or less. The reporter must have been entranced by the view and the fresh-water trout.

There is another angle: The Santee-Cooper is said to have an annual fixed charge for interest of at least \$1,040,000 a year, paying 4% on \$26,000,000 advanced by the federal government. If the Santee-Cooper is selling \$2,400,000 worth of power a year, according to the implications of the public statement, that would mean that the company operates at high cost. If, as the reporter tells us, the Santee-Cooper is making a clear profit of \$50,000 a month, that would be \$600,000 a year. Now let us take for granted that the \$600,000 a year is clear, net profit. We must remember that it does not include taxes, unless provision has been made for local property taxes. By comparison with the Lexington Water Power company, which is about the same size as the Santee-Cooper, we find that the Lexington company pays in state taxes \$157,316 and in federal

taxes \$36,192. The Santee-Cooper pays none of this.

Taking \$2,400,000 as the total of the sales of power by the Santee-Cooper, and subtracting \$1,040,000 for debt service that would leave \$1,360,000 for everything else. Taking \$600,000 from that as a net profit, then the Santee-Cooper is operating on an over-all cost basis of \$760,000. This is strikingly impressive, but rather high, perhaps.

If we take the statement of the Associated Press and look at it from another angle we might assume that the sale of 240,000,000 kilowatt-hours at an average of 5 1/2 mills would result in a total income of \$1,320,000. We know that not all the 240,000,000 kilowatt-hours is sold for a rate as high as 5 1/2 mills, but I use that figure. If the Santee-Cooper has a fixed charge of \$1,040,000 on its bonds and has a total income from sales of \$1,320,000 it has, by that calculation, only \$280,000 for all administrative and operating expense.

These various calculations don't square with one another. Perhaps the \$50,000 a month "in excess of all expenses" is the happy condition instead of calculating the bond charge against the receipts.

It only goes to show how one may become lost in a maze of figures. After writing all this I am completely at sea and not able to see what is what. It may be that the best way is to begin with \$50,000 a month of net profit and count on the Santee-Cooper contributing to the state \$600,000 a year, in lieu of taxes. But even then just one company is paying in all taxes \$1,088,000 a year.



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