

UNION HAD DESTRUCTIVE FIRE LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

The Garage of W. Newell Smith Auto Co. Burned to the Ground.

Fine Plant and Nine Automobiles Go to Feed Flames—Heavy Loss With Light Insurance—Will Rebuild.

Fire broke out up-stairs in the building occupied by W. Newell Smith Auto Co. Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and in a few minutes the entire building was wrapped in flames. The adjoining buildings had a very narrow escape, while the garage, with the total machinery, tools and automobile accessories were destroyed. The insurance carried was only \$3000; the value of the building and equipment was about \$8000. Nine automobiles were also burned, three of them owned by W. Newell Smith, and six owned by citizens who had housed their cars in the building off the night.

The cars burned were: three belonging to W. Newell Smith; one belonging to each of the following: W. C. Thomson, Bullock's Creek; J. Roy Fant, Lockhart; Hames Grocery Co., Union; Lawrence Smith, Union; Simon Smith, Union; Mrs. M. L. Coleman, Georgia. There was one Ivers Johnson motorcycle also lost in the fire, and the property of the company.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Smith, the head of the concern, for he had, by hard work and strict economy, built up a fine machine shop, and his loss is very heavy.

The fire originated with an explosion, which occurred at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, and was first seen up-stairs and in the rear of the building. Many people heard the explosion and one eye-witness said he was passing along, noticed volumes of black smoke and then the explosion which sent part of the roof off and

The watch repair shop of Simon Smith, located between the Express office and the burned building was also burned, but most of the goods were removed. The Express office caught on fire on top, but the flames were extinguished as often as the roof caught on fire.

The Southern Bell Telephone had their cable burned, and the electric light wires were destroyed. Both were promptly repaired, and early the following morning had been put into commission.

While the fire was raging snow and sleet were falling heavily. This fact and the very efficient work done by the Union Fire Department, prevented a conflagration that threatened to destroy a large section of the city.

Mitchell-Shirley

Miss Florence Shirley and Mr. Wesley Mitchell, of Monarch, were united in marriage by Rev. L. L. Wagnon, at his residence in Union Sunday afternoon, March 28, 1915. Just a few intimate friends accompanied these young people on this happy occasion.

Union Boys Pass Board

Felix Goudelock and Perrin Byers who are studying at the Charleston Medical College, have successfully passed the State Board of Examiners and are now full-fledged pharmacists. The friends of these young men are much pleased at the progress they have made and wish them great success in their chosen vocation.

Flag Raising

The Magnolia Council Junior Order United American Mechanics will have a flag raising at West End school house on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The speakers for the occasion will be Hon. C. B. Webb, National Vice Councillor and Hon. T. Both Butler of Gaffney. A program will be furnished by the West End and Central schools.

Sacred Concert

The sacred concert was held Sunday afternoon at the Grace Methodist church and the music was unusually fine. A solo by Mr. Samuel Harris with violin accompaniment and anthems by the choir were a special feature. The concert will be held at this church next Sunday and the music will be furnished by a ladies' choir. Everybody is invited to attend.

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be given by the ladies of the Church of the Nativity on Monday afternoon, April 5th, at the Library Grounds at 4 o'clock. The small admission of 10c will be charged, and everybody is invited.

ASSUME DUTIES OF POSTMASTER

B. B. James, Recently Appointed to This Position, Took Charge First of April.

Mr. B. B. James, recently appointed postmaster for Union, took charge of the office on April 1st, succeeding Mr. L. G. Young, for the past several years postmaster here. For a number of months the battle over the appointment was waged, with the final result that Mr. James won the position.

Mr. James, has for a number of years, been a member of the firm of The Union Grocery Co., here and is well qualified for the duties of the position to which he has been appointed. Mr. L. G. Young, the retiring postmaster, filled the place admirably. Under his administration and through his efforts, the rural route service out of Union was greatly improved, and many advances in the service generally, were made.

Card From Mr. L. G. Young

Mr. Editor:—As my term as Postmaster has expired, I desire to use this means of thanking the patrons of the office, both city and rural, for their almost unanimous endorsement of me for reappointment. It has been my endeavor since my appointment to render to the patrons of the office the most satisfactory service of which I was capable and I feel that such an endorsement given me means that to some extent, I have succeeded in my endeavors. I wish to thank my endorsers and do assure each and every one of them that I am exceedingly proud of such an endorsement and will ever cherish it as a fond memory.

When I took charge of your office, you were served by an assistant, two clerks, three daily and one tri-weekly rural routes, at a yearly cost of \$8,400.00; now you have an assistant four clerks, three city carriers, five daily rural routes, two janitors, and a mail messenger, at a yearly cost of \$17,400.00. Through my activity not only were these conveniences added to your office but, a rural route was added from Buffalo, from Jonesville and from Whitmore, to serve the lower part of this county; and through my instrumentality as Postmaster, the order was secured for beginning the Soil Survey of your county.

During my incumbency the Register and Money Order business has been completely changed, to the great convenience of the public. The Postal Saving System added to the service (at one time your office had the banner deposits of the state). The Parcel Post has revolutionized the burdensome charges of the Express Company and brought the producer and consumer into closer relations with each other to the great advantage of both. The feature of cash on Delivery and Insurance, add to the convenience of exchange and safety and the whole at very little cost. With all these changes and additions to the service, your office has kept abreast of the times; and city and rural service added by use of maps of the county and detail maps of the city, made by your Postmaster at his own expense and labor.

In conclusion, allow me again to thank the patrons for the uniform kindness and encouragement given me and I hope that my successor will have similar support from them that the office may continue to grow in efficient and satisfactory service.

Yours truly,
L. G. Young, Postmaster.

Material Purchased for Water Works Extension Improvements Will Begin at Early Day

The Commissioners of Public Works advertised for bids on the necessary material for the waterworks extension, and same were formerly opened on Tuesday morning, March 30th. As the proposals for this material were extensively advertised in the trade journals and specifications sent to all the leading dealers in the different lines of material the Commissioners received quite a volume of bids and secured unusually good prices on all material purchased. The contracts were awarded as follows: Cast Iron Pipe and Specials, United States Cast Iron Pipe Co., Chattanooga; Lead and Valves, General Fire Extinguisher Co., Charlotte; Jute and Valve Boxes, Crane & Co., Atlanta; Pumps, Morris Machine Works, Charlotte; Electrical Equipment, General Electric Co., Atlanta.

Prompt delivery is to be made on all material and it shall be only a short time before the work on the installation will begin.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans and Sons of Veterans wishing to subscribe to The Confederate Veteran, will be given a special rate if they apply through me.

J. M. Greer.

UNION COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MET WEDNESDAY

Day Full of Interesting Work—Great Enthusiasm in Spite of Inclement Weather—Officers Chosen For the Ensuing Year.

The Union County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention met, Wednesday in the First Presbyterian church, this city.

The anticipation and welcome service was conducted by Rev. Jno. F. Matheson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, after which, Principal Points for Profitable Programs was discussed by various delegates in attendance.

Mrs. F. B. Culp led in prayer for the furtherance of Sunday School work in Union county.

Rev. George P. White discussed the subject: "Preparation for Service."

An excellent paper on "Music in the Sunday School" was read by Miss Vivian Sarraatt.

"Glasses that Magnify, and what they suggest to Sunday School Workers," was a question discussed under three heads: "The Microscope, or Community Welfare," by Miss McCutcheon; "The Telescope, or Foreign Missions," by Mrs. Chas. R. Smith; "The Periscope, or Home Department," by Dr. G. W. B. Smith.

Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, of Spartanburg, delivered a fine address upon the subject: "Present Day Problems and Suggested Solutions."

"Solicitation in Prayer Service" was led by Dr. F. M. Ellerbee.

Dr. R. V. Miller delivered a striking address Wednesday evening upon the subject: "The Bible, the Christians' Guide."

The last speaker Wednesday evening was Hon. L. L. Wagnon, his subject being: "Union County's Place in the Great Sunday School Army."

At the close of the meeting a collection of cash and pledges amounting to \$30 was taken.

The music throughout the meeting was exceptionally fine, the night meeting especially, when it was led by the choir of the First Presbyterian church.

A splendid dinner was served in the Sunday school rooms of the church, and was a sumptuous one, served by the ladies of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

The officers chosen for the ensuing year: W. W. Colton, president; D. F. Gilliam, vice-president; C. N. Alexander, secretary and treasurer; Miss Eunice Thomson, superintendent of the Elementary Department; Miss Grace Farr, superintendent of the Adult Department; Allan Nicholson, superintendent of Home Department; Mrs. F. B. Culp, superintendent of the Secondary Department; Prof. Davis Jeffries, superintendent of the Teachers' Training Department; Dr. F. M. Ellerbee, executive committeeman.

INTERESTING LECTURES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Meetings Conducted by Dr. R. V. Miller Will Continue Afternoon and Night Through Sunday—On the Last Day There Will be Three Services.

Dr. R. V. Miller, Bible Evangelist, has been in Union since Sunday, speaking afternoon and night at the First Baptist church, except Wednesday, the day set apart for the County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention. He spoke Wednesday night before the Sunday School Convention in the First Presbyterian church.

The following topics have been discussed by Dr. Miller during his course of lectures: "Two kinds of Christians—caral and spiritual," "Moving Pictures of the Lamb of God, as seen in the Book of Revelation," "Two kinds of Peace," "The Book of Malachi," "The two kinds of

Christians Hereafter," "Outline of First Corinthians."

From Thursday night through Sunday, the following program will be observed:

Thursday night, "The Trial of Christ." The church will be turned into a court house and a regular court trial will be portrayed.

Friday night, "How the World's King Came," a sermon on the second coming of Christ.

Saturday night, "The World War in the Light of Prophecy."

Dr. Miller speaks at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8 o'clock in the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Johnson Rifles Inspected

The Johnson Rifles of Union, S. C. known as Company "M" 1st Infantry, N. G. S. C., commanded by J. F. Walker, Jr., Captain, J. A. Hollingsworth, 1st Lieut., E. R. Ashford, 2nd Lieut., were inspected in their Armory on Monday evening, March 22, 1915, by Major J. Chapter Caldwell, Asst. Adjutant General for the State and Lieutenant Hunt, U. S. A., for the Government.

The Company had three officers and fifty-two men in line and made a fine appearance, being highly complimented by the inspecting Officers. The gold medal offered by the Company for the best drilled man in manual of arms was awarded to Corporal W. S. Fore, the silver cup offered for the next best drilled man in the manual going to Sergeant W. C. Price.

Corporal Hart was adjudged the neatest man in appearance and Private Lake winning the prize for the cleanest gun.

The Rev. J. Harry Chessley in appropriate remarks awarded prizes to the men who had worked so faithfully to win the same, and Lieutenant Hunt in a few remarks congratulated Captain Walker upon the high standard of efficiency of his Company had made at this inspection.

The Company intends to go to Columbia on the 22nd day of April to take part in the State reunion of Confederate Veterans and are drilling every Thursday night in order that they might make a creditable showing in the parade.

Arrested at Lockhart

J. W. Varnadore, a man about 30 years of age, was arrested at Lockhart Tuesday and lodged in jail here by Constable R. L. Brown, upon a warrant charging with having obtained loans upon cotton which he did not possess, giving chattel mortgages as collateral to notes executed by him.

The young man is married and came originally, it is said, from Fairfield county.

Jonesville Votes for Lights

The progressives in Jonesville won hands down in the election held in that good town Tuesday, upon the question of electric lights. There were 97 votes favoring the movement and 7 votes in opposition.

Music Class Entertained

U. H. S. Senior Music Class was delightfully entertained Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Miss Cecil Brawley. The subject of the afternoon's program was the composer, Bach. The following program was rendered:

Roll call answered by music composers.
Life of Bach.....Miss Cecil Brawley
Piano Solo.....Miss Emma Krasnoff
Readings.....Miss Wingrate
from G. W. C., who is the guest of Miss Brawley.
Piano Solo.....Miss Ruth Gaul
Vocal Solo.....Miss Emma Krasnoff
Piano Solo.....Miss Katherine Sartor
Chorus: Misses Cecil Brawley, Emma Krasnoff, Pearl Kelly, Marie Wilburn, Myrtle Smith.

This closed the program. The hostess then served a delicious salad course.

Notice, Sons of Veterans

At the regular monthly meeting of States Rights Gist Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held March 11th, the following committees were appointed:

Committees on applications, C. H. Norman, R. P. Morgan and E. C. Howze.

Committee on membership, C. C. Sanders, B. B. James, S. G. Sarraatt, L. M. Rice, J. W. Mixson, Allan Nicholson, W. W. Colton, R. C. Williams, J. F. McClure and L. L. Wagnon.

Relief committee, W. W. Johnson, W. S. McClure, Chas. W. Goforth, J. S. Morgan and C. H. Norman.

Committee on organizing Drum Corps, Chas. W. Goforth and C. C. Sanders.

Committee on permanent headquarters, W. W. Johnson, J. W. Mixson and S. G. Sarraatt.

It is requested that each of the above committees be prepared to make report at next monthly meeting, which is the second Thursday in April, which comes on the 8th.

Application blanks have been received, and can be had by applying to C. C. Sanders, at Citizens National Bank, or at the next regular meeting on April the 8th.

C. C. Sanders, Adjutant.

The Edsonia Theatre front has been treated to a fresh coat of paint. The work was done by Mr. Chevis Evans, and it is a splendid piece of work.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK PURCHASE CITY BONDS

CAN'T BRING BOOZE FROM WET COUNTY

Gastonia Man Arrested in Spartanburg En Route From Union and Sentenced to \$100 Fine.

A case brought in the city court yesterday indicates that it is a violation of the new "gallon a month" law to bring whiskey into Spartanburg county from a dispensary county, even though the quantity is small and is for personal use only.

The case that was made by the police against R. S. Frady, who was found guilty of trespassing and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve 30 days on the city gang. Frady had not, yesterday afternoon, been able to pay the fine, and was being held at the city station. Frady was arrested at the union station Saturday with two quarts of whiskey, and two half-pints, on his person.

Frady told the police he was from Gastonia, N. C. He said that the laws of North Carolina were now so stringent against permitting whiskey to be shipped in from other states, that he decided to run over to South Carolina to get a little. He went to Union and bought a supply and was returning home, he said, via Spartanburg.

Frady was arrested at the station on the charges of being drunk, and when he was searched by the police, according to the custom, the two quarts and two half-pints were found upon him. When he admitted that he had brought them with him from Union, he was held on the charge of transporting, notwithstanding that he argued that the whiskey was for personal use only. In the city court yesterday he was given a small sentence on the charge of being drunk, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve 30 days on the city gang, on the charge of transporting.

The police, in making this case against Frady, were acting under the interpretation put upon the "gallon a month" law by the city attorneys, they said. Under this construction, it is a violation of the law to bring whiskey from a dispensary county into a dry county, even though the amount be smaller than one gallon and for personal use only.

Interpreting the law in this way, Mayor Floyd found the man guilty of transporting.—Spartanburg Herald.

DEATH OF MISS AILEEN BISHOP

Died at the Home of her Parents at Jonesville After an Illness of Several Months—Other Local News Items

Jonesville, March 30.—Miss Aileen Bishop died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bishop, Monday afternoon after an illness of several months and the body was laid to rest at New Hope on the following day. The services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Justus.

Miss Bishop was a young lady of unusually attractive personality and leaves hosts of friends who sympathize with the family in their great loss.

Jessie, the young son of Mr. T. A. Littlejohn, died at the home of relatives in Pittsburgh, Pa., last Friday and was buried here in the family cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. The bereaved ones have the deepest sympathy of the community.

Messrs Chute of Pittsburgh and Maples of Knoxville returned to their homes Monday afternoon after a short stay with Mr. T. A. Littlejohn. Mr. Walter Bates, a student at Furman University, spent Tuesday in town with relatives.

Mrs. Roy P. Whitlock of Landrum was in town, the guest of relatives for two days last week.

Misses Eila Sams of Clifton, and Inez Spears of Cowpens, spent last week-end at their homes here.

Mr. Malcomb Haney of Woodstock, Ga., visited at the home of his uncle, Mr. J. C. Spears, during the past week.

Mrs. Lewis Yarborough, Miss Nina and Mrs. H. K. Ezell of Cross Anchor, were the guests of relatives last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Charles Littlejohn returned to Clemson College this week after several days visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Littlejohn.

Mr. Forest Spears was thrown from his motorcycle and severely, though not seriously hurt, last Tuesday afternoon. The accident was caused by a dog which got in the way.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived Tuesday morning to attend the funeral services of Miss Aileen Bishop.

A preliminary contest to select the representatives for Field Day will be held Thursday evening at the school building.

The town election for the electric lights carried today by a vote of 97 to 7.

Quite a Number of Bids From Various Fincanners.

Home Institution Offers Best Bid and Wins Out Over All Competitors—Bonds Brought Good Premium.

The Citizens National Bank of Union was the successful bidder for the \$25,000 waterworks improvement bonds, sold by the city of Union on March 31st. The sale was made by sealed competitive bids. The bidders were from various sections of the country, with two home bids, that of the Citizens National Bank and Nicholson Bank and Trust Company.

The successful bid was \$25,251.00 for the \$25,000 of 5 per cent interest bearing bonds, thus showing that they were bought at a premium of \$251.00.

Below is given the list of the bids and bidders:

Citizens National Bank, Union, S. C., \$25,251.00, 5 per cent; H. T. Haltz & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$24,605.43, 5 per cent; J. H. Hilsman, Atlanta, Ga., \$24,473.00, 5 per cent; Pawell Gerard & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$24,006.00, 5 per cent; Bank of Columbia, Columbia, S. C., \$24,887.50, 5 per cent; Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, O., \$26,080.00, 5 1-2 per cent; Spitzer Rorick & Co., Toledo, O., \$25,335.00, 5 1-2 per cent; Powell Gerard & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$25,079.00, 5 1-2 per cent; J. H. Hilsman & Co., Atlanta, Ga., \$25,059.50, 5 1-2 per cent; Hoele, Cummings & Prudder, Toledo, O., \$25,171.00, 5 1-2 per cent; Nicholson Bank and Trust Co., Union, S. C., \$26,832.50, 6 per cent; H. T. Holtz & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$26,269.27, 6 per cent; Powell Gerard & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$26,175.00, 6 per cent; J. H. Hilsman & Co., Atlanta, Ga., \$25,980.00, 6 per cent; Duke M. Farson & Co., Chicago, Ill., \$25,277.00, 6 per cent; Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C., \$25,075.00, 6 per cent.

The council, after consideration, accepted the 5 per cent interest bearing bond, rather than the 6 per cent interest bearing bonds, as in the course of 40 years' life of the bond, there could be a saving of about \$8,000 to the tax payers.

Notice, Baraca's

Mr. John K. Hamblin, teacher of the Junior Baraca's of the First Baptist church, will lecture to the Baraca class of the Second Baptist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

Will Ordain Deacons

There will be two services, with dinner, on the grounds at Lower Fair Forest church Sunday. The church has set apart that day for the ordination of deacons. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Good Work by Telephone Co.

The fire Tuesday night burned a cable of 120 pair and one 30 pair cable when the W. Newell Smith Auto Co.'s building was destroyed.

By the burning of those cables one hundred and fifty telephones in the city were put out of commission. Mr. Ben. L. Berry, local manager here, and his co-workers, began at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and by 8:30 the following morning had every telephone in service. The force worked throughout the whole of Wednesday night, and there were on hand five expert cable men, from district headquarters at Greenville.

This was exceedingly good work, and the thanks of the community are due Mr. Berry and his company for this excellent work.

With Pacolet Company

J. R. Westmoreland, former assistant to the president of the Union-Buffalo mills at Union, but who for the past year has been a member of the clerical force in the office of the Saxon mills, has accepted a position with the Pacolet Manufacturing company which becomes effective next Monday. Mr. Westmoreland will be in the accounting department at the Pacolet offices of the company. He expects to make his home at Pacolet.—Spartanburg Journal.

Egg Hunt

The ladies of West Springs will give an egg hunt Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Johnson for the benefit of the Missionary Society.

Egg Hunt

The ladies of Sulphur Springs will have an egg hunt Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Capt. John L. Johnson. You are cordially invited to come.

Too many men spend their money before getting it. Some men act as if they were proud of their faults.