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MR. F. H. GERK

Veteran Type-Setter For Associate Reformed Presbyterian Writes About the State Hospital

The editor of this paper has received a long letter from Mr. F. H. Gerik, who once worked for the A. R. Presbyterian in Due West. He was there when this writer was a boy attending college, and the boys all liked him. In recent years he has been at the State Hospital for treatment. We are sorry we have not space to publish all he says. However, we are copying a portion of his letter as it will prove interesting to the public on account of the fact that it deals with the State Hospital. Among other things he says:

"Perhaps your many readers would take a delight in reading about the events of the State Hospital. There have been some improvements going on here. Some changes have been made in the way of building at State Park, which is considered another hospital for the inmates and which is located about six miles from the city. The outlook for further improvements is very good, for the present legislature has made a very remarkable appropriation to defray all expenses for the current year.

"There have been a good many pellagra cases among the inmates. Some of them have died of this fatal malady, while other cases seem to yield to treatment.

The health of the inmates is exceptionally good at present. We have a good many who are frail and well advanced in years. Some of them are Confederate soldiers who long ago endured the hardships of the tented field. They have spent their best days.

"We have a well equipped medical staff whose duties are worthily bestowed upon the inmates. With loving hands and kinder hearts they administer to the wants of the patients, and endeavor to alleviate their pains upon beds of affliction. They go patiently on their weary rounds to administer to the afflicted ones and try to comfort them. Dr. J. L. Thomson, who has been here upwards of 27 years is a noble figure among the inmates. He has long been a good Samaritan. His labors are among the white males. Then we have another good friend in the person of Dr. Margaret Whiteside, who is so devoted to the friendless and to her work. She takes an active interest in her patients. The reader can plainly see that this institution is blessed with four distinguished physicians, who are well disciplined in their work, while they have power and strength it is freely given to the inmates.

Dr. Strait, our superintendent, is a new man, and is not yet well equipped for the work on that account, but he is a physician of reputation. He is a Confederate soldier, too. He is well liked by the inmates. He has a pleasant word for the all. He is a noble example of an upright man, and tries to obey the laws of his maker.

The inmates are well taken care of by the means at hand. They have plenty of substantial food, with milk and coffee. They have good, comfortable beds and are glad that they are so well taken care of by the loyal people of the state.

During the winter months the patients enjoy themselves in some sport. Every Tuesday night they go to the hall where they enjoy themselves in the gay fantastic sport. Here they choose their partners and commence the fun of dancing. We are not aware whether the tango is in rage or not but they all enjoy the dances given them, and regret that the evening soon passes. In the summer they have the picture shows which are greatly enjoyed. . . . How thankful the inmates ought to be when they have so much for their comfort.

We have a chapel for divine worship, and a minister from Newberry county who dispenses to us the preaching of the words.

I am sorry to hear of the death of John W. Sign. I have known him in camp, on the march, on the battle-field and since the war, and always found him the same kind friend. He and my other comrade, Francis Henry, have crossed the river, "May each of them find a home that is fairer than this."

(We believe this letter will be interesting to anyone who has friends at the hospital. It should be comforting to them in a measure.)

Dr. Whiteside was a pupil of this editor in 1895 at the Lewisville High School. She graduated in medicine several years ago, and has had considerable hospital experience. In addition she has done post graduate work

at the University of Edinburgh. She is a young woman of full attainments and of finer character and qualities of heart. Her patients deservedly love her.—(Ed.)

J. CHESHIRE PRUITT.

To the Editor of The Press and Banner
In the death of James Cheshire Pruitt, Abbeville county has lost one of her noblest young men. At his home near Level Land, where he was known best, he will be greatly missed. He was a kind neighbor, in the old time sense of the word. He was ever thoughtful of others and no one ever suffered for help when he was near. A good Samaritan, he never "passed by on the other side." Without any loud pretense, he was, withal, a Christian hearted gentleman. In boyhood, he was liked by his fellows; in mature years, he was useful to others and loved by his neighbors. At home he was kind and gentle and his manner, at all times, was characterized by thoughtfulness of the welfare of those with whom he came in contact.

A progressive young farmer, he was cut down in the noon-day of life and usefulness. He leaves behind a wife, Mrs. Minnie McClain Pruitt, an only son, Marvin Pruitt, just merging into young manhood, a father and mother and several brothers and sisters, all of whom live in Texas.

We mourn his loss, but "God is in His Heaven."

L. Carlyle Branyon.

DEATH MISS NANCY McILWAINE.

Miss Nancy McIlwaine died Thursday afternoon, Feb. 25th, at four o'clock, at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Syfan. She was in her 79th year and was known and beloved by a large circle of relatives and friends throughout the county.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Syfan, Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. W. Pratt, assisted by Rev. S. O. Cantey and the interment was at Long Cane cemetery.

Miss McIlwaine was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and her life was spent in the service of her Maker and her influence was for good.

A ROOK PARTY.

Miss Mary Klugh entertained the young ladies' club at her home most pleasantly last Thursday afternoon. This meeting was out of the ordinary inasmuch as the game rook was played and Miss Rosa Bradley, of Troy, Miss Winnie Stone, of Wytheville, Va., Mrs. H. E. Pressly, of Clinton, Miss Esther Graydon and Miss Mary Frances Pool were the charming visitors.

A delightful salad course was served and the afternoon was most delightful.

IRWIN GILMER COMES BACK.

Dr. J. Irwin Gilmer, of Atlanta, has accepted a position with the McMurray Drug Co., and has come to Abbeville to begin his work. He has married since leaving Abbeville some years ago and he and Mrs. Gilmer are at home to their friends at the home Mrs. R. H. Cochran for the present.

Dr. Gilmer has many friends here who are glad to see him back again.

Marriage Licenses.

Armistead Harris, McCormick, to Selena Latimer, McCormick.
Jno. Adams, McCormick, to Corena Gilbert, McCormick.
Jno. Perrin, Abbeville, to Lillie M. Wide-man, Abbeville.
Asbury Wilson, Willington, to Maggie Covington, Willington.
Theodore Sloan, Due West, to Lula Brownlee, Due West.
McGowan Crawford, Abbeville, to Ludie Donaldson, Abbeville.
Calvin Latimer, Abbeville, to Carrie Bowie, Abbeville.
Ed. Moore, Abbeville, to Julia Brown, Abbeville.

Eureka Arrivals.

The following South Carolinians registered at The Eureka during the past week: E. H. Blake, Greenwood; F. B. Adams, Seneca; J. L. B. Ross, Anderson; Thos. O. Kirkpatrick, Lowndesville; E. M. Beatty, Iva; Dr. S. T. Cade, Willington; G. C. McIntosh, Bordeaux; J. M. McCalla, Lowndesville; Geo. H. Edward, Greenville; C. P. Hammond, Spartanburg; M. L. Sturkey, McCormick; W. W. Wardlaw, Troy; E. S. Martin, Donalds; J. L. Ayers, Columbia; E. V. Plane, Columbia; Herbert T. Taylor, Laurens; W. J. Orr, Rock Hill; Martha Platt, Wedgefield; E. W. Workman, Kinards; J. B. Stepp, A. M. Aiken Spartanburg; Sanders R. Guignard, Laurens.

The last reel of the "Million Dollar Mystery" will be shown at the Opera House March the 26th. Don't fail to see it.

TEACHING THE FARMERS TO FARM

Mr. J. Ernest Cheatham, who has recently been appointed Farm Demonstrator for Abbeville County, was in the city Monday. Mr. Cheatham is meeting with good success in his work and has enlisted the aid of the farmers throughout the county. So far eleven boys have enlisted in the Corn club enterprise. They will farm one acre of land and strive for the prizes usually offered. The boys are Wyatt Aiken Pace, Nolan Bowen, Elmore Suter, Dewey Campbell and Glen Blanchett, all of Antreville; James Arthur Jackson, Abbeville; Kennedy Woodhurst, Sharon; Ralph and Jefferson Lindsay Manning, Calhoun Falls; Howard Furman Milford, Calhoun Falls and Bennie Carlton Manning, of Mt. Carmel.

Mr. Cheatham is doing work among the "old boys" and has organized farm demonstrators throughout the county. The men who will demonstrate one acre of corn are: J. T. Cheatham, W. B. Uldrick, A. F. Seawright, J. M. Bradberry, S. A. Wakefield and J. C. Campbell.

W. J. Taylor and R. A. Keaton will farm each two acres of cotton and one of corn.

A large party will try the three-acre three-year rotation crop, namely: J. H. Cheatham, J. E. Rogers, J. F. Clinkscales, W. W. Wilson, Messrs. Wakefield, Pennal Brothers, W. J. Ammons, Robert Gilliam, E. W. Thomas, J. W. Burriss, W. J. Manning, B. F. Manning, R. P. McNeill, Joe B. Wilson, W. B. Wilson, S. E. Evans, M. Grier Sherard, S. T. Ramey, Thos. Sanders, J. P. Drennan, J. H. DuPre, Jr., W. P. Wham and the County Farm.

So far three colored farmers have joined the demonstration work. They are Tom Adams, who will farm the three-acre, three-year crop and Albert McKinley Crawford and Anthony Perrin Crawford will farm one acre each of corn.

FAIRFIELD

The month of March has marched to us as this is the first day of March and feels the spring is almost here.

Mr. David Young called in Puckett Town Sabbath afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Young went to Cedar Spring one day last week on business.

Mr. W. P. Long called to see Mr. Y. P. Reagon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Campbell and children went to Willington one day last week.

Mr. J. A. Young went to Abbeville Monday on business.

Little Rodney Russell is right sick at this writing.

Mr. Mat Redding, of Pucketts, worshipped at Long Cane Sabbath.

Mrs. Mary F. Creswell spent Sabbath with her daughter, Mrs. John McCaslan.

Miss Willie Young called to see us Saturday afternoon.

Little A. Z. and Lena Spence spent Saturday night and Sabbath with Grandpa Langley.

Mr. Robert Langley and sister, Miss Pearl, with Bethia, worshipped at Long Cane Sabbath.

Mr. W. P. Long and Charlie Brown spent Sunday with Mr. A. M. Young and family, near Pucketts.

Miss Eva Young and little May Belle and James spent Saturday with their uncle Mr. J. D. Creswell.

Mrs. M. E. Quattlebaum spent part of last week with her brother, Mr. Y. P. Reagon who has been sick.

Misses Maggie Young and Lola Brown spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Young.

Messrs Tommie and Cowan Young called to see us one night last week.

Little Ansel and Lucian Talbert were our pleasant little visitors yesterday afternoon.

Miss Alma Young and little brother Floyd, called Saturday to see their uncle, Mr. David Creswell.

Mr. J. A. Young spent one day last week with Mr. W. H. Kennedy, doing some work for Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. David Kennedy and Mr. Britt made a business trip through here one day last week.

Fairfield school is preparing for an entertainment at the close of their school. They sure have some fine dialogues, will tell more about it in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wiley and little

ones from Willington spent yesterday with Mr. S. T. Young and family.

Messrs Clarence and Horace Creswell and Frank and Cowan Young went to preaching at Lethe Sabbath.

Mrs. E. N. Creswell is better at this writing.

Mr. W. K. Long spent yesterday with Mr. Sam Young and family.

Mrs. H. G. Burton, of Troy, died Saturday and was buried Sabbath at Bethel. Mrs. Burton had something like a stroke of paralysis one day last week and never did seem to get much better till the end came Saturday when the death angel came and took this dear one home to rest forever more.

The loving husband has our sympathy. News reached us this morning to our surprise of the marriage of Miss Martha Creswell near McCormick to Mr. Mack Crawford of Due West. They were married at McCormick yesterday, Feb. 28th, and will leave for Due West tomorrow. Miss Martha was one of our favorite girls and we wish her a long and happy life. She wore a beautiful tan dress and hat to match. They were married by Rev. Anderson, in the presence of a few friends and relatives among them were her brothers and sister, Miss Alma Creswell and Mr. William Bowen.

Miss Janie Langley leaves today for Anderson hospital where she goes to take charge of her duties as trained nurse.

Messrs E. C. Young and T. F. Langley called to see us yesterday.

Little Reese Young was little Carl Young's pleasant company yesterday.

Brown Eyes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Finds Everything in Good Shape.—Expenses Did Not Exceed The Income In 1914.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury, W. D. Morrah, Foreman, handed in to Judge Moore on Wednesday:

ABBEVILLE COUNTY, ABBEVILLE, S. C.

To His Honor, Ernest Moore, Presiding Judge:

We the Grand Jury for Abbeville County at this, the February term of court for the year 1915, beg to make the following presentation.

We have passed upon all bills handed us and returned them to the court.

The books of the Sheriff's office show that all taxes through year 1912 have been paid to treasurer and collected for. The taxes for year 1913 have not all been executed but it is expected that these will all be in by next term of court which will be in accord with previous custom.

The Supervisor's report shows that the county expenses for year 1914 did not exceed the income and no deficit was made. The past indebtedness of the county is being taken care of with special tax as provided for by law. The books appear to be in good order and complete.

Other offices will be investigated, along with records of Treasurer's and Supervisor's at a later time when the committee has more time for fuller investigation.

Our committee who investigated conditions at the county jail report that everything there appears in good order, well kept, and sanitary. It is noted in this connection that the last presentation of the Grand Jury recommended that beds or cots be purchased for use of prisoners. It is asked that not less than twelve such cots be provided as soon as practicable.

The committee from our body who visited the County Farm and poor house reports that the affairs there are in good shape and they only wish to commend the management there for careful attention to every detail.

We recommend that the Supervisor be required to obtain permission from the Grand Jury before opening any new roads. It is the idea of the Grand Jury that the roads which we have should be well kept rather than opening new roads.

We also recommend that the Supervisor put up sign boards showing distance and direction at only the principal cross roads of the county.

We wish to thank all court officials for courtesies extended.

W. D. MORRAH, Foreman.

In Honor of Judge Moore.

Judge and Mrs. Frank B. Gary entertained at a most charming tea party last Thursday night complimentary to Judge Ernest Moore and Solicitor R. A. Cooper.

Mrs. Gary's table was lovely in its appointments, of old English blue, in both main and dishes, while the decorations were jonquils and violets.

Invited to meet Judge Moore were Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Neuber, Mr. and Mrs. Cheves Haskell, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Greene.

GIRLS' TOMATO CLUB

At the recent meeting of the Legislature, the necessary appropriation for the Girls Tomato Club was secured for Abbeville County, and Miss Martha Platt, of Wedgefield, has received the appointment as Organizer from the authorities at Willington College.

Miss Platt arrived in Abbeville this week and has begun her work. She takes hold with energy and sound common sense, and is sure to succeed. An office has been secured in the Court House and Miss Platt will keep regular office hours on Saturdays for the convenience of those who wish information about the club.

Abbeville should have the banner tomato club of the State, as the idea for this enterprise originated with an Abbeville girl, Miss Marie Cromer, who for several years was State Organizer, and it was her mother, Mrs. W. O. Cromer, who was so successful with the clubs in this county last year.

Miss Platt has written a letter to the school teachers in the county asking their co-operation. The letter follows:

Abbeville, S. C., Mar. 1, 1915.

My dear Miss _____

I suppose you know that Tomato Club work is to be begun in the county. As organizer, I am anxious to find out the number of girls in your school who would like to join a Tomato Club. I am going to form only ten clubs in the county and shall place them in the schools where I meet the most enthusiasm.

Since the work here is beginning one month late, I am asking the teachers of the county to co-operate with me in trying to make up some of this lost time. In order to do this, I shall be glad to have you present the matter to your pupils and find out the number who, after consulting their parents, find that they can join.

The requirements for Club membership are as follows:

1. Girls must be between the ages of 10 and 18.

2. Each member must have one-tenth of an acre to plant in tomatoes.

3. Each Club must have at least six members.

You may say to the girls that the work will be both pleasant and profitable, as the standard of the Girls' Club tomatoes is kept very high, and markets are easy to find.

I shall appreciate an early reply from you, as I wish to visit the schools, and organize my clubs as soon as possible.

If you are in town any time this week, I shall be glad to have you call on me and discuss the matter further.

Very truly yours,
Martha Platt.

ANTREVILLE

Mr. Henry Wakefield of Iva, spent the 22nd in Antreville hunting.

Mr. A. M. Erwin and son, Henry, visited Abbeville Monday.

Messrs Eugene McCarter, Fred Crowther, Carl Milford and Mrs. Carl Milford left for Abbeville Monday, the gentlemen to remain as jurors.

Mrs. Purdy came home with Mrs. Carl Milford Tuesday for several days' visit.

Messrs Jesse Bell and Norris Wakefield were in Abbeville Monday.

Mr. Watt Milford left Monday for Calhoun Falls to visit his son, Mr. Furman Milford, who left this neighborhood last Saturday a very sick man. We hope he will find him better.

Rev. Leon Keaton, Leon, Jr., are visiting relatives. Rev. Keaton visited the Antreville school Monday and made an address, also gave the "Gyms" some extra "stunts."

Within a few days three new stores will be opened up here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Sutherland, Hoyt, Francis and Lunelle, Mrs. Purdy, of Abbeville, Mrs. Carl Milford, Mrs. J. T. Erwin, and sons, Thomas and Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Erwin spent a delightful day with Mrs. Letty and Miss Elmer Milford and Mr. and Mrs. George Calvert.

Mrs. Rosie Knox spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. T. Erwin.

Mr. Ernest Cheatham, the county demonstrator, visited the Antreville school Thursday to organize the Boys' Corn club and spent some time in the neighborhood.

Mr. Joe Hall, presented pecan trees to the Antreville school. Messrs Elmer Suber and Albert Erwin went for the trees Thursday afternoon. The school boys will plant them on the grounds.

Prof. Moore, Misses Herron, Mary Anderson, Genevieve Anderson spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson.

Mrs. A. M. Erwin and son Henry, left Friday to visit Mrs. Dave Skelton of Anderson, Mrs. W. G. Williams, of Pendleton.

Mr. L. E. Duncan will be in the mercantile business in a few days.

The Improvement Association of Antreville school met Friday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Patterson, of Erakine college, spent the week-end at home.

The Missionary society of Shiloh met with Mrs. W. Patterson Saturday afternoon.

Several of our young people attended the box party given by the improvement association of Varennes school Saturday evening.

General News

The Clinchfield coal people will buy a fleet of vessels which will ply in and out of Charleston, in connection with the C. C. & O. railroad.

Easter comes this year on April the 4th.

John L. Prince, a son of Judge Geo. Prince, of Anderson, has recently been elected President of the Banning, Cal. Board of Trade. He is writing to South Carolina for information about the Girls' Tomato clubs and hopes to start a like enterprise in his new home.

McCormick is to have a new Building and Loan Association.

Joseph Parks, of Fort Mill has celebrated his ninety-first birthday. He has twelve living children, the oldest son being sixty-five years old.

Capt. Charles Petty, the veteran editor of the old Carolina Spartan, died at Spartanburg last week. He was eighty years old. He was at one time head of Limestone college and was a member of the historic Wallace House.

Greenville is to have an automobile ambulance soon.

Among all the troubles Anderson is having now not the least is the theft of three overcoats from the cloak room of the Baptist church Sunday night.

The State Oratorical Contest will be held at Rock Hill on April 26th.

A live bear and a live porcupine were received in Anderson through the express office last week.

Mme. Davenport has been in Atlanta recently giving health lectures. She takes three cold baths and eats a raw carrot a day and says she is ninety-three years young.

The Mansion, the official home of the Governor has been given a thorough overhauling and has been turned over to the Governor as ready for use.

B. L. McDowell, of Greenwood, has announced himself as a candidate for Solicitor of the Eighth Circuit.

Robert Smalls, at one time a prominent negro politician in this State died at his home in Beaufort last week. He was a member of the Constitutional convention and in reconstruction days was a congressman.

Union is organizing a chapter of children of the Confederacy.

Germany is to put about fifty thousand of her war prisoners to work on the reclamation of about sixty thousand acres of land. They will be housed in barracks and will be well cared for.

The English Government has contributed five hundred thousand dollars to the Belgians. This has been supplemented by grants of money from Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The Fire.

Sunday morning, fire was discovered on the roof Mr. James A. Hill's residence on Greenville street. The family was still sleeping and the alarm was given by a passing colored man. The fire company responded and the fire was put out after a portion of the roof on one side had been torn away.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have moved into the house on Parker street owned by Mrs. Gary, until repairs can be made on their home.

Death.

Mrs. Ada Baker Gilmer died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Baker, February 15, 1915, in her 27th year.

She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. She leaves father, mother, three sisters, a brother, husband and two children to mourn her loss.

A Friend.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR LETHE SCHOOL

For Month Ending February 28th.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

David Wardlaw, Robert Klugh, Oscar Irwin, Frank Leslie, Bettie Morrow, George Smith, Malvina Parker, Marshall Blakely, Cecil King, Guy McClellan, Willie Leelle, William Parker.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Mallie Cade.

THE THORNTON CASE REVERSED

The Supreme Court of the United States handed down an opinion yesterday in the case of the Seaboard Air Line Railway vs. Mrs. Ella M. Thornton, administrator of the estate of Joseph Thornton, deceased, in which the judgment of the Supreme Court of South Carolina is reversed and a new trial ordered.

Mrs. Thornton commenced her action in the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville county January, 1913. The action was tried at the April, 1913, term of the Court of Common Pleas and resulted in a verdict in her favor for \$5,000. The Seaboard Air Line Railway appealed from the judgment of the Circuit Court to the Supreme Court of the State and the case was argued the November, 1914, term of the court.

The Supreme Court of the State handed down its opinion during the term of 1914 sustained the lower court and affirmed the judgment.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway secured a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States. The case was argued on Wednesday, February 11, 1915, and the opinion was handed down immediately.

Mrs. Thornton was represented by the litigation by Mr. William C. Grooms, of Abbeville, Hon. J. L. Gresham, of Greenville, and Mr. William P. Grooms, of Abbeville, represented the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Mr. J. J. Dickinson, of Greenville, was associated with them in the case in the Supreme Court of the United States.

LONG CANE

Miss Nina Beaufort spent the city with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stowasser, of one of Gold Springs company, week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Boster and Mrs. William, spent Sunday with Mr. W. D. Beaufort.

Messrs. J. A. Stevenson and W. S. Boster were business visitors Monday.

Mr. Rufus King was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

Rev. B. E. Talford was a visitor to the community Thursday of last week.

Mr. J. M. McCallar, of the city, spent the last week in this city, sawing for Mr. Thompson King.

Mr. Charles Wright, of near Abbeville, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Landford.

Mr. Will Hagan died with Mrs. W. S. Boster Thursday of last week.

Miss Clara Beaufort, of the city, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Ralph Syfan spent the week-end in the city with home folks.

Mrs. J. M. McCallar spent a day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beaufort.

Miss Etta King, after spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thompson King, returned to Lawrenceville, Ga., last week to resume her work as a trimmer.

Mr.