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Delivers Speech To Parent-Teacher Association of Abbeville—Other Talks By Rev. L. J. Bristow, Supt. Fulp and Principal Daniel—Play Ground Equipment to Be Ordered.

The Parent-Teacher association had a most enthusiastic meeting at the high school building on Tuesday afternoon. Among the speakers who gave short talks were: Rev. Louis J. Bristow, Supt. Fulp, and Principal Daniel, but the real address of the afternoon was the excellent discourse on the urgent need of a Renaissance of the people along educational lines, which was ably delivered by Chief Justice Eugene Gary. Judge Gary's address showed that he has given much thought and research to the educational question, and indeed, it was very encouraging to the parents and teachers to know that the highest representative of the bench in our State is so well acquainted with the lack of progressiveness on the part of the people of South Carolina in providing the best educational advantages for their own children. In the course of his address Judge Gary said that the same importance should be attached to this burning question of education as is being given the causes of Christianity throughout the world today, for education is the handmaiden of Christianity. The members of the association regret that it was not more generally known that the judge would speak, for his address would have done good to every citizen of our city.

A typical Christmas program was presented by representatives of the intermediate grades of the schools, there being a number of carols sung, Santa Claus recitations, and Christmas readings given, which reflected honor on the children and their teachers. It is the purpose of the program which is given by the children, to give only representative work as is daily had in the school rooms and on no condition to make the Parent-Teacher program any sort of "show-off" or exhibition of a select few and unusually bright pupils.

After the entertaining part of the program was finished Supt. Fulp, as Mrs. Frank Nickles very aptly put it, "lambasted the apathetic conditions in Abbeville with everything from Columbus to Calhoun Falls." The real trouble is that the superintendent did not think that the people were showing the amount of interest in the schools that they should and that he has a right to expect, and he simply gave them some information he had from different educators over the state who knew, what we hope is only the past conditions here.

The question of playground equipment which has been before the people for several weeks and which has been thoroughly impressed upon them has, so far, met with rather weak response, yet it is one of the very first needs that should be fulfilled by the association. It is the opinion of the Parent-Teacher members that the people have not subscribed as liberally as they should from the fact that they simply do not know the school conditions as the teachers and the few parents who attend the meetings of the association have seen and recognized them. In other words, it is not a question of unwillingness to provide, but rather a lack of information on the part of the parents which deficiency should not exist in an enlightened and otherwise progressive community as Abbeville proves herself to be in other ways.

The total cost of the necessary playground equipment to do away with the crowded and congested conditions on the school grounds at recess will not exceed the cost of a Ford automobile and yet it seems to be as hard to get the people swaken-

ONE-FOURTH OF TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY

County Treasurer J. E. Jones said Thursday that about one-fourth of the taxpayers of the county had paid their taxes. There are 7,500 taxpayers in the county. The time for paying the taxes expires January 1 and it is hardly probably that half of the taxpayers will have paid by that time. After the first of the year a penalty of 1 percent will be added to the taxes.

The county treasurer has received notice from the comptroller general in reference to the collection of taxes and the penalties that attach, and the following section of the law is quoted:

That when taxes and assessments or any portion thereof charged against any property or party on the duplicate for the current fiscal year, shall not be paid on or before the 31st day of December, the county auditor shall proceed to add a penalty of one per cent on the county duplicate, and the county treasurer shall collect the same; and if the said taxes and assessments and penalties are not paid on or before the first day of February next thereafter, an additional penalty of one per centum thereon shall be added by the county auditor on the county duplicate and collected by the county treasurer; and if said taxes, penalties and assessments are not paid on or before the first day of March next thereafter, an additional penalty of five per centum thereon shall be added by the county auditor on the county duplicate and collected by the county treasurer; and if the said taxes, penalties and assessments are not paid on or before the fifteenth day of March next thereafter, the said county treasurer shall issue his tax execution for the said taxes, assessments and penalties against the property of the defaulting taxpayers, according to law.

DEBATE MONDAY NIGHT

A number of members of the higher grades of the public school are engaged in a debate in the opera house Monday night. There will be a small admission fee charged and the proceeds will be given to the fund being raised for the purchase of play ground equipment for the schools. Three songs which are to be sung during the evening were written by Miss Gwen Bristow, of the eleventh grade, and are to be sung to popular tunes. The debaters will be, Miss Mary Greene and LeRoy Cox on one side and Miss Ada Faulkner and Billy Long on the other.

Move In New Home.

Mr. R. S. Link and family moved into their new home on Wardlaw street, the old Renwick Bradley place, Wednesday. Mr. Bob McComb and family will occupy the house just vacated by Mr. Link.

ed to the urgent need of this equipment as it is for any good set-back player to win a game with Corp. Kerr for a partner.

However, the superintendent and teachers were wonderfully encouraged near the close of the meeting Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Frank Nickles in her "do-it-or-die" way made the motion that the superintendent be authorized to order what equipment he considered necessary for the needs of the two school grounds and that the Parent-Teacher association would assume payment of the bill. This motion, after enthusiastic and favorable discussion, was unanimously passed. Supt. Fulp later asked that Mrs. Morse, president, Mrs. Gambrell, treasurer, and Mrs. Nickles serve as a committee to confer with him about the purchase of the equipment.

It is the desire of the association that the whole membership of the association be present at the January meeting, the 15th, as Supt. W. H. Hand of the Columbia City Schools will address the meeting.

COAL COMMISSION MUST DECIDE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Washington, Dec. 16.—When President Wilson names the members of the coal commission on Thursday he is expected to provide that no deal be reached by them will be a success unless it is unanimous. The commission, it is understood, in local circles here, will be a permanent tribunal and if it operates under the plan which the president is now considering, its activities will not take the course that Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, believed they would. It was because of his conviction that the public would represent a minority on the commission that Dr. Garfield resigned.

Attorney General Palmer, who brought the coal strike to an end when he presented the president's proposal which was accepted by John L. Lewis and William Green, the ranking officers of the United Mine Workers of America, will be back at the capitol Thursday and the White House announced is awaiting his return.

There will be three members of the board, one of them representing the miners, another the operators and a third the public. Dr. Garfield thought there was a "community of interest" between the operators and miners which would show itself in the findings of the tribunal. He believed that self-preservation, in the sense that the more money the operator got for his coal the more money the miner would get for his labor would actuate their representatives on the board and that whenever a vote was taken the public would be left in the cold.

The president, however, is a great believer in "Quaker meetings." He proposed at the peace conference, both at the sessions of the "council of five" and later the "big three," that the members sit down, talk things over, not vote for publication at any rate, and come to a final agreement on everything discussed. This same plan, it is understood, is the one he has in mind for the new coal commission. If put into effect it would entirely eliminate all the features of the new body which were held objectionable by Dr. Garfield.

SOLDIER DEAD TO BE RETURNED ONLY BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, Dec. 17.—In announcing that the government alone must handle the problem of bringing back the bodies of the American soldier dead from France, the war department gives a general answer to thousands of requests that have come to it and members of congress from bereaved relatives. Since the armistice was signed, all members of the Georgia delegation, for instance, have received letters from the state asking first for information as to plans for bringing home the soldiers dead and then requesting that pressure be brought to expedite the return. Requests also have come from parents in all sections of the country that they be permitted to go to France, disinter the body of a son and bring it home at the expense of the family involved.

G. T. TATE BETTER

G. T. Tate who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last Monday, is reported to be recovering rapidly. He was caught between the seat of a Ford car and a porch floor at a house on Maple street and several ribs were broken and his breast crushed in. Pneumonia was feared, but Dr. J. E. Pressly, physician in charge, says that he is practically out of danger now.

Home For Christmas.

Mr. Robert G. Hemphill is expected in Abbeville for the Christmas holidays. He comes from Fort Morgan, Colo., where he has been stationed for the past several months. The friends of his youth will be glad to see him again.

SENATE MAY REACH PACT COMPROMISE DURING HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Early compromise on the peace treaty was forecast today when an unofficial conciliation committee of two senators practically completed arrangements for a meeting of Republican and Democratic senators who favor ratification. The meeting, according to present plans is to be held during the holiday period.

The purpose is for Democrats and Republicans to get together and discuss in the frankest manner the concessions that they will make.

For the second time within a week Senator Knox, Pennsylvania, today made an unsuccessful attempt to get the senate to consider his resolution for ratification of the peace treaty without the league of nations covenant.

Senator McKellar, Tennessee, Democrat, objected, and Knox then offered his resolution for a separate peace with Germany. To this Senator Nelson, Minnesota, Republican and McKellar, both objected, and Knox began a speech in support of a motion to refer the first resolution to the foreign relations committee.

Both of Senator Knox's resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee without objection.

Senator Hoke Smith said the senate could vote to take up the treaty at any time and urged a conference of men of both parties who want the treaty ratified be held as a means of getting them on compromise reservations.

Senator Myers, Montana, declared that politics is keeping the senate apart on the treaty.

SERG. HILL OF HONEA PATH, MISSING IN GULF

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 17.—Sergt. Lonie W. Hill, Private Edward Scanlan and Barney Williams, the latter a civilian employee of the quartermaster department, all of Fort Dada, have been given up as drowned. The three men left the fort Sunday afternoon in a speed boat for Gulfport on the mainland. They did not return. Today searchers found the launch, upended and half submerged, in the Gulf of Mexico, two miles from shore. It is supposed the boat overturned in a gale that blew out of the northwest Sunday night.

Sergt. Hill's home address is Honea Path, S. C.; that of Private Scanlan, No. 517 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y., William's people live at St. Petersburg, this State.

Expected Home for the Holidays.

The following students from the various colleges of the state are expected to arrive home this week to spend the holidays with their kinsfolk in Abbeville:

Miss Sarah Haigler, Miss Mary Haigler and Miss Winona Barksdale, Coker; Miss Kate Haskell, Miss Lydia Owen, and Miss Sydelle Graves, Winthrop; Miss Helen Haigler, Miss Margaret Cox, Chicora; Miss Elizabeth Jones, Anderson College; Miss Prue Mann, Womens College, Columbia; Andrew Hill, William Hughes, Weber Wilson, Mahlon Cann, Jim Coleman, and Maxey Johnson, Clemson; Hubert Cox, James Cothran and Mims Cason, University of S. C.; J. Davis Kerr, B. M. I.; James Hill and Herman Wisby, Erskine; William Calvert and Arthur Manning Klugh, Wofford; Sam Hill, Furman.

Couldn't Stand Pressure.

Uncle Jim Stark couldn't stand to see Col. S. J. Wakefield get the whole of the Hughes place, near town, at the small figure which the latter bought it during the summer. After a good deal of figuring, Col. Wakefield allowed him to keep a half interest at the purchase price of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre, which figures the tax assessors will keep in mind when the next time for assessment comes around.

THINGS HAPPENED HERE ON DECEMBER 17th AS PER SCHEDULE

Early pedestrians were of the opinion Wednesday morning that falling stars or a bursting meteor, impelled to an aberrant course by planetary attraction, had caused the damage to so much plate glass just off the Square on North Main Street during the night. Four hundred dollars worth of plate glass was destroyed in four stores of W. E. Johnson, R. L. Mabry, W. D. Barksdale and J. M. Anderson.

The prognosticators were right in predicting dire calamities for December 17—right as far as Abbeville was concerned. The hour of midnight had no sooner come than things began to happen.

But an investigation of the police docket disclosed the following:

That Julian Wilkinson and Hawkins Wilson, loaded, it is said, with the worst sort of white lightning, were on a rampage and after various disturbances on the Square were placed under arrests about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning by Officers Cannon and Eakin. Wilkinson, it appears, broke away from the officer's and in order to create a counter disturbance to draw the officer's attention away from Hawkins, proceeded to break out plate glass, starting at J. M. Anderson's and ending with W. E. Johnson's jewelry store. In an attempt to force Wilkinson to stop Officer Cannon fired his pistol wildly several times. Wilkinson's aim was more accurate.

After the breakage the two men were again rounded up and were being taken to jail, when Wilson slipped out of his coat and overcoat and ran, but later he was apprehended. Wilkinson was placed in jail, where he spent the night, being bailed out Wednesday morning for appearance at court Thursday morning.

Officer Eakin received a painful injury to one of his eyes in the scuffle to arrest the two men.

Wilson was caught Wednesday afternoon near town at a negro cabin by Chief Johnson and was placed in the city jail.

At the trial Thursday morning Wilson plead guilty to the charges of drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer and was fined by Mayor Mars \$400 or 120 days, of which half of this amount was suspended on condition of good behavior.

Wilkinson was fined \$400, or 120 days, \$300 being suspended on condition of good behavior.

The scarcity of plate glass is the thing that is worrying the merchants whose fronts have been damaged. It is said that it will be from three to six months before glass can be obtained to replace the windows. In the meantime the cold weather makes it imperative that the windows be boarded up.

AN AEROPLANE TO VISIT ABBEVILLE TODAY

If the people of Abbeville will watch carefully today they will see an aeroplane fly over the city and possibly light somewhere nearby. The pilot of the plane will be S. K. Rowland, Sumter. The machine will be driven from Sumter to many points in the Piedmont section and Abbeville will be one of the towns visited.

The trip is being made in the interest of an automobile concern of Sumter.

COTTON MARKET.

December 18.	
Spot Cotton	40.00
January	36.73
March	34.56
May	32.40
July	30.62
December	38.49

READY TO TAKE CENSUS IN THIRD

Col. Elbert H. Aull, Supervisor of Census in Third District Issues Statement—Asks Cooperation of Citizens—Will Name Enumerators Soon For Abbeville County.

Col. Elbert H. Aull supervisor of the census for the third district of South Carolina talks of the census and says he has designated to the director of the census a sufficient number of men and women to take the census in the third district, and most of them have been commissioned and all of them will be ready for the actual work which is to begin on the second day of January and to be completed within four weeks. He emphasizes the fact that in order that the work of the enumerators may be done well and thoroughly it is very important that they have the sympathy and cooperation of the people.

It is a big job, but if done well and thoroughly will be of great benefit in showing resources of this country as well as the population. Whatever information is given to the enumerators will be held in confidence and is not permitted to be given out by them. To make the work as easy as possible for enumerators the people should be ready and willing to answer all questions promptly. The questions are prepared by the government and the thoroughness and completeness of the work will depend almost entirely upon the cooperation of the people and the work of the enumerator.

Col Aull in his statement has the following to say:

"Arrangements have been about perfected to begin work of taking the 14th Decennial Census of the United States. Director of the Census, Samuel R. Rogers, has announced that everything is ready to begin work on the second day of January.

"But from the 20th to the 25th of November I had certified to the Director of Census for appointment, enumerators in all the counties except one, and recommendations have been made for that one. I feel that I have been fortunate in being able to recommend for this very important work a sufficient number of men and women whom I feel are thoroughly competent and efficient to do the work properly. The value and correctness and efficiency of the census will depend in very large measure upon the efficiency and diligence of the enumerator. I feel that the persons recommended to do the work in this district are thoroughly competent and will measure up in all respects to the requirements necessary for the making of a thorough and correct census. In order that they may do their work thoroughly and properly, however, it is very important that they have the cooperation and assistance of the people of the district.

"The Third District has been divided into 169 enumeration districts as follows:

Abbeville, 20; Anderson, 45; Greenwood, 26; McCormick, 12; Newberry, 26; Oconee, 21; Pickens, 19.

"In several of the counties, however, one enumerator has been designated for two and in some instances three enumeration districts. Therefore, the total number of enumerators who will work in this Congressional District is 146. And for each of these I ask the generous cooperation of the people."

Going Into Business.

Mr. Paul Kennedy, a successful railroad man, has given up his position with the Seaboard and after Christmas will be with the firm of S. J. Link. His friends wish him great success.