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## ABBEVILLE LOSES THE GAME TO GREENVILLE

**UNUSUALLY STRONG TEAM FROM MOUNTAIN CITY SCORE FIRST VICTORY OVER LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM THIS SEASON—ABBEVILLE GREATLY OUTWEIGHED AND OUTCLASS-ED BY MOUNTAINEERS.**

Greenville's fast high school eleven Friday defeated the Abbeville high school team to the tune of 47 to 0. The local team was greatly outweighed and somewhat outclassed in that they were playing against the strongest team in upper South Carolina and from a city high school which has enrolled twice as many boys as the Abbeville high school enrollment of both boys and girls.

It would be useless to attempt to make excuses for the local team's defeat by the sturdy Mountaineers for the latter were simply older, heavier and more experienced football players than the locals. This defeat should have no discouraging features for the plucky Abbeville team. On the other hand the Abbeville boys learned points of advantage by playing against coach Holmes' aggregation.

In only the third quarter did the visitors fail to score and the piling up was done in the first and fourth quarters. Greenville's coach stated that the Abbeville team put up the best defensive playing and tackling that his team has been up against and the coach was very generous in his praise of the excellent work of Tate and Hutie Bradley. Immediately after the game the visiting coach caught hold of Hutie and gave him a vigorous handshake at the same time saying, "I know this does not mean anything to you, boy, but I will feel better for having shook hands with such a splendid tackler of such light weight."

Billy Long at quarter also played an excellent game and never failed to cheer his team when the odds were so against them and he kept a continuous fight going to score against the visitors. Both Mr. Holmes, the coach and Prof. Warren, the principal, complimented the plaining of the Abbeville team as a whole and predicted several future college stars among the eleven. The visitors were also appreciative of the hospitable treatment accorded their team both on the field and after the game. The girls of the high school tendered the Greenville visitors a delightful reception at the home of Misses Mary and Jeansie White Friday evening which was largely attended by the high school students. As one present said, "The Abbeville boys just stood around looking pretty, while Greenville boys took charge of the young ladies."

Abbeville will play a return game with Greenville in Greenville next fall and will be able to put up a much better fight as the local team will probably lose only one player next season, Tate being the only player in the eleventh grade this year. The boys are already talking of getting Greenville's blood next fall and are accepting their defeat of Friday gracefully.

**Line-Up in Greenville Game.**  
Greenville—47. Abbeville—0  
Robertson, C Galloway, B  
Martin, RG Bradley, R  
Bull, LG Klugh  
Birne RT Tat  
Hodges LT Leslie  
Bruce RE Bradley, H  
Curtis LE Barnwell  
Crymes QB Long, B  
Howell RH Gambrell  
Rawson LH Harris  
Calhoun FB Barksdale

There were various substitutions on both teams and especially were the players at end for the local team being almost constantly changed. McMillan (Clemson) referee; Phillips (Erskine) umpire; Reames (Clemson) headlinesman. Time of quarters 12 minutes.

**Clinton Here Friday.**  
Prof. Witherspoon's high school team from Clinton is the next to in-

### J. W. McKEE SUFFERS LOSS

The friends in Abbeville of J. W. McKee, Jr., will be sorry to learn that the show rooms of McKee Motors Company, of Atlanta, were invaded by fire Saturday night and about fifty-two cars were entirely consumed by this element. Most of the cars owned by the company were stored in the rear part of the building and all of these were destroyed. About eight cars in the show room in front were saved by quick work of firemen.

The fire occurred at 12 o'clock Saturday night. When first seen the entire inside of the building was a mass of flames. The fireman responded promptly, six fire companies turning out to fight the fire, and due to their work the building and adjoining buildings were saved from complete destruction.

The McKee Motors Company occupied a large new building on Peachtree Street in Atlanta. A representative of the Press and Banner visited the scene of the fire Sunday afternoon and viewed the wreck. John W. McKee, Jr., was not in Atlanta at the time of the fire, being in Chicago at the time and very ill. Jessie McKee was in Atlanta, but was out at the time our representative visited the scene. The loss is stated to have been from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Whether or not it was covered by insurance has not been learned.

Atlanta, Oct. 17.—Fire of undetermined origin in the McKee Motor corporation building here early today caused damage estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000. The concern suffered loss to many new machines as well as to a large stock of parts and some 30 to 50 used cars.

### SEABOARD WRECKS.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway had two bad freight train wrecks last week. One was just this side of Atlanta, and happened Thursday. The other wreck was between Elberton and Berkeley, Ga. Fifteen cars were overturned in the one and fourteen in the other. Passenger trains were greatly delayed by the wrecks, which tore up the tracks for a considerable distance in each case. The morning through train passing here at 3:37 was detoured Saturday from Elberton over the Southern by way of Toccoa, reaching Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon Saturday instead of at 8:15 in the morning.

### VISITING IN COLUMBIA

Mrs. John A. Harris, Mrs. Henry Hagerman, Miss Mary Hill Harris and John Harris motored to Columbia Sunday morning for a short visit to friends.

### RETURN TO ABBEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, Jr., and two sons, Townsend, and Hemphill, arrived in town from Pelzer Saturday. Mr. Smith leaves tomorrow for St. Louis for three months training in salesmanship under the Federal Rehabilitation Act for disabled soldiers, after which training he will be associated with the McElroy, Sloan Shoe, Co in South Carolina territory. During Mr. Smith's absence, Mrs. Smith and children will make their home with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Coleman on Greenville street. Mr. and Mrs. Smith expect to locate in Abbeville permanently.

Heavily favored this dangerous football territory coming Friday for a game with the local team. Allen Long, Jr., fullback who was injured early in the Greenville game will, in all probability be ready to hit the line in the Clinton game. Clinton defeated Abbeville last fall but that doesn't spell anything—so did Elberton.

## WILLIAMS ATTACKS THE N. Y. BANKERS

**SAYS UNJUSTIFIABLE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON DEMAND LOANS—COMP TROLLER GENERAL OF CURRENCY BLAMES GROUP FOR CALL MONEY RATES, NOW HIGHEST IN THE WORLD.**

Washington, Oct. 17.—"Unjustifiable interest exacted on demand loans" by New York City banks has been an active contributing cause of the "huge shrinkage" in all security values during the past year, Comptroller of the Currency Williams declared tonight in a formal statement. He charged that call money rates in New York were the highest in the world and that "renewal" rates fixed daily by a small "coterie" of stock exchange brokers governed "the interest charged on brokers' loans in nearly all New York banks."

"The raising or lowering of the renewal rates on the exchange," said Mr. Williams, "is frequently accompanied by upward or downward movements in stocks and securities and those responsible for the fixing of the rate therefore have the opportunity, whether exercised or not of profiting largely by operations on the stock market which is so often and directly affected by the call money situation. I do not, of course, undertake to say that this formal money committee does take improper advantage of their foreknowledge, but there are critics who severely censure the existing arrangements. Certainly all prudent and thinking business men will agree that there is danger in the concentration of such opportunity and power in the hands of a few persons. Temptations to use this power for individual profit must arise, and human nature is not changed by high position in the financial world.

"Power to fix money rates for all, or nearly all, of the banks in New York City and to change them daily is a grip on its heart of our commerce. It permits such interferences as fallible human judgment, whim or interest may direct with the natural and orderly movements of money, the life blood of business. The matter of arbitrary fixing money rates at the money center, possibly reversing the natural and healthy flow and effecting, directly or indirectly, billions of dollars of security values and other property is left to a small and varying number of private citizens without official responsibility, deciding in a moment and in secret.

"The evils and dangers of such methods could be recited indefinitely. They reach to the remotest corners of the union and its possessions and touch harmfully every class of people. The direct tendency is to reverse one of the fundamental purposes of the federal reserve act which is to promote orderly distribution of money through the country to meet the needs of commerce and agriculture. Express interest rates, offered in New York, artificially draw money away from outside communities through their banks, and often leave legitimate enterprises starved or pinched, while feeding speculative movement which may be adding nothing to real industrial or commercial wealth.

Concerning the "coterie" of brokers which fix the call interest rate, Mr. Williams said, that inquiry disclosed it usually consisted of "four to eight or more" and that the stock exchange usually was represented by "the president or 'one or more' of its governors." He said the fluctuations of the "posted" interest rate on brokers' loans had ranged from 8 to 17 per cent. between November 10, 1919, and July 17, last. On July 31 he recalled he had issued a statement assailing the high rates and declared that since that date the "posted" rate had not exceeded 10 per cent.

### Rush for Profits.

"It is no part of the function of government officials to moralize on speculative operations," Mr. Williams said. "My attention is demanded when

## CREDITS AT BANKS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

**DECLARATION MADE THAT RECENT DISTURBANCE IN PRICE AND DEMAND ARE INEVITABLE AND UNAVOIDABLE CONSEQUENCES OF ECONOMIC DERANGEMENTS OF WAR**

Washington, Oct. 16.—Bank credit "has been steadily available for the successive seasonal requirements of agriculture," according to a formal statement issued tonight by a federal reserve board designed as a reply to agricultural organizations which appealed to the government this week for a further extension of agricultural credit.

Recent disturbances in price and demand which have been manifest in agricultural markets are "inevitable and unavoidable consequences of the economic derangements occasioned by the world war," the board's statement said. It added, however, that the gradual and regular movement of the crops from producers to consumers was to be expected.

"In view of the representations which have recently been made to the board as to unavailability of credit in agricultural sections," the statement said, "the board requested information concerning credit conditions throughout the country from the chairmen and governors of the federal reserve banks at their usual autumn conference here this week.

### Steps of Last Spring

"The board is advised that credit has been steadily available for the successive seasonal requirements of agriculture as well as for the needs of commerce and industry and that there is no ground for expecting that its availability for these purposes will not continue. The present improved credit situation is due in part to the timely steps taken last spring, following conference between the board and governors and directors of federal reserve banks to provide credit for crop moving requirements and in part to the subsequent improvement in transportation reported from all districts except in a few localities.

"Between January 2 and October 1, of the present year about 800 leading member banks from all sections of the country which report their condition to the board weekly, and which represent approximately 70 per cent. of the member bank resources have increased their loans for agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes.

such operations produce conditions retarding the developing of the country and endangering the stability of its business. Corporations, individuals and investors generally are drawn away from legitimate investments in new enterprises by the prospect of 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. interest.

"The effect of these rates is seen when the general managers of executives of railroads or other large corporations visit New York, to raise money necessary for the redemption of retiring loans or for the extension and promotion of new business. The bankers and bond houses solemnly point to the high rates paid for 'call money' and corporations whose credit is abundantly justified a 5 per cent. or 6 per cent interest basis, have been forced to pay 7 per cent. or 8 per cent. or 10 per cent. on loans for one year, three years or five to ten years; and are sometimes persuaded by the bankers through whom they obtain the funds that they are doing well to get money even on such terms, because money on call has been raised often artificially, to 12 to 20 per cent.

The same cause that cripples and hampers a great railroad system or a municipal government also deprives and injures or ruins a country store keeper, a small farmer or the owner of a large or little manufacturing enterprise.

## WINTHROP EXPERT TO COME HERE TUESDAY

### THE COTTON MARKET

After receding about 140 points Saturday and Friday's close, the cotton market today was off again. December futures in New York closed at 17.90 against 18.60 Saturday. Spots in New York were down fifty points, the price quoted being 20.50 against 21.00 for Saturday. In New Orleans the loss was 150 points.

The best cotton on the local market today brought 20 cents. Later in the day cotton was weak and sold down below this figure.

The loss in price is due to several things. The statement of the Federal Reserve Board given out late Saturday was considered unfavorable to agricultural interests. The British coal strike became a reality, and with it threats of a general tie-up of the transportation system in England and Scotland.

All of this leaves the South as its own prop to sustain prices. Unless the bans of the South and the farming and business interests can save the cotton market, lower prices seem inevitable.

The holding movement is helping to sustain prices somewhat. If this shall become more general, or if a killing frost should occur shortly, the chances are that the South would be in better shape to sustain itself.

### J. T. PEARSON IN TOWN

Mr. James T. Pearson of Anderson was visiting friends in town yesterday. He has recently returned from California, where he went to investigate a cotton picker patented by a Californian. He is very enthusiastic over it believing it will solve the labor problem for gathering the cotton crop of the future in the South, and hopes to be ready to demonstrate the working of the machine through South Carolina, this fall and have the machine put on the market before next year's crop is ready. He will return to California in May, where he expects to make his home for the future. Mrs. Pearson and daughter have remained in Paradise, Cal.

### MIKE'S PLACE RAIDED.

Chief of Police Johnson made a raid on Mike's Place Saturday and captured three cases of Tonik Vina, a concoction "guaranteed" to contain as much as 16 to 18 per cent. alcohol. It is understood that other important evidence has been unearthed against Mike. His trial, has not yet taken place owing to the absence of his attorney, Mr. J. M. Nickles.

Mike had the misfortune to face the mayor Monday morning on a charge of "plain drunk," and received an assessment of \$5.00. The license to his place of business on Trinity street was revoked, and the place closed on the orders of the mayor.

### WILL REMOVE BODY OF REV. BEN WOFFORD

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 17.—Announcement was made today that the body of Rev. Benjamin Wofford the founder of Wofford College, will be re-interred on the college campus, here next Tuesday, which will be founder's day. Mr. Wofford's body, at his death more than 50 years ago, was interred in the family burying ground of a relative on a farm in this county.

### FIRE AT JUNALUSKA

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 17.—The large Auditorium hotel at Lake Junaluska, the Southern Methodist assembly ground near here, was totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin this afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, which, it is stated, is partially covered by insurance.

MISS ALLEN, SUPERVISOR OF PRIMARY METHODS AT WINTHROP, WILL ADDRESS LOCAL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TUESDAY AFTERNOON—LARGE ATTENDANCE DESIRED MEETING AT GRADED SCHOOL

Those who attend the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association in the graded school building at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon have a treat in store for them. Miss Ava Allen, supervisor of primary work at the Winthrop Training school, has been secured by Supt. Fulp to visit the city schools Tuesday morning and to address the association that afternoon. Miss Allen comes with excellent recommendation from Dr. Johnson and other authorities of Winthrop College as a forceful speaker, a sympathetic supervisor of primary work, and a specialist in her department who uses only helpful criticism to accomplish the best results from those under her training.

The whole of Tuesday's meeting will be given over to the primary department of the schools and the primary grades will furnish a short entertaining feature for this meeting.

Mrs. R. C. Philson who was unanimously elected president of the association two weeks ago has signified her intention of accepting the office and will preside for the first time at Tuesday's meeting. The names of those appointed on the standing committees will be announced Tuesday afternoon as well as the names of the grade sponsors. An election will be held in every grade in school today for grade sponsors. These sponsors, who as a rule have a child in the grade from which they are elected, act as representatives of their grades at the meetings of the association. They also are expected to increase the membership of the association and to increase the attendance at the meetings of the association by encouraging other mothers having children in the grade they represent to attend the meetings and to also join in with the helpful work being accomplished by the Parent-Teacher association.

Rev. Mr. Derbyshire, rector of Trinity church and teacher of French in the high school, will open the meeting with devotional exercises.

All of the friends of the schools whether members of the association or not, are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

The selection of sponsors for each grade in the city schools was held this morning in the various rooms and resulted as follows:

- 11th grade—Mrs. T. G. White
  - 10th grade—Mrs. J. A. Long
  - 9th grade—Mrs. W. F. Nickles
  - 8th grade—Mrs. J. L. McMillan
  - 7th grade A—Mrs. W. P. Greene
  - 7th grade B—Mrs. W. D. Barksdale
  - 6th grade A—Mrs. G. W. Corley
  - 6th grade B—Mrs. J. A. Smith, Jr.
  - 5th grade A—Mrs. J. E. Pressly
  - 5th grade B—Mrs. J. F. Barnwell
  - 4th grade A—Mrs. A. B. Morse
  - 4th grade B—Mrs. E. R. Thomson
  - 3rd grade A—Mrs. C. C. Gambrell
  - 3rd grade B—Mrs. J. D. Fuip
  - 2nd grade A—Mrs. H. A. Benton
  - 2nd grade B—Mrs. M. B. Reese
  - 1st grade A—Mrs. Allen Smith
  - 1st grade B—Mrs. Henry Blount
- These sponsors are all expected to be present at the meeting Tuesday afternoon and to bring as many other mothers of their "grade" as they can.

### GREENVILLE BANKS WILL LOAN MONEY ON COTTON

Greenville, Oct. 17.—Bankers of Greenville yesterday announced they are ready to lend any reasonable amount of money on cotton owned by farmers of this county, this action being independent of the federal reserve board's curtailment orders. The cotton must be in warehouses.