

### RED OAK GROVE.

#### Very Flourishing Sunday School Steps Taken for New Building For Flat Rock School.

Dear Editor: The Sunday School at Red Oak Grove reinstated same officers for New Year, except Mr. Bruce Timmerman who succeeded Mr. Livingston Baily, our former secretary. We expect never to cease urging the importance of a good Sunday school, for we believe it to be the greatest institution on earth. In truth, our Sunday school should have large portion of our thought and efforts, availing ourselves of many advantages for keeping informed on the study of the Bible.

The trustees and patrons of Flat Rock school have had a very encouraging meeting in regard to our new school building. The meeting was fairly attended with much enthusiasm. We are to have a new house, but am not sure as to plans. But of course, we can't afford to not do credit to our community, otherwise, a reflection and poor rating would result. We have so many families of little children a short distance of our school. That should be well considered.

Mr. George Bussey has a big lot of Lookout Mountain Irish potatoes he is selling for seed. Mr. Oscar Timmerman has disposed of some nice pigs, others are managing in like manner, so that is leading up to the right standard of home production, for which we appreciate and speak of it because we are thankful our people's ambition is for home industry.

Our school is at hard work again, think most the plans for our "Playette" has been decided except date which will be announced later. We are proud of our school and trust Flat Rock may be fortunate in building reputation for more than one term holding teachers, therefore we might adopt the following lines in order for the building of our new school-house:

"The man who uses hook and line Pulls in his single fish, But who join hands and pull a seine, Get all that heart can wish. And each man's share is greater far, In size as well as weight, The secret of success is this— C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-E."

We are glad to report the sick improving. No cases measles developed in our "town."

Miss Ruth Timmerman is rapidly improving, dismissed her yesterday.

Our Social Circle is very much enjoyed and looked forward to with much pleasant anticipation. We find since meeting in that way, our programmes are better discussed and more helpful. We meet with Mrs. Lizzie Shelton 7th, prox. and invite the ladies who are not members to come and be with us. We enjoy having guests at our meetings.

Grain is very small, but keeps green and looks strong. There is quite a lot of grain sown, and not too late to sow more.

Our gardens have not yet recovered from the "black-eye" caused by the sudden freeze last fall. But they must not be neglected, too essential, if we have adopted the advice of our president. Economize by keeping with a good garden. We are trying seed sowing in boxes, hoping in that way to surround rabbits, cold &c., and be ready to transplant when the weather conditions will admit.

Miss Sallie Kate Agner had her friends with her from seven to ten p. m., last Saturday in honor of her 18th birthday. All expressed themselves having quite a pleasant evening, wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

There is a pleasant surprise in progress for our Y. W. A.'s. to follow their next meeting, so we hope for a good attendance.

Mr. Earl Dorn and Mr. Jeff Sharpton came in our town yesterday. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cartledge were guests at Mrs. Hamiltons.

Mr. Johnnie Bailey was warmly greeted by his old friends on last Saturday. Mr. Bailey is greatly missed yet in our neighborhood.

Miss Lizzie Mae Holston spent Sunday night with Miss Lillie Timmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bussey and

### A Very Gracious and Very Generous Gift.

Several weeks ago at a regular conference of the members of the Baptist church, at which the finances of the church were being discussed, particularly the amount that the church yet owes on the new building, Ex-Gov. J. C. Sheppard stated, with becoming modesty, that this community and its people have been very good to him since he came to reside here. Besides contributing to his success professionally, they have conferred upon him every honor that he has asked at their hands, and as a tangible expression of appreciation he desired to make some donation to the community. Mr. Sheppard stated that in writing his will eight or ten years ago he set apart the sum of \$1,000 to be permanently invested, with a provision that the interest be used annually to relieve any suffering in the community or to minister to the needs of the poor. He stated at the conference that in thinking over the matter he had decided to anticipate the terms or provision of his will and let the donation become available at once for this purpose, stating too that he would draw an instrument of writing placing in the hands of the board of deacons this sum to be held in trust and invested by them as had been outlined.

At a conference of the church which was held Sunday Mr. Sheppard formally presented, through the instrument of writing which he read, the \$1,000 to the church to be held in trust by the board of deacons and the annual interest accruing from the invested funds to be used in relieving the poor and needy of the community under the direction of the church. Should any part of the annual interest be not needed in the year in which it is received it is to be added to and become a part of the original donation.

The church accepted the very generous donation by a rising vote and instructed the board of deacons to receive the money and execute the terms of the trust, also directing that a suitable expression of appreciation be committed to writing and presented to Mr. Sheppard and also be recorded in the minutes of the church.

### February Meeting W. C. T. U.

The meeting for February of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. W. F. McMurray on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The programme will be specially on the Soldiers and Sailors department and is as follows:

"Rally to the Flag"—Reading, Mrs. C. E. May.

"Message from Mrs. Ella Hoover Racher,"—Mrs. E. P. Jones.

Vocal Solo, "White Ribbon Star Spangled Banner,"—Miss Miriam Norris.

"Protecting the Home Folks,"—Mrs. E. J. Norris.

Selection, "The Flag Goes By,"—Miss Ruth Tompkins.

Year books will be distributed for the year 1917.

Every member is requested to bring or send a contribution for our dining shower, either of cups and saucers, tumblers, or knives and forks.

All members owing dues will please bring them at this meeting.

Mrs. J. L. Mims, Pres.

### A Layman Will Speak.

This coming Sunday morning Elder J. B. Spillman, of Columbia, will deliver an address in the Presbyterian church at 11:30, on Stewardship. This address will be instructing, helpful and interesting to members of any and all denominations. Therefore all are invited to be present and hear Mr. Spillman. He will also speak that night in the Presbyterian church at Trenton at 8 o'clock.

family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Timmerman.

Mrs. W. O. Whatley visited Mrs. Luther Timmerman one day last week.

Mrs. Mamie Doolittle went to see her mother, Mrs. Brooks, at Modoc last Sunday.

Modoc, S. C.

### Only One "BROMO QUININE"

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### Wealth of South Increased Enormously.

Washington, D. C., January 27.—"Farmers of the South are better off by half a billion dollars than they were this time last year," said President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway System, referring to the figures of aggregate crop values published by the United States Department of Agriculture. "These figures show," said Mr. Harrison, "that in the States of Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, the total value of all crops grown in 1916 was \$1,882,060,000, as compared with \$1,377,552,000 in 1915, an increase of \$504,708,000 or 36.64 per cent. These figures are arrived at by taking the reported values of 13 principal crops as to which the Agricultural Department collects annual statistics and adding values for all other crops based on the percentages of the 13 crops to all crops as shown by the Census of 1910.

"While the increased total value shown is, in large part, due to higher prices for farm products, it is truly remarkable when taken in connection with the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed in a large part of the territory. In some localities, as a result of adverse weather conditions and the damage done by the Mexican cotton boll weevil, crop yields were substantially reduced, but, taking the South as a whole, its farmers were never more prosperous than at this time."

### Favor Repeal Laney-Odom Law.

A meeting of the business men of the town was held in the court house Monday morning to discuss the insurance situation and to elect representatives to a conference of business men that was held in Columbia Tuesday afternoon. Senator B. E. Nicholson and Representative N. G. Ryans were present and outlined the status of insurance legislation in the senate and house, respectively. After they had presented the matter several other individuals also spoke. After a full discussion a resolution was unanimously adopted favoring the repeal of the Laney-Odom act and leaving the solution of the very perplexing matter, so far as this county is concerned, to the judgment of the members of the delegation.

At the meeting Monday C. A. Griffin, W. A. Byrd and J. T. Harling were selected as representatives to attend the conference in Columbia.

### Untimely Death of a

Every reader of The News knows or knows Swearingen, who from lived at LaPlace, and all to know that on while o'possum hunt upon and killed shock has for a long our county. The de of the best men a citizens of the col plary Christian, a progressive citizen, and a true friend. I

been showing our farmers how to live on the farm, and his home and farm were models. To the stricken wife and children our sincerest sympathy go out, and the prayers of their friends ascend on High that God will tenderly care for them all through life.—Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

Mr. Yancy Swearingen was a son of the late Mr. Eldred Swearingen, and a nephew of Mrs. Hettie S. Jones.

### Attended Prohibition Conference.

Mr. Orlando Sheppard and Mr. W. B. Cogburn went to Columbia Tuesday to attend the prohibition conference that was held Tuesday night in the interest of absolute prohibition. The belief is current that a large majority of the people of Edgefield county favor absolute prohibition. Even a number of men who are addicted to drinking would like to see the temptation entirely removed from them. The sentiment in favor of absolute prohibition seems to be growing among the legislators.

### DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY Will Surely Stop That Cough.

### Death of Mrs. Mary Weeks-Williams.

On Wednesday night Jan. 24, Mrs. My Williams passed away at the home of her son, Mr. W. J. Williams. She had been in failing health for some time, during which her eyes were administered to by the around her. Her remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in the Sweetwater cemetery shortly after noon Friday, the services being conducted by Rev. P. B. Lanin, assisted by Rev. E. W. Reynolds.

The bearers were: Dr. J. T. Reese, Messrs. Jack Reynolds, Bunyan Hatcher, James McClain, Walter Levens, H. F. Cooper.

Her friends brought beautiful floral offerings to her grave which were placed on her equally beautiful life. Before her marriage to Mr. Robert Williams she was Miss My Weeks.

Mrs. Williams was in her 79th year and had been a member of Sweetwater baptist church for quite a number of years. She leaves surviving three sons and one daughter, Messrs. Jno. Williams, James Williams, W. J. Williams and Mr. Will Carpenter of Graniteville, S. C., and a number of grand children. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those bereaved, and especially to those of that home for which she did so much.

M. Shaw.

Trenton, S. C.

### White Citizens Invited to the Negro Conference This Year in Columbia, Feb. 7-9.

Mr. Editor:—A few prominent colored as well as many white citizens have suggested to us that we should invite the leading white men, farmers and others, to attend the South Carolina Negro Race Conference in Columbia, S. C., February 7-9.

This conference was organized ten years ago by myself for the purpose of discussing vital subjects relative to race adjustment and the betterment of race relationship. Among other important subjects to be discussed at this conference is the migration of the negro from the South to the North and the West. Beginning with the month of March efforts will be made in the Southern States, as never before, to persuade colored aborer from the South to the North. The slogan by North-

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### Commanding General's Staff, (not a Magistrate.)

I was thinking that Jim and myself had the same rank, but I find that Jim is a Lieutenant General, the same rank of Gen'l's Longstreet and Jackson. Frank Warren and myself are Majors, that's all.

J. Russell Wright.

Seneca, S. C.

### Prohibition Sentiment.

"However it may be disposed of, prohibition in the broader sense is coming to the front. The senate committee on judiciary has had before it many suggestions for a form of resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States so as to provide nationwide prohibition. They decided finally to adopt one such form and report it to the senate. The fact that the committee came to this decision by a vote of 13 to 2 is in itself a straw which indicates the flow of sentiment."—Colliers Weekly.

### Yea, Verily!

Here's a line of truthful dope We've evolved after a tussel; Some men have too much hope, And too darned little hustle.

—Exchange.

### JOHNSTON LETTER.

#### Quarterly Meeting W. M. U. Mrs. Crouch Entertained. New Century Club Held Interesting Meeting.

The Quarterly meeting for the First Division of the W. M. U., auxiliary to the Ridge association, will be held with the Baptist church here on Saturday, Feb. 10th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, with the following program:

Devotional—Mrs. T. H. Posey. Verbal reports from each organization.

"From the Superintendent's Point of View"—Miss Sallie Burton.

"Stewardship in its Fullest Sense"—Mrs. M. N. Tillman.

"The Margaret Fund and its Possibilities"—Mrs. Mary Ashley.

"The Training School,"—Mrs. John O. Gough.

Business Period—Praise service.

Address: Mrs. Cannada, of Edisto Academy, and ex-Brazilian missionary.

Recess for one hour.

Devotional—The R. A.'s of Johnston.

Sunbeam Song—Y. W. A. Hymn.

"Our Young People, the Churches' Greatest Asset,"—Mrs. I. G. Murray.

Round Table Sessions.

"Bible Study vs. Mission Study"—Mrs. W. S. Brooke.

"Bible Basis of Missions"—Mrs. Eb. Culbreath.

"The Principles of Giving"—Mrs. P. N. Lott.

"The Principles of Co-operation"—Mrs. M. N. Tillman.

"Principles in Methods of Work"—Miss S. Burton.

"The Value of Associational and State Minutes"—Mrs. Julia Eidson.

"Some Benefits of the Prayer Calendar"—Mrs. L. C. Latimer.

"Why We Are Not Apportioned for Hospital and Orphanage"—Mrs. Carrie Forrester.

"How to Elicit the Sympathy and Interest of the Pastor"—Mrs. A. C. Baker.

"What Constitutes the ex-Board of the Ridge W. M. U."—Mrs. Jim McCreight.

"The Value of a Quarterly Meeting"—Mrs. J. L. Scott.

"The Churches of this Association"—Mrs. F. L. Parker.

"How Can We Change the Report this Year,"—Miss Anna Bell Jackson.

Mrs. Henry Whitaker and little son left on Monday for Oklahoma, to join Mr. Whitaker, who is there in business.

Mrs. W. P. Cassella, and Grace Ellen have returned from a month's stay at Ellenton with the former's parents.

Miss Maud Nickerson is at Bennettsville, for a visit to Mrs. Smyly Stevens.

Mrs. George Price has gone to Knoxville, Tenn., to join her husband, and they will now make this their home.

Mrs. M. T. Turner, Mrs. Harry C. Strother, Miss Frances Turner and Miss Zena Payne went over to Columbia last Thursday to hear Paderewski.

Mrs. Frank Bland has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Irwin Welling, at Darlington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walton have gone to Florida to spend awhile.

Miss Mary Caroline Perry has returned from a two weeks visit to Saluda.

Miss Maud Sawyer, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is now able to be up again.

Miss Gloria Haltiwanger, of Greenwood, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Scott.

Mrs. Earle Crouch was hostess for the young Matron's Club on Thursday afternoon, and two very happy hours were spent by this congenial dozen. The hostess met all most cordially, and soon they were all enjoyed in most delightful of all pastimes—doing fancy work, while chatting.

Music was enjoyed, and later the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. S. Maxwell, served a prettily arranged salad course with coffee and whipped cream.

Mesdames P. N. Lott and Missouri Lott spent Monday in Augusta.

At the New Century Club meeting held last Tuesday with Miss Zena Payne, the chief topics of bus-

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