

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Hetrick, who have been spending the past two weeks on a pleasure auto trip to Philadelphia, New York and other points, returned to Walhalla Monday evening.

A large number of Walhalla people and visitors enjoyed a picnic at Oconee Station last Friday. The Misses Green, of the "Rock House" were especially hospitable on this occasion and threw their home open for the pleasure of the visitors.

Green Thompson, who escaped from the chain gang in Oconee on Tuesday of last week, returned to the gang on Wednesday night. He escaped from the guard while on an errand, going to carry out an order, but failed to return. Sheriff J. W. Davis promptly got in behind him with reward cards and personal efforts to locate him, and through an appeal to his father, Sam Thompson, who lives in the Hepsibah section of the county, his return was made practically on his own honor.

Mrs. Nannie Williams, of Cross Hill, Laurens county, is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Verner. She has numerous friends here who are always pleased to meet her.

Mrs. Maggie M. Gray, of Statesville, N. C., died at her home in that city last Saturday, August 22d, at 2 o'clock a. m.

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SWEARINGEN PRAISES OCONEE. Resume of School Work in County Still Need for Improvement.

The annual report of Superintendent Thomas A. Smith for the public schools of Oconee county during the scholastic year 1913-14 has been filed with the State Superintendent of Education, who, in commenting upon the figures given, announces that the report shows a gratifying progress. He makes the following resume of the report:

"There were ten town and 65 country schools, enrolling 5,749 pupils, an increase of 457 over the preceding year. "The enrollment in town was 887 boys and 970 girls, making a total of 1,857 of these. Five hundred and fifty-four boys and 651 girls, a total of 1,205, were in regular attendance.

"The enrollment in the country schools was 3,892—1,988 boys and 1,904 girls. In town schools 65 per cent of the enrollment attended regularly during the session of 171 days. In the country schools only 56 per cent of the enrollment attended regularly during the session of 106 days.

"The average length of the session was increased almost two weeks. This feature of the report indicates that the county may reasonably hope to secure a six months' term in every school next year. Considerable work, however, must be done to lengthen the session. Among the schools 3 ran less than 3 months, 7 less than 4 months, 17 less than 5 months, and 9 less than 6 months.

"The report shows that only six schools enrolled as few as 20 pupils, while only 14 had an average attendance less than 20. The teaching corps was composed of 24 men and 104 women. The estimated value of school property amounted to \$92,053.75, almost \$16 per child.

"The first grade enrollment of 1,480 shows that 25 per cent of the boys and girls of the county are just beginning to read. The total enrollment above the fifth grade was 1,026, while only 324 are reported in the high school. With the growth of rural schools employing two, three or four teachers, this situation is rapidly improving.

"The county is divided into 74 districts, 55 of which have voted a local school tax. During the last twelve months 22 special tax elections have placed 22 additional levies on the tax books. This active cooperation on the part of the tax-payers helps to raise the per capita expenditure from \$8.05 to \$8.75. Since the average for the State last year was \$13.39 per child, the schools of Oconee still have need to increase their local taxation and to make use of every form of State aid.

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BEGINNING FIERCE WARFARE. English People Now Realizing What the Awful Conflict Means.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French war office issued the following announcement to-night: "The French and English (the plan of attack having failed, owing to unforeseen difficulties) have retired on the covering positions."

Reports were in circulation in Paris to-day that the Germans have occupied the unfortified town of Nancy, France. Official announcement is made in the German capital that a German army has defeated a French army at Neufchateau, capturing guns and prisoners, including several generals.

The bombardment of Tsing-Tau, China, by the Japanese fleet has begun, according to the Yomato, in Tokio. The German troops, according to reports from Upper Alsace, are making another offensive movement against the French army occupying Muelhausen.

The Russians, according to Paris reports, now occupy territory 50 miles wide on the German frontier. A Vienna report says the Austrians are about to abandon their operations against the Servians on the Drina river to concentrate their forces against the Russian advance.

The agreement of Austria to dismantle her cruiser, the Kaiserin Elizabeth, at Tsing-Tau, has removed the danger of war between Japan and Austria, according to diplomatic information in Washington.

British Deeply Moved. London, Aug. 24.—This day of waiting has brought home the realities of war to the British people. Not before has the whole nation been so deeply moved. Englishmen know that most of the best regiments of their army are fighting a battle on which the future of the Empire may depend.

Thus far, England has felt the war far less than any European nation engaged—probably less than Holland and Switzerland—but now waiting for the issue of the battle and for the lists of killed and wounded the English people understand all that it means.

Every boat from Belgium comes crowded with impoverished refugees, who have fled before the German invasion. An organization is being formed to care for these people and part of the Prince of Wales' relief fund, which amounts to more than \$7,500,000, will be sent to Antwerp for sufferers who have taken refuge there.

Desperate Conflict Continues. Paris, Aug. 24.—"The general engagement continues to-day with desperation," is the wording of an official communication given out this afternoon. "Already both sides have suffered serious losses."

"An army from the North Waver is approaching Neufchateau and is attacking the German forces which have defiled through Luxembourg and are now upon the right bank of the Semois.

"Another army from the direction of Sedan has crossed the department of Ardennes and is engaging the German army corps which has been proceeding between the river Lessee and the river Meuse.

"The movements of the Germans, who sought to pass our left wing, were followed step by step, and their right now finds itself attacked by the left wing of our army, which is working in conjunction with the English. From this side the battle continued vigorously for more than 24 hours, the field extending over the remainder of the front."

JAPAN NOW AGAINST GERMANY. Declaration of War Followed by Passports of Two Countries' Envoys. Tokio, Japan, Aug. 23.—The Emperor of Japan to-day declared war on Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany de-

manding the surrender of Kiao-Chow. The Japanese government has ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea.

The proclamation of the Emperor sent a thrill through the country. Japan's entrance upon the fulfillment of her obligations to her ally, Great Britain, responds to the popular will from one end of the land to the other. Cheering crowds assembled by the department of foreign affairs and the administration of the navy. This evening there were lantern processions through the streets. The popular manifestations, however, do not approach the enthusiasm which preceded the war with Russia.

German Envoy Given Passports. Count Von Rex, the German ambassador in Tokio, has been handed his passports. He probably will leave here for America, either on the Minnesota, sailing August 27, or the Manchuria, which departs on the 29th. Geo. W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, will represent Germany. The Diet has been convoked in special session for September 3.

Jap Envoy Handed Passports. Rotterdam, Aug. 23.—(Via London).—According to authoritative advices received here from Berlin the German government at noon to-day handed his passports to the Japanese ambassador.

Wounds Are Painless. Paris, Aug. 22.—French wounded being cared for in Paris hospitals frequently remark that their bullet wounds are not painful. In a large number of cases men who had been shot were not aware of the fact until after the engagement was over. One man declares he did not know he had been hurt until the next morning. He then discovered a ball had gone through his arm. The only outward indications were two dark spots on the skin, such as might be made by a lead pencil, one on each side of the arm.

O. I. C. BOAR.—I have for service a fine O. I. C. Boar. Fee, \$3. J. F. HEDDEN, West Union, S. C. 36*

WANTED—Beef cattle, hides, bees-wax, tallow, chickens and eggs. Highest prices paid. R. D. OELKERS, Walhalla. 35*

FOR SALE—Fine black mare, seven years old; partially blind; good qualities; \$100. Good old family horse, \$50. W. O. HAMILTON, Seneca, S. C. 32-34

YOUNG MAN, WOULD YOU MARRY IF SUITED? Many beautiful Indian girls in Oklahoma, who own rich oil and farming lands, are looking for husbands. Information furnished free. Mrs. M. D. SMITH, Box 597, Muskogee, Okla. 35*

FOR SALE—Nice small farm of 95 acres, mile and half from Westminster depot; about 60 acres in high state of cultivation; fine pasture; good orchard; two dwellings with necessary outbuildings; good water. For price and terms see or write W. C. PIKE, Westminster, S. C., Route 5. 39*

FOR SALE.—Only 133 acres left of 283. This lies on both sides of Tamassée road; beautiful location to build on either side; one 3-room tenant house off the road; 18 acres in cultivation; 6 of this is good bottom land; bale-to-the-acre red land to clear. See JOHN LAY, Route No. 2, Walhalla, S. C. 34*

FOR SALE OR RENT.—115 acres—15 acres woodland, 100 acres cleared; bermuda pasture; good orchard; 8-room house and 4-room house; two miles from Westminster, on auto road to Walhalla. Five years' time to acceptable buyer for all or part of above land. Also several other farms for sale or rent. T. N. CARTER, Westminster, S. C. 34*

MASTER'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. STAE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Oconee. (In Court of Common Pleas.) Pursuant to decree of the aforesaid Court, in the case named below, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the late residence of Samuel T. Dickson, on TUESDAY, the first day of SEPTEMBER, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for CASH, the personal property, goods and chattels below described:

Mrs. Effie J. Dickson, In Her Own Right, and as Administratrix of the Personal Estate of Samuel T. Dickson, deceased, Plaintiff, against Mrs. Eddie W. Burns et al., Defendants. The following is a description of the Personal Property, Goods and Chattels ordered to be sold, to wit: Two Cows, named Red and Nell. Two Heifers. One Yearling. One Mule. One Horse. One Hog. One Two-Horse Wagon and Body. One Buggy. One Disc Plow. One Disc Harrow. One Cotton Planter. And some other implements of small value. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. Aug. 12, 1914. 32-34

Roofing - Building Material - Hardware. We have just received a carload of V CRIMP and CORRUGATED GALVANIZED ROOFING SHEETS. This material is guaranteed fully coated and every sheet perfect. Get our prices on general line of Building Materials. We have full stock of 3 lb. Tin Packers' Cans, Solder, Etc. Cider Mills, Apple Parers, Etc. Ballenger Hdw. and Furn. Co., Seneca, South Carolina.

Sheer True Shape Socks MADE TO WEAR 25¢. Elastic Rib Top Comfortable and Shapely. Body Joint Will not come apart or drop-stitch. No Unsightly Seam Down back of leg, so rip or tear. Fine Close Stitch High Silk Lustrous (permanent and will not wash out) Fast Dyes—Non-Poisonous. True Shape Throughout Will not wrinkle. Extended Toe Shoe cannot rub in holes. Inset Toe Special process making possible the use of stronger yarn than by usual method. No Seams To hurt soles of feet. Reinforced Sole Proof against wear. Elastic Looping Will not break by strain. Inserted Heel Special process making possible the use of a stronger yarn than by usual method. With yarn same shade as body—almost invisible. Anie Reinforced. Finished Welt No rough edges—No raveling.

For First-Class Painting, Paper Hanging, and Interior Decorating... See Joe R. Leahey, "The World Wide Painter." Best Work and Cheapest Man. Can Be Found at Whit Grant's Boarding House.

FOR SALE. 246 Acres of Valuable Farm Land, near South Union church, and about five miles south of Oakway, Oconee county. Two dwellings; 100 acres in cultivation; the remainder well watered and timbered; known as the Mary Malone place. Price \$35 per acre if sold in bulk. Will divide if desired. Terms easy. Address—T. M. ELROD, SENECA, S. C. July 1, 1914. 26-40

ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF PERSONALTY. Pursuant to order of the Court of Probate in and for Oconee County, South Carolina, I will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the residence of Samuel T. Dickson, deceased, near Westminster, S. C., on Tuesday, the first day of September, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, certain Goods and Chattels belonging to the Estate as follows, to wit: One One-horse Wagon, One Corn Sheller, One Saddle and old Harness, Two Pigs, One Trunk, One Refrigerator, One Dining Table, One Trunk, Three Center Tables, One Sewing Machine, One Suit Case, One Cradle and Table, Six Chairs, One lot Kitchen Utensils, One Safe, One Stove. Terms: CASH. EFFIE J. DICKSON, Administratrix of the Personal Estate of Samuel T. Dickson, Deceased. Aug. 10, 1914. 32-34

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS. All persons indebted to the Estate of Miss Louisa Prater, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or barred. JOHN C. BOGGS, Administrator of the Estate of Miss Louisa Prater, Deceased. Aug. 19, 1914. 32-35

DISTRICT COURT NOTICE. The United States of America, Western District of South Carolina. Whereas, on the 19th day of August, 1914, The United States filed its Information, Attachment and Motion, in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of South Carolina, against the following described property owned by James Patton: One and nine-tenths one-hundredths of an acre, more or less, bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at a stake in Spring Branch, thence southeast sixty yards

THE NEWS FROM RICHLAND.

Protracted Meeting Begins—Richland Boys Lose at Tennis. Richland, Aug. 24.—Special: Mrs. S. N. Hughes and Miss Pearl Ballenger returned home last week from a two week's stay at Montreat, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Burns returned to their home in Fountain Inn last Monday after a week's visit at the home of Hon. E. E. Verner. Mrs. Belle Carmichael, of Carnesville, Ga., spent the greater part of the week with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Stribling.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, a young Baptist minister from Atlanta, is visiting his cousin, Dean Davis. He preached a very interesting sermon at Richland church yesterday morning after Sunday school, which was greatly enjoyed. This was Mr. Thompson's first visit to this community since boyhood and he is to be congratulated on his success as a minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hodgson and two sons, Hugh and Clifford, of Athens, Ga., and Mrs. C. M. Walker and children spent Thursday at the home of J. P. Stribling. The Hodgsons are on their way for a two weeks' trip through the mountains in their automobile.

Mrs. John Ramplly, of Stephensville, Texas, is visiting her brother, T. B. Wiley, and family. The Misses Berry returned home Wednesday after a several days' visit to relatives in Easley and Greenville. Hayden Coe spent the latter part of the week in Richland. The Richland boys went to Seneca Friday afternoon to play the match off with the Seneca boys. The court

was almost too wet and the balls in bad condition, so the games were neither very fast nor good. The Seneca boys won two straight sets in both the doubles and singles. The Richland boys were not exactly satisfied with things, but played on and have challenged the Seneca boys for another match at Richland, where new balls will be furnished and a referee who will abide by the rules. In addition to the sorry playing the Richland boys ruined two new rackets playing with heavy, wet balls in Seneca. If the Seneca boys come to Richland again they will not have any lawful thing to kick against.

The protracted meeting is to begin at Rock Springs church this evening at 8 o'clock and will continue until Friday night, with services at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and at 8 in the evening. There will be no preaching Tuesday morning, as that will be election day. Rev. M. M. Brooks, of Westminster, will open the meeting, and Rev. J. M. Steadman, of Clemson College, will assist him after to-day.

Edward Verner, Jr., entertained his boy friends Friday night at a stag party. There were three tables of cards and rook. During the evening a salad course and iced tea were served, followed by nabiscoes and ice cream. The hasty approach of morning made the guests depart, for they were having a merry good time.