

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Walhalla bids the people of Oconee county and residents of other towns all along down the line of the Blue Ridge Railway a cordial welcome to this good old town next Friday. The day is going to be a red-letter day in the educational field locally. Walhalla is proud of her school building, of her school, of her teachers and of her children; we are proud of the work that is being accomplished all over the county, of her schools, her teachers, her children and her citizens. Walhalla wants the citizens of Oconee to gather here Friday to see what we are accomplishing, and to give us opportunity to see what other schools in the county are accomplishing; and we want the citizens of other places, outside our county, to come and see what Oconee is doing. Be "one of us" for a day—make it longer if you can—but come to Walhalla Friday and enjoy the day with us.

This is to be the first of the School Fair and Field Day occasions for Oconee, but we do not believe it will be the last. It is from such occasions that inspiration comes to strive for better things and greater attainments. Educational interests in Oconee have gone forward in the past few years by leaps and bounds. Let us get together this week, mix and mingle with each other, having as our central idea not only the absorbing of information and inspiration, but the dissemination of it as well. Let us get together Friday! Come to Walhalla for the school fair and Field Day, and attend the oratorical contest Friday night. Walhalla's doors are wide open to all.

OUR GREATEST NEED.

The greatest need of Walhalla today is, we believe, some adequate means of fire protection. We have absolutely nothing with which to combat fire save wells, buckets and human efforts—each good in itself, but all combined totally inadequate to meet the needs of the town in a fire emergency.

It would be interesting to know just what amount of money the citizens of Walhalla pay annually to fire insurance companies for protection against fire as a tribute to our inefficient fire-fighting system. Combining the excess premiums paid owing to poor protection afforded, and adding this to the fire losses in excess of insurance collected where policies were held, we believe that the losses through both sources during the past ten years would be sufficient to give Walhalla an adequate system of fire protection. These losses of the past ten years have gone forever—they represent a dead loss—property totally out of existence, and money out of the reach of the people of this community. The only money that comes back is that which is paid to fire losers. But these things are of the past. They are of no service to us now save in so far as they point to us the folly of continuing present methods.

What about the next ten years? Are we going to continue to pay high insurance rates, fight fires with quart cups and water buckets, and lose two dollars for every one we get back on insurance when a fire occurs? It is up to the citizens of Walhalla to think these things over. It is your business and ours; your interests and ours are at stake. Your efforts and ours will be needed to devise a plan for getting water for Walhalla at least for fire protection purposes. It will be your fault and ours if we continue our present slipshod methods of protection against fire. It will be to your credit and ours if we awake now to our folly of the past years, and give to Walhalla and her citizens some modern and adequate means of fighting flames and saving property.

The Courier will be glad to have the ideas of citizens along this line for publication. It is evident that we need to arouse a sentiment along the line of protection against fire. We have been gambling on the thing long enough.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

From all reports that come in, there is going to be a wonderfully increased yield of wheat in Oconee this year as compared with past years, and it is a mighty healthy sign. But what are we going to do with our wheat after it is grown and threshed? That is a question that seems to be bothering not a few.

Well, we are going to feed the people of this section who now buy annually hundreds and thousands of barrels of flour from the West. We are going to begin living at home—a thing we ought to have been doing for generations past.

The West Union Oil Mill Company, which does business in our neighbor town of West Union—and which, by the way, is so much a part of Walhalla and Walhalla so much a part of it that both towns ought to be incorporated into one Greater Walhalla—this enterprising milling company is going to add to its interests a thoroughly equipped roller flour mill, and this mill will be in operation this fall if nothing unforeseen occurs to prevent. Mr. Strother, the leading figure in the company, says that the machinery has already been purchased, plans are under way for the buildings, and everything will be in readiness to take care of the 1915 crop of wheat in this section. This machinery has been bought from the firm of Sprout, Walden & Co., of Muncey, Pa., and the purchase comprises a thoroughly equipped roller flour mill outfit with 50 barrels a day capacity, and in addition there will be a feed and hominy mill in connection.

There is going to be great good come from this depression in the cotton markets. One thing has already been accomplished, and that is increased acreages in wheat and other small grains. The West Union Oil Mill Company is going to meet this new departure in agriculture by placing itself in position to take care of its share of the grain produced. We are about to enter the outer gates of a new condition and a new form of prosperity as a result of the cotton failure of the past year and the present time.

Henceforward we of the South are going to live in the South in reality; we are going to quit the suicidal policy of having homes in the South while we draw everything that we use from other sections of the country. When this is done we will find prosperity. Cotton is no longer to be king. The Southern farmer will ascend the throne so long held by this usurper, and cotton shall be his bond-slave.

Out of the reverses of the past year and the present the South is going to rise to a higher position, and her business men and farmers are henceforward going to not only meet situations as they present themselves, but they are going to make situations for their own betterment and the good of the country. The time is not far distant when we will all be able to look the adversity of 1914-15 squarely in the face and be thankful that it came to us.

GETS FIVE YEARS IN GEORGIA.

Oscar Bird, Negro Who Stabbed Julius Maret, Tried in Georgia.

Sheriff John W. Davis, of Oconee, is frequently asked why he does not apprehend Oscar Bird, the negro who stabbed Julius Maret at Fair Play some months ago. Bird has been in the hands of several Georgia Sheriffs during the time that has elapsed since his crime in this State. There was a reward offered for the arrest of Bird, but the reward money was never furnished Sheriff Davis, and he could not, therefore, pay the reward and secure the negro from the Georgia Sheriff, who naturally refused to give his prisoner up except upon payment of the reward. There were several charges pending in Franklin county, Georgia, against Bird, and upon one of these, the nature of which was a murderous assault, he was recently tried, found guilty and sentenced to serve five years in the Georgia penitentiary. When this sentence shall have been completed Bird will be brought back to Franklin county to face another trial, the warrants being held against him there.

The information as to the conviction and sentencing of Bird came to Sheriff Davis yesterday from Sheriff J. W. Wansley, of Franklin county, Georgia.

Advertised Mail.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Walhalla post office for the week ending April 5, 1915:

George Duckett, Carrie Lee Fricks, Miss Mary Parks, Jim Pressley, C. L. Reid.

When calling for the above please say they are advertised. N. Fant, F. M.

Some men's idea of pleasure is to do the things they can't afford to do.

MATTERS OF NEWS AT SENECA.

Bride of Month Entertained—Proposed Farmers' Chatauqua.

Seneca, April 6.—Special: Mrs. H. J. Gignilliat continues quite sick at the home of Mrs. G. W. Gignilliat. Her friends will hope to hear of an early improvement in her condition.

Mrs. D. P. Thomson leaves on Wednesday for Columbia, where she goes for treatment in a hospital.

Mrs. J. C. Cary, of Greenville, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. P. Thomson, for some days.

Mrs. T. S. Stribling, of Pickens, spent several days last week with relatives here.

Mrs. W. M. Neill and daughter, of Gainesville, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Grace Verner.

Mrs. T. B. Jones, of Townville, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter.

Miss Idah Pitchford, of Walhalla, visited her friend, Miss Clara Beth Ballenger, the past week-end.

A splendid house greeted the players of "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party" last Friday night. The entire cast was good, but as being particular favorites, mention may be made of Mrs. J. W. Byrd as Aunt Dinah, Mrs. T. L. Stribling as Miranda Spriggs, Mrs. P. M. Cary as Susan Gollyby, and Mrs. W. J. Holloway as Grandma Pepper. Undoubtedly the most difficult "make-up" was that of the last named, Mrs. Holloway giving a perfect interpretation of the part.

Mrs. James Lowry sang "Bonnie Sweet Bessie" and Wilkes Dandy and Miss Frances Hamilton rendered "Tipperary," both bringing hearty applause. I wish space allowed reference to the other members of the cast. Each was good—in fact, there were none who proved disappointing; but I will only add that of "Freddie," given by Clarence Bradberry, which was admirable.

There will be a meeting of the citizens Tuesday night, by call of the Chamber of Commerce, to hear R. E. Grabel, of the Southern Railway's department of farm improvement. The committee on the farmers' chatauqua will report at this meeting. In reference to the visit of Mr. Grabel, Farm and Factory has this to say: "R. E. Grabel, of Charlotte, N. C., assistant manager of the Southern Railway's department of farm demonstration work, was here Tuesday in the interest of the proposed farmers' chatauqua, which will probably be held in Seneca during the month of July."

Mrs. B. A. Lowry entertained last Wednesday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower for Miss May Hamilton, a bride of the month. Progressive rook was played, and at the close a delicious luncheon was served. The attractive articles were brought in in an automobile by Master Bright Lowry and presented to the bride-to-be.

Mrs. E. A. Hines has issued invitations to an at home on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss May Hamilton. The guest list includes the married friends in Mrs. Hines's set.

Mrs. T. B. Jones also entertained at a pretty party on Friday afternoon last in honor of Miss Hamilton. Progressive games were played, tables being placed in the parlor and dining room. The apartments were made bright and attractive with quantities of spring flowers. The honoree appeared in a becoming frock of blue taffeta, the hostess wearing a handsome green charmeuse with chiffon drapery. An attractive music program was rendered, in which Mrs. James Lowry and Frank Hawkins gave several popular numbers. A salad course, followed by mints, was served.

Center Township S. S. Work.

It was my privilege, Mr. Editor, to be at Bethel church last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the Sunday school workers of Center township organized. The church was well filled. J. S. Glymph was elected president, and W. H. Cole, Jr., secretary and treasurer. Miss Bearden, who teaches in the Oakway High School, was elected township superintendent of the cradle roll department, and Rev. C. D. Boyd, pastor of Bethel church, was put in charge of the temperance work. It is believed he will have a temperance meeting at every Sunday school in the township in the spring or summer. The officers of the association will appoint superintendents for the other departments as the work develops.

All Sunday school superintendents in the township were elected vice presidents.

The township organization pledged \$25 to the State work for the ensuing year, and eight or ten active workers were selected to represent the township at Newberry on April 20-22.

There are fifteen Sunday schools in Center township. The workers are enthusiastic. They claim center is in the lead in this good work, and they say they are going to keep the lead. Let the other townships look well to their laurels.

Wm. S. Morrison, State Executive Committeeman, Clemson College, April 5.

Quarterly Meeting, W. M. U.

The third quarterly meeting of the W. M. U., auxiliary to Beaverdam Association, will be held with Rocky Knoll Baptist church the fourth Saturday in April, which will be the 24th. Look for program in next week's paper. All societies please bear this in mind and elect delegates to this meeting. Katie Abbott, President.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

K. of P. District Meeting—Personal Items—Appreciation.

Westminster, April 6.—Special: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stribling spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Earle Barton, at Townville.

The Children's Day exercises by the Sunbeam Band were carried out remarkably well at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Splendid work is being done by these little ones under the leadership of Mrs. O. K. Breazeale.

Born, unto Mr. and Mrs. C. L. O'Kelley, Saturday, April 3, a son, F. W. Cannon and J. H. Hudson were business visitors to Atlanta last week.

J. E. Dickerson, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Several Easter egg hunts were given by the various Sunday schools Saturday for the benefit of the little ones.

Walter Raggsdale, who has been connected with the telegraph office here for the last three years, has been transferred to Toccoa, Ga. We regret very much to lose Mr. Raggsdale.

Miss Ada Simpson, who is teaching at Blue Ridge High School, spent Saturday and Sunday with home-totals.

Ira King, former operator at Harbin's Siding, is now night man at this office.

Mrs. Will Dilworth, who had charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stribling's residence while they were in Florida, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stribling and Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Fallaw at a delicious supper on Monday after Mr. and Mrs. Stribling's arrival from Florida.

The District Convention of the Knights of Pythias will meet with the local lodge this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A banquet will be served at 6:30 this evening.

The Courier is requested to publish the following resolution of appreciation, adopted by the Ladies' Missionary Society:

"Realizing the loving thought, the time, the care and the artistic taste behind the lovely gift to our church in a great display of exquisite flowers, we, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Westminster Baptist church, from a sense of deep gratitude, and from our love of the beautiful, as we breathed in their fragrance and beauty, could but breathe out God's benediction on the giver, Mrs. Cheswell; and we pray that He may ever abide in our midst and with her. Thus we thank Mrs. Cheswell for the lovely Easter flowers for our church on April 4, 1915. "Voted by the Woman's Missionary Society April 6, 1915."

Locals from Conocross.

Conocross, April 5.—Special: J. Duffie Todd, of Columbia, is with his family here. He is quite indisposed. We hope he will soon recover.

Rev. L. D. Mitchell and Mr. McCravy, of Laurens, closed a very interesting series of meetings last week at the Second Baptist church of Walhalla. There were 17 additions as a result.

The primary department of our Sunday school enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the church Saturday afternoon. There were about 40 present who took part in the search for the eggs that had been hidden in the grove near the church. Quite a number of the intermediate pupils also enjoyed an Easter picnic at Ladey's Reek Saturday afternoon.

Burt Duke, of Westminster, visited relatives in this section the week-end.

Miss Maud Kelley, of near here, will leave to-morrow for Greenville, where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Rev. L. D. Mitchell is with friends in Greenville this week.

Several from here attended the entertainment at Clearmont Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of this community, are entertaining a son in their home, he having arrived recently.

Miss Ida Broom entertained quite a number of her young friends at a quiet sociable on Saturday night. Interesting games were played and refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. Everybody reported a nice time.

Glenn Pike is visiting his uncle, George R. Pike, at Salem, at present.

Mrs. Sophie Ritter and son Klaren, of Walhalla, were week-end guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Hannah Broom, here.

J. D. Abbott is with relatives at Pelzer this week.

About 40 enjoyed a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker Friday night.

Miss Katie Abbott spent some time last week with her sister, Mrs. Malie Grubbs, of Walhalla.

Willie Walker, of Greenville, is with his father, J. W. Walker, and family here for a few days, to the delight of his many friends.

Miss Tillie Burdett entertained quite a number of her young friends at an egg hunt Saturday afternoon.

Quite a number from here are anticipating attending the Fair and Field Day and oratorical contest at Walhalla Friday and Friday night.

A number of new type electric dishwashing machines suitable for use in the home have recently been perfected.

Another Carload of WINDOWS AND DOORS

Bought Before the Advance.

20 PER CENT SAVED,

and we are going to give this to our customers. If you are building, or contemplate building in the near future, you will SAVE many a Dollar by getting in touch with us. We are in shape to sell you better WINDOWS, DOORS, etc., for less money than most of the merchants can buy direct from the mill.

Our Warehouses are chock full of BUILDING MATERIAL, such as LIME, CEMENT, GALVANIZED and COMPOSITION ROOFING, METAL SHINGLES, RIDGE ROLL, VALLEY TIN, NAILS, PAINTS, Etc.

Our stock is complete. We have the goods—bought for the SPOT CASH—and we can save you money on IMPLEMENTS, WAGON AND BUGGY MATERIAL, TOOLS AND MACHINERY SUPPLIES.

Drop us a line for Material you will want, and ask us to name you prices. We will sell you.

Matheson Hardware Co.,

Westminster, S. C.

BARB WIRE, FIELD FENCING,

HOG WIRE, GARDEN WIRE.

Dodges Death of Thresher.

Washington, April 6.—Government officials took under consideration today a statement from the German embassy quoting an official message from the Berlin foreign office in which responsibility was disclaimed for the loss of any neutral lives on board the British steamer Palaba, recently sunk by a German submarine. The claim is set up by Germany that the Palaba, as well as other British merchantmen were armed and that military necessity made it impossible for the submarine to give any longer time than was allowed for the passengers to escape.

State Department officials say the death of Leon C. Thresher, an American, lost with the Palaba, constitutes a complicated case.

Germany Expels Gifford Pinchot.

The Hague, Netherlands, April 5.—Gifford Pinchot, ex-chief forester of the United States, who, it is understood, has been acting as special agent for the State Department at Washington in the European war zone, has been expelled from Belgium by the German authorities.

Russia has a total of 137 central electric stations, serving nearly 15,000,000 people.

TEN WEEKS IN BED—EMINENT PHYSICIANS FAILED. WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

I wish to inform you of the great benefit I have derived from the use of Swamp-Root. I had been a sufferer for more than twenty years from kidney and liver trouble and was almost constantly treated by the most eminent physicians who could only give me temporary relief. I had been in bed ten weeks when I began the use of Swamp-Root. In side of twenty-four hours I could see that I had been greatly benefited. I continued to use Swamp-Root until I had used several bottles, when I really felt that my old trouble was completely cured and I am positive that any person suffering with kidney or liver trouble can be cured by the use of this preparation.

I am now in the best of health—better than I have been for ten years or more. I do not know how to express myself as strongly as I desire, in favor of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, as I am sure that it saved my life and that my good health is due entirely to this great remedy. I heartily recommend it to every sufferer, and am confident they can be benefited as I have been. It is a pleasure for me, gentlemen, to hand you this recommendation.

MRS. H. J. PRICE, 1406 Center St., Portsmouth, Ohio. Personally appeared before me this 13th of September, 1909, Mrs. H. J. Price, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact. R. A. CALVERT, Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do for You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince any one. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Walhalla Weekly Keowee Courier. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

CITATION NOTICE.

(In Court of Probate.) The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—By V. F. Martin, Esq., Judge of Probate.—Whereas, W. O. White has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of Pompey Keels, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said POMPEY KEELS, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Friday, the 16th day of APRIL, 1915, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of March, A. D. 1915. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

In accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912, and pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education of Oconee County, South Carolina, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at Wood & Shirley's Store, Seneca, S. C., in Seneca School District, No. 63, on Monday, April 12th, 1915, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a special tax of three mills upon all the real and personal property of said Seneca School District, No. 63, for school purposes.

At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" printed or written thereon.

At the said election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will close at 4 o'clock p. m. W. P. NIMMONS, M. A. WOOD, T. H. STRIBLING, Managers of Election, March 31, 1915. 13-14

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate)—By V. F. Martin, Esq., Probate Judge.—Whereas, Mrs. Alice Murphree has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of W. H. Murphree, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. H. MURPHREE, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Friday, the 16th day of April, 1915, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of March, A. D. 1915. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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