

**BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS.**

**Will Assume Pastoral Work at Simpsonville—Davis-Duke Marriage.**

Westminster, Dec. 25.—Special: Many of our boys and girls from the various colleges are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Duluth, Ga., are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stribling left last week for Arcadia, Fla., and will spend the winter months there.

W. J. Vickery, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a visitor here this week.

Misses Norma and Zula Lemmons are spending the holidays with relatives in Atlanta.

A surprise wedding of the season was that of Miss Rosa Belle Davis and Bert F. Duke, which occurred at Walhalla Sunday afternoon. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis, a sweet and amiable young lady, and has held a responsible position with S. W. Dickson & Co. for some time. The groom is a son of B. F. Duke and has been in the employ of H. B. Zimmerman & Co. for several years. They have many friends who wish for them much happiness together during the coming years.

Rev. H. M. Fallaw, who has been pastor of the Westminster Baptist church for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Simpsonville. It is with regret we give up Rev. Fallaw and his family, but we wish for them much success in their new field.

Mrs. J. H. Stonecypher and Mrs. S. C. Moon and children, David and Olivia, are spending a few days with the family of D. P. Moon at Comer, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Harrisburg, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGee the first of last week. Mrs. Harris is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Lula McGee and was a teacher in the W. H. S.

Mrs. R. M. Cooper, of Toccoa, is visiting Mrs. C. C. Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Zimmerman and son, of Abbeville, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Norris, of Greenville, visited the family of Mrs. E. A. Norris the first of the week.

Miss Bessie Barron, of Greenville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Anderson.

Mrs. R. B. Setsler, of Greer, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Traylor, during the holidays.

Miss Effie Kilburn, of Atlanta, is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kilburn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gaines, of Greenville, were visitors here the early part of the week.

Supt. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor and little daughter Sara are spending the holidays with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mason, of Greenville, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. T. C. Peden is visiting relatives at Fayetteville, Ga.

**Long Creek News Notes.**

Mt. Rest, Rt. 1, Dec. 26.—Special: The fall term of school at the Long Creek Baptist Academy closed on the 21st. Supt. Raines and his assistants deserve much credit for the splendid work they have done. The patrons are well pleased with the progress their children have made. The spring term will open January 4th. A large opening is expected. Several new applications are coming in. Mr. Raines is very hopeful over the outlook for the school's future.

We are having some severe weather these days.

Rev. Z. I. Henderson has just returned from a trip to North Carolina, having carried his mother home. He reports considerable ice along the mountain roads.

An interesting program was rendered Sunday night, the 17th, by the B. Y. P. U. at the academy. The subject for the evening was "Christmas."

The teachers and all of the boarding students at the academy left for their homes on Friday, the 22d, to spend the holidays.

Something unusual with the weather occurred on the morning of the 18th. While the snow was about two inches deep, and still falling, loud peals of thunder were heard and vivid flashes of lightning were seen.

Whooping cough is raging in the Long Creek section.

Mr. Davis, the teacher of the Long Creek public school, recently had to close his school on account of so many children dropping out.

I wish for all the readers of The Courier a happy New Year. And if we will only follow the Star that will lead us to the Christ, it will surely bring joy to our lives.

**Why Don't You Quit Worrying?**

The United States Public Health Service, which has been gathering statistics on nervous diseases and their tendency to shorten life, has issued a bulletin against worrying.

"So far as is known," says the bulletin, "no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of for one; and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

**Capt. Samuel Stradley Dead.**

Greenville, Dec. 20.—Capt. Samuel Stradley, aged 83 years, a veteran of the War Between the States, twice mayor of Greenville and an alderman for several terms, died at his home here to-day after an extended illness. For the past 12 years he had been magistrate here.

Mrs. Stradley died several months ago.

**Card of Thanks.**

When in need, friendship is sometimes sorely tested, but during the illness and death of our son, Walter, old friends never faltered and many new ones came to our assistance. May heaven's richest blessings be upon each of them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cannon, West Union R. F. D., Dec. 23.

**MATTERS OF NEWS AT SENECA.**

**Numerous Visitors During Holidays. J. S. Robinson Leaves.**

Seneca, Dec. 26.—Special: Christmas in Seneca passed very quietly; in fact, so much so that it seemed like another Sunday following fast on the other.

Seneca merchants report the best holiday trade in years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stribling spent several days in Due West, the former home of Mrs. Stribling.

Joe Byrd has issued invitations to a party Tuesday evening honoring the Misses Hunt, of Townville, who are visitors in the home for the holidays.

These young ladies are the attractive twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunt, and have been in school several years in New York city.

Jas. J. Daniell, of Marietta, Ga., is spending the holidays here. Mr. Daniell joined Mrs. Daniell here, who has been with her father, O. F. Bacon, during an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Lou Osborne and sons, Rutledge and Louis, of Spartanburg, are visiting Mrs. J. W. Stribling.

Edward Stribling spent Sunday and Christmas day with homefolks, returning to Greenville Tuesday morning.

Misses Lucile and Frances Hamilton are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hamilton, for the holidays. Miss Lucile is teaching at Clover and Miss Frances is a student at Winthrop.

J. S. Robinson will leave the first of the year for Georgia, where he will engage in Sunday school extension work. Mr. Robinson has held this position in Piedmont Presbytery for several years and has done a fine work in organizing Sunday schools throughout the counties comprising this Presbytery. He has made many friends who will wish him continued success.

Mrs. Mart Floyd and daughter, Miss Sue, of Spartanburg, will arrive Tuesday for a visit of several days to Mrs. F. M. Cary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson, of Anderson, are visiting Mrs. J. W. Stribling.

Misses Maggie and Lela Thompson are with their homefolks for the holidays.

Society affairs center in the big dance to be given by the Seneca Dancing Club Wednesday night. Ansley Orchestra of Atlanta will furnish the music and a large number of visitors is expected.

Willie Verner, of Atlanta, spent several days with homefolks, returning to his work Monday night.

Misses Ivor and Hannah Brown are here, and their presence always adds pleasure to the social life of Seneca.

Miss Annie Hunter's friends are rejoicing in her return to her home after an operation for appendicitis in the Anderson City Hospital.

Miss Louise Farmer is spending the holidays with homefolks in Townville. It is a source of sincere regret to her numerous friends in Seneca to know that she will not return with the coming of the New Year. She has decided to enter a hospital to study trained nursing, and will go to Gaffney early in the year for that purpose.

Oscar Doyle is spending the holidays with friends here. His friends are according him a hearty welcome to Seneca, where he will hang out his shingle for the practice of law.

Thornley Cary is spending the week with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of Atlanta, are with Capt. and Mrs. H. F. Alexander for the week.

A most interesting Christmas entertainment was given by the pupils of the high school at the auditorium last Thursday night. A full house saw the performance and a neat sum was realized from the door receipts.

In the railroad accident on the Blue Ridge road last Thursday night near Pendleton, when the down train was wrecked, Misses Frances Anderson and Helen Harris, of Anderson, were among the injured. These young ladies are popularly known in Seneca, in fact they were among the visitors who were expected to attend the Christmas dance.

Before another issue of The Courier, the year nineteen and sixteen will have passed into history. May the coming of the New Year bring peace and prosperity to the readers of The Courier everywhere!

**Seneca Local News.**

(Farm and Factory, 22d.)

The friends of Mrs. W. J. Holloway are interested to know that she has returned to Walhalla from Atlanta, where she was operated on a short time ago. She will return to her home here the first of the new year.

Miss Mattie James, teacher of the seventh grade, has resigned and will accept work in Greenville. Her place has not been filled.

Two horses belonging to E. B. Ramsay and being driven by John Turner, a white man, were killed Saturday afternoon at Baldwin's Crossing when they were hit by the first section of train No. 37. Turner was more or less injured, and the wagon was completely demolished. There is a good view of the track at Baldwin's Crossing—in both directions.

J. S. Robinson, Sunday school extension secretary of Piedmont Presbytery, will leave Seneca the first of January for Georgia, where he will be engaged in similar work. Mr. Robinson has done a good work in his line during his relation to Piedmont Presbytery and Sunday school work has progressed most remarkably.

**Reverie of the Old Year.**

But listen! The old year is speaking. "How strange a thing is the ingratitude of man," he says in slow, faltering accents. "Man is not satisfied with all the benefits the year has bestowed upon him, but must scoff at winter and regard him as a mortal foe."

"Thus winter falls  
A heavy gloom oppressive o'er the world,  
Through Nature shedding influence malign."

"Pray, what would these creatures have—summer the year round? Is there no one who will say a good word for winter?"—Country Magazine.

**WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED.**

**Three Negroes Captured Suspected of Committing Crime.**

Minden, La., Dec. 25.—After an all-day search through isolated sections of Webster parish, members of a posse formed this morning to search for the murderers of John N. Reeves, his wife and young child, tonight arrived here with three heavily manacled negroes. The prisoners were placed in separate cells in the parish jail here and a special armed guard of deputies was stationed about the building to prevent threatened mob violence. Possesmen answered no questions and no one was allowed to approach within 100 yards of the jail.

First reports of the tragedy were received early to-day at a farm house near the Reeves home. A seven-year-old boy, partly dressed, rushed into the farm house at dawn and said: "All of the Reeves family are killed." Other neighbors were summoned, and when the party entered the Reeves home they found Reeves dead in bed, his head crushed and deep wounds, apparently inflicted with an axe, covering his body. Lying before the fireplace in another room was the 11-year-old boy, unconscious, his skull fractured and his legs and arms smashed. Still clutched in the arms of the older boy was his 15-months-old brother, badly cut and bruised. In a third room, wrapped in a blood-soaked blanket, was the 5-year-old boy. He also was cut and bruised.

**Christmas Gifts.**

Neatly arranged on a pine board table were the simple Christmas presents which, before retiring, the parents evidently had placed there to surprise the children in the morning.

After searching the room of the house the party went to the rear yard and found Mrs. Reeves with a bullet hole in her head and her body horribly mutilated.

The three wounded children were taken to a hospital in Shreveport, the eldest dying shortly after his arrival there. Reports received here from Shreveport to-night were that the two other children had little chance for recovery.

The 7-year-old boy, the only one in the house to escape, was sleeping in the loft and arose to light the fire at dawn when he made the discovery that sent him running to the nearest house.

**Tracks Around the House.**

Tracks around the house indicated that there were at least two murderers.

It was believed Mr. and Mrs. Reeves were killed while asleep. The Reeveses had lived in this parish only a few years. Reeves was a native of Houston county, Texas.

The house occupied by the Reeves family is located about nine miles from Minden in a fairly populous neighborhood.

Reeves, according to several of his neighbors, did not believe in banks and it was said had openly boasted he kept \$4,000 locked in a tool chest in his house and was "prepared to defend it with hot lead."

The tool chest with the lock broken off was found later in a room which the boy, who gave out the first news of the crime, said was not the place where it customarily was kept.

Reeves, his neighbors said, had no regular occupation, but was known as a successful gambler.

**WESTMINSTER CLIPPINGS.**

**Rev. Fallaw Has Resigned as Pastor of Baptist Church—Locals.**

(Tugalo Tribune, 19th.)

Rev. H. M. Fallaw will preach his farewell sermon at the Westminster Baptist church next Sunday, the 24th. Some weeks ago Mr. Fallaw tendered his resignation to accept the pastorate of the Baptist church at Simpsonville. The best wishes of all our people go with Rev. Fallaw, his excellent wife and their two bright sons, Wesner and Lee, to the pastor's new field. For the past three years or more Rev. Fallaw has labored earnestly and faithfully here, preaching twice every Sabbath. He is a faithful worker and the handsome new church, costing over \$18,000 was built through his efforts and under his ministry. He also built a large church at Woodruff before coming to Westminster. Rev. Fallaw is a preacher of fine ability.

Miss Georgie Stackley, one of the high school teachers, has resigned, and will not return to Westminster after spending the holidays at her home in Florence. Miss Stackley is a sweet young lady, a painstaking teacher, and she numbers her friends here by her acquaintances. Her resignation is deeply regretted by all.

Miss Willie Chambers, of Dixie, Ga., has accepted the position to teach Latin and act as assistant teacher in third grade work in the Westminster High School. Miss Chambers is a graduate of Meridian College and has had one year's experience in teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins and two children moved here last week from Toccoa, Ga. They are occupying rooms at W. J. Stribling's residence. Mr. Collins will handle grain and feedstuffs.

We are glad to welcome A. T. Thompson and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dorroh, to Westminster. They moved here last week from Fair Play, and are occupying the dwelling owned by A. Zimmerman, known as the D. L. Norris house. Mr. Dorroh is a son of the late Dr. J. F. Dorroh, of Greenville, and is a brother of Mrs. J. D. Sheldon. He has fine business qualifications and is a clever gentleman. We hope he will make his abode permanent with us.

J. S. Harbin killed a hog last Thursday that weighed 495 pounds net. At present prices for pork this hog would have brought Mr. Harbin almost \$75. Large hogs are reported from almost every section.

**Nobility Slain in War.**

London, Dec. 20.—The new almanac De Gotha's list of nobility fallen in the war, includes 258 counts, 567 barons, and 1,465 lesser nobility.

**BIG AUCTION SALE**  
OF  
**Valuable Farm Lands.**

**REMARKABLE PRICES!**

On Next Saturday, December 30,  
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

We will sell, in Main Street, in Town of Westminster, that  
**Beautiful Jenkins Place,**  
situated in a grove of hickory trees, on the road from Westminster to Walhalla, just outside of Westminster on the following terms:

**One-fourth Cash; balance in one, two and three years at 6 per cent interest.**

This tract has been cut up as follows:  
With the two-story house, 43 1-2 acres;  
With the four-room house, about 30 acres.  
The land between the four-room house tract and the bridge, on north side of the road, beginning at the bridge, is cut as follows:  
Tract No. 2, just across the road from the big house, 23 acres. Best land in this county.  
Next, 22 2-3 acres—beautiful house site—plenty of wood and saw timber and bottoms.  
Next, 28 1-2 acres; 5 or 6 acres in fine bottoms; plenty of wood water, etc.  
Next, 19 1-2 acres, part in wood, balance in high state of cultivation.

**GO LOOK IT OVER!**

PAUL JENKINS will show it to you. Then come to this Sale.

**AT THIS SALE**

A big coop of Fine Turkeys will be given away, and every one who comes will get a chance at the turkeys!

**Anderson Real Estate and Investment Co.**  
E. R. HORTON, President.

**CLUB'S RIDER IS SHOT.**

**Man Killed by Poachers as He Rode Regular Rounds.**

Ridgeland, S. C., Dec. 24.—W. D. Thomas, one of the wood riders for the Okeetee Club, was found dead about ten miles from here late Friday afternoon in Savannah river swamps with three buckshot wounds in his head. Wednesday afternoon he left his home to make his usual rounds in the woods to try and keep off poachers, and as he had at times been in the habit of spending the night at the club house, nothing was thought of his failure to return. When he failed to return Thursday his family became alarmed at his absence and searching parties were formed to look for him in the swamps. Late Friday afternoon his body was found, still astride of the horse that he had been riding, the horse also having been killed with buckshot. From all appearances it seems that he rode upon poachers who had just killed a fine deer, the dead deer being found within about 100 yards of where Mr. Thomas' body was found. That rather than to submit to being arrested the party or parties fired a load of buckshot at Mr. Thomas' head, killing him and his horse instantly, was shown by the evidence at the inquest Saturday morning. Buckshot had penetrated the brain of both man and horse. Evidently Mr. Thomas was unaware of the presence of the party or parties, as the gun he carried was still in a small bag that he always carried tied to his saddle.

Mr. Thomas was a man of fine character and known and liked by almost every man in the county. He was about 55 years of age and leaves a wife and seven children.

**In Trouble, Suicides.**

Spartanburg, Dec. 23.—George B. Smith, 50 years of age, killed himself here Friday afternoon by firing a pistol ball into the region of his heart. The act is attributed by some of his friends to brooding over his recent arrest and conviction on the charge of selling liquor. In a recent raid by the local police, Smith was one of more than sixty persons against whom cases were brought. He pleaded guilty in police court and was fined. It was the first time he had ever been in trouble of any kind, and he was greatly depressed over the affair.

Smith chose as the scene of his suicide a body of woods on North Church street, not a great distance from his home on Pierpont avenue. His body was not found until several hours after the fatal shot had been fired. He leaves a wife and five children, one son holding a responsible position in Atlanta, whose arrival in the city to-morrow to spend the holidays was expected. Mr. Smith owned considerable property, some of it being a farm near Landrum, in the upper part of the county.

**DR. M. R. CAMPBELL,**

**Registered Optometrist,**

**AND MANUFACTURING OPTICIAN,**

**Anderson, S. C.**

Bell's Drug Store, Local Representatives. Take your repairs and broken lenses to them for prompt and accurate work.

**S U M M O N S.**

State of South Carolina,  
County of Oconee.  
(In Court of Probate.)  
Ex Parte, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock.

In Re  
William John Owens, Thomas P. Owens, Rosanna Grumbly, Janie Elise \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Ellen Proctor, Mary Walsh, William Owens, Mary Owens, John J. Owens, Rosanna Owens and James Owens, and all the other unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

To All of the Above-Named Parties (except Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock) and Also to All of the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, Deceased, Please Take Notice:

That whereas, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, by his petition in writing, filed in the office of Judge of Probate for said State and County, on the 18th day of December, 1916, praying that this Court do require all the heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, and especially the above-named, to prefer a petition in writing to prove said Last Will and Testament in due form of law and that witnesses may be sworn and examined concerning same, and since it is the intention of the said Petitioner, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, to contest, and ask the paper purporting to

be the last will and testament of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, which bears date the 24th day of September, 1915, to be declared null and void and of no effect, and that the paper bearing date the 1st day of January, 1916, be admitted to probate in due form of law and be adjudged and declared to be the sole, only and last will and testament of the said Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

And whereas, it has been made to appear by affidavit signed by M. R. McDonald, attorney for Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, Petitioner, that certain heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are, or may be minors, and that such minors reside beyond the limits and jurisdiction of this State, and cannot, after due diligence, be found,

WHEREFORE, You and each of you, except Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, and all of the unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby required to answer the Petition of Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, which has this day been filed in the office of the Court of Probate for said State and County, and that each of you serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition within twenty days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail and refuse to answer to the said Petition, the Court will grant the relief therein demanded, by default; and that each of the unknown minors being heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby summoned and required to procure the appointment of some suitable person to act as their guardian ad litem for the purpose of this action, within twenty days from the date of service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to procure the appointment of such guardian ad litem within the time aforesaid, the said Petitioner will apply to this Court for such appointment.

Dated at Walhalla, S. C., December 18, 1916.  
V. F. MARTIN, (Seal.)  
Judge of Probate, Oconee County, South Carolina.

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**REAL ESTATE**

I am still in the Land Business. If you have anything to sell, or if you want to get the place that will suit you, come to see me. I have a number of small, well improved farms for sale now and a few larger ones. If you will let me know the kind of a place you want, I can get it for you.

**Frank H. Shirley, Westminster, So. Car.**