

# OCONEE CHAIN GANG AND THE COUNTY JAIL

## State Inspector Makes Report Showing Higher Percentage in Score for Both Institutions.

The Courier has received from the State Board of Charities and Corrections the following report on the Oconee chain gang and jail:

**Oconee County Chain Gang.**  
(Waller Kelley, Foreman.)

Visited July 11, 1918, by Assistant Secretary Broyles. Convicts present 16, three of them being trustees; all negroes. Camped about three miles from Seneca. The average daily population on this gang for the past two and a half years has been approximately 12.

We found this camp just locating at a new site, which was fairly well chosen, and well cleaned off. The men were washing ticks and blankets in a nearby stream, under the direction of the foreman. Since our last inspection the commissioners have provided new bedding for the convicts, and have gotten slip covers for the cotton pads, as previously recommended. The pads have been in use over six months, but they are clean and apparently new, due to the use of these slip covers, with which the foreman is very much pleased. The use of these slip covers has increased the score of the gang this year. The absence of white men from the gang has further raised the score, there being now no question of separation of the races, either at work or in the camp. The foreman stated to us that the authorities have decided to work no more whites on the chain gang, but to send them to the penitentiary or allow them to serve their sentences in jail. This is a wise decision.

The mule fly is badly torn, and we recommend that the Supervisor purchase a new one. The Supervisor should keep in his office a careful record of the convict population, showing the name, age, race, date of commitment, length of sentence, date of discharge, and reason for the discharge; and, finally, more medical attention to the gang should be provided for by paying the county physician a salary for—and requiring him to make—a physical examination of each new convict within 24 hours of his commitment to the gang; to vaccinate against smallpox when indicated, and to make weekly inspections of the convicts' food, quarters, and especially the sanitary arrangements of the camp.

We recommend that the foreman have the blankets washed regularly every month, washing the ticks on the pads at the same time; that water and oil be put into the sewerage buckets every night when they are put into the cages; that the fecal matter thrown into the pit daily be covered immediately with about three inches of dirt, and that this pit be burned out weekly with straw and oil; that the manure from the mule pen be raked up and piled daily and hauled away from camp weekly and scattered over a field; that kitchen slops be covered at all times; that every new convict be given clean blankets upon which to sleep; and finally, that the foreman secure a good book, and keep a complete record of the convicts, showing in the book all the information asked for in the recommendation made above to the Supervisor, and in addition showing a description of the man, with notes on characteristic scars, etc., which would help to locate or identify him should he escape.

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### Score of Oconee Chain Gang.

	Possible.	Actual.
<b>1. The Camp and Its Equipment—(Sec. 1.)</b>		
1. Guards' quarters	25	21
2. Convicts' quarters	105	86
3. Kitchen	50	50
4. Store-room	15	15
5. Stock adequately sheltered	5	2
<b>2. The Convicts—</b>		
1. Medical attention	65	33
2. Records of convicts	30	—
3. Convicts' food and feeding	70	50
4. Classification as required by law	60	60
5. Ten per cent off for good conduct	50	50
3. Miscellaneous	25	5
<b>Total score under Section 1</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>372</b>
<b>1. Camp Conditions—(Sec. 2.)</b>		
1. Camp grounds	10	9
2. Guards' quarters	10	10
3. Convicts' quarters	80	63
4. Kitchen and equipment	15	15
5. Store-room	10	10
6. Stock	5	5
<b>2. Sanitation—</b>		
1. Water supply—source unsuspectious	30	25
2. Disposal of sewerage	50	37
3. Disposal of manure	30	2
4. Disposal of kitchen refuse	10	6
<b>3. The Convicts—</b>		
1. Personal hygiene	75	71
2. Discipline	150	114
3. Records	25	3
<b>Total score under Section 2</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>370</b>
<b>Complete score on this chain gang</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>742</b>

### Oconee County Jail.

(Boone Moss, Jailer.)

Visited July 11, 1918, by Assistant Secretary Broyles. Inmates present, 1 white male, 1 white female, 4 negro males; total, 6. The average daily population in this jail for the past two and a half years has been approximately 4.5.

Since last inspection the commissioners have had the walls of the jail whitewashed and the steel work painted, and the kitchen windows and doors have been screened. These are commendable improvements, and result in raising the total score of this institution on this inspection. The Sheriff's records of his prisoners are very satisfactory, only a few reasons for discharge from jail being missing. The jailer's attention to the personal hygiene of the prisoners is good. In spite of the fact that Oconee still uses the obsolete and unbusiness-like dieting fee system in the county jail, the Sheriff gives the prisoners three meals daily, two meals being the usual rule in South Carolina jails where the dieting fee still obtains.

The Supervisor and County Commissioners can improve their score still more by having the windows in

the prisoners' quarters screened; by providing canvas slip covers for the cotton pads used on the cots, as they have done for the Oconee chain gang camp; and by providing for more medical service by paying the county physician a salary for—and requiring him to make—a physical examination of each new prisoner within 12 hours of his commitment, to vaccinate against smallpox when indicated, and to make regular weekly inspections of the prisoners' food and quarters—all of this in addition to serving on call as at present.

We recommend that the jailer have the jail scoured out and the steel work mopped off weekly instead of monthly; that the toilets and bathtub be kept cleaner; that every new prisoner be made to bathe thoroughly upon admittance to jail; and, finally, that care be taken to keep the races and sexes separated as much as possible, in the day time as well as at night. When we visited the jail the white man was mingling with the negroes, and the door into the room occupied by the white woman was unlocked. This door should be kept locked, in order that there may be no contact between the male and female prisoners in any way.

### Score of Oconee Jail.

	Possible.	Actual.
<b>1. Permanent Features—</b>		
1. Location	15	15
2. Separation of prisoners' quarters from jailer's residence	10	10
<b>3. Prisoners' quarters—</b>		
1. Fire hazard	45	30
2. Ventilation	70	49
3. Facilities for classification	100	45
4. Sanitary facilities	100	66

5. Cell facilities and type	60	36
<b>Total score under Section 1</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>2. Methods and Results—</b>		
1. Jailer's general duties	50	34
2. Records of prisoners	30	29
3. Prisoners' quarters—conditions	70	56
4. Classification of prisoners	80	70
5. Personal hygiene of prisoners	80	70
6. Prisoners' food and feeding	65	59
7. Discipline and occupation of prisoners	25	25
<b>Total score under Section 2</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>3. County Commissioners' Department—</b>		
1. Jailer's equipment and repair	110	78
2. Medical service for prisoners	80	13
3. Financial management	10	—
<b>Total score under Section 3</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Complete score on this jail</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>685</b>

Albert S. Johnstone, Secretary.

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### The Lee Reunion.

Long Creek, Aug. 1.—Special: The pleasantly anticipated annual reunion of the descendants of John Lee, Sr., occurred at the home of W. N. Moore, last Sunday, July 28th. The venerable head of this interesting family is now in about his 86th year. He has at last been persuaded to leave the old homestead and make his home near his children, so that their loving attention may add comfort to his declining year. Indeed, "Uncle John" Lee and his wife and life-time help-mate, "Aunt Polly," are loved and revered by old and young throughout this whole community.

There was an exceptionally large attendance at this reunion, friends and relatives of the family from great distances being present; and it was quite pathetic to see the joyous meetings of those long-parted relatives. We enjoyed beautiful talks by M. D. Lee, of Long Creek; J. R. Burgess, of Farmington, Ga., and others. The bounteous spread of substantial was fully up to the usual high standard of these occasions, and so the hours till parting time glided away in pleasant social chat, singing, hand-shaking, and loving thoughts. One of the features of the day was the prayerful allusions to those absent in the service of their country. A delightfully inspiring letter breathing patriotism and love, was read from Nesbit Lee, who is now serving with the flag.

This annual gathering with its soul and heart-swelling feelings, surely does us good. May they long be one of our yearly pleasures.

### Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

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### Famous Fat Boy Dead.

Mount Airy, Ga., July 31.—The famous fat boy of Habersham county, Joe Cody, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cody, died at 11 p. m. last night at the home of his parents. He was nine years old and weighed 316 pounds. His weight at birth was 12 pounds.

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The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier. Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.—Adv.

### SENECA NEWS BRIEFS.

(Farm and Factory, 1st.)

Sam Dooly may have found it easy to break through and steal from box cars in other towns along the Southern, but he took one chance too many when he undertook to replenish his stock in the jurisdiction of Seneca's vigilant police chief. Dooly was caught "in the act" Friday morning just after he had finished examining the contents of a box of drugs which he had forcibly opened on a freight train. The sentence for car breaking is heavy and after the town has finished its case for vagrancy against Dooly he will be turned over to the railroad authorities for prosecution for the more serious count. Dooly had war registration cards and papers in his pocket which indicated that he hails from Georgia.

### Doctors Offer Services.

The Oconee County Medical Society at a recent meeting held in Seneca adopted resolutions that every member of the society within the age limit offer his services to the country. The entire membership signed the resolution, as follows: Dr. W. A. Strickland, Dr. C. M. Walker, Dr. J. H. Johns, Westminister; Dr. E. A. Hines, Dr. J. S. Stribling, Dr. E. C. Doyle, Seneca; Dr. J. W. Wickliffe, West Union; Dr. J. W. Bell, Dr. J. J. Thode, Walhalla; Dr. W. C. Mays, Fair Play. The members not in the age limit will immediately apply for membership in the volunteer medical service corps.

### Returns to Seneca.

It will be pleasant news to not only the people of Seneca, but also to those of the community, to learn that Mrs. J. T. Holleman has returned to Seneca and has resumed her former position in the millinery and ready-to-wear store of Mrs. J. C. Holleman. Mrs. Holleman has two sons, Whit and Julian, in training at Camp Jackson and a camp in Texas. Recently her husband, J. T. Holleman, volunteered for Y.M.C.A. work and is now overseas. Mrs. Holleman is in the home of Dr. E. C. Doyle.

### Met Unusual Death.

A death in a unusual manner was reported by railroad men in the city last night. While passing over his train from the caboose to the engine, Flagman Poole was hit by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. Though the train was moving at a rapid rate of speed the body did not fall from the top of the car and was taken from the running board a few minutes later. The bolt hit as Mr. Poole's train was leaving Alto, Ga., Tuesday afternoon. He was known in Seneca.

### Lightning Did Damage.

Lightning which came in over the wires did considerable damage at the local telephone exchange Sunday afternoon. The switchboard came near being destroyed by fire and but for the presence of mind and prompt work of the operator, Mrs. S. P. Abbott, the building might have been destroyed. She was in the building at the time and succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

### Kicked by Horse.

Wash Powell received dangerous wounds Monday when he was kicked by a horse which he was preparing to drive. The animal's hoof hit Mr. Powell in the face, making an ugly gash. He was brought to Seneca and given medical attention and is getting along as well as could be expected.

### Wagon Wrecked by Auto.

T. A. Austin, a dealer in sewing machines, had the wagon which he was driving wrecked and himself more or less injured when his rig was hit by an automobile being driven by one of E. Khoury's boys. Mr. Austin was driving near his home when the car crashed into the front part of the vehicle, breaking the wheel of the wagon and throwing Mr. Austin to the radiator of the automobile. Mr. Austin was not seriously injured and is able to be out again.

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The summer leisure season offers a good opportunity for digging wells, repairing fences and outbuildings.

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Where and When to Worship. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. E. P. Taylor, Pastor. Every Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; services 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8.30 p. m.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Hamilton, Pastor. Every Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; services 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8.30 p. m. Second and fourth Sundays, 4.30 p. m., services at Bethel church.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. L. W. Langston, Pastor. Every Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; services 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8.30 p. m. First and third Sundays, 4.00 p. m., services at Wolf Stake church.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. B. Aull, Pastor. Every Sunday: Sunday School 10 a. m.; services 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood... I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble." If you suffer from pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

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## CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### FOR SHERIFF:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary elections. W. F. ORR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the choice of the voters in the Democratic primary elections. LUTHER A. MARTIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary elections. W. M. KAY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary elections. JAMES M. MOSS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary. W. M. ALEXANDER.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

At the request of numerous friends, I have decided to stand for re-election to the House of Representatives from Oconee county. I will abide the results of the elections at the hands of the Democratic voters. W. P. MASON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. M. R. McDONALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic voters of Oconee in the approaching primaries. JAS. H. BROWN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative from Oconee county, subject to action of the voters in Democratic primary elections. J. R. ORR.

### FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as Judge of Probate of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party in the primary elections. V. F. MARTIN.

### FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party and the action of the voters in the primary election. W. M. BROWN, Walhalla.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee, subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic primaries. I will appreciate your support. W. R. HUNT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, and pledge myself to abide the decision of voters in the Democratic primary elections. T. E. SANDERS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party. H. C. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee, subject to the rules of the Democratic party and the will of the voters of Oconee county. W. W. BEARDEN.

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of A. T. Thompson, 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 be barred. J. D. SHELTON, Executor of the Estate of A. T. Thompson, deceased. 31-34

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Friday, the 30th day of August, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of Sylvester Dean, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate. J. S. McFALL, Administrator of the Estate of Sylvester Dean, deceased. 31-34

### NOTICE TO ELECTORS.

By an Act of the Legislature requiring all voters to re-register in 1918, the Books of Registration for Oconee County, South Carolina, were opened at Walhalla Court House on the first Monday in July, 1918, and will stand open until the 31st day of August, for the purpose of re-registering all voters previously registered, and to register all those who may become 21 years of age before the first Tuesday in November, 1918, and all others who are qualified to register. All applicants for registration are required to appear before the board in person. JOHN L. REEDER, JOHN W. CANNON, W. M. COBB, Board of Registration, Oconee County, S. C.

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