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WALHALLA, S. C.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, 1919.

A LOSS TO OCOONEE.

We can but regret the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Rankin from the position of attendance officer for Ocoonee county as a distinct loss to the public school system of our county. Mrs. Rankin last week, as a result of the article written by Representative M. R. McDonald, forwarded her resignation as attendance officer, to take effect immediately, and she no longer occupies the position.

The position of attendance officer in Ocoonee—or in any one of the several counties of the State for that matter—is not calculated to be either pleasant or easy. It is a position requiring at once a degree of tact and a marked degree of both personality and perseverance. All of these qualifications Mrs. Rankin possesses, and it is, we think, peculiarly unfortunate that our county has been deprived of the benefit of them in the starting off of the compulsory attendance section that has been written into our school law.

We can but regret the fact that objection to the enforcement of the law, as the work had been started in our county, was voiced by some of the patrons of the public schools, and we regard it as much more unfortunate that our Representative has added the weight of his words to the discord that was fast disappearing. The law is badly constructed, its provisions being so worded as to be susceptible of two constructions, the one directly opposed to the other. Yet the intent of the law is, to our way of thinking, so manifestly plain and clear that to question the intent is foolish, and it has already proven detrimental to the working of the plan in our county at a time when it was indeed important that the new feature should have worked smoothly and without any obstruction being thrown into the path of the officer charged with the enforcement of the provisions of the new law.

It is indeed an unfortunate thing that such a condition as has arisen is possible. Our law-makers need to be more careful in the construction of their work. It is too often the case that things other than the interests of their constituents and the public of the State at large occupy the minds and time of our legislators while they are in attendance upon the sessions of the legislative body. We prefer to attribute the faulty construction of the law in question to carelessness rather than ignorance, though there is no excuse for either in the State's legislative body. But the idea that was in the mind of the framer of the law is so apparent, it seems to us, that one has to go very far out of one's way to pick out of the law the things that are manifestly there by mistake and read into the law the things that are omitted, quite as obviously by carelessness, or what is worse, by ignorance on the part of the legislators. When the man who wrote the law put into it the provision that "every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall attend school for four months consecutively, or for thirty days during the session," the intent is very plain that consecutive attendance is aimed at whether the pupil goes to school for "four months" or for "eighty days during the session." It may have been not altogether within the province of the Board of Education to say when the child should begin to attend, but it was certainly best, and manifestly to the interest of the child, that attendance should begin at the earliest possible date. And after all, the good of the child is the one great consideration, the one great purpose of the bill. This being the case, the wise course to pursue, as we saw it, was to let the school authorities and the parents of the various schools work out their plans together. We have discussed the matter privately with individuals, and had sought to assist in allaying the feeling that had been engendered against the operation of the law by advising that all give co-operation to the attendance officer in the matter of enforcement, and then air their grievances, if they had any, after it had been found that the provisions, as construed and enforced, had proved practical or not to the best advantage.

We fear that the compulsory attendance law has been hindered and the work in Ocoonee delayed in its good effects. It certainly has not been killed, nor its good effects permanently destroyed. The question of education is too important, too vital, to the interests of the present and future generations to be "done to death" by quibbling over the non-essential features of a hodge-podge law.

Some day—and it will be a great day for efficiency—we will probably have, as a necessary adjunct to our law making body, a competent person to have oversight of the drafting

of laws, so that when a law is proposed, he can take in hand the drafting of the measure, putting it into such shape as that it will express the idea of the law-maker, and leave no loopholes into which hair-splitters and those whom the law may not suit can throw dust and dirt to clog the wheels of the law's machinery.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—“When you ride, ride right.” See our nice line of buggies just received. W. M. Brown & Son.—adv.

—H. F. L. Hoffmeyer, of Florence, was in Walhalla for a short while with relatives last week. He was returning to Clemson College, which institution he has now entered, and came up to Walhalla to be with relatives and friends for a few days before entering college.

—Hon. J. C. Alexander, of the Seneca section of the county, is spending some time in Walhalla visiting at the homes of his sons, Treasurer R. H. Alexander and Sheriff W. M. Alexander. He has a host of friends here who are delighted to meet him again.

—Lime in any quantity you want. W. M. Brown & Son.—adv.

—Wilbur D. White, who spent the summer in Walhalla with his uncle, R. T. Jaynes, left last week for Branchville to be with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. White, until the opening of South Carolina University, when he will enter the law department of that institution.

—There will be an ice cream festival at Rocky Knoll church next Saturday afternoon, September 13th. The W. M. S. will have charge of the work, and ice cream and cake will be served in the grove in front of the church from 5 until 10 o'clock. All help and patronage will be greatly appreciated. The public is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds will go to the church.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. Banks Dove, of Columbia, spent a short while in Walhalla last week on a pleasure trip, in which Mr. Dove was combining his work for the Armenian relief. He has charge of this great work in South Carolina, and is hopeful of good results in the collecting of pledges made in the State campaign for this fund.

—Read C. G. Jaynes's advertisement this week and put on your guessing cap. Mr. Jaynes is making many improvements in his place of business near the depot and contemplates large increases in various lines. Read his ad., then figure on the big idea for his advertisement in the first issue of The Courier in October.

—Miss Elizabeth Stribling left last week for Lynchburg, Va., where she has taken up her duties as director of physical culture at the Y. W. C. A. of that city. Miss Stribling has been connected with this work for some time, and is resuming duties with which she is thoroughly familiar, she being a competent instructor in physical culture.

—Plenty of Dixie Portland cement. W. M. Brown & Son.—adv.

—Mrs. R. C. Strother, Mrs. Fair Dodd and son, Master Dick, returned last week to their homes in Atlanta, after having spent some months at the Strother home in West Union. They were accompanied to Atlanta by Misses Elizabeth Reid and Paulesther Meakin, granddaughters of Mrs. Strother, who had been spending some time in West Union.

—Misses Minnie, Annie and Katie Fischesser left last Thursday for Charlotte, N. C., where they will be for some time, possibly making that city their future home. They were accompanied to Charlotte by their brother, Ambrose E. Fischesser, who has been visiting them here for some weeks. Their departure will be regretted by many friends here, who will be delighted to welcome them back to Walhalla.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dukes and children arrived in Walhalla the latter part of last week and are now comfortably located in the Ansel cottage. Mr. Cox, who has charge of the vocational agriculture section of the school, is also at his post. Mr. Dukes is superintendent of the public schools of Walhalla and principal of the graded school, having charge of the whole system of schools in the district. The new faculty is most cordially welcomed to our midst.

—You can develop your business with an Oldsmobile Economy truck. W. M. Brown & Son.—adv.

—Jeff D. Crenshaw and bride, of Washington, D. C. were interesting visitors at the home of the former's father, X. Crenshaw, in Midway, the past week. Mr. Crenshaw was married on Saturday, August 30, to Mrs. Margaret Bellew in the Episcopal church at the nation's capital by the bride's pastor. Mrs. Crenshaw is a lady of charming personality and many noble traits. She was very favorably impressed on her first visit South. Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw will visit Atlanta, Savannah and other cities, returning home by water.

—Capt. W. Kenneth Dickson, U. S. A., spent a short while in Walhalla the first of this week among his friends here, and while here paid The Courier an appreciated call. Capt. Dickson arrived in the United States on the 6th of August, and since his return to this country has been stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He is now off on a month's furlough and arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dickson, in the lower part of the county, last Friday. Capt. Dickson is undecided as to what he will do, but has a leaning toward army life, though he may yet decide to return to civilian duties. He is a handsome young fellow, the very picture of health and is enjoying life in Uncle Sam's service. His outfit is the 25th Infantry.

—Last Monday Mrs. L. M. Coleman, who was in Walhalla on business, lost a tapestry handbag, in which she was carrying a purse containing \$50 in cash, some travelers checks to the amount of \$85, a check on the Seneca Bank and some business papers of considerable

value. Mrs. Coleman thinks that the handbag was dropped out of her automobile somewhere on the Court House square. As she and her party were leaving Walhalla, on the Westminster road, they saw some colored children playing with the handbag and examining the contents. She recovered the bag, but it was minus some of the money, there being only \$9 left when she recovered her lost property. The other papers were intact. Mrs. Coleman was accompanied by her son, Dr. E. M. Coleman, of Athens, Ga., who left yesterday for his home. Mrs. Coleman is spending some time at Seneca among friends.

—The many friends of Major B. Frank Sloan, who at one time was numbered among the citizens of Walhalla, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred in Greenville last Friday morning. Major Sloan had been in declining health for a long time, the infirmities of age having crept upon him gradually, sapping his strength and vitality. He was in his 85th year. Major Sloan resided in Walhalla many years ago and was numbered among the most prominent and valued citizens of our community. He later moved with his wife to Seneca, where they resided for some years, going to Greenville a year or more ago. Major Sloan was a valiant soldier of the Confederate army, ranking as major in the service. He was a true man, a loyal friend, an exemplary citizen, and his life measured up to the standard of a Christian gentleman. There are many in Ocoonee who will regret most sincerely to learn of the passing of this good man. He was widely known in the Piedmont section of our State, and he was loved and honored for his real worth wherever he was known. His remains were laid to rest at the cemetery of the Old Stone Church last Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. The Courier joins with hosts of other friends of the deceased in extending to the bereaved ones sympathy in their sorrow. A good man has been called to his reward. Major Sloan was a man whom we always honored, and whose presence in this office was always welcome. Dr. B. F. Sloan, of Walhalla, was a nephew of the deceased.

Hens from New Hope.

New Hope, Sept. 8.—Special: Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Stancil and little daughter, Helen, visited at the home of Mr. Stancil's mother, who is very ill, in Pickens county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Huff and family, of Greenville, and James Alexander, of Walhalla, were visitors at the home of Mrs. L. E. Knox last week.

Movie Seaborn, of Pickens, visited his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Miller recently. Born unto Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kelley, August 30, a girl.

Mrs. Robert Smith, of the Bounty Land section, was the guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Kelley, a few days last week.

Mrs. Eliza Boggs and son Gemma are on a visit among relatives in the Mountain Rest section for a few days.

Miss Edna Glazener will leave today for Walhalla, where she will enter the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith attended the funeral of Mrs. Lark, near Eastley, last Wednesday. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Kelley and Mr. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Moore, of Newry, spent last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Becknell.

Paul Miller made a business trip to White county, Georgia, last week. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Elrod and two daughters, Misses Ludie and Tomye, and son, Henry, visited among relatives in Pickens Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mittie Wood and Mamie White and Mrs. Kate Grogan were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. White, Jr., near Tamassee.

Rainfall and Temperature.

Below is a record of meteorological observations taken by H. W. Brandt, co-operative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, during the week ending September 7, 1919, at 7 p. m. (The instrumental readings are from government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the chief of the Weather Bureau):

Character of Day.	Rainfall.	Temperature.	
		Highest.	Lowest.
Sept. 1—Clear.....	81	67
Sept. 2—Clear.....	82	59
Sept. 3—Clear.....	85	58
Sept. 4—Clear.....	88	57
Sept. 5—Clear.....	89	58
Sept. 6—Clear.....	88	59
Sept. 7—Clear.....	92	63
Total rainfall.....		

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Ocoonee.—(In Court of Probate) —By V. F. MARTIN, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas D. M. HOLLY has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration with the will annexed of the Estate of and Effects of MRS. S. A. BALLINGER, Deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. S. A. Ballinger, Deceased, that they do and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Tuesday, the 23d day of September, 1919, 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 the 8th day of September, A. D. 1919. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Ocoonee County, South Carolina.

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This is a handsome 12-room home, and 7½ acres of land, on Corner of College and West Wesley Streets, known as the J. A. Steck property. (See Cut Above.)

Also, an elegant 7-room cottage, beautiful grounds, every convenience, on Corner of College and Ervin Streets, known as the McKinney home place.

One very desirable ¼-acre lot, with 6-room cottage, corner of College and Mauldin Streets, known as the Fahnestock property.

FARM LANDS.

Several desirable farms to close out at reduced prices. These places are near good schools. If you want a bargain see me quick. They are for sale, not to keep.

At Court House. **R. H. ALEXANDER,** Walhalla, So. Ca.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of JOHN TOW, 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. S. A. TOW, Administrator of the Estate of John Tow, Deceased. Sept. 10, 1919. 37-40

Farm Lands.

250 ACRES, 4½ miles from Westminster; 100 acres in cultivation; 15 acres of bottom land that has never failed to make good crop of corn; good two-story house with 6 rooms; good barn and 2 good cribs and other out-buildings; good pasture; one tenant house. If this place is too large, can cut it and make two places. I consider this a real good place.

265 ACRES, two miles from Westminster, on the Oakway road; 125 acres in cultivation; nice 2-story house with 8 rooms; 6 tenant houses, good barn and out-buildings. This is a fine place. If too large to suit, I can cut into two places.

52 ACRES OF LAND, 1½ miles of Westminster, on Oakway road; one 4-room house and barn; about 25 acres in cultivation and 10 acres in pasture; remainder in woods. This is a good small place.

42 ACRES, within six miles of Westminster; new 4-room house; land rough, but strong. A bargain for some one who wishes a cheap place.

On all the above I can give real bargains and easy terms. J. H. BARNETT, Westminster, S. C.

Baptist Service Next Sunday

There will be services in the following Baptist churches next Sunday, September 14th. One of the purposes of these meetings is to consider the 75 million campaign and to organize the local churches for the same. Both pastors and laymen will take part in these services. Ar-

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arrangements are being perfected for services in other churches not listed here:

Services Next Sunday.

Bethel, 11 a. m.—Rev. Guy Martin and W. M. Brown.
Cross Roads No. 2, 11 a. m.—Laymen Black and Williams.
Mt. Pleasant, 3.30 p. m.—Rev. J. A. Bond.
Madison, 4 p. m.—Dr. W. A. Strickland, Rev. L. M. Lyda.
Earle's Grove—(Speakers not decided upon.)
New Hope, 11 a. m.—Rev. M. J. Stancil.
Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.—Rev. W. J. Plyler.
Toxaway, 11 a. m.—Dr. W. A. Strickland, Rev. L. M. Lyda.

Village Creek, 11 a. m.—Rev. Watt.
Bethlehem, 4 p. m.—Rev. Watt.
Wolf Stake, 8 p. m.—Rev. M. J. Stancil.
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.—Rev. J. A. Bond.
Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.—(Speaker not decided upon.)
Create "The Will to Win" the biggest Baptist victory—\$75,000,000 for the Master.
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