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WANTING TO KNOW.

Elsewhere will be found a very interesting letter from W. S. Bearden, in which he asks some quite pertinent questions that will doubtless be answered by Mr. Shockley as soon as he has been able to ascertain the facts that will warrant an intelligent reply. The public is entitled to know these things, and Mr. Shockley is entitled to have his unpleasant situation explained for the enlightenment of the public and to his own benefit. We confess that we know nothing more of the situation than we have given to the public as Mr. Shockley has stated his "trials and tribulations" to us. As the well-known Japanese school boy would put it, we, too, have been "asking for to know." We have not been able to understand, however, why Mr. Shockley, our Supervisor now, should pay from his road funds the large indebtedness of some one else, and then have the vision of the gaping doors of the penitentiary unfolded before him as his certain reward if he should exceed the appropriation. The position is right, we admit. But Mr. Shockley should have had his full appropriation for roads left untouched save for the purpose appropriated. Maybe the vision was presented late, and to the wrong man. But it seems, the public is split, and there seems no remedy at hand but to send another pitcher to the source of supply.

As to Mr. Bearden's inquiry concerning the county sinking fund, we presume that it is being preserved intact. There has for years been a custom in vogue of the county authorities borrowing from the State Sinking Fund Commission, in anticipation of the payment of taxes, and in order to pay cash for all expenditures, an amount sufficient—or supposed to be sufficient—to meet the county's annual transactions. This year, for some reason, the loan was negotiated in New York, and when the funds were in hand, the debt to the State Sinking Fund Commission was paid, leaving the Supervisor out of funds available for road purposes. That is the situation as we gather it from Mr. Shockley. How the debt came to be "hanging over" is quite another matter, and we are in no better position to inform the public than are Mr. Bearden and Mr. Cook.

Mr. Shockley is seeking to raise funds sufficient to carry out the original road-working program planned by the General Assembly. We hope that he will be successful. We want to see some real work done by Mr. Shockley. We have seen a number of his "samples" in various sections of the county, and we frankly say that, judging by his samples, we are more than anxious that the Oconee public shall have as much as possible of his work.

The Highway Commission will not take the Supervisor on its work unless he is thrown practically out of employment by lack of funds, we feel sure. They want his services applied where they were intended to be applied, just as we and every other citizen want it applied. But if there be no funds, and if Shockley must go to the penitentiary if he exceeds his appropriation, what then?

Failing to raise the necessary funds for road purposes, let us consider carefully the proposition for Mr. Shockley to co-operate with and work for the Highway Commission—always, of course, with the understanding that it is within the province of the commission to refuse to take up the proposition. But after all, the two bodies—the Highway Commission and the Supervisor and his board—are acting in the interest of the same people—the public of Oconee. If the Supervisor has no funds, he cannot work to advantage on the roads of the county, because necessary "overhead expenses" must be met. The Highway Commission has funds at its disposal, and if they can

expand some of these funds to advantage to the funds in their hands and at no loss to the county itself, would it not be to the advantage of both bodies to thus co-operate? It is at least a question that may well be carefully considered. But we think it should be considered only in the event that the public fails in its efforts to untie the hands of Supervisor Shockley.

Whatever is done in the premises, it is a good time for the general public to begin to take an active interest in the conduct of its affairs. We need to keep ourselves better informed.

A MANY-SIDED QUESTION.

The road and finance question in Oconee seems to be one of many sides and many angles. Ex-Supervisor Foster writes a very interesting statement, which appears elsewhere in this issue. He opens with the statement that there are "three sides to every question—the inside, the outside and the right side." He closes with the statement that he has given facts and figures from the "other side," so we find that there are already four sides to it.

We are glad Mr. Foster has made his statement. It will clarify the situation to some extent. What we have written on the subject, and what Mr. Cook and Mr. Bearden have to say come as from persons clearly on the "outside" desiring information from the "inside." Eventually we hope to get the whole situation in such form as that the public in general may be in possession of the "right side." That is the end at which we are aiming, and it is evidently the aim of those gentlemen who have expressed themselves thus far. The county's finances and the road situation in general are real, live questions. They may well be considered from all sides. If there is an inside and an outside and an "other side," as well as a right side, there certainly must be a "wrong" side also. We have always heard that certain kinds of cloth can be judged accurately only by careful examination of "the wrong side" of the cloth. Here the real intermingling of the warp and the woof is displayed to the best advantage of one interested in determining the facts regarding its composition.

So we have at least five sides to view the situation from. Let's look at it from all sides.

PRESERVE EGGS NOW FOR FALL.

You Should Use Water-Glass and

Only First Quality Fresh Eggs.

(Clemson Bulletin.)

Spring is the season of surplus eggs, and it is economy to store away an ample supply now for use when eggs are scarce and more expensive. If a supply has not already been put away in water-glass there is still time to do so during the remainder of April and in May. All that is necessary is a solution of water-glass or sodium silicate, which may be had at drug stores, one or more stone jars or galvanized iron vessels and a supply of fresh eggs.

Directions.

Boil and cool ten quarts of water and mix with one quart of liquid water-glass. Pour this into the container after sterilizing it with boiling water. The container should be about half-full of the preservative. The eleven quarts as prepared as above will, properly covered, say, 18 dozen eggs in a six-gallon jar or other vessel. The solution should cover the top layer of eggs two inches. It is not necessary to fill the jar with eggs at once, and fresh eggs may be added a few at a time. Use only the fresh, clean, unwashed eggs, preferably infertile ones. Washing removes the natural protective coating over the fresh egg. Eggs with ordinary soiling may be used, but very dirty ones should be discarded. Do not use cracked eggs.

Keep the jar covered and stored in a cool place. A cloth soaked in water-glass and placed, while wet, over the top of the container, will adhere strongly and make a good cover.

Great Britain is now working on a system for rehabilitating more than 23,000 blind war veterans. The men will be taught massage, poultry raising, mat and basket making, boot repairing, joining and music. Many efficient stenographers, typists and telephone operators have been trained.

Adrianople was the Ottoman capital until the fall of Constantinople in 1453.

Very loud sounds travel through the air more swiftly than ordinary sound.

Out of every 100 tons of coal the waste in the average locomotive is estimated to amount to 34 tons.

Salad oil is obtained from fruit stones and pits.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES.

Club News for Week Beginning April 11th.

Monday.—The club girls at Seneca Mill had a lesson in biscuit-making. Unusual interest was shown by those present. Some were in a hurry to go home and try their luck. So eager were they to take a part that they stood in line to get an opportunity to help work the shortening in the biscuit.

Tuesday.—The Garden Club at Pine Grove had a lesson on the vegetables that should be planted in the spring, how the seed should be planted, the method of cultivation, and how to transplant.

The Pine Grove Home Demonstration Club met at the school house at 3 o'clock. The club was delightfully entertained for half an hour by exercises rendered by the school children. After the business session, at which time Mrs. Beatrice Blackmon was elected delegate to the State Short Course, which is held each year at Winthrop College, the club was invited to the home of Mrs. McPhail, which is nearby. The Home Demonstration Agent gave a talk on "Cereal Foods" and a demonstration in biscuit-making. Then followed a social half hour, at which time delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Blackmon and Mrs. McPhail, assisted by Misses Zenobia and Zonell McPhail. Twenty-four members and several visitors were present.

Wednesday.—The Fair Play Sewing Club met at the noon hour. The girls were busily engaged in cutting and beginning their house aprons of unbleached muslin, trimmed in the colored ric-rac braid.

The Fair Play Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Allen Maret. Mrs. Meares was chosen as the representative of the club at the State Short Course. A talk on "Cereal Foods" was followed by a demonstration in biscuit-making.

Thursday.—The South Union Home Demonstration Club met with thirteen members present, in spite of inclement weather. After the biscuit-making and tasting, the club discussed the butter contest. The first butter demonstration will be held on April 28th, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Allen. All of the ladies in the community who are interested are invited to be present.

The South Union Cooking Club met at the school house at the noon hour. Each girl was asked to bring a sample of her biscuits, and the time was spent in discussing the good and bad points, and how improvements could be made.

Friday.—The ladies at Earle's Grove met at the home of Mrs. Luther Richey and organized a Home Demonstration Club with the following officers: Mrs. Steve Smith, president; Mrs. Wilton Earle, vice president; Mrs. Richey, secretary. The biscuit demonstration was followed by a discussion of the butter contest, which will begin on April 29th. The club will hold the next meeting with Mrs. Earle, and all who are interested are invited.

General.—If any other communities are interested in the butter contest, please see or write to the Home Demonstration Agent at once. The purpose of this contest is to standardize the packs of butter, and by meeting the requirements to get a better price for good butter.

Ethel L. Counts,
Co. Home Demonstration Agent.

TWENTY-SEVEN MORE BODIES

Of Soldiers of the Thirtieth Division Have Reached Homes.

On last Friday, twenty-seven more bodies of South Carolina soldiers who lost their lives in Europe were received in Columbia and started on their way to their last resting places in various sections of the State. In the list of bodies reaching Columbia last Friday we note the names of several from the upper part of the State, as follows:

Sergt. Davis Etheridge, 118th Inf., Anderson.

Corpl. M. C. Christopher, 118th Infantry, Greenville.

Private Frank Godfrey, 120th Inf., Greenville.

Corpl. Smith J. Harvey, 118th Infantry, Pacolet.

Private Edgar I. Coggins, 118th Infantry, Spartanburg.

Sergt. John Adams, 118th Inf., Ware Shoals.

Private Charlie Graham, 118th Infantry, Seneca.

The others whose names appeared in the list were from other sections of this State.

The ocean contains 324,000,000 cubic miles of water.

Feather fans on long handles were regarded as symbols of royalty by the ancients.

NEWS NOTES OF BOUNTY LAND.

Wind Storm Does Some Damage—A "Youngsters" Fishing Party.

Bounty Land, April 18.—Special: Mrs. Mattie Brown, who has been spending a week or two with relatives in West Union, returned to Mrs. R. N. Rankin's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Cole are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter in their home, the little lady having arrived the first of last week.

Mrs. S. M. Hunsinger and Miss Janie Hunsinger, of Coneross, were late guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gillison.

Mrs. Julia D. Shanklin and Mrs. J. D. McMahan attended a most delightful meeting of the Fairview Aid Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander last week.

Miss Julia Davis is in St. Petersburg, Fla., on a fishing excursion, having joined her brother, Grover W. Davis, and Henry Porcher, engineers on the Southern Railway. On this delightful trip Mrs. Porcher is also one of the party.

Miss Sallie Davis visited in Greenville last week.

Miss Cary Doyle is at home on a vacation, having closed last Friday a term of school at Woodlawn, near Greenwood.

J. D. McMahan attended Presbytery at Pickens last week. Mr. McMahan represented the Richland church.

J. P. Strihling went to Clemson last Tuesday to attend the home mission conference.

S. A. Davis is in Franklin, N. C., for a few days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shanklin.

W. D. Wright and family visited relatives at Sandy Springs the first of last week.

We are glad to report an improvement in Mrs. E. E. Verner's condition. This will be encouraging news to her many friends, who have been quite solicitous in regard to the impaired state of her health.

Mrs. Sallie H. Coe will leave this week for Bennettsville, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Wilcox.

At the last meeting Friday evening of the Bounty Land Literary Society, officers for the next quarter were elected, as follows: Leo Davis, president; Miss Emily Corbin, vice president; Miss Mattie Sue Maret, secretary and treasurer. The society will meet every two weeks hereafter, in order that the members may have more time to prepare the program.

Mr. Haynes, of Robertson Shoals, was a late guest of his daughter, Mrs. Will Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, of Newry, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams. Jesse's friends will regret to learn of his indisposition and that his physician fears that an operation will be essential to recovery.

Nix McCallister, of Courtenay, was a late guest at M. E. Maret's home.

We are glad to report a favorable change in Mrs. Mattie McDonald's condition, she being able now to sit up some through the day.

The Rock Springs Missionary Society met with Mrs. Julia D. Shanklin Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Nine members were present, including three junior members. The juniors will meet at an early date and organize a Junior Society, with Miss Cornelia Foster as their leader.

S. N. Hughs, Sr., leaves to-day for Greenville to attend the session of United States Court.

The wind storm of Saturday afternoon resulted in considerable damage in this community, blowing down several cotton houses and other outbuildings. The chimneys of the old Steele home, for years known as "Greenway," were blown down. This is the second time that the chimneys of this old Southern home have been blown down, the first damage being about thirty years ago. Several of the trees at this place were blown down or stripped of their limbs.

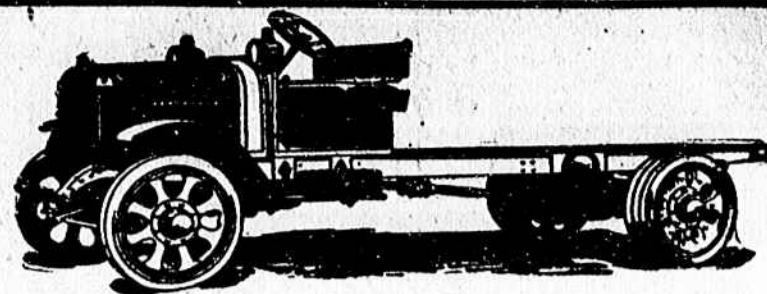
Capt. S. K. Dendy, of Walhalla, together with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ballenger, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Hughs and probably others, of Richland, went fishing in Coneross creek last week, Mr. Dendy having desired for some time to "drop his fishing line once more in the old fishing holes of his boyhood days." The party enjoyed the sport and caught quite a number of fishes, which doubtless looked a great deal smaller than they would have looked through the eyes of younger fishers.

We are sorry to learn of Mrs. J. D. McMahan's indisposition, and we hope for her speedy recovery.

Laughing Gas.

The anaesthetic properties of laughing gas, or nitrous oxide, were first noticed during experiments conducted by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1800. Dr. Horace Wells, an American dentist, was the first to use it to produce insensibility while extracting teeth. His introduction of this boon to mankind came in 1844.

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Volunteers for Experiment.

Chicago, Ill., April 14.—Two men and one woman have volunteered to be inoculated with scarlet fever germs in an experiment to isolate the germ being conducted by Dr. Hektoen and Dr. George F. Dick, of the McCormick Institute of Infectious Diseases. The doctors, in making the announcement, asked for nine more volunteers to complete the work begun by the institute to find a serum to isolate the germ.

Scarlet fever frequently leaves serious after-effects. Any volunteer

will receive \$1,000, and those not contracting the disease when inoculated will be paid \$70, it was announced.

Monument to W. M. Perry.

Salem Camp, W. O. W., will unveil a monument to W. M. Perry at Whitmire church on the first Sunday evening in May, the ceremonies to begin at 2 o'clock. All W. O. W. members are invited to attend and take part in the ceremonies.

J. F. Fondley, Clerk.

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