

**STATE EDUCATIONAL MEETING.**

**Will be Held Friday of This Week at Spartanburg—The Program.**

The Citizens' State Educational Conference will be held at the Converse College auditorium, Spartanburg, on Friday of this week, July 15th. The following program has been arranged:

**The Program.**

11.00 a. m.—Organ prelude—Mr. Hyatt.

Invocation—Rev. Wm. Way, of Charleston.

Organization—Hon. R. Goodwyn Rhett, chairman, Charleston.

Addresses by Governor Robt. A. Cooper; J. E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education; Hon. Geo. B. Cromer and Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder.

12.30 p. m.—Address on State Educational Surveys, by Dr. George F. Zook, of the United States Bureau of Education.

Appointment of committees.

1.30 p. m.—Picnic luncheon for visitors, on Converse College campus.

3.00 p. m.—Report of committee on resolutions.

Report of committee on county organization.

Report of committee on permanent organization.

Some Damaging Facts—Co-operation Needed.

A special appeal is made to the ministers of all the churches.

The public schools of the State need your help.

The Journal of the National Education Association, which is distributed throughout the United States, publishes statistics, derived from the United States Bureau of Education for 1918, showing, as compared with all the other States in the Union—

1. That South Carolina has the smallest number of citizens who can read, with the single exception of Louisiana.

2. That South Carolina spends the smallest amount per capita for the education of the children in public schools.

3. That South Carolina has its public schools in operation the smallest number of days in the year—110.

4. That South Carolina has the smallest percentage of boys and girls attending high schools—2.2 per cent.

5. That South Carolina has the smallest number of free public libraries—1.9 per cent.

6. That in all educational lines South Carolina averages the lowest in the country—occupies the 48th place.

This is our beloved State advertised to the entire world.

If this condition is not true, we ought to prove it; if it is true, we ought to correct it.

The churches are doing great things in higher education; let them also rally to the improvement of the public schools, which make the colleges and universities possible.

The State Baptist Convention last winter took the lead and memorialized the Legislature to make larger appropriations to the public schools.

Let all the churches co-operate—and do it now.

We ask every minister of every denomination in South Carolina to read the following to his congregation and urge them to lend their aid in the cause of education and to the end that illiteracy may be banished from our State.

"At a mass meeting of citizens of Spartanburg, held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on May 12, 1921, the following resolution was adopted:

"We, the citizens of Spartanburg, profoundly impressed by the inadequate facilities provided by our present public school system for the boys and girls of South Carolina, realizing the low position in popular education we occupy as compared with other States in the Union, and believing that this condition can be remedied only by a united effort on the part of all the citizens of our commonwealth, hereby invite the people of South Carolina to meet in Spartanburg on July 15th for the purpose of organizing a State-wide Citizens' Educational Association to devise and execute plans for arousing public sentiment and to take steps to promote, through legislative action, such constructive measures as are necessary to meet our educational obligations to the children of our State."

The conference will assemble in the Converse College auditorium at 11 o'clock on the morning of July 15th, and will continue until the late afternoon, with an intermission for a picnic luncheon on the college grounds for visitors. This will enable you to reach the city on the morning trains in time to attend and also to leave on the evening trains.

Signed: Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, R. P. Pell, Chairman Ex. Com.

Subscribe for The Courier. (Best)

**CELEBRATION AT ARMSTRONG'S**

**Eightieth Anniversary of Birthday Celebrated—Will Be Annual.**

Richland, July 5.—Special: Last Tuesday was a great day at the home of J. O. Armstrong. Many of his kinsfolks and friends met there to pay their respects to the old gentleman on his 80th birthday.

Mrs. Armstrong passed away something like a year ago. She was Mollie Robinson, of Little River. They had four children, and all of them are still living—Miss Maggie, who married Henry McDonald (they have two children, Grace and Claude); Wade Hampton Armstrong, who married Miss Mattie Bruce, of Townville, (they have three children, Mary, Margaret and Wade Hampton, Jr., having last year lost their oldest child, Ruth, one of the sunniest and brightest of little girls); James Paul, who married Miss Rena Hunsinger, (they have two fine boys, James and William); Lillie, who married William Brown, (they have two children, Bernice and Mary.)

Mr. Armstrong is a good neighbor and a substantial citizen, and is happily surrounded by his two sons and their families, and is submitting to the loss of his life companion with wonderful grace, quietly and peacefully awaiting the summons when he, too, shall be gathered to his fathers.

It was decided on this occasion to institute an organization to be known as the Robinson-McDonald reunion. The names of the members of the organization are as follows: Dr. P. S. Porter, Pickens, president; W. H. Armstrong, vice president; James Williams, secretary and treasurer; J. O. Armstrong, Turner Armstrong, Stella Hopkins, Malinda Porter, Edna Porter, Pollie Porter, Amy Porter, Mrs. Maggie A. McDonald, H. W. McDonald, Grace Clide McDonald, Wade H. Armstrong, Mrs. Mattie Armstrong, Mary Margaret, Wade H. Armstrong, Jr., Mrs. Lillie A. Brown, Bernice and Mary Brown, J. P. Armstrong, Mrs. Rena Armstrong, James and William Armstrong, J. T. Porter, Mrs. J. W. Brock, J. W. Brock, Leland Brock, Unity Brock, O. C. Robertson, Mrs. O. C. Robertson, Eunice and Enid Robinson, Miss Buffle Moss, Mrs. Helen Moss Rankin and children, Thelma, Homer Frank, Eugene and Katherine, Mrs. Cora Alexander, Mrs. Nan Davis, J. A. Robertson and children, Leta, and Charlie Robertson, John Lay, Henry Towles.

There was a fine dinner spread in abundance for the large assemblage—roast beef, bakers' bread, homemade biscuits, fried spring chicken, fried ham, tomatoes, strawberries, cake, barrels of iced tea and lemonade. There were two full-fledged dinings, one at 12 and again at 1 p. m. After that there were about a dozen baskets full taken up—not of fragments, but of splendid untouched food.

There was no speech-making—only quiet, enjoyable talks with little groups here and there under the great oaks about the place.

There is to be a reunion annually hereafter at this place.

If Prizes had been offered Oconee would have been put to it for second place. Pickens was in the lead by all odds—the greatest number of good-looking girls, the best looking man, Jim A. Robinson, and the best eater, Dr. Porter. There was regret that Gus Gossett could not be there to face Dr. Porter at the table. In that instance at least we might have held our own. The homeliest man—he was there all right, and from this country, but his name will not be given. The best looking woman?—Miss Buffle Moss, of Greenville. The homeliest woman?—she was not there.

**ASPIRIN**

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Beware! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin, prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for colds, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism, earache, toothache, lumbago and for pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Drug-gists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.—adv.

Henry Cabot Lodge, who became a United States Senator in 1893, has had the longest continuous service in the Senate.

Solomn bought monkeys as curiosities for his foreign wives.

Camp Lewis, Wash., July 7.—At least two-thirds of the men of the Fourth Division here desire to quit the army. Col. Joseph D. Leitch, division chief of staff, announced today. Wholesale requests for discharges have been filed as a result of orders that discharges will be granted all enlisted men who apply, to reduce the army to one hundred and fifty thousand men, in compliance with Congressional action, so Col. Leitch said.

Camp Lewis contains 7,200 men. In some companies every enlisted man applied for discharge.

**RURAL CARRIERS WILL VISIT**

**Gaffney Next—W. M. Lemmons, of Oconee, Elected President.**

Orangeburg, July 5.—The 18th annual convention of the South Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association ended its annual session at Orangeburg to-day after the largest attended convention of delegates ever held in its history. The past year the membership in the association increased 60 per cent and the previous year it had shown an increase of 20 per cent, showing that the rural letter carriers of the State are fast becoming interested in their association.

D. C. Hayden, of Orangeburg, the retiring president, was elated over the success of the convention, and goes out as president with well-earned laurels. Mr. Hayden organized the South Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association 17 years ago and has been one of the best workers of the association.

The sessions began Monday morning, July 4th, with addresses of welcome by William A. Livingston, the mayor of Orangeburg; V. J. Hill, president of the chamber of commerce; Dr. A. C. Ligon, postmaster at Orangeburg, and Tom Corbett, of Neeses, representing the rural letter carriers of Orangeburg county. The responses were made by W. N. Avant, of Spartanburg county, and Thos. E. Black, of Colleton county. During the afternoon places of interest in and around Orangeburg were visited.

The main business session was held last night. The report of the secretary and treasurer and reports of committees were had. Addresses on "Our Organization—County, State and National," were delivered by W. M. Lemmons, of Oconee county, and D. C. Hayden, of Orangeburg.

Jasper E. Johnson, of Laurens county, delivered an address upon "Our Official Organ." Mr. Johnson told of the official organ being owned privately in Washington, and that it could be purchased for the national association, and he urged that this be emphasized by the next convention, when action should be taken.

About one-third of the stock allotted South Carolina was subscribed at the meeting here.

An interesting and helpful round table discussion was entered into last night, a large number of the delegates participating.

The remaining business of the convention was transacted this morning when the officers of the convention for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:

President—W. M. Lemmons, Westminster.

Vice President—J. E. B. McCartha, Laurens.

Secretary and Treasurer—H. G. Crim, Moores.

Executive Board—H. R. Chirtzberg, Williamston; S. A. Burch, Florence; E. W. Comer, Rock Hill.

It was decided that the annual convention be not held on July 4th hereafter, but on the first Monday in August.

Gaffney was selected as the city for the next annual convention.

The delegates to the national association are: H. R. Chirtzberg, H. G. Crim, Stanley A. Burch and M. R. Mellette.

**Favors Purchase of Organ.**

Asheville, N. C., July 5.—Purchase of the Rural Free Delivery News, of Washington, D. C., was recommended by the Rural Letter Carriers of North Carolina, in annual convention here to-day. It was proposed that the national organization conduct a campaign to raise \$100,000 for the purpose of buying the paper now controlled by private interests.

**Also Mutual Insurance.**

The establishment of a mutual insurance department was perfected today at the concluding session of the 1921 convention of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association here. Under regulations governing the insurance each member will pay an initial fee and be subjected to assessments upon the death of a member.

**Rub-My-Tism is a powerful Antiseptic.** Cures infected cuts, old sores, letter, etc.—adv.

**Many Men Wanting Out.**

Camp Lewis, Wash., July 7.—At least two-thirds of the men of the Fourth Division here desire to quit the army. Col. Joseph D. Leitch, division chief of staff, announced today. Wholesale requests for discharges have been filed as a result of orders that discharges will be granted all enlisted men who apply, to reduce the army to one hundred and fifty thousand men, in compliance with Congressional action, so Col. Leitch said.

Camp Lewis contains 7,200 men. In some companies every enlisted man applied for discharge.

Solomn bought monkeys as curiosities for his foreign wives.

# Firestone

## CORD TIRES

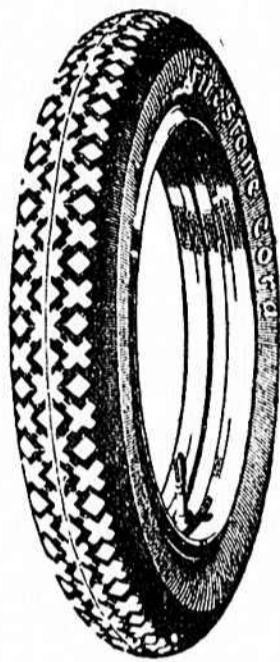
Now Selling at the Lowest Price Level in Tire History

30x3½ - - \$24.50

32x4 - - 46.30

34x4½ - - 54.90

(And Other Sizes In Proportion)



Tire repair men, who judge values best, class these tires as having the sturdiest carcass made. Forty-seven high-grade car manufacturers use them as standard equipment. They are the quality choice of cord users.

**\$13.95 for 30x3½** Regular Non-Skid Fabric

This new low price is made possible by strictest economies and specialized production.

Plant No. 2 was erected for the sole purpose of making 30x3½-inch Non-Skid fabric tires. With a daily capacity of 16,000 tires and 20,000 tubes, this plant permits refined production on a quantity basis.

All materials used are the best obtainable. The quality is uniform. It is the best fabric tire ever offered to the car owner at any price.

**WHITMIRE-MARETT HARDWARE CO.,**  
WALHALLA, S. C.

**MRS. CHAS. J. THOMPSON DEAD.**

Succumbed to Stroke of Apoplexy Which Came in Sunday School.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Mrs. Minnie Wylie Thompson, the widow of Charles J. Thompson, following a stroke of apoplexy while she was attending sabbath school at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church yesterday about 1 o'clock, died at 2 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. B. Lindsay, to which she was taken for medical attention.

Mrs. Thompson was apparently in her usual good health yesterday morning and brought flowers from her home to place in the church for the morning service, remaining for the Sabbath school immediately afterward. It was during the closing exercises of the Sabbath school that she received the stroke and was immediately taken to the home of Mr. Lindsay, where she died an hour later.

Funeral services were held at her home, 809 Worthington avenue, on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, in charge of Rev. W. B. Lindsay. The interment followed in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson had been a resident of Charlotte for two different periods, she and Mr. Thompson, who was train dispatcher for the Southern railway, and who died here early in December of last year, having moved to this city from Knoxville, Tenn., the last time, about fourteen years ago, and had lived here since that time.

She was born in Chester county, South Carolina, Dec. 21, 1846, her age having been 54 years. She was married to Mr. Thompson on March 25, 1889. Mrs. Thompson had been a faithful and consistent member of the First A. R. P. church since coming to Charlotte and was a woman of beautiful Christian character, and loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Wylie, who lives at Ramseur with a son, and three sons, Ernest Thompson, of Columbia, S. C.; Charles R. Thompson, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Paul E. Thompson, of this city. Two brothers, J. S. Wylie, of Ramseur, and Jas. Wylie, of Charlotte, and two sisters, Mrs. Mack Wilson, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Edna Carithers, of Fort Valley, S. C., also survive.

The above notice will be read with deep regret by many in Walhalla, where Mr. Thompson was well known and beloved, he being a son of the late Col. Robt. A. Thompson, and the deceased having on several occasions visited here with her husband. She was a woman of charming personality and Christian graces, and her sudden taking away is a great bereavement to her family and her acquaintances. The Courier joins with others in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

**WEALTH IN NEGLECTED PAPER?**

Old Certificate of Shares of Bank Stock Found.

New York, July 8.—A scrap of paper that for five generations has reposed between the covers of a faded copy of Spencer's "Fairie Queens" may mean wealth and luxury to Alfred Wuthius Seymour, keeper of a small restaurant in Seattle, Wash.

The paper is a certificate of 67 shares of stock in the Mechanics' Bank, left by Thomas Williams, who died in New York in 1822. Its actual value, together with accrued interest, is declared to amount to half a million dollars. The certificate had dropped out of sight, but was discovered by a genealogist who was going through a library in the household of a family in Troy, N. Y., where Seymour had had a sister and an aunt. Seymour has established, it is asserted, that Williams was his great grandfather and that he is now sole heir to his property. His claim has been substantiated in several courts, but a legal battle is still in progress.

The bank, now known, by virtue of various mergers, as the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, maintains that it has no record of the issue of stock and pleaded the statute of limitations. Supreme Court Justice Wagner recently ruled against this plea, but attorneys for the bank declared to-day they would carry the case to higher courts.

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

**MOTHER'S FRIEND**

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

**MOTHER'S FRIEND**

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

For Three Generations Have Made Child-Birth Easier By Using

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS.**

J. R. BARLE, Attorney-at-Law, WALHALLA, S. C.

State & Federal Court Practitioner. FARM LOANS.

E. L. HERNDON, Attorney-at-Law, Phone No. 61, Walhalla, S. C.

J. P. Carey, J. W. Shelor, Pickens, S. C. W. C. Hughs, CAREY, SHELOR & HUGHS, Attorneys and Counsellors, WALHALLA, S. C.

State & Federal Court Practitioner.

W. D. WHITE, LAWYER, WALHALLA, S. C.

Surveyor and Civil Engineer, SENECA, S. C.

Farm Loan Act Decided Constitutional. Get a Government Loan.

**DAN E. GOOD,** High Class Guttering a Specialty, Walhalla, S. C.

**Public Service Auto.**

I am prepared to meet all calls for Public Service Car at any time, day or night. See me if you want a quick, safe trip anywhere, near or for long distance.

"At Your Service"

**Harry Fayonsky** Walhalla, S. C.

Notice to Trustees.

You are hereby requested to send in an itemized statement with each claim for other purposes than teachers' salaries. This will be a great satisfaction to me and a protection to you as trustees.

Respectfully, L. C. Spears, Superintendent of Education.

The potato bug was first noticed in Colorado in 1824.

The winter wheat crop yield of European Russia is about three-fifths as great as the summer yield.

Nothing is more hateful to a Moslem than to see the Koran in the hands of an unbeliever.