

## SUMMERTON NEWS

### TERSELY TOLD

Even though more than a whole month of the new year has passed, very little farm work has been done and judging from the reports from many of our best farmers, there has never been a time when the people as a whole have been more perplexed than they are at this time. Many of our farmers still have their last year's crop of cotton and claim if they should sell at the present prices it would not much more than pay their fertilizer bill for last year. Also many farmers still have their last year cotton seed and to sell them at the present prices, with the high prices charged for ginning, bagging and ties it would just about take the seed to offset their ginning accounts.

There are some farmers in this section who declare that before they will buy fertilizer at the prices now available and pay cash for it that they will take the money and buy cotton and hold it for a better price and let their lands lay idle this year, knowing absolutely that they can buy cotton now much cheaper than they can buy the high-priced fertilizer and make it, should it be possible that the boll weevil does not do any more damage than they did the past year and weather conditions are favorable.

Also a goodly number of good farmers and good business people claim there is no use to undertake growing any great quantity of foodstuff; that the outlook is for a dull and low market for such commodities. We would not have the audacity to attempt to dictate to people who have a great deal more sense than we have as to what they should do, but we do long for the time to come when the farmers shall make almost everything needed for home consumption and that the time shall come when cotton mill representatives will be compelled to walk up to the farmers with this statement: "Mr. Farmer I am very anxious to buy your cotton and would be very glad to know what you will take for same." And until then you may make little or much but the farmer will not get very rich selling at the buyer's prices.

Hon. W. D. Allen, member of the lower house of Representatives, spent the week-end at home and when seen by your correspondent and asked how things were running in Columbia made about the following statement: "The Legislature is slowly getting to business. There are a great number of new members in the House and they have to get accustomed to the work before you may expect much from them. The House seems to be in favor of cutting expenses, but to what extent no one can now tell. The governor in his message recommends some reductions and I really think the people may look for and get some relief in their taxes of 1921."

A great deal has been said about extending the time for payment of taxes for the year 1920. While there has been nothing definitely done yet, I think the time will be extended to perhaps the first of May, as follows: January, February and March one per cent penalty, April five and perhaps seven per cent penalty.

The House seems overwhelmingly in favor of cutting out the attendance school officers and putting the work on trustees, teachers and county superintendents of education. This item alone will mean a saving to the tax payers of the State of about \$65,000. Lots of the members of the House are in favor of cutting out the tomato club agents and the county demonstration agents, I seriously doubt myself if it pays to keep them. A big majority of my consistency tell me to cut it out and I feel duty bound to obey their commands and not turn a deaf ear to their cries. I am sure going to vote for cutting expenses I feel reasonably sure that when the Clarendon delegation completes the supply bill for 1921 that it will be considerably less than for 1920. Mr. Allen with Mr. J. H. Scarborough, the newly elected legislator, left here Monday morning for Columbia. Summerton people are congratulating themselves upon the fact that they have two of the Clarendon members in their town, and by the way they are both from the Baptist church.

Miss Irene Creecy of Scranton, spent several days last week with Mrs. C. L. Godwin.

The Rev. Mr. Thornton Whaling, president of the Theological Seminary of Columbia, preached two very strong sermons to a very attentive congregation here Sunday, Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church and Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Helen Kershaw of Hendersonville, N. C., is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mathis of Manning, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Windham.

Miss Myrtle Allen of Florence, and Miss Grace Allen of Coker College, spent the week end with Hon. and Mrs. W. D. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Nelson of Manning, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Marie Williams of Charleston, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Mr. P. H. Hutchins who is doing an extensive lumber business, after several weeks' absence has returned much to the delight of his many friends. Mr. Hutchins is not so optimistic over the lumber market but thinks by paying reasonable wages his mills will continue to make lumber.

Mrs. N. H. Williams of Asheville, N. C., is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Davis.

## LaGRANDE RESTAURANT NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

Manning at last has an up-to-date restaurant. Several months ago Drs. Dickson and Crouch conceived the idea that our little city was badly in need of a restaurant where well-cooked meals at reasonable prices could be secured. Plans were begun and the completion of these were seen when on Friday night last the LeGrand Restaurant threw open its doors to the public.

Garber & Davis Orchestra of Columbia, who were here playing for the dance, had been engaged to furnish music for the early part of the evening and the tables were filled by Manning people who, while dining were greatly entertained by the entrancing music. Up until closing hour the restaurant was thronged, and many were the words of appreciation on the progressiveness of the owners.

The color scheme of the room is green and white. At the rear is a private dining room latticed over. Each table has a dainty little electric light. Everything is spick and span and it is the intention of the management to have one of the most sanitary restaurants in the State. The food served will be of the very best obtainable and delicious home-cooking will be the specialty.

We bespeak for the LeGrand Restaurant the patronage of this section.

Miss Addie Weinberg spent the week end in Sumter.

Mrs. H. C. Curtis spent last week in Columbia with Representative Curtis.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

February 5, 1901

The "dummy" street car line from the depot up town is being built rapidly.

Miss Lulie Harvin now teaching at Wateree, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Rev. P. B. Wells was called to Oak Grove Sunday to funeralize a child of Mr. John Henry Ridgeway.

Consumers of lager beer were able to buy the product of the Germania Brewing Company in Charleston for 90c per dozen bottles.

Miss Lenora, a bright little 9-year-old daughter of Governor McSweeney, accompanied Senator Appelt home Saturday as the guest of Misses Gussie and Valleye Appelt.

Mr. Allen C. Bradham sustained a considerable loss by fire last week, losing his dry kiln at Packsville and from twenty to thirty thousand feet of lumber. The origin of the fire is unknown but was probably accidental.

Mrs. A. H. Breedin left last night to take their little Brent to Dr. Parker in Charleston. One of the little fellow's eyes is badly impaired from an injury caused by a Roman candle during Christmas.

A negro by the name of Jim Deas, supposed to be our same old Jim, alias "Sheep" of chain-gang fame, while running from a policeman in Charleston last week jumped from a second story window and broke his leg, Jim is at present a fugitive from Manning for stealing.

Mr. T. R. Cante of Midway, Fla., has returned home after spending a protracted visit to his brothers, Messrs. J. S. and M. S. Cante of Summerton. Mr. Cante left Clarendon soon after the war and has made Florida his home ever since. He was greeted by many old friends while visiting his native State and County.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Louisa Huggins, mother of the bride-elect will be solemnized the marriage of Miss Maggie, to Mr. T. Baker Haynesworth of Florence. The ceremony will be witnessed by the nearest relatives and friends of the contracting parties and will be performed by the Rev. Watson B. Duncan, brother-in-law to the bride. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Herman H. Huggins and a young lady possessed of many charming graces, while the fortunate groom is a young man of sterling qualities, a graduate of the Citadel and resides near the city of Florence. On behalf of itself and many other friends The Times extends congratulations and many good wishes.

Mr. Elser Brunson, the clever and accommodating salesman at C. M. Davis Son & Co., spent Saturday and Sunday in Charleston.

Mrs. George Joseph is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Fairah, in Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Vivian Eadon teacher of the Pexville schools, was a pleasant visitor to our "city" Sunday.

Among the social functions pulled off last week was an entertainment given by Mrs. Tim Howle to the B. Y. P. U. Several present report a delightful evening spent. The next was a chicken supper given by Mrs. J. F. Grason to her Sunday school class. No use to say anything about the pleasant evening spent as everybody loves chicken.

## "NUB"

## SEARCH SOUTH CAROLINA FOR QUEEN OF PALMAFESTA

### Clarendon County's Most Attractive and Popular Young Woman Sent to Columbia For Week Of Social Gayety March 27 to April 2.

Who will represent Clarendon county in the contest for Queen of Palmafesta (Palmetto State Festival) to be held in the capital city March 27 to April 2? By means of a popular voting contest through local newspapers during the next four weeks, candidates will be chosen from every county in South Carolina who will go to Columbia as the guests of the Palmafesta Association, which organization will defray all expenses, including railroad transportation, hotel bills and entertainment. The young women will be chaperoned by prominent Columbia society folks and will feature in a week of entertainment and social gayety which promises to rival the famous New Orleans Mardi Gras. During the week an election will be held in Columbia to determine the most attractive and popular young woman from among the delegates assembled from the various counties. The winner of this contest will be proclaimed Queen of Palmafesta, and will be awarded a grand prize consisting of a complete Spring trousseau of the finest apparel obtainable. One of the leading moving picture companies will film the queen and her entire court, and this specially selected galaxy of South Carolina beauties will be sent far and wide via the movie screen to advertise the Palmetto State.

Palmafesta is to be an annual Spring event, held in the capital city for the entertainment of all the people of South Carolina. It will be a week of many and varied attractions, including the State-wide automobile show exhibiting the late models of cars, trucks and tractors; the spring style show, featuring the latest creations from the realm of fashion by professional models to be imported from New York for the occasion; daily band concerts by one of America's premier musical organizations; floral, trades, automobile and baby parades; fetes, dances, social events and special attractions at all theatres, with nightly exhibits of fireworks in which will be featured specially designed set pieces depicting important events in South Carolina history. The auto show, style show and fireworks display will be staged at the State Fair Grounds.

In order to secure the most popular young woman in Clarendon County as candidate for Queen of Palmafesta, there is printed below a popularity voting coupon which is to be filled out and mailed as per instructions contained therein. Voting coupons will be printed in each issue of this newspaper up to and including the issue of March 12th, at which time the votes will be counted and announcement of the winner made. There will be no restriction upon the number of votes each person may cast. Every coupon clipped from this newspaper is good for one vote, and a yearly, paid in advance subscription will count 100 votes.

**VOTING COUPON**

**Queen of Palmafesta**

**"PALMAFESTA"**

Manning Times,

Gentlemen:

My choice for Queen of Palmafesta is:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

This coupon good for one vote. A Yearly, Paid-in-advance Subscription to This Newspaper counts 100 Votes.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Corinne Barfield was the guest of friends in Sumter over the week-end.

Mrs. Leon Weinberg and Miss Rosalie Weinberg were visitors to Sumter Saturday.

Miss Ruth Moore went to Columbia Saturday to attend the concert of the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra.

We hear considerable criticism about the non-failure of the boarding houses and restaurants to reduce their prices since the cost of a great many things in the grocery line has been reduced. This condition should not exist, for with two other items—high taxes and high rents—many a town's growth has been greatly retarded.

The dance held Friday night in the old Clarendon Drug Store was a big success. A large crowd of young folks from all over the county were in attendance. The music was furnished by the celebrated Garver and Davis orchestra of Columbia, and was without a doubt one of the finest orchestras ever in Manning.

We call attention to our delegation train about log carts running upon the public highways. If we are going to spend \$400,000 to build the roads, and then let log carts cut them right up again, it would be best to discontinue work now, and save our money. We are not sure, but we think there is a law now forbidding log carts to travel the roads.

We would like to have correspondents at Turbeville, New Zion, Sardinia, Gable, Alcouf, Foreston, Pinewood and Davis Station. Our subscribers are anxious to get the news from these towns and if any one who cares to write up these items will get in touch with us we will be glad to come and see them and make further arrangements.

As we walk along our streets we often wonder if there are many towns in the South the size of Manning that have the amount of street paving that we now have. Our streets are certainly beautiful and a pleasure to ride on. With the paving of Church and West Boundary streets, we no doubt would have one of the prettiest towns in the entire South. But we believe the next step to be taken should be the sewerage of the entire town. We would then have not only the prettiest town, but one of the most sanitary.

## RECEIVED DIPLOMA

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 19, 1921.  
Appelt & Shope,  
Manning, S. C.  
Gentlemen:

It is our custom, when our students graduate with distinction, that is, make an average of 95 per cent or more on examination, to issue voluntarily to them a Certificate of Emancipation Proficiency; also to write to professional men and persons of distinction in his city letters similar to this one.

Dr. J. E. Arant recently completed our course of study in Practical and Theoretical Optics, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Optics (Opt. D.) and we recommend him as an Oculometrist thoroughly qualified to detect, measure and correct errors of refraction, and muscular anomalies; also to recognize diseased conditions of the eyes. He may not and does not claim to treat diseases of the eyes, but will in such cases recommend that an Oculist or a Physician be consulted.

Yours very truly,  
Philadelphia Optical College,  
C. H. Brown, M. D., Pres.

## DR. WATSON B. DUNCAN ON CONVENTION PROGRAM

Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor of the Main Street Methodist church at Dillon, will speak on the state convention program of the South Carolina State Sunday School Association, using the subject "The Youth of the Church Trained for Service." This announcement was made Tuesday afternoon by General Superintendent Leon C. Palmer, who said that Dr. Duncan is one of the most popular preachers and lecturers in the state.

In addition to his pastoral work in Dillon, Dr. Duncan is a member of the state executive committee of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, and recently served as local chairman of the committee of arrangements for the Bob Jones meeting held in his church in Dillon.—Spartanburg Herald.

Hon. J. H. Scarborough has been placed on the Ways and Means Committee.

Hon. Julian H. Scarborough of Summerton wishes to express his appreciation and gratitude to the voters of Clarendon for the vote they gave him in the recent primary.

Mr. J. K. Breidin leaves on Friday for New York and from there will sail for Peru where he has accepted a position with the Peruvian government.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Miss Moore has completed the examination of pupils in the Manning school, and feels that the children made an excellent showing, since 82 of the 378 examined were in good condition and needed no correction. During the time that she worked in the school Miss Moore gave eight health talks, one of these being before the Parent-Teacher's Meeting. "The Story of the Health Fairy," an allegory, was told to the high school students. Talks were made to each of the grades below the seventh.

While the number of children having defective teeth is rather a large one most of these were among the children of the lower grades, the teeth of the high school children being in good condition.

Miss Moore was most encouraged by the fact that the children take a lively interest in health topics, and better still that Mr. Helms is so actively working to raise the health standard of the school.

Following is Miss Moore's report in detail.

Number inspected, 378; number vaccinated 289; Defective eyes 108; Defective ears 8; enlarged tonsils 75; Nasal obstructions 23; defective teeth 218; Anaemic 10; Poor nutrition 12; Defective skin and scalps 8; Total defectives 294. 82 who were in good condition and needed no correction.

## ATTEMPT TO POISON SUMTER BABY FAILS, BUT NURSE IS HELD

Macon, Ga., Jan. 31.—Charged with having put washing powder in the milk of the eleven-months baby of Mrs. S. W. Colerider, of Sumter, S. C., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank J. Hodges, in Macon, Edna May Shivers, a negro nurse, age fifteen, is being held by the Macon police. She is said to have confessed. The baby did not drink much of the milk, on account of the taste, and so suffered no bad results.

Resentment over the baby being trusted to another nurse when the family went downtown is said to have been the admitted cause of the nurse's action. To "get the other nurse in bad," was the motive which caused her to go to the refrigerator, fix the milk, pour the powders into it, and ran the clock ahead an hour and a half to the time for the baby to be given milk, it is claimed by the mother who declared that she will prosecute the negro to protect society from any "further outrages of the kind."

## GOVERNMENT MEN TO SEEK STATISTICS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Management and Farm Economics Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1921.  
Messrs. Appelt & Shope,  
Editors The Times,  
Manning, S. C.

Gentlemen:

For several years the office of Farm Management of the United States Department of Agriculture has been assembling information concerning the profits and losses from different types of farming. Studies have also been made for the purpose of obtaining production costs for different farm products. Special attention has been given to the cotton crop within the past two years. Approximately sixteen hundred reports were obtained from cotton farmers during the years 1918 and 1919. This work will be repeated during the months of February and March, 1921.

Clarendon County, South Carolina, has been selected as one of the areas in which records will be taken this year. The Government representatives will arrive at Manning on or about February 1st and will remain in Clarendon County long enough to interview from sixty to seventy farmers. These records will be collected exclusively for the United States Department of Agriculture and will have no reference whatever to taxation. The party assigned to this work includes Messrs. M. R. Cooper, R. S. Washburn, R. D. Jennings, A. P. Brodell, and Ray Bryant.

This work is being done primarily for the benefit of Agriculture. We believe that cotton growers in particular will obtain many helpful suggestions from the results of this study. We will appreciate the favor if you will bring this work to the attention of your farmer readers. Their earnest co-operation is solicited in connection with this study.

Thanking you in advance for giving this matter attention, I am  
Very truly yours,  
F. W. PECK,  
Farm Economist.

## MANNING TO HAVE OPEN HOG MARKET NEXT FALL

Manning will have an open market for hogs next fall. The Bradham Durac Farm will buy any breed of hog, providing they are in a marketable condition and pay the cash for them. This concern will use the Chicago price list, thus giving the farmer a chance to sell any number of hogs at any time and get the money. This is a big thing for Clarendon County, and we hope our farmers will take advantage of the opportunity.

## SAYS GERMANS WILL REFUSE ALLIED PLANS

Foreign Minister Tells Reichstag Government Will Not Submit

## FRENCH CABINET MEETS

President Millerand Congratulates Premier on Outcome of Conference.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, declared in the Reichstag today that the government would refuse to negotiate on the basis of the entente decisions regarding reparations; and would formulate counter-propositions. His position was supported by all the party leaders except the Communists, who heckled and jeered him when he concluded speaking.

Dr. Simons said the German government was unable either to refuse or agree to participate in the forthcoming London conference because it had not yet been invited to send representatives.

## Expert Called In

Paris, Feb. 1.—Herr Bergman, head of the German expert delegation, was summoned tonight to Berlin to report to the government there the status of the negotiations his delegation had been carrying on in Paris.

## Regards Terms as Fantastic

Berlin, Feb. 1.—Germany regards the reparations terms decided upon by the Supreme Allied Council in Paris last week as fantastic and impossible of execution, and it is the general opinion the government cannot agree to them. The cabinet, which received the text of the Allied note yesterday, was in executive session until late last night, and the note was not released for publication until too late for editorial comment.

"Madness" is the term leaders of the Reichstag used in discussing the reparations conditions. Foreign Minister Simons declared the execution of the terms would "produce chaos, not only in Germany but throughout Central Europe, as the bankruptcy of Germany would also bankrupt part of Germany's war creditors among whom is France."

## "To Be Deplored."

"It is greatly to be deplored," he continued, "that the great American nation was only a bystander during the negotiations concerning reparations at Paris. The settlement of this question determines the fate of the world's economies and of world culture."

Herbert Guttman, of the Dresdener Bank said: "The reparations figures are absurd, and the tax levy on exports is absolutely beyond understanding. The latter would kill Germany's export business and how does the Entente expect Germany to pay if she cannot export her products? It is inconceivable that America and England will permit Germany, their best customer to be ruined by the enforcement of such terms."

The German mark showed a sharp decline toward the close of yesterday's session of the Bourse when the terms became generally known.

## Millerand Pleased

Paris, Feb. 1.—The council of ministers met today with President Millerand presiding and heard the results of the Paris conference of the Allies presented by Premier Briand. President Millerand expressed his complete satisfaction with the outcome and warmly congratulated the premier and his colleagues.

## Willing to Accept, Belief

Paris, Feb. 1.—The fact that the German delegates to the Brussels conference of financial and economic experts are remaining in Paris and continuing their consultations is taken in political quarters here to mean that Germany is willing to accept the decisions of the Allies regarding reparations as a basis for discussion, notwithstanding the comment which is coming from Berlin, giving the idea that the disposition there is to reject the plan.

It is pointed out in official circles that the conference of experts will be able to accomplish a great deal in paying the way to establishment to economic relations beneficial both to the Allies and their former enemies, although it is considered that the reparations plan for the study of which the expert conferees were originally called together has been definitely decided upon by the Paris conference.

## MEETING OF THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The Confederate Veterans met in the Court House last Monday, and elected the following members of the County Pension Board, J. T. Stukes, Manning, S. C., S. Y. Barnes, Foreston, S. C., and J. S. Cante, Summerton, S. C.

The old soldiers were entertained by the Local Members of the American Legion at dinner, and they all seemed to enjoy the day hugely.

There were sixteen Confederate Veterans present at the meeting in the Court House.

Mrs. H. C. McKelvey is visiting relatives in Florence.