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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS.

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Floydale.

Mrs. J. L. McLaurin and daughter are visiting Mrs. McLaurin's mother at Maxton, N. C.

Misses Ruth and Rebecca Rogers of Mullins are visiting the Misses Alford.

Mr. B. O. Guthrie and Ben Guthrie, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pitts and three children of Burlington, N. C., spent the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hugh Stackhouse.

The ladies of the Improvement Association met with Mrs. M. J. Rogers last Friday afternoon. After a very interesting meeting Mrs. Rogers served cake, cream and watermelon.

Mrs. W. S. Floyd and baby have returned from Wrightsville Beach where she has been for the past two months.

Miss Sallie Bryant of Rowland spent the past week with Miss Inez Calhoun.

Rev. P. K. Crosby assisted by Rev. Dana will begin revival services at Zion church Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Taylor entertained the younger set at an ice cream supper last Wednesday night.

Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Carmichael of Norfolk, Va., and Rev. H. C. Carmichael of Charlotte, spent last week with their mother, Mrs. Annie Carmichael.

Miss Anna Calhoun of Columbia is spending a few days at home.

Mr. J. W. Atkinson of Southern Pines and J. W. Jr. of Camerons spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. Will Rose of Columbia spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. J. C. Calhoun.

Miss Emma Carmichael has returned home after a two weeks visit to friends in Mayesville.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers and children of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Mary Rogers last week.

Carolina.

Messrs. John Norton and David Blakley of Clinton, S. C., are spending a few days at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton.

Miss Vieta Alford of Alfordville is visiting her cousin, Mrs. R. S. Cottingham.

Mr. Duncan McLaurin, Jr., and family attended the funeral of Mrs. McArn of Rowland, who was buried at the Sutherland cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Plans have been made to begin work on the school building this week. A new room is to be added as we will have a three teacher school, also a music class.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McDonald and son, Malcolm John accompanied by Miss Nora Morrison left Monday morning for Glenn Springs where they will spend some time.

Mrs. D. B. McInnis and little daughter, Mildred returned Sunday from a few days visit to her parents in Rowland.

Mr. D. J. Henderson who has been working with Dr. D. M. Douglass of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., is at home until school opens there in September.

Misses Belle Morrison and Berta McInnis left Monday night for Baltimore where they will be gone for several days.

Increasing B. & L. Capital.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dillon Building & Loan Association held at the offices of Col. G. G. McLaurin last Friday a motion was passed calling for a meeting of the stockholders to consider the proposition to increase the capital of the Association to \$500,000. The Association was organized about four years ago and has been very successful. Col. McLaurin is president and treasurer of the Association and has given it close personal attention. Very little of the original stock has changed hands and the first and second series are worth considerably more than par. Committees have been appointed to solicit subscriptions to the new issue and when the capital is brought up to a half million dollars the Association will be in position to take care of the applications it has for loans for the erection of new houses.

DILLON LAND SELLS HIGH.

Clarence Bethea Pays Mr. J. J. George \$12,500.00 for 26 2-3 Acres.

The price of Dillon county farming lands reached a new high level last week when Clarence Bethea paid Mr. J. J. George \$12,500.00 for 26 2-3 acres of land. The land is known as the Proctor Place and fronts the public road between Dillon and Little Rock. Mr. George purchased the place some ten years ago from the late A. J. C. Cottingham. It was in a splendid state of cultivation before Mr. George purchased it, and he has developed it into one of the most productive farms in the county. Clarence Bethea, the purchaser, is one of the most enterprising colored farmers in the county and owns other lands which he has paid for out of the profits from his crops.

A devil weighing 3,000 pounds believed the second largest ever captured, was caught in the Gulf of Mexico. It carried its captors four miles out to sea and the work of landing it required two days.

SOVIETS AT GATES OF WARSAW.

Bolsheviks Tighten the Net Around the Polish Capital.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—With the bolshevik net tightening around Warsaw in almost a complete semi-circle from the northwest to the east, the spirit of optimism has given away to a general nervousness owing to the departure of the remaining legations and consulates, says a Warsaw dispatch received here late Sunday night.

The greater part of the population, it reads is displaying an admirable fortitude in the face of the fact that the enemy is almost at the gates of the capital. Only in the poorer quarters have there been any scenes of disorder. Each inhabitant of the Warsaw slums seems to be trying to get out of the city and to take his personal belongings with him.

Streets Jammed.
The streets are jammed with all sorts of vehicles. Perspiring housewives are loading furniture and food on them and when they start, shout chattering to others to get out of the way. But no one can get out of the way, the jam is too thick. This keeps the cavalcades from moving more than a few yards per hour.

During the afternoon the main streets were filled with processions of Catholics as part of a program of special intercession for the city ordered by the archbishop. The marchers chanted in beautiful harmony a special prayer composed for the occasion, beginning "We beseech Thee, Oh Lord, save Your city." The procession frequently passed bands of young volunteers marching to the front to lively tunes like "Yip I Addy."

Information from reliable sources says that General Weygand, the French chief of staff, is ready and willing to take command of the Polish armies.

Washington, Aug. 9.—So critical is the world situation growing out of the Russo-Polish war that attention, it was officially stated today, is being concentrated upon it to the exclusion of almost every question domestic and foreign.

Dispatches received by the department gave a more hopeful view of the situation at Warsaw.

While the soviet armies continued to advance, the defense is apparently being maintained with renewed spirit by the Polish troops.

The American consulate was reported to be moving to Graudenz Saturday morning. If the Poles move the seat of government, the American legation will move also.

No Note Sent.
It was vigorously denied by department officials that any note has as yet been sent by this government to the allied powers bearing on the Polish question. This statement was made in connection with cable reports from Paris to the effect that American note had been received there. At the same time, Secretary Colby declined to impart any information as to whether or not a message might soon be sent by this government.

In these dispatches a few nights ago following the conference of Secretary Colby and Under-secretary Davis with the president, it was definitely stated that the time for American action was close at hand. This appears to be the correct view and, it is generally believed, a pronouncement from the White House will soon make the American policy clear to the world.

Unusual curiosity and speculation exist as to what the White House declaration will be, should it be decided to make one. One view is that the president will decline to commit the United States to any policy prejudicial to either side of the controversy.

Another view is that he may recommend American participation in a general embargo by the allied powers of all ports under the control of the soviet forces, including those which formerly belong to Poland.

Either suggestion, however, is pure speculation.

Housing Plane in Fayetteville.

Lieut. Behr took the Farman plane over to Fayetteville Saturday afternoon where it could be housed until the weather clears. There is no place in Dillon in which the plane could be protected against the elements and Mr. Sprunt decided that it would be best to send the machine to Fayetteville where there is ample housing room at Camp Pope, the government aviation field.

ALLEGES KILLING WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Marion County Prisoner So Says Confession.

Marion, Aug. 3.—Archie Turner, one of the men arrested last week charged with the killing of Edwin White, made a confession to Sheriff John V. Rowell, in which he states substantially the following:

That on Friday afternoon last spring the day Mr. White was last seen alive, he (Archie Turner) was at the home of Mack Turner, standing on the porch with Henry Turner, and that Mack Turner's wife was in the house. That he was playing with his pistol and that it was accidentally discharged. Immediately after this shot he heard some one cry out and, going out in front of the house, he found that he had shot Mr. White, whom he did not know was anywhere around and Mr. White died instantly.

About this time his brother, Mack Turner, rode up into the yard. In his excitement he picked up the body of Mr. White and carried it about 150 yards back of Mack Turner's house to a pine thicket. He left the body there while he went home and got his father's mule and wagon, in which he took the body nearby to a field between his father's house and Carry lake, a small lake adjacent to Little Pee Dee river. He left the body there and went home to spend the night.

Next morning early he pretended he was going after a load of straw, put his plow and wire in the wagon and drove down to where he had left the body. He then took the body and carried it down to the lake and hid it there along with the plows and wire. He then got a little straw and took it home. He then came to Marion, where he remained until 3 o'clock. About that time he left Marion, went back to where he had left the body, putting it in a small boat and wiring the plows to the body while it was in the boat. He then started down the river with the body. He stated that he did not reach the point in the river at which he intended sinking the body, as he struck a rough place in the water of the swollen stream and his boat turned over, throwing both himself and the body into the river. When his boat turned over, he swam to shore, where he stood for a few minutes, after which he swam back and got his boat and went back to Carry lake and then home. When asked if he had any assistance, he stated that no one at all had helped him, but that he did the job all by himself.

Mr. White left his home one Friday afternoon about three months ago to assist his brother in the erection of a tombstone in a churchyard about one mile away from Mr. Whites residence. He could be seen walking down the road about one-half the distance until he turned a sharp curve. He did not show up at the church and was not heard of again until his body was found in the river nine weeks later, the body showing a bullet wound. It had been weighted down in the water by plows and other scrap iron fastened to the body by wires.

Last week six arrests were made, all parties being white and neighbors of Mr. White. They were Tom Turner, Archie Turner, Mack Turner, Henry Turner, Kinard Cannon and the father of Kinard Cannon.

BIG DEMAND FOR COTTON GRADERS.

Clemson College, July 30.—There is a big call for official cotton graders to serve in the various counties under the new arrangement of the Extension Service with the Cotton Association and the Warehouse Commission, and it is apparent now that the demand is going to be greater than the supply of available graders. This is the opinion of E. C. Seifert, Extension Specialist in Cotton Grading, who says that there is a scarcity of good graders due to the fact that men experienced in such work have entered the field as buyers.

Already fourteen counties have applied to the Extension service for graders. Seven of the applications have been filled and the others will be filled shortly. Five other counties have practically completed financial and other arrangements to ask for graders, and reports from the cotton marketing campaign now going on indicate that over half of the other counties will do so. This means that there will be a scramble for the appointment of graders, and counties are cautioned that applications will be filled in order of receipt and that many counties may have to do without graders unless arrangements are completed and applications made at once.

In some counties the official grader idea has taken such strong hold that several towns in the same county want a grader each. In Oconee county, for example, Westminster, Seneca, and Walhalla each raised the necessary funds and sent in applications for graders on the same day shortly after the county meetings were held.

As many official graders as possible are being engaged to meet the calls, and the success of this phase of the cooperative marketing is already assured.

Card of Thanks.
To show who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our baby boy, Dennis, we wish to offer our sincere thanks and we also wish to thank those thoughtful ones for the floral offerings.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hulon.

W. M. Brick spent Monday in Latta on business.

FORECAST SHOWS LARGE CORN CROP.

Estimate of Three Billion Bushels is Made.

Washington, August 9.—A three-billion bushel corn crop for the third time in the history of the country was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture on the basis of conditions existing August 1. Inasmuch as August is the critical month for the crop in the great corn belt of the Middle West, it is uncertain whether the promise of a crop almost equal to the enormous ones of 1912 and 1917 will be fulfilled. Improvement was reported during July in the important corn States, with the exception of Illinois, and as a result a crop forecast of 2,400,000,000 bushels larger than that predicted July 1 was issued.

Spring wheat was adversely affected during July, principally by rust, and production forecast of the crop was reduced 29,000,000 bushels from a month ago or to a total of 262,000,000 bushels.

Reduction Very Small.
The preliminary estimate of winter wheat production was 15,000,000 bushels larger than forecast in July, making the combined crop of winter and spring wheat only 14,000,000 bushels smaller than estimated a month ago. The total of 795,000,000 bushels was predicted in today's report.

There was improvement in the potato crop and indications are that the crop will exceed 400,000,000 bushels for the fourth time in the country's history.

The tobacco crop, which has been promising from the start, has shown additional improvement and probabilities are that it will exceed the record crop produced in 1918 by about 200,000,000 pounds. Total production is forecast at 1,544,000,000 pounds.

BROTHER KILLS BROTHER.

Terrell Smith Killed by Jesse Smith In Mother's Presence.

Hampton, Aug. 9.—Jesse Smith shot and killed his brother, Terrell Smith, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, about three miles west of Hampton, using a shot gun loaded with bird shot. Facts have been exceedingly hard to get, as there was no eyewitness to the first part of the difficulty.

According to those who went to the scene shortly after the tragedy, it seems that Jesse met Terrell in the garden as Terrell returned from the barn with a bucket of milk in his hand. Terrell ran for the house but was shot in the back just as he cleared the corner of the garden next to the house. It seems that Jesse followed and reached the door just as Terrell put down the bucket of milk. The mother of the two men states that Terrell turned around as Jesse reached the door and said, "Jesse, why did you shoot me?" that Jesse did not answer, but pushed the gun almost into Terrell's face and fired a second time, killing him instantly; that Terrell was unarmed and apparently made no effort to defend himself, except to try to get out of Jesse's way.

Jesse Smith is about 45 years of age and lives within a few hundred yards of where Terrell Smith lived with their mother on a farm. Terrell was about 28 or 30 years old.

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 19TH.

Candidates Must File Pledges by 12 O'clock Noon Thursday, August 19th.

The rules of the Democratic Party provide that candidates must file their pledges on or before 12 o'clock noon on the day before a campaign opens, and as the county campaign opens Friday, August 20th, candidates must file their pledges by 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, August 19th.

The opening meeting will be held at Little Rock, and the itinerary as fixed by the executive committee is as follows:
Little Rock, Friday, August 20th; Oak Grove, Saturday, August 21st; Minturn, Monday, August 23rd; Fork, Tuesday, August 24th; Lake View, Wednesday, August 25th; Floydale, Thursday, August 26th; Latta, Friday, August 27th; Dillon, Saturday 28th.

TIME NOW TO PLANT FALL FOOD CROPS.

Irish Potatoes and Turnips Easily Grown and Produce Well.

"It is now time to prepare and sow turnips and to plant the second crop of Irish potatoes," said Commissioner Harris yesterday. "If the second crop of Irish potatoes is planted at once in good land, well prepared, it will produce good results. I suggest planting the Lookout Mountain variety. It is suitable and especially adapted for all planting. This variety will not make tubers if planted in the spring."

The Lookout Mountain potato can be planted in the eastern part of the state as late as August 10 if planted in good land. They should be planted and manured the same as spring potatoes are planted and cultivated. In the eastern part of the state, the Lookout Mountain potatoes can be left in the ground all winter and dug and used as needed. In fact, this is the best way to keep them through the winter.

"Now Irish potatoes are selling high and we may expect them to continue to be high. I do not look for any reduction in the price of good crops for a year or so."

D. Worth McKinley is spending the week in Mullins with friends.

LIGHT COMMITTEE GETS REPORT

Engineer Gives Estimate for 600 H. P. Light Plant at \$150,000.00

The committee appointed at the citizens meeting to look into the matter of selling or improving the light and water plant received the report from the engineer last week.

The report was made by Mr. Olsen, one of the leading engineers of the south who spent a day in Dillon going over the plant and making a close inspection. Mr. Olsen estimates that it will cost Dillon \$150,000.00 to put in a modern light and water plant. These figures are based on a 600 horse power plant consisting of two units which he says will give Dillon an ample supply of current for the next 20 years. He recommends as additions to the water plant the putting in of larger water main and the construction of a reservoir with a capacity of not less than 250,000 gallons of water. The plant as outlined by Mr. Olsen is modern in every respect. The sentiment of the committee was, after reading the report, that Dillon could not afford to invest that much in a light plant, and Mr. Olsen has been asked to revise his figures and reduce the amount to something like \$40,000 or \$50,000. The committee also decided to take the matter up with prospective purchasers, and if it is found that adequate improvements cannot be made with an expenditure of \$40,000 or \$50,000 the committee will entertain propositions to dispose of the plant to private individuals. The committee will be ready to make a report back to the citizens as soon as these matters can be gone into thoroughly.

DILLON PLANE VISITS COLUMBIA

Columbia Record.

Columbia was visited by an airplane bank messenger a few days ago, but not until today did Columbians know that the strange air visitor carried under its scowl or in his gasoline tank or, somewhere, a half million dollars worth of securities.

A few days ago a big strange-looking airplane, a "Farman" with the passengers riding out in front of the planes and in front of the motor, landed at Columbia's flying field, and foremost among the occupants of the air-car was James M. Sprunt, cashier of the Bank of Dillon. Two New Yorkers were in charge of the plane. Only a few Columbians saw the plane at the flying field, though a large number saw it over the city and wondered at its strange appearance, being of a new type of flying machine.

Little did the Columbians who saw the plane then realize that somewhere within its fuselage there was a fortune tucked away from unseeing eyes. The news of the cargo came to light today, when Columbians saw in the Sunday's picture section of the new York Times a picture of the plane and its three passengers, chief among them, Mr. Sprunt, as they were about to leave from Roosevelt Field, Long Island.

Mr. Sprunt and his plane drivers spent a night in Columbia leaving next day for Dillon. The travelers stated while here that they had had a remarkably successful trip, coming from New York to Columbia, by way of Charlotte in a fraction of a day. No advice has come from Dillon regarding the landing of the plane there, but it is presumed the half million dollars worth of securities landed safely at the Bank of Dillon. Mr. Sprunt is quoted as saying just before he "hopped off" from Roosevelt field that he had decided not to trust the securities to railroad transportation.

The editor is very much indebted to Mr. H. C. Stanton for three large watermelons which Mr. Stanton was kind enough to bring in Saturday afternoon. The melons are of the Tom Watson variety and in point of flavor and excellence they fully sustained the wide reputation which this melon has, having been raised in the low country where from time immemorial the watermelon has been a favorite fruit we can say with all candor and sincerity, that in our love of the watermelon we have only one equal—and that is the low country dorkie.

Missionary Union Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of Pee Dee Association will meet with the Catholic Baptist church August 26th and 27th. Delegates will be met at Mallory and Latta if notice is sent to.

Mrs. L. E. Dew,
Latta, S. C.

NOTICE.

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic party notice is given that there will be a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee at the Court House at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, August 19th, for the purpose of revising the club rolls. Any person who has been denied the right to enroll or any person who has any protest or complaint to make as to any other person whose name appears on the club roll or who has been denied the right to enroll may appear before said committee and make such complaint or protest.

A. B. JORDAN,
County Chairman.

Visiting New York to observe the situation at C. B. Wells, a Wichita minister, claims he was unable to find the money and possibly have disappeared. "Chattanooga," though still alive, is slowly perishing, he says. When a young lady member of the club, became lost in the heart of the slum districts during a visit. Three court-rooms were reserved for to an "abandoned" train station.

PONZI TELLS HOW HE MADE MONEY.

Boston Man Discloses Business Methods in Speech to the Kiwanis Club.

Boston, Aug. 10.—Charles Ponzi, who claims to have jumped from comparative poverty to multimillionaire's estate in a few months through dealings in international postal coupons, told members of the Kiwanis Club today some of the steps in the process by which he claims to have amassed his fortune. Ponzi, making his first appearance as an after-dinner speaker since he became one of the most talked of men in the country, was a luncheon guest of the club. He was invited sometime ago, before he was compelled to cease payment in his "fifty per cent in 45 days" proposition because of the orders issued by the State Bank Commissioner to the Hanover Trust Co., yesterday to pay no more of Ponzi's checks.

In opening his remarks, Ponzi reiterated his claim that he was solvent and expressed confidence that this would be substantiated by the Federal and State investigations now in progress and that he would be able to resume business in a few days.

He related how he had hired a small office, used his small capital in various business schemes, and then, with an international reply coupon always in front of him on his desk, "began to do some thinking." He finally obtained financial assistance, he said, to develop his idea and spent thousands of dollars in foreign correspondence.

"I found out," he said, "that the postal coupons were being sold in foreign countries for the equivalent of six cents and could be converted into postage stamps. Then all I had to do was figure how many nickles made a million."

"I got in touch with men—that's as far as I'll go—who were able to secure for me large amounts of coupons in different countries. They bought them without money and used them as collateral to be redeemed later."

"When conditions were right I offered to borrow money from the public. I offered 50 per cent in 90 days and would not promise to redeem notes in 45, though I thought that three weeks was about the right time to bank the money here, send it abroad, get the stamps and convert them into cash."

"I started the Securities Exchange Company. I was everything from president to office boy."

"I decided that if I redeemed the stamps in the United States the Federal government might decide that it came within its jurisdiction, though there was no Federal or State law against it. But the exchange rate was the same in Switzerland and Norway and some other countries, so I decided to redeem them there."

Some one in the audience asked why the postal authorities had been unable to find any evidence of such large dealings in reply coupons. Ponzi replied that foreign governments realized a profit on the issue of these postal certificates "and are not going to disclose to other governments how many coupons they have issued."

"And the international postal union is not going to do it," he added. Asked if foreign government had not stopped this, he replied: "Yes, they are stopping—they have stopped the sale of coupons for public use. But that does not stop my business. My money in Europe is working today, even if it is not here."

In the transactions in coupons, he insisted, nobody suffers a loss.

"I buy today," he said, "a dollar's worth of Italian exchange. At the present rate I get 18 lire. I would get five under normal exchange. With the 18 lire I buy 60 international reply coupons. These coupons can be sold for \$3 in American money."

He maintained that no government need lose because transactions between governments may be delayed until exchange is normal and pointed out that there has been delay in the payment of interest on American loans to the allies.

"I have not found anybody who will have to make it good," he asserted, when somebody wanted to know who would have to stand the loss.

Capt. B. Y. Gibson is opening a Rescue Home at Fayetteville, N. C., and when the home is completed they will be in position to take care of many homeless children. This does not mean, of course, that we are discontinuing the work in Dillon. We will continue our work in town and county as heretofore. Sincerely desiring the co-operation of the public in this the Master's work for humanity, we are,