

FARMERS INSTITUTE AT COURT HOUSE TUESDAY

VERY SMALL ATTENDANCE BUT INTERESTING ADDRESSES WERE DELIVERED.

The County Institute held at the Court House on July 9th was not attended by as large a number of farmers as was hoped for, but the members of the Corn and Tomato Clubs who attended made the audience an interesting one.

We were glad to have so many boys and girls present. There were twenty members of the Tomato Club present with two visitors whose names have been added to our club lists for next year, and thirty-three members of the Corn Club.

The Institute was in charge of Mr. W. R. Elliott, of Wainsboro, district agent for the farm demonstration work. Mr. I. J. McKenzie however, acted as chairman of the meeting and opened with a few words of welcome.

Prof. Barr, of the experiment station at Clemson, addressed the audience on the "Diseases of Plants." Prof. Barr said in part, that scientists and experimenters had found that many of the diseases of plants were caused by germs very much like those that cause diseases in the human body, and that probably at some future time, this study of plant diseases would be very helpful in the study of medicine.

He advocated the spraying of fruit trees for the diseases that destroy so many of our trees each year, and asked if at any time there were any diseased plants or insects of any kind that gave trouble on the farm that they would be glad to have them sent to him at Clemson.

Information as to the ways of preventing or destroying could then be sent at once. With reference to the disease of the tomato—that is leaf and fruit diseases, he advocated spraying with Bordeaux mixture and a little Paris green.

Prof. Napier talked to the farmers on the old, but interesting subject of corn growing. He said: "On my way to a meeting of the institute the other day, I passed a car load of corn with a large tag on it marked '300 sacks of corn for Kershaw'."

"That corn was brought here and sold at \$1.25 a bushel, when it only cost those Western producers from 1 to 2 cents per bushel to make it. The reason for this is that those farmers never put anything but from a two to six-horse plow in the field. With this gang plow they break their soil thoroughly and then plant the seed. Weeds about 8 feet wide are run thru the field and they thin two rows at a time while the Southern farmer has hands thinning his corn by hand. Instead of gathering the corn as we do in the South, a corn harvester is run thru the field and the corn is cut, tied and shocked all at the same time. Besides the reduction in labor by the use of machinery the Western farmer doesn't have the \$30,000,000 fertilizer bill that the Southern farmer has."

Mr. Napier said that the average yield per acre in South Carolina on ordinary land and with a reasonable bushels. This low yield was partly due to the seed. A loss of 15 amount of fertilizer was 30 to 40 bushels per acre is due to the seed planted. If that is the case the farmer will have to get busy and take care of their seed corn. The field is the proper place to select seed corn.

After Mr. Napier's talk the Boys' Corn Club went up stairs and Prof. Napier talked to them on the cultivation, fertilization, etc., of their crops, and the farmers had a talk over crops by Mr. W. R. Elliott; on deep plowing, L. C. Chappell; on stock raising by Prof. Jackson, and other subjects of interest to the farmers such as seed selection.

Miss Alice Peck, of Camden, talked to the members of the Tomato Club on "winter gardening." Miss Peck told the girls what a great opportunity they had here for winter gardening. For the soil here in this South land of ours could be worked very month in the year. At the present day the demand of the pub-

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TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

Falls From Window in Apartment House and Instantly Killed.

A telegram received in Camden on Wednesday morning by Mr. Harold H. Birchmore, of the Messenger office, announced the death in Atlanta, Ga., of his brother, Mr. Chas. C. Birchmore, which occurred on Tuesday night. Deceased is a son of Mr. T. E. Birchmore, of Maxeys, Ga., and a nephew of Mr. C. W. Birchmore, of Camden.

Mr. Harold Birchmore left immediately for Atlanta.

The Atlanta Journal of Wednesday contained the following account of the young man's tragic death: "Charles C. Birchmore, for sixteen years private secretary to Hamilton, McWhorter, of Athens, division counsel for the Southern railway, fell out of the 7th story window of his room at the Pickwick apartment, 77 Fairlie street, just before daybreak Wednesday morning, and was killed instantly."

"According to his room mate, W. Y. Allen, a member of the Georgia legislature from Upson county, the two men came in shortly before midnight. Mr. Allen and Mr. Birchmore prepared for bed. Birchmore complained of the room being stuffy, before he retired, and his room mate believes he rose during the night and sat in the window to cool, and then fell out. The further theory is advanced that he may have been walking in his sleep."

"The imprint of his left hand, showing how each finger was pulled across the coping of the sill as the young man endeavored to catch himself, were found to be clearly marked on the stone."

"We had been room mates for two years," said Mr. Allen, "and I've never known a finer fellow. It's horrible to think about."

"Death had been instantaneous. One side of Mr. Birchmore's skull had been crushed by the fall. He was clad in his night clothes."

"It is the opinion of all who knew the young man and are familiar with the circumstances, that his death was an accident. He had no cause to do any rash act, and had been in an excellent humor all evening."

"Mr. Birchmore was 30 years of age, and was the oldest son of Edward Birchmore, of Maxeys, Ga. His mother is dead, but he leaves several sisters and brothers. He was not married. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia, and delivered the address for his law class on graduation day. At college he became a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He was a prominent Elk, and was an officer in a lodge in south Georgia. Mr. Birchmore was one of the most popular young men in the state and was widely known."

Business Changes.
There have been a number of business changes to take place lately and several more contemplated among the merchants. Mr. R. L. Moseley, who conducted a green grocery, is now traveling for a wholesale firm, having sold his business to H. T. Gladden. C. W. Billings, who conducts a grocery store has moved into the building made vacant by Mr. Gladden, and M. J. C. Nicholson, formerly of the firm of Nicholson & Wilson, will open a store in the building made vacant by Mr. Billings.

Baruch-Nettles Co.'s annex clothing store is moving in the building being made vacant by J. C. Cureton, and Mr. Cureton is moving into the store formerly occupied by branch store of Baruch-Nettles Co.

The improvements on the buildings occupied by the Loan & Savings Bank and G. L. Blackwell are nearing completion.

In New Quarters.
By reference to an advertisement in another place will be seen that Mr. J. G. Cunningham has moved his stock of goods to the annex formerly occupied as a clothing store by Baruch-Nettles Co. This firm was formerly known as the J. C. Cureton Co., but Mr. Cunningham has purchased Mr. Cureton's interest and is now sole proprietor.

Mr. Cunningham will always carry an up-to-date line of merchandise, and extends a cordial invitation to his friends and customers to visit him in his new quarters.

PROMINENT LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Julia Manning Boykin Died at Her Home Near Boykins.

The entire community was shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Julia Manning Boykin, wife of Mr. A. H. Boykin, which occurred at her home near Camden on Sunday, July 7th, after a few days illness.

Mrs. Boykin was in her 52nd year and was the daughter of Col. Brown Manning, of Clarendon county, and is survived by her husband and three children—Miss Mary Cantley Boykin and Messrs. E. Miller and Wm. Davi Boykin, to whom the heartfelt sympathy of our people is extended. Mrs. Boykin was richly endowed by nature with a gracious and charming personality that won for her the love of friends and the admiration of strangers. And added to these personal charms and graces was a lovely Christian character that shed joy and sunshine in dark lonely places, and strewed life's rugged pathway with deeds of love, mercy and kindness. The world owes a debt of gratitude that it can never pay to a woman of that type, who makes life brighter and who sheds gladness and sunshine along their path instead of sorrow and gloom.

"She lived in the sunshine, not in the gloom; she carried some gladness, the world to illumine."

Mrs. Boykin's presence always brought a ray of sunshine, and her sad and unexpected death has brought sorrow to many hearts. If this is felt outside, we know that the beautiful home in which she reigned as queen, must indeed be dark and gloomy. The shadows that have fallen across the brightness of that home are long and dark, the desolation of night has settled around it, the light has gone out, but "Like a star that is lost when the daylight is given, she has faded away to shine brighter in Heaven."

The funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church Monday conducted by Rev. Barnwell, of Statesburg, attended by a large congregation of relatives and friends. The burial took place at the Quaker cemetery.

Marriage.
Married in the Probate office by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell, on Wednesday of this week, Mr. C. M. Marsh and Miss Lella Corbett. The groom resides in the eastern part of Kershaw county and the bride is an attractive young lady of Lee county. The young couple start out in life with the best wishes of many good friends.

Meeting at Mt. Pisgah.
We have been requested to announce that a protracted meeting will begin at Mt. Pisgah church in the upper part of the county on the fourth Sunday in this month at 8 o'clock p. m., and that Rev. M. L. Lawson, of Camden, is expected to assist in the meeting.

Man Killed by Lightning.
Lightning struck a house on the plantation of Mr. L. L. Gulon in the West Watersee section Sunday afternoon, instantly killing Dave Simmons, a negro man. There were five persons in the house at the time. Simmons in company with another man was standing in the door when the flash came, he being killed but the man near him was unhurt. None of the other occupants of the house were injured. The dead man was not a resident of West Watersee, but came from near Cantey Hill to spend the day with his brother.

Suggestion for Clerk of Court.
Publishers Chronicle: Please allow us to suggest the name of Mr. James H. Clyburn, of Lugoff, as a suitable man for Clerk of Court. He has had considerable experience in the conduct of the office during the administration of his uncle, Capt. Wm. Clyburn, who so ably filled this office for a number of years. We trust Mr. Clyburn will consent to be a candidate. Let us hear from you Mr. Clyburn. Friends.

Protracted Meeting.
The protracted meeting will commence at Swift Creek church Sunday, July 14th, at 4 p. m., and will continue for one week. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

MR. HOUGH WITHDRAWS.

Popular Clerk of Court Will Retire After Present Term.

In a card addressed to the Democratic voters of Kershaw county, Mr. Isaac C. Hough announces his intention to retire from the office of Clerk of Court, at the end of his present term which expires in January of next year. The following is his card:

"Since announcing myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court, I have decided to retire from office at the expiration of my present term. Accept my hearty thanks for the favors so generously bestowed upon me and for many assurances of continued support."

To say that this announcement will be received by the people of Kershaw county with regret does not fully express the situation, for we believe the feeling is more akin to sorrow than that of regret.

Thoroughly competent to fill the office, ever courteous, polite and accommodating, and a thorough gentleman with it all, Ike Hough has endeared himself to every one who has had business in the Clerk's office during his administration, and no wonder that he would have been unopposed for re-election this year as he was four years ago when he was elected without opposition. In his retirement from the office Kershaw county loses one of its very best officials.

Mr. Hough has not announced his plans for the future, but whatever they may be he will carry with him the very best wishes of every citizen of Kershaw county.

Mr. Hough's retirement has caused a great deal of speculation as to who will be his successor. Many names have been mentioned as probable candidates but only three have formally announced—Mr. R. B. Williams, who first announced as a candidate for county auditor, has withdrawn from the race for that office and is the first to announce for Clerk. Mr. P. T. Bruce, of the Beulah section of the county, and Mr. W. C. Salmood, of Camden, are the other candidates.

Another Nobleman at Rest.
The sad news of the death of Col. Ralph Nesbit reached here at 10:30 on Saturday morning, and expressions of profound sorrow and regret fell from the lips of his many friends in Georgetown. Col. Nesbit, for several months, had been ailing, but no one dreamed of any serious condition until about one week ago, and while his condition seemed critical for a day or two, yet on Thursday and Friday improvement was so marked that his family and physician were hopeful that he would soon be himself again.

A change came on, however, on Saturday morning and so rapidly did he fall, that at 10 o'clock he passed to the great beyond. Col. Nesbit was 73 years old, and spent his entire life on Waccamaw, and was the last of the old time rice planters left in this community. He was one of the few successful planters of this county and many years ago established a brand of seed rice for which there was large demand from all of the rice growing sections.

He served gallantly in the Confederate army and reached the rank of colonel and was one of Georgetown's noble sons who could always be depended on to uphold the honor of South Carolina.

He married Miss Cora Jordan, and three children were born to them—Ralph, Jr., Valentine J., and Mrs. Emily Shannon, all of them surviving him.

Col. Nesbit was a man of quiet, inoffensive nature, but one of the most superb characters of his time. He lived entirely by the golden rule and his multitude of benefactors were known only to himself and the recipient. Generous to a fault, he was always doing something to make others happy and comfortable.

Being a man of exceptionally fine judgment, he always counselled wisely when appealed to, and hence his advice was often sought for in both public and private matters. He was true to his God, true to himself and true to his fellowmen and his rectitude of life and conduct made it better for the world that he had lived.

Georgetown has produced many true and noble men, men who have been an honor not only to their county but to their State and country; men whose nobility of character have marked them as perfect types, and now to the long list of these, is to be added the name of Col. Ralph Nesbit, who will also be remembered by his friends with a loving and profound admiration.

He was laid to rest in the family lot at All Saints parish churchyard on Sunday. The esteem in which Col. Nesbit was held was attested by the large number of both white and colored people who attended the funeral from far and near.—Georgetown Times.

A Suggestion.
Believing that Mr. Henry T. Johnson would make a suitable man to represent Kershaw county in the state legislature, we suggest his name as a candidate and hope he will consent to make the race. Friends.

NEW SCHEDULE

Important Changes Went Into Effect on Seaboard Sunday.

The Seaboard Air Line announces important changes in their schedule effective Sunday night, 12:01, July 8, 1912, as follows:
No. 66 from Columbia arrives at 6:47 a. m. No change.
No. 58 from Columbia, formerly arrived at 7:59 p. m., now arrives Camden at 5:18 p. m.

No. 84 from Columbia, formerly arrived 10:52 p. m., now arrives at 7:25 p. m.
No. 57 from Hamlet, formerly arrived 10:05 a. m., now arrives at 10:20 a. m.

No. 81 from Hamlet, formerly arrived at 4:50 a. m., now arrives at 11:15 a. m.
No. 43 from Hamlet, formerly arrived at 11:40 p. m., now arrives at 11:35 p. m.

No. 57 from Hamlet and 58 from Columbia making connection with the South Carolina Western Railway at McBee for Hartsville, Darlington and Florence; at Kollocks for Bennettsville; and at Hamlet for Wilmington, Rockingham, Monroe and Charlotte.

Miss Wille Watkins is visiting in Cheraw.
Miss Elizabeth Carrison is at Wrightsville Beach.
Mrs. H. G. Carrison has returned from Pawley's Island.

Miss Ada Phelps is visiting friends in Georgetown.
Miss Phyllis Hickson, of Cheraw, is visiting Miss Hallie Carrison.
Miss Ethel Persley, of Rock Hill, is visiting friends in the county.
Miss Hilda Dawes left last Tuesday for a visit to friends in Cheraw.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Salmood, of Columbia, spent Saturday and Sunday here.
Mr. David Perkins, of Darlington, spent several days here during the past week.

Mrs. Helen Jones is on a visit to relatives and friends at Meridian, Mississippi.
Miss Tillie Gelsenheimer is at Hendersonville where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg and children are among the visitors at Sullivan's Island.
Miss Lois Williams and Master Claud Williams are spending a week in Charleston.

Miss Lucile Lewis has returned from a visit to friends in Athens and Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. E. S. Nettles, a former Camden boy, now of Jacksonville, was in town this week.

Mrs. H. L. Watkins and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Durham, N. C.
Misses Virginia and Minnie Craig Taylor left Tuesday to attend a house party in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Zemp and family have gone to Wrightsville Beach for a month's stay.
Misses Nina and Charlotte Jones, of Lancaster, were the guests for the week-end of Miss Francis Boykin.

Mrs. J. T. Hay and daughters, Misses Jolie and Adelle Hay, of Boykin, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hay.
Miss Pearl Cowart, who has been visiting the Misses Rabon in West Watersee, returned to her home at Bennettsville Monday.

Miss Nancy Lindsay and Master Nettles Lindsay have returned from a two weeks visit to relatives in Rock Hill and Chester.
Mrs. W. M. Hinson, of North Carolina, and Mrs. C. L. Watkins, of Newberry, are visiting Mrs. E. M. Hendrix on LaFayette avenue.

Prof. Henry Strohecker has returned to Charleston, after a stay of ten days in Camden, where he was with the Boy Scouts in camp.
Congressman D. E. Finley was in Camden last Friday shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Finley has many friends in this section who are always glad to see him.

Rev. M. L. Lawson leaves tomorrow for Bamberg county for a visit to friends and to assist Rev. E. A. McDowell in a protracted meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Griffin, who have been making their home at the Central Hotel, will in the future be at the home of Mrs. E. D. Boykin.

We were shown this week several fine specimens of "wonder" grass grown by Mr. Corbett Moseley on his farm near Westville. It is said this grass makes ideal foodstuff for stock.
Mr. G. H. Baum returned this week from a three week's stay in New York. Mr. Baum says the people there are enthusiastic over the prospects of the election of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

Miss Etta Watts, of Camden, who is spending a few weeks with her brother, Mr. C. E. Watts, is quite sick with typhoid fever. She is being attended by her sister, Mrs. Hucksbee, of Camden.—Palmetto Journal.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS PUT IN CONDENSED FORM

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST SECURED BY OUR REPORTERS.

THIS IS THE GUY WHO PATRONIZED THE MAIL ORDER ESTABLISHMENTS



SEE THERE'S CLAS TO THIS OUT MY! I DON'T SEE HOW THAT MAIL ORDER COULD BE SO SURE TO SELL A SUIT LIKE THIS FOR 10 BUCKS.

TOO BAD I HAD TO TAKE KITTY WALK IN THIS AFTERNOON.

ONLY 10 BUCKS! AN' THEY SAID IT WAS 'PRE-SHRUNK' AN' ALL WOOL! (I'M SURE STRONG FOR THESE MAIL ORDER HOUSES)

I KNEW KITTY WOUL BE ABLE TO RESIST ME IN THESE DUDS AN' I CAN MAKE A SHOWIN' WITH THE COIN I SAVED BY SENDING AWAY FOR THE SUIT.

GREETINGS KITTY!

HERE AFTER ALL BUY IT AT HOME!!