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BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, Jan. 3.—Miss Stella Bethune was hostess at a six o'clock dinner complimentary to the college girls who were at home for the holidays. Later in the evening they were joined by the young men of town in progressive games. The prize, a box of candy, went to Mr. Leslie Best for scoring highest, while the booby was awarded to Miss Carrie Yarborough. Late in the evening a sweet course was served.

Mrs. J. D. Lafitte has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Cleckley, in Orangeburg.

Mrs. B. L. Norwood and children, of McBee, spent Thursday with her father, Mr. N. A. Bethune.

Mrs. W. M. Stevens has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. A. Micklejohn, in Cheraw.

John Stevens Davidson, of Camden, spent several days with his uncle, Mr. W. M. Stevens last week.

At a stockholders meeting of the Bank of Bethune last Monday the following officers were elected: President, A. B. McLaurin; Vice President, D. T. Yarborough; Cashier, G. B. McKinnon.

The little child of Mr. Sam Munn, living above Bethune, died Friday after an illness of only twenty-four hours. Death was due to flu and membranous croup.

Mrs. D. M. Mays and children are visiting relatives in Kingstree.

Mr. George Kelly left Monday for Atlanta where he will take a course in pharmacy.

Mrs. A. W. Humphries has returned from her home at Mt. Carmel. Her father, Mr. Boyd, accompanied her.

Miss Kathleen McCaskill left Tuesday for Martinsville, Va., where she is teaching.

Mr. Harold Murphy, of Spartanburg, spent the week-end with Mayo Davis.

Misses Marguerite Davis, Martha Benn and Kathleen McCaskill were guests at the home of Mr. W. E. Davis, Sr., of Bishopville, last Saturday.

Young Man Dies.

Röchelle McManus, a seventeen-year-old son of Mr. H. B. McManus, who resides about two miles northwest of Camden died on December 23rd, from pneumonia, following influenza. Nearly the entire family was stricken at the same time, and several members were desperately ill for a time, but all are now improving.

Preaching Services at Refuge.

Dr. J. J. Johnson, of Camden, will preach at Refuge Baptist Church, Sunday, January 7th, at 3:00 p. m. All members are requested to be present. Visitors are welcome.

Harrington Yates returned to Philadelphia Tuesday evening, where he is attending a business college.

Half, appears to be taking place in other sections of the Belt. The era of the big plantation seems to have passed, bringing a change which each year makes more apparent. Discouraged over the havoc wrought in their fields by the boll weevil, small farmers and tenants have abandoned their acres. Conditions in both these states have grown appreciably more serious the past two years. A frequent sight in the smaller towns of Georgia is the wagon with its household effects trekking through. What with abnormal vicissitudes of agriculture on the one hand, and the lure of the high wages in industrial centers on the other, farming conditions are not those of fifteen or twenty years ago.

One conclusion seems inevitable. The world must be clothed. If America is no longer equal to the task, other countries will eventually discover the means of filling the gap. Experiments in cotton culture are now being made in South America, Africa and Australia, but thus far without that success necessary to encourage hopes of a supply commensurate with requirements. The South is not likely to surrender its supremacy without a struggle in which every quality of American ingenuity will attempt to overcome these obstacles of nature. The fight now being waged is attracting the attention of the entire Eastern and Western world, for since Adam and Eve left the garden, mankind has not been indifferent to raiment. The year 1923 promises therefore, to be unique in cotton history. Last year reserves of American cotton were drawn down nearly 4 1-2 million bales. The current season promises to deplete them 2 to 2 1-2 million bales more. This makes imperative a yield of 12 1-2 to 13 1-2 million bales, or there will ensue a crisis in the world's cotton industry beyond the ability of the imagination to visualize.

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FARMERS TELL EXPERIENCE.

Three Men Talk of Farming Under Boll Weevil Conditions.

(By J. W. Sanders, county agent, in the Columbia State.)

James Team of Lugoff tells of his experience in farming in 1922, with the following statement:

"For six plows I planted 24 acres of cotton. From this I gathered 35 bales of cotton, or about one and one-fifth bales per acre. The stalks on this land were destroyed early last fall and a liberal amount of fertilizers was applied judiciously before planting; the planting was not done particularly early, but the cotton was rushed off with an application of soda as soon as the cotton was chopped. Squares were picked until late, but no other direct methods of combating the weevils were employed in the growing crop. Continual rapid cultivation was not neglected when weather conditions permitted. Rain, however, was plentiful. In my opinion, a small acreage of cotton per plow, properly managed and well fertilized, with a fair price for the staple, will make it possible to continue cotton farming, if a well balanced 'live at home' policy is adopted and carried out in connection with the regular farm program. A four or six month's farming program will not stand against the changed conditions of today.

J. L. Williams of Camden finds that first of all a limited acreage of cotton per plow is imperative and after that a combination of sane methods of combating the weevil, including early fall destruction of stalks, good seed, early planting, early fighting, using poison—both poisoned sweets and dry calcium arsenate dusted on—proper fertilization, rapid cultivation and a "live at home" program.

Mr. Williams believes in poisoning, because of the positive results which he obtained from its use as compared with a check or untreated plot. On three acres of cotton he applied the molasses-calcium arsenate mixture three times, smearing it on thick and starting early. When the cotton reached considerable size he resorted to dry powdered calcium arsenate, which he applied with a hand gun at the rate of 15 pounds per acre at each application. From this plot he gathered two bales of full inch and a quarter Delta type cotton.

Alongside this plot was six acres of the same type of land planted with seed from the same source as the other plot and treated in every respect the same as the other, with the exception that it received only one application of the poisoned sweet and one of the dry calcium arsenate. From this six acre plot he gathered two bales of cotton, pulling a little shy of one and three-sixteenths staple. The weed was present, but the weevil got the fruit and seemingly caused him to get a shorter staple on this plot than on the three acre plot where the weevil was kept under control.

Mr. Williams' reason for using so large a check plot was that weather conditions made it impossible for him to cover more effectively. Hence his double conviction for a limited acreage of cotton per plow.

S. J. West, living seven miles east of Camden, finds economy and good business methods, together with plenty of determination, to be the essential links in the chain which need strengthening, and accordingly he set about in 1922 to overcome some of the handicaps which overcame him in 1920 while raising a bumper crop. In 1920 Mr. West raised 100 bales of cotton on 130 acres of land and was left in debt. In 1922 he raised 26 bales on 48 acres, made ends meet and had some to spare towards meeting obligations which the 1920 bumper crop failed to care for.

Mr. West says that his efforts to make his farm self-supporting have reaped benefits far more valuable than any "all cotton" program could ever be worth, particularly in the face of conditions as they have existed during the past three years.

Professor Morrison Dead.

Clemson College, Dec. 26.—William Shannon Morrison, professor of history and economics at Clemson college for 30 years, since the institution was established, died suddenly at his home here on Christmas night at midnight of heart failure after an illness of only 20 minutes. Professor Morrison was nearly 70 years of age, having been born in Winnsboro, April 7, 1853, but was still vigorous and active in body and mind and had never lost anything of his effective teaching force.

Mrs. Mary M. MacEwan is here to spend the winter with her sister, Miss Cornelia Mickle.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest as Told By The Era of That Place.

On Thursday afternoon when D. R. Fletcher was going home from the City Filling Station, and while crossing the railroad at the lower end of the cotton platform, his car was struck by the evening northbound train. Mr. Fletcher was knocked out of the car and was caught on the pilot, where he held on until the train was brought to a standstill, when he let himself down on the track between the rails, being unable to walk. The car was turned sidewise and was dragged up the track about fifty yards. Mr. Fletcher did not lose consciousness and his presence of mind in holding on to the front of the engine until it stopped prevented his meeting a tragic death. His left leg was dislocated at the hip and he received two slight wounds about the head. He was placed on a stretcher and carried to his home nearby, and was carried to the Fennell Infirmary at Rock Hill Friday morning, accompanied by Dr. E. C. Brasington and Mrs. Fletcher.

On last Tuesday afternoon while Leonard and Frank Byrd were returning to their home at Jefferson from Kershaw a dog ran out of the yard at the old home place of S. L. Gardner, just below the home of W. C. Adams, and ran after the car. In the effort to avoid running over the dog the car was turned to one side and ran into a ditch and was overturned, throwing Leonard Byrd out and breaking his arm, and pinning Frank Byrd underneath the car. Dr. S. J. Blackmon happened to pass very soon and took Leonard Byrd in his car to Kershaw, where he set the broken limb. The overturned car was righted by others and Frank was released, fortunately escaping with only slight bruises.

R. Reed Williams has a tree in his garden which has two growing apples on it, second crop, which up to this time have not been affected by cold weather.

Prof. Hoyt Cook, who teaches in the Charleston high school, was at home for the holidays and had as his guest, Prof. A. L. Geisenheimer, of Camden, who is also a teacher in the Charleston high school.

Miss Rosa Gaskin, who teaches near Lamar, and Miss Rebecca Gaskin, who teaches at Pendleton, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gaskin, in the Flat Rock section.

Miss Hallie Cauthen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cauthen, of the Hanging Rock community, and Jesse Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Watson, of the Oakridge section, were married last Saturday night at Westville by Rev. W. F. Estridge.

Silver Tea to be Given.

There will be a Silver Tea at the Woman's Exchange given by the Auxiliary on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. All interested will please attend.

Commandery to Meet.

Attention Sir Knights: You are courteously requested to attend a stated convocation of your Commandery to be held Tuesday evening, January 9th, at 8 o'clock, at the Red Cross and Malta degrees will be conferred.

Will Make Canvass Soon.

A committee from the Woman's Hospital Auxiliary will make a canvass of the town within a few days to collect the annual dues of one dollar for each year membership. Those who are already members are earnestly requested to continue so, others who are not, we sincerely hope will take this opportunity to join and regularly attend the meetings for we need and want the co-operation of all the women of the community.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

First Sunday After Epiphany Winter Schedule Begins.

First Mass 6:15 a. m.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Last Mass 11 a. m.
Evening services 8:30 p. m.
Sermon at 6:15 on "Hidden Life."
Sermon at 11 o'clock on "The Three Days Loss."
Sermon in the evening on "Constitution of the Church."
Rev. M. J. Reddin conducts and preaches at all services.
All are cordially invited, both visitors and non-Catholics.

NEWS OF KIRKWOOD SOCIETY

Happenings of Interest Among Our Northern Visitors.

The opening week of the New Year finds Camden's tourist colony here in large numbers, which are daily increasing. The cottage colony is being added to by arrivals at frequent intervals, and soon every house will be open for the winter. One of the latest arrivals is Mrs. Charlotte Wain of Pennsylvania, who came yesterday to the Von Tresckow cottage to remain until the first of April.

Mrs. J. J. Carter and Hugh W. Carter, who have one of the Cook bungalows in the pins, went to Pinehurst for the holidays, returning this week to Camden.

Mrs. Frederick Robinson is another recent arrival among the cottagers.

New Year's Day was favored with marvelous weather, but the rain of the night before had left the ground too heavy for the promised Polo Match. This, however, was played on Tuesday before a most enthusiastic audience on Field No. 2.

The Bluebirds—K. G. Whistler, Terence Preece, Godfrey Preece, Sr., and Godfrey Preece, Jr., played the Rovers, Ralph Little, C. Clyburn, Stephen Robinson and Charlie Little. Result was a score of 5 to 3 in favor of the Bluebirds. A feature of the game was that Miss Martha Ticknor acted as Referee with great ease and skill. Miss Ticknor is a member of the Ladies Polo Team of Camden, and is an accomplished equestrian.

Walter J. Travis, the well known golfer, is spending several weeks at The Kirkwood, playing daily over the Camden Country Club links. So pleased is Mr. Travis with Camden's opportunities for the indulgence of his favorite sport, he has decided to bring his family and spend the winter in Camden.

An interesting guest recently at of The Kirkwood was Mrs. J. R. Wilson of Peking. Mrs. Wilson, with her husband, Professor Wilson, who is engaged in research work in China for Harvard University, has spent several years in the Far East. She is the daughter of Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and with her brother, Howard Elliott, Jr., came South for a fortnight's stay in Camden.

A tea room will soon be opened by Mrs. J. W. Cantey in her charming home below Camden. This will give Camden's winter visitors another objective for an afternoon's drive with the assurance of an excellent cup of tea and the many good things for which our Southern housekeepers are famous. Mrs. Cantey's home is eight miles from Camden over most excellent roads, and will doubtless prove a popular gathering place on pleasant winter afternoons.

This afternoon, Friday, the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will give a Silver Tea at the Woman's Exchange. The hours are four thirty to six o'clock.

Several tea parties have recently been held at the Sarsfield Club House, and among those entertaining were: Mrs. H. G. Marvin, Mrs. James S. Parker, Mrs. W. B. Nesbit and Mrs. B. D. Ticknor.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Todd and Miss Frances Todd left on Tuesday for New York, to remain for a month after which they will be in their Camden home for the rest of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Balfe, of Chicago, has joined Mr. Balfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Balfe, at The Kirkwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Balfe have gone to Pinehurst.

Next week will bring the Convention of New York Life Representatives to Camden. They will make their headquarters at The Kirkwood. A large number is expected, and among them many well known insurance men.

On January 15th the Third Annual Trapshooting Tournament of the Camden Country Club, will be the great event, and for it many shooters have booked accommodations. Fifteen hundred dollars worth of silver trophies have been offered, and will be contested for by famous nimrods of every section of the country. The Tournament will be under the active management of Mowell Hawkins, Jack Fanning, and Haze Apgar, with U. R. Brooks of Columbia and T. Edmund Krumbholz of Camden in an advisory capacity.

Hotel Arrivals.

Court Inn—Dr. and Mrs. J. Dodge Peters, Wendell Peters, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Waters, Kirkville, Mo.; Mrs. M. E. Kernan, Miss Flor-

BOLL WEEVIL EXPERTS COMING

Meetings Planned by Southern Soil Improvement Committee.

It is announced from the headquarters of the Southern Soil Improvement Committee at Atlanta, Ga., that a boll weevil control meeting will be held at Camden, S. C., January 18, at 10:30 a. m., to which all farmers and business men are invited.

The announcement states that a notable array of speakers are engaged for the campaign, which is to be conducted in several counties in South Carolina.

In the list of speakers is J. N. Harper, Director of the Soil Improvement Committee, well known to farmers of South Carolina as former director of the State Experiment Station and as farmers' institute speaker. From his organization will also come C. A. Whittle, well known in South Carolina as a writer and speaker on boll weevil control; and David D. Long, said to be the greatest authority on southern soils in the country.

George E. Maloney, Tallulah, La., associate of B. R. Coad, father of the calcium arsenate method of fighting the boll weevil, will be one of the speakers. Mr. Maloney spoke in South Carolina last year, and wherever he was heard, he made a profound impression with his eloquence and the force of his message.

Dr. A. F. Conradi, State Entomologist, Clemson College, who has met the boll weevil and successfully whipped it on South Carolina soil, will be among the speakers.

Dr. N. E. Winters, Clemson College, well known agricultural speaker and authority, will be among those to be heard.

Dr. A. E. Grantham, of Richmond, Va., agriculturist of a leading fertilizer company, who directed nearly 300 boll weevil control tests throughout the South in 1922, will also be heard. His boll weevil tests are said to be the most comprehensive and conclusive ever conducted in the Southeast.

Other speakers of note who will probably participate are: C. A. Cobb, Editor Southern Ruralist; Dr. R. J. H. DeLoach, a well known cotton authority.

Those mentioned will comprise two groups of speakers who will be heard in several counties of the State. The notable array of authorities who are to be heard will doubtless attract large crowds.

"Uncle" Dick Brown Dead.

"Uncle" Dick Brown, a well known citizen of the Mt. Zion community, died on Thursday night, December 28th, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Brown had been in failing health for several years. He was a Confederate veteran and leaves a wife and two daughters and a large family connection. The funeral and burial took place the following day at Mt. Zion church, services being conducted by Rev. S. B. Hatfield.

ence Kernan, Utica; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Partridge, Brooklyn; Miss Helen Smith, Miss Ellen H. Smith, Reading, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hurlburt, Atlantic City; Mrs. H. B. Sterns, Saranac; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cromer, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Biggers and son, Pelham Manor.

Hobkirk Inn—E. S. Mayo, Boston; Miss Mary Hopkins, Miss Margaret Hopkins, Poughkeepsie; W. Blackworth, M. W. Barrow, G. D. MacIntosh, England; Mr. and Mrs. Anchor, Copenhagen; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Perry, Springfield.

Kirkwood—W. S. Blitz, Dr. and Mrs. W. Gill Wylie, N. Y.; Mrs. John L. Grandin, John L. Grandin, Jr., Richard McC. Grandin, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Balfe, and children, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beardsley, New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hurd, Misses Laura and Helen Hurd, Nutley, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry West, Greenwich, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Birkholz, Mrs. Von Vanskie, Redfield Birkholz, Orange, N. J.; Mrs. J. J. Carter, Hugh W. Carter, Boston.

Camden is pleased to welcome Dr. W. Gill Wylie, of New York, who with Mrs. Wylie is spending a few days at The Kirkwood Hotel. Dr. Wylie is a native of Chester, S. C., locating in early manhood in New York, where he studied under and later practiced with Dr. F. Marion Sims, the distinguished Carolina surgeon. For many years Dr. Wylie stood at the top of his profession in New York, and has an international reputation as a specialist in women's diseases. After a short visit in Camden, Dr. and Mrs. Wylie will go to Columbia and other points in the State before returning North.