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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Clear Pond Cullings.

Clear Pond, Feb. 26.—We are having warm weather now; it seems almost like spring.

The many friends of Mrs. J. B. Folk are glad to know she is at home and is improving.

Mrs. Avis Steedly and children spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Q. H. Sandifer.

Mr. James V. Beard, of Columbia, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. William Hughes.

Mrs. Herbert Folk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Black, of Hilda.

Mrs. Q. H. Sandifer and children spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Folk.

Mr. Earlel Black, of Hilda, spent last Wednesday with friends near Clear Pond.

Messrs. Hoyt Breland, of Ehrhardt, Roy Williams and Eddie Walker, of Colston, and Rice Steedly, of Hunter's Chapel, were visitors in the Clear Pond section Sunday.

Misses Pet and Dorris Folk are visiting relatives near Denmark.

The chicken stew at Crystal Spring on the 22nd was very much enjoyed by the men of the community.

Spring Branch Sayings.

Spring Branch, Feb. 27.—We have had fine weather for the past few days, and we hope it will continue to be good.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Padgett spent last week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sandifer were the guests of Mr. J. P. O'Quinn Sunday.

Mrs. Leila Goodwin returned to her home last Saturday afternoon after spending a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Julia Sandifer, of Bamberg.

Mr. Charlie O'Quinn, of Beaufort county, is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. J. P. O'Quinn.

Mrs. Hattie Hutto, of Bamberg, spent the week-end with Mrs. H. W. Herndon.

Messrs. Jasper and Ben Zeigler, of Ehrhardt, spent Sunday in this section.

Mrs. Wannie Steedly, of Brier Creek section, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. P. O'Quinn.

Mr. Q. H. Sandifer spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bessinger.

Rev. Walter Black spent last Saturday night with Mr. W. R. Bessinger.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smoak were the guests at Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crider's last Sunday.

Miss Bertie Goodwin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. T. J. Crider.

Miss Adrine Goodwin spent Sunday with Miss Dottie Goodwin.

Mr. Henry Pearson, of Bamberg, is spending a few days with Mr. T. J. Crider.

Mr. Charlie Goodwin spent Saturday night with Messrs. Frank and Gehu Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goodwin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elige Goodwin Sunday.

Mrs. Q. H. Sandifer and sister, Mrs. Avis Steedly, attended services at Spring Branch last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. P. O'Quinn spent a few days last week with his brother in Beaufort county.

Miss Inez Zeigler spent Saturday night with Miss Lottie Crider.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutto and family were the guests of Mr. J. P. O'Quinn Sunday afternoon.

The Ladies Missionary society will meet at Spring Branch Sunday afternoon, March 4, immediately after Sunday-school.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, Feb. 27.—We are glad once more to see pretty weather, and from its effects some of the oats are showing signs of life again.

Mr. Clyde Padgett, of Orangeburg, spent Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Padgett.

Mr. Perry Lee McMillan, of Columbia, is at home for a few days.

The friends of Mrs. S. W. Clayton were glad to set her out at preaching Sunday evening for the first time in several months, on account of illness.

Miss Alberta Kearse spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. G. A.

McMillan.

Miss Mamie McMillan, of Bamberg, spent last week-end at home.

Messrs. George Kearse and George Fender spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Padgett.

Miss Sadie Boyd spent last week-end in Olar.

Mr. Jimmie Smoak, of the Spring Branch section, is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Clayton.

Mrs. T. N. Rhoad and children, and Miss Clem Walker, of Bamberg, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in this section.

Misses Sadie Boyd and Ethel Logan spent Tuesday night of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard.

Miss Ethel McMillan, of Bamberg, spent several days last week at home.

Miss Minnie Kirkland spent Saturday night with Miss Mamie McMillan.

Mrs. J. F. Clayton spent Monday night with her son, Mr. H. H. Clayton.

Miss Evelyn Kirkland spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kearse.

Buford Bridge Budget.

Buford Bridge, Feb. 27.—Everybody seems to be enjoying the pretty spring weather.

Mr. and Mrs. William Darlington and Mrs. Sarah Connor, of Allendale, spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. S. E. Neeley very pleasantly.

Mrs. Cooner will be there several days.

Mrs. Joseph Brabham and little son, of Bamberg, spent last week-end at the home of Mr. Charles Brabham.

Mr. Henry Kearse and sister, Cleo, and Miss Bessie Watson, of Bamberg, and Misses Lena Kearse and Debby Robinson, of Olar, spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. J. B. Kearse.

Mrs. Seaward Breland is in Charleston with her sister, Mrs. Max Walker, of Ehrhardt, who is at the hospital.

Rev. Sassard filled his regular appointment at Mizpah last Sunday evening. A large crowd was present.

Last Saturday night the men folks of the community set themselves up to a fish fry down at "Alligator Branch." A large crowd was present—men and children. An abundance of fish was served, both fried and stewed. BOAGUS.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Buford Bridge school, month beginning January 29, ending February 23:

First grade—Jeanette Brabham.

Advanced first—Frank Kirkland.

Second grade—Ione Kirkland, Asbury Kirkland, Jr.

Fourth grade—Wilton Reynolds.

Sixth grade—Eugene Brabham, Inez Kirkland, Doll Brabham, Mell Brabham, Will Kirkland.

RUTH SHULER, Teacher.

Branchville Breezes.

Branchville, Feb. 24.—Mrs. J. B. Henderson left Sunday to spend a week in Northern cities.

Misses Inez and Louise Rushton, of Columbia, spent the week-end with their mother.

Thomas Wright, of the University of South Carolina, spent several days here this week.

Mrs. J. R. Fizer was the guest of Mrs. Bass Saturday.

Charlie White, of Springfield, was a week-end visitor.

Miss DuPre entertained the Young People's club Tuesday evening.

Miss Lucile Wingard is visiting relatives in Springfield, Ga.

Dr. J. S. Wimberly is spending a while at Tulane university.

Miss Myrtle McHonaker was at home from Columbia college for the week-end.

Denmark Dots.

Denmark, Feb. 24.—Mrs. J. P. Carter, of Fairfax, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Onie Brux, of Midville, Ga., who has been the guest of friends here, is spending several days in Columbia, in company with Miss Martha Ray, of Bamberg.

Mrs. G. W. Goolsby is at home after a ten days' stay in Hartsville with her son, H. W. Goolsby.

Mrs. T. P. McCrae spent the week-end in Chester with Miss Marguerite Tolbert.

Miss Doris Goolsby is at home for the week-end, accompanied by Miss Mary Cole, of Georgia.

Oak Grove Greetings.

Oak Grove, Feb. 25.—We have been having some beautiful weather

for the past few days.

Miss Clara Copeland, of Norway, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sease and Mr. E. W. Carter, of Barnwell, motored to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carter's last Friday.

Mr. J. L. Copeland and little granddaughter, Lenora Copeland, spent last Thursday night with his daughter, Mrs. D. M. Smith.

Those who have been on the sick list for the past week are: Mesdames C. C. Smith, J. W. Copeland and Master Lewis Copeland. We are very glad to say that they are improving.

Miss Grace Hoffman spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Hayden, at Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Copeland and Miss Lonie Copeland spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland.

Miss Julia Clayton spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carter and family.

Mrs. Joe Fender spent last Thursday with Mrs. L. W. Copeland.

Mrs. George McKenzie is spending some time with her mother at Ashpoo.

Messrs. J. W. Copeland and J. W. Copeland, Jr., Misses Mamie and Clara Copeland, and Jennie Lou Martin motored to Denmark last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. A. Carter and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter last Sunday.

St. John's Jottings.

St. John's, Feb. 26.—We are having some very pleasant weather now. If it continues for a while some of the farmers will soon begin planting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bishop were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hiers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hiers and family visited at the home of Mr. A. H. Sease Sunday.

Misses Alma and Elena Kinard spent Saturday night with Misses Myrtle and Clara Mae Sease.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kinard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fender Sunday.

Mr. Willie Brown and family visited at the home of Mr. J. E. Lyons Sunday.

Messrs. Albert Bishop and Ernest Folk spent Sunday with Mr. D. A. Sease.

Misses Edna Bshop and Dora Lee Folk and Mr. Bennie Folk were the guests of Miss Edith Hiers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kinard visited at the home of Mr. M. A. Kinard Sunday.

Miss Minnie and Mr. Clyde Bishop spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bishop.

Little Misses Annie Laurie and Lois Clayton spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bishop.

To Improve Cope's Health.

Cope, Feb. 23.—The rural sanitation department of Orangeburg county, with Dr. Vance W. Brabham as field director, working in connection with the State board of health, have their agents, Messrs. Cain and Cauthen, now stationed at Cope, and working the town and school district forty-six, with a view of bettering the sanitary conditions, and thus preventing diseases, such as typhoid, tuberculosis, dysentery, etc., which are spread by the common housefly, and also getting the people to stamp out the dreaded malaria by every one who has been troubled with chills and fever within the past five years to take certain amounts of quinine, according to age during the next few months, thus ridding themselves of malaria, and preventing its spread to others.

It is claimed by those working along these lines that one fly swatted now before the spring laying and hatching of eggs will be equivalent to having to swat a million by August next.

Town council and the majority of the inhabitants are heartily in favor of the movement, and with the cooperation of everybody, by installing sanitary closets and periodical cleaning of horse and cow stables, and premises generally, we will not only be a healthier town, community or county, but will also be better off physically and financially. Let everybody get busy, clean up premises, swat the fly, eradicate the malaria and then we can all look with pleasure and gratitude upon the good results not only to ourselves, but to our neighbors as well.

The comparative mortality of different occupations shows that clergy and farm laborers have the lowest death rate.

VETOES GAME WARDEN ACT.

Act of Governor May Mean Richardson Will Be Ousted.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—Something broke loose today in the senate when Governor Manning sent in his veto message on the game warden act. The act as submitted to the governor provides that the chief game warden shall be elected in the general election, but the rub came in the clause that incumbent chief game warden, Mr. Richardson, shall retain the office until the election in 1918. Governor Manning has announced that he will not reappoint Mr. Richardson. The act came back to the senate body with a veto and message that was decidedly out of the usual hum-drum. In returning the act with his veto here is what Governor Manning had to say:

State of South Carolina—Executive Chamber—Columbia, Feb. 21, 1917.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the senate.

I return herewith without my approval S. B. 179, H. B. 766, "An act to amend sections 747 and 748 Criminal Code of 1912, relating to the appointment and duties of the chief game warden."

When it was requested that the legislature relieve the Audubon society of the duty of recommending the chief game warden, it was my hope that friction and ill-feeling would be avoided by submitting the proposition for your consideration on the grounds of public policy rather than the particular facts relating to the actions of the present incumbent, and to the part of the Audubon society in recommending him. The grounds of public policy, to my mind, were compelling. The time has passed when a private society, subject to private interests and private motives, should be instructed with a public function in naming a State officer; but in view of your passage of this bill, I feel it my duty to lay before you specific facts.

I have information that before the incumbent, Mr. A. A. Richardson, was recommended for reappointment by the society, he or his friends brought about the admission of about fifty new members of the society, and through them was able to direct its action. This regrettable incident reveals much to be criticized; and besides this, the passage of this bill would legislate into office as chief game warden Mr. A. A. Richardson by means of the boldest lobby that this legislature has ever been subjected to. The chief game warden now has great power in appointing and paying his deputies; directing their important activities and determining the expenses of his office. Even these great powers have been exceeded. From many sources, by letters and by word of mouth, I have received complaints that Mr. Richardson's deputies, with his approval, have made illegal collections of money; that they have held up presumed violators of the game laws, in the field, and demanded cash payments of fines, without process provided by law.

About thirty thousand dollars was collected by this department during the year 1916, and about six thousand dollars has gone to the public schools, as shown by the report of the assistant bank examiner. The balance of this fund collected has been expended by Mr. Richardson in the expenses of the deputies he appointed, and in the administration of his office. Mr. Richardson's traveling expenses have exceeded the amount prescribed by law. That limit is one thousand dollars. He has spent on this item alone \$1,264.56 plus mileage books, \$120; incidentals, \$184; automobile and boat hire, \$1,598.41. This alone would show the necessity for restricting and safeguarding the expenditures of this department, and requiring a compliance with the law.

The effect of your bill would be to continue the beneficiary of this system in office beyond all restrictions and safeguards, till after the election of 1918.

I do not withhold my approval because the bill provides for popular election, though I believe a better plan would be to put this office under the control of the fish and game commission. The conduct of the office of game warden under Mr. Richardson, and the bold lobby for this legislation, forced me to the conclusion that the election at the remote date specified, was simply proposed as a screen to blind you to the sinister aspects of a deplorable situation. The principle and practice of legislating any man into office should be avoided as a dangerous one, as also would be the practice of legislating any man out of office. I urge that

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

B. J. Zeigler, a member of the Second South Carolina regiment on the Mexican border at El Paso, died last Saturday of pneumonia. His body was brought to his home at Ellorree for burial.

Brigadier General Ernest Garlington, inspector general of the United States army has been placed on the retired list, he having reached the age limit. General Garlington is a native of South Carolina.

Rosa Wactor, a highly respected young negro school teacher, of Sumter county, committed suicide last Saturday by shooting herself with a gun. The motive for the suicide is unexplainable. The woman had been teaching school for a number of years. She owned her own home and had money in the bank.

Hall Murphy, a white man who was a prisoner in the Greenwood county jail, died Monday afternoon from taking an overdose of morphine. It is not known whether he intended to commit suicide or not. He was about 25 years of age and was in jail on the charge of selling liquor. He was a native of Greenwood.

W. T. Norton, as principal, and Anderson Wright and Albert Wright, as accessories, have been charged by a coroner's jury of inquest with the murder of Ed Norton, a white man, whose body was found on a railway track on the outskirts of Clio, Marlboro county, Saturday. The train had run over Norton's body; but despite that, the knife wound which is supposed to have killed him, was plainly in evidence.

The regulation of this department can be taken up at the next session of the legislature, and receive then the calm consideration which its importance demands. Excitement and partisanship should be put aside, and the whole question considered in the light of giving best protection to game, and the wisest and safest regulation with legal enforcement of the laws pertaining to game.

The lobby I have referred to has been apparent to the members of the general assembly. The chief game warden, Mr. Richardson, and his assistant, Mr. Funderburk, have been continually in evidence in this work during this session, and before. I have been informed that Mr. C. H. Glaze, clerk of the judiciary committee of the senate, who is also court stenographer for the First circuit, has been active in this lobby. It has been reported to me that the judiciary committee adopted a resolution requesting the headquarters of this lobby to withdraw from their committee room with its barefaced activities.

These facts reveal a situation which I feel sure will not have your approval or protection, when you know the facts. It is an unpleasant duty to have to bring these facts to your attention, but I believe that the knowledge of these will place upon you the obligation to take such action as will prevent such extravagance in the department and the legislating into office of the present incumbent, and that you will ultimately look to a complete reorganization of this department, which will enforce our laws for the protection of game without extravagance and without waste, and in a manner that will best protect the interests of the people of the State. I have discharged my duty. I leave the responsibility with you. Very respectfully,

RICHARD I. MANNING, Gov.

When the message was received Senators J. F. Williams and Bonham made strong pleas for referring the whole matter to a committee to inquire into the charges and report. Senator Lee insisted that he wanted a full and fair hearing as he was a friend of both the governor and chief game warden. Mr. Evans thought the charges should be investigated.

The chief arguments were made by Senators Bonham, of Anderson, and Williams, of Aiken, they felt that sustaining the veto would do great injustice to Mr. Richardson and that an ex parte statement had been presented the senate.

Those who expected to vote to sustain the veto said nothing.

Mr. Evans wanted the message printed.

Mr. Nicholson stepped into the

COTTON EXPORTS.

No Surplus of Staple if Only Seas are Kept Open.

According to the returns of the New York cotton exchange, exports of cotton from the United States between August 1, 1916, and February 16, of this year, amounted to 3,911,579 bales. This period is a little more than half of the season. In the same period of last year the exports were 3,291,303 bales. The total shipments in the season of 1915-16 were 6,051,026 bales, or approximately half of the crop. The present figures would indicate a continuance of that proportion this year.

Refusal of the imperial consent to use his ocean may have a deterrent effect, but that seems more of a possibility than a probability. In the last week of January shipments to European ports were only 85,000 bales. The blockade of our ports may account for the further reduction to 77,000 bales in the following week, which ended February 9, but another week's experience showed that "frightfulness" was not frightening so much as expected, for the exports to those same ports were 93,582 bales. As insurance rates are declining, it can be assumed that the chief obstacle to the movement of cotton is the same as last season—urgent demand of shipping for food and war supplies.

That Great Britain, France, and Italy will get what cotton they need this season seems probable. Thus far they have been taking it faster than a year ago. In fact, Great Britain and France have taken 20 per cent. more this season than last. Their ability to continue is the hope of the planters and holders of cotton, for they are large customers, and, deprived of these markets, cotton would necessarily decline.

That there is not a surplus of cotton, provided the freedom of the seas is not to be extended to subsea operations, admits no doubt. Crop and surplus amounted to about 15,600,000 bales. Domestic consumption last year was 7,278,529, of which all but about 300,000 bales were American growth. To this must be added over 500,000 bales used in the manufacture of explosives, and the uncertain amount for soluble cotton, and we have at least 7,500,000 bales of American cotton as a safe minimum of last year's consumption.

In the first six months of this season consumption has run ahead of last year. But if the amount used is no more than last year, and a reasonable reserve is kept back, the surplus for export would not be far from last year's figure. With a reduction in foreign mill stocks, this would seem Europe's minimum, and points to a market for all the cotton we have left for export.—Wall Street Journal.

situation and suggested adjourning debate on the whole matter until 4 o'clock. This was agreed to. If no action is taken by the senate on the veto message the understanding is that the act ratified at this session is not effective and the game warden law previously existing holds and this provides for suggestions by the Audubon society to the governor as to who shall be appointed chief game warden. The situation was quite tense but nothing harsh was said in the discussion today on the veto message.

When the senate met at 4 o'clock, Senator Williams, of Aiken, resumed his appeal to adjourn debate on the game warden veto. Senator Christensen explained that he was ready to vote to sustain the veto, but if desired he would be willing to see the debate adjourned. Senator Banks hoped that the debate would be adjourned, but when the time came he would vote to sustain the veto, because he thought the Audubon society recommendation plan was wrong. There was some little conferring and it was decided by adjourning debate on the consideration of the veto message until the first day of the next session that every purpose would be served; so the veto message was not further considered.

By adjourning debate on the consideration of the veto message the new act will not be considered until next January. The term of the present chief game warden expires March 7, 1917, and his reappointment will be under the present law, which was in force six months ago and which looked to the recommendation by the Audubon society. The belief is that the matter will find its way into the courts, should the governor insist upon making some other appointment, as he probably will, than that of the incumbent chief game warden, when the term expires.