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## STORES EXPECTED TO BE DECORATED

**Laurens Must have on her Gala Attire when the Young People Take the Town Friday. Everything Expected to be Spick and Span.**

Mr. W. R. McCuen made a personal canvass of the city yesterday and secured the hearty co-operation of the merchants in the movement to have the stores decorated Friday and to have the streets and sidewalks spick and span in honor of the young folks of the county. Every unsightly tin can, bucket, garbage receptacle, paper bag or trash of any kind is to be considered an enemy to the town Friday, and Thursday evening it is expected that all such will be cleared away. Garbage cans are expected to be taken in Friday morning and returned to their places the next day. Lawns are expected to be mowed, hedges trimmed and avenues raked clean. The general cleaning up and decorating of premises is expected to take place from one end of the city to the other, both in the residence and business districts. A large number of visitors will be here not only from within the county but from without and Lau-

rens is expected to put on her best attire to make a favorable impression. **Special Coaches Provided.** Mr. F. J. Nelson has been in communication with the officials of the C., N. & L. and C. & W. C. railroads for several days making provision to accommodate the crowds expected here Friday. The morning train from Columbia, which is scheduled usually to reach here about seven o'clock will be held at Newberry until a later hour in order to make it convenient for people along that line to come to Laurens that morning. The train will pass Kinards at 7:35, Goldville at 7:40 and Clinton at 8:00 o'clock, reaching Laurens about 8:25. Visitors returning will be able to take the usual afternoon trains at 2:07 and 4:40. While there will be no schedule changes, from other directions, extra coaches will be provided on all the trains to take care of the crowds.

## CORNERSTONE LAID AT WARE SHOALS

**Interesting Event is Held in Connection with the Work on the People's Welfare Building.**

Ware Shoals, April 9.—Saturday afternoon, April 5, Ware Shoals held high holiday in honor of a very notable event, the laying of the cornerstone of the new People's Welfare building.

A splendid procession preceded the services consisting of several hundred children all dressed in white, while the Masons, Woodmen and Red Men mustered a fine body of men who presented a beautiful and inspiring sight as the procession wended its way around the handsome square. The lodges were all decorated in their many colored regalia and carried the banners of their different orders.

The master of ceremonies was B. D. Riegel, treasurer of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing company, to whom is due more than any other man the credit for this magnificent building for the good of the people. The prayer of dedication was said by the Rev. J. M. Dallas. The children of the public schools and the Smith Sunshine mission band sang some very appropriate hymns in a very happy manner.

The handsome cornerstone was declared well and truly laid by the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Riegel, who tapped the stone three times with a hammer and laid a bouquet of flowers on it. The institution is to be known as Katherine hall in honor of this dear little child. The orator of the day was R. A. Cooper of Laurens, who delivered an excellent address on the value of education. He pictured the advantages of such an institution to the future welfare of the boys and girls and expressed the hope that the wishes of the founders might be realized and that the building may be a centre of light and happiness to old and young.

The very interesting exercises were brought to a close by the children singing "Divine" and the benediction. In the cornerstone were placed many interesting documents concerning the history of the village and mill since its foundation some years ago.

The new structure is a splendid building three stories high, built of pressed brick with white stone trimmings. In the basement are located the gymnasium, tub and shower baths, boys' play room, and other utilities. On the second floor are located the fine assembly hall, reading room, library and men's amusement rooms. On the third floor will be found a fine hall for the use of the secret orders, all lodges to have equal rights as to its use. On this floor are also to be found utility rooms for the use of the different societies, also a handsome supper room. On the whole the building is one of the best of its kind to be found in any mill village and will be a conspicuous ornament in one of the prettiest and most up-to-date communities in the Piedmont.—The State.

## WITH THE CORRESPONDENTS

**What the People of Laurens County are Doing Worthy of Note—Interesting Items About Those Things Which Affect the Every Day Life of a Sociable People.**

Shiloh, April 14.—The Shiloh pupils are getting ready for the fair, the 18th. Miss Leola Hellams spent the week end with Miss Edna Owens, of Rabun community.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wasson and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wasson spent Sunday with Mrs. R. A. Owens of Rabun. Mr. J. L. Wolf was in Laurens Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mahaffey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hellams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gray spent the week end in this community.

Mr. Brownlee and Simmons of Dials were visiting in Ware Shoals Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. R. Fuller sold a lady in this community a pig at 62 1-2 cents a pound, weighing 4 pounds. If anybody has a pig that can beat that please let it be known.

Dials, April.—The farmers put in some much needed farm work here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Z. Gray, spent Sunday with Mr. Floyd Curry and family.

Mr. J. R. Hellams of Spartanburg, was a welcome visitor here last week.

Misses Ruth Barksdale of Barksdale, and Nell McCall, were the guests of Miss Ruth Curry Saturday night.

Mr. C. F. Brooks returned to Laurens Monday, after a short visit with his mother.

Messrs John Simmons, and Joe Brownlee visited Mr. Joe Simons and family of Poplar Springs Sunday.

Miss Nell McCall had as her guest Sunday, Misses Ruth Curry and Ruth Barksdale.

Mrs. J. S. Brooks spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. D. D. Harris.

Miss Mattie McFadden, left Saturday for her home in Chester, after completing a successful term as teacher.

Miss Cecil Owings of Chicora college, spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Nita Hunter returned to Greenville Monday, where she will resume her studies at Chicora, after spending the week with her parents.

Rev. G. W. Munn filled his regular appointment Sunday morning. His sermon was forceful and to the point.

Rabun April 14.—Believe we're going to haul up some more fire wood as winter is here with us.

The farmers' grain is in a flourishing condition.

Mrs. Emma Roper and little son Bob of Eden section spent Thursday with Mr. T. F. Babb and family.

Miss Leola Hellams of Shiloh section spent Saturday night with Miss Edna Owens.

Mr. Ellie Babb spent last week in Laurens visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Babb were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Owens of Eden section Sunday.

Miss Cora Armstrong spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Brooks Nash of Merna section.

Miss Estelle Babb of Eden section spent last week with Mrs. Stewart Mahon.

The women's missionary society met with Mrs. Brooks Nash Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nesbitt Mahon was in Laurens Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Hillside, April 14.—James M. Suttles, of Dials, was in this community, recently.

Clarence Weathers, of Fork Shoals, was the guest of W. Y. Weathers, Sunday night.

Constable Len Campbell, of Dunklin, accompanied by several other men, came over into Hillside, Sunday night, to capture Henry Young, a negro, charged with selling whiskey. The officers searched over Hillside, and while they were searching, they accidentally met up with two young men, in a body of woods. It was dark and of course the officers did not know whom they were meeting. The two young men had been out "sporting." The officers hailed at one of the boys and asked him "who he was," well—it scared the young man so bad that

he had to think for a long while before he could tell what his name was. It scared him so bad that he forgot it. The above is the testimony of the young man in question. The criminal for whom the officers were searching, was finally captured on the outskirts of Hillside.

W. Y. and F. L. Weathers visited W. H. Suttles, of Dials Sunday.

Robert Thomason, of Babbtown, was in this community, Friday.

Master Frank Tollison, is very sick at this time. Frank has pneumonia. Let us hope that he will soon be well again.

W. Y. Weathers is critically ill at this writing. It is not known from what disease he is suffering.

Ground has been tremendously hard, here. But the steady downpour of rain Friday made the earth rather soft again. Our farmers' are "going in" for potatoes and tomatoes. The writer ventures the assertion that there will be 5,000 bushels of potatoes produced in this locality, and 15,000 cans of tomatoes. That means some extra money besides the usual cotton crop. The tomato and potato crop, alone, of Hillside will represent a production with a value of \$6,375.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Milledge Melton of Dunklin were the guests of Mrs. Alice Tollison, Friday.

Messrs. J. O. and Talmage Sinn of Babbtown were visitors in Hillside, Sunday.

W. V. Tollison has just returned from Greenville, where he has, for the last week, been serving as juror.

Messrs. W. C. and S. C. Weathers of Fork Shoals were the guests of W. Y. Weathers, Saturday night.

James Ridgeway and Earnest Babb of Dunklin and Wares, were in our section, Sunday.

J. Walter Woods and Earl Smith business visitors, from Hillside, in Fountain Inn, Tuesday.

The Greenville County Association will meet with Hillside Baptist Church, the 3rd and 4th of May, or the first Saturday and Sunday. The good folks of Hillside (and the bad ones, too) urgently request your presence. These people up here will endeavor to make your visit a pleasant one. Now just come along and you'll find out who the writer is that hails from the garden spot of the world—Hillside.

Robert Abercrombie and Floyd Weathers were in Dials community, Monday on important business.

C. C. Weathers and sister Alma, were shopping in Fountain Inn, Monday.

Clarence Chapman and sister, Miss Nell, attended preaching services at Fork Shoals, Sunday.

Mrs. Talitha Sumersel is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Nelson, of Fairview.

## AT LAURENS MILL.

**Special Services Being Conducted.**

**Death of an Infant.** Rev. W. M. Whitesides began a special series of services in the Second Baptist church last Sunday. The meetings have been well attended and Mr. Whitesides has made a fine impression with his excellent sermons. The services will continue for some time, there being preaching at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. every day.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Smith sympathize most deeply with them in the loss of their infant daughter. The young one was buried Sunday at the Mill Cemetery, the services being conducted by Mr. D. A. Morgan.

Mr. Will Tinsley has resigned as overseer of carpenter work and accepted a position at Watts. He was succeeded at Laurens mills by Mr. D. A. Morgan.

## Contest Postponed.

The Piedmont Oratorical contest which was to have been held in Greenville Friday night and where Hugh Aiken was to represent the schools of this city, was postponed one week because of the weather conditions. The contest is expected to be held Friday night, the 18th.

## J. C. SHEPARD'S CAR STOLEN IN GREENVILLE

**"Auto Bandits" Take his Ford Machine and Drive it out in the Country Where They Leave it in a Ditch. It Was Later Recovered.**

Mr. J. C. Shepard, who drives an auto-transfer in the city, had his automobile stolen from him while in Greenville Sunday. The machine was later recovered, though considerably the worse for rough treatment. Mr. Shepard intended to return to Laurens Monday evening but he was delayed in Greenville until some repairs could be made on the car. The Greenville Daily News in its Monday Morning edition gave a full account of the incident as follows:

"The pilfering of a touring car in broad daylight yesterday, from the corner of Main and Washington streets gave the members of the police department and the sheriff's office an absorbing mystery for unraveling throughout the whole of the delightful quiet Sunday afternoon. And not until several hours after the mysterious disappearance of the car was any ray of light shed upon the affair. This was when the police picked up off the streets one J. B. Campbell of colored persuasion, who was boasting of his participation in the "joke" and extracted from him a statement that he and four other negroes had taken the automobile and rode in it to a point about two miles below Gantt station, where it turned turtle. There the negroes abandoned the machine and took to the woods. Campbell boarded an incoming train and arrived in the city about four o'clock.

**Looking for the Ringleader.** "According to the police, Campbell is not the ringleader in the affair. They have his name, however, as well as the names of the other members of the party, and it is thought that the whole gang will be bagged within a short while. Campbell is some 20 or 21 years of age, the other members of the party being about the same age.

The touring car, a Ford belonged to a Mr. Shepard of Laurens. Yesterday that gentleman drove to Greenville and stopped his car at the curb near the intersection of Main and Washington street, where he left it while he went to his hotel to write a letter. Returning to the street within a few minutes to take a spin, he found, to his astonishment, that his car had disappeared. And, what was more puzzling, Mr. Shepard could find no one who had seen his car driven away.

**Police on Trail.** "The theft of the car was immediately reported to the police, and at once they took up the search for the missing machine. The sheriff was notified of the matter, and he too instituted a search for the auto "bandits." Both departments worked without results, until the police heard of the boasting of Campbell on the streets after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. An officer got on his trail at once and soon had him rounded up and in the city jail, where he was made to yield up the desired information.

**List of Petit Jurors.** The following is a list of the jurors drawn for the April term of the Court of Common Pleas, which will commence on the 22nd of this month:

Laurens Township—Clyde T. Franks, J. J. Adams, J. W. Hellams, C. C. Busby, E. O. Anderson, E. H. Crews, J. A. Marler, G. S. Klugh, D. M. Senn.

Hunter—W. T. Nabors, T. R. P. Carson, R. L. Bailey, H. D. Rantin, W. L. Lynn, E. W. Ferguson, L. B. Dillard, D. T. Godfrey.

Cross Hill—J. C. Chandler, J. E. Spearman, J. D. Black, J. D. Hill, S. A. Browne, J. W. Koon.

Waterloo—A. C. Phillips, G. T. O'Dell,ohn N. Golden, H. C. Sims.

Youngs—L. W. Hughes, A. G. Edwards, E. W. Patton, W. R. Sloan, Frank Abercrombie, T. J. Cooper.

Jacks—R. B. Glenn, J. H. Bonds, Scuffletown—Geo. H. Blakely.

**Delegates to Grand Lodge.** At a recent meeting of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Messrs. J. A. Roland and Geo. L. Pitts were elected delegates to the Grand Lodge which meets in Aiken May 27th. Messrs. Thos. Downey and J. F. Tolbert were elected as alternates.

## ALL IN READINESS FOR SCHOOL FAIR

**Court House and School Building are being Decorated**

## JUDGES SELECTED FOR THE CONTESTS

**With the Near Approach of the Day for Holding the County School Fair, Plans are about Completed for the Entertainment of the Guests.**

Everything is now in readiness for the county school fair Friday. The court room has been a scene of activity several days while being decorated and otherwise arranged for the exhibits. Several schools have already sent in their displays and many more are expected today and tomorrow.

There is not much preparation to be made at the school house where the literary contest and elementary athletic events are to be held, but by Friday morning what is to be attended to there will have been done.

The athletic field on West Main street, next to the home of Mr. D. H. Counts, has been given rather severe treatment by the recent rains, but by Friday it is thought that the surface will be dry and hard. Fleming Brothers has offered a silver loving cup to the school making the largest total score in these events.

Supt. Pitts has announced that the street parade will begin at 1:30 o'clock instead of 1 o'clock in the afternoon as before announced. Following the parade the athletic contests will take place.

**Oratorical Contest.** Beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, the high school oratorical contest will be held at the graded school auditorium. The judges for the contest will be Rev. J. B. Green of Greenwood, Dr. A. N. Young, of the Presbyterian college at Clinton, and Prof. R. C. Burts of Greenville.

The speakers and their subjects are as follows:

Aaron Cannon, Gray Court-Owings—The Character of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Yates Waldrop, Lanford—Sam Davis, the Scout.

John Holland Hunter, Clinton—The Black Horse and his Rider.

Eugene Mitchell, Mountville—The Confederate Girl Wife.

Dowey Nelson, Cross Hill—Death of Lafayette.

Randolph Little, Laurens—The New South.

Elbert Freeman, Princeton—Horatio at the Bridge.

Robert Barnett, Trinity-Ridge—The Murder of White.

A gold medal will be awarded the young orator who succeeds in winning first place in the contest. A silver medal will be awarded to the second honor man.

**DIES FROM WOUNDS.** As a Result of a Difficulty in Lower Part of the County in March, Be Sullivan Died Saturday Night.

Be Sullivan, colored, died at his home in the Hopewell section of the county Saturday night as a result of blood poisoning caused by a wound inflicted by Lumus Gilder on March 22nd, according to the testimony introduced at the inquest held over the negro's body at his home Sunday morning by Coroner Hairston. Lumus Gilder fled the country soon after the difficulty took place and his brother, Geo. Gilder, left for parts unknown as soon as she heard of the serious condition of Be Sullivan. It is charged that George Gilder held Be Sullivan while Lumus Gilder did the shooting.

The difficulty came about following a dispute over a dog. The dispute was renewed in a patch of woods belonging to Mr. Jesse Young where a game of "skin" was in progress. The negroes met here and in the difficulty that followed Geo. Gilder held Be Sullivan while Lumus Gilder shot him, so the testimony went. Be Sullivan did not appear to be severely injured at the time but blood poisoning set in later and Saturday morning he died, leaving an anti-mortum statement in accord with the facts set out above.