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FARM CONDITIONS DISCUSSED SATURDAY

Hon. W. C. Irby and Rev. Guignard Made Addresses.

CROP ROTATION STRONGLY URGED

Acting Under the Call of the Governor for a "Fertilizer and Economy Day", a Large Number of Farmers Assembled in the Court House Saturday

About one hundred farmers and others attended the "Fertilizer and Economy Day" meeting in the court house Saturday morning, addresses being made by Hon. W. C. Irby, Jr., and Rev. Sanders Guignard. An air of cheerfulness as to the future pervaded the meeting and for once this year the cry of "hard times" was not heard. It is not to be supposed, however, that the assembled farmers were oblivious of stringent financial conditions, because doubtless all of them had been made to feel the touch of financial losses, but no note of complaint was sounded during the entire day. The business on hand, as they seemed to see it, was to take a step forward and for the time being to allow the troubles of the past and present to take care of themselves.

Curtailment of the cotton acreage was not discussed at any length, though it was apparent from scattering remarks that much grain had been and would be planted instead of cotton. The paramount question in the mind of the farmers, as gathered from the informal discussion, was as to the amount of fertilizers to be used per acre upon the coming crop. While there was no disparagement of the benefit of commercial fertilization, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the amount of commercial fertilizers to be used per acre would be reduced from last year because of the scarcity of funds and the increased prices.

Crop rotation formed a favorite theme throughout the meeting, an instructive talk being made on this subject by Mr. W. P. Harris, of Youngs township, one of the most successful farmers in the state. Mr. Harris made several significant statements, one of which was that successful rotation of crops could not be accomplished under the prevailing system of share cropping. Mr. Harris stated that he followed this system until about thirty years ago, when he changed entirely by substituting a partial cash payment plan. The year following the change, he said, he planted half of his acreage in cotton and half in grain and cleared \$4,000 on a five horse farm. Since that time, he said, he had never lost but a few hundred dollars on his vast farms, varying in size from ten to thirty plows. Urging the planting of cover crops for the winter months, he asked that every farmer in the county try a cover crop on two acres per plow at least. He advised that they secure from the U. S. Department of Agriculture enough "formalin" to inoculate two acres of ground per plow and plant this ground in peas, followed in September by oats or some other grain. The "formalin" is furnished by the Department of Agriculture free of charge and can be secured by writing to the department or to a congressman.

The address by Hon. W. C. Irby, Jr., on "Fertilizers", and that of Rev. Sanders R. Guignard, on "Economy", contained many valuable suggestions and thoughts. Mr. Irby dwelt largely on the work being done by Clemson college and urged the farmers to take advantage of the institution's willingness and desire to help in bringing about a better system of agriculture in this state. He pointed out the fact that large sums were being spent yearly at Clemson in the interest of the farmers and that the farmers must seek advice there in order to get the benefit of this information. Pointing out the losses that are liable to come about and do come about through lack of knowledge as to the proper kinds of fertilizers to be used on different lands, he urged that samples of soil be sent to Clemson for analysis. If this were done, he said, the Clemson chemists would advise as to the proper fertilizers to be used. The ben-

DEBATE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Messrs Sullivan, Fewell, Parkinson and Wilson will Meet in Laurens School Auditorium.

On March 12th, the Laurens Graded School auditorium will be the scene of a spectacular debate on the terrible question of "Woman Suffrage". The objects of the debate are twofold. First, to settle the question for our congressmen and senators once and for all. Second, to settle some accounts that have been contracted in the interest of school improvement in this county. Supt. of Education James H. Sullivan and Supt. B. L. Parkinson of the Laurens schools will look after the interests of the men in this debate and Supt. Ralph Wilson, of Gray Court-Owings Institute and Supt. John Fewell of the Watts Mill school will speak in favor of allowing the weaker sex to vote for the handsomest and cutest candidate. The final arrangements, which means the price of admission, have not yet been settled but due notice will be given the public.

DEATH OF LITTLE BOY.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson Passed Away Last Sunday.

Little Louis Ray Anderson the two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson died at the home of his parents last Sunday. The little fellow had been sick some time with diphtheria. He was a bright attractive boy and the parents have the deepest sympathy of their many friends over the city and county. The funeral services were held at the city cemetery Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. M. L. Lawson and Rev. C. H. Rankin.

Effect of this free advice is realized more after the soil has been analyzed, as then the farmer is able to see how he has wasted money before by guessing at the formula needed for his particular kind of land. Some fertilizers, he said, which are beneficial to one kind of soil will not help another kind and may even injure the prospects on another kind. The important thing is to know what particular fertilizer should be applied to each particular soil. Referring to a recent bulletin issued from Clemson college, Mr. Irby went into a discussion of the chemical action of different fertilizers on different soils and the subsequent effect upon the crops planted thereon. He closed by urging that the farmers write to Clemson college for this bulletin, entitled "The Use of Fertilizers under Present Conditions."

Rev. Guignard, speaking in a very optimistic vein, pointed out that the country was in no danger of starvation or ruin. Pointing over the court room at the assembled farmers, he remarked upon their substantial appearance and reminded them that though their principal crop had been marketed at a loss, yet they had raised other things which provided sustenance for themselves and families. Therefore, though there was a need for economy, there was no reason why they should lose heart. What was needed now, he said, was an economy which would prove profitable. It could not be considered economy, he said, not to spend where there was an opportunity for profit. This applied not only in the field of agriculture and business, but in the affairs of education and religion as well. He urged the assembled farmers to support their schools and churches that the minds of their children, the future citizens, would be trained to do profitable work and that their characters would be moulded to make good citizens. He said it was often more economical to spend than not to spend. Rev. Guignard used several apt illustrations to bring out the force of his remarks. He closed by urging the importance of building a new county jail as a companion building to the handsome court house already erected. He said it was not economy to defer erecting this building any longer as the condition of the building was intolerable.

After the addresses by Mr. Irby and Rev. Guignard, the meeting was thrown open for free discussion, a number of the audience joining in, among them being Mr. W. P. Harris and Mr. W. Carl Wharton. Mr. John D. W. Watts presided over the meeting and Mr. C. B. Bobo made the opening prayer.

SCHOOL FAIR BULLETIN

During the meeting last Saturday of the County Teachers Association the final arrangements for the nineteenth County School Fair were made. It was decided to hold the fair this year on Friday, April 9th. Supt. Sullivan, in his address last Saturday to the teachers, pointed out to them the immense good to be derived from the school fairs and stressed the necessity of beginning preparations at once. As the date selected is only about six weeks off Mr. Sullivan and the Rural School Supervisor, Miss Wil Lou Gray, have already begun extensive preparations to make this year's fair the most successful so far held. To do this means a lot of hard work for everyone interested as heretofore the school fairs have been immeasurably successful.

The contests for this year, as in the other fairs, have been divided into two sections—athletic contests and literary contests. The athletic contests will be held at the same time as the literary and will take place on the Laurens Graded School grounds. The literary contests will be held in the various rooms of the school.

The rules and regulations governing the contests have been put in booklet form and given to the teachers. The text of the bulletin follows:

To the Teachers and Trustees:

One of the greatest factors in developing a county school system has been the annual school fair, when, once a year, the individual schools meet in friendly competition. It is the desire of the county department of education that every school in the county take part in the exercises. The success of the fair depends on the co-operation of the teachers. See that each school has a representative for every contest. Interest not only pupils and trustees in the undertaking, but everyone.

On March 26th, a public preliminary contest should be held at each school to decide who shall represent the individual school at the County Fair. The program for the County Fair is as follows:

- I—Literary Contest—10 o'clock at Laurens graded school building.
- II—Declamation Contest—10 o'clock Laurens graded school chapel.
- III—Elementary Meet—10 o'clock, Laurens graded school campus.
- IV—Grand Parade—11:30 o'clock.
- V—Awarding of Blue Ribbons—12:30 o'clock, Laurens graded school campus.
- VI—Oath of Allegiance to United States flag—12:45 o'clock, Laurens graded school campus.
- VII—Dinner.
- VIII—Debate—2:30, Laurens graded school chapel.
- IX—High School Athletic Meet—3 o'clock.
- X—Viewing Exhibits—10 a. m. to 3 p. m., court house.
- XI—High School Oratorical Contest—8:30 o'clock, Laurens graded school chapel.

LITERARY CONTESTS.

Preliminary contests must be held on or before March 26. Each teacher must send us by April 2nd, the number of contestants from each school to enter the literary contests. Failure to report will debar any contestant. The visitors to the rooms of the literary contests will be limited to the teachers and contestants. Each contestant will be permitted to invite two other persons. All visitors to the rooms will be admitted by tickets which will be sent to the teachers as soon as their reports are sent in. Each school will be allowed one pupil for each contest.

a Reading—Pupils will bring their regular readers and be examined from them. The teachers should study Mr. Tate's manual carefully and teach pupils according to method suggested.

- 1—First grade.
- 2—Second grade.
- 3—Third and fourth grade pupils in same contest.
- 4—Fifth and sixth grade pupils in same contest.

b Spelling—This contest will be written. Pupils bring pencils. Paper will be furnished. Fifty words will be given. Papers then corrected. Pupils scoring 100 will be given twenty-five more words. Pupils scoring 100 will again be given twenty-five words. All perfect papers will receive a blue ribbon.

1—Third and fourth grade pupils in same contest. Progressive Course in Spelling, Book One.

2—Fifth, sixth and seventh grades in same contest. Progressive Course in Spelling, Book Two.

3—Eighth, ninth and tenth grades in same contest. Payne's Common Words Commonly Misspelled.

c Arithmetic—For regulations see Mr. Tate's Bulletin.

1—Third and fourth grades in same contest. A test paper containing several exercises; one in addition, consisting of seven or eight numbers running up to hundreds; one exercise in multiplication with multipliers of two or three figures; one exercise in short division; one exercise in subtraction.

2—Fifth and sixth grades in same contest. Test paper containing several exercises involving more difficult addition and subtraction, multiplication of decimals, and long division.

3—Seventh and higher grades. Problems taken from Mr. Tate's Farm Arithmetic. Special attention will be given to speed, accuracy, and simple analysis.

d Composition—Themes limited to a page.

1—Third and fourth grades in same contest. Instead of a written composition these pupils will be requested to give an oral reproduction of some story from their readers.

2—Fifth and sixth grades in same contest. Theme on one of the following subjects:

- a—How We could Improve Our Schoolhouse.
- b—What a Child Can Do to Make Home Attractive.
- c—The Housefly and Its Dangers.
- d—Wild Flowers That Grow Around Us.
- e—Uses of Cotton.
- f—My Favorite Historical Character, and Why.
- g—Advantages South Carolina Offers to Immigrants.
- h—The First Thanksgiving.
- i—How Laurens Got Its Name.
- j—Letter Inviting Friend to Visit You.

3—Seventh, eighth and ninth grades in same contest.

- a—The Effect of Legumes on the Soil.
- b—Diversification of Crops.
- c—Effect of Present European War on America.
- d—An Ideal Rural Home.
- e—The Mosquito and Its Dangers.
- f—Progress in South Carolina since the Civil War.
- g—Advantages the Panama Canal Offers the United States.
- h—My Greatest Ambition.
- i—Letter, Making Application to a Firm for a Position.
- j—Duty of Having an Opinion.
- e—History.—The Henry Laurens Chapter of the D. A. R. has offered a beautiful gold medal to the pupil standing the best examination in United States History. This test will be simple and quickly stood. The questions will be taken from the questions given in the January and February Journal.

(Athletic Contests and Declamation Contests to be Published Next Week).

WOODRUFF BONDS SOLD.

Town Will Soon Have Modern Water-Works System.

Woodruff, Feb. 12.—The water-works and sewerage bonds that were voted on last summer were sold Thursday to a broker in Spartanburg. The bonds were well drawn up in every detail, and were passed upon by the State Supreme Court in its session this year. The excavation for the laying of the water mains will be commenced in the early spring.

The contract for the surveying was let to the J. P. McCrory Company, of Atlanta, Ga., and a Mr. Nash is in charge of the work. Mr. Nash is preparing an estimate upon obtaining water from deep wells and from the Enoree River. It is more than likely the council or board of water commissioners will decide upon the river proposition. The distance from Main street to the river is a fraction over two miles. The cost of laying an eight-inch pipe for this distance will be over \$8,000.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those who have left the Family Hearthstone and gone to other States.

Princeton, Feb. 13.—The Princeton graded school baseball team played the Hickory Tavern team here on the local grounds Friday afternoon. The game was hard fought from beginning to end but the score ended 26 to 21 in favor of the home team.

Mr. E. S. Smith has returned from a visit to relatives in Pelzer.

Master Boyce Taylor of Laurens, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Messrs J. E. Allen and John Bolt, of Honea Path, were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Bagwell of Belton, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter M. McCuen and daughter, Mattie Lee, of Honea Path, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCuen.

Messrs. J. H. Maddox and Freeman of Greenville were visitors here Friday.

Mr. R. B. Arnold, Jr., was a business visitor in Honea Path Tuesday.

Waterloo, Feb. 15.—One of the most enjoyable events of the week was a reception given by Mrs. I. P. Moore on Friday afternoon from four to six in honor of Miss Lois Atkinson of Latta, S. C., who was visiting her sister, a teacher in the Waterloo graded school. The guests were met at the door by Misses Lula Moore, Mattie McFadden and Martie Atkinson, who ushered them into the parlor where they were presented to the hostess and guest of honor. The parlor was made attractive with ferns. A very amusing and interesting contest was engaged in. Each guest was given a bag containing ten hearts, and told these were three words they could not use, and if they were caught using them, had to forfeit a heart.

After half an hour of merriment the hearts were counted; Miss Lois Atkinson winning the prize, a daintily embroidered handkerchief, the booty, a bottle of ketchup was won by Mrs. Re: Lanford. After several songs by Miss Lois Atkinson, the guests were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

The dining room was tastefully decorated, the color scheme, pink and white was carried out effectively. While the guests were being served Misses Lula Moore and Ethel Culbertson rendered several selections on the piano.

Miss Lois Atkinson was also guest of honor Friday evening when a reception was given the younger set by Miss Lula Moore. Progressive conversation, game of Herts and other contests were enjoyed and the time came too soon for the young people to bid farewell to their hostess.

Mrs. F. C. Smith entertained the teachers of the graded school Wednesday evening.

Misses Lyl Culbertson, Mary Martin and Messrs Edd Adams, Clyde Hipp and Fred Fuller of Mountville, were visiting friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Golding spent the week-end in Greenwood with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garrett spent Sunday in Barksdale.

Mr. Harvin, of Augusta, Ga., is visiting her father, Mr. W. L. Lowe.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Fennell spent Thursday in Laurens.

Mrs. E. L. Moore, Misses Mattie McFadden, Lula Moore, Martie and Lois Atkinson were visitors in Laurens Saturday.

Cold Point, Feb. 15.—Most of the farmers finished picking their cotton during the past pretty week.

Mrs. Della Cunningham is the guest this week of her daughter, Mrs. Larry Martin of Spartanburg.

Mrs. Fannie Riddle and children of Greenwood spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Guy E. Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Teague of Lis-

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BABB RE-ELECTED IN MAYORALTY RACE

Defeated Opponent by a Large Majority

SECOND RACE IN WARD THREE

Gasque, Sexton, Switzer, Franks and Adams Elected Aldermen on First Ballot, Adams and Hellams Will Run Over in Ward Three.

C. M. Babb, mayor of the city since 1907 cinched the office for two more years yesterday by defeating his only opponent, Alison Lee, by a majority of 120 to 178. The official count showed that the present incumbent had a majority in every ward, getting away with 166 out of 183 in the Laurens Mill ward. The following is the vote as tabulated by the managers:

	Babb	Lee
Ward 1	41	21
Ward 2	32	25
Ward 3	166	17
Ward 4	51	27
Ward 5	90	55
Ward 6	33	30

The Aldermanic Race.
In the aldermanic race the following are the figures:

Ward	Alison Lee	C. H. Gasque	C. R. Moseley
Ward 1		35	27
Ward 2		18	39
Ward 3		47	30
Ward 4		35	42
Ward 5		82	63
Ward 6		33	30

The new aldermen therefore are C. H. Gasque, S. B. Sexton, J. J. Adams, R. G. Franks and T. C. Switzer. Mr. Switzer is the only alderman holding over. In Ward 3, Messrs Hellams and Adams will have to run over.

Altercation at Laurens Mill.
Alison Lee, candidate for mayor, was assaulted by Policeman Powers at the Laurens Mill box in the early part of the day. Mr. Lee went over to the voting place at the mill when the boxes were opened and filed a list of voters whom he wished challenged, some of whom had moved to the mill village when the Enoree Mill closed down in the fall and whose length of residence in the city was in question. Several of those present resented the challenges as an intimation that there had been crookedness in the enrollment. Mr. Lee assured them that he was not charging willful padding of the rolls, but that he desired the names challenged so that their right to vote might be passed on by the executive committee. Seeing the unreasonable frame of mind of the crowd, Mr. Lee had left the room and was standing on the ground making a notation in a book when he was struck on the head from the side by the policeman. After the first lick the policeman continued the attack aided by his brother, but assistance was rendered by several present and the affair was ended, Mr. Lee leaving on his horse. Immediately after the attack a warrant for assault and battery was taken out against the policeman, who furnished bond to await trial.

WATTS MILL FAIR.
Interesting Exhibits Will Be Shown at Their Community Fair Beginning Tomorrow.

Watts Mill, Feb. 15.—The Watts Mill Community Fair will open next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock and will be kept open for three nights. A bottle of water from the river of Jordan, oats from Palestine, Civil War relics, and many other things will be on exhibition. The fair will be held at the library and an admission fee of 15c and 25c will be charged. The proceeds are for the benefit of the public library. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Emma Davenport, of Princeton, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. C. Hedgepeth.