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PLANS FIGHT AGAINST WEEVIL

Anti-Boll Weevil Meeting Held Wednesday

DIVERSIFICATION IS URGED

Speakers from Clemson College Urge Early Planting, Diversification and Economy as Instruments to Fight Boll Weevil, Maximum Damage Next Year.

Diversification of crops, seed selection and rigid economy were pointed out as the means of overcoming the boll weevil at the anti-boll weevil meeting held in the court house last Wednesday. The meeting was not largely attended, probably on account of the inclement weather, but close attention was given to the addresses of the day. Before the close of the meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the farming interests of Laurens county are seriously threatened with disaster from the boll weevil, and

Whereas, the chief money crop of our county is cotton, therefore be it Resolved, That we encourage such rotation of crops as will enable the farmers to live at home by giving special attention to the growing of food supplies, such as pinders, potatoes, hogs, high grade cattle, the elimination of all scrub sires and special attention directed to the care and growth of all heifers and be sure you have at least "one sow for every plow and for every family one cow."

And in order to do this we would urge a rigid course of economy and the practical restriction of expenditures to actual necessities instead of luxuries, thereby opening up a liberal bank account instead of demanding credit for every need of the farm.

It has been the general result of boll weevil damage in the infected districts that money becomes exceedingly scarce and it is absolutely necessary that a surplus be laid aside before the lean years reach our industrial interests.

We further recommend the building of sufficient warehouse room on the farms as well as at shipping points to care properly for not only the cotton crop but all other farm products of value.

And in conclusion we do not recommend a reduction in cotton acreage for 1920 but earlier planting and a more intensive and rapid cultivation.

The meeting was called to order by Farm Demonstrator M. D. Moore, who introduced Mr. D. W. Watkins, of Clemson college, who presided. Mr. Watkins, in making a few remarks, said that the boll weevil would probably attain small damage in the county this year and maximum damage by next year. To offset its ravages he urged diversification and rigid economy.

Mr. H. F. McConnell, another member of the party on tour, also predicted early damage in this county from the boll weevil. To fight the weevil, he said, farmers should turn under cotton stalks, clean off terraces and other hibernating places and diversify their crops. Too much dependence, he said, could not be placed on poisoning the weevils as no practical machine had yet been invented to apply the poison. A mild winter followed by a wet summer make a favorable climatic condition for the weevil to spread, he said, and as climatic conditions are variable there could be no certainty of a cotton crop once an area had been infected. He held out small hope of complete destruction of the pest.

Dr. H. K. Alken, president of the Laurens National Bank, spoke on the financial side of farming. He pointed out how the farmers and the public generally could make the banks more useful by depositing their money rather than carrying it around in pockets or keeping it at home. Money deposited in a bank is made available for commercial purposes and for the upbuilding of the community, while money tied up in a sack at home was idle and of no benefit to anybody but was liable to be stolen or lost. It is surprising, he said, the amount of money kept in private possession, possibly more than is deposited in the banks, especially in this section.

Mr. W. E. Stokes, a seed specialist,

COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET MONDAY

Secretary F. M. Burnett, of Greenville Chamber of Commerce, to Make Address.

Preparations are under way for the Chamber of Commerce banquet and reorganization meeting to be held next Monday night, as authorized at the last meeting of the chamber. Mr. F. M. Burnett, secretary of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, has accepted an invitation to be present at the banquet and deliver an address. Mr. Burnett is considered one of the brightest young men of the state and the committee in charge of the banquet feels itself fortunate in securing him for that evening. The banquet will be held at the Laurens Hotel beginning immediately after the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be called at 8 o'clock.

The banquet is to be a "Dutch" affair, each attendant paying for his own ticket. The committee in charge of the arrangements, Messrs. Lamar Smith, E. D. Easterby and Allison Lee, will try to visit as many citizens as possible this week and invite them personally to attend, but anyone may secure a ticket by seeing any member of the committee. All of those who are interested in the upbuilding of the town are invited to join with the members of the Chamber of Commerce at this feast and to take an active part in reorganizing the commercial body.

LEGION POST

TO HAVE BANQUET

To be Held in the Armory Thursday Night. To be Served by Daughters of Confederacy and Daughters of Revolution.

The members of the Thos. D. Lake Post, American Legion, are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the banquet to be held in the Armory Thursday night. The banquet will be served by the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Short addresses will be made by Rev. C. T. Squires and Rev. S. H. Templeman.

The members of the post, all soldiers and others who are expecting to attend are requested by Commander W. R. Richey to assemble in the Court House at 7:30 o'clock. From this point the entire party will go to the armory.

HOSPITAL TO CLOSE.

Julia Irby Sanitarium to Close Doors on March 1st, Increasing Expenses and Scarcity of Nurses.

The Julia Irby Sanitarium, operated for about ten years at the old Irby home as a semi-public institution, will be closed for hospital purposes after March 1st, according to an announcement by Miss Irby. On account of the increasing expenses and the difficulty of securing trained nurses, Miss Irby has found it impracticable to continue the institution longer and the building will be used by her and relatives as a private home.

The closing of the hospital will prove a considerable loss to the city. While it has been said more than once that it has not been wholeheartedly supported by local people, still it has been a great convenience to many and will be missed particularly in emergency cases. Unless another is erected the nearest hospital in the future will be at Clinton, with others at Greenwood and Chester.

recommended an early variety of cotton seed for planting in the fight against the weevil, particularly recommending the Wannamaker variety of the Cleveland big boll. For corn production he recommended the prolific varieties rather than the single ear as tests at Clemson college had proven the former to be more profitable.

Prof. A. E. Schilleter spoke on sweet potatoes as a money crop. He said that where properly handled and cured as is done in the local potato warehouse, which he praised very highly, potatoes are always in demand. He recommended a change in location of potato patches every year to prevent diseases and the planting of either the Nancy Hall or Porto Rico varieties.

Mr. Parker, district agent of the extension department of Clemson college, stressed the importance of cattle raising and urged that every family keep at least one cow.

FENCING CAMPAIGN STARTED

Farm Demonstrator Urges Farmers to Get Ready for Boll Weevil by Building Fences. Fencing at Reduced Prices.

To forestall the arrival of the boll weevil by preparing for the raising of cattle and hogs, Farm Demonstrator Moore has inaugurated a wire fence building campaign in the county and has arranged with the Jones-Taylor Hardware Company, local dealers, and the American Steel and Wire Company, manufacturers, to sell wire fencing to Laurens county farmers at prices lower than the prevailing market prices. This plan, as pointed out by Mr. Moore in an advertisement in another section of this paper, has been successfully followed in areas already infected by the boll weevil and has been attended by much success. Mr. Moore hopes to have the farmers of this county buy at least several car loads of wire while the campaign is on.

In brief the plan of financing the car-loads of wire is as follows: Buyers will deposit in a designated local bank with their orders for wire a check covering the amount of their order and payable to the Jones-Taylor Hardware Company upon presentation to the bank of the bill of lading certifying that the wire has ar-

rived. The county agent will then notify farmers as quickly as possible of the arrival of the wire and the hardware concern will deliver it to farmers from the car. The following are prices per rod of some of the well known styles of American fence in this sale, to these prices being added the freight:

Hog Fence—
32 inch heavy, 12 inch stays,35c
Same, 6 inch stays49c
32 inch light, 12 inch stays,29c
Same, 6 inch stays37c
28 inch heavy, 12 inch stays31c
Same, 6 inch stays42c
28 inch light, 12 inch stays25c
Same, 6 inch stays33 1-2c
Farm Fence (heavy)—
47 inch horse, cattle and hogs66c
45 inch horse and cattle55c
Same, light weight39c
Barbed Wire—
Best 4-point, per 80 rod roll:
Hog wire, \$4.16; cattle wire, \$3.85
Iron posts—
6 1-2 feet, weight 9.3 lbs, each 43 1-2c

Those interested in this campaign are requested by Mr. Moore to write him at Laurens.

DR. CODY RETURNS.

Finds Work for Baptists in Foreign Fields.

Dr. Z. T. Cody, editor of the Baptist Courier, returned to Greenville yesterday from a four-months visit to Europe, where as a member of a special mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, he made an inspection tour in the interest of proposed reconstruction work of the Baptist denomination in war ridden countries and devastated section of the Old World.

In speaking of the tour made by the mission yesterday Dr. Cody said that it was a pronounced success and had accomplished all that was outlined for it to accomplish. The trip was not a pleasure trip Dr. Cody declared, and wholly of a business nature for the denomination.

The countries visited by Dr. Cody and other members of the mission were England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Egypt, and Palestine. In making the homeward trip from Palestine the mission came back through Italy, France and England. One whole month, Dr. Cody said, was spent in Italy.

In reviewing conditions in a general way as the mission found them, Dr. Cody said that there was unlimited opportunity for service in all the countries visited, particularly in France and Palestine. In France, he said, some of the conditions found were almost indescribable and there is real opportunity there for real, practical charitable help. In Palestine however, the conditions were found to be much worse, the majority of the people having been found to live in poverty and misery. In Palestine the problem will be largely one for the government to solve, he said, with the possibility that the Baptist denomination may greatly assist in orphanage work. In Italy the conditions were not found to be so bad but there is opportunity in that country, Dr. Cody said, for orphanage work. In Egypt, Dr. Cody said, there is nothing needed. Egypt, he said, is wonderfully rich and is easily one of the most prosperous countries in the world.—Greenville News.

Play at Hickory Tavern.

The Hickory Tavern high school girls will give "A Southern Cinderella" at Green Pond Friday night Feb. 6. Admission fee will be 15 and 25 cents. The cast of characters is as follows:

Madame Charteris, an old aristocrat, Irene Owens
Enid Bellamy, a Southern Cinderella, Cora Bolt
Johnnie Bell Randolph, a little coquette, Permelia Pitts
Rosie Winterberry, a settlement worker, Annie Abercrombie
Katherine Hawke, an English nurse, Lucile Baldwin
Caroline Hawke, an adventuress, Janie Baldwin
Mammy Judy Johnson, a black blue grass widow, Lona Baldwin

MEDICAL FEES ADVANCE.

High Cost of Living, Increase in Cost of Materials and Other Items Cause Increase.

At a recent meeting of the physicians of the city the following statement as to an advance in medical fees was given out for publication:

The physicians of the city of Laurens have found it necessary as in all other cities to increase their fees. They point to the fact that over a year ago the medical profession throughout the United States had adopted higher rates and that the public had for sometime been expecting the same here. The high cost of living, the enormous increase in the price of materials and every article used by the doctor make the raise imperative. So effective Feb. 1, 1920, the following schedule of prices will be adopted.

Day calls, \$3.00; night calls, \$5.00. All calls will be considered night calls from 8 P. M. to 8 A. M.

Office visits will be from \$2.00 up, depending upon service rendered. Advice given over phone will be charged as an office visit.

Country visits will be charged at the rate of \$1.00 per mile, plus the regular visit rate or service given. Surgical and other work in the same proportion.

WILL OPERATE AGAIN.

Arrangements Being Made About Orangeburg Packing Plant.

Orangeburg, Jan. 30.—Arrangements are now being perfected whereby the Orangeburg Packing House will be again operated. It will be remembered that about one year ago the Orangeburg Packing company failed. The stockholders lost all their investment and the secured creditors, consisting of all the banks of Orangeburg, some of Orangeburg county, one of Calhoun county, two in Columbia, and one in Charleston, purchased the plant at an auction sale. Overtures to the large packers to purchase the plant ended in failure and for a time it seemed as if the plant could not be disposed of for anything near coming out for the banks.

A proposition is now offered by a successful independent packing company and successful business men to take over the Orangeburg plant and run it in connection with the successful plant. Practically all of the banks have agreed to the new proposition and very probably just as soon as the other bank officials can meet, all will agree. The news that this packing plant will be in operation by next September is good news. Also, the new concern proposes to locate a hog buyer at Orangeburg next month, so as to assure a market for hogs in the very near future.

Nelson-King.

Married in Greenwood, Jan. 22, Miss Mamie Nelson of Mountville, and Mr. Sam D. King of Cannon, Ga. The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

45 CASES FLU IN LAURENS

Health Officer Makes Daily Report as to Influenza Situation in Laurens. Dr. J. M. Bearden, city health officer, reports 45 cases of influenza in Laurens, most of them being of a mild nature and no deaths. Dr. Bearden makes a daily report of the situation to the state board of health, this report being gathered from the physicians of the city.

The Board of Health has issued the following bulletin on the situation here:

"Dr. Bearden, health officer, who makes a daily canvass of the influenza situation, reports 45 cases in the city. While this is a small per cent, and is no way an epidemic, he, with the Board of Health urges are, the avoidance of crowds, closed buildings, and people who are coughing, sneezing or snuffling. If you have a cold, stay at home. Remember the last epidemic. Use individual quarantine!"

PASSENGER SHIP FROM GERMANY

First Steamer to United States Since July, 1914.

New York, Feb. 2.—The first passenger ship to sail from a German port to the United States since July, 1914, and the first American passenger ship to undertake a similar voyage, reached here today when the American line steamer Manchuria docked. She sailed from Hamburg January 9, calling at Southampton, and brought 39 passengers, all from the English port.

Capt. Adrian Zeeder, master of the Manchuria, said he could have filled his ship to overflowing at Hamburg with passengers for America had passport regulations and restrictions as to travel permitted. Applications were numerous and German expressed regrets that they could not come to this country.

It required eight days of 24 hours each, working three eight hour shifts, to discharge at Hamburg the 5,000 tons of cargo the Manchuria took with her to Germany, officers of the ship said. This work could have been done before the war in about 24 hours, and the delay was said to be due to the listless manner in which the German dock workers labored. The officers said they were low of spirit, apparently suffering from malnutrition, and displayed little ambition.

Food was said to be scarce, but those with money have no trouble in getting all they want, ship officers declared. A party of five from the Manchuria dined at a prominent Hamburg hotel and paid for their meal 499 marks. On the other hand, a story was told of one of the German dockers begging from the steward of the ship a piece of frozen beef, which he eagerly devoured raw.

The Manchuria brought with her from Germany 200 bags of mail and a quantity of cargo, including phosphates.

Census Here Practically Completed.

Col. O. W. Babb, supervisor of the census in this district, said yesterday that the work of counting heads in the city was practically completed last week and reports are already being sent to Washington. As an evidence of the speed of the work here, he said that Rev. W. S. Holmes, one of the enumerators, had not only completed his work and filed his report but had already received his pay from Washington. Col. Babb said he was very proud of the record of the local office.

Dial Making a Record.

The way Senator Dial has gone to the top in the senate is without parallel in our times. He is quiet, and not an orator, and is now to legislation; but it is evident that he is already one of the most influential men in that august body. He doesn't talk much, but when he does talk he says something. He is strong on what old Joe Brown use to call JUDGMENT.—Newberry Observer.

Barksdale Home Sold.

Announcement has been made of the sale of the C. D. Barksdale residence on West Main street to Mr. J. R. Childress, the sale having been closed last week. This is a commodious residence in a popular section of the city.

Mr. J. A. Wofford, of Madden Station, has been a patient at the Julia Irby Sanitarium for the past week, but is rapidly improving.

CITY CANDIDATES ADDRESS VOTERS

Campaign Meetings Thursday and Friday

ELECTION DAY IS FEBRUARY 17

Candidates for Mayor Spoke in Court House Thursday Night and at Laurens Mill Friday Night, Both Meetings Devoid of Sensational Incidents.

Both candidates for mayor and several candidates for alderman spoke to an interested audience of voters in the Court House Thursday night. The meeting was devoid of sensations and issues were not closely drawn. R. E. Babb, president of the Democratic club presided. Aldermanic candidates were introduced first, but they had comparatively little to say. Messrs. Don Irvin from Ward 1, Jim Lewis from Ward 3, William Solomon from Ward 4, and Albert Dial, unopposed, from Ward 5, were all present and pledged themselves to uphold the responsibilities of the offices asked for, to the best of their ability. Mr. Dial said it was probably safer for him not to say anything as it might draw out opposition to him.

Mr. C. M. Babb, candidate for reelection as mayor, spoke first for the mayoralty candidates. He said that he was an advocate of law and order, permanent work on streets, lighting system, sewerage and schools. He cited figures as to arrests and convictions to show that he had been fair in dealing out justice in town as well as the mill village. This, he said, was to refute the charge that he had been more lenient with law breakers in the city than in the mill village. Touching on the finances of the city Mr. Babb said that his administration inherited a debt of \$23,309.42 from the previous administration, that the present indebtedness of the city is \$54,746.73, but that when his administration closes this year this debt will be wiped out from the funds now coming in. He asserted that no previous administration could point to such a record. He said that no permanent improvements had been made because the government had stopped public improvements early in his administration and that since that time labor and material had been so high the city did not have the funds to do the work with. Mr. Babb advocated a bond issue for needed improvements, saying that the bonded debt of the city ought to be \$268,000 instead of \$68,000 as it now is. He closed with applause.

Mr. W. R. Richey, Jr., the other candidate for mayor, said that he felt very kindly toward the present mayor personally, but thought that he had served long enough and that a young man ought to be given a chance. In reply to Mayor Babb's remarks as to disparity in metering out justice as between the mill village and the city, he admitted making remarks along this line but he wished to make his position clear on this point. He said that he would consider it unfair if a mayor knowingly allowed gambling in the city and arrested the "mill boys" for going out to have a little amusement shooting craps. He said that he did not charge Mayor Babb with knowing of any gambling in town. He said that the vote of city employees in the election would not influence him in the selection of employees if elected, but he said that it was not right for policemen to take an active part in city politics and meddle in elections. If elected, he continued, if a policeman fails to enforce the laws he will be suspended until the law is enforced. In reply to a question that had been asked him, he said that he would make public statements of the city's finances from time to time. Progress would be the main plank in his platform, he said, and said the city ought to have a bond issue of \$500,000 for public improvements. Mr. Babb arose here to state that Mr. Richey was a little behind the times, as the Chamber of Commerce had already framed a bill for the Legislature to pass which would make the bond issue possible. Mr. Richey said that if elected he would put into operation the machinery for paving every important street in the city. Now is the time to take

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