

Local and Personal Notes.

Miss Eva Oxner of Kinards, was shopping in the city yesterday.

Mr. R. C. Gray, of Gastonia, N. C., spent the week-end in the city with relatives.

Mr. F. W. Grissette, editor of The Woodruff News, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Miss Frances Davis has returned to the city after taking a special course in music in New York City.

Mr. G. C. Tollison, of Columbia, spent the week-end in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tollison.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Finkbeiner, of Guthrie, Okla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gasque on Laurens street.

Mrs. Carlos R. Moseley, of Spartanburg, with her two children, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moseley for several days.

The friends of Mr. W. H. Gikerson will be sorry to learn that he has been quite sick at his home on South Harper street for several days.

Mrs. Hugh A. Sanford, of Mocksville, N. C., arrived in the city last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. William Gelder and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Minter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCravy and Mr. James McCravy are spending a few days in the city with their mother, Mrs. Geo. C. McCravy.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Timmerman, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Moore spent last week-end in Spartanburg visiting relatives.

Misses Lucy Primrose Whyte, Frances Maddox and Norma Bass, members of the Anderson College glee club, have been spending several days with Miss Lucy McPhail.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson came down from Gastonia Sunday to visit relatives. Mr. Wilson returned Monday, but Mrs. Wilson will remain in the city for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Poole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole, who live a few miles from the city passed through the city Saturday on her return home from Lander college where she graduated Friday night.

Mr. Geo. C. Hopkins, who is in a Columbia hospital is reported to be making satisfactory progress and is expected home in a few days. Mr. Hopkins was erroneously reported last week as already returned, but he is still in Columbia.

Mr. J. D. Sexton was called to Inman Monday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Lynch, who died there the day before. Mr. Lynch was a resident of this county about 45 years ago and is remembered by the older citizens of the community.

LANFORD NEWS

Lanford, April 4.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooley have returned from Spartanburg and will spend some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lanford. Mr. Carl Berry returned with them and will be their guests a few days.

Miss Jennie Burgess spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Pearl Rawlinson.

Mrs. J. S. Higgins has had very unfavorable news as to the condition of her brother, Mr. Henry Ferguson, who is in a Baltimore hospital in a very critical condition at present.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson is in Spartanburg at Steedly hospital and was operated on Monday. We hope she will soon be able to return home and in good health.

Mrs. Walter Odelle and little daughter, Nell, are spending a few days in Asheville, N. C., where Mr. Odelle was called on special business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garrett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Riddle.

Mr. John B. Harmon, of Laurens, was a welcome visitor in our midst last Sunday, greeting old-time friends.

Mr. Louie Lanford, of Furman University, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Lanford. He was looking well and was loud in his praise for Furman.

Mr. Dewey Langston, of Fountain Inn, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. J. T. Patterson.

Rev. J. W. Watts will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning April 10th. We hope everyone will come and hear this young man, as it is his first sermon here, and we want a large congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Burns, of Barksdale, and Mr. James Patterson, of Enoree, spent Sunday with their grandfather, Mrs. O. F. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Drummond, of Spartanburg, Dr. and Mrs. Vincent and family, of Laurens, were guests of Mrs. Mamie Drummond last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nabors, of Laurens, and Mr. and Mrs. Furman Poole, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson.

Misses Mattie and Annie Fowler, of Central, visited Mrs. O. F. Fowler recently.

KEEN RIVALRY SHOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Cross Hill Wins Girls' Declamation Contest, Gray Court-Owings Boys' Declamation Contest and Laurens High School Athletic Contests.

The revival of the Laurens County Field Day and Declamation contests, held in this city Friday afternoon and evening, drew out a large number of contestants and spectators besides proving a day of enjoyment for both young and old.

The revival of the annual meet was due to the initiative of the county teachers' association and general interest was taken in it all over the county. The day was ideal from a weather stand-point and the decisions of the judges met with general agreement. The athletic meet was directed by W. P. Jacobs, of Clinton, and a group of Presbyterian college boys, the different events being handled with dispatch and impartiality. The declaimers' contest was presided over by Supt. H. W. Gasque of the local graded school, who made an excellent presiding officer.

The girls' medal for declamation, offered by the county teachers' association, was won by Miss Johnella Austin, of Cross Hill, her recital being "Ole Mistis". Miss Marie Crosby, of Clinton, with "A Bill from the Miller", was awarded second place and Miss Margaret Knight, of Laurens, with "The Story of Patsy", came third. The judges had it announced that they had much difficulty in coming to a decision on this contest.

In the boys' declamation contest Charles Johnson, of Gray Court-Owings, with the subject "The Eternality of Law", was awarded first place and the Minter medal provided for in the will of the late Capt. J. R. Minter. W. B. Austin, of Cross Hill, was awarded second place with the selection, "Woodrow Wilson in Defeat". Third honor in this contest went to Fred Clifton, of Laurens, who spoke on "America, the World Power."

In the athletic contests Laurens high school scored the largest number of points with a total of 48. Clinton high school came second with 23 points, and Gray Court-Owings third with 19 points.

The athletic contests by events resulted as follows:

100 yards dash—Harry Woodside, Laurens, 1st; Rhano, Clinton, 2nd; Monroe, Clinton, 3rd.

Running high jump—Rogers, Gray Court, 1st; John R. Ellis, Laurens, 2nd; Blakely, Clinton, 3rd.

880 yards run—Monroe, Clinton, 1st; Hopkins, Gray Court, 2nd; Gaston, Laurens, 3rd.

Discus throw—Woodside, Laurens, 1st; Putnam, Laurens, 2nd; Boyd, Clinton, 3rd.

220 yards dash—Woodside, Laurens, 1st; Rogers, Gray Court, 2nd; Blakely, Clinton, 3rd.

Pole vault—Charles and Carl Putnam, Laurens, tied for 1st place; Bailey, Clinton, 3rd.

Hurdles—Blakely, Clinton, 1st; Fred Bishop, Laurens, 2nd; John R. Ellis, Laurens, 3rd.

Running broad jump—Charles Barksdale, Laurens, 1st; Fred Bishop, Laurens, 2nd; Boyd, Clinton, 3rd.

440 yards run—Rogers, Gray Court, 1st; Monroe, Clinton, 2nd; Steer, Clinton, 3rd.

Shot Put—Woodside, Laurens, 1st; Ropp, Gray Court, 2nd; Gaston, Laurens, 3rd.

After the close of the meeting Friday night, Supt. Wilson said that he was very much gratified with its success and that next year it was hoped that the meet would be held on an even larger scale.

40,000 POUNDS OF POWDER EXPLODE IN CAR

Fredericksburg, Va., April 3.—Two men were injured, at least six freight cars were destroyed, and traffic on the R. F. and P. Railroad was blocked for hours this afternoon when 40,000 pounds of black powder in a car exploded in the freight yards near here. The injured are A. W. Johnson, conductor, and A. R. Brown, brakeman.

The blast could be heard ten or fifteen miles distant. Glass windows and plastering in homes and stores throughout Fredericksburg were damaged. The extent of damage could not be estimated tonight, but it is thought the total will be high.

Intense excitement was caused here and throughout the surrounding country. Hundreds rushed to the scene of the blast.

Several freight cars were splintered by the explosion which set three other cars on fire. The Fredericksburg fire department after a hard fight, prevented the flames from spreading. For a time it was feared other cars of explosives might be on the train, but this was dispelled by the authorities of the railroad.

Two water tanks in the immediate vicinity were destroyed by the blast, and two cows in a nearby field were killed.

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SHOCKING DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

Imprisoned in Burning Building Little Girl of Mt. Olive Section Perishes Within Sound of Her Mother.

Mt. Olive, April 4.—One of the most terrible and shocking incidents known in this section for a number of years occurred near this place last Friday when the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roe, living on the Aunt Nancy South place this side of Poplar Springs church, was burned to death.

The little girl had gone into an out-building in the yard to look for a hen nest. The house, it is said, contained several bales of cotton and it is supposed she lighted a match to see the eggs from which in some way the building caught fire. By some unknown means the child was cut off from the only door by the flames and was heard by the excited mother calling and crying in the opposite side of the house. The grief-stricken mother could give no help as the flames had already enveloped the door when discovered. With a heart leaping and writhing in the most terrible pain she could only stand and listen to the pitiable and awful cries of her own child as the little voice gradually softened into death. The charred remains were buried at Poplar Springs on Saturday. The family have the deepest sympathy of all people in their grief-stricken condition.

The house with all its contents was entirely consumed by the fire.

After winning two games of base ball from the Mt. Gallagher team this spring, one of which, we believe, was a shut-out, the Mt. Olive nine met the Poplar Springs boys last Saturday afternoon on the latter's grounds in a somewhat harder fought battle. The game was hard fought by both sides from the beginning and up to the fifth inning neither side had made a run. The result seemed doubtful but the teams grew more anxious and the game more interesting. In this strained condition and with tenseness becoming more intense during the fifth inning Mt. Olive in an extraordinary effort made a break for a score. But the home boys continued to hold them down with a tight grip and a little later in the game they also scored. Then the fun began again with new vigor. But reaching the eighth inning Mt. Olive began to pile up more scores and the game became easy, closing with a score of 70 to 2 for the visitors.

Milton Bagwell, Mt. Olive's untried pitcher, pitched fine ball and was well supported by his fielders, while Roy Culbertson stood steady behind the bat. The remaining line-up for this team was, Clyde Baldwin, 1st base; Henry Cooper, 2nd base; Charles Cooper, 3rd base; Manning Bolt, short-stop; Stokes Martin, left field; Bob Cooper, center field; Ellie Lee Martin, right field. Poplar Springs put up a splendid game and yielded the field only after a vigorous struggle for every inch of ground.

MRS. CHAPMAN NOT TO VISIT E. D. BIGHAM

Jailor at Florence Writes to Aged Mother of Georgia Man Convicted of Murder.

Florence, April 2.—In view of a letter which Jailor J. E. Cook has written Mrs. Chapman, mother of Dr. Chapman who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Walter Wade in Georgia, it is not believed that the aged woman will make the journey to Florence in the effort, as has been suggested in press dispatches, to secure from Edmund Bigham a confession that he, and not Dr. Chapman, is the murderer of Wade.

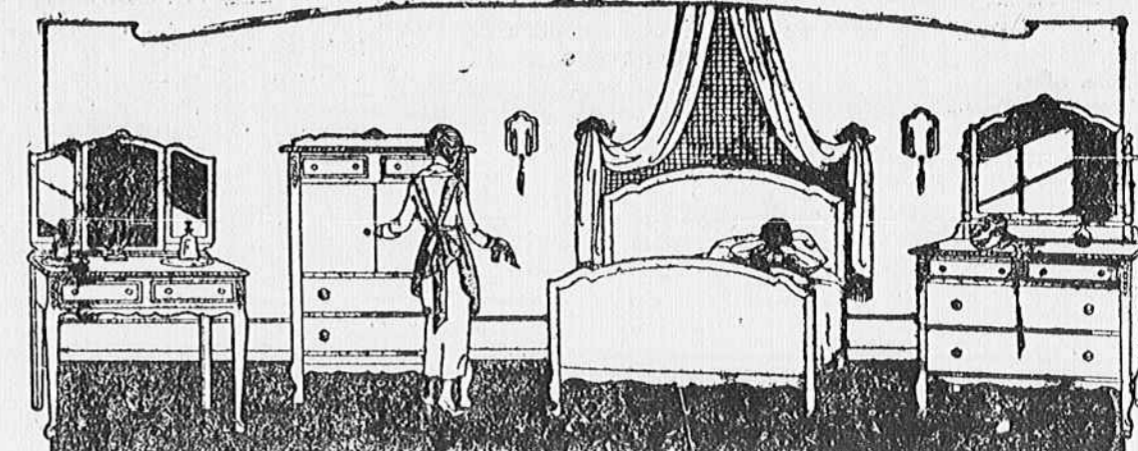
As a matter of fact there are none here conversant with the case who believe that Bigham could be guilty of the Georgia crime. Jailor Cook wrote Mrs. Chapman several days ago that in his opinion her trip to Florence would be time thrown away; that he had no idea Bigham could be persuaded to say a word, and even if he knew anything about the death of Wade he would keep this information to himself.

Jail officials here do not know whether Mrs. Chapman is coming or not. They do not believe that she will. Bigham stated Sunday that the Georgia story had been spread around Florence county to prejudice his case in the killing of his mother, sister, brother and two children, of which crime he was convicted by a Florence county jury Monday.

"I have been automobile riding with relatives of Wade after his death and if these people suspected me in connection with the case certainly they would not have continued their friendly relations with me," said Bigham.

There have been no developments in the Bigham case since Monday. He is being held in the Florence county jail pending receipt of orders from the governor to transfer him to the penitentiary. Bigham spends most of his time reading the Bible.

Mrs. Bigham, who fainted when she heard the news of her husband's conviction, is still confined to her bed and is under the care of a physician.



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