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LAKE CITY NEWS LETTER.

Young Men Receive Military Appointments—Other Local Notes.

Lake City, August 14:—A young white man was up before Judge H P Baldwin a few days ago charged with failure to support his wife and children. He was sent to the Circuit Court for trial.

Crops are not really suffering from lack of rain. Corn, in places, is firing, and cotton is shedding and opening too rapidly. For the first time in more than a year Lynch's river is low enough for good fishing.

James C Williams, who has just finished the course at the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the regular army. He was offered a captaincy in the reserves or a lieutenantancy in the regulars, and he chose the latter. Right now he is at home on a twelve days furlough before entering upon his regular work in the army.

Henry Ford is now receiver of a good deal of the money being paid out for tobacco here, and the Standard Oil Co will be receiver of another part of the same money.

Throughout this whole section there has been a marked increase not only in general food crops but also in forage and soil-enriching crops. More velvet and soy beans, and the like, are to be seen than ever before, and these crops are thriving, too.

Ashton H Williams, Esq, junior member of the firm of Bass & Williams, has received an appointment to

the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga, opening on the 27th instant.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs L E Nesmith died Friday last at a hospital in Columbia, where the little one had been taken for treatment several days previous. Burial was in the Baptist church yard here Saturday. This was the only child of the bereaved parents.

Dr Luther Whitlock is preparing to close his office for the duration of the war, he having been commissioned lieutenant in the dental corps of the reserve army.

Judge Baldwin went over to Britton's Neck, Marion county, Sunday to perform a marriage ceremony. The young people united are Mr Rodgers, son of Mr A W Rodgers, and Miss Whitlock, daughter of Mr H L Whitlock.

Messrs M M Motley and Reed Blair motored to Sumter Sunday and spent the day with friends.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST BALE

Raised by Colored Farmer in Marion and Sold at Charleston.

Marion, August 14:—The first bale of cotton raised in South Carolina during 1917 was produced in this county and was brought on this market today by Butler General, a colored man. This cotton has been shipped by express to Charleston tonight and will be sold on the Charleston Exchange tomorrow. Great interest is being manifested here as to what price this cotton will bring.

BIGGEST TOBACCO YEAR FOR STATE.

FARMERS WHO SOLD THE "GOLDEN WEED" HAVE LITERALLY REAPED A GOLDEN HARVEST.

Columbia, August 8:—"If South Carolina farmers fare even half as well with other crops as they have thus far with tobacco this will be the most wonderful year agriculturally ever known in this State," said Commissioner Watson in announcing the official figures as to the sales of tobacco for the month of July. "The record in tobacco for the first month of the season is even more remarkable than that of the Irish potato crop in the coastal territory this year. This department has been handling the records of tobacco sales since 1909. The sales in pounds for the month of July are about half as great as the biggest whole season crop recorded, that of 1914. They are practically as large as the entire crops of 1910 and 1916 and larger than the entire crop of 1911. The sales for July more than double the sales of any preceding July, and are 18,296,961 pounds greater than the July sales of last year.

"In the average price paid the sales show very nearly double any figure heretofore paid, being 21.65 cents. Last year the average price was 7.88 cents. The highest average price ever paid heretofore was 12.53 cents per pound in 1913.

"In the amount received by the producers for the tobacco marketed in July, therefore, is the noteworthy feature of the finest month of the season. The largest sum ever received heretofore in July was \$1,094,415.34 in 1913. This year the amount for July is \$4,151,674.84. This is only a little less than the largest sum ever received for an entire season, \$4,584,339.51 in 1913, and is larger by nearly a million dollars than the whole season's receipts for any other year. Last year the whole crop brought only \$2,813,448.87. The amount for July is just exactly \$4,099,841.10 larger than the amount brought in during July of last year.

"Of course, the season has been far earlier than the season a year ago, and for a number of years, but there are yet two more months to the 1917 season. Even if the season were closed on this one month all records for cash receipts to the growers are broken for the season except for the year 1913.

"There were twenty-four markets and fifty-three warehouses. It will be seen from the figures that the leading market has been Lake City, with Mullins second and Timmons ville third."

TOBACCO REPORT, 1917.
July, 1917. By markets. Twenty-four markets; fifty-three warehouses.

TOTAL SALES.		
Market—	Pounds sold.	Price paid.
Andrews.....	211,608	\$ 41,864.50
Aynor.....	690,273	150,105.43
Conway.....	1,084,521	247,824.83
Darlington.....	890,475	188,096.13
Dillon.....	636,187	126,390.95
Florence.....	617,065	141,648.04
Greelyville.....	157,223	29,700.53
Hartsville.....	569,853	112,935.37
Hemingway.....	689,086	161,945.14
Johnsonton.....	700,442	149,956.58
Kingstree.....	1,451,122	321,649.41
Lake City.....	2,981,776	645,178.77
Lake View.....	733,487	157,386.65
Lamar.....	200,754	45,441.65
Latta.....	216,622	41,537.73
Loris.....	1,023,939	208,269.74
Manning.....	671,447	144,195.07
Marion.....	775,780	168,944.78
Mullins.....	2,251,340	507,373.11
Nichols.....	1,301,990	297,389.90
Olanda.....	782,453	175,672.75
Pamplico.....	429,360	91,469.97
Sumter.....	203,987	41,832.42
Timmons ville.....	1,602,749	354,641.11
Total.....	20,879,198	\$4,551,450.56

SOLD FOR PRODUCERS.		
Year.	Pounds sold.	Amount paid.
1910.....	2,068,385	\$ 105,982.30
1911.....	944,301	62,195.38
1912.....	5,064,085	381,604.95
1913.....	8,731,789	1,094,415.34
1914.....	3,862,346	387,762.31
1915.....	3,378,716	145,499.23
1916.....	657,816	51,833.74
1917.....	18,954,777	4,151,674.84

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Personals from Greelyville.

Greelyville, August 14:—Mrs S W Hogan and children are spending some time with her parents at Foreston.

Mrs May Register and daughters, Misses Bettie and Teresa, are visiting relatives at Rhems.

We are glad to know that Mrs Ford is well enough to be at home, after several weeks' treatment at a Florence infirmary.

Miss Morris of Lake City is visiting Mrs Wells.

Dr W L Rodgers has purchased a 1918 model Buick car.

Mr R H and Miss Anna Footman, Messrs Bill Williams and Bob Footman spent several days last week with friends and relatives in Berkeley county.

Mr and Mrs Edward Rhodus and children are visiting Mrs Rhodus' parents in Georgia.

Mrs C E Register and children, Miss Billie and Frank, will leave for North Carolina on Wednesday to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs B G Land, who has been at the Sumpter Hospital for the last ten days, is at home again, much improved.

Mrs Tilla and children of Georgetown are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Among those enjoying Glenn Springs are Mr and Mrs H E McClary, Mrs Clarence Montgomery, Messrs P R Keels, A B Boyle, C E Dukes, and Mr and Mrs T W Boyle.

The Greelyville tobacco warehouse will close this week. This being its first season every one is very much pleased, and delighted with the management.

A delightful fish supper was given at Duke's lake in honor of the tobacco men on Thursday evening.

Misses Cornelia and Gertrude Oliver have returned from a visit to Miss Lena Haddock at Rhems.

Mrs Shifley and Mr Archie Shifley of Orangeburg are visiting Mr and Mrs E B Rhodus.

The Greelyville Live Stock Co is now under the management of Mr E B Rhodus.

On Thursday night Miss Hattie Tuttle, of this place, and Mr E C Carsten of Cades were married in Kingstree.

Mr Sands of Virginia spent several days last week at the home of Hon S A Graham.

Mr Henry Oliver is spending several days in Columbia this week.

Mr B S Fleming has returned from a visit to his family in Augusta, Ga.

Dickey Swamp Chronicles.

Salters, Rt 1, August 14:—Mrs Jno Richburg, Mr Ben Richburg and Miss Mae Richburg returned from Timmons ville Tuesday.

Herbert Beadham is ill with fever at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs J J Bradham.

Dr I N Boyd is on the sick list, but we hope for him an early recovery.

Miss Lucilla Montgomery died at the home of her sister, Miss Willie Montgomery, about 10 o'clock Saturday. She had been ill for six weeks and bore her sufferings with Christian resignation. "Miss Lula," as she was generally known, had been a teacher 51 years and was greatly beloved. She was an active member of Greelyville Presbyterian church and Mulberry C E society and Rural School association. She was a kind friend to all. The deceased is survived by two brothers, Auditor J J B Montgomery and Mr Ed Montgomery, three sisters, Mrs C A Mounzon, Mrs Nesmith of Mullins and Miss Willie Montgomery, and a host of other relatives. Interment was made Monday in the family burying ground at Cedar Lane, on Black

river, in the presence of a crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev Mr Guess officiated. The grave was covered with beautiful flowers.

Trio Timely Topics.

Trio, August 8:—Miss Amanda Edwards was here last Tuesday demonstrating and drying corn. We are always glad to have her with us.

Messrs E R and J H Rowell and Rev W T Bedenbaugh spent Wednesday in Georgetown on business.

Mrs Waldron of Andrews is visiting her sister, Mrs W E Graham.

Mr W G Jenerette has resigned his position as depot agent and returned to his home at Mullins. Mr Files succeeds Mr Jenerette here.

Mrs J H Rowell and son, Puett, spent several days at Suttons last week.

Mr and Mrs W T Rowell and Mrs J B Files spent Monday and Tuesday at Mr Rowell's farm near Cedar Creek, canning tomatoes. Eighty quarts were put up the first day. This is a fine farm, producing practically everything.

Mrs T S Carter is expected home about Friday.

Miss Minnie Bryan is visiting her father, Mr James Bryan.

Some of the ladies are getting their fall gardens planted.

Our farmers are busy with tobacco. We hope the good prices will continue.

Rev and Mrs W O Henderson passed through Trio on their way home Monday. Mr Henderson has been assisting Rev M: Davis in a meeting at Suttons.

Items from Mounzons.

Mounzons, August 13:—Mr Farmer is wearing a smile now because of the high price he gets for his tobacco.

Miss Hessie Frierson spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr Tom Frierson, of Kingstree.

Mr Willie Mounzon of Charleston is visiting his brothers, Messrs S K and C C Mounzon.

Misses Ruth and Mary Webster and Zettie Kirby of Scranton are spending some time with their cous-

ins, Misses Hessie and Alice Frierson, of this place.

Mr Barron Mounzon of Lake City spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr T L Joye has purchased a new car, a Dodge this time.

Master Milton Fulton of Kingstree is visiting Billie and Earl Duke this week.

Mrs J T Frierson is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs G W Ward, of White Oak.

Mr Eugene Burgess went to Lake City on business last Thursday.

Little Miss Lola Anderson of Kingstree spent last week with her uncle, Mr J P Frierson.

Some of the men that were called to serve their country have a very serious look on their face. Cheer up! and do your very best for Uncle Sam. He likes willing service.

KINGSTREE BOY HONORED.

R J Kirk, Jr, Wins Commission as Captain at Fort Oglethorpe.

The many friends in this community of Mr Robt J Kirk, Jr, will learn with much gratification and pride that he has won a captain's commission at Fort Oglethorpe where he went under training some time since.

"Bob" is a young man, only 23 years of age, and is to be congratulated upon winning a third rank in the Officers' Corps, without first having to fill the ranks of second and first lieutenant. He is a native of Kingstree, and received his early training in the school here. He won a scholarship to the Citadel, and graduated from that institution three years ago. For the past two years he, with his parents, the Hon and Mrs R J Kirk, has made his home at Florence.

H S Byrd, of Darlington county, was killed by a freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line at Mars Bluff Saturday.

The Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will join the National Chamber of Commerce. This will greatly enlarge the scope of the local organization.

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