

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Points of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, July 20.—It is always with a feeling of genuine pleasure and gratification that one notices an improvement in the school tone of a community, or an educational awakening in a neighborhood. Especially is this true in the case of a community that apparently has been dead along such lines—at any rate, in so far as local schools are concerned. It is marvelous to consider the stand the youth from this section have taken in college, having had no more or better preparation than has been their lot here. Never but one term has there been more than one teacher in the school, and most of the time, she an underpaid one. When by good fortune the teacher employed proved to be a good one, either a larger salary has enticed her elsewhere, or her ill-use by members of the patronage has driven her off. The result has been a general deterioration along all school lines. The children had become demoralized, the furniture and even the house had got into a state almost beyond repair. It is pleasant to be able to state that conditions have changed, and are improving, and it is still pleasanter to know that to a large extent this improvement is brought about by a local agency in the person of the young lady who has been engaged to teach the school during the ensuing term. The latest money-making undertaking for school purposes was the entertainment given by the young people at the school house last Thursday night. This consisted in a ten-number of old-song concert, including solos, duets, quartettes and instrumental selections, followed by a play in three acts: "A Quiet Family." This last was very creditably rendered, and caused much merriment. The house was well filled, Bishopville, and even Sumter being represented in the audience. The proceeds amounted to \$30.

Wisacky is well represented with visitors—both those visiting Wisackians and Wisackians visiting elsewhere.

Miss Rosie Cooper is in Europe for the summer, having joined a party under the chaperonage of Miss Mary Howell and others.

Miss Minnie Wilson, of Columbia, and Miss Lula Beaty, of Charlotte, have been very pleasant visitors among relatives and friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott, of Charleston, and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and children, of Florence, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCutchen.

Mr. Robt. M. Cooper, Jr., spent two weeks in New York city recently.

Mrs. H. W. Lucius and Miss Sallie Lucius made a five-days visit to Washington last week.

Mrs. Mary Le Bridges, of Ocala, Fla., and son spent some time with the family of Mr. W. W. DesChamps recently. Mrs. Bridges continued to Washington, where she is now confined to her bed with indigestion. Her many friends here hope for her a speedy and complete recovery.

Miss Gussie Herly, of Sumter, is the guest of Mrs. A. K. Weldon.

A large crowd from Wisacky spent the 8th in Darlington. Mr. W. W. McCutchen entered three horses and brought home three ribbons. "Bill" had every reason to feel proud of his horses, for even at that some of the best horsemen in the State said that he deserved even more than he got.

More might be written, but your indulgence is craved for so lengthy a letter already.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, July 20.—I'm very sorry indeed, I misunderstood your comments relative to the crop reports. Am truly glad they were not intended to be sarcastic. But I must say it is beyond my comprehension for you to say there is a lot of come-out in cotton even after it has been totally ruined several times. That, no doubt, is possible in places, otherwise you would not make the assertion, but it is not so on these white, sandy lands. I do wish your opinion could materialize in this section at least, and yet I'm told that we are blest compared with some places.

Folks are getting somewhat anxious about prohibition—so much so that it is almost dangerous to express

your opinion. You may have to fight if you do. It is not according to the equity of fair or right-minded people to expect or require every one to become a proselyte to your faith. There is a right and wrong side to many questions that arise, and the same applies to prohibition. I am a full fledged prohibitionist and would vote many times if possible in order to drive whiskey from our midst. May the day soon come when no intoxicant can be found in the State of South Carolina. I fully believe that the people of God have it in their power to banish into oblivion the accursed stuff that drags men and boys down to perdition. May all Christians unite regardless of denomination and cease not to pray both day and night and ask the God of heaven to prevail with the voters all over this land and cause them to see this great evil as it is, and make them to be immovable for prohibition. They can, if they only will. Come out one and all, and let us take our stand for right. Let the Master of the great universe be our general to lead us, and the victory will be ours. I heartily wish that I had the wisdom of that great old heathen philosopher, Socrates. If I did I would gladly go forth, and, with all the eloquence of the human tongue, would I plead with men to vote for the extermination of anything that is intoxicating and thereby save our fathers and sons from a devil's hell. If there was no whiskey there would be no deluded husbands coming home with a drunk for their poor, unfortunate weak-minded wives. May God save us from this most accursed of all evils.

Misses Clyde and Mollie Weldon and Mrs. Bennie Mathis, of Heriots, spent last Saturday with Miss Colsey Robertson.

Mr. C. M. Dunlap spent Friday in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foxworth and Mrs. T. D. Foxworth visited at Mrs. C. T. Evans' last Thursday.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, July 21.—The farmers have about finished laying by their crops. There is some very good crops especially corn. Cotton is about two weeks later than usual.

Carpenters are at work building a graded school house on Bethel church yard.

Mrs. S. A. Harvin has gone to Glenn Springs for a while.

Miss Kate Susong, of Bridgeport, Tenn., has been elected assistant teacher in the graded school at Bethel. Miss Eunice Osteen has been elected teacher of the Gillgill school. (The church having donated a lot for that purpose.)

Mrs. Dr. R. B. Furman is spending the summer in Greenville, Asheville and other summer resorts.

Miss Effana Kolb, of Ridgeway, is visiting at Mr. J. M. Kolb.

Miss Nina Mellette has been elected teacher of the Red Oak school and Miss Sprott, the Tindal school so the writer has been informed.

Mr. S. A. Harvin is putting in an improved gin system.

DAIZELL.

Daizell, July 21.—We are having some hot, dry weather now, which is fine for killing grass, but the crops, both cotton and corn on the light, sandy lands is falling very fast. Some of the corn on the light lands is going to be a complete failure. It will not make scarcely anything, while the cotton is not much better. I don't think I have ever seen the crops as spotted as they are this year. A little good and lots of poor crops has been my observation wherever I have been. I hope good prices will prevail, which will make up in part for the short crops. If they do not, a great many around here will be in a bad condition.

Quite a good many from here went to the river swamp today on a fishing frolic. If they caught the fish according to the crowd the fish surely fared bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bryan and little son and Miss Anna Bryan, of Sumter, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Messrs. Herman and Leland Myers have gone to Washington, D. C., for a few days pleasure trip.

Miss Ila Martin is visiting relatives and friends at Fair Bluff, N. C.

Miss Alice DeVeaux has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Sumter.

Mr. S. F. Moore and family are visiting relatives in North Carolina.

Mrs. T. M. Crosswell and daughter, Bessie, returned from Summertown yesterday. Miss Bessie was on a visit, but was taken sick and Mrs. Crosswell had to go down and bring her home.

Daizell for a healthy place. Don't leave it at this season anyway.

ANTIOCH.

Antioch, July 21.—The weather is now beautiful, and just a few more days the cotton will be clear of grass. Laying by cotton is the order of the day. Oat patch corn is looking well. The postponed meeting at Mizpan was postponed on account of Rev. Blackman not being able to attend.

Mr. L. A. James, of Bishopville, spent Monday in this section.

Mrs. Luther Mosley, of Sumter, is spending several weeks with relatives at this place.

A little sociable was given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Boykin last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Blackman and Miss VOLLIE Blackwell of Darlington. Several young people attended.

The health of the community is very good.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mrs. Tally Rabon of Horry County Struck Dead During Heavy Thunder Storm.

Conway, July 21.—During a heavy thunderstorm yesterday Mrs. Tally Rabon, who lives near Cool Springs, in this county, was struck by lightning and killed. Her stepfather, Mr. Abram Rabon, who stood only a few feet from her was struck by the same bolt and knocked unconscious. His shoes were also knocked from his feet. Mr. Rabon never regained consciousness until several hours afterward.

Mrs. Rabon's husband and children knew nothing of the sad occurrence until several hours after, when returning from the tobacco field where they had been filling a barn, they found the dead body lying in the yard and only a few feet away the unconscious form of another. The man and woman were in the yard when struck, they having started to the well during the heaviest of the lightning.

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Clemson College and the State.

The income of Clemson College last year from the fertilizer inspection tag tax alone amounted to \$177,271. In addition to this income the College received \$9,702.81 from productive funds and other sources of revenue, and \$23,254 from the Federal government, which amounts, with a balance of something more than \$19,000 in the College treasury, gives a total of \$165,613.92 cents for the use of the institution the next scholastic year. The College ought to get along very comfortably with such support, and we have no doubt that very good use will be made of it. But it seems altogether remarkable and irregular that this institution, which is supported by the State, should not be under the control of the State. This is a question that should be seriously considered by the legislature at its next session.—News and Courier.

Not In His Lifetime.

A well known scientist was lecturing on the sun's heat, says Success, and in the course of his remarks said: "It is an established fact that the sun is gradually but surely losing its heat and in the course of some seventy millions of years it will be exhausted; consequently this world of ours will be dead and, like the moon, unable to support any form of life."

At this juncture a member of the audience rose, in an excited manner, and said:

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