

**COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.**

**NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.**

**Items 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.

**SMITHVILLE.**  
Smithville, Sept. 14.—We had local showers last Friday afternoon, but they were very light indeed in this immediate vicinity. We have no vegetables now as the gardens have failed entirely.  
Mrs. J. E. Strickland and children have returned home after quite a stay at Cherokee.  
Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Foxworth and children visited at Mr. Z. Z. Barfields recently.  
Mrs. Joel E. Davis has returned home, after spending several days with her parents at this place.  
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**MAX.**  
Max, Sept. 16.—Miss Edith Cole, who had been visiting her cousin, Miss Reiley Moore, has returned to her home at Seloc.  
Miss Violet Young returned to Columbia last Saturday.  
Mr. C. P. Jarore, of Sampit, spent the week end at Olanta and Max.  
Miss Wall, who has been with her nephew and family for several months has returned to her home at Indiantown.  
Mrs. P. A. W. McGee has been critically ill for several days.  
There were three cases of fever in Mr. J. A. Goodman's family last week. All are improving.  
One or two hundred men and boys gathered at the mill pond yesterday together with Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of Lake City, who own the mill, to secure the fish, which was not so abundant as was supposed, owing to their having escaped with the water.  
Mr. F. W. Truluck and sister, Miss Pearl, went to Charleston Monday on business.  
We have had light rains, but the ground is still dry and dusty.  
Mr. Elbert Truluck left Monday for North Greenville, to enter school.  
Mrs. B. K. Truluck and children returned home last week.

**SALEM.**  
Salem, Sept. 14.—No rain has fallen at this place since August 16, while sections above and below have been more fortunate, having as their portion two showers.  
At first the farmers estimated the deterioration in cotton by the percentage, but on finding out this was not accurate, they began to estimate by the day. The pea crop will be shorter than the cotton crop, unless rain comes soon. Peavine hay has been badly injured by the drouth, and this crop, too, will be light.  
Mr. J. H. Warren entertained a half dozen or more young ladies last week by giving them a straw ride down to Sardinia to an ice cream entertainment. While the party did not expect to be out late, they found the next day to come long before they were ready to welcome it.  
"Brent Wood," the hospitable home

of Mr. J. H. Wilson, was the scene of much gaiety, also, for the past ten days. These entertainments differed to some extent from the other, in that boiled pinders were substituted for cream and cake. But was enjoyed fully as much.  
We are sorry to report Hon. E. W. Dabbs in bad shape, he having been detained at home for the past two weeks or more, and has been too unwell to attend the Farmers' Union meetings recently held. It is hoped the worst is past and he will soon be on the up grade.  
Mr. Junius Mayes, of Savannah, Ga., paid his friend and kinsman, Mr. G. W. McBride, a visit last week.  
Miss Gregg, of the Mood Infirmary, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Wilson last Thursday and Friday, returning to her duties on Saturday.  
Miss Sally Gibbs, one of Lynchburg's most charming and accomplished daughters, spent last week with Miss Pearl McElveen, who accompanied her home on Friday, for a stay of ten days.  
Mr. R. L. Cantey, of Stateburg, was another visitor here last week.

**REMBERT.**  
Rembert, Sept. 15.—The Rafting Creek High School was opened on Monday. The attendance was about as large as could be expected for this season of the year, as a good many of the pupils are picking cotton for the next few weeks. The opening exercises began with prayer by the principal. The newly elected principal outlined his policies for the ensuing term, asking the support of the patrons and trustees, after which a few brief remarks were made by some of the visiting patrons. The school is composed of Prof. Dacus McCain, of McCormack, a graduate of Wofford College, as principal, with Miss Lou A. Ferguson of Reanno, Laurens County; S. C., and a graduate of Winthrop College, as assistant, and Miss Annie Alford, of Camden, as music teacher. Miss Alford was with us last year and gave entire satisfaction. The newly elected principal and assistant comes to us highly recommended and the trustees are looking forward to easy sailing under encouraging auspices.

The ice cream party to have been given at the High School building next Friday afternoon, 17th, for the benefit of church missions, has been postponed to Saturday afternoon, 18th, at 5 o'clock, and those who can arrange to be present will enjoy a pleasant social evening.  
The Sunday School of McLeod's church will celebrate next Sunday, the 19th inst., as "Mother's Day." Rev. Mr. Cole, of the Pisgah church, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on "Mothers," and those of us who have had the pleasure of hearing this fine pulpit orator will miss a great treat by not being present, and your correspondent makes an earnest request for every one near to attend.

**OUR SUMMERTON LETTER.**  
Fine School Opening—Large Receipts Of Cotton—Social Events of Interest.  
Summerton, Sept. 15.—The opening exercises of the Summerton graded school were held on Wednesday morning, Sept. 15, at 9 o'clock. The trustees of the school, the four resident ministers, and quite a number of patrons and friends were present, expressive of their lively interest in the school's welfare. Very interesting and apropos talks were made by each of the ministers, followed by a short address by the principal, Mr. W. S. Hogan. Mr. O. C. Scarborough, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave notice that at an early and convenient date the patrons would be in-

to meet in the school auditorium to hear a statement from the board relative to the financial status of the school district. The new school building is well equipped, and can accommodate many more pupils than have heretofore been admitted. The enrollment on Wednesday although not very large was very good for the first day, there being present about 150 pupils.  
The large receipts of cotton on the local platform continue. But for the sharp decline in the early week, the market has maintained its strength, and spot cotton in Summerton yesterday and today brought an average of 12 cents. To all appearances there will be little business done by the warehouse this season, as all cotton is being rushed forward to be sold as soon as ginned. This is literally true, the cotton often being thrown from the sheets into the wagon and hauled to the gin.  
Mr. J. W. Anderson, dealer in fancy groceries, is enlarging his building with a view to carrying a larger stock.  
An event of much social interest this week was a card party given by Mrs. J. A. James in honor of her guests, Miss Kingsbury and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rose. Four tables were made up, and progressive whist was played, after which refreshments were served consisting of a delightful salad course. After the game it was found that Messrs. McClary and Lanham had each progressed nine times, necessitating a cut for the first prize, which was won by Mr. Lanham.  
Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Plowden, Mrs. Ellison Capers, Mrs. D. O. Rhame, Misses Bertha Davis and Sallie Anderson; Messrs. W. D. McClary, J. F. Lanham, W. D. Frierson, and R. F. Anderson  
Dr. S. C. Baker, of Sumter, was in town this week.  
Miss Emmala Capers left on Monday for Columbia, Tenn., where she will attend college.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Simmons, of Ferguson, S. C., spent a short while in town on Sunday en route to the home of Mrs. S. E. Brock where they were going for the day.  
Miss Ada Tennant has returned from Fort Motte.  
Mr. W. B. Page, of Charleston, spent Monday in town.  
Mrs. R. B. Smyth and children, of Charleston, are expected this week at the home of Maj. R. R. Briggs.  
Mr. Theodore McFaddin, of Durant, S. C., is visiting his grandson, Mr. J. M. Plowden.

**Local Cotton Market.**  
The cotton market after declining below 12 cents reacted and for several days middling has sold above 12 cents. Today local buyers were paying 12 1-8 and 12.20. The receipts for the week are estimated at 2,500 bales.  
Another circus is coming before cold weather.

**WHY SO WEAK.**  
Kidney Troubles May be Sapping Your Life Away—Sumter People Have Learned This Fact.  
When a healthy man or woman begins to run down without apparent cause, becomes weak, languid, depressed, suffers backache, headache, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, look to the kidneys for the cause of it all. Keep the kidneys well and they will keep you well. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and keep them well. Here is Sumter testimony to prove it.  
Walter M. Folsom, 102 Hampton Ave., Sumter, S. C., says: "For some time I suffered from a dull pain through my loins and when I made a sudden movement, sharp twinges darted through me. After sitting for a while I became so stiff and lame that I found it difficult to regard on erect position. The secretions from my kidneys were very unnatural and contained a heavy sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured at China's drug store, soon gave me the desired relief. The backache and pains vanished, the kidney secretions became natural and I could rest well. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills as they have given me satisfactory results."  
For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.  
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