

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL NEWS.

Rev. Robert T. Phillips is attending the Convocation in Bennettsville.

Mrs. Hutchison, of Henderson, Ky., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Stuckey.

Misses Dol and Raderick Bethea of Latta spent Sunday in the city with their cousin, Miss Inez Bethea.

Mrs. Carl T. Mason and children are visiting at Hagood.

Miss Mamie Edmunds left Wednesday on a visit to her brother at Congaree, Richland county.

Messrs Archie and Harry Brearily, of St. Charles, spent Wednesday in the city.

Misses Eloise and Susie Jenkins, of St. Charles, spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in town with friends.

Mr. F. A. Lynam, former Postal manager, has accepted the assistant managership of the Western Union office at this point, commencing today.

Miss Annie English, of Columbia, is the guest of Mrs. R. Dozier Lee on North Main street.

Miss Netta Cooper, of Wisacky, is spending the week in the city.

Miss Elizabeth Trippett, of Boykin, was in town on Thursday.

MRS. R. D. LEE'S RECEPTION.

Given in Honor of Her Two Daughters, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Dicks.

One of the very interesting social events of the week was the reception given on Wednesday evening from five and six thirty o'clock by Mrs. Richard Dozier Lee at her handsome home on the corner of North Main and Warren streets in honor of her two daughters, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Robert P. Dicks of New York city, who are now visiting her.

The guests upon their arrival were met at the door by Mrs. Nina Solomons and Miss Antonio Gibson. In the receiving line were Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dicks and Miss Annie English of Columbia, who is the guest of Mrs. R. Dozier Lee.

Mrs. Marion W. Seabrook and Miss Eva Kingman served punch and Mrs. R. C. Richardson, Mrs. Charles W. Kingman and Mrs. S. C. Baker were in charge and directed the serving of refreshments to the guests in the dining room. Assisting in receiving and entertaining the guests were Mrs. W. Loring Lee, Mrs. R. Dozier Lee, Miss Emma Mood, Mrs. Archie China and Miss Theo Gregg.

The reception hall, parlor and dining room were tastefully but simply decorated, white and green being the color scheme. The table in the dining room was tastefully decorated with narcissuses.

About one hundred ladies called during the evening to meet the guests of honor, both of whom, before their marriage, were popular members of Sumter society. The occasion was much enjoyed by all, the reception proving one of the delightful social functions of the season.

MATTHIS COMMITS SUICIDE.

Kills Himself with Shot Gun on Tuesday Morning.

Alex Matthis, a white man employed by a lumber mill at Stateburg, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself with a shot gun. As there was no doubt of suicidal intent, the coroner did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

Matthis was said to be of a roving disposition. He is survived by two children and several brothers and sisters. He came originally from the Smithville section of Lee county.

Making Drainage Pipe.

Again the city has gone into the manufacturing business, but only for a short time. This time the city forces, under the direction of City Manager Robertson, are constructing eighteen inch concrete drainage pipe to be used in the construction of a drainage line on Council street. The residents of this street have been asking for better drainage facilities for this street and Council at a recent session decided to have the drainage installed. Before the pipe line can be laid the pipe has to be secured and the city is making the pipe, as it can do so at a much lower cost than it can be purchased for.

Fire Monday Afternoon.

The hose wagons were called out between two and three o'clock Monday afternoon by a fire at a negro house on Washington street. The fire was speedily extinguished through the efforts of the department.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The firm of Chandler & Jordan, of Wedgefield, S. C., has dissolved partnership by mutual consent; Harold Chandler will remain in business at the same stand.—Advt.

REID RESIDENCE BURNED.

Building on West Calhoun Street Destroyed by Fire Wednesday Morning.

Wednesday morning a few minutes after 2 o'clock the residence on West Calhoun street occupied by H. V. Reid was found to be on fire, the fire having spread to all parts of the residence before it was discovered. An alarm of fire was speedily turned in and the hose wagons responded promptly and by hard work saved adjacent buildings but the house was practically burned to the ground.

Mr. H. V. Reid and Mr. Willie Muller were the only ones in the house at the time the fire was found, Mrs. Reid being away at the time. Mr. Reid was awakened by the whining of a dog which slept in the house, the fire having spread so much at this time that he was unable to go out through the door and he and Mr. Muller made their escape through the window.

Mr. Reid stated Wednesday that the building was probably worth \$4,500 and there was more than \$2,000 worth of furniture in it, only a small part of which was saved. This made the loss probably more than \$5,000 with insurance on furniture and house partly covering the loss. The piano was one of the few valuable pieces of furniture saved, it having been brought out through a hole cut in the wall by some of those who turned out when the fire was discovered.

MAY INQUIRIES OF SECRETARIES

Chamber of Commerce Receives Requests for Information Concerning Real Estate.

Managing Secretary Reardon of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of inquiries from various parties who desire to purchase lands and some who desire to rent lands for general farming purposes, raising of poultry, live stock, dairying, etc. One gentleman is looking for a shooting preserve or privilege for a club of about twenty members.

This information will be furnished to any parties desiring to communicate with any of the prospective home-seekers and others by the Chamber of Commerce. Parties having lands for sale or rent should call at the secretary's office and get names and addresses of those making inquiries. The Chamber of Commerce, through its secretary will be glad to co-operate with parties having lands for sale by furnishing information about parties desiring to purchase. This is as far as the Chamber of Commerce can go as the secretary can not guarantee to run a real estate agency and sell lands for any one. He advertises Sumter and Sumter county generally, but can not act as real estate agent for any particular individual.

THE LITTLE COLONEL CLUB.

Its Members Most Enjoyably Entertained at Miss Frances DeLorme's.

On the 31st the Little Colonel Club met at the residence of Miss Frances DeLorme and from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon the members were entertained in a variety of ways.

First, the sewing circle of the club held the attention of the members, who meanwhile discussed the uniform of the club, now adopted and to be worn at all future meetings.

Next the election of officers for the coming year resulted in all the old officers being retired under the rules and a new board taking their places.

A paper on "The Origin of the Little Colonel Club" was very entertainingly read by its author, Miss Dorita Moise.

Miss Caroline Dick set all a-laughing with a great collection of jokes selected and read by her in her own inimitable manner.

Conundrums followed which were the result of a very happy effort in their collection and reading by Miss Sadie Herbert.

Miss Margaret Blanding on the piano rendered some stirring music to the great delight of the attentive audience, and Miss Kitty Stubbs convulsed every one with her characteristic musical comedy act, imitations of violin and other instruments.

A solo by Miss Grace Reynolds and a poem by Miss Elizabeth China from a classic author were followed by a waltz forming contest in which the prize was a delicious bottle of toilet water, won by Miss Sadie Herbert. Refreshments followed this interesting event and last of all the very charming numbers came the mock marriage, long to be remembered, as indeed was every part of that pleasant session, by all who were so fortunate as to have been of the number.

At Miss Caroline Dick's, on East Caldwell street after two more weeks glide swiftly by, the next meeting will gather.

Blind Tiger Found Guilty.

Peter Curry, colored, was tried Tuesday afternoon and found guilty of storing whiskey for unlawful purpose. The sentence of the recorder was \$100 or 30 days. Curry's attorney at once gave notice of an appeal.

BOYS GO ON HIKE.

Seventeen Scouts Make Trip to Cain's Mill and Have Enjoyable Outing.

There were seventeen scouts in the party of boys who went out to Cain's Mill on a hike Friday afternoon under the charge of Scout Master H. L. Birchard. The trip was made so that the boys reached their camping ground about sundown. An excellent fish stew and fry had been prepared for them by Mr. Cain and this was heartily enjoyed by the scouts, whose appetites had been given zest by their hike.

After supper various athletic amusements were indulged in until the time came for them to roll up in their blankets and go off to the "Land of Dreams." At break of day they were again up and scouting about through the woods, coming upon an opossum, as he was leisurely making his way back to his hollow tree, after a raid on somebody's hen roost, or after having been visiting some of his friends. They gave chase and the victory was theirs, for it was not long before they had the 'possum, which they brought home with them and still have in the fattening cage.

Those who went on the hike were: Wade Allen, Clinton McGrew, Zach Darr, Clifton Beck, Bub Shaw, Arthur Beaumont, Robert Wright, Harold Bennett, Ralph Flowers, Julius Pitts, Austin Beck, Whit Shaw, Aubrey Bradham, Graham Bowman, E. I. Reardon, Jr., Hugh Brown, Carlyle Stuckey.

CARS IN RUNAWAY.

Team Runs Into Automobile on Main Street.

Today about one o'clock the automobiles of Messrs. Perry Moses and E. W. Parker, Jr., were slightly injured by a runaway team of mules belonging to Mr. Lang Mellette and driven by a negro, Nathaniel Myers. The team became frightened, the negro said, by a boy on a bicycle running into one of the mules. This occurred on East Hampton Avenue, the mules turning down Main street. The negro driver was standing on the tongue of the wagon and did not have any purchase to stop them. The wagon ran into Mr. Moses' car, bending the mud guard out of shape. This car was knocked against the car of Mr. E. W. Parker, the rear lamp being smashed. One of the mules fell down when the wagon struck the car and was badly skinned up, but otherwise was not injured.

Marriage License Record.

License to marry have been issued to Mr. J. P. McClellan of Sumter and Miss Geneva Spencer of Rembert; Mr. W. M. Hudson and Miss Mae B. Butler of Sumter.

Licenses have also been issued to the following colored couples: John Colclough and Lucy Green, Claremont; James Jennings, Oswego, and Alice Anna Dove, Sumter; Lucius Murray, Dutzell, and Isabella McDaniels, Sumter; Irvine Jackson and Katie Howard, Sumter; Harrison Williams, Blackville, and Corinne Davis, Bennettsville; E. M. Peterson, St. Charles, and Annie Reese Mayesville.

Second Week Jurors.

The following jurors were drawn for the second week of Sessions Court which convenes here Monday.

- D. R. Plowden.
- J. E. Geddings.
- A. E. Aycock, Jr.
- A. E. Aycock.
- J. L. Haynsworth.
- J. M. Wertz.
- W. F. Proctor.
- H. C. DesChamps.
- W. J. Jackson.
- B. R. DuRant.
- S. F. Stoudenmire.
- W. H. Dean.
- J. H. Tobias.
- J. F. Bland.
- E. W. Gibbes.
- M. Bultman.
- E. P. McNeal.
- F. L. Jones.
- S. C. Newman.
- R. M. Jones.
- J. Dargan Jones.
- R. B. Cain.
- A. R. Flowers.
- W. L. Dew.
- T. C. Cauthen.
- Richard Oxendine.
- C. C. Beck.
- J. J. Wescoat.
- Chas. Chandelr.
- Henry Barkley.
- S. B. Griffith.
- L. E. Spann.
- A. H. Wilder.
- J. R. Dew.
- J. R. Corbett.

Marriage.

Mr. William D. Johnson of South Lynchburg and Miss Annie M. Plummer of Lynchburg were married in his office Wednesday by the Clerk of Court, after he had issued them a license.

Mr. D. M. Davis has traded his farm in Concord township for a place near St. Stephens, Berkeley county, and has removed to that place to live.

TO BUILD NEW HIGHWAY.

County Board to Have Direct Route Constructed from McBride's Ferry to Sumter.

The County Board of Commissioners decided today to build the new road from McBride's Black River crossing direct to Shiloh as projected several years ago.

This action was taken in compliance with the request of the board of directors of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and citizens living in the Shiloh, McBride, Good Will, and other sections of the county who were represented today before the commissioners by a committee composed of Messrs. E. W. Dabbs, W. W. Green, and A. J. Goodman.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce committee representing the organized business interests of Sumter that appeared before the commissioners co-operating with the committee from Shiloh was composed of Messrs. G. A. Lemmon, D. R. McCallum, L. D. Jennings, W. G. Moses, C. E. Hurst, W. R. Burgess, R. A. Bradham, T. H. Clarke and E. I. Reardon.

The building of this new road with new lateral or intersecting highways leading into the Sumter-Shiloh highway means much for the convenience of the farmers in that section of Sumter county who have been asking for more direct and convenient highway facilities to Sumter, the county seat, for years.

The business men of Sumter and the farmers of Shiloh and other sections of Sumter county are pulling well together. The opening of the Sumter tobacco market next summer will necessitate quicker and more direct communication between the tobacco growing sections of Shiloh and Sumter, and it is claimed that this new link in the proposed system of new highways will prove to be largely what the farmers of that section want.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

To Build Road From Shiloh to McBride's Crossing.

At a meeting of the County Board Tuesday it was decided to build a road from Shiloh direct to McBride's Crossing, shortening the distance to Sumter by several miles. It was also decided to extend the road from Shiloh to Trinity, thus insuring direct communication between these points and Sumter.

This road has long been wanted and when completed will fill a much needed want. The work was ordered done as soon as the work which the supervisor now has in hand is completed.

It was decided not to widen the causeway over Pocallo at the present time, as the board deemed other places more in need of work.

Mr. J. Knox White was granted an ex-Confederate pension.

An ex-Confederate pension was refused Mr. J. T. Brown.

A number of bills were audited and ordered paid.

A Surprise Marriage.

A marriage which came as a surprise to their many friends in the city was the marriage on Tuesday evening of Miss Annie Gallagher and Mr. F. W. McLeod, Jr., both of this city. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Washington Street Baptist church by the Rev. J. N. Tolar.

While their friends knew that the young people intended taking such a step, they had not confided in anyone as to the date, and the announcement of their marriage came as a surprise, when the ceremony had already been performed.

Marriage.

Miss Geneva L. Spencer and Mr. John P. McClellan were married Monday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Spencer, at Borden, S. C., the Rev. J. B. Wilson officiating. There were only a few relatives and friends present to witness the ceremony, which was a very quiet affair. After their marriage the bride and groom left on the southbound train for Charleston and McClellanville, the former home of the groom, where they will visit relatives for some time. Upon their return they will make their home in Sumter, where the groom is in the employ of the Jenkins Specialty Company.

Real Estate Transfers.

Washington Street Baptist Church, of Sumter, S. C., to Mrs. Sadie B. Wactor, lot on Bartlette Street, \$3,750.

FOR SALE—Dixie Wilt resistant cotton seed from cotton which made a 500 weight bale per acre. Price \$1.00 per bushel. E. B. Colclough, Oswego, S. C.

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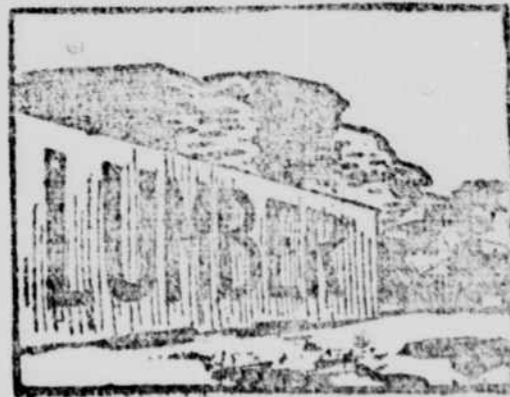
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