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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Messrs. William Reynolds and Ashby Merrimon spent the week-end at home from the law department of the University of South Carolina.

Miss Lilla Sneed, who has been spending some time with Miss Theodora, left yesterday afternoon to visit relatives in Lamar.

Miss Florence Baker spent the week-end in Columbia.

Mr. Alton James, of Summerton, was a visitor to Sumter today.

Mrs. E. P. Scott is visiting her mother, Mrs. Heaner at Orangeburg.

Miss Louise King is visiting Miss Lillian DeVane in Wilmington.

Mrs. T. E. Jenkins has returned to the city after a visit to Lexington, Ky.

**Marriage.**

Married last Sunday near Workman, Miss Louise Strange and Mr. Irby Warren. Rev. Workman performed the ceremony.

**Miss Shally Hatch Married.**

Of interest here will be the announcement of the marriage of Miss Shally Nelson Hatch and Mr. Edward Remington Jerger, editor of the Greenville, Ga., Times-Enterprise, which took place at the home of the bride's brother in Thomasville, J. Shally Hatch, on January 29th. Mrs. Hatch lived in Sumter for several years and has a number of friends here.

**Death.**

From The ally Item, Feb. 10.

Mrs. J. J. Team died this morning at her residence, No. 22 W. Calhoun street, at 2:30 o'clock, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, J. J. Team, two sons, A. A. and Robert Team; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Sanders and Misses Nan and Mae Team. The funeral services and interment will take place at the cemetery tomorrow (Friday) morning. The body will leave the house at 10:30 o'clock.

**Death of Andrew W. Eargle.**

Newberry Observer.

Mr. Andrew W. Eargle died suddenly in Sumter Saturday night, and his body was brought to Newberry on the 1:05 Coast Line train Monday for burial in Newmont cemetery, Rev. H. H. Jones conducting the service, the officiating acting as pallbearers: G. W. Kinard, John Kinard, Cliff Inabinet, Jeff McGroove, J. J. Eargle and S. T. Matthews.

Mr. Eargle was 40 years old and leaves a wife and five children. He was the son of J. P. Eargle of Delmar, who survives him, and who was present at the burial.

The deceased came to Newberry from Saluda county several years ago and ran a store on west Main street. He also held at one time the position of engineer at the Newberry cotton mill, succeeding Mr. J. M. Foster. His wife was a daughter of Mr. Foster. Mr. Eargle is survived also by three sons and three brothers. Among his relatives is his cousin, J. J. Eargle, of this city.

At the time of his death Mr. Eargle was engineer of the Sumter Ice and Lighting Power Company. His dead body was found at his post of duty Saturday night by his fireman, and it is the opinion of his relatives and friends that his death was caused by electrocution, supposedly by his coming in contact with a live wire, although the verdict of the coroner's jury is that he came to his death by causes unknown to the jury. The body was examined by seven physicians in Sumter, all of whom pronounced it physically sound, except one spot on a finger which showed, in the judgment of his friends, where it had been burned by the wire.

**Notes of Winacky.**

Winacky, Feb. 7.—The farmers made good use of the fine weather in January and have most of their lands prepared. The oat crop is looking well, although small for the season.

We were glad to see an account of the great meeting at Lake City conducted by Rev. B. F. McLendon. He has many warm friends here, whose interest and prayers follow him wherever he goes.

Mr. M. L. Williams and J. C. Ledingham left tonight for Conway to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Agnes Gattin of that place.

The flour mill now being assured, the thing Sumter county needs is a regular market for surplus grain, hay, hogs and cattle produced in the county. Lack of a certain market is the chief obstacle in the way of crop diversification. If a farmer cannot convert his crops into cash, there is no inducement to cut loose from the cotton program.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING.**

Interesting Session Held With District Secretary Present.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity Methodist church met in the Sunday school room Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

After a short business session the meeting was turned over to the District Secretary, Miss Jessie Curtis, who outlined plans of work and gave helpful suggestions on how to make the meetings more interesting.

She suggested a membership campaign to increase the membership, but it was finally decided that each woman present would try to bring to the March meeting, one woman who was not present at the last meeting.

She organized a mission study class, with Dr. Mary Peery as leader. "The King's Highway" is the name of the book to be studied.

Several musical numbers were rendered, after which an informal reception was held, and light refreshments served.

About fifty ladies were present.

**FLOUR MILL ASSURED.**

Company Organized to Erect and Operate Modern Roller Mill.

Secretary Reardon released for publication today the following very gratifying information.

"Through the efforts of Mr. Henry J. Harby, of Harby & Company, incorporated, of Sumter, S. C., the necessary capital stock to establish an up-to-date roller mill for grinding wheat has been secured, and the city of Sumter will furnish a suitable site for this enterprise on the land on the old C. S. and N. railway headquarters now in possession of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company and this city.

It is understood that Mr. Perry Moses, Sr., will be the general manager of this enterprise.

I have been instructed to call a meeting of the stockholders of this enterprise at Chamber of Commerce rooms tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, February 10th, at 8 o'clock to elect officers and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

Mr. H. J. Harby, realizing that it is absolutely necessary for the business men of Sumter to do something to furnish the necessary and convenient grinding facilities for wheat in a central location like Sumter, decided to cooperate with the Sumter Chamber of Commerce in this matter. He went around himself and handed some straight talk to a number of Sumter business men. Result—a flour mill for Sumter.

The details of the plan of organization have not been worked out fully as yet, and will not be until the stockholders meet and elect a directorate, but the necessary money has been guaranteed and the City Council guarantees the site, so that the flour mill is an assured enterprise which will be in operation in ample time to grind the 1916 harvest of wheat.

Mr. Harby has demonstrated on numerous occasions his value to Sumter as a public spirited, and progressive citizen and successful business man, but this latest achievement of his in interesting himself to the extent of canvassing this city for subscriptions to the flour mill, and getting the necessary money but adds to his past activities and usefulness.

Those of the Sumter business men who have invested their money in this flour mill deserve credit for their enterprise and public spirit.

Those who know Mr. Perry Moses, Sr., and of his success as a business man and a manager of business enterprises, feel satisfied that if he can be induced to assume the management thereof, the Sumter flour mill will prove a success financially, and otherwise."

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is gratified that this flour mill in Sumter is now assured."

**Real Estate Transfers.**

J. A. McKnight to L. B. Phillips, lot and buildings on East Oakland Avenue, \$5 and other considerations, including mortgage of \$1,700.

Fannie E. Andrews to Joseph E. Andrews, \$5 and other considerations.

W. T. Andrews to Warren Davis, lot on Broad street, \$60.

W. T. Rowland to Jesse S. Turner, Irma Smith and H. Stansill Smith, lot on Live Oak Street, \$5 and other considerations, including mortgage of \$645.31.

E. Conyers Brown to Mamie A. Brown, 177 acres on Mill Branch, \$10 and other considerations.

W. T. Rowland to Mrs. Lyda Chiles Foster, lot on Main Street, \$5 and other valuable considerations.

W. T. Rowland to S. K. Rowland, his interest in lot in county, \$5 and other valuable considerations.

John J. Britton to W. T. Rowland, lot on Live Oak street, \$5 and other valuable considerations.

Rev. J. Henry Harms, president of Newberry college, will preach in the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

**DAVIS FOUND GUILTY.**

Negro Charged with Burglary Given Seven Years—Trial of Negro and White Accused of Taking Money From Another Negro.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 8.

The sessions court made fairly good progress yesterday and today completing the case against Charlie Davis on Monday afternoon and having nearly completed that against Success Burrows, S. J. Wilmer and Jim Ross today before the court recessed for dinner. The grand jury was making quick work of the bills handed it by the solicitor and will probably be through their work today or tomorrow.

The case of Charlie Davis, colored, charged with burglary, ended late Monday afternoon when a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was returned. Davis was sentenced to a term of seven years by Judge DeVore. It was alleged that Davis entered a house on Harvin street after midnight on New Year's night and tried to enter the room where some ladies were sleeping, when he was scared off by the arrival of a gentleman, who lived in the second story of the house.

This morning S. J. Wilmer and Success Burrows were on trial on the charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods. It was alleged that success Burrows snatched a sum of \$160 odd dollars out of the hand of Myers, a negro, and made off with it. Wilmer was with the other two negroes at the time and had been drinking with them prior to that time.

The following indictments were disposed of:

- H. L. B. Wells, failure as magistrate to pay over fines, removed to contingent docket.
- John Wilson, burglary and larceny, not pros.
- J. C. Clarke, having in possession alcoholic liquors, not pros.
- John Dow, alias Boot Dow, having in possession alcoholic liquors, not pros.

The following bills were presented:

- Charlie Davis, burglary, true bill.
- Sam Stevens, disposing of crop under lien, no bill.
- Ed Murray, violation of dispensary law, true bill.
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- Ed Murray and Gracie Murray, resisting an officer, true bill.
- Gracie Murray, violation dispensary law, true bill.
- Arthur Brown, larceny of bicycle, true bill.
- Dave Sanders, housebreaking and larceny, true bill.
- Eloise Gibson, violation dispensary law, true bill.
- Ivory Peterson, larceny of bicycle, true bill.
- S. J. Wilmer, Success Burrows and Jim Ross, larceny and receiving stolen goods, true bill.
- Frank Thompson, disposing of property under lien, true bill.
- Marion Black, housebreaking and larceny, true bill.
- William Gooden, violation dispensary law, no bill.
- J. M. Browder, resisting an officer, true bill.
- Ivory Peterson, housebreaking and larceny, true bill.
- Willie Conyers, resisting an officer, true bill.
- Martha Fullwood and Leo Fullwood, resisting an officer, true bill.
- Sam James, larceny of bicycle, true bill.
- Robert Barnes, assault and battery with intent to kill, and carrying concealed weapons, true bill.
- Melvin Prescott, disposing of property under lien, no bill.
- Frank Fullwood, resisting an officer, no bill.
- William Goodley, larceny of bicycle, no bill.

The following pleas of guilty were entered and sentence passed:

Henry Johnson, plead guilty to larceny of live stock and was given a sentence of twelve months.

Arthur Brown, larceny of bicycle, plead guilty upon arraignment, and was given sentence of twelve months.

Dave Sanders, housebreaking and larceny, plead guilty and was given a sentence of two years.

Ed Murray in three separate cases plead guilty to violation of dispensary law and was given sentence of twelve months or \$500 in each case, with suspension of punishment upon service of three months or payment of \$35, during good behavior.

Grace Murray, plead guilty of violation of dispensary law and was given a sentence of twelve months or fine \$500, with suspension during good behavior of remainder of sentence at conclusion of service of thirty days or upon payment of \$25.

Grace Murray and Ed Murray, resisting an officer, carried to contingent docket.

Charlie Davis, burglary, found guilty with recommendation to mercy, and given a sentence of 7 years on the gang.

S. J. Wilmer and Success Burrows, larceny and receiving stolen goods, arraigned and plead not guilty.

**COURT MAKES PROGRESS.**

Number of Cases Tried, All Resulting in Verdicts of Guilty.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 9.

Sessions court has made very good progress in the past two days, a number of cases having been tried, all resulting in verdicts of guilty. A number of pleas of guilty have also been entered. Today the grand jury completed its work and after making its presentment was dismissed from further attendance on this court.

The cases against S. J. Wilmer and Success Burrows ended on Tuesday afternoon when the jury returned a verdict of guilty against each of the two men. Jim Ross, who was alleged to be an accomplice of the two men, in as much as he was charged with having been given some of the stolen money to keep his mouth shut, was also found guilty, and all three were sentenced. This afternoon the trial of Loring Huggins, white, on the charge of abduction was begun.

The following cases have been disposed of:

- Ivory Peterson, larceny of bicycle, plead guilty, sentence of twelve months.
- Ivory Peterson, larceny of bicycle, larceny, plead guilty, 13 months.
- Willie Conyers, larceny of bicycle, plead guilty, 12 months.
- Willie Conyers, resisting an officer, plead guilty, 3 months or \$100.
- J. M. Browder, resisting an officer, plead guilty, sentence of six months or fine of \$200, sentence suspended upon payment of \$25 within next 30 days.
- Sam James, larceny of bicycle, verdict of guilty and sentence of two years at Lexington reformatory.
- Jim Ross, receiving stolen goods, tried and found guilty, sentence of one month or fine of \$100.
- S. J. Wilmer, white, was found guilty of larceny and given two years and six months. Success Burrows, colored, tried on the same charge was given three years, upon verdict of guilty.

From The ally Item, Feb. 10.

The case of Willie Johnson, colored, charged with the murder of Eloise Johnson, his wife, was taken up in sessions court this morning and resulted in the direction of a verdict of not guilty by the court upon the completion of its case by the State, the solicitor offering no objection to the motion of the defendants to direct the verdict for acquittal. Johnson was alleged to have knocked his wife down and beat her, causing internal injuries from which she died, but there was not sufficient evidence to prove this contention.

The case of Loring Huggins, charged with the abduction of Kathleen Skinner, a young girl about 14 years of age, occupied all of Wednesday afternoon, and went to the jury this morning shortly after court convened. The jury was still out when court recessed for dinner. Huggins, an overseer on Mrs. Skinner's place, was charged with having persuaded the girl to go away with him, although he knew that she was too young to marry without her mother's consent.

Marion Mack, housebreaking and larceny, tried and found not guilty.

Robert Barnes, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons, plead guilty to charge of aggravated assault and battery, sentenced to serve nine months or to pay fine of \$150, sentence suspended during good behavior, as he had given warning to jailor of attempt of prisoners to break jail.

Bradford Farmer, obtaining goods by false pretenses, continued.

Bradford Farmer, disposing of property under lien, continued.

Bradford Farmer, resisting an officer, continued.

Sara Muldrow, violation of dispensary law, continued.

Frank Thompson, disposing of property under lien, continued.

John Barrineau, obtaining goods by false pretenses, continued.

Eloise Gibson, violation of dispensary law, continued.

Solomon Hampton, obtaining goods by false pretenses, continued.

**Negro Killed by Lightning.**

During the storm Wednesday afternoon a negro at Tiverton, Mr. Aycock's farm, few miles below Wedgefield, was killed by a stroke of lightning which struck the house in which he and his brother were resting out of the storm. Both were knocked unconscious, but one of them was brought back to life, while the other one was killed. The negro was a youth of about 18 years, the son of Damon Williams.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

BUILDING CODE ADOPTED AT SESSION LAST NIGHT.

Fire Limits are Extended and Present Fire District is Made Closed District in Which Only Non-combustible Materials may be Used in Building—Code Complies with Recent Act and Sumter May Derive Share of Insurance Fund.

At a special meeting of council last night which lasted until a considerable while after midnight a building code similar to that recommended by State Insurance Commissioner McMaster was adopted, and under the provisions of the act Sumter may come in for a share of insurance money for the aid of the fire department. The fire limits were also extended and the present fire limits were made a closed district in which only non-combustible materials may be used in building.

The code suggested by Commissioner McMaster is one similar to that which has been in use in North Carolina for the past ten years and been found to be effective. The vital points of the new code adopted by council are the necessity for permits for building, quarterly inspections in the fire limits and at least one inspection each year of the whole town. There are also requirements for buildings, such as thickness of walls, foundations, joists, flues and chimneys, exits from moving picture shows and other public buildings, storage of ashes, oily rags and explosives.

At the council meeting last night Messrs. E. H. Lynam, city electrician, J. W. McKiever, A. J. Ard, J. M. Harby, Engineer W. L. Lee and Lieut. P. P. Finn of the fire department were present in an advisory capacity. The code suggested by Commissioner McMaster was gone over thoroughly and

with a number of additions and changes was adopted. By its adoption Sumter is in line to receive a part of the proceeds from the insurance fund for towns which comply with the law in this respect.

The present fire limits were extended to cover in a general way the city, north to Calhoun street; east to the Darlington branch of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, south to the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and west to Council and Church streets. The present fire limits are made a closed district. They are bounded, north by Canal street, east by Harvin street, south by Bartlette street and west by Sumter street. In the closed district only non-combustible materials may be used in the erection of buildings and roofs; while frame buildings may be erected in the fire limits outside of the closed district, but must have non-combustible roofs.

**Marriage License Record.**

A license to marry has been granted to W. R. Jenkinson, Pinewood, and Miss Nora Ardis, Sumter. A colored couple securing a license was Henry Davis and Queen Robinson, Lynchburg.

A thunderstorm, accompanied by hail and a terrific rain, such as occurred Wednesday afternoon, is seldom seen in mid-winter.

**Geo. H. Hurst,**  
Undertaker and Embalmer.  
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The People's Bank is always glad to see here the small depositor. Young men—married people—working men and women—indeed all who are seeking to better themselves—everyone who desires to be connected with a safe, strong Bank finds a hearty welcome here.  
Careful attention to the needs of small depositors is found here. A strong Bank for small depositors as well as for large.  
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Pres. Cash'r.

