

**The Watchman and Southern**

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mrs. Ernest R. Phillips and children of Atlanta, Ga., are on a ten days' visit to Mr. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Phillips' father.

Mr. D. L. Shaw of St. Charles spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. D. C. Shaw returned Tuesday from Charlotte, where he went on Sunday. Mr. Shaw passed over the Catawba bridge at Rock Hill shortly before it went down. At Charlotte he was told that there was no way for him to get out and come back to Sumter, but he went from there to Hamlet, where he took the Seaboard to Camden. At Camden it was impossible for the train to pass any further on account of the high water and Mr. Shaw took a car and made the trip to Sumter, traveling around one of the streams near Camden and a great distance to get here, but arriving safely after his trip, although tired and worn out.

Chas. R. Cooper, of Winnsboro, was in the city today.

Misses Sadie Muldrow, Pauline Haysworth and Margaret and Rose Cheyne left this morning to spend a while at Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. W. T. Brock, of Fayetteville, is visiting Mrs. Rose Jenkins.

Mr. T. E. Jenkins and family have gone to Murrell's Inlet for several weeks' stay.

Edward Fewell left yesterday in his car for Sumter, and will return with his wife and children, who have been visiting relatives there. He is at present encamped at Heath Springs.—Rock Hill Herald.

Miss Frances Gregg has returned from a round of visiting in Sumter, Columbia and Lowryville.—Rock Hill Herald.

Mrs. W. J. McKagen, of Sumter, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dixon.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

Misses Deal returned to their home in Sumter this morning after a visit of a few days to Mrs. Baldwin on McFarland street.—Florence Times.

Misses Bertha Chandler, of Americus, and Marie and Allene Hammett, of Bishopville, are the attractions of the dance at the home of Mrs. L. E. Wood.

Misses of Mayesville, was in Sumter today.

Misses of Florence, returned Tuesday in the city.

Misses G. E. Haysworth, Ellaha Carson and O. H. Felley have returned from their trip to Buffalo, N. Y., with the Shriners.

Mr. Dave Winn, of Florence, is visiting his father, Mr. D. James Winn.

Miss Stella Cuttino of Sumter is spending sometime as the guest of Misses Jane and Elizabeth Oglesby at their home in this city.—Florence Commonwealth.

Mrs. W. I. Whitehead has gone to Bryn Mawr, Pa., to spend some time.

Mr. Walter M. Sanders, of Hargood, was in the city today.

Mr. C. Harper, State organizer of the Order of Owls, is looking over the city with the intention of forming a nest here.

**Infantile Paralysis Here.**

In view of the fact that reports have been circulated on the streets that there are cases of infantile paralysis in the city, it will be gratifying news to the parents of Sumter that these reports are unfounded. Health Officer McKagen, when asked about the reports today, stated that there was absolutely no truth to them. The physicians of Sumter have been warned to report immediately to him anything that looks like infantile paralysis and no reports of the disease have been received.

**Owen-Burns.**

From The Daily Item, July 18.

Of much local interest is the marriage this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fishburne, on North Main street, of their sister, Miss Nellie Owen to Mr. William B. Burns, Jr., both of Sumter. The marriage was a very quiet home affair, only the members of the immediate families being present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. B. Walker, rector of the church of the Holy Comforter, of which the bride is a member.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Burns left for a stay in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burns have many friends in Sumter, who wish them much happiness.

The books of enrollment close on July 25th. After that date no one will be able to put his name on the club rolls. Now is the time to enroll. Visit your club secretary at once, if you have not done so, and qualify for the Democratic primary.

**REMINI TRESTLE SAVED.**

**THOUGHT TO BE OUT OF DANGER AS CREST OF FLOOD FINDS IT STILL INTACT.**

Water Running Through Doors of Loaded Box Cars and Still Rising Slowly—Crest at Noon Thursday—Materials and Gangs on Hand to Repair Damage to Trestles Over Wateree When Flood Subsides—Many People Go Out to Visit Crossings—Train From Camden Came in Over Northwest.

From The Daily Item, July 20.

This morning the trestle and bridge over the Santee river at Remini was still intact and at that time the crest of the flood was gradually approaching and expected some time before night. The water was running through the doors of the loaded box cars placed on the track and it was expected to rise between six inches and a foot higher before it reached its highest stage. It was steadily rising, but much more slowly than it had been, its rate being only about two inches an hour, which indicates that the force was not so great as it had been.

The three hundred box and flat cars loaded with rock, coal and sand bags were still holding the track down and it seemed that danger of the trestle being washed away was past. However, the gang of workmen was still actively engaged in keeping the driftwood away from the bridge and trestles and doing all in its power to prevent more serious damage. The forces are under Chief Engineer J. E. Willoughby and Assistant Chief Engineer J. B. Trenholm of Wilmington, who came here Monday in the former's private car and have been at Remini and Wateree ever since.

This morning two thousand more sand bags were sent to Remini to be filled to prevent any washouts at the embankments at the end of the trestle or at the fill ins. Several thousands of these had already been placed in use and more were being filled and placed as ballast on the track. The three hundred cars were still standing on the tracks. The water through them was said to be about twelve or fourteen inches deep with the probability of rising six or eight inches more before it begins to subside.

From the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern crossings of the Wateree reports came in this morning that the river was falling. On the Coast Line track it was reported to have fallen about eighteen inches and was falling as rapidly as it had risen. The crest of the flood reached the A. C. L. track about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. On the Southern the water had fallen several inches and was gradually subsiding. The damage was not known, as no one had made any full examination in a boat. On the Coast Line it was stated that five of the trestles had been washed out, this report being made after an examination along the track in a boat.

Both the Coast Line and Southern have made preparations for repairing the damage. Both roads have placed many cars of material on hand and gangs are waiting for the waters to subside so that they can begin work at once. Judging from the damage reported on the Wateree crossing of the Coast Line it is probable that it will not take over ten days to repair the damage. The time required for the Southern to repair its damage could not be estimated, as the amount of damage was not known.

Yesterday and today many persons have been down to Remini, Camden Junction and Levi's Siding to view the rivers. On the Coast Line at Camden Junction, the water was almost to the Junction. Looking down the track the visitors could see a long line of flat cars with some missing far down the track. The water was up to the top of the telegraph poles, many of which were showing only about a foot out of the water. On the Southern road little could be seen, as the track curved and no idea of the condition could be secured.

At Remini practically the same conditions prevailed. Water and more water was practically all that could be seen. The long line of cars partly submerged could be seen far down the track. Men were busy filling sand bags while others were busy pushing off the drift wood and debris brought down by the flood to keep it from endangering the trestle and bridge. Parties went to these places in automobiles and some on the trains, which are continuing to operate between Sumter and Wedgefield, Sumter and Levi Siding, on the Southern and Sumter and Remini.

**Northwestern Again in Operation.**

Camden people were given their first opportunity of getting out from that town this morning, when the Northwestern train left there shortly before noon for Sumter. The people there have been cut off on three sides and have been waiting for all from those directions, according to report, received here, during the past four or five days. The Northwestern trestle

over Pine Creek at Camden was floated by the high water, but it was not broken and the damages were repaired this morning. Mr. John Wilson went over the track yesterday afternoon and ascertained the extent of damage. This morning he returned with a force of hands and set to work putting the track back into its proper alignment and making the necessary repairs so that trains might operate. The first train was operated from Camden to Sumter and this afternoon a return train will be operated, making the entire Northwestern line again in operation. This will also give an outlet for the people of Lancaster, who are shut off from the west because the bridges there were swept away.

**WORK ON AGRICULTURAL LINES.**

**Work That Chamber of Commerce Has Been Doing to Aid Farmers.**

While Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, and other Pee Dee counties have suffered considerable crop damage, their losses compared with the millions of dollars of property losses, and loss of life of counties in other Southern States, are comparatively inconsiderable, and our Pee Dee people should be thankful that we have suffered no more than we have.

We still have a great deal to be thankful for and instead of gloom and pessimism Sumter county and other Pee Dee counties should be in a decidedly optimistic and bright frame of mind, and should be facing their losses like men and not grumbling.

We have had no loss of life, no sweeping away, so far of houses and industrial establishments, no complete wiping out of crops, and other severe losses. Time and nature, coupled with energy and determination, diversification of field crops by immediately preparing land for extra acreage of wheat, oats, and winter cover crops, establishment of paying cream routes, the planting of plenty of peanuts, rye, barley, and the raising of forage and feed stuffs for fattening plenty of hogs, chickens, and beef cattle, and dairy feed stuff crops will soon replace, and more than offset all of the present year's loss of corn, cotton, and tobacco.

**The Peanut Industry.**

There are more peanuts planted in Sumter county this year than ever before in the history of Sumter county, judging by the numbers who were sufficiently interested in the Chamber of Commerce campaign for peanut planting. Peanuts can be profitably grown for feeding hogs and the vine is a nitrogenous plant of nearly, if not as much, value as peavines, and the farmers can get great benefit from this product.

If planted in sufficient quantities, intelligently cultivated and harvested for marketing purposes a peanut oil mill will be established by Southern Cotton Oil Company or the Sumter Roller Mills of Sumter.

Peanut butter for human consumption, and peanut meal for feeding dairy cows are great industries now and our home people can get the cash value of the peanut industry as well as the valuable soil building advantages of this popular nut.

One thousand very instructive illustrated bulletins showing the best methods of cultivating peanuts of different kinds, the manner of harvesting, etc., were distributed by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce this year through courtesy of Congressman A. F. Lever, and senators E. D. Smith and B. R. Tillman. There are more of these bulletins now on hand that will be mailed out free to those desiring them from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Agricultural Bulletin Service of Chamber of Commerce.**

The agricultural bulletin service of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, as conducted this year, has been a considerable source of inspiration and instruction to farmers of Sumter county.

Thousands of illustrated bulletins on the cotton boll weevil, peanuts, tobacco, poultry raising, dairying, cattle tick eradication have been distributed.

**Miss Lucile Brunson is Hostess.**

Decidedly one of the most delightful affairs given recently by the younger social set was that given, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Lucile Brunson was hostess to quite a number of her friends, complimentary to her charming house guest, Miss "Teddy" Buycok of St. Matthews.

Ferns and nasturtiums were used artistically in the spacious hall and rooms and the south veranda was beautiful, where tables were arranged for rook. Miss Maragret Blanding won the prize.

At the conclusion of the game delightful cake and cream was served by Mrs. Brunson, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Stouendmire.

Washington, July 20.—The federal public health service announced this afternoon that danger of the further spread of infantile paralysis has passed. The situation is now entirely under control.

**SEVENTY-THREE KNOWN DEAD.**

**FULLER REPORTS SHOW FATALITIES GREATER THAN AT FIRST THOUGHT.**

**Heaviest Loss of Life and Damage in Western North Carolina—Communications Being Restored—Trains Out of Commission.**

Asheville, July 20.—It is now known that seventy-three are dead as a result of the recent floods, as communication is being rapidly restored. The heaviest loss of life was in Western North Carolina, where a score are still missing. Southern Railway through trains must go via Knoxville and Lynchburg for a week or more. The Seaboard suffered lesser damage, but is experiencing serious difficulties.

**MORE BOOSTERS COMING UP.**

**Indications That This Will be Biggest Trip Ever Pulled Off.**

From The Daily Item, July 20.

In addition to the names published yesterday, the following business establishments have notified the Chamber of Commerce that they will furnish automobiles and have their firms represented on the booster trip next Thursday, July 27th:

- W. B. Boyle Company,
- D. C. Shaw Motor Company,
- Sumter Motor Company,
- Sumter Coca-Cola Company,
- Sumter Coca-Cola Company,
- Harby & Co. Inc.
- Bradford Bros.

**TO CHECK DISEASE.**

Charleston, July 18.—Quarantine against New York city and other places which have reported epidemics of infantile paralysis was declared today by the board of health. Adults as well as children from infected cities, will be required to stay in quarantine here for two weeks. The board declared that this was the only effective way of preventing introduction of the scourge.

If you want to vote in the Democratic primary, why not qualify now by placing your name on your club roll?

**MILL MAN KILLS HIMSELF.**

Anderson, July 18.—James S. Jones, aged 35 years, employed as box spliner at the Chuck Mills, committed suicide at his home in the mill village this afternoon. He was at home alone at the time. He lay across the bed and fired one bullet from a thirty-eight calibre pistol through his brain. His health is said to have been the cause of the act. He leaves a wife and one young daughter.

**Why not enroll today?**

City Health Officer W. J. McKagen has received orders from Dr. J. A. Hayne, State health officer, to make immediate report of any cases of infantile paralysis. Physicians are requested to keep any suspicious cases under careful observation and to report all cases to the health department.

Court adjourned Monday afternoon sine die. It was expected to adjourn Saturday, but as Judge Memminger was unable to get through to Charleston at that time he decided to remain over Monday and hear equity matters waiting to be disposed of.

**SEASHORE**

**ROUND TRIP FARES**

**From Sumter**

**SUNDAY Excursion Fares**

\$1.75 to Charleston.  
Tickets on sale for forenoon trains on each Sunday from June 11 to September 11, inclusive, limited returning on train No. 178 scheduled to leave Charleston 8:25 p. m., on Sunday the day of sale.

**WEEK END Excursion Fares**

\$4.60 to Wilmington.  
\$3.30 to Isle of Palms.  
\$3.30 to Sullivan's Island.  
\$4.60 to Myrtle Beach.

Tickets on sale for all trains on each Saturday and for forenoon trains on each Sunday from May 27 to September 11, inclusive, limited returning to reach original starting point prior to midnight of Tuesday next following date of sale.

**SUMMER Excursion Fares**

\$7.10 to Wrightsville Beach.  
\$4.65 to Isle of Palms.  
\$4.65 to Sullivan's Island.  
\$6.75 to Myrtle Beach.  
\$13.70 to Norfolk.

Tickets on sale from May 15 to October 15, inclusive, limited returning until October 31. Liberal stop-over privileges.

Schedules and further particulars cheerfully furnished upon application to Q. V. PLAYER, Ticket Agent, Sumter, S. C.

**ATLANTIC COAST LINE**  
The Standard Railroad of the South.

**THE STORM AT BISHOPVILLE.**

**Barn Blown Down and Mules Killed—Cotton and Corn Badly Damaged.**

Bishopville, July 20.—The storm took us in also, as it passed over the State. It raged for hours and really it appeared that it would destroy not only our houses and crops, but us. In town there was no loss of life nor seriously damaged houses, but water either leaked or escaped into every dwelling.

A barn went down on one of Mr. H. W. Woodward's plantations and two mules were killed. Corn is shredded and cotton is stunted.

Cotton was forced over from side to side until all of the feed roots were broken and now it is dejected, and weak, barely alive.

One farm of Messrs. Lee and Davis which made 600 bales of cotton last season promises 150 this year, all on account of the effects of the storm.

A small party of Bishopville young ladies had the wild pleasure of weathering the storm on Sullivan's Island. They report kind treatment by the garrison of the forts, where many spent the worst nights under shelter of its massive walls. Yet they were not thick enough to keep from their ears the awful roar of the elements outside.

Lynchess' river behaved very nicely. It suddenly rose to the danger point and as quickly subsided.

Autos can cross at DuBose's bridge in a few days.

**FIRE DESTROYS BARN.**

**Stables and Meat House of Mr. Thos. Wilson Burned.**

Fire this afternoon at about 2:30 o'clock destroyed the stables and barn and the meat house on Mr. Thomas Wilson's premises on Broad street. The fire caught from the meat house in which there was about 3,500 pounds of cured meats, a fire having been built there for the preservation of the meats. In the barn was about two thousand pounds of oats, which caught and gave the blaze a big impetus.

The building was in good condition and the loss will be considerable on it, although the heaviest loss will probably be that of the meat. Mr. Wilson stated that he did not think that there was any insurance on the buildings.

The fire department prevented the fire from spreading to any adjacent buildings, which were threatened for a time.

**Lumber, Lime, Cement,**  
BUILDING MATERIAL GENERALLY  
AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.  
**BOOTH & McLEOD,**  
Successors to Booth, Shuler Lumber & Supply Co.  
Geo. Epperson's Old Stand Opp. Court House

**The Farmers' Mutual Protective Association**  
Of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties

It is the ambition of the officers of The Farmers' Mutual Protection Association of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties, S. C., to make the organization invaluable to property owners; to sell Fire Insurance at the Lowest Possible Cost; to save money for its members and to become the most dominant factor in the commercial life of our community.

**HAVE YOU JOINED YET?**  
There is a Director in your Township.

**The Sumter Trust Co., Agt.**  
SUMTER, S. C.

**The Bailey-Lebby Company**  
Machinery, Mill and Plumbing Supplies.  
Automobile Supplies and Accessories  
G. & J. Tires and Tubes VEEDOL Oils and Grease  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

**MASS MEETING.**

**Candidates for Mayor and Councilman To Speak in Court House.**

The citizens of Sumter are requested to meet at the Court House, Monday evening, July 24th, 1916, at 8:30 o'clock sharp, to hear the addresses of the candidates for the offices of Mayor and Councilman of the city of Sumter to be voted for in the primary election to be held on the next day.

J. W. McKeiver,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

**BODIES OF FLOOD VICTIMS.**

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 19.—The bodies of three women, two men and two children were discovered today near waters of the Yadkin River, according to a message received here from Ronda. Of the dead only the bodies of Caudle, his wife and two children were identified.

The houses were found fifteen miles from the point where they originally stood, it was said.

**Candidate's Cards.**

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

**For Congress.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 7th Congressional District and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the primary.  
A. F. LEVER.

**For House of Representatives.**  
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.  
J. L. GILLIS.

**For Magistrate.**  
I hereby announce that I am candidate for the office of Magistrate in the Fourth Magisterial District (Privateer) of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.  
S. B. KOLB.

At the request of my friends I announce myself as a candidate for the 7th Magisterial District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. I am in the race to a finish if I don't get but one vote.  
T. P. SANDERS, JR.