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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1859 and the True Southern in 1864. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.



Weekly Weather Forecast.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: More or less cloudiness and occasional local rains, although mostly fair over northern section. Temperature will be nearly normal.

The sudden death of Hartwell M. Ayer, editor of The Florence Times, Thursday afternoon was a shock to the newspaper fraternity of the State, all of whom feel his death as a personal loss. For more than twenty-five years he was actively engaged in newspaper work, the greater part of that time having been editor and publisher of the Florence Times. He gave the best years of his life to the betterment and upbuilding of his town, and now that he has been called hence, he will be greatly missed, for he gave sincere and disinterested service and his time and ability were expended more for the benefit of the community than for his own financial or political advantage. His life was one of real, constructive public service and his greatest reward was in the consciousness of having given the best that was in him to make Florence and the State of South Carolina a better and more wholesome place in which to live.

Cooperation Makes Life Worth While
The September Woman's Home Companion says:

"If you asked the folks who live around Oak Mound, Minnesota, if they find farming hard and farm life dull, they would laugh at you. That community has learned the secret of cooperative social life, with the school house as a community center.

"The Oak Mound Farmers' Club is responsible for the building of this school house, and also for the continuous series of educational programs presented there. They conduct an open forum for discussion of the problems vital to the vicinity; they invite competent speakers to come before them and discuss topics of world-wide interest; their young people give plays, and they have a singing society with more than forty members.

"Other cooperative ventures which have to do more with the business interests of the community are a farmers' telephone line and a farmers' elevator at Kraques, the nearest railroad station.

"The success of the Oak Mound community is due to the fact that all work together, everyone helps, from the pastor of the church, who by the way, organized the singing society, to the school children of the first grades. The result is a farming community which has most of the pleasures and none of the drawbacks of the city—and this, we believe, makes a state of existence which is very close to ideal."

The Starting Point.

Seven tons of buncombe, says the Manufacturer's Record, are shipped through the mails every day under congressional franks. Isn't this a good place to begin in bringing about the proposed postal reform?

Red Cross Supplies.

The Sumter Red Cross Chapter has received an acknowledgement of the receipt of articles forwarded on August 9th. Mr. W. R. Bush, Assistant Director of Southern Division, Bureau of Supplies writes: "We take this opportunity of commending you very highly for the beautiful work being turned out by your chapter."

Miss Ellie Baker has returned from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Charleston.

PLAN ARTILLERY RANGE.

GOVERNMENT REPORTED TO BE READY TO TAKE OVER TRACT OF 150,000 ACRES IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Tract is Fifteen Miles Square and is Not Employed to Any Extent, It is Said.

Charleston, Sept. 17.—That the government is considering buying a large tract of land in the sand hills of South, or North, Carolina is reported here. Such a tract of land will be used as an artillery field for the men in training for the surrounding territory, and several government agents and inspectors have been over several large tracts situated in Chesterfield county and they are likely to report favorable. If such a report is made and the officials of the Washington government buy, the transaction will involve several hundred thousand dollars. Not only will there be a direct result of such a sale, but the whole country around will benefit materially.

A large field situated in North, or South, Carolina will be utilized as a means of training the raw men in the national army, and perhaps be used also as a target field of the National Guard units that are to be trained at Spartanburg and other camps.

The field would be in the sand hills and it is the plan of the army officials to secure fifteen square miles of land and it is said that a tract of these dimensions has been offered and inspected in Chesterfield County. If it meets the qualifications of the inspectors and is bought and developed into a target field, the men in the camps will probably take hikes to and from it and a large number of men can be trained in the arts of war in a short time in this way.

Mr. W. R. Bonsal, well known railroad builder and a controlling factor in the Valk & Murdoch Co., of Charleston, is reported to be one of the principal owners of the Chesterfield tract, which, it is said, is not used to any extent at this time. The landowners are reported to be ready to cooperate with the United States government, either selling the property or leasing it for a term of years.

The government, it is stated, is ready to purchase, or lease, the Chesterfield tract, the question of price being under active consideration at this time. An officer, representing the headquarters of the Southeastern Department, at Charleston, has been in Chesterfield for a thorough inspection of the 150,000 acre tract.

KERSHAW WOMAN SHOT.

Mrs. Andrew Baker in Serious Condition.

Camden, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Estelle Baker, wife of Andrew Baker, residing seven miles east of Camden, was found in an unconscious condition near her home today. A gunshot wound in the hand and many blows inflicted on her head with a bludgeoning instrument caused the injuries. Signs of finger prints upon her throat indicated that she had been strangled by the would-be murderer evidently leaving her for dead.

Mrs. Baker was alone at the time gathering grapes and tracks around showed that she had staggered a considerable distance. The shooting is supposed to have occurred about 9 o'clock and she was found four hours later by her sons. She was brought to the hospital here and been in an unconscious condition since. Physicians hold out no hope of her recovery. Sheriff Hough and deputies have been working on the case all day, but no arrests have been made.

COAST FEELS STORM.

Strong Northeast Winds From Charleston to Nantucket.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Strong northeast winds along the North Atlantic Coast from Charleston to Nantucket were forecast tonight by the weather bureau, in announcing that storm warnings had been posted between those points. The winds, which are expected to increase in force Saturday, have their origin in a disturbance which the bureau said was of the Georgia and South Carolina coast tonight.

There is no additional information on the recent tropical disturbance in the Caribbean, the bureau announced.

EFFECTS OF STORM.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Still Blocked.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 17.—Disrupted train schedules are the only remaining effects of the storm last week, which caused heavy crop damage and reported loss of lives in Eastern North Carolina. It will be the latter part of the week before service is resumed on the Wilmington and Weldon branch of the Atlantic Coast Line.

NO NEED FOR ALARM.

Secretary McAdoo Tells Southern Congressmen British Farm Loans Will be Arranged.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary McAdoo told a delegation of Southern congressmen that there is no need of alarm over the prospective withdrawal of ten million British pounds invested in farm land mortgages. The government will probably ask England not to call for the money.

GERMANY THANKS SWEDEN.

Imperial Government is Appreciative of Services.

London, Sept. 17.—Germany has sent a note to Sweden regretting the disagreeable issues raised on account of Sweden having transmitted telegrams to Germany, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the Central News. Germany says the Imperial Government is obliged to Sweden for sending the messages, but regrets that German representatives used the phraseology they did.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.
(Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon.)
Good Middling 19 7-8.
Strict Middling 19 3-4.
Middling 19 5-8.
Strict Low Middling 19 3-8.
Low Middling 19.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
Oct . . .	20.30	20.41	20.12	20.33	
Dec . . .	20.17	20.29	19.95	20.18	
Jan . . .	20.10	20.21	19.86	20.12	

Cheap Bread a Calamity.

When the organ of the baking industry proclaims the imminence of the 5-cent loaf and appeals to the trade to save itself from such a calamity, it is evident that bakers in considerable numbers are convinced that a return to the old standard is possible and desirable. The plan to produce a 5-cent loaf is spoken of as a "danger" resulting from the fact that some bakers "do not know how to figure," and it is said that unless the Association of Master Bakers takes drastic action at its forthcoming meeting, there will be "nothing to hinder short-sighted men from baking 5-cent loaves and thereby injuring themselves and the entire industry." What a trade paper says about prices does not bind the interests for which it assumes to speak, but the Department of Justice can hardly fail to note with care the effect of this advice upon the master bakers. Men who are planning to produce 5-cent loaves are acting within their rights. To head them off by intimidation or combination will be to violate the letter of many laws and to antagonize the whole theory of food administration.—New York World.

Opening of City Schools.

The public schools of the city opened this morning promptly on time with a very large enrollment. All of the teachers were struck with the especially vigorous and healthy appearance of the pupils. The boys and girls both looked as if they were unusually ready for hard and successful work.

At the Boys' High School building the anticipation of a very large number of boys for the seventh grade was realized and there were nearly fifty boys present for this grade on the opening day. A room for this anticipated contingency had been reserved at the Calhoun school building and the services of Miss Margaret Cheyne have been procured temporarily. Miss Cheyne is a Winthrop graduate with several years' experience as a teacher of the seventh grade. The Board was, therefore, fortunate in being able to procure her services for this emergency.

The atmosphere of earnestness and zeal gives promise of an excellent year's work and it seems to be the purpose of the teachers and pupils to make this the most telling year's work in the history of the schools.

Community Fairs.

A meeting will be held at Lynchburg School House on Monday night, September 24th at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a community fair to be held in October or early November. All those residents of that section of Lee county who are interested in the movement are invited to attend the meeting.

Elliott has already formed a community fair organization and the fair will be held in October.

These community fairs are auxiliaries of the Lee County Fair and will undoubtedly arouse great interest in the County Fair and will contribute largely to the variety of exhibits and the success of the County Fair at Bishopville.

GRAIN SMUTS DECREASE YIELDS.

Increase Production of Grains By Simple Seed Treatment With Fungicides.

Clemson College, Sept. 14.—There was a loss of five to ten per cent of our small grain crops in this State last year due to smuts. These smuts may be destroyed very easily by seed treatment. Due to the fact that grains are of very great importance at this time, and in most cases seed from last year's crop is to be used, it is urged that the seed be treated before planting.

To prevent smuts of wheat, oats and barley use only the very best seed obtainable, and before treating be sure to try to have the seed passed through a fanning mill to remove light imperfect kernels and any smut balls that may not have been removed at the time of threshing.

For chemical treatment of seed the following methods are most effective:

(1) Take an old molasses or oil barrel, clean well, and fill about two-thirds full of formalin solution—one pint of formaldehyde to forty gallons of water. Place about a bushel of seed in a bag and tie near the top so the seed will have free movement within the bath. Allow each bag to soak in the solution for ten or fifteen minutes. After treating from fifteen to twenty bushels a new solution should be prepared. As fast as the sacks of seed are treated and allowed to drip, they should be emptied from the bags in a pile, and allowed to remain over night. The seed should then be planted at once or dried to prevent damage.

(2) Place the seed in a pile on a floor or in one end of a wagon body, and as you gradually shovel from one pile to a new one the seed should be sprinkled with the formaldehyde solution. The shoveling and sprinkling of the seed should be repeated until the seed are thoroughly damp. Then place damp bags over the piles of seed and allow to remain over night.

The former treatment is preferable and gives better results as the seed are more likely to be thoroughly wet. The above methods may be varied by the use of bluestone (one pound of bluestone to four or five gallons of water) instead of formaldehyde. The bluestone solution is likely, however, to prove more injurious to germination, especially oat seed. Materials for making the solutions may be purchased at any drug store.

FARMS FOR SALE

In Sumter and Clarendon Counties.

- 68 Acres on public road, three miles from Sumter; 49 acres in high state of cultivation; well drained; one four room house, barn and stables. Splendidly located with good neighbors. Can get artesian water.
- 75 Acres on public road three miles from Sumter; 42 acres in cultivation, and 10 acres more cleared to be cultivated next year. One four room house, barn and stables.
- 80 Acres on public road, three miles from Sumter; about 50 acres in cultivation. Good 4 room dwelling, one tenant house, barn, stables, etc.
- 224 Acres on public road, three miles from Sumter, six-horse farm in cultivation this year, which can be increased to eight horse farm next year. Four room dwelling, three tenant houses, barns and stables. Good flowing well. Situated near good school, gin, railroad siding, and in a good neighborhood.
- 412 Acres on public road, two and one-half miles from Sumter, ten horse farm open and in high state of cultivation. New dwelling, five rooms, ten tenant houses, barns, stables, sheds and other outbuildings; dairy barn and equipment, with dairy herd, if desired. Plenty of wood and straw. Thoroughly drained. About one hundred acres under fence and subdivided. Property situated like this is not often offered for sale, and if you are interested in a splendid farm practically in the city, you had better see about it at once.
- 217 acres near Pinewood, two horse farm open, one house. Good land, but needs developing. Timber enough to pay for building up place. Saw mill near by. Will subdivide, if desired, and sell cheap.
- 120 Acres near Pinewood, undeveloped. Will sell cheap.

Easy Terms To Suit Purchasers.

C. P. OSTEEN, Sumter, S. C.

New Workers for Clemson.

Clemson College, Sept. 14.—V. W. Lewis of Alabama and a graduate of Auburn, class 1912 has entered upon his duties at Clemson as livestock agent for the State to take the place of Paul H. Calvin who resigned sometime ago to go into commercial work in Georgia. Mr. Lewis has been with the Southern Railway Company for the last four years as livestock and agricultural agent. Mr. Lewis' training and experience well fits him to take up his work in South Carolina.

J. A. Clutter of Iowa has been appointed assistant professor of dairying and head of the manufacturing work in the Clemson College creamery. He entered upon his duties last week. Mr. Clutter is a graduate of Iowa State College, having graduated in dairying in 1915. For the past four years he has held a position at the Agricultural and

Mechanical College of Texas, as assistant professor of dairying. He comes highly recommended for this important work.

FEDERAL INSURANCE BILL.

President Wants Act for Protection of Soldiers and Sailors Passed at Once.

Washington, Sept. 15.—President Wilson today communicated directly to senators his wish that the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill pass before adjournment. It is practically certain that this plan will be followed, but unless debate is cut down the plan to adjourn October 1st will doubtless be disarranged.

FOR SALE—Registered Aberdeen-Angus bull, four years old, tubercular tested, without fault or blemish. C. P. Osteen, Sumter, S. C.

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They will prove a good investment as we do not believe you will be able to buy them again at the prices we are now selling them. Our contract was made on a Wool basis fully

50% Less Than Present Prices

We are forced to notify our friends that when our present stock is exhausted it will be practically impossible for us to get any more as our mill has contracted to furnish the Government

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And we were able to get our contract filled by reason of the fact, that we have been one of their oldest and most loyal patrons, handling their product for

30 Years

If you feel that you will need a pair of blankets any time this Winter, invest in a "Tar Heel."

The Best Blanket On Earth For The Money

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