

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mr. W. F. Alexander, of Allen, S. C., was in the city today on business.

Miss Julia Reynolds, who has been visiting relatives in Boston, Mass., has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Gaillard have returned from a trip to New York and are with Mrs. W. H. Ingram on Hampton Avenue.

Miss Margaret Bryan, who has been making her home in Columbia for the past two years, has resigned her position with the Eastern District Exemption Board and is spending a while with her mother on North Main Street.

Mr. James M. Abrams, who has been employed by the Penn-Sumter Lumber Co., has gone to Washington to accept a position with the government.

Mr. Levy Tindal, of Clarendon county, was in the city today.

Mrs. A. E. Davis of Charleston and Mrs. G. J. Davis of Atlanta are visiting Mrs. W. B. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jennings of Orangeburg are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Phelps.

Lieuts. Geo. D. Levy, Irvine Richardson, and Robert Jennings, of Camp Jackson are in the city for the wedding of Miss Lucile Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Weinberg, of Manning, Miss Pauline Gardner, of Savannah, and Miss Anne Oats, of Hendersonville, are guests of Miss Lucile Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phelps, of Henderson, N. C., are visiting in the city.

Miss Annie Oates left this morning for her home in Hendersonville, N. C.

Miss Dorothy Phelps has returned to Greensboro, N. C., where she attends college.

Lieuts. Geo. D. Levy, Robt. Jennings and Irvine Richardson returned to Camp Jackson last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Witherspoon of Mayesville, have been in the city attending the wedding of Miss Lucile Phelps.

**In Memoriam Screven Moore.**  
From The Daily Item, Dec. 6.

Mr. Screven Moore, one of the best known and loved citizens of Sumter County, died at his residence in Charleston, S. C., at two o'clock this morning in the fifty-ninth year of his age. His death was quite unexpected. He was in Sumter only a week or two ago, arranging his farming operations on his plantation at Stateburg, and was in his usual health and spirits.

He was born at "The Oaks" at Stateburg, S. C., and with the exception of a few years spent in Fredonia, N. Y., with his father and family he has lived all his life at Stateburg. He was a son of the late Dr. Matthew S. Moore and Miss Martha Murray of Stateburg, and he came of a family distinguished in the history of South Carolina. By birth, education and environment, he was a gentleman. As a man, as husband and father, as friend, he stood as the very highest type. He was generally loved for the bigness of his heart and for his ready sympathies for the needs of his fellow men. It is such characters as Screven Moore that make the world better and brighter.

He married Miss Harriet Frances Pinckney, daughter of the late Henry L. Pinckney, Esq., of Stateburg, who predeceased him by about two years. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters:

Arthur Moore, Esq., and Dr. McDonald Moore of Fredonia, N. Y.; S. Murray Moore of Miami, Fla.; R. Burchill Moore, Two Harbors, Minn.; Mrs. Sarah R. Flud, Stateburg; Mrs. W. H. Shelton, Dunkirk, N. Y.

His children are: Dr. Matthew S. Moore and Misses Sarah, Martha, and Rebecca Moore of Charleston; Mrs. Frank Burgess, Manning; Dr. Henry P. Moore, surgeon, U. S. Medical Reserve Corps, Camp Sevier, Screven Moore, Camp Sevier, Greenville; Charles Moore, Philadelphia, and Arthur and Burchill Moore, Charleston.

The funeral services will be conducted at the Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, at half past eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.

In mentioning the names of Sumter boys who received commission from the second training camp at Oglethorpe, the name of Edwin Randle was omitted. This was due to the fact that he registered from Virginia so his name was not included in the list from South Carolina. He was commissioned as captain of Field Artillery, and will be stationed at Camp Jackson. He and Robert McKay were the youngest captains to receive commissions.

The American government may not believe in the policy of reprisals but the people of America do.—Spartanburg Journal.

**BAPTISTS IN SESSION.**

**STATE CONVENTION MEETS IN ROCK HILL.**

**President Delivers Speech Urging Cooperation of Churches in Community Building Efforts.**

Rock Hill, Dec. 3.—The South Carolina Baptist State convention assembled in its 97th annual meeting here this evening. The day sessions are being held in the First Baptist Church while the evening sessions are held in the First Presbyterian Church. A larger delegation than was at first expected has arrived and the convention bids fair to be one of the great meetings of the body.

After devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. C. M. Lightfoot of Columbia, President T. T. Hyde called the convention to order. The order of business was presented by C. S. Alderman and adopted. The session this evening was devoted to the preliminary exercises of the convention and consisted of an address by president in which he spoke of the part pastors and churches may take in the work of community building.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Dr. J. B. Johnson, Prof. J. P. Kinard, the Rev. F. W. Gregg and the Rev. J. Powell Tucker. The Rev. G. W. Quick of Greenville responded. Secretary W. T. Derieux presented his report on State missions which showed total receipts amounting to \$52,232 and out of debt.

The education board's report was submitted by C. A. Jones, that on aged ministers' relief and mutual benefit association by C. C. Brown; Sunday schools and colportage by T. J. Watts; orphanage by G. B. Buell; Baptist Hospital by A. J. Bethea; ministerial education by J. C. Keys; Furman University by E. M. Poteat; Greenville Woman's College by D. M. Ramsay; and Anderson College by J. E. White. Splendid reports were submitted by these executive officers.

Committees of reference were appointed as follows: State missions, W. M. Jones, J. W. Truluck, J. E. Freeman, M. J. Kyser and J. E. Bailey; ministerial education, G. W. Quick, O. J. Frier, J. D. Huggins, J. R. McKittick and W. R. Rabb; Sunday schools and colportage, G. E. Davis, E. H. Simpson, J. R. Smith, J. K. Hair and J. B. Bozeman; aged ministers' relief E. P. Jones, M. W. Gordon, J. P. Isenhower, H. C. Dunn, C. C. Ridgell; orphanage, A. B. Kennedy, J. D. Chapman, W. B. Sherwood, J. A. Brunson and G. C. Epps; Baptist Hospital, W. E. Thayer, H. K. Williams, A. E. C. Pittman, F. T. Cox and W. S. Brooke; mutual benefit association, J. H. Bolderidge, W. J. Wilder, H. G. White, J. H. Machen and J. R. Moore.

The convention will consider missions tomorrow.

Wednesday afternoon the visitors will attend a reception at Winthrop College.

**Honor Roll Stateburg School.**

First Grade—Julia Neyle, Frances Richardson.

Second Grade—Gillespie Boyd, Julia R. Simons, Hope Williams.

Third Grade—Fraser Neyle, Elizabeth Richardson.

Fourth Grade—John Frank Williams.

Fifth Grade—Charles Boyd, Henry Neyle.

Sixth Grade—James Brown, William Brown, Clarence Hair, Marguerite Hair.

Eighth Grade—Rosalee Neyle.

**Mrs. Percy Smith Entertains.**

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith entertained informally at bridge in compliment to Dr. S. C. Baker, who is at home on a short furlough from Camp Wheeler. After several interesting rubbers, scored on cards bearing small U. S. flags, Dr. Baker having the top score, won the gentleman's prize. Mrs. Baker received the ladies' prize. During the evening delightful refreshments were served.

A bridge across the Santee at Pinckney's landing near St. Paul will put Sumter within approximately seventy-five miles of Charleston, will materially shorten the distance to Augusta and open up easy communication with Orangeburg and Berkeley counties from which this section of the State has always been cut off. A bridge at any other point would be of far less service to Sumter and Clarendon counties.

The County Commissioners were wise in receding from their previous decision to establish the Tuberculosis camp on the Poor House farm. The location was unsuitable, the surroundings undesirable and the plan to operate the Alms House and Camp under the same management impracticable.

The Red Cross seals will be sold this year by the members of the fifth and sixth grades, Hampton school. Watch for those boys and girls, and buy your seals from them.

**GOVERNMENT COTTON GRADER.**

**Government Grader Brooks will be on Duty on Three Days a Week — Thursday Friday and Saturday.**

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce has been notified and requested to publish the information that after Saturday, December 8th, the United States government expert cotton grader, G. T. Brooks will be in Sumter on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and in Columbia on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays until further notice.

This becomes necessary owing to the scarcity of cotton graders and to the further fact that the Columbia grader, J. H. Higginbotham has to leave Columbia for several weeks.

The headquarters of the Sumter Tri-Cotton Farmers' Marketing Association will remain open for six days in the week with a cotton sampler on duty as heretofore who will take care of all cotton samples left with the association on the first three days of the week while Mr. Brooks is grading cotton in Columbia.

Every farmer in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties who has not had his cotton sampled and graded had better rush same in during December as it is uncertain whether the government can keep a grader in South Carolina much longer than January 1st, 1918, although efforts will be made to do so.

About twelve thousand bales have been sampled and graded by the Sumter government grader since September 7th, and the grader has given general satisfaction to the cotton sellers and the local cotton buyers.

Government cotton grading on this market is now an established and satisfactory system of handling cotton, and the local cotton buyers are cooperating with the United States government.

The cotton growers, however, have not, as a general thing, supported the cotton association financially as they should have done. Insufficient funds are on hand to pay the expenses of the associations' affairs. Money is needed for store rent, samplers' salary, janitor service, lights, fuel, etc. If sufficient money is not provided the association will have to close this season's business sixty days sooner than was anticipated.

**BIG STILL CAPTURED.**

**Rural Policemen Seize Copper Still in Lower Manchester.**

Several years ago an illicit distillery was operated for a considerable period in the lower part of Manchester township until revenue officers got behind it and arrested several men who were suspected of running it. The still itself was never found and the men arrested were finally acquitted. The man who was supposed to be the owner and operator of the still eluded arrest and was never brought to trial, the case against him being finally dropped from the docket of the Federal court.

For several months reports have been current that a moonshine still was again operating in the same section of the county and there were sufficient facts to warrant belief that the reports were well founded. The rural policemen lately obtained information as to the location of the still and Tuesday they set out to find it. In the searching party were Rural Policemen Alex Norris, Sam Newman, Hamilton Boykin and John Bradley, and Constables Geddings and Fox.

They first went to the house of Damon Robinson, colored, who, they had reason to believe, could pilot them to the still. Robinson denied all knowledge of a still in his neighborhood and claimed to be unable to give any information. The officers insisted that he lead them to the still and made him accompany them. He left them a long roundabout journey for several hours, at first taking them in a direction opposite to that in which the still really was to be found. Robinson finally found that the officers could not be thrown off the track or hoodwinked, so reluctantly conducted them to the still, which was well hidden deep in Big Bay. No one was found at the still, which had not been running for several days. Neither was any whiskey found, but there were fourteen barrels of beer—about six hundred gallons—almost ready for a run. The still is the best and largest yet found in this county. It is a regular copper still of about fifteen gallons capacity and its appearance indicates that it has seen considerable service. The still was seized and brought to the city and the beer poured out on the ground. As there was no positive proof that Robinson was guilty of operating the still he was not arrested.

**Engagement Announced.**

Mr. William Jackson Yielding announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Lillian Olivia, to Mr. Gaither Peterson Dick. The wedding to take place the middle of December.—Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald.

**MURDER AT BELL'S MILL.**

**Daniel Rich Puts Three Revolver Bullets Through the Body of Eugene Canteay.**

Without any unnecessary preliminaries Daniel Rich, colored, killed Eugene Canteay at Bell's Mill Saturday night about 7 o'clock, firing three bullets from a large calibre revolver into his body. One bullet passed entirely through his chest from front to back, another passed through and lodged under the skin against the backbone and the third passed through the arm. According to the testimony at the inquest Rich accused Canteay of having taken Rich's wife to Pinewood, which Canteay denied. Rich without further argument opened fire, killing Canteay almost instantly. The killing occurred at the house of Jim Wilson in the presence of several witnesses. Rich went home, told his wife of the killing and left, saying he was coming to town to give himself up to the sheriff. He did not come to town that night, however, but the next morning he surrendered and was committed to jail. He will be held for trial at the next term of court.

**Married.**

Miss Olive Spann and Mr. Homer C. Carlisle were married on Friday afternoon, November 30th at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Norwood Spann, near this city. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle spent a few days at Macon, Ga., the former home of the groom.

Miss Mary M. Wilson, daughter of Mr. Geo. M. Wilson, of this city, and Mr. William Porter Johnson, of Little Rock, Ark., were married in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, November 28th.

Maryland has a compulsory labor law. Every able-bodied individual not employed at useful labor must register for work, on pain of punishment for failure to do so. A number of gypsies were rounded up before a magistrate in Baltimore last week and although they claimed that some weeks they earned as much as \$500 as horse dealers and coppersmiths, the men were fined \$5 each for not having registered as idlers and Louis A. Mitchell, their chief, was notified that all must leave the city immediately. An employed bootblack was also assigned to work on the roads on the ground that during war times it is the business of each individual to shine his or her own shoes.

**Rural Carrier Examination.**

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Sumter, S. C., to be held on January 12, 1918, Camden at 12 M., to fill position of rural carrier at Rembert, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

**Winn School Roll of Honor.**

- Roy Baker,
- Carl Baker,
- Annie May Baker,
- Marius Cooper,
- Clement Marshall,
- Gertrude Jackson,
- Ora Jackson,
- Harriet Sims,
- Minnie Lou Sims,
- Jim Ed Sims,
- W. C. Sims,
- Elise Sims.

If the four Rural Policemen succeed in enforcing the law against excessive speed on the five hundred miles of public highway in the county, they will put it all over the police force of the city who have found it impossible to control the speed maniacs who make the streets of the city unsafe for all classes of travelers.

**FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.**

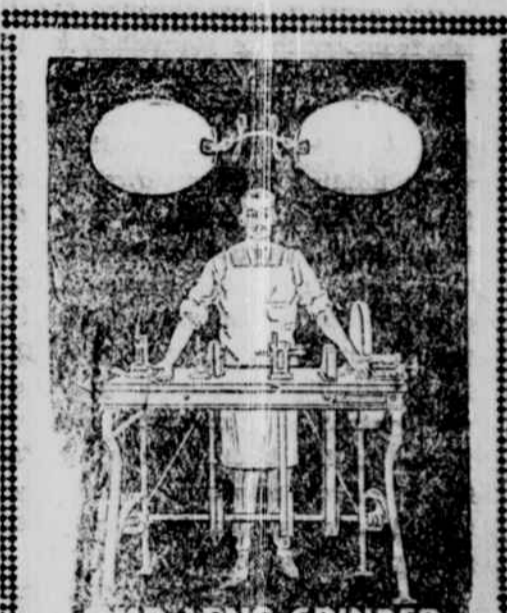
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There is reason to anticipate a greater rush in Christmas shopping than usual, and the necessity of shopping early is therefore greater than ever.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Bank of Sumter Monday afternoon Mr. W. J. Crowson, Jr., cashier, was elected a member of the board.



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