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PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN NOTES.

County Health Survey Agitation Going on Among Rural White Citizens.

Mrs. E. W. Dabbs, of Salem, chairman of the Sumter county Baby Welfare Workers, in her splendid talk at General Sumter Memorial School last Wednesday...

She pointed out that patriotic colored citizens had organized and are working to raise funds to help this county put up two thousand and five hundred dollars for this purpose.

The meeting at Hogwood last Monday was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sanders, was well attended by the men, women, boys and girls of that section and much interest manifested in the public health conditions in the rural districts.

Mr. P. G. Bowman, the speaker on public health improvement, very clearly pointed out the patriotic duty of the people to respond to the call of the government to educate themselves or have themselves instructed along these lines, and to make themselves morally, physically, and mentally more efficient as producers to back up the boys and men who are fighting, suffering, bleeding and thousands of them dying to win the war for us.

At Salem meeting last Tuesday which was held at the hospitable home of Mr. J. H. Wilson, this meeting was also a very pleasant and successful gathering. A delightful picnic dinner was served also. Rev. R. S. Truesdale made his opening speech here as a public health campaign advocate.

Mr. Truesdale certainly opened the eyes of his hearers by his eloquent, comprehensive and instructive address, and he showed them how very important to the future prosperity of the nation is the maintenance of the highest possible degree of physical, moral, and mental efficiency.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, chairman of the Mayesville Township Committee of the County Council of Defense presided, and being called up delivered also a very practical and patriotic appeal for support of the government by the people of the rural districts doing their very best to improve sanitary conditions, and decrease preventable, communicable diseases. He stressed the value of a county health survey and twelve months campaign of education and pleaded for active and systematic organization for this survey.

Mr. E. I. Reardon handled the question of community and township organization for bettering public health conditions.

The biggest meeting of this week was the combination program at the General Sumter Memorial School last Wednesday when the annual General Sumter Memorial Association meeting and picnic was combined with the public health campaign meeting.

The speaking was excellent by Dr. M. L. Parler on Baby Welfare, and Mr. P. G. Bowman, both of whom followed their usual line of splendid reasoning and impressive facts and figures. Mrs. E. W. Dabbs certainly awoke a feeling of patriotism and county pride among the very interested audience when she appealed to the men, women, boys and girls of the rural districts not to be behind the colored citizens in showing sanitary intelligence, culture, and progressive-ness, as well as patriotism in backing up the brave boys who are dying for our liberty and the honor of the womanhood of this country.

A delightful picnic dinner was served at this meeting also.

The program was varied with delightful instrumental and vocal numbers. Misses Keels and Martin, our efficient home demonstration agents, are loyally attending every public health meeting, and despite the very warm weather and trying conditions are putting on very valuable demonstrations in economic problems, preserving, drying, and canning of fruits and vegetables, and showing and lecturing on how to cook and keep house to avoid diseases and premature deaths.

Program of Gen. Sumter School Meeting.

Song—America—By the Audience. Prayer, by Mr. E. W. Dabbs. Solo—"Carolina"—Mrs. S. O. Plowden. Emergency Home Demonstration Agent of Clarendon County. Address by Dr. M. L. Parler. Address by Mrs. E. W. Dabbs. Solo—"Laurels of Victory"—Miss Elizabeth Dargan.

Address by Mr. P. G. Bowman. Demonstration and Lectures by Misses Keels and Martin, Home Demonstration Agents.

Children's Hour, 5.30 to 6.30. This was a very happy feature for the little ones, and for the "old folks" as well.

Mr. E. I. Reardon, Secretary Sumter Chamber of Commerce presided. Piano Accompanist—Mrs. John Frierson.

CANT EXPUNGE RECORD.

President Wilson Says People Will Not Believe Blaise is or Can Be Friend of Administration.

Spartanburg, Aug. 15.—President Wilson has addressed a letter to Thos. H. Daniel, Washington correspondent of the Spartanburg Herald, in response to a request for an expression of views on the senatorial race in South Carolina, in which Former Gov. Cole L. Blaise is a candidate, in which he says:

"Let me say that I have perfect confidence that the people of South Carolina will judge rightly in the senatorial contest and I have not the least fear that they will believe that Mr. Blaise is or can be a friend of the administration. The record of his opinion is already written and it is a little late to expunge it."

Mr. Blaise, who is a candidate for the senate to succeed the late Senator Tillman, is in Spartanburg tonight and will make a campaign of the county tomorrow.

COTTON CONTROL URGED.

New York Exchange Again Attacked.

Edon, Aug. 15.—Cotton buyers and mill owners urged the necessity for government control of the New York cotton exchange and the elimination of speculation of a purely gambling nature at a hearing held here today by the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture. Speakers declared also that the correct labeling of cotton bales would be of greatest help both to mill men and growers.

William F. Garcelon, speaking for the Arkwright Club, an association of cotton manufacturers. Charles N. Bush, secretary of the New England Cotton Buyers' Association and others also discussed delays in transportation. Mills sometimes were obliged to wait six months or more for cotton from points where deliveries should be made in six weeks. The New York exchange was called a "legalized gambling house, conducted under government supervision" by George H. Waring, secretary of the Fall River Cotton Buyers' Association.

"There is no excuse for cotton jumping from 6 to 10 cents within a few weeks," he added.

DUTCH VESSELS USED.

Will Sail From East Indian Ports, Bringing Sugar, Tin and Quinine.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Forty Dutch ships totalling approximately 100,000 tons now idle in Dutch East Indian ports are expected to be released to bring sugar, tin, quinine and other commodities to the United States as the result of an informal modus vivendi effected by the war trade board through Charge d'Affaires de Beaufort of the Dutch legation.

Tonnage placed at the disposal of the American government through the agreement will be sufficient, it was estimated today, to import from 50,000 to 100,000 tons of sugar and also much needed quantities of tin and quinine.

In return for the tonnage the United States government will undertake to license normal exports to the islands, subject only to such limitations of commodities as made necessary by the war program.

Exports of tin, quinine and other commodities originating in the islands will be accepted by the United States at the normal rate and all sugar offered will be taken, thereby providing a market for as much of the 1918 sugar crop at the prevailing high American price as the Dutch ships are able to move.

The Next Cotton Crop.

Editor Daily Item.

Referring to the call for a Food Crop Mass Meeting at Sumter Court House August 20th, permit the reminder that experience shows a pledge to reduce cotton acreage is the best way to assure increased acreage and the biggest crop the season can produce. Besides: Can other counties and other States be depended on to follow such lead, or hold off momentarily the greater the area pledged to reduction?

And consider this suggestion: Let farmers decide what proportion of cotton should be planted to other crops or to acreage, or to the plow, and ask Congress to declare a greater quantity contraband, and confiscate the whole cotton crop on any farm exceeding that limit. In such manner we will have reduction, and all will be on the same footing, and intensive farming will be encouraged, and cotton prices will be remunerative and farmers may wish such law permanent.

A. G. Warren.

Williamson-Wooten.

An approaching marriage that will be heard with much interest by friends in the State is that announced by Mrs. Sarah A. Williamson. Her youngest daughter, Miss Edith Reibert Williamson, and Lieut. Louis Ernest Wooten will be married the latter part of this month. The bride-elect, who is a popular member of the younger set, has been attending Chicago College in Columbia for the past two sessions. Lieut. Wooten is from Wilson, N. C., but is now stationed at Camp Forrest, Georgia.

Card of Thanks.

The Sumter High School Athletic Association desires to express to the business men of Sumter their hearty appreciation of the generous contributions made by them for the support of the Association during the past month. Without this financial assistance the activities of the Association could not be carried on during the coming athletic season.

Archie Phelps, Secretary and Treasurer

CANDIDATES AT REMBERT.

A Well Attended and Pleasant Meeting Held on Tuesday in Rembert School House.

The second meeting in the county campaign was held at Rembert Tuesday with all the candidates present, except Mr. John H. Clifton, candidate for the senate, and Mr. R. B. Belser, candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives. Mr. Clifton was prevented from attending by a meeting of the Exemption Board, and Mr. Belser was absent from the county on business. The meeting was held in the large auditorium, which was the nearest approach to a cool place that was found on that torrid day. The attendance was gratifyingly large, practically every seat in the hall being filled. There were no particular features to the meeting, everything passing off pleasantly and harmoniously. Mr. J. E. Dupre, of Pisgah, presided.

The first candidate to address the crowd was Judge of Probate, Thos. E. Richardson, who is asking for re-election. He said that he would not embarrass anyone by asking them to vote for him, that if they preferred another of the candidates, it was their privilege to vote for their choice without being embarrassed by being asked to vote for a different candidate. What he wants is the good will of the people. He discussed in general terms the duties of the office, and then branched off into an explanation of the quart-a-month law and the litigation that had resulted from it. He said that by making the Judge of Probate's office the place of issue for liquor permits the law had diverted the office from its real duty and filled it with booze hunters. The Judges of Probate had protested against the amended law and the case was still in court. What they wanted was to change the law, or devolve the duty of issuing liquor permits on some other officer.

Mr. A. C. Warren said that he had been elected coroner of Sumter county about thirty years ago and had served the people in that capacity, he believed, satisfactorily. After that experience he had dropped out of public life and had not sought any other office. But he had worked at various times in almost every county office and was familiar with the duties of the several county officers, particularly that of the Judge of Probate since he had frequently had complete charge of the office for weeks at a time during the illness of Col. T. V. Walsh, who was for so many years Judge of Probate. He asked for election because he was confident that he could discharge the duties of Judge of Probate efficiently and because he desired to serve the people of Sumter county in that capacity. He was an Ex-Confederate soldier, but had never asked for a pension—all he asked was a job in which he could serve the public and at the same time earn an honest living.

Mr. Jos. R. Singleton said he asked election as he desired to have the honor of serving the county and that he promised to receive all who came into his office pleasantly and to give every one a hearty hand-shake. He spoke of having one son in France and two more soon to go, when the new draft law becomes effective, and that if the country needed him he was ready to go himself when the call came.

Mr. Davis D. Moise, who is a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, spoke very briefly, saying that there were no particular issues and no questions about which the people differ. He advocated the construction of a system of good roads throughout the county but said this and a similar improvement would have to wait until the end of the war, which he hoped would be successfully concluded before the end of the next term of the legislature. At present and until the war has ended it is the first and only duty of every loyal man and woman to stand behind the government and to give it their full support at all costs. He told his audience that he was not running against any of the other candidates—that there are three places to be filled and five candidates, and all he asked was that he be given one place, the same one that he had held for four years, and let the other candidates run for the other two.

Mr. C. J. Jackson said that speech-making was as new to him as running for office, that he had no speech to make and probably could not make one if he were to try. He had no promises to make, except to support the government in every way possible and to give the best service of which he was capable to the county, the State and the national government. He would ask the people of Rembert for but one favor—he would ask them to give him just one more vote than they gave their fellow townsman Jesse Gillis, for he would appreciate the honor of beating him just a little in his own box.

Mr. A. B. Stuckey said that he had long had an ambition to serve his county in the legislature and it seemed that now is the opportune time for him to offer his services. He was interrupted by Chairman DuPre at this point, who asked him to state his views on the matter of reducing taxes. Mr. Stuckey said that he was in favor of as low taxes as possible, naturally, but he did not know whether it would be possible to reduce taxes under existing conditions. He believed in good service and not in stinting and skimping the public business. He favored the equalization of assessments so that the burden of taxation would be properly and fairly distributed. He did not believe in saying that taxes must be reduced, when conditions were such that it could not be done and carry on the government. He concluded with a patriotic talk on war conditions and the necessity of supporting the administration. If elected he promised to give the best service that he knew how to give.

Mr. J. L. Gillis said he was at home where he was born and had spent all his life and the people here knew his good points and his failings better, perhaps, than he did himself. For eight years he had served them as magistrate and his neigh-

bors knew his record. Two years ago he was a candidate for the legislature and the vote he received at Rembert and in his magisterial district was proof that he had the confidence of his own people, that he appreciated the handsome vote they gave him more than anything that he knew of—that he would rather have had that handsome vote and suffer defeat, as he did, than to have been elected by the vote of other parts of the county and lost the vote of his home club. Two years ago he learned that just before the primary reports had been circulated that he was a supporter of Blaise. He wanted to say now, as he had said then that he had been a Gov. Manning had ever sought, from Representative to Governor; that he had voted for Blaise when he ran against Judge Jones, believing at the time that he was doing the right thing, but afterwards he found out that he had made a mistake, for which he had always been sorry. He would promise only one thing, to do his duty to the best of his ability, if elected, and to do it with his whole heart, as he had tried to do it as to the Liberty loans, the Red Cross and other war work that had been carried on. He had and would continue to support the government in every way possible.

Mr. L. E. Wood, who is a candidate for Solicitor briefly announced his candidacy, saying that he had served the Third Circuit as Court Stenographer for thirteen years and he was now asking for a promotion. He had acted as Solicitor a number of times and many in the audience doubtless were present in Court and knew how he had acquitted himself of this duty. He promised to serve the public as Solicitor as he had as Court Stenographer, giving the office his full attention and his most conscientious service.

It was announced that Mr. F. A. McLeod, the other candidate for Solicitor was absent by reason of another engagement.

Mr. L. S. Vinson, the unopposed candidate for Magistrate in the 7th district, was the last speaker. He thanked the voters of the district for support in the past and promised to do his duty by them in the future to the best of his ability.

At the conclusion of the speech-making, the most enjoyable event of the day was announced. The ladies of Rembert had prepared an abundant dinner for the candidates and others attending the meeting, which was served in one of the large classrooms on the first floor of the school house. The dinner was given for the benefit of the church, and if the ladies had not contributed all the materials and prepared the dinner the church would have been a loser rather than a gainer from the dinner, for the ladies served a dinner for fifty cents that could not be duplicated by any of the hotels or restaurants, for many times the price, if at all. It was a dinner to be enjoyed at the time and to be remembered in this time of food conservation and high prices. The menu included fried chicken, chicken pie, country ham, rice, biscuits, vegetables, pies and all the trimmings and accessories that go with the substantial. If the ladies of Rembert were candidates for all the offices to be filled this year they would have been unanimously elected by the candidates, themselves, as well as all others who enjoyed the dinner, as a testimonial of appreciation of an old-fashioned sumptuous country dinner, every item of which was home grown and home prepared.

Death.

Mrs. T. B. Reynolds died at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, two sons, T. B. Reynolds Jr. and T. O. Reynolds, and two daughters, Mrs. P. J. Willis, and Miss Lalla Lou Reynolds. The funeral services will be held at the cemetery at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, the funeral procession leaving the house, 507 West Liberty street, at 9.45 o'clock.

Shiloh Meeting Called Off.

In view of the fact that the Food Crop Mass Meeting to be held in this city on next Tuesday, August 20th, conflicts with the county campaign meeting appointed to be held at Shiloh on the same day, it has been decided to call off the meeting at Shiloh. This decision was arrived at after consultation with the representatives of the clubs in the Shiloh section and it meets with the approval of the voters of Shiloh. It was stated that in all probability the attendance at the meeting, if held, would be small and that not a few farmers of the Shiloh section would much prefer attending the Food Crop Mass Meeting in the Court House.

First Colonial General Hospital.

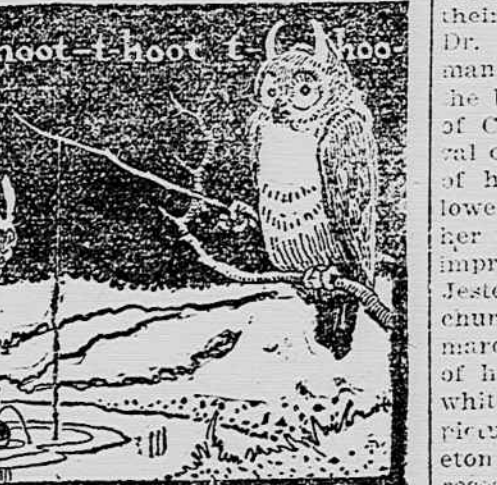
It was on February 7, 1751, that the first general hospital was chartered in the colonies—the Pennsylvania state hospital in Philadelphia. Joshua Cross was the first president of the institution, and Benjamin Franklin, who had been prominent in urging the establishment of an institution for the care of the sick, was the first clerk. It was in this hospital in 1769 that Thomas Bond gave the first clinical instruction in America.

Composition of the Scriptures.

In the Bible, Old and New Testaments, there are 3,586,173 letters, 775,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books.



U. S. Food Administration. Of 'Broer Rabbit' better make hisself mighty skeerce en not go pro-jickin' roun' whar dere's cookin' goin' on, 'cause a rabbit in a pot is er goin' ter look mighty good to folks ennybody 'fo' long 'count er folks havin' ter save on meat. 'Sides folks'll kinder have 'er save do wheat flour fer comp'ny en eat bread made outen 'dis yere "substitute" flour. Dat wise 'ol owl done say dat to win de war you got ter feid de spier boys dat's doin' de fightin'. Dat's wats takin' de wheat en meat.



U. S. Food Administration. Atter de wise 'ol owl spit on de bait he say, sez ee—"I gwine ter sprize you all wid a mess er fishes 'cause you all 'cus' save de meat on eat sumpin' "se insid on jes git out dat 'ol game bag en make it a big fish and say, sez ee, "I-hoot-t-hoot—I-sub-sti-oot," sez ee. Wen he say dat he means dat when you all make riz biscuits jes don't make 'em—use corn meal ter save wheat flour fer de sojers.



U. S. Food Administration. De ol' song sez "Dar's Sugar in de Gourd," but 'Broer Tater' lows dat de only sugar he's studyin' 'bout now-a-days is wats in de sugar bowl en hit's gwine ter stay dar. De folks wots doin' de fightin' mus' have sugar fust. But of fars enny sweet'win' in de gourd now'days, he sho gwine ter git tapped, 'cause dey's lookin' fer syrups en 'lasses en honey to "substitute."



U. S. Food Administration. Baking powder biscuits, griddle cakes, muffins, brown bread, griddle cakes en waffles is wot dey call "quick breads." You all makes 'em wid one cup er wheat flour ter two cups er substitute flour to save all de wheat dat kin be saved fer de sojers. Some folks kin git er long widout any wheat at all and are glad to do it ter help win de war. Dat ain't had medicine to take, fo' who's swine tin' up his nose at good co'n bread er biscuits er flapjacks?



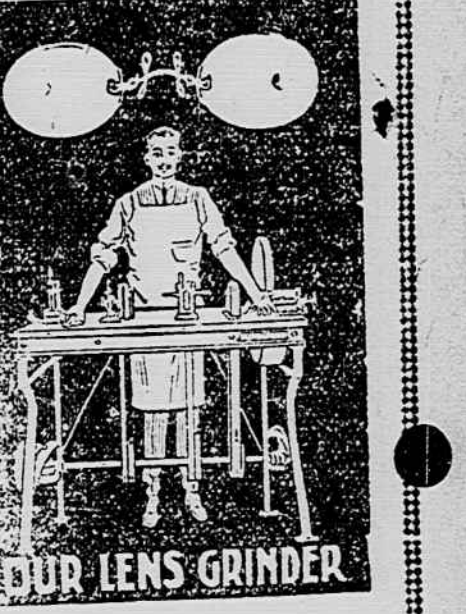
U. S. Food Administration. Of 'Squire Tater' low he goin' to be mighty high king er de roos' 'mong garden sass folks. We all kin eat him as a tater boiled, baked, fried, stewed, cooked wid cheese en gettin' so dey make in inter flour: so's we kin "substitute" him fo' wheat flour. He's de "substitutest" 'ol de vittles, he sez. De udder garden sass folks lak inguns, tomatoes, cabbage en turnips en squash don't need to be peeled, 'cause dey's goin' to be boom in de pot fo' de whole tribe. E'ry las' one 'em kin help save wheat en meat fer de boys dat's doin' de fightin' over yander.

Well Known Couple Married in Greenwood.

A wedding marked with simplicity, but pretty and impressive, was that of Miss Pearl Napier and Baynard Ellis, which took place Wednesday morning at the First Baptist church. The decorations formed a scene ideally arranged for a morning wedding. On the chancel, where the ceremony was performed, a screen of asparagus ferns formed the background, with bunches of real seacoast moss before which a pyramid of handsome palms and ferns were artistically arranged. Just before the arrival of the bridal party, Prof. O. M. Tully at the organ and Miss Annie Laurie Tolbert on the violin, rendered the following delightful musical program: "Angel's Serenade" by Duane; "Traumer" by Shumann; "Percello" by Dancia; "To My Wild Irish Rose," Mr. Tully played "Because I Love You, Dear." At the first strains of the bridal choros from Lohengrin played by Prof. Tully, the ushers entered, A. W. Pittman of Carlisle, J. Murray Muirhead of Charleston from the left aisle, while Asbury C. Luhn of Charleston and William E. McLeod of Charleston entered from the right aisle and crossing in front of the altar, took their places. Entering from the vestry, Dr. J. R. Jester preceded the best man, W. P. Webb of Charleston and the bridesman, Thomas B. Ellis, Jr., of Charleston, and awaited the arrival of the bride. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Dorothy Napier, followed by the bride, who entered with her father, W. H. Napier. After the impressive ring ceremony by Dr. J. R. Jester, the bridal party left the church to Mendelssohn's wedding march. Miss Dorothy Napier, maid of honor, wore a lovely costume, white satin and georgette crepe with picture hat of white maline and skeleton ostrich trimmings carrying pink roses tied with tulle. The bride was strikingly attractive in a smart taupe satin coat suit with gray georgette waist, accessories to match, and a Gage hat. She also wore a handsome diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bride roses. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Napier, is a graduate of Lander College. For the past three years Mrs. Ellis has made Charleston her home, being home demonstration agent of Charleston county, where she has made a State-wide reputation and is deservedly popular. The bridegroom is a prominent young business man of Charleston, being general cashier and assistant manager of the Sea Island Cotton Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left over the Southern for the mountains of North Carolina. They will be at home in Charleston after September 1.

LeGrand-Brunk. An event of much interest in social circles took place at the home of Mrs. J. R. Ligon on Saturday afternoon, August 10th at 6 o'clock, when Miss Ida Louise LeGrand and Mr. C. De Witt Brunk were united in marriage. Dr. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few most intimate friends. The bride is a charming young lady of York, S. C., who, having made her home in Sumter for the past year has endeared herself to all with whom she has come in contact by her affable manners and fine qualities. The groom is one of Sumter's prosperous young business men, and a man of sterling character. Mr. and Mrs. Brunk left on the evening train for Richmond and other points. Their many friends wish for them abundant happiness and rejoice to welcome them upon their return in their home on N. Church St.

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