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PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Achurch, of Charleston are in the city visiting relatives.
Sergt. Geo. M. Rauton and Private H. C. Rauton have arrived safely overseas.
Mrs. Laura Neal and daughter Mrs. C. L. Odeland and son have returned to Richmond, Va. after a visit to relatives in the city.
Mr. C. H. Wood, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. P. R. Maye, has returned to his home in Richmond, Va., to enter the army.
Mr. E. W. Moise, of New York, is in the city visiting relatives.
Mrs. Neil Smith, of Rowland, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Rose Jenkins.
Capt. Edward L. Randle has arrived safely in France.
Mrs. Mary A. McClure has received notice of the safe arrival overseas of her son, Sergt. Joseph McClure.
Mr. L. Clifton Moise who went to New York several weeks ago has joined the Jewish War Relief work and is in training for service overseas.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace and little daughter, Margaret, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting relatives in the city.
Mrs. Sam B. Mitchell is visiting relatives at Ridgeway, S. C.
Mr. A. J. Ard and Harry Bultman have returned from a trip to Western North Carolina.
Mr. Taylor Keels and family have returned to Charleston after spending the week with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Keels.
Mr. J. H. Higinbotham, of the United States Bureau of Markets, who is in charge of cotton grading work in South Carolina, with headquarters in Columbia, spent the day in town.
Mr. W. E. Boling, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. C. P. Osteen.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stuckey attended the Jones-Stuckey marriage at Statesburg Saturday.
Mrs. Alice Lowry has returned from a visit to relatives in Alabama.
Mrs. E. F. McCoy has received a message from her son, Sergt. Ray L. McCoy, announcing his arrival in France.
Mrs. W. J. Andrews received a card today from her son, Alfred Bradford, saying he had landed safely overseas.
Mr. Louis Lachotte is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Archie China.
Misses Ellen and Louise Siddall have returned from New York where they spent two months attending Columbia University.

Married.

The home of Mrs. Sarah A. Wilkerson on E. Calhoun street was the scene of a pretty wedding at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, August 24, when her youngest daughter, Edith Lambert, became the bride of Lieut. Louis E. Wooten, of Greenville, N. C.
The lower floor of the house was thrown open, and was artistically decorated with palms and cut flowers, while the shaded lights and burning tapers cast a soft glow over the room to which the ceremony was performed.
To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Gertrude Wilson, of St. Charles, the groom entered with his best man, K. Robert Wooten, and was led under the flag draped canopy by the bride, who came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. Louis E. Wooten.
The impressive ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. R. S. Truesdale of Trinity Methodist church.
The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of midnight blue velour with seal collar, and accessories to match and wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.
Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a short trip to Virginia Beach and other points, after which they will go to Camp Forrest, Ga., where Lieut. Wooten is with the 211th Engineers.
The groom is an honor graduate of A. & M. College, at Raleigh, N. C., and has been in the service since his graduation in May, 1917.
The bride is one of the most popular members of her set. Among the out-of-town guests were Messrs. K. Robert Wooten and Arthur Wooten, of Greenville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ives and daughter of Florence, S. C. Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, of Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Carroll of Winthrop College, Miss Elizabeth and Lalla Lee Lucius, of Elbert, S. C. Miss Gertrude Wilson, of St. Charles, Mr. Rupert McGregor of Columbia, and Mrs. M. L. Hall, of Rock Hill.

Death.

Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick, the mother of Mrs. O. H. Folley, died at seven o'clock Friday night at the home of Mr. O. H. Folley, in the fifty-ninth year of her age, after an illness of only a few days.
Mr. Folley and family returned on Tuesday from their summer home at Murrell's Inlet on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, but her condition did not assume a serious aspect until Friday. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly and was a great shock to her family and friends.
The funeral services were held at the home of Mr. O. H. Folley, 231 W. Hampton Avenue at 10:15 o'clock Sunday morning, and the interment was in the Sumter cemetery.
Mrs. Fitzpatrick came to Sumter from Birmingham, Ala., about five years ago to make her home with Mrs. Folley, her only child, and her many friends here, as well as in her former home in Alabama will be saddened by the announcement of her death.
Those who wish to exercise the right of citizenship in the State and National elections have until August 31st in which to apply to the Supervisors of Registration for a certificate. Those who do not register now will not be permitted to vote in the general election in November.

COTTON GRADER HERE.

Representative of Bureau of Markets in Sumter to Grade Cotton.

Mr. Banks, the government cotton grader of the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture reported to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce yesterday for duty on the Sumter cotton market, and will be ready to cut, sample, and grade cotton beginning Monday, August 26th, at the quarters of the Tri-County Farmers' Cotton Marketing Association, No. 12 East Liberty street, next door to the Citizens' Meat Market.
His wife and three children will soon arrive here to remain with him during the cotton season, as Mr. Banks will be here until next April.
The cotton growers will do well to have all of their cotton sampled and graded by this disinterested, expert cotton grader who has had years of experience as a grader and buyer before entering the government service, even though cotton is to be held and stored for sale twelve months from now.
Every bale of cotton is carefully graded according to grade and length of staple, listed in a book, tagged, and the owner of the cotton is given a duplicate grade card of the card placed on the bale, giving length of staple, grade, etc.
A farmer then knows just what his cotton grades for either immediate or future sale, and he can sell it intelligently and secure the highest market prices therefor.
No charge is made for cutting, sampling, or grading, and all farmers are entitled to this service free of cost.
In order, however, to keep a government cotton grader on the market the Tri-County Cotton Marketing Association has to furnish a store for the grader, a clerk, and a cotton cutter and janitor, lights, fuel, etc. This of course costs something in addition to the guarantee of one thousand dollars by the association to help pay the grader's salary.
Therefore the association asks that a number of farmers who feel inclined to do so will join the association and pay one dollar a year dues, although this is not compulsory in order to have your cotton graded and listed and tagged.
As this grader and the association save every farmer who has his cotton graded several dollars per bale or causes them to get at least from one to three dollars per bale more for their cotton than they would get if they didn't know the grades of their cotton, any cotton farmer who will afford to contribute one dollar, in order that a few farmers will not have to put up the entire one thousand dollars.
Farmers from any county may have their cotton cut, sampled, and graded and may be members of the association also.

PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

Well Attended Meeting Held at Pleasant Grove.

Pleasant Grove School district in Shiloh township manifested patriotic interest in the community uplift and public health meeting at that place yesterday.
The meeting was held in Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Farm Demonstrator J. Frank Williams presiding, and stating the objects of the campaign for improvement of rural sanitary conditions.
Rev. R. S. Truesdale, Mrs. John R. Sumter, and Mr. E. I. Beardon were the speakers. Mr. Truesdale was at his very best and very feelingly, eloquently, and convincingly showed the moral and patriotic duty of the people to get busy and organize for decreasing preventable and absolutely unnecessary communicable diseases and premature deaths.
His remarks about the moral side of individual and public health and the evil results to society from young men leading immoral lives were very comprehensively and forcibly delivered.
Mrs. John R. Sumter represented Misses Keels and Martin, the home demonstration agents, who were unavoidably absent, and her talk regarding the value of the home demonstration work, the bearing that wholesome cooking, clean households, personal hygiene, and keeping food from being contaminated by flies was of great value to and much appreciated by her intelligent audience.
Mrs. Sumter succeeded in interesting the ladies to the extent that they then and there organized a home demonstration club with Mrs. W. W. Cunningham as president, and Mrs. E. W. Gibbs as secretary. The gentlemen present promised to get busy trying to have sanitary, fly-proof closets installed in that district.
Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, two leaders for social, spiritual, and patriotic activities, delightfully entertained the speakers with one of Mrs. Cunningham's famous dinners, and finished up the program and the splendid menu with an abundance of ice cream and cake.

On Tuesday of this week, the Surgical Dressings Department received a special rush order from headquarters. A call for workers was published, and the following day the workroom was crowded. The next day, there appeared in this paper a word of thanks to those who had helped so efficiently, with a warning that the crowded workroom must continue. Since then, the workroom has been almost empty. Are you going to help with this great duty, or are you going to "sit back" and rest because you have heard a word of praise? It is hoped that this rush order may be finished in time; but it cannot be unless you are there every day—every hour you can spare.
The city schools do not open until the middle of September and school boys and girls not otherwise employed could be of great assistance to the farmers in the vicinity of the city by picking cotton during the next three weeks. There should not be great difficulty in organizing cotton picking squads and enlisting the interest of several hundred school children.

FROM OVERSEAS.

W. W. Boardfield Writes to the Sumter Folks and Gives Interesting News of Several Sumter Boys.

Somewhere in France, July 28th, 1918.
To the Sumter Daily Item.
Just a few lines from the Sumter boys in France. We are all well and in good health. But would like very much to see old Sumter again. We are just back from a short trip to the trenches and the Game Cook city boys did some fine work while there, going on patrols and always bringing back a few Germans and machine guns. It is great sport in No Man's Land at night with shells bursting all around you. But after the first night we paid no attention to it, but rather enjoyed it.
Just a few lines in conclusion as to the different kinds of work: Lieut. Edward Broford is doing supply accountant work for the third battalion; Mott Lawrence is the ration man for headquarters company, while Joe King is doing a little hard work with the barbed wire. Peter Gallagher is at present enjoying a fine week's stay in Paris; it is a pity that he has to come back the first of August to do a little heavy work. We all feel real sorry for him, but such is fate. Louie DesChamps who is from Pine-wood and one of the old S. L. I. boys and myself are still at our post and making the best of a hard campaign.
With best regards to all of the Sumter folks from the boys.
Willie W. Boardfield.

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ENGINEER.

The navy department has established a training school for the training of engineering officers at Hoboken, N. J., in which applicants are enlisted as chief machinist's mates and who are commissioned as ensigns in the naval reserve when they satisfactorily complete the course. The period of training covers approximately five months and while under training the men are paid a salary of \$83 per month with an allowance of \$60 per month subsistence, making in all a total of \$143 per month, exclusive of any allotment that might be made.
The requirements of the school are simple. Applicants must be men of ability between the ages of 21 and 41 years and should have a high school education and be a graduate of some technical institution or have had the latter's equivalent in practical experience with steam plants. In addition applicants must meet the physical requirements of a line officer.
Graduates of Clemson College, North Carolina, A. and M. and Georgia Tech and others who have had the required experience or training will do well to investigate this branch of the service which is seeing service abroad and winning the war. Further information not given can be obtained by addressing the U. S. navy recruit station, Arcade Building, Columbia, S. C.

Harvin News and Comment.

Harvin, Aug. 22.—The deterioration in the cotton crop in this section since the report as of July 25 is fully 20 per cent. The your corn crop was of right maturity to be greatly benefited by copious rains the latter part of July but the excessive abnormal heat in first half of August did great damage to all crops. The abnormal temperature has caused cotton to open immaturely and general picking is in progress.
The farmers of this section will greatly reduce cotton acreage another year and plant more grain, owing to the conscription of such a large percentage of man power for war purposes. Some of the farms are almost depleted of man power on account of being drafted into the service. With the extension of the age limit the depletion will be all the greater. There is apparent determination on the part of farmers and business men to hold their cotton for a more equitable and just price. With the most ordinary finished cotton products being manufactured on a basis of 60 to 70 cents the pound for raw cotton, and the cost per pound is 37 1-4 cents to make the crop of 1918 after careful computation by such excellent authority as Col. W. W. Morrison, cotton statistician for Herman & Wolf, cotton exporters, of New Orleans, and the further fact that there are 7,000,000 bales deficit in the past three years and it being well known that Liverpool and New York speculators in combination with the British-American Spinners Association have for the past fifty years practically dictated the cotton market of this country, the Southern cotton grower feels and knows he should have some equity and consideration in the transaction and passing from his hands of the commodity he produces and to this end those who can possibly hold their cotton and cotton seed will do so.
Miss Sue Widemann of Waycross, Ga., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brogdon.
Sam John Brogdon and Legare Harvin, accompanied by their sisters, Misses Lullie Brogdon and Frances Harvin, spent the week end with some friends in Manning.
Mrs. Ben H. Harvin has returned from Richmond, Va., where she accompanied Mr. Harvin on whom a surgical operation was performed on the 10th. Mr. Harvin will undergo a second operation on the 28th.
Col. H. J. McLaurin, Jr., accompanied by his wife and little daughter, Frances, returned from Richmond, Va., Tuesday. Col. McLaurin was operated on some weeks ago in St. Elizabeth Hospital by Dr. J. Shelton Horsley, the famous surgeon.
Mr. West B. Blanding, who was operated on by Dr. Horsley on the 5th inst., will return home next Sunday.
Mr. M. C. Langford, Travelers Rest, S. C., won the Ben H. Harvin annual gold medal in the agricultural courses in the University of South Carolina. Mr. Langford has proved his genuine loyal all-Americanism by volunteering his services to his country, and is now a member of Company A, 61st Pioneer Infantry, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE.

The War in the Mountain District—Thunder Showers of Shot and Shell—Beautiful Country: People Ten Years Behind the Times.

Somewhere in France, July 7, 1918. To Mrs. W. I. Whitehead, Sumter, S. C.
Dear Sister: I guess you think I have forgotten you, but I have not. We are very busy here; we are stationed in the mountains and it is pretty hard climbing them all day, and we hunt rest whenever we can get it.
I am climbing real mountains now. We are near the Alps, so you know what they are like.
That is where we have to do our bit.
We have been to the front already, and put fourteen days in the front line ditches, that is what we call them over here.
We were in a couple of thunder showers of shot and shell, but God brought me through safely so our prayers were answered.
It was like our noisy Fourth of July the few days I was there.
We are back again for more drilling, then off we go to the front again.
I think we have traveled almost all over France. I will have wonders to tell you when I return. We see new things every day.
I will be able to speak French too before I get back if we are here much longer. I am keeping in good spirits and will do the best I can to save my country and you.
I haven't hit a bed since arriving in France, just going from town to town, sleeping in hay mows, and in barns in little villages.
I surely am seeing plenty of sights if I only live to tell you about them. We drill every day here, no more Saturday and Sunday off and can only strike a Y. M. C. A. about once a month, for we are traveling where the American soldiers have never been, but I will say they are all glad to see us.
They try to teach us French, and we have quite a good time with them and we try to teach them our language.
As soon as you tell any of the girls here they don't have to work so hard they want to go back with us, for all the girls over here work in hay fields and saw mills, just like men, it is a shame how some of them do have to work.
You have seen pictures of the old-fashioned buildings with big archways, well that is just what these buildings look like, the barn and house built together.
You can walk in anybody's house without knocking and sit down a while, maybe some of them can understand you a little by making signs with your hands.
After you get tired entertaining yourself, you walk out and go to see some one else. You can see for yourself what the country is like by looking at this writing paper and this is the best we can get here.
I have received four letters from you so far and it surely does make me feel fine to get a letter from good old U. S. A., and do keep on writing. I am still well and hope you all are too.
Give my love to all and the kiddies a big hug and kiss and with best wishes I am still,
Your loving brother,
Budd.

In the Trenches.

Somewhere in France, July 21, 1918.

Dear Sister: Your welcome letter received and more than glad to hear from you. This makes five letters I've received from you so far. I have not answered each one for I got tired at one time, but as long as I can find time I shall write, and you can let the others know how I am.
You are the only one that writes every week to me, the rest wait to hear from me and then answer, so keep on for it makes me feel so good to hear from good old U. S. A.
We hardly know what to say of account of the censor and only write on one side of the paper so he can cut out what he doesn't like, so we just take a chance.
I would hate to see mother here for she used to hate to hear thunder and this place is like a thunder storm all the time. You would think they would cut it out, during the night but that is the worst time, but at times we are so tired we go to sleep and sleep right through it.
Once in a while when a big on-drops near, we waken, but only roll over and go to sleep again.
You write me about your meetings and church, and I am sorry to say I have not been to church since I left the States but once and that was on the boat coming over we travel around France so much that when we do strike a Y. M. C. A. I is through the week, but I still say my prayers every night.
I have not experienced the gas yet but we are all prepared for it. I can get my mask on in 6 seconds so they will have to send it pretty fast to get us.
They say to keep the mask on an length of time is the worst torture of the war, but mine shall stay on until I drop.
No American has been found dead yet when the torture becomes too great, but mine shall stay on for I am living in hopes of returning to my loved ones in U. S. A.
We are in the ditches again for while and when I get out will write you more.
The rats in the ditches are as big as cats. At night on guard you hear them coming down the trench, but are about to halt them when you find out it is only a rat. It makes you feel like shooting them but we don't dare shoot unless necessary.
A nice shower of gas shells are falling over right now, but I can't stop writing for them. I wish you could experience just a little of this life—"she's a peach" but all we have to do is to trust to the Lord, bring us through safely and look forward to the future, to see what I will bring.
We are having it quite cool here for

MARRIED.

Miss Agnes M. Jones of Batesburg Becomes Bride of Senator Stuckey.

Batesburg, Aug. 24.—Miss Agnes M. Jones of Batesburg was married this evening to Senator George Stuckey of Bishopville.
Miss Jones is an accomplished musician, being a graduate of Winthrop College, a former student of the Cincinnati Conservatory, University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Columbia University, New York City. She taught at Winthrop College for two years and at Columbia College the past two sessions. She has won a host of friends throughout the State as well as in the city of Columbia, who will note with interest the announcement of marriage. Mr. Stuckey is a graduate of the Citadel, the University of South Carolina and is a member of the State senate from Lee County. He is president of the Peoples' Bank of Bishopville and one of the most prosperous planters in the Pee Dee section.
On account of war conditions and illness in the bride's family, no invitations were issued and the wedding guests were confined to relatives in the two families.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

(Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon.)
P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.
Good Middling 31 1-4.
Strict Middling 31.
Middling 30 3-4.
Strict Low Middling 2 1-4.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close, Yes, No. Rows for Oct, Dec, Jan.

Women's Council of Defense.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Council of Defense will be postponed until September 4th.

The second installment of Red Cross subscriptions are now due and payable to R. L. Edmunds, Treasurer at the Sumter Trust Co.

LOST—Black and white setter. Bob tailed, one bad eye; answers to name of Joe. Reward. Phone 627-J. Horace Emerson, Church Street.

FOR SALE—Duroc pigs of best breeding; also a few gilts, some bred for fall farrowing. Registration papers with each one. Glad to take prospective buyers to see stock. H. L. Scarborough.

FOR SALE—In settlement McBride estate I offer 1,000 acres Jacques lands, tracts 47 to 16 acres, well located in famous Pudding Swamp tobacco section. The four 1917 prize corn clubs boys of Sumner and Clarendon counties live one to eight miles away and grow 50 to 90 bushels on same type soil. A nearby tract of similar unimproved land was paid for out of last year's crop. Prices right and terms reasonable. E. W. Dabbs, Truice, Moyesville, S. C.

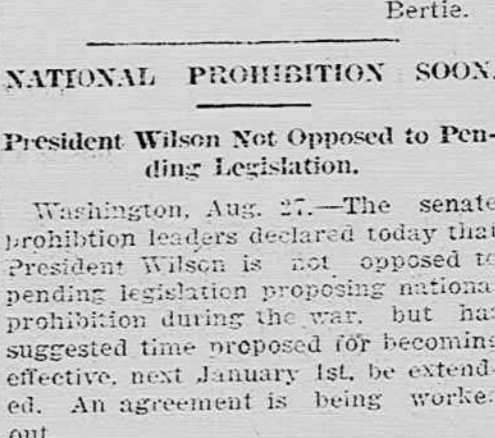
PEESWAX WANTED—Any quantity large or small. Am paying best cash price. See me if you have any. N. G. Osteen.

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.

MILLERS' CERTIFICATES—Can be obtained at Item Office at reasonable prices in lots of 100 or more.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION SOON.

President Wilson Not Opposed to Pending Legislation.
Washington, Aug. 27.—The senate prohibition leaders declared today that President Wilson is not opposed to pending legislation proposing national prohibition during the war, but has suggested time proposed for becoming effective, next January 1st, be extended. An agreement is being worked out.



LAND WANTED!
If you have Farms or Lots to sell—write us. We will sell it to your advantage even if it is rented out for this year. The service we render our clients is complete in every detail. We make necessary improvements on property—sub-divide and attend to the publicity details of each sale.
VIEW OF ONE OF OUR FARM SALES
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