

The Watchman and Southerner

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PERSONAL

Mr. T. H. Clarke is spending a few days in Baltimore.

Mrs. Porcher Gregory, who has been visiting Mrs. Frank A. McLeod, has returned to her home in Charleston.

Miss Lily Dorn has gone to Mr. Washington, Md., to spend several weeks.

Mrs. C. M. Phifer has as her guests for the Easter season, her mother and father, Captain and Mrs. N. W. Livingston, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and her uncle and aunt, General and Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Ansonville, N. C.

Miss Sallie E. McDonald is visiting friends in Sumter for a short time.

Miss Elizabeth Lesesne is at home from Lynchburg, Va., for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Felix Moses, who has been spending the winter in town, has returned to New York.

Mrs. Jesse A. Clifton is visiting her son, Mr. J. H. Clifton, on Broad St.

Rev. Father F. J. Morressey, D. D., of St. Augustine Seminary, of Canada, Ontario, visiting his uncle, W. J. Beetham on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McKagan and O. H. Jr., have motored to Kershaw to spend the week-end with relatives.

Misses Caroline Dick and Janet White are at home from Winthrop for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rowland will leave tonight for Virginia, where they will visit relatives for a short time.

Mrs. R. S. Hood has returned from a trip to Florida.

Mrs. Guy Newhall, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting Mrs. H. M. Stuckey on West Hampton avenue.

Miss Julia Obenshain and her sister, Mrs. J. M. Rogers, of Roanoke, Va., are guests of Miss Jannie Mikell on East Calhoun street.

Miss Louise Murray of Columbia spent the week end with Mrs. H. M. Stuckey.

Mr. Stuart B. Hutcheson, of Lynchburg, Va., arrived in the city today and will make his home here in future having become associated with the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., as a stockholder and salesman.

Mr. Hutcheson has held a responsible position for a number of years as department manager for one of the largest department stores of Lynchburg, Va.

Mrs. F. M. Spann and Miss Florence Obenshain have been spending a few days in Charleston.

Mr. Isaac Edwards, who has been attending Washington-Lee University, has returned home and has accepted a position with the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.

Mr. Fred E. Nigels, who has been in business in Charleston since his discharge from the navy, has returned to Sumter to live. He will be associated with the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., as a stockholder and salesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Blatt have returned to Barnwell after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. Green.

Capt. E. Scott Carson, Commandant of Camp Dick Anderson, U. C. V., has received from Col. R. D. Lee a generous contribution of one thousand dollars as a donation toward the expenses of the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans of South Carolina on the occasion of their annual reunion in this city during the first week of May.

This is the largest individual contribution that has been made toward the reunion entertainment fund, but other citizens are also contributing liberally to supplement the appropriation of one thousand dollars made by the county of Sumter. Nothing will be left undone to make the reunion in Sumter a memorable occasion to the veterans and with the liberal donation of Col. Lee as an example it goes without saying that there will be no lack of funds to provide all the entertainment that the occasion demands.

Sumter High School Selects Debaters for Interstate Contest.

The preliminary contest to select debaters for the interstate high school debates was held at the high school this week. Four girls and six boys were in the final contest, from whom the following teams were selected: Jack Wright and James Blanding for the negative, Sarah Till and Charles Cuttino for the affirmative. The affirmative team was to have debated at Hartsville and the negative here against a Hartsville team, but the Hartsville team failed to show up and unless some other team is sent here this week, the Sumter teams are assured a place in the finals at Columbia.

Bridge Club.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Mabel Bowman was hostess to the Afternoon Bridge Club. Mrs. Martin won the first prize, a box of bon-bons, and the consolation, a box of Huyler's Almonds, was drawn by Miss Natalie Norman. A salad course with hot tea was served.

Those present were: Mesdames R. C. Williams, Horace Harby, John Riley, Pretto Otey, Martin, Wilcox, Greene, Lynch Deas and Miss Natalie Norman.

Birthday Party.

A most enjoyable surprise was given Mrs. Adele Moses as a celebration of her seventy-first birthday on Friday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Graham Moses had a course supper with covers laid for ten. All of her children who live here were present.

Wofford Glee Club

An appreciative and enthusiastic audience filled the auditorium of the Girls' High School last Wednesday evening to greet the Wofford College Glee Club on its annual visit to Sumter. The program, which was varied and pleasing to all tastes, was as follows:

Part One

The Old Home Town, J. A. Parks—Glee Club.

Quartet, Ford Song, by A. Flivver—Purdy, Pearson, Osborne, Lanham.

Reading—Lecture by One of the Sex—J. W. Phillips.

Violin and flute, Angels Serenade, Braga—Lanham and Green.

Baritone Solo, Longing Dear of You, Baritone Solo, Longing Dear for You, Densmore—W. C. Herbert.

Popular Melody—Jazz Orchestra, A. Fishing, B. Story of a Tack, Parks—Glee Club.

Part Two

Listen to My Tale of Woe, H. T. Smith—Glee Club.

Baritone Solo, Roses of Picardy—Haydnwood. Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride, O'Hara—M. C. Pearson.

Reading, Love in a Balloon—J. O. Smith.

Quartet, Caroline Sunshine, E. R. Smith—Purdy, Pearson, Osborne, Lanham.

My Isle of Golden Dreams, Blaufuss.

Until the Dawn, Alma Mater—Glee Club.

Bishopville News Items.

Mr. J. W. Houck sold 13 bales of long staple cotton of the Kenan and Weber 82 varieties to Mr. S. L. Austin for one dollar a pound.

Supl. W. M. Scott, after a long severe attack of flu, followed with pneumonia, is back at his post in the school room and while somewhat reduced in vigor is none the less alert.

Rev. R. S. Fountain has charge of the graded school while Supl. Scott was sick. Everything worked very smoothly under his efficient management.

The Common Pleas Court will convene for the spring term on April 12 Judge Rice presiding. Jurors have been drawn for two weeks' court and we presume it will hold for the full time as the docket is heavy.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in securing a magnificent thirty-piece band from Camp Jackson, through the assistance of Governor R. A. Cooper, to furnish music during the two-day session, parades and social functions of the 1920 convention and reunion of the South Carolina Division of United Confederate Veterans in Sumter May 5th and 6th.

Every body in Sumter should now get busy working for the two and a half million dollar hard surfaced highway system bond issue, and helping to entertain about 600 special guests during the reunion and convention of the gallant old Confederate veterans.

Sumter has just got to entertain those 600 in their homes. Sumter is going to prove that the biggest, most magnificent and pleasant reunion of Confederate Veterans that was ever held in South Carolina is going to be pulled off right here in Sumter next month. So that every Sumter man and Sumter woman might just as well make up their minds that they will have some work and some royal entertaining to do for a couple of days. That is the Sumter spirit. Sumter will never be found lacking in local pride, hospitality and the ability to do things better than it has ever done before.

Don't worry too much about the size of the population of Sumter. It is the kind of citizens, not the numbers together that we are looking for. If some of Sumter's citizens who are putting in their time about worrying about the population, as reported by the last census, would put in some of their time boosting, working, joining and taking stock in new enterprises to increase the wage earning population and put more money in circulation they might help to increase the population to some extent in the next ten years.

What Sumter and every other town or city that is seeking to increase its population needs is more men who are willing to contribute of their money, ability, time, interest, public spiritedness and patriotism to help to things. Knocking and letting the other fellows spend their money and do the work to build up your town doesn't get anything for Sumter, that is considering what the slackers and knockers do for Sumter.

Every merchant, banker, farmer, business and professional men members of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, together with hundreds who are not members, but who have been sent invitations to attend the big Chamber of Commerce meeting, smoker and good roads rally, should so arrange their social and business engagements so as to permit them attending this meeting next Wednesday evening, April 7, at 7 o'clock, at the Girls' High School auditorium.

Sumter county's future prosperity can be greatly increased by determined, concerted, continuous work for the two and a half million dollar bond issue for approximately 121 to 125 miles of hard surfaced, concrete-bridged, well drained, permanent highways. Property values will necessarily and inevitably be greatly enhanced thousands of dollars will be saved annually to the farmers in quicker, cheaper transportation for farm products to the markets and in hauling supplies from city and town to the farms. Money saved is money made and the farmers will have more money to spend.

A main county highway system, reaching every township and going out to ten different points of the compass or to ten different sections of the county, clear across the county to nearby adjoining county lines means that truck can be produced and hurriedly and economically marketed in Sumter, and that a large canning factory will be established to take care of surplus fruit and vegetable products. At present it costs too much to haul farm products many miles and too much lost time for men and teams.

All the recent newspaper publicity coming out of Florence and Columbia to the effect that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad general office would be moved to one of those two places turns out to have been sheer "hot air." Secretary E. I. Reed of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce undertook to induce the Coast Line officials to see that Sumter was the logical and original Atlantic Coast Line center and junction point and the best place for the general offices of that company. He says he believes that President Kenly of the company agreed with him, but the unfortunately President Kenly wired last Saturday the following:

"Your letter received. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is not considering the removal of its general offices from Wilmington, N. C."

So that seems to settle the question for the present, at least.

Grocery Store of W. B. Costin Destroyed

The grocery store of W. B. Costin, situated on East Calhoun street, near the Seaboard crossing, was burned Thursday night the fire department being called by the alarm a few minutes after midnight. When the alarm was rung in the fire had gained considerable headway and the store was ablaze when the hose wagons arrived. The store building and contents were practically destroyed. The loss aggregated \$7,000, with only partial insurance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Date of Annual Meeting Changed to April 7th

In order to avoid conflicting with the attraction in the opera house, the date of the big Sumter County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and good roads rally has been changed from April 6 to the evening of April 7, at the Girls High School Auditorium.

Between five and six hundred invitations will be mailed out this week to every section of Sumter county, embracing numbers of farmers and country merchants, and hundreds of business and professional men in the city of Sumter. Every member of the Chamber of Commerce is expected to attend this meeting.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Sumter High School orchestra under the direction of Miss Truit Miss Hannah Christenson, and Mrs. Edith Stroupe have kindly consented to look after the arrangements for and serving the refreshments and the smokes, assisted by a number of other young ladies of the city.

Mayor L. D. Jennings will open the campaign at this meeting for the two and half million dollar bond issue for approximately 125 miles of hard surfaced, concrete bridged highways for Sumter county. It is understood the Federal government will supplement this sum by about \$500,000. Professor J. A. Evans, chief of the States Relations Service—South, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will discuss the question of "How May a Chamber of Commerce best serve the interests of the farmers and other business in meeting the boll weevil situation during the next two or three years."

Professor Evans has been fighting the boll weevil as a government representative ever since the weevil crossed the Rio Grande river into the United States, near Brownsville, Texas, in 1892.

He has been through every phase of the boll weevil emergency. He has been in every State and section, and has followed the fortunes and misfortunes of numerous weevil infested sections. His thorough knowledge and his experience peculiarly fit him to tell the farmers, merchants, bankers and other business men what to expect and what to do, and best of all, what not to do during boll weevil times in cotton territory.

Dr. S. H. Edmunds will discuss the important question of "Our Chamber's Relations to Our County Schools." Dr. Edmunds is preparing a special line of discussion for this feature of the meeting, as the future of the rural educational system is giving students of this matter no little concern. With the coming of a better system of hard surfaced roads and the increase in the number of automobiles, some of the rural schools are beginning to dwindle in numbers of pupils who are being sent to the town and city schools where the educational facilities are better. And this will increase as good roads increase. Of course the towns and cities are glad to have the rural children in their schools, but the question arises, "what will become of the children who are left in the rural schools who are not so fortunate as to be able to attend the larger city or town schools?"

The more rural children that are sent to city or town schools, the less number of interested school patrons in the rural districts, and as a rule the larger number of school patrons who send their children to the city and town schools withdraw their support from the rural schools of their district. Therefore, the rural schools so situated are bound to go down instead of going up without a sufficient number of pupils, and a sufficient number of interested, enthusiastic patrons who are willing to vote and pay taxes to develop the rural schools so crippled.

Therefore, better roads, the boll weevil and rural education are three of the most important social and economic problems confronting Sumter county and other Carolina counties at present. There will be other business discussed at this meeting if there is time left after the three leading speakers finish.

Cotton Market

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. Yes'd'y's

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, Oct, Dec.

Chautauqua News.

The Chautauqua will be in Sumter on April 27 for seven days. The program is unusually attractive, so arranged as to please everyone. Ticket sales are good, and many are availing themselves of the low price. One week before the opening of the chautauqua the price will be advanced.

The local management is trying to secure the High School student ticket, and will put it on the market as soon as received. The only tickets now available are the adult and child's tickets, (age 6 to 12 years). These tickets are on sale at Y. M. C. A.

Paris, April 2.—Major Vuillemin and Lieutenant Chails, the French aviators, have arrived at Dakar, after flying across the Sahara Desert, a distance of 2,000 miles.

Geneva, April 2.—Preparations for a world-wide 24-hour strike on May 1 are being made in Switzerland by socialists, communists and other radical elements. It is virtually certain that the Swiss will join this movement which is being launched by Lenin, Bolshevik premier, to test the solidarity of the world proletariat.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP

Mt. Pleasant Selected for Annual Camp of National Guard

Columbia, April 2.—The South Carolina National Guard summer training camp will probably be held at Mt. Pleasant, near Charleston, this summer, according to a statement made by Adjutant General W. W. Moore today. Every company of National Guard in the State will be expected to attend the encampment, and a period of intensive soldiering will be enjoyed. The exact dates for the encampment will be announced later, states General Moore.

There will be several encampments in South Carolina this summer. The Southeastern department headquarters at Charleston are now figuring on the location of a camp for National Guard officers and non-commissioned officers, to be located either at Camp Jackson, Columbia, or Camp Gordon, Atlanta. This will be attended by between 500 and 1,000 Guardsmen and will cover four days of training. It will be attended by Guardsmen from all the States in the Southeastern department, and the camp will be selected which will make possible the greatest saving in transportation from various sections of the department.

There is also to be a camp of R. O. T. C. at Camp Jackson, beginning on June 17, this to be attended by about 2,200 student soldiers from various parts of the Southeast. There will likewise be a training school for regular army officers of the Southeast.

TARHEEL WOMEN ENTER POLITICS

Wake County Elects Women Delegates to Democratic Convention

Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—Interest in the democratic conventions in North Carolina counties today centered on the action of Wake county in regard to seating women delegates elected at Raleigh today. If they are seated this will be the first participation of women in a democratic convention in North Carolina. Delegates to the district and State conventions will be elected today.

WILSON'S NAME IS WITHDRAWN

Only Three Presidential Candidates Left In Georgia Primary

Atlanta, Ga., April 1.—The name of President Wilson, which had been entered by petition in the Georgia presidential preferential primary, has been withdrawn by action of a number of the signers of the petition, it was announced tonight.

The withdrawal of the President's name leaves the following candidates, in the order of the filing of their petitions, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Thomas E. Watson, well known Georgia author and publisher, and United States Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia. An announcement to this effect was made tonight by Hiram Gardner, secretary of the democratic state executive committee, following the expiration at noon today of the time limit for entries.

President Wilson's name was entered several days ago by petition of more than the required 100 Democrats and the state committee telegraphed the President asking whether he cared for his name to appear. No reply came from the White House and it was understood preparations were being made to print his name on the ballot. Meanwhile, according to Mr. Gardner, withdrawals of their names by signers of the petition were in such number as to reduce the petition to less than the required 100 names. As a result of this the committee announced it would not appear on the ballot.

Names of a number of other possible candidates had been entered from time to time, but had already been withdrawn either at their own request or by action of the committee. Those who requested their names withdrawn were Vice President Marshall, William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of State Lansing, United States Senator Reed, of Missouri, Governor Edwards, of New Jersey, and John Y. Smith, Atlanta attorney.

The name of Herbert Hoover was filed, but on his declining to state he was a Democrat, the committee declined to enter his name.

Washington, April 2.—Women sympathizers with the republican movement in Ireland began picketing the British embassy today. The same women yesterday marched to the capitol building, but were ordered away by the police.

Washington, April 2.—Lieutenant Colonel Robert Campbell, United States military attache at Mexico City, his wife and an American woman doctor named Paine were attacked by rebels from Mexico City, but escaped through quickness of action. The State Department was advised today. Rebels dynamited the train carrying the Americans. The women hid in the woods until the rebels left. The fate of the train crew and other passengers was not stated.

Dusseldorf, April 2.—The government and the central committee of workmen reached an agreement today under which the workmen's army are to deliver their arms before April 10. The communist commander declared that he could not fight longer because of lack of ammunition. Assuring that all looting had been suppressed and he would shoot with his own pistol any communist soldier who violated the orders to surrender.

Peace Negotiations

Warsaw, April 2.—Concerning peace negotiations to the Poles by the Russian soviet forces, the Russian republic of soviet's accepts Polish communication land's readiness to negotiations April 10, seen friendship between countries.

BURDEN ON SON'S SHOULDER

Railroad Wage Controversy Deferred Back to Fall for Settlement

Washington, April 2.—A railroad wage controversy will before President Wilson's third time since the railroad unions filed demands for a increase last summer. Chairman of the railway committee constitutes the labor party railroad wage board, wrote Wilson that he regretted that to obtain any beneficial result these conferences. Mr. Jewell the employees are keenly dissatisfied at the position of the railway committee, which announced last night a deadlock and the drawal of the railroad members from the conference.

WARFARE ON PROFITEERS

Agent of Department of Justice Looking Over Conditions in South Carolina

Columbia, April 2.—A warfare profiteering is to be waged by the department of justice, according to John A. Chumley, special representative of the department, who was in Columbia yesterday in conference with H. C. Booker, state fair commissioner, and Frank H. Weston, United States district attorney, and other government representatives. Mr. Chumley is on a tour of the Southern States, visiting each capital, and he states that his aim is to place special agents in the States where needed, that a campaign against profiteers might be waged.

The government, states Mr. Chumley, has a number of plans for getting data as to profiteering, and wherever it is found that merchants or other dealers are charging exorbitant prices, legal steps will be taken to stop the practice and punish those guilty. It is probable that special agents will be put into many of the Southern States for the purpose of the fight on profiteering.

Both men and women are to be employed as agents in this fight and co-operation between these agents and officials of the department of justice is pledged.

COTTON CRUSHERS CONVENTION

Columbia, April 2.—A large number of cotton seed crushers and people connected with the crushing industry in South Carolina will attend the annual convention in New Orleans May 12-14. It is not known who will go to the gathering from South Carolina, but it is certain that a large delegation will attend. Charleston and Columbia will be especially well represented, it is thought.

The crushers had considered for awhile the advisability of having the convention in Havana, Cuba, but it was found that hotel accommodations were so scarce and so costly there that this plan was abandoned. The Hotel Grunewald, in New Orleans will be the headquarters of the crushers convention, and there will be hundreds of men connected with the cotton seed business in attendance, representing every section of the South and many other States.

New York, April 3.—The strike of New York harbor employes has curtailed traffic. Union officials claim the harbor will be tied up by nightfall. Railroad officials assert that danger of interruption of the food and coal supply has been averted.

Lima, Peru, April 2.—Major General Gorgas, former Surgeon General of the United States army, has accepted a five-year contract with the Peruvian government to direct an extensive sanitation program here.

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