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PERSONAL

Mr. Alfred Scarborough, of Eastover is spending a short time in the city. Mr. V. Bonneau Murray, of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city for a few days' stay with his brother, Mr. E. R. Murray. Mrs. Blossom Nash left yesterday morning for Charlotte, N. C., where she has accepted a position as assistant superintendent of the new Charlotte Sanatorium. Mr. Edens Barrentine of Clio made a short business trip to Sumter today. Miss Ruth Levi, who has been a visitor in Sumter, left Wednesday for her home in Rutherfordton, N. C. Miss Hattie Hood has returned from a stay of several months with relatives in Arizona and Southern California. Miss Henrietta Dargan of Stateburg spent the day in the city. Miss Constance Butman, accompanied by her friend, Miss Frances Heller, of Helena, Mont., are spending the Xmas holidays in Sumter. Miss Butman and friend have been attending college at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland. Mrs. C. L. Stubbs is visiting friends in Florida. Mrs. C. W. Smith and little Miss Alice will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives at Woodruff, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Eden passed through the city this morning while on their way to their home in Dalzell. Miss Lillie McCollum arrived in Sumter this morning from Chicora college at Columbia to spend the Christmas holidays at her home in the city. Mrs. Sue M. Sprott of Manning is the visitor of Miss Ruby Spann on W. Liberty street. Mr. Marion Michaux arrived this morning to spend some time in Sumter. Miss Julia Dubose of Dubose, has returned to her home to spend the holidays. Miss Lois Thompson, of Lander College, Greenwood, has arrived in Sumter to spend the holidays at her home on Washington street. Mr. Boucher Sims leaves tonight for Columbia to spend the week end. Miss Ina McNally is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Union. Mrs. Henry Deas and children returned this morning to Charleston after a short visit to their family in Sumter. Mr. John K. Crosswell is in the city on a short stay on business. Mr. Thomas G. McLeod, of Bishopville, spent the day in town. Hon. Richard I. Manning was in town today on business. Mr. Eugene M. Res, Jr., is at home from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Hubert D. Osteen is at home for the Christmas holidays from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. Superintendent Edmunds and Principal Dargan of the Boy's High School will spend tomorrow in Columbia looking for the high spots of excellence in the high schools of that city. Miss Sallie H. Rembert is spending her vacation from the Y. W. C. A. training school at New York, at her home on Washington St. Mr. B. R. China is at home from Bailey Military academy. Miss Kathryn Timmerman left for Ridge Springs where she is to spend the holidays. Mr. Leslie Schwartz, of Washington and Lee University, is at home for his Christmas vacation. Mr. Vivian Middleton left today for Greeleyville to spend some time. Miss Sue M. Sprott returned to her home in Manning this morning after a short visit to Miss Reba Spann on W. Liberty St. Mr. William McLeod is at home from Wofford College for the holidays. Mrs. J. R. Bracey has returned to the city after a most pleasant visit to her daughter, Miss Lucile, in Georgetown and her husband at Black River, farms near Rhems, S. C.

Government Cotton Grader's Office. The following reports give the prices paid on the stated markets on December 18th:

Table with columns M, S, L, G and rows for Sumter, Col'bia, Man'g, and Bp'ville.

AFTERNOON FIRE.

In answer to a fire alarm sent in at about 3:30 o'clock Saturday the fire department was kept busy for a short time with a fire which destroyed two out-houses behind the residence of Mr. Louis Bradham on Broad St. The feed house containing a good supply of cotton seed hulls seemed to be the first of the two houses to take fire and then the wood house soon followed in order. Some of the winter supply of wood went alittle earlier to the flames than was intended for it. It is not known how the fire started but presumably from rats as a number of the rodents were seen scampering out from under the burning building. With the exception of the loss of the two buildings and what they contained no other damage was done by the fire.

Charleston, Dec. 8.—Dr. Frances D. Kendall of Columbia, pleading guilty in federal court of violating the anti-narcotic act today, will be sentenced Saturday. Judge Smith announced this afternoon, E. W. Eagle of Aiken, pleading guilty of dereliction, was sentenced to pay \$2,000 and a year and a day in prison. Civil cases may be reached by Wednesday of next week.

DEATH.

Florence, Dec. 16.—Mrs. J. W. Cannon died Tuesday night after only a few hours illness. Serena, an infant daughter, died a few hours after Mrs. Cannon had passed away. Mrs. Cannon was popular here and the news of her sudden death shocked her friends. Before marriage she was Miss Blanch Evans of Society Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, and is the first of a family of 12 to break the chain. Mrs. Cannon leaves a husband and four children, Juanita, William, Evans and J. W. Jr., and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Sam Crawford, Mullins; Mrs. J. G. Crawford, Sumter; Mrs. E. P. Stanton, Florence; Mrs. M. C. Spencer, Chesterfield; Mrs. O. L. Dodson, Ohio; Miss Serena Evans, Sumter; Messrs. W. T. and L. W. Evans of Ocean View, Va., and John L. and Tracey Evans of Sumter. The funeral services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Minnie C. Bradley died at her home at Rembert last night at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Bradley is the wife of the late C. M. Bradley of Rembert. She leaves a large family connection. The funeral services took place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

SUMTER'S RED CROSS HOME SERVICE CHAPTER PLACED ON SMALLER SCALE.

Recently a joint meeting of the Home Service Committee and the Executive Committee of the Red Cross was held. A thorough discussion of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Home Service Chapter here took place, and finally by the consensus of opinions it was decided that the work being done by the Home Service Chapter was in every way indispensable to Sumter. The recent Red Cross Roll Call has been a great disappointment to everybody interested here, Sumter having badly failed to raise her quota, and not coming up to even nearly what was expected of her. The Home Service work cannot be carried on quite as extensively as formerly but the Home Service Chapter will not be done entirely away with. The comfortable quarters in the City National Bank Building will have to be given up as well as the services of the faithful and competent assistant to the secretary, and the office moved into one of the rooms at the Court House which can be obtained rent free. Miss Mamie J. Chandler will be retained as social worker to Sumter and Sumter county and will do all within her power to keep the good work going on. The services of any volunteer workers will be accepted and appreciated for both inside work and outside work about the county.

CHRISTMAS SAVING FUND CHECKS ARE ISSUED

\$59,700.00 Distributed by Banks of Sumter. The hearts of many folks in the city were made glad upon the receipt of checks sent them from the bank in which they had made their deposits throughout the year to the Christmas Savings fund. The checks were mailed about the 15th of this month. This money is particularly useful to them at this time it is assured. The following is a list of the banks operating this Christmas fund and the aggregate amounts of the checks they have sent out to their subscribers to this saving fund: National Bank of Sumter \$15,000 City National Bank 14,200 The Sumter Trust Co. 12,000 The Commercial Bank & T. Co. 9,500 The Peoples' Bank 9,000 Total \$59,700

FOOTBALL SUPPER.

On last Friday night a supper was held for the Sumter High school football squad with about thirty-one of the handlers of the pigskin present to partake of the most excellent supper. In addition to the members of the team Dr. S. H. Edmunds, John Duffie, W. H. Dargan, Joe Guthrie, Cuttino McKnight and Sol Metzger were present at the banquet and added success of the occasion by short speeches throughout the evening. Mr. Sol Metzger, of Columbia, and Coach of the Carolina squad, was the principal speaker, making a very interesting talk to the boys on the subject, "The Value of Football in a Boy's Training for his Life Work." At this meeting Clint Wheeler was elected to pilot the boys to victory as captain for next year's team. The boys all report a very enjoyable time.

A Tribute to a Sumter Boy.

The following tribute to Ralph Flowers by Oscar Davis in one of the Atlanta daily papers will be read with interest by Ralph's many friends: "Buck Flowers, was there ever been a player more admired and even more idolized than this boy, for he is nothing more than a boy. Buck Flowers leaves behind him a record of brilliant and out standing play which has been equaled by few but more than this he leaves the old fan and Tech. taught but the impression of a true and gentlemanly southern boy, clean and lovable, with no trace of conceit or anything to detract from his game. Tech, in her yells for Buck, puts all the fervent tribute a school feels for a player on her team, but also a personal tribute to the man himself, popular, respected and looked up to by all his fellow students. For this and more Tech saw Buck play his last game with averaged face.

MORE MONEY FOR THE CHRISTMAS POOR FUND

The following is an additional subscription list to the Christmas poor fund: Previously acknowledged \$481.56 H. T. Folsom 1.00 Cash 1.00 Cash 5.00 Geo. L. Ricker 5.00 Interest from Hattie E. Dun-Rent fund 75.00 Congregation Sing 5.00 R. D. Lee 50.00 \$818.56

CHRISTMAS TREE.

The teachers of the Beginners' department of Trinity M. E. church gave the little folks a very joyous Christmas tree on Friday, the 17th. The superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Cox, with teachers in charge, Mesdames B. R. Compton, John Lemmon, Harry Terry and Miss Maude Bradham were untrifling in making the little ones happy. Promptly at four o'clock the exercises began with an instrumental solo by Miss Eva Sires, then the rendition of the Lord's prayer in concert. Master Horace Harby gave a recitation wonderfully well for one so young. Little Hessie Jones charmed every one by her singing. A very youthful Santa Claus appeared on the scene and said "Santa Claus was so very busy he deputized him (his son) to come in his place and see that each child should be remembered. For an hour or so he was on the rush, that not one should be forgotten. The tree was a small pine tastily decorated and on tables just at the base were the many packages and candies. Just at the top one large electric bulb shone, representing the star that guided the wise men, forming a very pretty picture.

A committee has visited not only all business firms but also public-spirited individuals, business and professional men and women in the city, asking them to subscribe to health bonds in order to help in the fight against tuberculosis in Sumter county. The following list of bond-holders will show you the ones who responded to this appeal. Twenty-five Dollar Bonds. Henry J. Harby. Five Dollar Bonds. Little Miss Alice Harby Moore, H. T. Folsom, J. B. Folsom, Harry Metropol, Mrs. O. H. Polley, H. L. Scarborough, J. Pringle Brunson, J. Herman Myers, John K. Crosswell, John Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Dr. E. R. Wilson, Dr. H. L. Shaw, L. D. Jennings, The Peoples' Bank of Sumter, The City National Bank, The First National Bank, The National Bank of Sumter, The National Bank of South Carolina, The Commercial Bank & Trust Co. The Sumter Trust Co. DeLorme's Pharmacy, Mitchell's Drug Store, City Drug Co., Hearon's Pharmacy, Watson Drug Co., Sibert's Drug Store, Sumter Drug Co., Epps & Levy, Lee & Moise, Booth & McLeod, Dixie Electric & Plumbing Co., The Bryan Clothing Co., The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., The Sumter Clothing Co., Stubbs Bros., Burns Hardware Co., The Sumter Dry Goods Co., Levi Bros., H. D. Barnett, The Cash Dry Goods Store, The Ladies' Shop, Shaw & McCollum, Ben Shovic, McCollum Bros., Eird's Department Store, The Wreck Store, Sumter Gas and Power Co., Sumter Telephone Co., Levy & Moses, People's Grocery Co., Lynam Brokerage Co., Jones & Windham, Ralph Hill, Carolina Machinery Co., Williams Motor Co., Anchor Motor Co., Buick Motor Co., The Eastern-Carolina Motor Co., Bland Motor Co., The Shaw Motor Co., Jennings-Burkett Motor Co., J. C. Brown, Cooper Jewelry Co., M. Goldberg, John Clark Realty Co., McCallum Realty Co., Henry P. Moses Co., The Palmetto Fire Insurance Co., The Consolidated Insurance Agency, The W. H. Cobb Co., Shelley Furniture Co., Jennings-Gainey Furniture Co., Geo. H. Hurst & Sons, The Jackson Co., Crosswell & Co., L. B. Phillips & Co., Southern Cotton Oil Co., J. P. Commander, Imperial Cafe, La Tosca Restaurant, Charlie's Cafe, Palmetto Restaurant, Chero-Cola Co., Star Barber Shop.

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B-SHARP MUSIC CLUB.

The B-Sharp Music Club, comprising the pupils of Miss Louise Siddall, met at her studio, Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 4 o'clock. After a delightful program of musical compositions, a theatrical contest was held. Misses Edna O'Quinn and Bertie Lee Beck were the winners and were presented with appropriate prizes. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting. Those participating in the program were: Misses Helen and Daisy China, Susie Gregg, Iris Courtney, Nell Ard, Nell Commander, Mary Beck, Edith Hurst, Rita Heriot, Carrie Heriot, Odessa Hunter, Raymond Weatherly, Frances Kraker, Pauline Lee, Bettie Porter and Evelyn Shirer.

James C. Fairry, for the past two years county engineer for Orangeburg county, has tendered his resignation because the salary is to be reduced and he could not offer for reelection under the salary to be paid during 1921. The county board of commissioners will advertise for a county engineer to serve during 1921 at a salary of \$250 monthly.

GROWTH OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Swearingen Reports More Revenue, More Teachers and Better School Attendance

Columbia, Dec. 20.—Marvelous increase in the popularity of education in recent years in South Carolina is shown by the annual report of State Superintendent J. E. Swearingen, made public today. The report shows enormous increases in the appropriations for educational purposes as well as increase in attendance on public schools, the number of teachers and the school tax levies. School revenues in South Carolina have grown from \$4,039,382 in 1914 to \$7,659,536 in the year 1919-20, a net gain of \$3,620,153. The net gain for the last 12 months amounts to over two and half million dollars. The report predicts that a similar growth for next four years will secure "adequate facilities and an efficient teaching corps." Teachers salaries have increased in the past five years \$2,281,249 to \$4,496,815, an increase of over two million dollars. During the last school year, 1919-20, teachers salaries in South Carolina increased more than a million and a quarter dollars. The state superintendent is asking the 1921 legislature for total appropriation of \$2,145,650. This with other funds available for school purposes, will give the state the largest educational program ever presented in the State. Mr. Swearingen's report shows that during the school year 1919-20 there was a total enrollment in the public schools of the state of 478,045, which was an increase of 89,632 over the year before, and 137,639 more than the enrollment for the year 1914. In 1910 22.6 per cent of the population was in school; for 1920 28.39 per cent was in school. The compulsory education law is given credit for the great increase in school attendance. Enrollment increase last year 22.9 per cent. The attendance law, says Mr. Swearingen, brought into the schools last year 53,335 more colored children than were enrolled the year before. For the last school year there were 9,699 teachers, 6,399 white and 3,300 colored, a net gain of 1,099 for the year. There were 753 men teachers in the white schools and 670 in the colored schools. While the number of teachers increased, the number did not supply the demand. Some schools and class rooms were closed because of the lack of teachers. "Modest increases" in teachers' salaries are reported for the last school year. The average salary paid a white man teacher was \$962, a white woman \$553. For both sexes, the average paid white teachers was \$601. The state superintendent recommends the appointment of women on school boards, college boards and health boards. "Their assistance is welcome throughout our educational system, from the kindergarten through the University," says the superintendent's report.

MARRIED.

Miss Mary Louise Gardner and Mr. Charles Harris Sandifer were quietly married on December 19th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gardner of this city. The home was tastefully decorated with potted plants and smilax and throughout the afternoon music was furnished by the violola. Promptly at 5 o'clock the ceremony was performed by Dr. W. E. Thayer, the bride's pastor. The bride was dressed in a coat suit of brown with hat and gloves to match. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited into the dining room where refreshments consisting of cake, fruit punch and mints were served by Mrs. C. W. McGrew, assisted by Miss Ethel Evington, Miss Gusta Cuttino and Miss Elizabeth Rogan. Only a few of the friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Those present from out-of-town were Mr. James Ed Sandifer of Charleston and Mrs. J. M. Gardner of Raeford, N. C. Miss Gardner has held for some time a position in the city with O'Donnell & Co., as stenographer. Mr. Sandifer holds a responsible position with the Standard Oil company at Charleston, where the happy couple will be at home to their friends at 82 1-2 St. Johns Street, after spending the holidays at Denmark.

DEATH.

Mrs. Leila C. Stuckey, widow of the late A. E. Stuckey, died at the Touney hospital here at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night after a long illness. She is survived by six children, Mrs. H. W. Hood of Matlins, Mrs. J. E. King of Columbia and John W. Stuckey, W. B. Stuckey, Miss Mary Stuckey and James Carlisle Stuckey of Sumter. The funeral was held from the late residence Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment was made in the Sumter cemetery.

Has the tuberculosis drive in your county been a success? If not, why not? When you have been called on to assist for a few hours in this work, have you responded? When you were asked to buy bonds, did you respond? When you were asked to buy seals, did you respond? When you were asked to go to the benefit performance at the Rex theatre, did you respond? If this drive is not a success, it is your fault—you did not respond.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Manly, P. L., Dec. 17.—An entire constabulary of soldiers is charged with participating in a riot Wednesday which resulted in the deaths of four Americans and seven Filipinos.

MEAL TICKETS FOR STRIKERS

Million Dollars to Be Collected For Men on Strike or "Locked Out"

New York, Dec. 19.—The general executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, in special session here today, voted to raise a \$1,000,000 relief fund for the 60,000 union clothing workers in New York who, it is said, are either on strike or "locked out" by their employers. The money is to be raised by voluntary subscriptions in the affiliated unions here and in Canada. It will be used to provide the unemployed with food and other necessities. Prof. V. P. Corbett Makes Good. No doubt, the friends and classmates of Prof. V. P. Corbett formerly of Horatio, Sumter county, will be glad to hear that he is making splendid progress in his chosen profession, viz. professor of horticulture. Prof. Corbett graduated from Clemson A. & M. in 1915. Immediately after graduation, Prof. Corbett began his career as a teacher. He was principal of the high school in Anderson for two years. In 1917, he was at the head of agricultural department of the Startown Farm Life School, N. C. During 1918, Prof. Corbett gave ten months of service in the United States army, and received a honorable discharge from the field artillery central officers' school, Camp Taylor, Ky., early in 1919. But, it was the class of work that Prof. Corbett did in North Carolina which placed his services in demand at the agricultural and mechanical college, at Madison, Ga. The president and faculty of this institution feel that they are peculiarly fortunate in obtaining such efficient services as Prof. Corbett is now rendering to our school. Since allying himself with this school, Prof. Corbett has made great improvement in the horticultural division, over which he has supervisory. The great demand in agricultural work today is a more practical application of the technical phases of agriculture. And, when we consider the work in this light, Prof. Corbett is "right there with the goods." What we need is men who can get results. And, if South Carolina can spare any more of that calibre, Georgia will profit by it.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

On Friday afternoon the Seniors won the High school championship by defeating the 9th grade to the tune of 41-0. The 9th team was outplayed the entire game, but kept up a stiff fight to the very last. The Seniors used straight football for most of their gains, while the most effective offense for the 9th was their ability to complete forward passes. Three were completed for good gains, one each by Wray, Averbuck and Fuitman, while the Seniors were able to complete only one out of several trials. Moran and Anderson were the best ground gainers for the Seniors while the work of Alderman and Wray on offense showed up well for the 9th. The defensive stars were: Seniors, Young and Price; 9th, Blanding and Wilder. The Seniors have issued a challenge to the Varsity and there is no doubt that it will be accepted.

THE SHINE THAT COST MORE THAN A DIME

Rather an unusual case came up before Recorder Harby Saturday at his usual headquarters. A negro man, brought into court by one of the officers charged with beating a little negro boy out of his customary shine fee. As the officer stated who made the arrest the man talked straight but his actions were contrary to his speech. The negro man whose name was John Gully, had his shoes shined but could not locate the dime anywhere among his effects. He states that he told the shine boy to follow him and that he would find a friend from whom he could borrow the fee. The shine boy did follow all right but he first told his case to the listening ear of the officer who directed Gully to headquarters. Under the fire of cross questions from the judge and crooked answers returned by John a lot of information was obtained and a great deal of light thrown on the subject, so much, in fact, that at the termination of the interview John was facing a \$30 or 30 days for being a vagrant. John seemed to be gifted to a very marked degree with the very fine gift of knowing anything. He stated that he had very fine friends in the city and also that he was a hard worker but when it came to names he proved a genius for being unable to frame the words.

The Bird's Christmas Tree

Every year at Christmas time the sixth grade boys of Miss McNally's section place at the top of the tree-escape a Christmas tree for the birds. This custom was followed last Thursday or Friday. On this tree there have been placed boxes of various kinds of grain, some mutton suet of which the birds seem especially fond, and for purposes of decoration several very attractive looking apples. The birds seem to prize very highly the practical demonstration of thoughtfulness and the sentiment seems to appeal to everyone; for although the tree is on the principal playground of the city, the apples are still on the tree.

Miss Ruth Harrington, of Cheraw, left this morning to spend the holidays at her home.

ACREAGE REDUCTION

Chamber of Commerce Meeting of Farmers and Business Men to Consider Important Matter

Cooperating with the American Cotton Association, and the proclamation of Governor Robert A. Cooper, to make January 3rd Acreage Reduction Day in South Carolina, the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has appointed about 200 farmers, merchants, bankers, and other business men in every township of Sumter county, and in Pinewood section of Clarendon county recently voting to join Sumter county, as delegates and committeemen to attend and to thoroughly advertise the acreage reduction meeting to be held January 3rd, 1920 at 11 o'clock a. m. in the Sumter county court house at Sumter. A letter will be written to each of these 200 committeemen and delegates requesting that they take sufficient of their time to cover their respective townships and urge every farmer, country and city merchant, banker, and others interested to attend this important meeting. In addition to the acreage reduction proposition the Sumter Chamber of Commerce proposes to introduce another important feature of interest to all, and that is: "Diversification of farm products to get on the 'live at home' basis, and 'what crops shall we plant as substitutes for cotton.'" Mr. E. I. Reardon, the manager-secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce said today that there is nothing of greater importance to every business interest than these two questions, cotton acreage reduction and diversification of field products. In addition to the low price of cotton, general and business depression, the cotton boll weevil proposition confronts the agricultural and general business interests of Sumter and adjoining counties. Therefore cotton acreage reduction is imperative, and only by concerted action can the necessary reduction—estimated at fifty per cent of cotton acreage be secured. The meeting at Sumter on January will be open also to farmers of Lee and Clarendon counties, hundreds of whom do their banking and their trading in Sumter and sell their cotton, tobacco and other farm products in Sumter. The following delegates and committeemen have been designated to attend the meeting January 3rd, and are requested to serve as "boosters" to advertise and get out every farmer, merchant, banker, and other business men in their respective townships. Sumter Township—L. C. Strauss, T. J. Kivin, Willie Shaw, L. E. Reames, J. H. Myers, S. Itly Wilson, J. K. McElveen, C. F. Whitted, Z. J. Jackson, R. H. Green, W. A. Bowman, H. C. Haynsworth, H. L. Scarborough, S. Booth, C. G. Rowland, R. A. Bradham, L. D. Jennings, G. A. Lennox, J. P. Booth, Neil O'Donnell, H. D. Barnett, T. H. Clarke, John W. Shaw, R. J. Harby, D. D. Mohse, H. G. Osteen, P. D. Knight, Peter M. Pitts, Dr. Archie China, B. M. Oliver, M. W. Brown, W. D. McLeod, E. C. Brown, Rev. J. W. Elkins, E. F. Miller, B. L. McLeod, M. Levi, J. H. Hinson. Mayesville Township—E. W. Dabbs, L. C. Tisdale, J. F. Bland, R. J. Mayes, Jr., P. M. Tiller, J. A. Boskin, J. H. Gamble, J. W. Shaw, Rev. R. L. Grier, J. H. Wilson, J. E. Price, A. M. Andrews, T. G. Player, R. F. DesChamps, G. C. Mathis, Muldrow Witherspoon, C. E. Mayes, E. G. Spencer. Rafting Creek Township—E. E. Rembert, C. M. Emanuel, J. L. Irby, Julian Sanders, R. M. Hildebrand, Dr. M. S. Kirk, J. A. Reames, L. S. Vinson, J. L. Gills, T. M. Rodgers, C. W. Sanders, T. P. Sanders, C. E. Sanders, W. A. Alston, J. L. Jackson, R. M. Moore, W. M. Lenoir, J. R. Corbett. Pinewood and Calvary Township—P. C. Broadway, H. L. Baxley, J. B. Griffin, R. A. DesChamps, W. O. Tatum, Jr., N. L. Broughton, D. B. Lide, W. D. Epperson, R. F. Epperson, A. P. Mims, C. B. Kolb, J. B. Kolb, O. D. Harvin, R. L. Harvin, J. W. Weeks, A. P. Lide, J. Q. Ross. Middletown Township—Dr. M. L. Parler, E. E. Aycock, A. E. Aycock, W. H. Ramsey, J. J. Geddings, H. M. McLaurin, Jess Hammond, Sam Weinberg, J. R. Ball, R. Wade Brice, F. M. Dwight, J. B. Ryan. Manchester Township—Geo. T. Geddings, Miller Coulter, F. M. Coulter, B. T. Kolb, E. R. Williams, L. E. Avin. Shiloh Township—Isadore M. Truluck, W. W. Green, E. T. Mims, M. McClam, J. C. McElveen, T. J. Keels, Gamble Moore, W. D. Truluck, N. M. McNeil, J. R. Goodman, E. R. Keels, J. T. Keels, A. H. Truluck, M. F. Truluck, M. E. Truluck, S. J. Mims, S. B. McElveen, J. B. Whitehead, W. E. Keels, W. J. Frierson. Concord Township—P. L. Jones, B. M. Jones, J. J. Britton, J. B. Britton, J. M. Brogdon, G. W. Mahoney, Hazel Brunson, J. L. Brogdon, John I. Brogdon, Joel Davis, S. J. White, C. W. Brunson, D. L. Sraith, W. J. Lawrence, E. R. White, W. S. Tisdale, J. C. Brogdon, J. T. Brogdon. Stateburg Township—C. J. Jackson, J. Frank Williams, J. L. Frierson, George Mabrey, W. L. Sanders, S. W. Gillespie, N. B. Murray, S. Y. Tupper, Richard Richardson, V. G. Neilson, T. S. Stuckey, L. E. Leavell, John J. Dargan. Privateer Township—S. A. Harvin, H. D. Tindal, J. M. Kolb, J. M. Jackson, S. D. Cain, W. E. Kolb, S. D. Richardson, T. E. Hodge, H. H. Wells, W. G. Pierson, Dr. R. B. Furman, B. R. Barclay, G. A. Nettles, Rev. William Haynsworth. Providence Township—Paul Bowman, Dr. Bush McLaurin, Porcher Gaillard, C. J. Gaillard, M. L. Moore, A. C. Burroughs, Stanyarne Burroughs, R. L. Burkett, S. F. Moore, B. F. Ardis, E. E. Doby, R. J. Brogdon, H. T. Edens, J. B. Ratfield, A. F. Smith.

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