

The Watchman and Southern

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PERSONAL

Mr. William Parry has returned to his home at Bureau after a visit in Sumter. Miss Blanche Spann and Miss Lila Briggs returned to Columbia this morning. Mr. Hugh Green left this morning on a short visit to Charleston. Mr. I. B. Belsar left this morning for Columbia. Mr. Rowland Boyle has returned to his home at Greeleyville after a short visit in Sumter. Mrs. J. S. Hartzell of Cheraw is in Sumter on a short visit. Mr. F. Jenkins Knight of Wofford College is at home on a short visit to his parents. Geo. D. Levy, W. M.; E. P. DuRant, S. W.; W. H. Sholar, J. W.; and J. C. Pale, secretary, of Claremont Lodge went to Charleston to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. F. M., which was held Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Helen Jean Millard, of North Dakota, is visiting her cousins, Misses Lucile and Vivian Cox. Mr. J. H. Montgomery of Salter's, S. C., passed through the city this morning while enroute for Columbia. Mr. Case, of the Champion Fibre Co., at Canton, N. C., is in the city today on business. Mr. Thomas P. Felder of Spartanburg, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. M. Felder, on N. Washington St., returned to his home this morning. Mr. Paul Autrey left this morning for a short business visit to Lake City. Mr. E. W. Dabbs passed through the city this morning while enroute for Columbia. Mr. L. C. Moise left this morning for Bennettsville where he will render a Twilight Lenten Recital at the Episcopal church of that town. Mrs. Abe Hyttenberg left for Charleston this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Vick Moran, of Detroit, Mich., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dwyer, left last night for Florida for a stay of several weeks. Miss DeEtte Bennett, of Chicora College, Columbia, S. C., who has been visiting Miss Mary Belle Burgess, left this morning for Columbia, to resume her studies. W. B. Wilson, of Wilmington, N. C., who has been spending several days with L. B. H. Darr, has returned home. Mrs. M. H. Chandler, Mrs. Ida C. Raffield and son, Hubert, left last night for Tucson, Arizona, for an extended visit to the former's daughter, Mrs. Henry Owens. Mr. Cooper, of Columbia, of the United States vocational service is spending the day in Sumter. Mrs. C. E. Jones is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Black, in Farnwell, S. C. Mr. D. J. McKiver is spending the day in Columbia. Mr. Willie Tallevast of Florence is visiting his uncle, Mr. M. H. Beck, at Pocola. Mr. Percy Harvin left this morning for a short visit in Columbia. Mr. A. C. Burrows of Daizell is in the city today. Mr. R. A. Helmes returned this morning to Sewanee, Tenn., after having attended the funeral of his school mate, Mr. Baker Spann. Miss Martha Dinwiddie, of the department of Interior of the Bureau of Education in Washington together with Dr. J. H. Haynsworth and Mr. C. S. Hutchins are visiting the rural schools in the Bethel neighborhood this morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Folsom have returned to the city and will be at home at 116 Broad St. Dr. Leonard White of Statesville, N. C., is visiting his sister, Miss Mary White on N. Main St. Miss E. W. McLean, of Columbia, spent the day in town with friends.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Financial Statement To Be Published After Close of Fiscal Year June 30

At a regular meeting of council held Tuesday evening, February 22 in the council chamber, there were present Mayor Jennings and Councilmen McCallum and Raffield. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 8th were read and approved. Council granted the Chamber of Commerce, through Secretary Reardon, the free use of the Council Chamber as an office with the understanding that council would continue to hold its regular meetings and all special meetings therein as the occasion might arise, and also with the understanding that council reserves the right to revoke such concession should it be deemed necessary. The financial status of the city was discussed, and in order to give the public an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements, it was decided to publish such statement immediately after the close of the fiscal year ending June 30th when the annual audit is made, and yearly thereafter at the same time. The cost in connection with the purchase of the old, and construction of the new electric light plant has been considerable, and in view of the fact that the cost of publication of such itemized statement referred to would be excessive if published monthly or semi-annually, it was decided to publish annually when the information could be given in detail; however, the books of the clerk and treasurer are open at all times for inspection. Dr. D. W. Green was nominated by Mayor Jennings and elected by council as a member of the board of health. In connection with the peddling of medicine or merchandise on the streets of the city, the following license ordinance was adopted: "Each resident agent peddling medicine or merchandise of any description, either for himself or others, outside of a regular place of business, each, \$50.00 per year." Council then adjourned.

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Christian Endeavor Conference.

Rev. G. E. Edwards, educational secretary for the South Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, has announced that a meeting for organizing the Christian Education movement in the South Carolina conference will be held in Florence, February 25.

This will be a gathering of great significance to Southern Methodists of this section. The leaders of the church will be present and the conference will be completely organized for pushing the Christian education movement, whereby it is proposed to raise \$33,000,000 to be used in advancing the cause of Christian education in the south.

Bishop N. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., will be the ranking church official present. Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford college Spartanburg, S. C. will represent the Christian education movement, and assist in the work of organization.

Among South Carolina leaders who will attend are the presiding elders of the South Carolina conference; the presidents of all the conference boards; A. J. Cauthen, missionary secretary; G. E. Edwards, educational secretary; R. E. Stackhouse, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate; presidents of Methodist colleges and universities located within the bounds of the conference. The conference lay leader, members of educational and finance commissions; district financial directors; and other outstanding men and women in South Carolina Methodism will be present.

Leland Moore, of Charleston, financial director for the South Carolina conference, will preside. The objectives of the Christian education movement will be thoroughly discussed and instructions given the district financial directors, upon whom much will depend in the financial campaign, May 29-June 5.

According to local Methodists, the date for the financial campaign for raising the \$33,000,000 has been the subject of much discussion. It was the opinion of the leading business men of the church, that there should be no postponement on account of financial depression in certain sections of the south. Dr. J. H. Reynolds director general for the movement, says that a financial campaign in the present situation will not only be inspiring, as a test of faith and courage, but will actually hasten the return of normal times in the economic world.

Speaks Well of Sumter.

Mr. W. L. Lamar, who has been in the services of MacDowell and Co., brokers, has been called elsewhere and is to leave our city within the next few days. It is with genuine regret upon the part of all who were associated with Mr. Lamar, in any relations, that he leaves our midst. Mr. Lamar also seems to have been pleased with Sumter as the following letter shows, which we take liberty of publishing:

Editor Daily Item: I have had the pleasure of residing in your fair city for a period of four months, at the end of which time I state with regret, I am moving only for business reasons.

During the past twenty years I have lived in various states and countries as follows: Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Oklahoma, Republic of Mexico, Cuba, Nassau and Bahamas. In all my travels I have never seen as generally a town as pretty, as clean or as desirable a place to live as Sumter. I am a keen observer of people and I truthfully say I have never come in contact with such an accommodating, polite and well bred set of folks as I have met right here.

Would you kindly let me the answer. How do you get that way? Very truly yours, W. L. LAMAR. Sumter, Feb. 22, 1921.

Boy Caught in Store.

During the last ten days two stores of the town were broken into and petty larcenies committed. One of the stores, Moran and Co., was entered on three occasions, the third entry being made Monday night at 9 o'clock, when the little boy, John Reid, 15 years of age, was caught as he attempted to make his escape. The arrest was made by Officer B. R. Duran, who was on that post at the time and who saw the boy as he started out of the door. Young Reid has been sent to Florence to the South Carolina Industrial School by mutual consent of the prosecutor and the boy's parent. The boy is very bright and it is stated makes the best of marks when at school. He is very interested in all things pertaining to electricity and understands the operation of wireless telegraphy. The majority of the things taken were tools and electrical appliances. Just why the little fellow should have decided to make his bold store entries is not known nor the motives that are behind his action.

R. Dozier Lee Named Local Chairman for University of Virginia Endowment Fund.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 21.—R. Dozier Lee, prominent Sumter lawyer and a member of the firm of Lee and Moise, has been named chairman for that city for the University of Virginia Continental Endowment Fund, according to an announcement made today by Christie Penet of Columbia, S. C., state chairman for the fund in South Carolina.

Mr. Lee is a graduate of the law school of the University of Virginia, class of 1909, and has been actively interested in the institution's affairs as an alumnus. He is one of several local chairmen named in Virginia alumni centers in the state to aid in raising the state's quota of \$25,000 for the fund. The organization for carrying forward this movement has been practically completed all over the country for the opening of the campaign, March 7th.

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COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION

Secretary Reardon Makes Important Announcement

Matters of vital importance to every farmer, merchant, banker, and to men and women of every occupation and calling were handed out to all time-paid secretaries and managers of chambers of commerce of South Carolina on February 14th in Columbia, to be carried home to their counties, and with instructions to give widespread publicity to same. The South Carolina chamber of commerce, through its executive secretary, Mr. N. S. Reardon, president, called this committee of commercial secretaries to advise with the others present.

First of all, the information considered of most importance to the general business interests was "Cooperation" between merchant, farmer, banker, and all others in the signing of cotton acreage reduction contracts and getting the actual reduction of cotton acreage for 1921 signed up in tangible form to be able to show the actual reduction pledged. We must be absolutely able to prove the cotton acreage reduction.

Second the importance of every chamber of commerce getting every bank, and supply merchant to sign pledges agreeing not to furnish cash, fertilizers, or other supplies or assistance to any farmer who is not willing to pledge himself, under signed contract to reduce his 1921 cotton acreage in accordance with the plans of the American Cotton association.

Information received directly from New York financial circles indicated that the men who control the money markets of this country and largely of the world believe that cotton acreage reduction has the most vital bearing on the future business of this country than that of any other commercial commodity or business interest, and further that future carrying of cotton loans on surplus cotton, and doubtless on many other commercial papers will depend almost entirely upon the cutting down of the cotton acreage to one-third of the 1921 years lands planted to all field crops, and the additional support of the financial and general business interests by producing ample food and feed stuffs to supply every farm seeking further extension of loans or seeking new loans. Secretary E. I. Reardon, of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, who attended the Columbia conference of bankers, merchants, farmers and other business men says that he is going to take the risk, so grave does he consider the situation in the light of information received, by warning the farmers that unless it can be definitely shown by April 1st to 15th, possibly by June 1st 1921, and shown by signed contracts that the 1921 American cotton crop will not exceed six million bales that money matters are going to be much tighter than they are now.

This, as far as Mr. Reardon feels justified in going without further authority than he is willing to let himself furnish definite information showing that anything like a normal crop of cotton during 1921 spells disaster for every business interest in the south, and much loss to the business interests of the entire country. Chambers of Commerce were appealed to to get busy lining up farmers and all business men without delay. And to keep their chambers of commerce functioning full time as central county bureaus of information and cooperation.

Any merchant, banker, or farmer who feels that he can afford to assume an attitude of passive acquiescence to the critical conditions confronting this country by dropping out of his chamber of commerce or other business organization or by failing to cooperate and assist to help get a cotton acreage reduction in order to save a few dollars or save himself a little extra work will be merely adding to the long list of men who by their lack of cooperation and indifference are helping to make conditions worse. Every man is needed in this peace time fight against conditions which though serious can be much worse.

The commercial secretaries were urged not to become discouraged, but to go back to their homes and to take the lead in organizing city, town, and rural districts in marketing facilities, breaking the consumers' strike by suggesting that people buy what they need and can afford, patronize home enterprises and home farmers, home labor, and to induce farmers to produce everything possible in the shape of food and feed-stuffs, and for city merchants to buy everything they can for resale from home farmers, but above all to produce as little cotton as possible. Co-operative marketing of sweet potatoes, cotton, grain, canned goods, hogs, cattle, and cotton were fully discussed and plans are being worked out with certain legislative matters now pending which ought to vastly improve marketing arrangements.

Last Lyceum Number.

The last number of the Lyceum course will be on the 16th of March. This number will be a lecture by Maynard Lee Dagg. Please keep that date in mind, March 16, at 8:30, at the Girls' High school building.

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Schedule of Agent For Week Tennessee, Is the Charge

Monday—Office. Tuesday—Oswego. Wednesday—Stateburg, G. H. D. C. Gen. Sumter H. D. C. Thursday—Providence G. H. D. C. Providence H. D. C. Friday—Datzell. Saturday—Office. Meetings of the past week have been very interesting. Attendance for some weeks has been very good. These were the best of sickness.

Many girls are entering the Better Bread Contest which promises to be the feature of their work this year. We hope that many girls in Sumter county will develop into good cooks. Any girl wishing to enter please see county agent right away. Rules for contest were published last week.

Wilder Poultry Club.

The regular meeting of the Wilder Poultry club was held Monday, February 14. Two new members were enrolled, requirement and record cards distributed and discussed. Miss Truluck then discussed getting eggs and setting the hen. Each member was urged to begin work at once. Bonnie Davis, president; Harry Brunson, secretary.

Pinewood Girls' Home Demonstration Club.

The regular meeting of the Pinewood Girls' Home Demonstration club was held Wednesday, February 16. The meeting was called to order by the president, roll called and minutes read and approved. Record books were distributed and discussed. Then the club went to the domestic science room where Miss Truluck gave a biscuit making demonstration. When the biscuits were done they were scored and given a "fair test" by the girls and pronounced very nice. Annie Laura Kolb, Secy.

Wedgfield Girls' Home Demonstration Club.

The Wedgfield Girls' Home Demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 17. Meeting was called to order by president, roll called and minutes of last meeting read and approved after which record and requirement cards were distributed and discussed. Both baking powder and soda biscuit receipts were copied by all the girls. Miss Truluck made the baking powder biscuit which were scored and given the final test by being eaten. During the baking period the club went out in the yard where several games were played. The club adjourned to meet four weeks hence. Cornelia Brice, president; Tillie Brice, secretary.

Concord Girls' Home Demonstration Club.

Concord club held its meeting Friday, February 19th at the school house. Miss Truluck gave recipes for soda and baking powder biscuit after which she made biscuits. While the biscuits were baking the meeting was called to order by the president. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Record cards distributed and each one urged to make this a record year. Several girls declared it their intention to begin making biscuits at once so that they would be ready for the contest. Sumter county wants the first state prize next fall. Biscuits were scored and eaten. Daisy Fort, president; Clarice Clascoc, secretary.

The Selection of Clothing.

Wisdom and good judgment must be used in selecting clothing. It should be suitable to the occasion, comfortable, and durable. The clothing should be comfortable and healthful; suited to the individual for whom it is chosen, suitable for the occasion on which it is to be worn, and attractive in appearance. Wise spending for clothing means deciding definitely what we want and what we can afford to pay for it and to get the maximum service from it.

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Before buying consider the following points: 1. Study your needs and what you have on hand. Choose new clothing that will harmonize with the old. 2. Select conservative styles that may be worn another season. Be advanced enough to wear your next season's clothes now. 3. Buy the best quality—it looks better and lasts longer. 4. People of moderate means should select garments that will serve many purposes. 5. Buy standard makes that have been tested for years and whose worth has been proven.

Additional information on this subject apply to Caro Truluck, County Agent Home Demonstration Agent for Sumter's Bulletin No. 1939 on "Selection and Care of Clothing."

Hagood News and Views.

Dinkins Mill, Feb. 20.—Was out at Hagood recently and things there seem as of yore. One hears talk on every hand respecting the boll weevil. Concerning acreage reduction I fear that practically it will not amount to much. Many claim the reduction of the crop will be greatly reduced by the boll weevil. Few folks have bought fertilizer, waiting for the price to go down. Many a candidate for office has felt after election that the country was pretty well stocked with liars.

Mr. J. R. Corbett, who sustained serious injury awhile ago by falling from his back porch one dark rainy night, is able to get out again. Mrs. W. J. Spencer, under specialist, is improving. Hog killing is not over with us yet. Some folks are having trouble saving recently butchered pork. Mr. Arant was able to fill his appointments last Sunday. Have you planted your garden yet? We saw English peas up in Mr. Corbett's garden the other day. Why not plant some medicinal and flavoring herbs, as sage, horehound, catnip, Thyme,