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Chamber of Commerce Notes

Resident Tobacco Warehousemen for Sumter Proposed.

Within the past two weeks the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has either been written to or had visits from four gentlemen who are desirous of renting the tobacco warehouses in Sumter.

Not less than eight written inquiries have been received about renting our tobacco warehouses since last November.

Perhaps the two which appealed more to the Chamber of Commerce than any others are propositions from two experienced warehousemen who say that they wish to move to Sumter, buy homes, to live and operate the two warehouses.

It seems that two warehousemen living here as citizens of Sumter and Sumter county would have a greater personal interest in the success of the local tobacco market than a warehouseman who spends only a few weeks here every summer during the tobacco selling season.

These two would be permanent citizen warehousemen say that if they can secure a three or four year lease on the two warehouses, each house to be operated separately with no business connection whatever, it just happening that both want to locate in South Carolina and operate warehouses, that they will organize a tobacco board of trade, require every tobacco buyer to take out a license to buy tobacco under board of trade regulations, and that the license money so received will be used to advertise the two Sumter warehouses by paying for the gasoline used by numbers of business men's automobiles to go on advertising trips to induce farmers to sell their tobacco in Sumter, and to further build up Sumter's tobacco market.

That barbecues will be furnished the tobacco farmers at Sumter in advertising the Sumter markets, etc. These two gentlemen feel that by living in Sumter the year around they can be of great benefit to hundreds of tobacco growers in the selection of the right kind of seed, bed preparation, transplanting, cultivation, and curing and marketing of tobacco for better grades and higher prices. The Chamber of Commerce is investigating these two gentlemen and it is possible that Sumter will have resident warehousemen with keen competition on the tobacco market this summer and for several years to come.

Cotton Mill Wanted for Sumter. For many years the question has been asked "Why is it that Sumter has no cotton mills?" Now the Chamber of Commerce is prepared to entertain a starter in the shape of a big stock subscription from one or more local persons that can be used to induce outside capital to join in with local capital for say one million dollars or perhaps for five hundred thousand dollars for a cotton mill.

Somebody has to be the first to put up some money, once we get the first money subscribed, and paid in, not just promised mind you, but paid in "simon pure paid in cash," then that is how all enterprises are started, not only here in Sumter, but that is the way they do this kind of business all over the world.

All local capital would be preferable of course, but as money appears to be a little scarce around Sumter here lately, perhaps it would be just as well to sell a few hundred thousands of dollars of the capitalization out of town.

Now the Chamber of Commerce is going to ask a question, "Why, if it is that Sumter has no cotton mills?" can't some one or a number who believe in cotton mills get busy doing a little subscribing—some starting of capitalization for such an enterprise? Just let some one start this thing off and then turn the proposition over to "E. I. R." and there will be some money, paid loose from numerous citizens, local and otherwise.

Milk at School. We have been serving the milk lunch at the Washington school for eight weeks, and for my own satisfaction I have made some comparisons.

The children were weighed before beginning the milk and again at the end of eight weeks. Ten children who took milk at school made an average gain of 2.62 pounds, while ten who neither take milk at school nor bring milk from home, made an average gain of only 1/2 pound each, which is less than 1-5 as much as the children who took milk.

I feel sure if the mothers could see the eager rush for milk at the tap of the bell no child would be denied. We have encouraged the children to bring milk from home if they could not take it at school but now that the days are getting warm it will be impossible to keep their milk cool from eight to eleven o'clock. The dairy milk is taken off the ice and delivered at the school just about ten minutes before it is consumed.

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Election Fund Disbursed. E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce on yesterday wrote checks amounting to eight hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents to fifty-nine business and professional men of Sumter, reimbursing these gentlemen for money put up by them to pay expenses of election and surveys in the Pinewood annexation matter.

The county supply bill for 1921 carried an appropriation for this amount and the eight hundred and sixty-two and fifty-one hundredths dollars was turned over to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution as that organization, through Mr. R. A. Bradham, who collected the money originally from the subscribers to this fund.

Governor R. A. Cooper will be in Sumter on Monday, March 21, at 10 o'clock.

Work on the Garner's Ferry bridge will begin soon, as the money to pay for it being furnished by the federal government and Richland and Sumter counties. The construction of the approaches to the bridge and the causeway through the swamp is another proposition. A mass meeting of citizens endorsed the action of the county commissioners in deciding to build the bridge with federal aid and it was enthusiastically agreed to raise by public subscription the funds needed to build the causeway. This mass meeting was held in flush times when money was plentiful, but as proffered contributions were not collected, there is no money on hand or in sight, to connect the bridge with the mainland.

ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT

White Man Arrested and Held in Jail on Serious Charge

Sunday night about 11 o'clock report was made at police headquarters by two excited negroes, Ellis Jackson and Richard Sumter, that a white man had attacked them on West Hampton avenue while they were in the company of two negro women and at the point of an automatic pistol driven them away; and that he had then attempted to assault one of the women. Officers Carrigan and Chandler immediately jumped into the police department Ford and made all speed to the scene of the crime, which was just beyond the city limits. When they arrived they found W. H. Thomas, white, engaged in a struggle with a young negro woman, from whom he had torn a part of her clothing, and there was every reason to believe that his purpose was to commit a criminal assault. The woman was rescued from his clutches and Thomas was taken into custody and placed in jail. Yesterday a warrant was sworn out charging Thomas with attempted, criminal assault and he is being held in jail to await trial at the next term of court. The fact that there are two negro men, one negro woman and two policemen who will be material witnesses against Thomas, makes the case look black for him. It is stated that Thomas had been drinking during the day and was probably under the influence of liquor when he attacked the woman. This may be true beyond the shadow of a doubt, but it does not excuse his criminal conduct and should not be given any consideration as a defense. The crime, as alleged by the witnesses, is one of the most disgusting and outrageous that his disgraced this community in years. Thomas should be given a speedy trial and if he is guilty, as alleged, he should receive the limit of the law in the way of punishment. The fact that his intended victim was a negro has nothing to do with the gravity of the crime, nor is the fact that he was a drunk white man, any excuse. He should receive the same treatment, if proven guilty, that a negro would receive for a similar attack on a white woman.

Marriage License Record. A marriage license has been issued to Tony Scrivin and Elizabeth Smith, colored of Sumter.

Boys' Club Prize Winners for 1920. Clemson College, March 15.—Five phases of club work were conducted in South Carolina in 1920, with a total enrollment of 1,740 members. The work was conducted in 36 out of 44 counties. Prizes were offered in all five phases of the work amounting to \$1,966.00 in cash and articles, donations for prizes having been made by organizations and individuals in this and other states. The following are the winners of the state prizes offered:

Can Club Prize Winners. 1st. Hugh Campbell, York county, 100.4 bushels at 34 cents per bushel. 2nd. Hazel Kennington, Lancaster county, 102 bushels at 46 cents per bushel. 3rd. Theo W. Hayes, Dillon county, 91.2 bushels at 37 cents per bushel. 4th. Virgil Davis, Darlington county, largest yield in state, 103.1 bushels at 55 cents per bushel.

Cotton Club Prize Winners—Statewide. 1st. Douglas Brigrman, Dillon county, 2,800 pounds, Moore's Long staple. 2nd. Mitchell Rabon, Kershaw county, 1,710 pounds, Alabama Big Boll. 3rd. Durham Harrison, Kershaw county, 1,272 pounds, Cleveland Big Boll.

Cotton Club Prize Winners—Boll Weevil Territory. 1st. Bennie Hewitt, Bamberg county, 1,610 pounds, Webber 82. Pigs Club Prize Winners. 1st. Oscar William Lever, Richland county. 2nd. Calhoun Hayes, Dillon county. 3rd. Robert Stevenson, Fairfield county.

Member Whose Pig Made Greatest Gain. Theodore Thompson, Lancaster county, average daily gain, 1.76 lbs. Calf Club Prize Winners. 1st. Converse Woolsey, Aiken county. 2nd. Emanuel Wise, Dillon county. 3rd. William Eugene Smith, Lee county.

Peanut Club Prize Winners—Statewide. 1st. R. Hallum Smith, Colleton county. 2nd. Curtis Baskin, Lancaster county. 3rd. Boyd Blateny, Lancaster county.

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Home Demonstration Clubs.

The Dalzell Girls' Home Demonstration club held its March meeting at the school house on Tuesday. The meeting was called to order and the roll called. Requirement and score cards were presented to the girls. Miss Truluck demonstrated biscuit making and taught us some club songs. We are to make lightbread at the next meeting. Cornelia Parker, President. Jennie Mayer, Secretary.

A meeting of the Gen. Sumter Home Demonstration club held at the school on Monday, February 28th at 4 o'clock.

Miss Truluck, the demonstrator, passed around leaflets on garden lessons.

It was decided that we give fifteen minutes of each meeting to these studies on gardening.

She also distributed seed among the members and urged us to get busy with our gardens.

She is doing all in her power to help solve the problem of the country produce being sold to the town people in a way that it will be profitable to both parties. It was decided that a committee of Mrs. John Frierson and Mrs. James Pagan meet with Miss Truluck at the demonstration office in Sumter on Saturday, March 5th, at 11 o'clock to discuss and plan out the work for the year.

We had as a visitor, Mrs. Campbell, of Winthrop college and the motion was made that we suspend all other business so as to have more time to hear her.

She gave us a most interesting talk on the household budget.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The first meeting of the Gen. Sumter Home Demonstration club for the year 1921 was held at the school on Monday, February 21st at 4:30.

Owing to car trouble our agent, Miss Truluck, was unable to be with us. The secretary called the roll and welcomed six new members to our club.

The treasurer's report showed one hundred and fifty dollars on hand received as prizes for the booth at the county fair.

It was decided that this money be put in the bank, with the hopes that at some early date we would add to it for the purpose of installing a telephone in our neighborhood.

Mrs. S. A. Plowden, former demonstrator of Clarendon county, was asked to give us a talk on demonstration work in general, in order that our new members might understand what we were doing along this line.

She responded with a most instructive and inspiring talk.

We feel that with our efficient agent, Miss Truluck, and two former demonstrators, Mrs. Plowden and Mrs. L. E. Leavell, we must go over the top with our club work this year.

There being no further business the motion for adjournment was made and seconded.

The Oswego Girls' Home Demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting at the school on Monday, March 7, 1921. Miss Truluck prepared our yeast to rise, and while doing it, she explained the different kinds of bread; then while the bread was rising the meeting was brought to order by the president. Roll called, minutes read and some business attended to.

Some of the smaller children wished to join but we decided not to enroll them yet. We worked the bread again, let rise.

Several of the girls joined the biscuit contest. Miss Truluck explained the score cards. We played games while the bread was baking. After it was baked, we sampled it, and scored it. We have planned to make cake for next time. We learned some pretty club songs. The meeting was adjourned.

Katherine Andrews, President. Agnes White, Secretary.

The Oswego Girls' Home Demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting at the school house on Wednesday, March 2. Meeting was called to order by Miss Truluck. Members were enrolled, officers elected and some business attended.

Miss Truluck gave a very interesting demonstration on biscuit making, after they were finished. Mrs. Campbell scored them. We planned to make yeast bread next time.

Mrs. Campbell, household specialist, gave a very interesting talk on the importance of domestic science.

We hope to make our club a success. We enrolled fourteen members.

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Lne Oak Demonstration club met Monday afternoon, February 28th at the home of Mrs. I. M. Truluck. After much discussion and estimation of the value of the gown of Mrs. S. C. Truluck which was lost in the club booth at Sumter county fair last November the club decided \$12 would replace same and ordered secretary to send Mrs. Truluck check for that amount.

Club also ordered secretary to reimburse Mrs. M. E. Truluck 54c for damaged sheeting bought from club from county fair.

Club decided to have garden lessons.

After some discussion of ways and means of getting better poultry breeds in the community it was decided to use club money and buy pedigreed baby chicks for each member who wanted them with the understanding that for each 8 baby chicks received, one grown chicken or its value be returned to the club next fall to be used as the club decided. All present asked for the chicks. The agent was requested to get names of all wanting same and order at once.

Officers were selected and elected as follows: Mrs. W. J. McNeill, president, Mrs. I. M. Truluck, secretary.

The crowd then went out to chicken yard where Miss Truluck gave a poultry culling demonstration.

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TO ELECT QUEEN BY POPULAR VOTE

Admission Tickets Entitle Holder to One Ballot

SHOW MUCH INTEREST

Winners in Counties to Be Seen at Steel Building and Choice of Queen Left to Spectators

Since the Palmetto beauty contests in the various counties have been concluded, interest centers in the election of a Queen of Palmetto and yesterday the method of election was announced.

When tickets of admission to the steel building are purchased, the buyer of the ticket will be given one ballot together with a list of the counties in the state; the name of the winners in the various counties and the number of the young ladies.

Twice daily the winners in the county contests will be presented to the audience at the steel building and the tickets, filled in as the holder desires, will be cast in a ballot box which will be provided in one corner of the building. Votes will not be sold except when admission tickets are purchased. It was announced yesterday. The results of the balloting will be announced daily, until the final day of balloting when the name of the queen will be given to the public.

The election of the queen is already exciting much interest over the state and some inquiries have come in as to whether or not any expense will be attached to the casting of ballots. The committee has announced that there will be no expense other than that of purchasing admission tickets to the fair grounds where the concerts and the fashion show will be held. The automobile show will also be staged in the steel building which has already been transformed into a place of beauty.

Following is a list of winners as given out yesterday afternoon: Miss Callie Mims Purvis, Timmonsville; Miss Sadie Harper, Cheraw; Miss Irene Colbert, Georgetown; Miss Annie Belle Rhodes, Greenville; Miss Mayme Rast, Orangeburg; Miss Nell Bostick, Spartanburg; Miss Flora Mae Holiday, Galivants Ferry; Miss Bethel Mann, Pickens; Miss Carrie Darby Harrison, Walhalla; Miss Beulah Kelly, Union; Miss Adalce Grimes, Lees; Mrs. Sarah Nash, Gray Court; Miss Mamie Nell Brunson, Farnwell; Miss Annie Bell Johnston, Reesville; Miss Annie Orin, Key Jackson, Dillon; Miss Bessie Hood, Sumter; Mrs. Hugh A. Milling, Rock Hill; Miss Ruby Hill Devlin, Greenwood; Miss Laura Smith, McCormick; Miss Hilda Roth, Hampton; Miss Maggie McCants, Berkeley; Miss Annie Hood, Fairfield; Miss Mary Belle Walsh, Chesterfield; Miss Letha Gradick, St. Matthews; Miss Snowbird DuBois, Bishopville; Miss Genevieve Rogers, Marion; Miss Elizabeth Jones, Walterboro; Miss Beulah Kelly, Union; Miss Ruby McCully Elrod, Anderson; Miss Margaret Brown, Marlboro.

News received in Columbia yesterday was to the effect that the Beaufort Gazette was sending the young ladies who came in for second and third place in the beauty contest.

The Beaufort Gazette offered no second nor third prizes but it has decided to award the winners of second and third places with a trip to Columbia. Two young ladies are Miss Charlotte Brown of Dale and Miss Verna Polk of Grass Hill. The young ladies come as representatives of the Beaufort Gazette.

Two Richard Sumter's. Richard Sumter, who lives at 402 Council street, wants the public to know that there are two men of the same name living here and that it was the other Richard who is a witness in the Thomas criminal assault case.

NEGRO BOY SHOT TO DEATH

Two Small Negro Boys Placed in Jail For Crime at Stateburg

As the result of a shooting yesterday, the details of which are unknown, Charlie Whitaker, a 12-year old negro boy has dead and two small negro boys, Willie Thomas, age 9, and Thomas Singletary, age 10, are now in the County Jail. One of these two boys held in the jail is responsible for the murder, but upon which boy the guilt is to fall is a matter yet to be decided. There were no witnesses and each of the little negro boys emphatically states that the other did the shooting. Young Thomas says that Singletary fired the gun and Singletary states that Willie Thomas committed the act.

The shooting occurred yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock at Stateburg within sight of the old Episcopal Church at that place. As near as it is possible to obtain the particulars of the occurrence it is probable that Charlie Whitaker, the dead boy, had gotten after the other two little negro boys with his sling shot and had made it rather hot for them. The two little boys then ran into the house and Charlie Whitaker followed them. One of the negro boys picked up the loaded shot gun which was leaning in the corner, and fired both barrels into the face of Charlie Whitaker, who was standing in the door with his hand on the door facing. Both loads took effect in the head of the young negro, making a fearful wound and killing him instantly.

Sheriff Hurst was called to the scene and brought the little 9 and 10 year old negro boys to Sumter and placed them in jail. From the very first both of the boys stuck to the story that it was the other boy who did the shooting.

The greatest work to be done at the plant now is the moving of the old generator to its new location in the new building. The new generator system will take care of all power demands until the old generator is placed.

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NEILL O'DONNELL, President. ARCHIE CHINA, Vice President. O. L. YATES, Cashier.

What Can We Do For You?

Our ambition is to make this a bank of real personal service. Our facilities are such that we can probably be of great help to many of our friends whether they are patrons of this bank or not, and we wish them to feel at liberty to call on us at any time, and it will be a pleasure to render them such service as we can. A glance at our last statement is proof that a great many are using our Savings Department for the "Rainy Day". Why not you?




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NEW YORK COTTON.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Last
Mch.	11.50	11.60			11.32
May	12.00	12.08	11.80	11.81	11.88
July	12.50	12.58	12.35	12.25	12.33
Oct.	12.89	13.00	11.74	12.75	12.78
Dec.	13.14	13.24	12.95	12.97	13.02

Spots 10 down; middling 11.60.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Last
Mch.	11.25	11.28	11.12	11.12	11.17
May	11.55	11.71	11.38	11.38	11.49
July	11.98	12.12	11.80	11.80	11.89
Oct.	12.44	12.52	12.22	12.22	12.32
Dec.					12.40

Spots unchanged; middling 11.00.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Last
March					7.67
May					7.77
July					7.90
October					8.06
December					8.12

Government Cotton Grader's Office.

The following reports give the prices paid on the stated markets on March 16:

	G	S	L	I	S
Sumter	11 1/2	11	10	8	6 1/2
W. Va.	11 1/2	11	10	8	6 1/2
Pa.	11 1/2	11	10	8	6 1/2
Ill.	11 1/2	11	10	8	6 1/2

A. Wilder Wednesday assumes as Magistrate of this

work on the system started the better road and bridge now and

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