

The Watchman and Southron

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PERSONAL

Miss Elizabeth White left last night for Philadelphia to resume her studies at the Academy of Fine Arts.

Mr. Jerome B. Wilson of Columbia is a visitor in Sumter today. Lawyers E. D. Hodges and M. W. Seabrook left for Columbia to attend a session of the supreme court which convened there yesterday.

Mr. A. A. Brearley and Miss Lizzie Brearley of St. Charles are spending the day in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Raffield left this morning for Greenville where they will attend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church being held there.

Rev. J. P. Marion and family left this morning by motor for Laurens, where Rev. Marion will leave his family with relatives and from that point he will continue his trip to Greenville to be attendance at the S. C. Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Eugene Sory of Atlanta is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Reynolds on Hampton Ave.

Mrs. Milton Brown, formerly Miss Alice Hill, of Sumter, leaves tomorrow with her two children for Atlanta, Ga., after having spent several days with her friends and relatives in Sumter.

Mrs. C. P. Egan and children of Bennettsville will arrive in Sumter this afternoon for a visit of several days to her mother, Mrs. W. D. Boykin on Calhoun Street.

Mr. H. P. Love has returned from Charlotte, N. C., where he attended a managers' meeting of the Ethra chain.

Mr. Thomas Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gavalos of Augusta left yesterday after a visit of several days to Messrs. J. L. Nicholas and Chris. G. Chobas of this city.

Mr. John Clifton and Mr. Clarence Hayworth, left last night for Aiken to attend the United States court. During this session the liquor cases of Rivers, Huff and Parvick will be tried.

Mr. Julian Seals left last night on a business trip to Augusta.

State Probation Officer Eichelberger passed through Sumter last night on his way to attend the United States court at Aiken.

Mr. E. T. Parker, of Orangeburg, spent the day in town.

Mr. J. Raymond Stokes passed through the city this morning while returning to his home in Bishopville for a short stay. Mr. Stokes has just returned from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Haskell DuRant is spending the day in Columbia. Mr. Duval Allen, accompanied by Miss Lilly Roberts and Miss Rose McLeroy, motored from Chester to Sumter and spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. T. B. Lanham, State Boys' Work Secretary, of Columbia was in Sumter today in conference with the local Y. M. C. A., in regard to a campaign which is to be put on in Sumter next week.

Mr. E. S. Cashion returned to the city this morning from Columbia where he has been on a business trip.

Mr. Ollinton Walsh made a short business trip to Columbia yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Bagnal is a visitor in the city.

Mr. Jack Skinner spent the day in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. Porcher Gilliard, of Dalzell, Mrs. Paul F. Kennedy of Spartanburg and Mrs. Gulie Belser leave by motor today for Deland, Fla., where Mrs. Belser has a winter home.

Mr. Paul K. Bowman has returned to Sumter from Holly Hill where he spent several days.

DEATH

Mr. Thomas J. Kirven died at his home on the Mayesville road at 9 o'clock Tuesday night, after several months illness, aged fifty-four years. Until he was stricken with paralysis about a year ago he was the possessor of robust health and was one of the most energetic and successful farmers of the county. He was a native of Darlington county but came to Sumter about thirty years ago and had ever since been identified with every movement for the betterment of farming methods and rural improvement. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Laura Fraser, and five sons and two daughters, besides many relatives in Sumter and Darlington counties. The funeral services were held at Grace Baptist church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday night at 7 o'clock someone in a car ran into and badly damaged a Ford touring car belonging to Miss Caro Truluck which at the time was parked on West Liberty street in front of Mr. Jennings' residence. Several people heard the crash when the car was hit, but whoever did the damage quickly backed out and drove away before anyone could find out who it was or get the number. The front wheel on Miss Truluck's car was knocked completely off, the fender bent and other damage done.

An Oldsmobile car belonging to Hazel Boykin caught on fire on the Green Swamp road just outside the city limits last night and burned. It is said the car is a complete loss.

Some of the stringers on the bridge at Second Mill collapsed Wednesday afternoon, putting the bridge out of commission until early Thursday. A squad from the chain gang was sent out to repair it and finished work about 1 a. m. Traffic had to make a detour for several hours.

Paris, Oct. 13.—The French cabinet has officially named the delegation to the disarmament conference including Premier Briand, former Premier Viviani, Senator Sarraut and Ambassador Jusserand

City Council Meeting

License on Carnival Remitted at Request of County Fair

The regular meeting of Council was held in the council chamber on October 11th, there being present Mayor Jennings and Councilman McCallum. Councilman Raffield absent. The minutes of the regular meeting of September 27th and special meeting of October 8th were read and approved.

The Clerk was directed to advertise for bids for the rental of the store in the City Hall building for the year 1922, said store to be rented in its present condition and any repairs, alterations or painting to be done by the lessee. A deposit of \$200.00 will be required with each bid, and Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Messrs. P. G. Bowman and W. T. Brown appeared before Council in behalf of the County Fair Association, making request that the Fair Association be exempt from the usual license charged for carnivals, and also a low rate for water and lights. It was agreed by Council that no license would be charged, but no concession would be made in the rate for water and lights.

Monthly reports from the city physician, Civic League Nurse and Police Department for the month of September, were read and received as information.

Permission was granted the William M. Lloyd Co., to construct a railroad siding across Silver street with the understanding that the company would be responsible for any damages to property and for accidents caused by trains crossing above named street and from their property.

Council directed that the horse belonging to Mr. W. W. McKagan be returned to him at once.

Council further directed that, beginning at once, the fire alarm system of the City would be under the supervision of the manager of the electric light plant, and all repairs and maintenance would be done by the force at the light plant. Council then adjourned.

The Gas Situation

The committee of the League of Women Voters who secured the signatures of more than seventy-five per cent of the gas consumers to the petition presented to City Council in compliance with the agreement made at the mass meeting, has not been defeated or suppressed by the ruling of Mayor Jennings that the signatures of the wives are not valid under the agreement. The committee has every assurance that at least ninety per cent of the patrons of the gas company are willing to grant the temporary increase in rate asked by the gas company, and they propose to prove to City Council that the original petition was valid and binding. To accomplish this the committee today started out with the following paper which they will ask the men whose wives' signatures were stricken from the original petition by Mayor Jennings, to sign:

We, the undersigned, demand that City Council honor the names of our wives who signed the following petition:

"We, the undersigned gas consumers of the city of Sumter hereby petition City Council and the Sumter Gas & Power company to accept a rate of \$1.60 (\$1.50 net) for one thousand cubic feet of gas, this rate to remain in force six months or until such time as conditions warrant a change. The above rate to take effect as of October 1st, 1921."

A telephone inquiry was made to the men today for information in reference to a counter petition which it is reported is being circulated by a person who states that he is acting as the representative of City Council, and who has been sent out to correct the "gross misrepresentations" made by the committee that circulated the original petition. It is stated that the counter petition prays City Council to refuse to increase the gas rate and on the contrary to hold the gas company to a strict compliance with the terms of the franchise. This information is not vouched for, as there was not time to make an investigation, but the informant said that the alleged personal representative of City Council had a number of different petitions, each one drawn to fit special cases, so that if he could not secure the signature of the person approached on one pretext he would try another.

There was no mention in the official record of City Council of an agent having been sent out to circulate a petition in reference to the gas controversy in behalf of City Council, so there must be some mistake as to this point. If it be true that a canvas of the city is being made with a counter petition he must be the representative of some interested person or persons.

Fire Destroys Gin and Saw Mill

The gin and saw mill at Privater belonging to Mr. Joseph Kolb were completely destroyed by fire early last Saturday morning. The fire was discovered by a negro at about 4 a. m. but when Mr. Kolb reached the scene it was beyond control and nothing could be done but watch it burn itself out. Beside the mill and gin, seventy-five cords of cord wood and between eight and ten thousand feet of lumber were also destroyed. Very little insurance was carried.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Oct. 11.—Readjustment in the reduction of freight rates on a number of recommendations is formulated for presentation by the national unemployment conference for the permanent betterment of commerce and industry.

Modern whiskey ages fast.

HARVESTING VELVET BEANS.

Gather After Frost When Ripe and Dry.

Clemson College, Oct. 12.—Velvet beans should not be picked until they are thoroughly ripe and dry and after frost has killed the leaves. If immature or damp pods are stored in bulk, they will heat and mold unless stirred at frequent intervals, warns N. E. Winters, extension agronomist, who says that many people growing velvet beans for the first time make this mistake, with the result that the seed treated in this way will have a very low germinating power.

On account of the character of growth of velvet beans, it is necessary to pick the pods by hand. The cost of picking where labor is plentiful is usually about 25 cents per hundred pounds. The price for picking, of course, varies with the variety grown and labor conditions. The large podded sorts, such as the Osceola, are more easily gathered than the smaller podded varieties like the Early Speckled or Ninety-Day bean and many laborers prefer to pick the Osceola even at 10 to 15 cents less per hundred. The average laborers will pick from 500 to 700 pounds of beans in the pod per day.

But it is almost impossible to do a good clean job of picking velvet beans, hence livestock should be turned into the fields after the pickers have finished, in order to use the vines and the beans not gathered.

Velvet beans yield on the average from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds in the pod per acre. The Mississippi Experiment Station obtained a yield at McNeill, Miss., of 400 pounds per acre, and still higher yields have been reported. They do better usually from the second year on than they do the first year. Ninety to ninety-five pounds of Early Speckled beans in the pod or one hundred pounds of Osceola beans in the pod will make about sixty pounds of shelled beans. Usually one ton of beans in the pod will thresh out twenty to twenty-two bushels shelled beans.

Kletner-King.

Miss Mary Kletner of Newberry and Mr. William Maxwell King of Sumter were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. It was a quiet home wedding, beautiful in its simplicity, only close friends and relatives of the bride and groom being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Freed, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer of Newberry. The bride who entered with her father by whom she was given in marriage was a picture of girlish beauty and charm. Her bridal gown was of brown velvet with accessories, her bouquet a shower of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridegroom entered with Mr. R. C. Forrester of Sumter. The house decorations were in golden rod, the wedding march being rendered by Miss Teresa Maybin in the living room where the ceremony was performed.

Shortly after the ceremony the young couple left for Columbia, returning to Sumter yesterday evening, which will be their future home.

Miss Kletner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kletner, old and prominent residents of Newberry. She is a young lady of great popularity in her home town and has many friends in other parts of the state to whom her marriage will be of close interest.

Mr. King, who moved to Sumter and entered the grocery business here a year ago last fall and in which he has been very successful, is a young man of sterling quality and much promise. Since coming to this city he has gained a wide circle of friends who all wish him much happiness. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. King who reside in Orangeburg.

Sturgess-Hudson.

A very quiet marriage was that of Miss Shadie Lee Sturgess, of Savannah, Ga., to Mr. Iley M. Hudson, of Sumter, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Rev. E. W. Reynolds, pastor of the Bible church, performed the ceremony using the very impressive ring service. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hudson motored to Shady Side where they will make their future residence.

Our very best wishes accompany this fine young couple as they launch out upon the matrimonial sea.

Small Noonday Fire.

The S. F. D. outfit responded Wednesday to fire call from box 24. The fire was located on the roof of a small wooden dwelling house, No. 232 W. Calhoun Street, owned by Mr. Robert Shealer and occupied by Mr. E. L. Snyder. Chemical equipment of truck No. 2 was used which very successfully overcame the flames. No great amount of damage was done by the fire which seems to have been occasioned by a defective chimney.

Mr. Snyder and his wife were both at home at the time of the occurrence of the fire which was just around noon time. Mr. Snyder stated that he had heard the fire in the loft for about half an hour prior to the time when he was informed by neighbors that his house was burning. He had attributed the noise made by the crackling flames in the roof to squirrels which he thought to be cracking nuts.

A good deal of interest has been attracted today to a window display at Ducker & Fullman's store. The window has been dressed with boxes of shot gun shells, in the center there is a small oak tree with leaves covering the floor of the window. Two squirrels have been turned loose in the window which furnish plenty of attraction and amusement. The whole scheme has been cleverly carried out and the novelty of the idea has a continual crowd in front of the window.

Electric Power Rates

Statement by Manager Doughty of Sumter Light and Ice Plant

Editor Daily Item: In answer to the statement made in the local news column of the Item Monday night, I would ask that you make the following corrections.

First the rate per k. w. hour for power is as follows, and has been adopted by the city council:

Table showing Electric Power Rates: Rate Total 100 k. w. hrs. per month at 7 cents per k. w. h. \$7.00; 100 to 200 k. w. hrs. per month at 6 cents per k. w. h. 6.00; 200 to 500 k. w. hrs. per month at 5 cents per k. w. h. 5.00; 500 to 1,000 k. w. hrs. per month at 4 cents per k. w. h. 4.00; 1,000 to 2,000 k. w. hrs. per month at 2.5 cents per k. w. h. 25.00; 2,000 and over k. w. hrs. per month, 2 cents.

The article in The Item reads, "A power consumer who uses 500 k. w. for instance, will be required to pay \$32.20." Which, when figured from our standard power rate, a person using from 200 to 300 k. w. will get it at 5 cents per k. w. hour, which will amount to \$15.00. This amount plus the charge for current usage up to the 200 point of consumption will amount to \$28.20 total, instead of \$32.20 as quoted. Further, I would like to state for the benefit of the public, that I have received the rates from the eleven cities situated in the southern States, and find that the rates which have been adopted by city council, are below the average rates for cities of the size of Sumter.

Below are the names of some of the cities giving the power rates which they are at present using: Nashville, Tenn.—Light and Power, 5.25 cents per heating appliances, 5c per k. w. h. Brunswick, Ga.—For power 9c to 4c, per k. w. h. for all power used in excess of 1,000 k. w. h.

Southern Public Utilities Co., Greenville, S. C.—For power 9.1c to 2.7 cents. This power is not as cheap as ours and is generated by water as the prime mover.

Monroe, La.—Power rates range from 8c to 5c per k. w. h. according to consumption.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Power rates range from 9.1 cents to 2.7 cents per k. w. h.

Savannah, Ga.—Power rates range from 6 cents to 3 cents per k. w. h. Heating rates 4 cents per k. w. h.

Montgomery, Ala., water power.—Power rates range from 4 cents to 1.7 cents per k. w. h. Heating rates 4 cents per k. w. h.

Miami, Fla.—Power rates from 7 cents to 3 cents. Cooking and heating rates range from 5 cents to 3 cents.

Shreveport, La.—Power rates range from 8 cents per k. w. h. to 1-1/2 cents per k. w. h. Heating and cooking rates 4-1/2 cents net.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Power rates range from 7 cents to 2-1/2 cents per k. w. h.

Orangeburg, S. C.—Power rates range from 7 cents to 3 cents per k. w. h. Heating and cooking 4 cents per k. w. h.

Camden, S. C.—Power rates range 7 cents to 4 cents per k. w. h.

Georgetown, S. C.—Power and cooking rates 8 cents per k. w. h.

Bennettsville, S. C.—Power rates range from 9 cents to 7 cents per k. w. h. Cooking and heating from 7 cents to 6 cents per k. w. h.

I thank you very kindly for the space allowed for this matter of rate correction, I am,

Very truly yours, M. A. DOUGHTY, Manager.

(The item to which Mr. Doughty refers was based upon the rate card issued since the first of September and upon the bill of Osteen Publishing Company received for month of September. The rate card has 8 cent per k. w. h. as the charge for 100 K. W. Our bill for September was made out on that basis and paid. We have had no notice of a reduction to 7 cents per k. w. h. and our bill for September did not show such change in rate.—Ed. Item.)

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

White: Mr. W. R. Thames and Mrs. Kate Broadway both of Tindal.

Colored: Jessie Hughes and Laura Butler of Dalzell. Paul Murray and Sallie Colclough of Dalzell. Allen F. Coyers of Tindal and Arie May Burgess of Paxville.

G. A. Patterson and Isabella Simmons of Oswego. Freddie Puller and Ethel Parker of Claremont.

Word was received here today that Mr. Mid Skinner who lives a short distance from Bishopville accidentally shot his son at his home Monday night, the ball from the revolver entering his lung. Details of the accident are not known here, but it is understood the boy is doing well toward recovery.

Columbia, Oct. 11.—The Upper South Carolina Methodist Conference meets at Lancaster, November 2. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preside. The bishop will report on his recent visit to Europe, where he went to look after the rehabilitation of his church in the war stricken zone, and also to attend the world conference of the Methodist church.

The South Carolina Conference, which embraces the lower half of the state, will meet at St. George on November 2.

At both conference meetings delegates will be appointed to what is known as the general conference, the law-making body of the Methodist church, embracing the entire United States, which will hold its regular quadrennial session next spring.

Mass Meeting Next Sunday Afternoon

Meeting to Be Held at the Opera House Next Sunday Afternoon at 3:30

Next Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock there will be held in the Opera House of this city a mass meeting in the interest of the local Young Men's Christian Association. No collection will be taken at this meeting and no one will be asked to subscribe. The meeting is purely educational in its character. Its purpose being to let the people of this community know the financial condition of their organization. There is no question about the fact that this Association, especially the last two years, has been doing very effective work for the young people of this community. Its influence has been very pronounced in the upbuilding of strong characters among the boys and young men of our city.

Its influence, indeed, has been so effective as to make it impossible to conceive of Sumter's being able to make real progress in its treatment of its young men without the existence of the Y. M. C. A. The Association has suffered financially for the last two years and it is necessary that this matter be brought to the attention of those who have the welfare of the Association at heart. It is sincerely hoped by the committees from the different churches, who have the matter in charge, that there will be a very large attendance next Sunday afternoon. No out-of-town speaker has been procured for this occasion, as the committees have thought best to let the people attend this meeting purely out of the interest that they feel in the Association. The meeting will not be a long one, but ample time will be given to make it perfectly plain to the people of Sumter that the Association needs at this very important time their very vigorous support at all times. There will be some good music and a few addresses will be delivered. The addresses will bear directly and definitely upon the good of the Association; its plans, its purposes, and its present condition. Remember that the meeting will take place next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mount Pleasant, Texas, Oct. 11.—Wylie McNeely, a negro, was burned to death by a mob near Leesburg, Camp county. He was arrested on the charge of attacking a girl. He was seized while attempting to leap from the jail to an automobile that was waiting to spirit him away.

Burned at Stake

On taking up the work of Red Cross secretary at Sumter, I wish to express my satisfaction at finding the work going so well established in spite of the two months lapse since the work was discontinued, and also to thank you for your cordial welcome.

Everywhere I find evidence of the splendid work done by your former secretary, Miss Chandler, and her committees, with the cooperation of the people of the town and county. It is my desire to carry on the work done by Miss Chandler, and to give the same kind of constructive service to all those who are in need, and I shall appreciate the co-operation of the public in helping me to get in touch with any one—civilian or ex-soldier—who might be benefited by the services which the Red Cross is in a position to render.

The work of this chapter extends through the entire county, and through the generosity of a number of the business and professional men in town a Ford car has been purchased to facilitate the problem of transportation out into the country. Need I say that it will be a tremendous help, and that it is much appreciated?

I expect to be in the Red Cross office on the second floor of the court-house on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. to handle the claims of the ex-service men, etc., leaving the afternoons and all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays for visiting homes and doing other outside work both in town and elsewhere throughout the county.

I shall be glad at any time to talk over the work with anyone who is interested. If you don't know what the Red Cross is doing, come to see me and find out. If you do know, come and give me your suggestions, for I shall need them always, but particularly in beginning work in a community entirely new to me.

Permit me to express once more my appreciation of the welcome you have given me, and to tell you how glad I am to have the privilege of working with you in Sumter. HELEN WHEELER, Red Cross Secretary.

Schedule of High Football Games.

Oct. 14.—S. H. S. vs. Hartsville in Sumter.

Oct. 21.—S. H. S. vs. Darlington in Darlington.

Oct. 28.—S. H. S. vs. Lake City and Summertown. (Double header in Sumter).

Nov. 4.—S. H. S. vs. Florence in Florence.

Nov. 11.—S. H. S. vs. Marion and (yet to be closed). (Double header in Sumter).

Nov. 18.—S. H. S. vs. Orangeburg in Sumter.

Nov. 24.—S. H. S. vs. Camden in Sumter.

Games with Columbia and Charleston are trying to be arranged for and placed on Sumter's schedule.

U. D. C. Meeting.

Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C. will meet in the Carnegie Library at 4 o'clock Monday, October 17th. The annual election of officers will be held and all members are requested to attend.

Mrs. Warren Moise, Secretary.

Mayesville News Notes

Small Fire Saturday Night—People Want a Good Road

Mayesville, Oct. 12.—The dry spell still seems to be with us, very good for the farmers as they have a chance to get out of their cotton and will grade up better.

Last week as Mr. W. H. Workman was returning home in his automobile he was struck by another auto, tearing up front part of his car. No one was injured. Mr. Workman also had the misfortune last week of having his cotton house broken into and parties taking two bales of cotton. By quick work he traced them to Alex Benjamin. This negro has been continually committing robberies. He should be taken up and put in the pen for life in order to stop him from this work.

Mr. S. M. Hux of the Continental Casualty company, Sumter, stopped over with us for a few minutes, enroute to Conway and Myrtle Beach Wish him a pleasant trip.

Saturday night about 3 o'clock the pressing club of Ed Owens on Main street was found on fire. With quick work on the part of the fire department no damage was done except to the door. It was found that some party had poured gasoline through a crack in the door and set fire to it. The bottle containing part of the gas was found near the door on the outside.

There is some complaint regarding the supposed highway. It is claimed Sumter county will build out on each road for five miles only, leaving Mayesville in the same old rut for half way. Lee county has good hard surface road from their county seat to the line half mile from town and it looks as if we will have to turn our trips that way. The writer was in Sumter a few days ago and counted no less than forty people from Mayesville there shopping and if they turn for the other place this will not help the merchants in Sumter much. They could and should have some influence with the county and have the Mayesville road completed to this town.

Mr. B. C. Chandler, our mayor, is still in Anderson, being treated by Dr. H. W. Corbett. His tonsils were removed some time back and we expected his return any time. But hope he will be back with us shortly.

Mr. A. A. Strauss was in our town Saturday looking after rents.

Mr. M. M. McClam and son from Lynchburg were visitors yesterday.

Mr. A. F. Ragan made a trip down to the city on Friday and Sunday. There must be some attraction down this way for Aby.

Needlework Guild.

Again the season for the annual meeting of and collection for the Needlework Guild of America, draws near.

Inasmuch as this is only the second year of the life of the Sumter Branch, it may be well to give some information concerning the work of this national organization with the hope that it may create interest and enable us to enlarge the work here as it is growing steadily everywhere. This year it is especially urgent that we make an unusual effort to meet the demands, already acute and which will be steadily increasing throughout this year of abnormal conditions.

The object of this organization is to collect new, plain, suitable garments, or household linens, to meet the needs of homes, hospitals, and other charities. The plan of work is very simple. The annual contribution of two articles of wearing apparel, or household linen, or a contribution of money, constitutes membership. Any member attaining contributions from ten persons, or the equivalent—twenty-two articles or more, and one money member, becomes a director.

All members give their donations to their director, who on a given date takes them to a place designated, where they are checked off by director and secretary, and arranged for exhibition. This collection is made just once a year, and all articles are kept at home for local distribution. Such money as may be needed for local expenses is kept in the treasury for same, all over is sent to national headquarters for necessary expenses.

The Needlework Guild does not overlap any other agency. It simply supplements other work. It is the only organization that collects only new garments—the object of this being twofold—the value of a new garment over an old one, and the moral effect of having comfortable, clean new articles in preference to old, shabby and oftentimes, almost useless ones.

The institutions receiving articles from the Guild are: The Toumey Hospital, Camp Alice, The Charity League, The Red Cross Home Service Office, The City Nurse.

The work of the Guild has been compared to the growth of a great oak, which planted thirty-six years ago, has grown steadily, developing widely, until its branches now number six hundred, each year extending its services in wider fields. We hope and expect that every member and officer of the branch will put forth her best effort to help relieve the necessities of the unfortunate ones, who through no fault of their own, are compelled to accept charity to help them over these abnormal times.

A date for the meeting of directors will be announced at an early date.

Nina M. Solomons, Henderson, N. C., Oct. 13.—The city council has petitioned the superior court to appoint a receiver for a privately owned water company which admits that it is unable to care for the needs of the city in a drought emergency.

Ministers Endorse Y. M. C. A.

Ministerial Association of Sumter Issues Statement

The members of the Ministerial Association of Sumter, firmly believe that the Y. M. C. A. is an institution for good, clean, wholesome recreation for young men and boys, and that it is a place where good morals are inculcated in a religious atmosphere; and also believing that the best interests of the association can only be promoted by the co-operation of the churches of Sumter, we take pleasure, at this time, to commend the work of the Y. M. C. A. to the members of our respective churches and to the public at large. (Signed: J. P. Marion, W. E. Thayer, E. W. Reynolds, John A. Brunson, J. G. Ferguson, D. M. McLeod, D. S. Macdonald, J. W. Daniel, J. P. Derrick, J. B. Walker.)

NOTES OF CITY SCHOOLS

The public schools of the city have been running for about six weeks under most propitious conditions, as far as health and consequent regularity and punctuality of attendance are concerned. The only drawback is the crowded conditions of class rooms. Owing to the unprecedented cost of building operations during the past few years, the board of education has done only such building as was absolutely imperative, using the current funds for such additions and improvements as have