

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Farm Women's Council Meeting

Fifty ladies of Sumter and Sumter county attended the monthly meeting of the Sumter County Council of Farm Women at the Sumter Creamery last Saturday. The following interesting and instructive program was very much enjoyed:

Plans For 1922 Sumter County Fair

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, at Sumter Chamber of Commerce, the directors and ladies' advisory committee of the Sumter County Fair Association met in joint session to continue the plan of co-operation between the citizens of Sumter county, the city of Sumter, the county seat for the biggest and best county fair for 1922 ever held in South Carolina.

Of course the men have done their part. It will never be admitted that man is of no consequence in county fairs. But when the dear women honor the men by joining in with the male element in putting over anything "it is all over but the hollerin'"—at least that is the way it is in Sumter and Sumter county.

Miss Doris Moses Entertains

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the dance given by Miss Doris Moses on Saturday evening in club rooms of the Palmetto Fire Insurance company. Invitations were issued to a hundred friends and a large proportion of that number enjoyed the occasion.

THINGS GOING ON IN SUMTER

Tom Jenkins in Indiana is Still Interested in Sumter Affairs

Editors Daily Item: We read the item regularly, and find it interesting. There are things going on in Sumter that would interest people who never heard of Sumter, so forgive me, please, a son of the soil, if after these five years I break forth in your generous columns.

And the boll weevil. They have infested my dreams till the thought will come that like the seven plagues that saved Egypt from the Egyptians, the boll weevil may yet save the south. Let's figure Sumter county rich in boll weevils, and then show the damage they inflict upon such common farm products as cows, chickens, snap beans, billy goats, or tobacco. Consider the cow:

Milk production in the United States last year was 98,862,276,000 pounds, with a direct cash value of \$2,410,000,000.00. Neither wheat, cotton, nor corn equal in value the product of the cow.

But aside from its sale value, no normal family can afford to regular milk as a part of its regular diet. Lack of it, the doctors say, is responsible for more ill health and suffering than any known food.

But the fact is that South Carolina evidently must be contented to have it that way, or it would not be so. I note that Mr. Korn desires to sell some shavings to the light plant for \$1.00 per ton. That sounds thrifty. I have never taken in Mr. Korn's mill, but just taking a Sherlock Holmes view of it, what a venture the thought that there is very little "hesitation" in evidence around said mill.

Mr. Editor, no sarcasm or meddling is meant here. Sumter is dear to our hearts. I am solid on the idea that if cotton were 40c per pound, and the boll weevil in limbo forever, that Sumter county could wax fat and prosperous on a crop of vegetables, milk, and chickens.

Pal-Fi Social A truly enjoyable event of the past week was the "house warming" of its new club rooms by the Pal-Fi Social club Friday evening. The club was organized very recently by the employees of the Palmetto and Fidelity Fire Insurance companies and already promises to be very active in the social life of the city.

Sumter Chapter, American Red Cross

A Brief Sketch of the History of the Chapter With Its Work in War and Peace

The length of this article will not permit the giving of the activities of the chapter in the names of all of those who served untiringly as committee chairmen and as individuals; hence only the names of the officers and a few of the workers will be given, with a brief outline of the principal work undertaken by the chapter.

April 20, 1917, a group of eight persons met to discuss the advisability of forming a Red Cross Chapter to carry on war work and other activities as should be prescribed by national headquarters. At this time a temporary organization was formed with Mrs. Nina Solomons as chairman and Dr. E. R. Wilson as secretary, until a subsequent meeting could be held to perfect the organization. Such a meeting was called for May 9th, and resulted in the formation of an organization of seventy members to be called The Sumter Chapter of the American Red Cross, with Mr. Neill O'Donnell as chairman, Mrs. Nina Solomons as vice chairman; Miss Mary Wilson, secretary, and Mr. R. L. Edwards, treasurer. Chairman of standing committees were appointed to complete the executive committee.

The chapter gradually increased in membership until by the end of July one thousand members had been enrolled, including twelve auxiliaries throughout the county. During the infancy of the chapter its principal activity was the production of garments. In April, 1918, there was added the production of surgical dressings.

In the fall of 1917 the first annual meeting was held and officers elected as follows: Mr. Neill O'Donnell, chairman; Mrs. A. C. Phelps, vice chairman; Miss Annie Purdy, secretary; Mr. R. L. Edwards, treasurer. With the exception of the chairman these officials are still in office. In April, 1918, Mr. O'Donnell resigned as chairman, and Mr. L. D. Jennings was elected to fill his place, which office he still holds.

During 1917 a number of junior auxiliaries were formed. These juniors have been constantly increasing their activities, and have played a vital part in the life of the chapter. A Canteen Committee was also formed. During the period of the war this department worked untiringly in serving troop trains. At the time of the influenza epidemic it rendered splendid service to relief committees by furnishing nourishment for the sick. The Red Cross courses in First Aid and in Home Nursing and Care of the Sick were conducted during the war, and were largely attended. The chapter oversubscribed its quota several times during the war.

As time progressed, the need for someone to look after applications concerning allotments and allowances became apparent. A committee was appointed in July, 1918, but it soon became necessary to have a trained secretary to attend to this Home Service work. In January, 1919, a department of Home Service was formed, with Miss Mamie Chandler, who had been sent from Atlanta for training, as secretary. Miss Chandler carried on this work until her resignation in the summer of 1921, when Miss Helen Wheeler of Baltimore was called to take her place.

The Home Service Section still continues its work of assisting the ex-service men with their claims for allotment and allowance, compensation for disability, vocational rehabilitation, insurance, etc. Since November, 1919, when Home Service was extended to civilians, the Red Cross has looked after the poor of the entire county, endeavoring to help them in a constructive way so that they may not be hampered by indiscriminate giving but may be given the opportunity to become strong, self-reliant, useful citizens. In April, 1922, 144 families received some form of assistance from the Red Cross Home Service, 56 of these were civilian families, and 88 were ex-service men. 397 visits were made by the secretary during that month in connection with the work.

Death News of the death of J. W. White early this morning at his home in Elmore was received today. Interment will be held at Zoar this evening.

Dr. D. R. Coker's talk on the means by which to poison boll weevils was very interesting, practical and helpful to everyone who attended. There were three or four hundred present and they gave him undivided attention during his entire lecture. He stated that the following is the best means to use to poison the boll weevils: (For mopping)—1 gallon water, 1 gallon molasses and 2 pounds of calcium arsenate. These should be mixed and put on cotton with a sprayer. This amount will cover two and one-half acres.

PROPOSED MERGER OF LOCAL BANKS

Plan For Consolidation of Sumter Trust Co., and Commercial Bank and Trust Co., by July 1st.

Plans are now being effected for the merger of The Sumter Trust Company and the Commercial Bank and Trust Company. Our information is that The Sumter Trust Company will arrange to take over and guarantee the deposits of The Commercial Bank and Trust Company. The plan will be put into operation on July 1, 1922. Mr. R. C. Bradham will go with the Sumter Trust Company and represent the interest of the depositors and stockholders of The Commercial Bank and Trust Company, and under the plans contemplated there will be no interruption of business, and the checks of depositors of The Commercial Bank and Trust Company will be paid at and by the Sumter Trust Company. The Commercial Bank and Trust Company requests its friends and customers to continue their business with the Sumter Trust Company. The Sumter Trust Company invites all the friends and customers of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company to do business with the Sumter Trust Company.

The effect of the merger and consolidation will be for the best interest of all the friends and customers of The Commercial Bank and Trust Company and of the Sumter Trust Company, and will result in a large saving in the overhead expenses, and this is to be desired under existing conditions.

The entire details of the plans have not yet been made public, but we are sure that an announcement will be made on June 30th by the two institutions and through the public press.

"Last Call" "Last call for signers" is the warning of the leaders in the campaign for co-operative marketing, which opens that week in the tobacco belt of South Carolina and will continue until the last of the thirty-eight marketing points has been the storm center of a mass meeting.

With Virginia tobacco eighty per cent signed up with the tri-state pool, with the Burley Growers' Association holding over ninety per cent of all Kentucky burley growers within its membership, with the recent landslide in the eastern belt bringing the quota of North Carolina steadily up to seventy-five per cent of this year's crop, the leaders of the movement for co-operative marketing in this state predict that the tobacco farmers of South Carolina will increase their majority sign up to a seventy-five per cent membership, within the next few weeks.

More than a hundred contracts from South Carolina reached Raleigh headquarters yesterday and the directors from this state prophesied at the meeting of the board in Raleigh this week that the growers will respond with the news of success in Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina with a sign up which will bring in thousands of new members before the markets open.

Bright Williamson, of Darlington, vice president of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association; T. B. Young, director from Florence, and Director Epps, of Kingstree, whose county is 80 per cent solid for co-operation, will have the assistance of Joseph M. Hunt, vice-president of the Virginia Bankers' Association, Southall Farrar, District Agent of Extension from Virginia, and two Kentuckians who recently enthused the Eastern Carolina farmers with the statement that Kentucky growers within the pool will average higher profits for tobacco than those who sold upon the open market.

Proving his statements John Blanks of Cynthia, Ky., will bring sworn affidavits and letters as to the prices received by the many individual growers and E. G. Marvin, noted stock farmer and tobacco planter from the blue grass country will tell how the pool doubles the price of burley tobacco and rewarded the efforts of those farmers who had the courage to organize and sign the same type of contract which is offered to the farmers of this state.

Boykin-Chandler Marriage. Miss Bertha Chandler and Mr. H. A. Boykin of this city were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock by the bride's pastor, Dr. J. P. Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Boykin left immediately after the ceremony for a stay in Asheville, N. C.

MERGER OF ROADS NOT COMPULSORY

I. C. C. May Suggest Certain Consolidations

Washington, June 25.—Exactly what is the significance of the hearings which have been inaugurated before the interstate commerce commission on proposed consolidations of railroads?

As is usual and natural in such complicated matters, the public does not become interested until the machinery of the law begins to operate, and then as the ponderous works are contemplated there is a tendency towards undue apprehension.

No power rests in the interstate commerce commission to force any consolidation of railroads. All that the commission can do is to authorize the consolidation of railroads if the railroads themselves desire it, provided certain conditions are complied with and the commission approves the plan.

When the Esch-Cummins act of 1920 was being formulated, the senate endeavored to amend it so that the interstate commission could compel railroad consolidations, but in conference between the house and senate the compulsory provision was eliminated and the present process of suggestion and permission was substituted.

It might be asked why it is necessary to empower the interstate commerce commission to permit consolidations. Have not railroads the right now to merge, provided they comply with the laws on the protection of stockholders? Not necessarily. In some cases in which the interstate commission might regard a merger as in the public interest, the federal anti-trust act would interfere if the Esch-Cummins act had not given the commission discretion to remove the anti-trust barrier. In other cases of a similar sort there might be state statutes in the way.

Hotels by-Products of Croesus' Coins. Introducing Croesus—godfather of the modern hotel and patron saint of the traveling salesman! These are new roles assigned to the erstwhile richest man in the world in a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"The discovery of thirty gold pieces from Croesus' mint, which were part of the first series of zodiacs ever struck off, recalls one of a number of heritages which civilization owes to buried Sardis," says the bulletin.

Gold Old World Trade "These new-found coins and a few other pieces already in museums signalize the Lydian inception of the gold basis for world trade—an instrumentality which lubricates international commerce to this day.

"The hotel, or the humble inn which was its forerunner, was not possible until some standardized and compact medium of exchange was available. Therefore it is not surprising that historians generally agree that the first inns, where board and lodging might be had for payment of regular fees, were established in Lydia.

Marriage License. White: Mr. H. A. Boykin and Miss Bertha Chandler, both of Sumter.

BOLL WEEVILS WORK IN WET WEATHER

So Must the Cotton Planter

If you expect to whip the boll weevil in a fair fight, you have got to show as much energy as he does—which means that though the operation may be both difficult and unpleasant, poisoning must be done even when the plants are wet and the ground muddy, so says the United States Department of Agriculture with regard to poisoning the weevil with calcium arsenate.

The department has found that, during the critical stage, the poisoning should be done at intervals of about four days. Two or three applications, made in good weather, may have got the weevils under control. Then there comes a rainy spell and the farmer lets the time for poisoning pass while he waits for fair weather. But that is exactly the time when the weevil is busiest. The numbers are likely to increase so rapidly that the control already gained is lost.

In that event, the weevil inflicts about as much damage as if no poisoning had been done and the farmer loses, in addition, what he has spent in poisoning operations. The only way to prevent that sort of result is to let wet weather interfere as little as possible with poisoning operations. Stick to the schedule, the department says, regardless of weather conditions.

The department realizes, of course, that poisoning cannot be done in pouring rain but the farmer, the specialists urge, should take advantage of the earliest opportunity to get back into the field after the rain, that he should make every effort to get the cotton again dusted regularly, even though the weather does not seem certain. He can afford, they say, to put on poison even in unsettled weather. It may be washed off again shortly but, on the other hand, the weather, even when it looks most threatening, may stay fair long enough to allow weevil control to operate. Every farmer, it is pointed out, must expect to lose some poison by rain but the operation is sufficiently profitable to justify it.

Southern Railway Puts on Special Train

Asheville, N. C., June 24.—The Summer Tourist season will be opened by the Southern railway system tomorrow when the "Land of the Sky" Special, giving over night service between Asheville, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta and Macon, will be placed in service. Through car service to Asheville for the season will cover a broader territory than ever before and all the western North Carolina resorts are expecting record crowds. Through sleeping car lines have been established to Asheville from Chicago and St. Louis in addition to which the lines from New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham and Chattanooga have been re-established for the summer. Sleeping car lines have also been established between Memphis, Tenn., and Richmond, Va., via Asheville and between Cincinnati, Ohio and Goldsboro, N. C., via Asheville. In addition to the service in effect the year round these new lines give through sleeping car facilities to Asheville from all sections of the south and from principally every important city east of the Mississippi river.

AUTO BUS AND JITNEY REGULATIONS

Columbia, June 26.—The rule of the South Carolina Railroad Commission, that all operators of motor vehicles for hire must file liability bond, which is part of the new program, instituted by the legislature, for the regulation of auto bus and jitney lines by the state commission, has been suspended temporarily pending a decision by the insurance companies as to the amount of premium to be charged for such bonds.

During the temporary suspension of the rule, motor vehicles will be issued temporary permits by the railroad commission, without the necessity of filing bond or liability insurance policy. This arrangement will hold until further notice from the commission, it is announced today.

FILIBUSTER IS STAGED

Washington, June 23.—Because of a filibuster by Representative Voigt, Republican, Wisconsin, the house adjourned tonight without taking action on the provision of the army bill, voted by the senate appropriating \$7,500,000 to continue construction work during the next fiscal year on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala. Action on the proposal to amend the act until tomorrow, the house agreeing to meet an hour earlier than usual.

MINERS ARE QUITTING POSTS

Herrin, June 23.—Miners on duty at the closed mines in an agreement between the coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America, are quitting their posts tonight with the result that unless substitutes are secured, millions of dollars worth of mines will soon become a total loss through flooding. It is understood that they are quitting because of threats they have received from local miners.

Letter From Tryon

Mr. Dabbs Writes Interestingly of Visit to Montreat and the Laymen's Meeting There

Tryon, N. C., June 20.—Mr. Henry P. Moses and family found their way from "Saluda to The Refuge" Sunday morning. On our trip up we beat him to Tryon by a half hour, which made our route from Wateree bridge to Spartanburg two hours the quicker. I was sorry to have missed him, but was at Montreat.

Some weeks ago Capt. Slaymaker of Athens, Ga. invited me to attend the laymen's conference at Montreat—the opening conference of 1922 at this gathering place for Presbyterians of the southeast. Some sixty laymen from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee came together to talk over the things of the kingdom. For two and a half days they discussed in a very informal way the part that laymen can and must play in winning souls to Christ. There were four meetings daily, usually two on a stopping rock stream, hillside, underneath big shade trees, where songs of praise and earnest prayers, were more in evidence than discussions. Like Peter of old one felt like saying: "It is good to be here. Let us now make three tabernacles." One for Thee, one for the Father and one for the Holy Spirit—to slightly change Peter's suggestion.

Billy Sunday clubs from several cities were represented there by business men who gave testimony, sometimes very broken and tearful, to the wonderful joy they have experienced in personal soul winning. "What one may say about Billy Sunday and his ways, it has taken just such methods to wake up the people of God to the work the laymen can do, not as doctrinaires, but as humble men who go from one to another and tell what the Lord has done for them and how He is ready to receive, to pardon, to bless all who turn to Him. I want the readers of this little sketch, this poor attempt to describe this meeting, to get into touch with these Billy Sunday men. Invite them to your churches and to your communities. I started to say come to the next laymen's conference, but do not wait for that. Get these men to come in to start you off, and next year you can not be kept from one of these conferences with log chains.

I do not want anyone for a minute, who may read this poor attempt to describe these meetings, to get it into their heads that these men rely in their own strength. That this is a man-made scheme to glorify some man or group of men. I have never seen men so dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit; so earnest to know the will of God; so anxious to live in the Lord Jesus Christ and to have Him fill their lives so full of His gracious love that they can not refrain from carrying that love to their fellow men. It is a case of "woe is me if I praise, not the Lord, but man-made pulpits, though some times they do, but by loving words and helpful deeds. By heart to heart, man to man, eye to eye close up work.

The only minister who took part was the Rev. Wade Thomas Smith, first cousin to Judge Thos. P. Collier, of the state supreme court, and son-in-law of the late Judge Lapsley. For a number of years Mr. Smith has been doing this personal soul winning work and only recently was he ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of the "Church by the Side of the Road" in Greensboro, N. C. He is so informal, so "one of us" as they say, that we never felt he was a preacher.

Something of the men who were there: Sumter had three, E. L. Witherspoon, C. G. Rowland, T. H. Clarke, Wedgefield, Hugh McLaurin. There were six from Manning, five from Florence county, four from Columbia, thirty or forty from Spartanburg, two from Virginia, six or eight from North Carolina, three from Georgia, two from Tennessee. There may have been others whom I did not meet.

The first meeting in the seven hundred thousand dollar auditorium was held at the 11 o'clock service Sunday. Mr. Chas. A. Rowland of Athens, Ga., presided. Mr. Hal Dick of Columbia, made the opening prayer. Capt. W. C. Daniels of Manning read the scripture lesson, and Rev. Lem-Chum of Korea preached the sermon, dressed in native costume.

Saturday afternoon we had the pleasure of a trip to Blue Ridge, the splendid Christian Association headquarters for the south. The view from R. E. Lee hall is wonderful. But Dr. Anderson of Montreat says "Montreat is the view."

I spent two nights in the Wm. Brearley Home for South Carolina ministers, the gift of McIver Williamson of agriculture fame. When not occupied by ministers of South Carolina, men, women and children are admitted to occupancy of the rooms at a \$5.00 a week rate for a room. As there are two beds, two can occupy a room or as many as four, husband, wife and two children. This divided among four makes the question of rooming very cheap. The rooms have been furnished by churches and individuals. There are toilet, bath and lavatory on each floor. These fees go to pay for laundry, the board of Dr. Anderson, Mr. Chas. A. Rowland and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who have charge of it, and of trustees find they are able to do. Mrs. H. W. Pruitt of Columbia is chairman of a woman's committee that is trying to secure money to put in hot water on each floor, full water service on the third floor and to finish the third floor. Ministers of South Carolina are free, and should a sufficient number of them go at one time to occupy all the rooms, others even though paying, will have to vacate. As Rev. Wm. Brearley, my life-long dear friend and McIver Williamson, a school mate and

Most all of the new tariff duties are painful duties.

neighbor when we were boys together, I felt that it was a special providence that threw me in contact with some who were going to the home. I had for a room mate an earnest Christian from Decatur, Ga., who sells tickets all the week in the consolidated ticket office in Atlanta, and spends his Sundays holding religious services in the jail, chaingang and other destitute places, Mr. E. A. Miner.

Made the very pleasant acquaintance of Miss Annie Shadden, one of the home missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian church. She knew Rev. Lloyd intimately and told me much of his work among the Indians of Oklahoma. Some of the readers of The Item may remember that Mr. Lloyd was raised near Brick Church in Salem, Black River, and that the Salem Christian Endeavor Society had some correspondence with him a few years ago.

Going to this home caused me to meet Miss Mary McBermd, for four years head of the primary department of the Thornwell Orphanage school. She is leaving the orphanage to go to a school in Alabama, her native state. And Miss Sloan, a northern Presbyterian missionary for twelve years to Porto Rico and now of Cuba.

Also Dr. and Mrs. Little for twenty-seven years of the Southern Presbyterian mission in China. When my room mate left I went to the hotel and made some more pleasant acquaintances. Met one of the McQuithens from Bishopville who owns two cottages and is busy in building his family; Mrs. Vardelle Fraser, who was visited by Miss Julia Ervin at her cottage near the Wm. Brearley home, and whose father, S. F. Ervin, was a boyhood neighbor.

Miss Vardelle graduates at Winthrop this summer and begins her work as assistant registrar there August 1st. Besides meeting the native Korean minister and hearing him preach, I met at Blue Ridge a splendid youth, a Christian Hindu, who has been in this country for some time studying the textile industry at the Georgia University at Athens.

Some of the farming, between Blue Ridge, Montreat and Asheville, in the beautiful, open, undulating Spyannoah valley, surrounded by mountains 4,000 to 5,000 feet high, is of a very high order. Soy beans have become a staple crop and were beautiful. Irish potatoes, corn, wheat, rice, all good and all showed intensive culture. We saw some beautiful cows about Black Mountain.

Monday I was offered a seat to Tryon with Hal Dick, Jerome Wilson and Guy Tarrant. In Asheville had the pleasure of meeting Jerome Wilson's sister, Miss Minnie Wilson, who grows more attractive as she grows years. The car broke down and Mr. Wilson hailed a city street truck to be able to spend more time with his sister. Who should the driver be but one of John Bradley's sons, brother of Creighton Bradley, on Bland's Witherspoon farm at Brick Church. He has been in Asheville two years and is doing well there.

Our trip was fine until we were overtaken by a rain five miles beyond Hendersonville. We followed the rain on down to Tryon. The streams were raging, muddy, torrents, the road wet and dangerous. I kept posing Mr. Tarrant about the dangerous ground and cures the doctor and Mr. Dick kept saying "Hold her in the middle of the road Guy, hold her in the middle of the road," quoting from directions given him a dark night 50 years ago by John M. McElveen and W. A. Cooper as they drove from Sumter to Scottville, and he was allowed to be the proud Jehu of a spirited double team. We all breathed a sigh of relief when we reached the bottom of the steep grade a mile west of where I am sitting in the beautiful Peacot valley.

E. W. Dabbs

W. O. W. to Have National Home For Disabled Members

Hendersonville, N. C., June 25.—Hendersonville during the greater part of the year will virtually be the national headquarters of the Woodmen of the World. For three weeks beginning July 3, the foreign executive council of that great fraternal and insurance order will be in session here, and during this time the site for a national home for ill and disabled Woodmen will be selected. Hendersonville is making a strenuous bid for this institution on which will be spent several millions of dollars. Other cities in the Land of the Sky are likewise bidding for the home.

On July 4, a gigantic Fourth celebration is to be engaged in by the citizens of Hendersonville, opening through their Board of Trade, Governor Morrison and Harney and United States Senators Overman and Shepherd will, with Mr. Fraser, be the speakers.

Marriage License. White: Mr. Robert D. Ross and Miss Katie Marie Boykin, both of Dalzell.

Still again! Yes, another still was captured at McCray's mill, near Wedgefield Friday by Messrs. C. M. Hurst, H. G. McKagan, and Sam Newman. It was a 60 gallon still and they also captured 300 gallons of mash and complete outfit, the worm, seven glass jugs, buckets, etc. The still was built in a swamp in the middle of a stream.

This is the weather that makes us think of the mountains and the beach resorts.

Work on the various roads is going forward nicely. Sumter was fortunate in not being visited by the cloudburst which did so much damage in the Pee Dee section.

Be polite to strangers. They might not be strangers always.

Money is different from people. Idle money doesn't talk.