

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

A Birthday Party.

On Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, a charming party was given in honor of little Miss Louise Auld's tenth birthday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Auld on Wright St. The house was beautifully decorated, a color scheme of yellow and white being carried out.

After enjoying games and music the children were invited into the dining room where the table with its streamers of yellow and white had in the center the white birthday cake with its ten tiny yellow candles. The winner of the prize in the ever popular heart contest was Louise China, while the booby prize went to Master Robert Robinson, Jr. Before leaving each guest was presented with a little yellow basket filled with candy.

The following children were present: Dorothy Hester, Laura Hester, Margaret Lyman, Sallie Blanding, Louise China, Katherine Mellette, Bessie Lee Cherry, Frances Patton, Ann Crowson, Frances Bradford, Marguerite Witherspoon, Helen Watts, Hilliard Bruner, Hubert Stouendire, Edna Drayton, Louise Bell Smith, Carolyn White, Myrtle White, Elizabeth Burgess, Agnes Burgess, Alice Smith, Myrtle Mims, Ann Rowland, Rosa Wilder, Inez Wells, Minnie Lee Barringer, Evadne Hasty, Rose Hasty, Marion Felder, Roberta Johnson, Louise DuRant, Dorothy Upshur, Alva McDonald, Robert Roberson, Ruth Beatty, Venetia Auld and Mary Hill.

Hot Supper at Hagood.

Mrs. R. M. Hilderbrand, secretary of the Hagood, Sumter County School Improvement Association has notified the Chamber of Commerce that the ladies of this association are going to put on another of the delicious hot suppers for which they are famous. This event will occur the evening of Friday, October 27th for the benefit of the new and modern school building recently erected at Hagood. The hospitable ladies of Hagood and vicinity extend a most cordial invitation to every one in Sumter and Sumter county to be present as they are going to have barbecue and accessories, rice, chicken in several styles, salads, sweets, and numerous other substantial and specialties on the bill of fare.

Auto parties from Sumter will motor out to Hagood to have a good time and also to help out their good friends of Hagood who are among the most public spirited and patriotic of South Carolina's citizenship.

County Fair Publicity.

Mr. John Euck has taken over the chairmanship of the committee on participation of all fraternal, commercial, civic, historic, patriotic, labor, social and other organizations of Sumter in the spectacular pageant of progress parade on November 24th.

Every club, society, association, league, business organization, or other bodies are invited and urged to take part either by marching in the parade, by float or decorated car, or otherwise as they see fit. This invitation takes in all of Sumter county.

This parade is going to be a "Sumter County Get Together" proposition. It will not be anybody's pink tea or society stunt—but everybody in this city and county is invited and urged to participate.

Organizations that contemplate taking part will kindly see Mr. Euck. Regarding plans for decorating floats or cars, Miss Hannah Kristianson, chairman of the committee on floats and decorated cars has a lot of very fine plans and ideas which she very kindly offers, free of cost to those individuals, firms, corporations, organizations, schools or any others seeking information.

Several Sumter mercantile concerns are to have interesting and entertaining exhibits at the 1922 Sumter County Fair. What would look better or do more good towards showing what Sumter's business establishments have to offer than for a number of Sumter's mercantile and manufacturing concerns to make up a special division of our county fair exhibits. This is done in other county fairs. It advertises the firms with thousands who never read a paper, and with those who do read advertisements in papers also. Many merchants feel that because county fair visitors do not take fair week to do a lot of trading that the county fair is not a business getting proposition. This is a mistaken idea. As a matter of fact it is the Sumter merchants would utilize the fair to advertise their wares and their business the trade would come later. A lot of trade would come during fair week too. What the Sumter County Fair needs, among other things is the backing up of Sumter's business and professional concerns that get their business from Sumter and surrounding territory.

Columbia, Oct. 26.—Rain insurance has been taken out by the state fair association for all six days of the state fair week, commencing Monday. In addition rain insurance has been taken on the football games and on one or two out-door features of the fair. The big athletic attraction is the Carolina-Clemson game, of Thursday. The amounts of the policies are not made public, but it is understood several thousand dollars is involved in the insurance on the Thursday game alone.

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And lastly we ask our great Father in heaven to bestow a full measure of his blessing on our D. D. G. M. John Calhoun Lanham, and keep him in health and strength that he may continue his good work of diffusing the true principles of Masonry among the brethren.

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ANNAPOLIS HAZING HURTS MIDSHIPMAN

Annapolis, Oct. 19.—That he was the victim of a hazing of a brutal nature and suffered injuries that compelled his removal to the naval hospital where he has been a patient for the last two weeks, was testified to today by Midshipman William H. McGregor of Bremerton, Wash., before the naval court-martial at the naval academy. The midshipman on trial for the offense is Bruce H. Robinson of Chandler, Ariz., member of the first class.

Entering the court room on crutches, McGregor stood for nearly three quarters of an hour, first partly braced against a chair and later sitting on the corner of a table, being unable to sit down firmly in a chair because of his injuries and told the court how he had been compelled to go through three physical exercises, until finally he became exhausted and suffered severe pains, first became a patient in "sick quarters" from which he was afterwards removed to the hospital where he became a bed patient. The young midshipman testified slowly, and apparently cautiously signified first that he had submitted to the physical "stunts" by reason of his being familiar with certain traditions that prevailed among the student body at the naval institution but finally admitted under examination that he suffered "cruelly, indignity, humiliation, hardship and oppression" as set forth in the charges and specifications against Midshipman Robinson. McGregor was the only witness to appear before the court as some delay had been occasioned in the early part of the afternoon because the charges and specifications had not been drawn quite in correct form and had to be sent back to the convening authorities, Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, superintendent, for correction. The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

What should be planted before November 15th for best results in this section. It is hoped that a large acreage will be planted in wheat this year. Even ten bushels of wheat to the acre is better than one bale of cotton to five acres—and the average yield of cotton in Sumter county was less than a bale to five acres.

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Court Proceedings

Edgar Bradley on Trial For the Alleged Murder of W. F. Outlaw

The court of general sessions reconvened Friday morning, having taken a recess until Friday, from Thursday, October 12th.

The case of the state vs. Edgar Bradley, charged with murder, having shot and killed W. F. Outlaw on Christmas day 1920, was set for trial Friday, and immediately upon convening Friday morning this case was called.

There was about two hours delay in empanelling the jury as it was necessary to summon an extra venire, the regular panel having been exhausted before the jury was completed. As soon as the jury was sworn the examination of witnesses was begun and rapid progress was made until the recess for dinner was taken.

The state is represented by Solicitor McLeod and McLeod & Son, while the defense is being conducted by M. L. Smith of Camden and Tatum & Woods of the local bar.

This is the last case on the docket for this term and all jurors not engaged in the trial were excused Friday morning.

There is only one other case to be disposed of before final adjournment after the Bradley case has been concluded. That is the case of J. M. DesChamps, who was convicted last week of malicious mischief. At the conclusion of the trial last week counsel for the defense gave notice of a motion for a new trial, and the motion was to have been argued Friday, but it is stated that the defendant will be sentenced when the Bradley case has been disposed of.

Dr. Abbott Dies; Editor Outlook

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Severe Attack of Bronchitis Proves Fatal to Clergyman

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Roster of Cases for The Court of Common Pleas, Special Term, October 23rd, 1922.

The Sumter Bar Association met in the office of the Clerk of Court under the call of Hon. R. O. Purdy, president, on October 19th, 1922, and prepared the following roster of cases to be tried at the special term of court, October 23rd, 1922:

Monday, October 23rd.

No. 1.—Southern Chemical Products Company vs. Mikel, Sneedens, Phares Company—Lee & Moise; Tatum & Wood.

No. 2.—Riegel Sack Company vs. J. H. & T. O. Guthrie as Guthrie Co.—Epps & Levy; Tatum & Wood.

No. 3.—Lois Washington vs. R. H. Green—L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

No. 4.—Gibbes Machinery Co. vs. Parker Lumber Co.—L. D. Jennings; Epps & Levy.

No. 5.—R. C. Richardson, Jr. vs. J. A. Kolb—Tatum & Wood.

No. 6.—Consolidated Oil Co. vs. Annie C. Jones—John D. Lee; Tatum & Wood.

No. 7.—Willie Fulwood vs. J. H. Myers and Willie Smith—Raymon Schwartz.

No. 8.—A. B. Stuckey vs. Sarah A. Edens—Tatum & Wood; L. D. Jennings.

No. 9.—S. S. Leonard vs. Christopher Atkinson—Epps & Levy; L. D. Jennings.

Tuesday, October 24.

No. 10.—Robert Wilson vs. Liberty Life Ins. Co.—Harby, Nash & Hodges; Epps & Levy.

No. 11.—W. J. Godwin vs. W. B. Richardson—J. J. Cante; Harby, Nash & Hodges.

No. 12.—Osteen Publishing Co. vs. S. E. Miller—Harby, Nash & Hodges; Tatum & Wood.

No. 13.—W. D. Bain vs. O. H. Polley & Co.—J. J. Cante; Lee & Moise.

No. 14.—Kohn Mfg. Co. vs. E. E. Hodges—J. J. Cante.

No. 15.—Robert T. Sabb vs. E. W. Richardson—J. J. Cante; Harby, Nash & Hodges.

No. 16.—Citizens' Trust Co. vs. C. J. Dwyer—John D. Lee; Tatum & Wood.

No. 17.—Einstein Bros. vs. W. M. Birchmore—Epps & Levy; L. D. Jennings.

No. 18.—Einstein Bros. vs. L. C. Hudnal and Eulena Hudnal—Epps & Levy; H. C. Haynsworth.

No. 19.—J. P. Kilgo, et al. vs. Eastern Carolina Motor Co.—Cork & McInnis; Epps & Levy.

Wednesday, October 25th.

No. 20.—Palmetto Motor Co. vs. W. A. Hammett and Mrs. G. R. Hammett—Raymon Schwartz; Lee & Moise.

No. 21.—Paul Aughtry and Josephine Aughtry vs. E. W. Dabbs—Tatum & Wood; H. C. Haynsworth.

No. 22.—J. E. Andrews vs. R. C. Forester—Tatum & Wood; F. A. McLeod.

No. 23.—E. W. Hurst vs. T. J. DuBose and Mary J. DuBose—Tatum & Wood; H. D. Moise.

No. 24.—E. W. Hurst vs. D. T. DuBose—Tatum & Wood; H. D. Moise.

Thursday, October 26th.

No. 25.—York Wright vs. Reuben Jenkins and Isaiah Jenkins—F. A. McLeod; Epps & Levy.

No. 26.—L. D. Jennings vs. W. J. Shaw and Eastern Carolina Motor Co.—A. S. Harby; Epps & Levy.

No. 27.—Jim Gordon vs. Eugene Pearson, et al.—L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

No. 28.—D. L. Williams vs. E. P. Wilson—L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise; Epps & Levy.

No. 29.—S. S. Leonard vs. The Peoples' Tobacco Warehouse Co.—Reynolds & Reynolds; L. D. Jennings.

Friday, October 27th.

No. 30.—Standard Paint & Lead Works vs. S. W. Gillespie—Lee & Moise; Epps & Levy.

No. 31.—J. C. Pate vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.—Epps & Levy; Wilcox & Wilcox.

No. 32.—American Wholesale Corporation vs. T. S. DuBose, Jr.—Lee & Moise; L. E. Wood.

No. 33.—American Wholesale Corporation vs. C. A. Ellerbe and S. W. Allen—Lee & Moise; Epps & Levy; G. D. Shore, Jr.

No. 34.—Sumter Trust Co. vs. T. C. DuBose—Lee & Moise; L. E. Wood.

Monday, October 30th.

No. 35.—Paul Aughtry vs. W. P. Barrett—Harby, Nash & Hodges; Tatum & Wood.

No. 36.—Osteen Publishing Co. vs. Dargan Harlee Realty & Development Co., et al.—Harby, Nash & Hodges; Royal & Fulton.

No. 37.—Allen Murray vs. Sumter Hardware Co.—R. Schwartz; L. D. Jennings.

No. 38.—J. P. Doughty vs. R. S. Richardson—L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

No. 39.—Lucile Nettles vs. E. R. Wilson—L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise; Epps & Levy.

Tuesday, October 31.

No. 40.—O'Donnell & Co. vs. William Bultman—Lee & Moise; Tatum & Wood.

No. 41.—Dora H. McLeod vs. H. R. McLeod—Miller & Lawson; John E. Duffie.

No. 42.—J. P. Doughty, Jr. vs. A. R. Rollins—L. D. Jennings; Tatum & Wood.

No. 43.—Parker Mfg. Co. vs. D. E. Jenkinson—L. D. Jennings; Tatum & Wood.

BONAR LAW SUCCEEDS LLOYD GEORGE

Leader of Conservative Party Selected as Next Premier of Great Britain

London, Oct. 19 (By the Associated Press).—After holding the office of prime minister through seven of the most critical years of British history—three years of war and four years of reconstruction—David Lloyd George went into the wilderness today.

This was the description in his Manchester speech of his position if the Unionist wing of his followers should desert him. Unionist withdrawal from the coalition was decided upon today by the meeting, which Austen Chamberlain had called at the Carlton club and which was attended by the coalition members of the house of commons and a handful of lords, who were enrolled in the cabinet.

The vote was 186 to 87 against the Chamberlain policy of pledging the party to sustain the coalition and in favor of a general election to confirm its course. The meeting was followed by a succession of swift events, which carried the coalition government into outer darkness.

Andrew Bonar Law will put on the prime minister's mantle for the short term of office. The king summoned him to Buckingham palace late this evening and invited him to form a new government which Bonar Law will undertake, although the state of his health, which compelled him to withdraw from public life a few months ago, makes it a risky venture.

Before Bonar Law can formally accept the premiership, however, a meeting of the Unionist party must be held to elect a new leader to carry out the policy to be decided by caucus. This meeting will be held within a few days when Bonar Law will be chosen.

Between the Carlton club meeting and Bonar Law's visit to the king it was a seething afternoon of rumors and of group gatherings among the political factions. Austen Chamberlain first visited the prime minister's official residence in Downing street as had been expected, to offer his resignation; several undersecretaries and the chief coalition-Unionist whip, Lieut. Col. Leslie Wilson, had already informed the newspapers that they had resigned and within two hours Lloyd George was in possession of the resignations of practically all the members of the cabinet. He

then drove to the palace to tender them to the king.

Bonar Law Summoned.

Lloyd George advised the king to summon Bonar Law and according to custom this was done. While Lloyd George exhibited cheerfulness to the few who saw him and cheered him on his journey to the palace, he could not but feel deeply the verdict that he no longer commanded the support of the majority of the Unionist party, which for the past few months had furnished the strongest material for his cabinet.

It was Bonar Law more than any other man, who influenced the Unionist caucus to secede from the coalition. He had been a sphinx, whom the rank and file of the Unionist commoners were waiting to hear. He is a serious and unemotional man with a quiet manner. His opinion that it was more important to keep the party together than to win the next election and "whether by his own fault or the force of circumstances Lloyd George has lost the confidence of the country" decided many votes.

There was also a strong feeling in the party that the Chamberlain plan, which gave the party's destiny over to the small faction represented in the parliament, was not a fair device.

The last straw which weighed in the scale was the Newport election in which a straight Unionist candidate won on a platform of opposition to the coalition and all its works, although the politicians thought the Labor party had a safe prospect in that constituency.

Bonar Law will have Lord Curzon for one of the pillars of his cabinet. Curzon remained away from the caucus today but sent a letter of protest against the excisions of the lords.

One result of today's upheaval is a split in the Unionist party, which makes its fortunes doubtful. A strong group of the old cabinet Unionists remain true to their leader, Mr. Chamberlain, Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Laming Worthington Evans and Sir Robert Stevenson Home follow Lloyd George into the wilderness and workers in the party ranks are likely to go with them.

The precincts of the solemn gray old Carlton club which has sheltered much history making in its time, afforded the London crowd, which never fails freely to express its sentiment toward notables, a distinct scene of excitement. Earl Balfour, who had only to walk around the corner from his house, was one of the fortunates who got nothing but cheers. Mr. Chamberlain was loudly booed when he appeared, from a feeling that he was not playing the game.

Two or three lesser lights also proved unpopular. Some hothead loudly and repeatedly cried, "Judas," as Kirkenhead ascended the steps.

Some Confusion Developed.

Club attendants stood on the steps to separate those who had cards of admission from those who

for it? Another \$50 a month is needed for milk also, for little children under school age, for run-down and tired out mothers whose meager diet is not sufficient to keep up their strength, and for a number of aged and infirm whose very lives depend upon it.

That leaves only \$50 of what we are asking for buying all the equipment and supplies the nurse must have in her work, and gasoline for the car she runs and for the upkeep of the car. The nurse department does not furnish medicines for the sick, but it does have to keep on hand all sorts of medical supplies for use in these homes, ice caps, gauze, cotton, thermometers, disinfectants, etc., and the cost of these things mounts up rapidly. There are supplies in the dry goods line the visiting nurse must take with her into a needy home and these have to be renewed from time to time.

The salary of the nurse is paid by the city with a small assistance from the county so all of the \$200 a month we are begging now will go for these necessities without even leaving anything for the emergencies that so often arise in winter time.

ARMIDA MOSES, Treasurer Civic League Nurse Department.

Chicken Thief Captured.

Chief Earwick was notified Saturday morning by Mr. Hunter White, who lives near town, that his poultry house had been robbed during the night and asked to keep a watch for the thief. Shortly afterwards it was learned that a negro man had sold several turkeys, such as stolen from Mr. White, to the Claremont Hotel. A description of the negro was obtained from the hotel steward and within a half hour the negro was arrested on Harvin street while in the act of selling the chickens stolen from Mr. White. The thief said his name was Israel Hopkins. He was arraigned before Recorder Early for vagrancy, as he could give no satisfactory account of his occupation and means of earning an honest living, and on this charge was convicted and sentenced to serve thirty days on the chain gang. He will be sent up to the higher court for trial on the charge of chicken stealing.

"More Help" sometimes means "More Pep."

A conservative estimate of the needs of the work is \$200 a month. About \$100 a month of this amount is required to supply milk for school children who need it for nourishment and are not able to purchase it. The League has only been able to give it to 32 school children a day so far this season, as its funds were so low, but how the school has found that 81 indigent children should have it daily. Surely if there are 81 children in want of a pint of milk a day, the Sumter people are willing to divide up this obligation and pay

BONAR LAW SUCCEEDS LLOYD GEORGE

Leader of Conservative Party Selected as Next Premier of Great Britain

London, Oct. 19 (By the Associated Press).—After holding the office of prime minister through seven of the most critical years of British history—three years of war and four years of reconstruction—David Lloyd George went into the wilderness today.

This was the description in his Manchester speech of his position if the Unionist wing of his followers should desert him. Unionist withdrawal from the coalition was decided upon today by the meeting, which Austen Chamberlain had called at the Carlton club and which was attended by the coalition members of the house of commons and a handful of lords, who were enrolled in the cabinet.

The vote was 186 to 87 against the Chamberlain policy of pledging the party to sustain the coalition and in favor of a general election to confirm its course. The meeting was followed by a succession of swift events, which carried the coalition government into outer darkness.

Andrew Bonar Law will put on the prime minister's mantle for the short term of office. The king summoned him to Buckingham palace late this evening and invited him to form a new government which Bonar Law will undertake, although the state of his health, which compelled him to withdraw from public life a few months ago, makes it a risky venture.

Before Bonar Law can formally accept the premiership, however, a meeting of the Unionist party must be held to elect a new leader to carry out the policy to be decided by caucus. This meeting will be held within a few days when Bonar Law will be chosen.

Between the Carlton club meeting and Bonar Law's visit to the king it was a seething afternoon of rumors and of group gatherings among the political factions. Austen Chamberlain first visited the prime minister's official residence in Downing street as had been expected, to offer his resignation; several undersecretaries and the chief coalition-Unionist whip, Lieut. Col. Leslie Wilson, had already informed the newspapers that they had resigned and within two hours Lloyd George was in possession of the resignations of practically all the members of the cabinet. He

then drove to the palace to tender them to the king.

Bonar Law Summoned.

Lloyd George advised the king to summon Bonar Law and according to custom this was done. While Lloyd George exhibited cheerfulness to the few who saw him and cheered him on his journey to the palace, he could not but feel deeply the verdict that he no longer commanded the support of the majority of the Unionist party, which for the past few months had furnished the strongest material for his cabinet.

It was Bonar Law more than any other man, who influenced the Unionist caucus to secede from the coalition. He had been a sphinx, whom the rank and file of the Unionist commoners were waiting to hear. He is a serious and unemotional man with a quiet manner. His opinion that it was more important to keep the party together than to win the next election and "whether by his own fault or the force of circumstances Lloyd George has lost the confidence of the country" decided many votes.

There was also a strong feeling in the party that the Chamberlain plan, which gave the party's destiny over to the small faction represented in the parliament, was not a fair device.

The last straw which weighed in the scale was the Newport election in which a straight Unionist candidate won on a platform of opposition to the coalition and all its works, although the politicians thought the Labor party had a safe prospect in that constituency.

Bonar Law will have Lord Curzon for one of the pillars of his cabinet. Curzon remained away from the caucus today but sent a letter of protest against the excisions of the lords.

One result of today's upheaval is a split in the Unionist party, which makes its fortunes doubtful. A strong group of the old cabinet Unionists remain true to their leader, Mr. Chamberlain, Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Laming Worthington Evans and Sir Robert Stevenson Home follow Lloyd George into the wilderness and workers in the party ranks are likely to go with them.

The precincts of the solemn gray old Carlton club which has sheltered much history making in its time, afforded the London crowd, which never fails freely to express its sentiment toward notables, a distinct scene of excitement. Earl Balfour, who had only to walk around the corner from his house, was one of the fortunates who got nothing but cheers. Mr. Chamberlain was loudly booed when he appeared, from a feeling that he was not playing the game.

Two or three lesser lights also proved unpopular. Some hothead loudly and repeatedly cried, "Judas," as Kirkenhead ascended the steps.

Some Confusion Developed.

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