

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Lotary Club Meeting.

The Sumter Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting and luncheon at the Claremont hotel Monday.

Fire on Calhoun Street

Home of Mrs. Ann Strother Damaged by Blaze Started From Kitchen Flue

The fire department was called out about noon Tuesday by an alarm from Box 26, corner of Salem and West Calhoun.

Chamber of Commerce.

Parties having tracts of land containing red or sweet gum for sale are requested to write of see E. I. Reardon, secretary Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

Civic League Reception.

The reception given in honor of the teachers of the city schools, by the Civic League, will be held Wednesday afternoon, November 8th.

Sunday School Conference.

A conference of the officers of the Sunday School Association of Sumter county will be held Wednesday at 11 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

Court of Common Pleas.

The special term of the Court of Common Pleas ran out of business Tuesday shortly after reconvening after dinner, and a recess was taken until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Do not wait until it is too late and then wonder what Secretary Reardon and the Sumter merchants are doing to furnish markets for farm or swamp land products.

Professor says we are 100 years behind with our music. Still, we are playing fast to catch up.

In limiting the price of anything the sky is usually the limit.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENTION

Speakers and Delegates Arriving For State Convention at Christian Church

Trains Tuesday brought in a number of delegates and speakers for the State Convention of Disciples of Christ meeting in Christian church here.

Among those arriving Tuesday morning were Mr. C. P. Burca of China; Miss Daisy June Trout, of St. Louis; Mr. C. W. Dourney of Atlanta and Rev. Primus Bennett, new pastor of the Charleston church.

The following is the program arranged for the convention:

- Tuesday Night. 8:00—Service of Song. 8:30—Reading of Committee. Announcements. 8:40—Introduction of State and Regional officers. 8:55—Convention Sermon—S. R. Grubb, Columbia. Benediction. Wednesday (Morning). 9:00—Divisional Conferences for Bible School Workers.

COMPLAINT FROM SHILOH

Citizen of Shiloh Section Demands That Road Be Built at Once

The letter from Mr. B. A. Smith, of Shiloh township, printed below, refers to a meeting held in Sumter Chamber of Commerce, May 25th, between the Permanent Road Commission, Sumter County Legislative delegation, Chamber of Commerce directors, committees of citizens from Rafting Creek and Shiloh townships and from Sumter, in which the questions of portions of Rafting Creek and Shiloh townships voting into Kershaw and Florence counties respectively were discussed and settled by a guarantee of the legislative delegation and Permanent Road Commission that the road to Hudson's Bridge on Lynchers river, known as the Shiloh road, and the Camden road would be hard surfaced to Hudson's bridge, and to the Kershaw county line.

It was agreed by the legislative delegation that if the two and a half million dollar hard surface highway bond issue should not be sufficient to do these two things that additional bonds would be authorized by the legislature.

The delegations from Rafting Creek and Shiloh, according to the record kept by me, then agreed to stay in Sumter county. E. I. REARDON.

Dear Sir: It is rumored around here that the hard surfaced road commission does not intend to build concrete road to Shiloh any further than the river, at McBride Crossing. Now Mr. Reardon, if I'm not mistaken you are the guy that went all over this county speech-making, promising to all sections of the county equal treatment.

We claim we are as much entitled to a good road as any other section. We pay an equal quota of taxes. I live 30 miles from Sumter, in about 200 yards of Florence county line, and I feel safe in saying there are as many people on this road as any in the county.

The longer the road the more people you reach. The noted Turbeville section which Sumter is so interested in, is only about three miles from Shiloh. Now Mr. Reardon, where are the minutes of the mass meeting, where Shiloh and Rafting Creek were promised such big things? We expect to send a delegation to meet the board at the next regular meeting, and we want you to have the minutes there of that mass meeting, so we can know exactly what the board promised.

If they promised us roads, we are determined to have them. I have had to serve on the jury for nine years out of ten in succession. I live twelve miles from the railroad, and the public road

COUNTY FAIR PUBLICITY

Bethel and Concord to Have Community Booths and Two Individual Farm Booths and Be in the Big Parade

Mr. J. M. Kolb reports to Chamber of Commerce the gratifying news that he called a meeting of the men and women of Bethel School community section yesterday to discuss participation by that section in the Sumter County Fair.

The results were that there will be a Bethel community booth in the 1922 county fair, and the entire Bethel school will be in the spectacular pageant of progress parade also. Bethel School community is a famous prize winning neighborhood and has been one of the leading factors in the building up of the Sumter county annual fairs, and has been a leader also in educational affairs.

In fact all of Privateer township in which Bethel is located can have the same things said about that township. Then again Privateer township gives more good news. Mrs. Mary B. Mathews reports that she will again repeat herself with another magnificent individual farm booth for which she is noted and has carried away prizes from the Sumter county and other county fairs.

Mrs. S. J. White, of Concord township will again put in one of his big and prize winning individual farm booths. Mr. and Mrs. White have for years given practical demonstrations of what can be raised, grown, and preserved on a well managed farm, so has Mrs. Mathews and in fact so have hundreds of men and women, boys and girls throughout Concord and Privateer townships.

Concord School will have also another of their prize winning booths in our 1922 fair. The most discouraging and disheartening feature of cotton crop prospects for 1923 is the general disregard by farmers of the advice of government and Clemson College boll weevil experts to cut and turn under cotton stalks. Only a few farmers have destroyed their cotton stalks, and in consequence, there will be millions more weevils than there should be to go into hibernation.

PREACHER ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

Accused of Killing His Wife and Mother—Extraordinary Scene in Georgia Courtroom When Rev. Padrick Takes the Stand

Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 31.—After leading the courtroom in prayer and taking the stand in his own defense Rev. Elliott Padrick, the youthful Methodist preacher on trial for killing his wife and his mother, preached a sermon from the text, "Thou Shalt Not." During the sermon Padrick became excited and was ordered to sit down by his attorney. Padrick stopped in the middle of a sentence, walked to the cooler for a drink, returned to his chair and went to sleep. In the sermon Padrick blamed women for the downfall of man. He singled out his father-in-law and accused him of forcing a marriage with his daughter.

Another trip to the same section resulted in the capture of Claude Scruggs and Tom Jenkins. Both men, according to the officers, had whiskey upon their persons. Both these defendants gave bond for their appearance before the court and were discharged. Two of the defendants are closely related to J. P. Scruggs, prohibition officer, but this fact did not keep him from doing his duty as an officer.

Less than two months until Christmas. It is time for father to begin discussing the poorhouse.

DRY SLEUTH NABS HIS OWN KINSMEN

Gaffney, Nov. 1.—J. P. Scruggs, prohibition officer, and his deputies had a strenuous time Saturday night. They had received information that much whiskey was in evidence in the neighborhood of the Cowpens battle ground, and after they reached the neighborhood, in looking around for the violators, arrested three white men, Jack Ellison, Junie Scruggs and H. E. Scruggs. The men had whiskey on their persons. They were brought to Gaffney, where they were required to enter into bond in the sum of \$500 each for their appearance before the next term of court.

CHECKING UP FAIR WEEK RESULTS

Columbia, Oct. 31.—Officials of the state fair are today checking up the results of the show of last week. While no totals are available, it is roughly estimated that sixty thousand people paid their ways into the fair grounds during the week. On Thursday, the day of the Carolina-Clemson game, there were thirty thousand paid admissions, and on Friday, the day when the Ringling-Barnum and Bailey circus was an attraction, there were 16,000 paid admissions.

THE LAST CALL ... SELLING OUT ...

SALE NOW OPEN ENTIRE STOCK AND FIXTURES OF THE BATTERY, SUMTER, S. C. SALE NOW OPEN ENTIRE STOCK AND FIXTURES MUST BE SOLD BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT

- SAMPLE BARGAINS AT A GLANCE \$12.50 Dunlap Shoes for Men, Pair \$4.95 25c Dress Gingham, Yard 15c \$4.00 Men's Genuine Felt Hats, Each \$1.45 All Wool Full Size Blankets, Worth \$7.50. Each \$1.95 Shoe Polish, Box 5c Silk Spool Thread, Spool 5c Easy Walkers, Pair 50c Ladies' Garbadine Skirts, Each 65c Combination Raincoats, made of Ruberized Wool Materials, Worth \$10.00. Each \$4.95 Pearl Buttons, Card 3c

WE HAVE TO VACATE the building by the first of January, 1923, and must sell our entire stock by that time. The only way to accomplish this is to sell out everything. In order to sell everything it must be sacrificed at any price. We are ready to give our old friends and customers the benefit of our loss, and will put our entire stock on SALE NOVEMBER FIRST. This will be a sale without reserve. We have a very large stock of staple and dependable merchandise, and enough bargains to go the rounds. First come, first served. Don't wait till the assortments are broken up.

WRITE, PHONE OR CALL FOR ONE OF OUR LARGE CIRCULARS AND READ ABOUT THE MANY WONDERFUL BARGAINS THE BATTERY 33 South Main Street Sumter, S. C.

- SAMPLE BARGAINS AT A GLANCE Men's All Leather Work Shoes, Pair \$1.75 U. S. Navy Coats, all wool, new, Navy Blue, without buttons, Worth \$12.50. Each \$1.25 Ladies' Ribbed Shirts or Pants, worth \$1.00. Each 45c 3-4 Sea Islands, Yard 8c 36-inch Silk Poplins, Yard 48c Standard Light Blue Outing, Worth 25c. Yard 12 1/2c Fleece Lined Union Suits, size 24. Suit 60c Giles' All Wool Serge Dresses, all sizes, worth \$8.50. Each \$2.25