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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Leak, of Winston-Salem, N. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Phillips on Church Street.
Dr. W. E. Thayer, pastor of the First Baptist church is attending the State Baptist convention in Black Hill.
Mr. Seamon Richardson, of Manning spent Tuesday in town. Miss Eleanor Richardson has returned home from Houston, Texas where she has been spending some time with her brother, Mr. Henry B. Richardson, who is engaged in the cotton business there.
Miss Lella and Jennie Barnett have returned from Richmond, Va., where they have been visiting for some time.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Korn have returned from Cincinnati.
Mr. R. F. Joye, formerly with Schwartz Bros., now with Miller-Rhodes, Richmond, Va., spent today in the city.
Mr. Jack Bailey, of Blaney, was in the city Wednesday.
Mrs. T. A. Helms of Manning spent Wednesday in town.
Mr. M. D. Weaver, formerly of the Shiloh section, but now a resident of Darlington county, spent Thursday in the city.
Miss Marion Kirk, a graduate of the Toumey Hospital Training School for Nurses, has passed the State Board of examination and has received a license to practice her profession.
Mr. W. T. Hartwell, of the Mitchell Motor Co., Racine, Wis., is spending the week with Mr. S. K. Rowland, state distributor for the Mitchell cars.
Mrs. A. Lee Jones, of Columbia, left Wednesday night after spending a few days as the guest of Mrs. Fred Bradwell.
Mr. Steve D. Shore, who is engaged in the fertilizer business in Plant City, Fla., is on a visit to his old home town, combining business with pleasure.
Messrs. G. L. Ricker, Grenville DeLoane, G. C. Probst, Dick Forster, Geo. D. Levy and Lawrence Brumby were among those who left for Charleston Wednesday night to attend the annual convention of the Shriners.
Mrs. Anderson Gives Bridge Party.
Mrs. C. S. Anderson gave a bridge party on Tuesday afternoon. There were six tables of enthusiastic players and after several exciting games Mrs. Warren Burgess was awarded the prize, a lovely bowl, and to Mrs. Moses fell the consolation, a corsage bouquet of violets.
Following the games a salad course was served. Those present were: Mrs. Janie Benton, Mrs. Perry Moses, Mrs. Warren Burgess, Mrs. Leon Scott, Mrs. Felix Moses, Mrs. Gus Sanders, Mrs. J. H. Morse, Mrs. Jos. Guthrie, Mrs. Graham Moses, Mrs. J. W. Brunson, Mrs. W. G. Courtwright, Mrs. Mitchell Levi, Mrs. Hal Harby, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Wendell Levi.

Material Needs of the Sumter Schools

When considering any buildings for our school system at this time, the question naturally arises, Can we afford it? Is not another question perhaps at least equally as pertinent, Can we afford not to do it?
It is certain that at this time we can with no degree of sincerity urge families to move to Sumter, because in so doing we should do them the injustice of picking their children in schools already crowded.
Have the schools been responsible to an extent for Sumter's growth? If so, will not this growth be seriously checked and thereby impeded by the belief that Sumter has no room in its schools for any new comers?
Anyone who has given the matter serious thought must feel that the best way to increase Sumter's citizenship by desirable additions is to be able to induce people to come to Sumter on account of its educational advantages; for the question uppermost in the minds and purposes of parents is properly to educate all of their children.
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But the real reason for going ahead is the knowledge that we are working for our boys and girls. Our boys and girls deserve the best, and it is our duty to give it to them.
Cordially submitted,
S. H. EDMUNDS, Superintendent.
The Permanent Highway Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday. There was great deal of routine business to be disposed of, and there were also a number of citizens to be heard respecting location of roads, claims for compensation for rights of way, location of roads, etc.
Just when people are feeling better toward Germany she begins exporting musical instruments.

PROGRESSIVE BLOC PROPOSES BIG CHANGE

Would Amend Constitution So That President May Be Elected by Popular Vote
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BRITISH USE FORCE TO BLOCK TURKS

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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Charlotte, Dec. 5.—Governor Morrison left here today for New Bern to personally investigate the conditions there where three thousand were left homeless by last week's fire. Before leaving he issued an appeal to the state for aid, asking that funds be sent direct to Mayor Edward Clark. Adjutant General Meets told the governor over the telephone that the situation is more serious than at first thought.

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NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED MURDERERS

Efforts of Lawyers to Save Jeffords and Harrison from Electric Chair Fail
Columbia, Dec. 7.—It is expected that F. M. Jeffords and Ira Harrison will not have many more days on earth, following the refusal of Chief Justice Gary yesterday to grant them writs of error, on which to base their appeals to the United States supreme court. The state supreme court has already passed on their cases and dismissed their appeals, and it is not expected that the United States supreme court will grant them a new trial. They will, in this event, at an early date pay the death penalty for the murder of Miss Ruby Henry today, has turned toward Lake Park, according to a message from the sheriff. The posse went last night searching near Thomasville and Valdosta, Ga., recrossing the state line today.

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TURKS YIELD TO FIRM STAND OF THE ALLIES

Complete Change of Front Indicated by Turks at Lausanne Peace Conference
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A change of front by Turkey was forecast while the conference was meeting. The Turkish spokesman outside the hall said Turkish position on the straits control will probably be nearer the allied plan than the Russian. The Turks appear to have suddenly realized that control by the Turkish warships would mean that Turkey will have to build a navy. The Allied plan contains a scheme for limiting the number and total tonnage of warships allowed and gives Turkey and Black Sea countries the right to say how long warships may remain. It also gives Turkey the right to search neutral merchantmen during the war. The meeting adjourned until Friday to give Turkey time to consider the plan.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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The birth rate for the first six months of this year was 27.7 per 1,000 persons, while for the same period of 1921 the rate was 28.5 and for the whole of last year 28.5. North Carolina had the highest rate for the half year, it being 30.1, while Vermont had the lowest rate, 18.1.
The death rate for the six months ending June 30, this year, was 12.6 per 1,000 population, which for the same period of 1921, the rate was 12, and for the whole of last year 11.6.
Correct this sentence: "I told do that again, Bobby," said the mother, "I shall spank you even though company is present."

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AFTER A HASTY EXAMINATION OF THE GOODS I'M CONVINCED THAT THE CUSTOMERS GET THE DIFFERENCE - IN THE REGION BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE EARS AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE COLLAR BONE!

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