

AARON SAPIRO
IN AIKEN

TOMORROW MORNING

Invited to Aiken Under the Auspices
of Cotton Growers Co-Operative
Association.

Aaron Sapiro, generally recognized as one of the foremost authorities on co-operative marketing in the world and attorney for practically all of the standard co-operative marketing associations in America, will make four speeches in South Carolina this week, it was announced by the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association.

Mr. Sapiro will speak in Sumter at the court house at 10:30 o'clock this morning, October 13, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock he will speak in the court house at Darlington, at 10:30 Thursday morning, October 14, he will speak in the court house at Aiken and that afternoon at 3 o'clock he will speak in the court house at Greenwood.

This will be Mr. Sapiro's second appearance in South Carolina. In 1921 he came to the state on invitation of Dr. W. W. Long, director of extension forces of Clemson college, and spoke at Florence and Spartanburg and by special invitation of the general assembly, which was in session at the time, he addressed a joint session of that body. Following Mr. Sapiro's speech the general assembly of South Carolina indorsed co-operative marketing and passed the co-operative marketing act under which the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association was organized. The campaign for the organization of the cotton growers' association was launched shortly afterwards.

Mr. Sapiro has confined his practice exclusively to co-operative marketing, his only other client in recent years being the American Legion. He has spoken all over the United States and has engaged in legal battles in behalf of co-operative marketing in many states of the nation.

WRITER VISITS AIKEN

To Look up History of Mrs. Frances
Stevens Hall

Mr. Francis J. Farley, a representative of the New York Mail, spent several days in Aiken this week, looking up the history and family of Francis K. Stevens, Esq., who died in Aiken on Feb. 22nd, 1874.

Mr. Stevens was the father of Frances Stevens, who later became the wife of Dr. Hall, who was murdered in Brunswick, N. J., in 1922. This being the birthplace of Mrs. Hall this newspaper writer came here to look up the family records. He interviewed a number of the older people of Aiken and gathered a lot of material for an interesting article, which will appear in the New York Mail.

U. D. C. MEETING

The annual meeting of the Edward Croft Chapter, U. D. C., was held Monday afternoon with the President, Mrs. P. A. Emanuel. All reports showed the Chapter in a live condition. Historical meetings have been held every month and have become unusually interesting.

The Lyceum Course the Chapter is putting on for the winter was discussed, and each member urged to do her utmost in working it up, and selling tickets. This is an unusual treat for the Aiken people coming in the winter season. The first will be given from the Aiken Institute Auditorium on the night of November 4th. Tickets will be reasonable.

Being the annual meeting, the election of officers came next. Although each one resigned, most of the old officers were re-elected. The roster for 1927 stands, President, Mrs. P. A. Emanuel; Vice-President, Mrs. W. W. Edgerton; Secretary, Miss Clio Rothrock; Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Tarrant; Historian, Mrs. H. A. Clark; Publicity Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Williams. Delegates elected to the General Convention in Richmond, Va., Nov. 17th-19th were Mrs. H. E. Gyles, Mrs. Annie Varber, alternates, Mrs. John Lupo and Miss Rothrock.

Mr. J. W. Brown, of Windsor, was among the visitors to Aiken last Thursday.

COUNCIL MEETS

Only Routine Matters Considered—
Attendance Small

On Monday night the regular meeting of City Council was held. Mayor protom Etheredge presided in the absence of Mayor Moseley. Aldermen present were Henderson, Glover and Clinkscales.

The treasurer submitted his report as follows:

Sept. 1, cash on hand \$7,531.41

Receipts for month 2,759.47

10,290.88

Expenditures for month 5,791.32

Balance on hand \$4,499.56

Commission of Water Works, submitted report as follows:

Sept. 1, cash on hand \$7,415.79

Receipts 581.26

\$7,997.05

Expenditures for month 4,051.72

Balance on hand 3,945.33

Chief of Police submitted the following report:

Total arrests 35

Convictions 33

Discharged 2

Working time 2

Fines collected \$322

Dr. W. G. Bodie of the Health department was present and addressed council upon the question of sanitation, and made an interesting and entertaining talk. He discussed the question of contagious diseases, and from a map pointed out places in the county in which disease had been reported.

In connection with his talk he outlined a clean-up week that was going to be put on in this city, in co-operation with the Civic League.

He also gave notice that the next test of milk would be in the second week in November. The desire of the Health department is to have grade "A" and "B" milk produced in this community, and this public notice of the next test is given so that all dairymen could make necessary alterations in their plants to conform with the Milk ordinance.

A communication was read from Miss Pellew, president of the Civic league, making the request to have those who cut or trim a tree in the city, to first get permission of the Street committee. A resolution was passed to this effect.

The annual supply ordinance came up and was adopted. This ordinance carries a tax levy of 26 mills, the same as last year.

AIKEN WINS

Aiken Hi won a very exciting game from North Augusta here last Friday. The game was witnessed by one of the largest crowds of fans that has been seen at Eustis Field in quite awhile and they seemed to enjoy the hard fought clash throughout.

The work of Berrie stood out for Aiken; he was a constant threat to the losers as he passed, kicked and ran with the ball to a great advantage. Ballard and Graybill did best for the visitors.

Aiken's first touchdown came in the first quarter when the North Augusta center sent a bad pass to his backfield, which George, Aiken's end fell on behind the goal line. The biggest thrill of the game, however, came in the last minute of play when Berrie caught the visitors napping and threw a beautiful pass nearly the width of the field to Clifford, who dashed the remaining fifty yards to a touchdown. Berrie kicked goal for another point and the game ended herewith the "Red Devils" holding a 13 to 0 decision over their opponents. Aiken plays Ridge Spring here Friday at 4 o'clock. Everyone should come out and share in the enjoyment.

HOUSES RENTED

Mr. J. P. Campbell, of Augusta, has leased the Mays cottage on Hayne Avenue.

Mr. Keenan has rented the Klink Staubes cottage on Colleton avenue. Both of these houses were leased by Mrs. Robert Laird.

Coal at the mines has advanced 75 cents per ton. We are until Nov. 1st, selling Boney Blue at \$5.00, C. G. D. Aiken Ice Co., phone 523.

THE END OF THE LOWMANS

Clarence, Demon and Bertha Taken from County Jail Friday Morning and put to Death.

The trial of Clarence Lowman, Demon Lowman and Bertha Lowman charged with the killing of Sheriff Howard, which was started on Tuesday morning of last week came to a halt on Friday morning, when the county jail was stormed and the three prisoners spirited away and put to death.

The trial had continued for three days and there seemed to be no reason to believe that the law would not be allowed to take its course, and the people of Aiken were taken by surprise when they learned that the prisoners had been taken away from the jail.

The probable cause of the mob rule was the order of Judge Lanham on Thursday afternoon in directing a verdict of not guilty as to Demon. It is now stated that murmurings were heard that afternoon and plans were formulated for action that night.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday morning a band of men, masked and unidentified, variously estimated as between 25 and 50, entered the jail overpowered the jailer and the sheriff who had been summoned, and seized the three prisoners. From the jail the mob, following an apparently well conceived plan, made its way out of town on the Aiken-Columbia highway to a pine thicket two miles from Aiken, where the three Negroes were shot to death.

Here a few minutes later Sheriff Nollie Robinson, discovered the three bodies, scattered about on the ground as they had fallen. Bertha Lowman's dress had caught fire, evidently from the discharge of one of the mob's guns, and the sheriff extinguished the blaze.

A few hundred yards from the group of pines, in which a Northern tourist with his wife and children had spent the night, the sheriff had passed 15 or 20 automobiles bearing the members of the masked band back to Aiken, their labors ended and their work done.

No Trouble Expected

At 6 o'clock the prisoners were removed to the jail, Clarence and Demon to be locked in a cell on the first floor and Bertha in one of the cells in the women's section of the second floor of the prison.

Sheriff Robinson and other officers left the court house as soon as the court adjourned; there appeared to them no occasion for apprehension; no sign of any impending attack on the jail. Judge Samuel T. Lanham and the attorneys for the prosecution and defense, suspecting nothing awry, planned for the next day's session of the court, which day it was expected should see the end of the trial.

At 11:15 o'clock, at which hour few citizens in the quiet town were awake, one of the two main power lines, leading into Aiken through the Horsesecree Valley section, failed guaranteeing the uninterrupted of the darkness that then already held the city in its thrall. The line fed the county jail, the sheriff's house, the court house and the chief of police's house, lights in none of which would have been affected had the other power line, feeding like the first, a portion of the town, been broken. Harry Sudlow, manager in Aiken for the power company, testified at the coroner's inquest that the line had been severed at a point eight miles from Aiken but declined to venture an opinion as to what caused the break.

"I know it was down," he said,

"that's all. I do not know what caused it. Nobody knows."

Between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Taylor, the jailer, told the coroner's jury, he was awakened by a noise outside the jail. Putting on his bathrobe in the dark he secured his pistol and keys and went down stairs. He unlocked a steel door separating the residence section of the jail from the jail proper and after locking the door behind him went to the main entrance of the jail where he discovered a small group of men outside the door. They asked to be admitted, saying that they had "come for" the three Lowmans and the jailer refused their request. In his office where he telephoned Sheriff Robinson for help, he heard the sound of blows against the jail door, which Friday morning he found had been so battered as to prevent its being opened. A few minutes later Sheriff Robinson, having in the meantime notified Jesse George, chief of police, reached the scene. He found, he said, a group of men gathered about the main entrance. And again as before he attempted persuasion.

Talks to Mob

"No one feels more than I do the death of Sheriff Howard," he told the group, "but I have sworn to protect these men and I'll do it. I am not scared of hell or heaven; I am sheriff and I mean to protect these men. The first man who tries to get in is going away tonight."

The greater number of the men, of whom all were masked—some with handkerchiefs, some with colored cloths and others apparently with false faces, the officers said—walked away as toward the court house and the sheriff entered the residential door of the jail, which he found open. In the rooms he saw no one—he had his flash light and going to the steel door leading into the jail proper, he called to Mr. Taylor to admit him. The jailer complied and as soon as the door had been unlocked members of the mob appeared suddenly to seize the two officers. "They came at us," the jailer testified at the inquest "like a drove of blackbirds."

Struggling in the dark the sheriff and jailer were overpowered in the jail kitchen. The sheriff in the melee succeeded in firing his pistol twice apparently to damage nothing except one of the prison windows. The officers were disarmed and the jailer's keys secured.

Quickly the members of the mob moved about the jail, securing the two men from the first door and the woman from the second and showing in so doing an uncanny knowledge of the jail's interior and of the prison locks. Other prisoners—among them Sam Lowman, father of Bertha and Demon—were not disturbed and knew nothing of what was going on, they told the sheriff Friday morning.

Led to Automobiles

The prisoners were led to the automobiles waiting outside and Bertha's piercing screams awakened sleepers nearby. The two officers were released and while they were picking themselves up and finding their pistols and flashlights, which had been left by the mob, the masked men drove off. The sheriff set out in his car in pursuit and the jailer attempted to telephone for other officers only to discover that the telephone line had been cut. Mr. Robinson took the

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SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At Salley Does Good Work—Officers
Re-elected

The first anniversary meeting of the Salley School Improvement Association which was held Friday, Oct. 1st, proved to be the most interesting and best meeting of the year. Mrs. Kennedy, the County Organizer, and Mr. Seigler, the County Superintendent, were present. Both gave very interesting and helpful talks. Mrs. Della Kitchings, of Kitchings Mill, also gave a splendid talk on Cooperation of Patrons.

Splendid reports from each chairman were given. The best report was, that twelve regular meetings had been held during the year, also three special meetings. The treasurer reported a total amount of \$458.67 deposited in the bank during the year. All present felt that a special vote of thanks should be given the President, Mrs. H. O. Jones, for her untiring efforts in making the organization a success.

This being the beginning of a new school year for the association it was necessary that officers be elected for the coming year. The result was that all officers were re-elected.

After the business part of the meeting a delightful program, consisting of music and readings, was rendered by Misses Dicks, Brodie and Livingston, Mrs. Motte Boylston, Messrs. Al Jones, Dewey Williamson, Glenn Price and Jerome Fogle.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Great Interest Being Shown in the Big
Revival at First Baptist Church

The evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist church which opened Sunday have been attracting large crowds at each service.

Rev. Walter N. Johnson, of North Carolina, who is here assisting Dr. McLean is one of the strongest preachers ever heard in the city, without the slightest trace of sensationalism, and speaking in a low quiet voice, he grips the people with his messages. He tells the old story simply, but with unique power, bringing men face to face with God. His sermons both at the afternoon and night services are of such rare worth that no one should miss hearing them.

The music is a feature of these deeply spiritual meetings, it is under the direction of Mr. John A. Durham who is singing the gospel into human hearts. Seldom has better congregation singing been heard, its remarkable how Mr. Durham can make a big crowd sing, while the solos are fine. These services will end next week, and we are sure Aiken will be a better place for the coming of these two men of God.

CLUBS OF THE COUNTY

STUDYING NUTRITION

The first of a series of nutrition meetings in this County was held on the second floor of the Bank of Western Carolina. Five Clubs are taking part in this work and very much interest is shown by the Club members. The Clubs studying nutrition are Beech Island, New Holland, Seivern, McLaurin and Kitchings Mill. Miss Minnie Floyd, Nutrition Specialist, from Winthrop College, has charge of the work, assisted by the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Blanche Bailey, and Club Leaders who are Mrs. Henry Lake, Miss Augusta Dunbar, Beech Island; Mrs. Ida Gunter, Miss Emma Gantt, Seivern; Mrs. Preston McNair, Mrs. Van Clark, Kitchings Mill; Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. W. S. Sawyer, McLaurin; Mrs. Bertha Williams, Mrs. Willa Thomas, New Holland.

The Home Demonstration Agents' program for this week is as follows:

Tuesday 1 o'clock, Seivern Club.

Tuesday 3 o'clock, Seivern Home Demonstration Club.

Wednesday 3 o'clock, McLaurin Home Demonstration Club.

Thursday 4 o'clock, Beech Island Home Demonstration Club.

Friday 3 o'clock, New Holland Home Demonstration Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, are to be in Aiken on Thursday to attend the meeting of the Aiken County Home Demonstration Club.

CLEAN-UP WEEK
FOR AIKEN

OCTOBER 25TH TO 30TH

Conducted by City Health Department and Aiken Civic League

The officers of the Health department met with the members of the Civic League yesterday morning at the Rest Room of the Bank of Western Carolina, and determined to put on a Clean-Up Week for the city beginning Oct. 25th, for one week.

A well planned campaign is to be put on by these two organizations. Prizes will be awarded to children gathering up the greatest number of cans, etc., which will be received at the Opera House, and for places showing the greatest improvement during Clean-Up Week.

The city is to be organized by streets. A lady will be appointed to look after the work along these divisions, and to secure the co-operation of every one on these streets.

Every citizen of Aiken is invited to join in this work, and make the week of Oct. 25th-30th a great Clean-Up Week.

PROGRAM

The 36th Annual meeting of the Aiken Baptist Association will convene with Matlock church on Thursday, Oct. 14th, at 10:00 o'clock.

Devotional Service, Rev. B. M. Foreman.

Enrollment of Delegates.

Election of Officers, appointment of Committees and unfinished business.

Associational Sermon, Dr. Walter N. Johnson.

Education, Dr. P. J. McLean.

Womans Work, Rev. J. H. Owens.

Baptist Literature, Bro. G. E. Owens.

Adjourn for Dinner.

Devotional Service, Bro. J. S. Head.

State, Home and Foreign Missions, Rev. B. M. Foreman.

Laymens Work, Prof. S. H. Moody.

Report of Executive Committee, Rev. Geo. L. Mullis.

New Business and Adjournment.

Friday, Oct. 15

Devotional Service, Rev. O. E. Tebow.

Sunday Schools, Hon. Geo. R. Webb.

The Unified Program, Rev. Geo. L. Mullis.

Hospital, Orphanage and Aged Ministers, Rev. O. E. Tebow.

Public Morals, Rev. B. M. Foreman.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

Dr. M. J. Quattlebaum, Moderator.

E. E. Woodward, Clerk.

JACKSON CLUB MEETS

A large gathering attended the regular meeting of the Jackson agricultural club on Saturday, the Rev. B. M. Foreman, president, presiding, and J. M. McClain, secretary. The subject up for discussion was the planting of small grain, and Messrs. H. L. Lake, of Kathwood, and Hon. J. M. Cobb of Silvertown, opened the discussion, giving experiences and a number of excellent points on the subject. Hon. G. L. Toole, of the State warehouse, discussed the present farm situation, and strongly advised his members to hold the cotton on hand and plant no more until a better price prevailed. In this he seemed to be in accord with the whole club membership, and the establishment of a State warehouse on the plantation of the Rev. Barney M. Foreman, for the storing of at least 250 bales of cotton of his own and the neighboring planters was assured, and will be erected at once.

Mr. Toole also explained the warehouse system for storing oats, cotton, corn, peas, cotton seed and other non-perishable farm products to the satisfaction of those present. An excellent barbecue dinner was served the gathering following the business session.

COUNTY PRODUCTION OF
COTTON

There were 19,898 bales of cotton ginned in Aiken County from the year of 1926 prior to Oct. 1st, 1926. It was ginned with 29,412 bales ginned in Oct. 1st, 1926. An estimate made by Sam S. Massey, special agent.

ENROLL! ENROLL!

The enrollment books for the approaching
city primary are now open and the voters of
the city are urged to enroll at once.

The book for Ward, No. 1, is located at
the office of Mr. J. W. Ashhurst, and book
for Ward, No. 2, is located at the store of Mr.
C. M. Bishop.

Get your name on the book at once.