

THOSE WHO GO AND COME

Mr. L. T. Washington of Stem, was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. E. B. Mangum, of Route 2, was in Oxford a few hours Thursday.

Mrs. J. T. McDonough is visiting relatives in Oxford this week.

Mr. J. W. Morton, of Route 4, was a caller at the Public Ledger office Tuesday.

Mr. C. L. Bowling, of Tar River, was a pleasant visitor to the Public Ledger office Thursday.

Mr. Will Tyer has accepted a responsible position with the G. R. Garrett Tobacco Company, Rocky Mount.

Dr. and Mrs. Richards, of New York City, are spending some time in Stovall. Dr. Richards is a noted eye specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dickerson are expected to arrive from New York City next week to spend the winter at their home near Stovall.

The many friends of Mr. Lindsay Taylor will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from a dangerous operation performed at a Richmond hospital this week.

Keep Warm
If you want a nice overcoat, read the ad of the Long Company on the last page of this paper.

ATTENDS SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Miss Hettie N. Lyon, of Oxford, is in Spartanburg attending the Southern Sociological Congress which will hold an extension conference from November 12th through the 17th. She is having the pleasure of hearing the following celebrities: Dr. B. W. Brown, of Washington, D. C., who won quite a fine record on fine work done in New York fighting infantile paralysis. Dr. Brown is inspector of United States survey of sanitation. Dr. Joseph Bloodgood, surgeon of Johns Hopkins Hospital, was heard with interest on "The prevention and cure of cancer." Dr. J. E. McCulloch, general secretary of S. S. congress, of Nashville, on preventative medicine and "Individual relation to public health." Prof. J. P. Faulkner on "Religion of public health."

A feature of the Conference is the splendid exhibit, the most complete and comprehensive along the lines of public health and social welfare that has ever been shown in the South. The exhibit includes the latest data regarding public health, housing, child welfare, temperance, and the entire exhibit of the State Department of Foods and Drugs and the State Anti-tuberculosis exhibit.

Other speakers are Miss Brown on Y. W. C. T. U. Dr. Reid on "Physical Efficiency Test," Miss Vestal on Red Cross Work, Community Betterment, etc., and Dr. Grimm at the head of United States Pellagaria Hospital of Spartanburg.

THE COAL SITUATION

There is a Real Shortage As Compared to Demand

WASHINGTON—On the threshold of winter, American cities are facing a shortage in their coal supply. This shortage is not merely local, although it has made itself most felt in certain cities on the Atlantic seaboard. It is, however, a national matter, extending from coast to coast. It is a matter which, if really serious at all, is serious for everybody.

The leading cause of the shortage, as soon appears on a careful examination of the situation, is not so much a lack of transportation facilities as a greatly increased demand. Like most other things, good and bad that have affected this country in the last two years, the big demand for coal rises from the war. War industries need coal, and they can afford to pay for it. Speaking within reason, they don't care what they pay for it. They know that the season for reaping big profits from their product is necessarily limited, and they are not going to allow a lack of coal to cut down their output. They can afford to outbid any of the usual coal-consumers in the open market.

So many complaints have gone up about a coal shortage that the Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered an investigation, which began last week at Louisville. The American Railway Association's figures showed a shortage of 20,000 cars on the first of October. The mine operators are not inclined to blame the railroads for this as much as the Federal legislation to regulate railroad earnings, which has reduced the margin of profit to a point where the roads cannot spend enough on new equipment, according to some critics. At any rate, the coal shortage is a factor in the coal situation second in importance only to the increase in demand.

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Moriah News Items

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Miss Mabel Cothran passed through Moriah en route to her school at Tar River Monday.

The people of Bethany Missionary Baptist church are preparing an interesting program to be re-nred in the church Christmas.

Mrs. Easley Williford and son, Percy, returned home last Friday from a visit to their grand-fathers' Mr. J. C. Clayton.

Ben Ramsey, colored, fell Sunday and claims he broke three ribs. Dr. Gentry attended him.

Little Margaret Togleman who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. D. M. Cash, returned to her home a few days ago.



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Religion Ain't Free
A colored preacher once preached on the theme "Salvation am free." and, after delivering a powerful sermon, he began to take up a collection for his own salary. One of the deacons got up and protested and reminded the preacher that he had just said that religion was free and now that he was trying to make them pay for it. The old preacher replied: "I'm sorry you makes it incumbent on me to 'spose your ignorance before this'er congregation; my brother, religion am free just like water in the river am free. You can go down and drink yourself full and it won't cost you a cent, but if you has ther same water piped into your house, you has to pay for it. It's the same way with religion—you can go out doors and drink in all the religion you want, but when you comes in dis church and has me pipe it into you, you have to pay for it. Put something in the basket, brother; put something in the basket."

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