



Thirteen Sheriff's Deputies Sworn In Tuesday

Here are the county's 13 deputies named by Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson as they were sworn in Tuesday in the court room at Laurens by Clerk of Court Walter E. Dunlap, shown at right. Front row: Sheriff Johnson, Leroy Keeble, Sam Reid, Wilbur Traynham,

James Stevens, Harmon G. Murrah, and Joe Jones. Back Row: Ted Ward, W. P. Dagnall, Wilton Cooper (partly hidden), W. C. Cole, C. D. Benjamin, Jr., (behind hand), W. D. Burns, Wallace Abercrombie.—Photo by Dan Yarborough.

PC And Wofford To Meet Saturday

The Presbyterian College basketball team will be seeking its first win of the 1960-61 season when the Hosemen journey to Wofford for another Little Four cage battle this Saturday night. Wofford won an earlier engagement with PC, 80 to 74, in last week's Spindale, N. C., Rotary tournament, but it did not count in the Little Four league standings.

The Blue Hose did drop an official conference clash, however, when they entertained Newberry here on Tuesday night. Newberry caught fire to win handily by a 77 to 60 margin as forward Carl Short poured in 39 points.

PC forward Joe Harvard led his team with 17 points for the night.

Murdock With Mutual Of Omaha

Durward Murdock has been appointed Laurens County agent for Mutual of Omaha, a benefit health and accident association, of Omaha, Nebraska. He will also represent United of Omaha, a life insurance company.

For the present, Mr. Murdock states that he will maintain an office at his home, 208 Phillips Street.

He was formerly employed by Belk's Dept. Store in Clinton for more than 15 years and was with Belk's in Dillon for five years previous to moving to Clinton in 1945.

Sheriff Names His Force Of Deputies

Laurens County's new Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson, who succeeded Sheriff Caldwell W. Wier, was sworn into office Tuesday afternoon by Clerk of Court Walter E. Dunlap.

Johnson, in selecting his force of 13 deputy sheriffs, named five from the force of Sheriff Wier and eight new men.

Those with previous service are: Leroy Keeble of Laurens, chief deputy; Wallace D. Abercrombie of Gray Court; W. D. Burns of RFD 2, Laurens; Wilton Cooper of Laurens; and Sam Reid of Laurens.

New men are: C. D. Benjamin, Jr., of RFD 1, Clinton; W. C. Cole of RFD, Laurens; W. P. Dagnall of Laurens; Joe Jones of

RFD, Gray Court; Harmon G. Murrah, Jr., of Joanna; James Stevens of RFD, Laurens; Wilbur Traynham of RFD 3, Laurens; and Ted Ward of Clinton.

Murrah will serve as deputy during the day, and Cooper, who has been serving as night office deputy for only a short while, will continue in that post, Johnson said. The other 11 men will be occupied with patrolling duties.

Sheriff Johnson has served as magistrate of Hunter Township for 14 years. He is a combat veteran of World War II and has completed 19 years of National Guard service. He is a farmer and livestock producer of the Cole of RFD, Laurens; W. P. Hopewell community in lower Laurens County.

companions turned around and headed back in the opposite direction.

Paul Riddle testified that they saw the wrecked car but did not investigate "to see if anyone was hurt" and went on to a home a quarter mile from the scene of the accident and reported it to

Laurens City police.

Sheriff Wier asked the youths if they had any particular reason for throwing firecrackers at the Cooks' home and replied that they were throwing the fireworks into the yards of their school classmates. The Cooks' daughter attended the same school as the

youths, according to their statement.

HERE FOR FUNERAL
Major Ned S. Hays, of London, England, was called here this week because of the death of his father, Dr. S. C. Hays. Also here were Mrs. H. E. Denzler, of New Orleans, La.;

Billy Owens, of Atlanta, Ga.; L. T. E. Turner, Jr., of Dover, N. J.; Mrs. T. E. Turner, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, of Macon, Ga.; Mrs. W. R. Smith, of Gray, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn, of Spartanburg.

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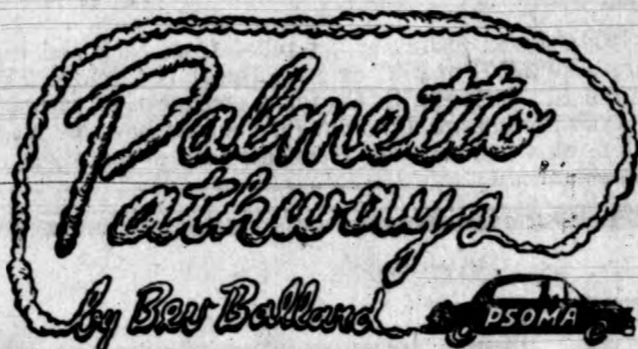
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Under skies almost continually emblazoned by the rays of sunshine on the rolling countryside, these events begin an January and continue through February and March.

The polo games are played on Sunday afternoons and the races are held on well-publicized dates. For specific information, one might contact Audley H. Ward, executive secretary of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce.

A recreational center for the Southland and known as the "sports center of the South," Aiken attracts thousands of tourists with its year-round climate averaging 64 degrees. Aiken provides steeplechases, drag-hunts, and other horse racing. There are also plenty of golf courses for visiting duffers.

Most of the sports activities in closely with Augusta, golfing capital of the Southeast and home of the famous Masters Tournament, to which a select list of the world's greatest golfers are invited every spring.

Polo was first brought to Aiken before the turn of the century by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hitchcock. The Hitchcocks were ardent horse lovers. They found that the fine terrain, sandy roads and mild climate of Aiken were ideal for fox hunting during winter, as well as for conditioning horses for the spring races. So they opened up a winter home on a 1,200-acre wooded area, which later became known as Hitchcock Park.

Soon, sportsmen from many other states followed the Hitchcocks' example, and Aiken shortly became one of the most famous winter colonies in this country. Among the more celebrated horse enthusiasts visiting Aiken are Crooner Bing Crosby and his family.

President Eisenhower has spent much time visiting in the Aiken-Augusta area and participating in its sport life.

One of the more prominent sports in the Aiken program is the exciting flat racing. Two tracks are kept in excellent condition during the late winter and early spring for the training of racing thoroughbreds.

Some of the finest racing horses in America have trained on these tracks before going on to win hundreds of thousands of dollars for their owners. The flat tracks, excellent temperature and unfiltered air do much to produce some of the finest horseflesh in the country. Tom Fool, 1953 "Horse of the Year," spent much of his training time in Aiken.

Probably one of the most colorful of the Aiken sporting events is the Drag Hunt. This is a replica of the old type of fox hunt, accompanied by all the thrills and ceremonies so well known in

England and on the continent of Europe.

The official opening of the season was Thanksgiving Day, but the excitement continues as the attendant crowds with horses and buggies pursue the gaily garbed riders at a more leisurely pace.

So, why don't you include a trip to Aiken in your plans this winter. More information may be obtained from your service station and Chamber of Commerce representatives.

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Coroner's Jury Rules Cook Death Due To Accident

Laurens—A coroner's jury Saturday found that Robert E. Cook, 39, came to his death as a result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Cook was killed early Christmas morning when his late model Thunderbird overturned into a small creek five miles east of Gray Court and about four miles from his home.

A large number of spectators attended the inquest conducted by Coroner Marshall Pressley in Laurens County Courthouse.

Deputy Wilton Cooper, first of six witnesses to testify, said that he arrived at the wreck scene about 2:15 a. m. and that the pajama-clad victim was inside the car and apparently dead.

Highway Patrolman J. L. Collins testified that he also went to the site on the Wallace Lodge Road. He said there was ice on the road at the sharp curve where the accident occurred.

Three teen-age boys testified that they and two other youths had driven by several houses in the neighborhood throwing out firecrackers shortly before the fatal accident.

Paul Riddle, 16, said he was driver of the car in which the five youths were riding. He named the others as Joe Riddle, 13; David Riddle, 9; Ernest Duckworth, 16, and Gerald Duckworth, 15.

Paul Riddle testified that he and his companions had been by the Cook home three times and had thrown possibly 8 or 10 cherry bombs into the yard.

The youth testified that after leaving the Cook home the third time he saw car lights behind and thought that it might be Mr. Cook following them. He said he was driving about 35 miles an hour at that time but increased his speed after seeing the lights.

The Riddle youth said that they continued down the road until they could not see the lights behind them and then turned around and headed in the opposite direction.

Another one of the youths, Gerald Duckworth, testified that he was in the front seat. "We were on our way to Frank Bobo's and noticed a car following us. When it topped the hill and turned the same way we did we speeded up."

Duckworth further testified that when the lights of the following car went out he and his



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