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AND PERSONAL

A pleasant call Saturday afternoon by Mrs. L. Andrea, of the Blaney school is making mark. The school spirit in this fine and good work is

McLeod, accompanied by T. C. McLeod, of Remington, to Camden Saturday.

be a box party at Cent Grove school, near Casey night, October 27. This is a social event.

ones, of Longtown, was Camden Wednesday. Mr. number of friends here are pleased to see him.

son, Frank Sowell, Walter Rhome, John Ernest Sheehy, Clemson Camden, spent the home.

Davidson, who is locating, visited his mother last week. Miss Margaret Davidson, of Manning, was a

Hay, of Columbia, is on, Mr. W. O. Hay.

pleasant visit this morning. T. H. Coker, of Hartsville, editor of the Hartsville News, was accompanied by H. McLeod, an attorney, and T. H. King, a business man of that city.

West, of the Timrod section, Columbia, Friday to attend at a hospital there. Friends hope that he will be able to return

Sinclair, one of the Lee county chain gang, recently filled a similar position in this county, Saturday and paid us a visit. Mr. Sinclair says that some prisoners of the Lee county gang remain in the county. It has been since there was an escape.

ones, prominent member of Liberty Hill, was a visitor to

ful Social Event. A delightful social event was the entertainment at the charming home of Mrs. H. McLeod on Tuesday evening. The Rebeccas of the Lytleton church. Members of the Lytleton church were guests of Mrs. Ida Kibble conduct services, and she was assisted by Mrs. J. W. Several piano selections were read a piece. There were musical selections as the chief feature was the "Scriptures" introduced by Mr. This proved a very interesting feature of the evening's program. There were quite a large number of people for they all know Mrs. H. McLeod in store for them as hostess. Fruit was served during

eting Saturday. The county Teachers Association first meeting of several years on Saturday. C. Foster, of Bethune, the efficient and to serve for an hour was succeeded by Mrs. H. McLeod, of the Blaney school. Mrs. H. McLeod, of the Blaney school, was elected Prof. W. B. Stevenson school, was elected

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THE STATE HOSPITAL

A Splendid Work is Being Done for The State's Wards.

The editor of The Messenger, with Col. J. M. Witsell, of Walterboro, who are members of the State Welfare Board, made a trip of inspection to the State hospital for the mentally diseased, on Friday of last week. The inspection was about as thorough as could be well made in a day. Dr. C. Fred Williams, the superintendent, started out with us and gave us as much of his time as he possibly could do, when Dr. E. L. Horger, a member of the medical staff, accompanied us. There are now more than 2,700 inmates, or to be more exact, 2,771 inmates in the hospital. The whites are something in the majority. Unfortunately the number appears to increase from year to year, and were it not for the fact that about fifty each month are paroled it would be impossible to find room for them all unless much larger quarters were provided. South Carolina, if we mistake not, has the distinction of being the first State in the union to erect an insane asylum. The building which was first erected for this purpose will be one hundred years old in 1928. It is still standing and in a very good state of preservation, and will be kept intact as it should be. Something like forty acres of land is embraced in the plant at Columbia, while out at State Park there are several hundreds of acres. All the inmates at State Park are colored, and also a number in the plant at Columbia are colored. New buildings are being completed at State Park, each fire proof, which does not apply to each of the buildings in the city, but every precaution has been taken to prevent a fire, and to care for the patients in the event that one should occur.

The work is splendidly systematized, and everything goes on like clock work. We went into every ward, into the laundry, kitchens, cold storage, in the dairies, over the yards and saw just how every department was looked after. We could but think of the wonderful work our great State is doing for its unfortunate wards and the deep sympathy and interest displayed by Dr. Williams, the superintendent. The work there was something of a revelation to us and we were glad to have an opportunity to make this personal inspection that we might have at least some first hand information as to the care of the mentally diseased. It was the first time that we had come in contact with Dr. Williams, although we knew him by reputation. He is an exceptionally fine man, and South Carolina is fortunate indeed in having just such a man at the head of this important institution. Dr. Horger is also a very fine man, and the committee feels indebted to each of them for the interest and courtesy shown them by Dr. Williams and Dr. Horger.

It is the ultimate intention of the management to separate the races using the State Park exclusively for colored patients and the original plant for the white patients. As a matter of fact they are now separated of course. Separate quarters are provided for tuberculosis patients and for the various types of inmates.

We could say much more of what we saw with reference to the State hospital, but time and space forbids. However, we will add that South Carolina has been liberal in its appropriations, but not too liberal, for this institution, and much larger sums could be used if available without waste but to quite an advantage. A good work is being done by the state for the mentally diseased, who are wards of the state, and finally all of the buildings and equipment necessary will be furnished so that there will not be such a crowded condition.

Building Brick Residences.

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Operated on for Appendicitis

Sam Davis, Jr., 13, son of Mr. Sam Davis, Sr., of Bethune, was brought to the Camden hospital Saturday and operated on for appendicitis. The lad is getting along nicely, and if no complications arise he will be able to return home next week. He is a bright boy and his friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

Interesting Items Gathered by Our Correspondent

Liberty Hill, Oct. 24.—Mr. Editor: We are now having some of the most ideal weather, clear skies and bright sunshine, just cool enough for indoor comfort and fine for open air exercise and work.

Planting oats is now in order. Some of our farmers have already commenced and others will probably do so this week.

Messrs. Mackey, Jones & Co's. grain was kept right busy the latter part of last week, but the season's crop yield is much smaller than last year, and nearly all of it has been ginned.

Our little village was well represented at the State Fair. We think the greater part of our citizens went, many on Thursday to see the football game and quite a number besides the entire school, faculty, students and trustees, in interest of School Day. The weather being fine and the roads good we think they enjoyed the outings. Your reporter put in a few hours rambling about in the fair grounds on Friday. We saw some mighty big hogs, a large and varied assortment of chickens and other fowls, the "fat woman," the "Old Plantation" and a great assortment of nice agricultural products including some especially fine individual and community displays. The Lugoff booth was tastefully and artistically arranged and seemed to contain every product that could be used or thought of. It is encouraging to see what can be, and is being, done right here in our own county. Who ever is responsible for the Lugoff display certainly is deserving of much credit for their splendid accumulation of their section's products and possibilities along agricultural lines.

Mr. F. B. Floyd, who has been sawing lumber near Heath Springs for some time, has recently moved his mill on Ms. C. D. Cunningham's place near here.

Mr. C. C. Stroupe, popular lineman for the Southern Power Co., has recently bought a new Chevrolet coach.

Miss Callie Jones, popular member of the Columbia school faculty, spent the week end at home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones.

Mr. J. W. Thompson, of Charleston, popular traveling salesman, spent several days here with his brother, Magistrate L. P. Thompson, at the old home.

Mr. E. J. Cunningham, in business in Spartanburg, is spending a few days at the old home here with his brother, Postmaster C. D. Cunningham.

Miss Carolyn Drennan, Chicora College student, came home to spend the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Drennan.

No. While at the Fair last week we did not ride on the Ferris Wheel, nor the Merry-go-round, nor throw balls at the Doll Babies.

We thank Mrs. A. C. Cureton for a sample of her fine late tomato crop. The one sent us weighed nine ounces and was smooth and of fine shape.

Has New Manager.

Schlossburg's 5, 10 and 25c store has a new manager. Mr. C. A. Price, of Laurence, who has had considerable experience in this line is now the manager. He has as his assistant manager, Mr. G. H. Whitlock, of Darlington, who is also an experienced man. The attractive window displays they are making indicates that they know how to handle this line of trade. They give evidence of being energetic and capable young men, and we cordially welcome them to our city.

Schlossburg's Big Sale

When Schlossburg's department stores put on a sale it really means something for the buying public. They put on a sale beginning Friday and Saturday it was noised abroad that a sale was going on at Schlossburg's and the store was crowded with customers. The sale is still going on, and if you want to save money on your purchases do not delay making a visit to this well known and popular store, for the goods are there and the prices have been slashed. Read their page advertisement in this week's issue of the Messenger, but do not conclude that just the articles advertised are all they are offering you, for there are many more items that will interest you.

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY

Sheriff McLeod Loses His Mother

Mrs. Susan Catherine McLeod, wife of L. H. McLeod, of the St. Paul section of West Wateree, passed away suddenly Saturday morning. Mrs. McLeod accompanied her son, Sheriff J. H. McLeod, to Columbia Thursday to visit the State fair. She returned home Friday. Saturday morning Mrs. McLeod appeared to be about as well as usual, and went out into the lot and milked her cow. Returning to the house she was discovered prostrate upon the floor by a grand-child, who immediately called Mr. McLeod in. A physician was immediately summoned, but it was too late for life was extinct. Mrs. McLeod was born in March, 1859, and was therefore in the 68th year of her age. In January 1888 she was married to Mr. L. H. McLeod, and to this union seven children were born, six of whom with her husband survive. The children surviving are J. H. McLeod, sheriff of Kershaw county, D. G. McLeod, of West Wateree, Mrs. W. P. Trotter, of Columbia; Miss Gertrude McLeod, a trained nurse at Linwood hospital, Augusta, Ga., L. D. McLeod, of Great Falls, T. A. McLeod, of Ellerbe, N. C. Each of the children reached home in time to attend the funeral services, which were held at St. Paul's church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and which were attended by one of the largest gatherings ever witnessed at St. Paul, and the floral tributes were many and lovely, all attesting the esteem in which this good woman was held. Before her marriage she was Miss Susan McCaskill. No one was better known in her community than was Mrs. McLeod, and she was greatly loved for her many acts of kindness. Always ready and willing to be of service, she drew around her many warm friends who are sincerely bereaved at her sudden passing away. The bereaved husband and children have the sincere sympathy of every one in their sorrow.

Graduating Exercises.

Graduating exercises for the nurses will be held Wednesday evening at the school auditorium at eight o'clock. There are two nurses to graduate from the Camden Hospital at that time, Miss Margaret Scotta Thorne and Miss Ola Rose Gregory. Rev. A. D. McArn preached to the graduating class Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church.

Services Sunday Afternoon.

Preaching services, in charge of Rev. T. P. Christmas and Rev. W. B. Whaley, recently ordained Baptist ministers, were held in the hall at the corner of Broad and Rutledge streets Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. We understand that it is the intention of the consecrated young men to have services every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in this hall.

Fifth District Meeting of Teachers

Plans are fast approaching perfection for the first district teacher conference ever held in the Fifth Congressional District as a project of the program of work. Indications are now that this first conference will be met with a record of attendance. There are 1200 teachers in this district and fully 700 are expected here for the conference Friday evening, October 28th, and Saturday, October 29th.

The feature of the entire program will be the appearance of Dr. James S. Tippet of Columbia University who will appear on the program four times. A letter just received from the officials of the Laurens District meeting states that he was the outstanding attraction of that meeting and sent the teachers away with a new determination and new vision of the teaching profession.

The following is a statement about Dr. James S. Tippet of Columbia University who will appear four times on the program on the Fifth Congressional District Teacher's program in Chester on October 28 and 29th.

Dr. James S. Tippet is officially connected with the Elementary Department of the Lincoln School, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. He was formerly connected with the Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. He has made a specialty of elementary school work and is very popular as a lecturer and demonstrator of modern tendencies in class room procedures. He is an outstanding authority on what is known as informal school work.

BLANEY NEWS

Special to the Messenger.

Blaney, October 22.—Mrs. C. S. Andrea has as her guests this week her mother, Mrs. Victoria Smith, Mrs. Enis Smith and little daughter, Betty Lee and Mrs. Fred Ashmore and little daughter, Mary Frances all of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ross and children, of New Brookland, spent last week end with relatives in Blaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doar, of Georgetown, visited their daughter, Miss Virginia Doar this week.

Mrs. L. H. Patterson of Savannah, Ga., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Evans.

Oscar Ross and George Motley left Saturday for Jacksonville where they will enter school.

Miss Mildred Evans had as her guests this week Misses Whaley and Ruby Kelly of Columbia.

Mr. Jesse T. Ross was in Charleston on business this week.

Mrs. J. F. Eddleman and Mrs. J. F. Kelly and little son, Luther, of Columbia, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr and Mrs. A. K. Rose.

Mrs. Hasford Jones and children of Columbia, have been the guests of her sister, Mrs. Nettie Harrelson.

The senior class of the high school held a class meeting and elected the following officers: President, Edward Maddox; Vice president, Sarah Dinkins; Secretary, Lelye Rose; Historian, Josephine Thornton; Class Committee, Cleyle Rose, Edna Shell and Mildred Evans.

The School Improvement Association will meet Tuesday evening in the school auditorium at 7:45 o'clock. A demonstration school will be the feature of the meeting.

All of the teachers attended the Kershaw County Teachers' Association in Camden Saturday. Each teacher in the school is a member of the local, county, state and national association.

Miss Jean Starnes spent the week end in Ridgeway with her mother.

Mrs. D. W. Traxler and little daughter, Margie, have returned from a long visit with relatives in Branchville.

Mrs. E. H. Bowen has returned from a visit to Hawthorne, Fla.

Mrs. J. W. Garrison and daughter, Carolyn, of Seno, Ga., have returned home after a visit to her father T. P. Shell.

Practical Kershaw Citizen Dies.

Mr. E. V. Truesdale, prominent merchant and a former postmaster at Kershaw, died at his home there Friday morning. Mr. Truesdale had been in poor health for some time but his death was rather unexpected. He is survived by his widow and seven children. The funeral services were held from his home Saturday morning and were conducted by Rev. G. W. Davis, of the Methodist church.

Catoe-Taylor

Miss Molly Catoe of Mt. Pisgah section and Mr. Paul Taylor of Kershaw were married at the Baptist parsonage at Westville last Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. E. Blackmon.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Catoe and the groom is the son of Mr. Leavy Taylor. They will make their home in Kershaw. Their many friends wish for them much happiness.

Services at the Wateree Baptist Church

A fine congregation was in attendance upon the services at the Wateree Baptist church Sunday morning. Mr. Kendall, president of the mill, and Mr. A. Stanley Lewllyn, superintendent, were among those who worshipped with this congregation Sunday morning. There was also a fine attendance at the Beaver Dam Baptist church Sunday afternoon, of which Dr. T. L. Willingham is also pastor. Next Sunday morning he will use as his subject, "The Lord's Supper," and at the evening hour his subject will be, "Changing a Shadow for a Substance."

A Correction.

In the monthly report of the County Board of Directors, published last week, this item appeared: "H. G. Carrison, Jr., 75 bushels oats, \$75.00." It should have been "100 bushels oats \$75.00." The claim on record in the office of the directors shows the correct amount and the correction is made in justice to Mr. Carrison who always watches carefully the expenditures made for the county and no such overcharge would have been permitted by him.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham

Mr. and Mrs. Pursley on Hampton Street entertained with a merry day party for Master Billy, who was nine years old Friday. The decorations were yellow and black. Half a dozen games were played and twenty-four children were made very happy. Delicious refreshments were served. Out of town guests were Master L. D. Broom and sister Hel from DeKalb.

P. T. A. News

An enthusiastic meeting of the Camden Parent Teacher's Association the first of the season, was held at the School Auditorium last Thursday. Mr. Heyman presided and plans for the winter were discussed. It was decided to hold the next meeting the second Monday in November. A committee was appointed to arrange a tea in honor of the new teachers. This committee met on Monday and perfected plans for this event, which will take place on the 31st, Halloween, at 4:30 in the afternoon. The tea will be held at the residence of Mrs. R. B. Pitts and every member of the Association is urged to be present and give a hearty welcome to the new teachers who have come to us this year, and also to greet again those who are beginning their work anew.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. Lewllyn attended church in the Wateree Mill village Sunday. This is Mrs. Kendall's first visit to Camden and she received a warm welcome.

The Kershaw Baptist Association

The Kershaw Baptist Association will meet with Pisgah Baptist church October 27-28. Visitors coming by rail should stop at Camden, where they will be met by C. O. Stogner, of Bethune, if he is notified in time. On the first day reports will be made on Missions, Benevolence, Religious Literature and W. M. U. work. On the second day reports will be made on Education, Cooperative Program, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. and Colportage, and Public Morals.

Benefit Card Party.

In order to raise their contribution for the J. Marion Sims Memorial, the Auxiliary to the Kershaw County Medical Association will give a benefit Card Party at the home of Mrs. J. W. Corbett Friday, 28th of Oct., beginning at 4 o'clock. The Memorial is something all of South Carolina is interested in and all the ladies are invited to play at \$2.00 per table. Those not wishing to play are asked to tea at 5:30 o'clock for 25 cents. Remember the date and phone table reservations to Mrs. A. W. Humphries, phone No. 40.

A dance was given for the nurses of the Camden Hospital Friday evening at the Crescent Lake Club, which was a very enjoyable occasion. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Religious Notice

There will be preaching services every Sunday afternoon in the hall over Whitaker's dry goods store, corner Broad and Rutledge streets, by local preachers. Dr. T. L. Willingham will preach for us next Sunday, October 30th, at 3:00 P. M. This service is for men only.

Rev. W. B. Whaley preached at the hall Sunday afternoon last using as his subject, "Walking With God."

T. P. Christmas, Committee.

Court Convened Yesterday

Court of general sessions for Kershaw county convened Monday morning with Judge Rice, of Aiken, presiding. The following cases were heard on the first day:

Richard Boyd, transporting liquor. Guilty.

George Cunningham plead guilty to violation of prohibition law.

H. L. Ellisor plead guilty to having whiskey in his possession.

Gordon Watts and Wallace Jackson, violation prohibition law. Nol pros as to Watts. Jackson plead guilty.

Essex Reid and Richard Boyd, violation of prohibition law. Nol pros as to Reid. Boyd found not guilty.

Boots Stark, charged with house-breaking and larceny, entered a plea of guilty of privily stealing from a dwelling house and was given a sentence of six months on the chain gang.

Sentences were not passed upon the cases heard Monday.