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Camden to Celebrate 200th Anniversary

Camden's two hundredth birthday will be celebrated in a mammoth and spectacular way on March 19th to 25th. This Bi-Centennial Celebration will attract thousands of visitors, for every day during the week will be events that will be worth traveling hundreds of miles to see. The celebration will also be a Home Coming Week and invitations will be sent to every one who has ever lived here.

No town has ever been more fortunate in having so many State-wide attractions available during such an historic celebration. Mayor R. M. Kennedy, Jr., is general chairman of the Bi-Centennial, and he will not leave anything undone to make this historical event a grand success in every way.

The tentative programme that is being worked out, calls for a big polo game on Sunday afternoon, March 19th. The name of the visiting team will be announced later. Camden now has some very fast polo players here among them being Gerald Balding formerly a member of the British International team, and some very fast polo will be witnessed during the week.

On Monday will see the planting of memorial trees all over the town and parks. On Monday afternoon the beautiful estates of Camden will throw open wide their gates to visitors. Camden is famous for its beautiful estates and gardens. Also on Monday afternoon there will be a big golf tournament and some very fast players from all parts of the country will enter, and many handsome prizes will be awarded.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be the 28th annual Horse Show. This event always attracts visitors not only from all parts of South Carolina but from nearby and Northern States as well. Camden already has many fine horses here and others are expected to arrive at the tourist season progresses. There will be many horses sent here especially for this event from Northern states, and all parts of South Carolina, as well as Charlotte, Asheville, Tryon, Augusta, Pinehurst and Atlanta.

On Thursday will be another big polo match and the name of the visiting team will be announced later.

On Friday will witness a spectacular and beautiful historical pageant under the direction of Mrs. Donald Morrison. All events in Camden's history will be given, dating back from the Indian and log cabin days up to the present moment. A similar pageant was held here about five years ago which is still being praised by every one who saw it. This pageant will take place on the golf course in front of the Kirkwood hotel.

On Saturday, the Carolina Cup will be raced for over the historic Hawthorne race course. This race is run annually in Camden and from 20,000 to 25,000 visitors are expected to witness it this year. Some of the finest steeple chase horses in America will enter this race. The winners of the last two Carolina Cup races in Camden have been entered in the Grand National Steeple Chase Races on the famous Ais Tree Course near Liverpool. This will be the first big Spring Steeplechase event in America and visitors from as far as Canada are expected here for it, and it will be witnessed by the largest crowd ever to see a sports event in South Carolina.

The central committee for handling the Bi-Centennial Celebration will be headed by R. M. Kennedy, Jr. general chairman, and he will be assisted by Harry D. Kirkover, Stanley Llewellyn, Sam Karesh, H. G. Carrison, Jr., Samuel Russell, John K. de Loach, Dr. John W. Corbett and David R. Williams.

The Music Committee, Clifton McKain, chairman, and he will name his assistants later. Besides brass bands and orchestras for the celebration, there will be the singing of Spirituals.

Welcoming and Invitation Committee, Dr. John W. Corbett and Stanley Llewellyn.

Housing Committee, John K. de Loach, chairman.

General Publicity, Thomas Anrum, chairman.

C. J. Shannon, Sr. Dies at Age of 87

Camden lost one of its most worthy and venerable citizens in the death of Mr. Charles J. Shannon, Sr. which occurred at his home on Mackey Street at 2 o'clock Friday morning after a lingering illness. Mr. Shannon was 87 years of age and the last surviving son of the late Col. William M. Shannon and Henrietta McWille Shannon and was one of a family of 18 children.

Mr. Shannon was long connected with the postoffice here. He first served as assistant postmaster to Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw, and then filled out his unexpired term by appointment through President Grover Cleveland. He also served as postmaster during the Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson administrations. He resigned the postmastership May 16 1920.

Mr. Shannon was descended from a long line of distinguished ancestors and was greatly beloved by everyone for his kind, courteous and gentle manner. He had many warm friends who are deeply saddened at his passing.

At the early age of 16 he enlisted in the Confederate army in April 1863 and served until April 1865 as a member of Company A, Second South Carolina cavalry.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Mary Kershaw, daughter of Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw, and the following sons and daughters: J. Kershaw Shannon, W. M. Shannon Camden; Mrs. A. S. Heyward, Yemassee; Mrs. Harriet S. Steedman Camden; Randolph Shannon, Jefferson; Mrs. J. S. Blackwell, Camden; Mrs. C. Guy Gunter, Greenville; Mrs. F. W. Lachicotte, Charlotte, and Charles J. Shannon, 3rd, Savannah Ga. Sisters surviving are Mrs. William E. Johnson and Mrs. Ida Heath Camden, and Mrs. W. D. Boykin Sumter.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from Grace Episcopal church, with six grandsons, Charles H. Zemp, James DeLoache, Shannon Blackwell, David Blackwell, Joe Shannon and William E. DeLoache, as active pallbearers.

Band Boys—Attention!

Because the most of the members of the band live in Wateree, we shall meet there all the time from now on. We shall have a rehearsal on Thursday night at 7:30 P. M. Let all the members and prospect members take notice and be on hand.

F. Newell Wimberly, Director.

Chicago police have arrested three youths who confessed a series of burglaries, using a baby buggy to cart away their loot, which included bananas, radios, women's clothing and tinned herring.

Special Publicity, John Lyman chairman.

Horse Show, Watson Pomeroy and Carroll Bassett.

Pageant, Mrs. Donald Morrison chairman.

Races, Harry D. Kirkover, chairman.

Balls and Dances, Mrs. W. L. Wright, chairman.

Street Dance, H. B. Kennedy chairman.

Garden and Tree Planting, Mrs. Fannie Fletcher, chairman.

Finances, S. W. VanLandingham chairman.

Transportation, W. R. DeLoache Decorations, Sam Karesh, chairman.

Besides the events already listed at night time there will be Colonial Balls, Street Dances, boxing and wrestling matches, and a large reception will be held on Friday night perhaps at the Kirkwood hotel.

Attractive invitations are being designed and they will be mailed to every person who has ever lived in Camden. Everyone is asked to mail or phone in names of former citizens to Mrs. Corbett Boykin at the City Clerk's office.

Camden and Charleston are the two most historic towns in South Carolina, and Camden is the oldest inland town.

Besides enjoying a national reputation as a historical center, Camden is also nationally known as a most delightful tourist town.

Maximum Time Is Given Zangara on Four Counts

Miami, Feb. 20—Giuseppe Zangara today was sentenced to 80 years in prison for his attack February 15 on President-elect Roosevelt, Miss Margaret Kruse of Newark, N. J., Russell Caldwell of Coconut Grove, Fla., and William Sinnott, New York policeman.

He was sentenced to 20 years on each of the four charges which were attempts to murder, getting the maximum sentence in each case.

Zangara may yet be tried for murder. His pleas today did not cover the cases of Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago and Mrs. Joe H. Gill of Miami, who are fighting for their lives in a hospital here.

After the sentence was pronounced Zangara said:

"Judge, how much you give me?" Zangara held up his fingers—eight of them.

"Yes," said the judge.

"Oh, judge, don't be stingy! Four times twenty is eighty. Give me 2 hundred years."

He laughed as he was hastily led from the court by two deputies.

FAMILY ROW LEADS TO TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Sumter County Farmer Murders Aged Father and Young Cousin, and Commits Suicide to Avoid Arrest.

Sumter, S. C., Feb. 18.—A family row near here last night resulted in a double slaying, and today the killer committed suicide to avoid arrest.

After fatally wounding Tim C. Connell, his 70-year-old father, and Mrs. Annie Dixon Grooms, 25, a cousin, Ben Connell, 30-year-old Sumter county farmer, fled from his father's home where the shooting took place and fired a bullet through his own head.

The wound, however, was not fatal, and the younger Connell dripped a trail of blood to his home four miles away, where he crawled into bed. When officers, following the bloody trail, arrived to arrest him early today, he refused to obey their command to surrender and shot himself through the stomach with a shotgun, dying instantly.

J. L. Dollard and T. E. Kinney, officers who investigated the case, were advised by neighbors last night that Connell had killed his father and cousin.

They hurried to the scene and found the elder Connell's body slumped behind a barn, where he had fled with a bullet through his mouth and head.

Mrs. Grooms was found in the blood-streaked room where the shooting occurred. Dollard said she apparently ran up and down the tiny room before bleeding to death from wounds through her face and hand. Five shots were fired, Dollard said and three of them took effect.

Neighbors told the officers that shortly after the first shooting, they heard another pistol shot in a wood nearby. Investigating, the officers found part of the younger Connell's clothing, badly blood-stained, on a railroad track.

Handicapped by the dark in their search for the slayer, they made slow progress until dawn, when the trail of blood left by Connell led them to the house where he lived with his mother who had been separated from the elder Connell for some time.

They called to the slayer to come out. He refused and invited the officers in. They ordered him a second time to surrender, and his response was the discharge of the shot gun. Rushing in they found Connell with a gaping wound in his stomach. He gasped twice and died.

Dollard said the Connell family had been at odds for several years. The elder Connell lived with his sister and her two daughters, one of whom was Mrs. Grooms. Two years ago, the policeman said, Ben Connell struck his father with a stick of wood and broke the elder man's arm.

Before entering his father's home on his fatal mission yesterday neighbors said, Ben Connell called to the older man to "come out", that he wanted to "whip" him.

He was taken back to the Dade county jail.

Zangara was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to the four charges and after he had reiterated to the judge he was sorry his attempt on the life of President-elect Roosevelt was unsuccessful.

The most cheering news since they were shot came from the bed-sides of both Mayor Cermak and Mrs. Gill. Dr. Fredrick Tice, Chicago heart specialist, who arrived only this morning and went immediately into consultation with the attending physicians, said: "I believe we may look forward to the full recovery of the mayor." Mrs. Gill's husband said her recovery "is just as rapid as we could expect. Today's condition is very encouraging."

"The man is unquestionably sane," Judge Collins said as he left the bench when court recessed.

Disdaining any attempt to plead that he was insane when he walked up to the president-elect's car last Wednesday night and wounding five persons when his aim at Mr. Roosevelt was diverted by spectators, Zangara proudly insisted he was sane and told Judge Collins he could do what he wished in the case.

Taking the stand to relate how he conceived the idea to kill the President-elect, Zangara told the court "I suffer all time from my stomach. I no like the way capitalists take all money. When I read in paper the president come here I decide to kill him."

The assassin however, said he did not wish to shoot Mayor Cermak and the others.

He said he decided to kill Mr. Roosevelt "and make him suffer."

The four 20-year sentences meted out to Zangara are to run consecutively, giving him a total of 80 years in state's prison.

Cheap Crops Produced By Home-Mixing Of Fertilizers

It is necessary this year that we produce our crops as cheaply as possible and at the same time make as big yields as possible per acre. Farmers can save considerable by home mixing their fertilizers and at the same time probably make larger yields because they will be able to mix into fertilizer the proper ingredients and with proper amounts as required by the individual soil needs and individual crop needs.

In general, it may be recommended that much less acid be used on light or sandy soils than has been customary. In fact, where fair applications of acid were used last year or light sandy soil most of the acid may be omitted this year. However, in most cases it will be wise to reduce the acid to about 4 per cent instead of the customary 8 per cent. Or light sandy type soils the potash content of the fertilizer should be materially increased, and it will probably be found beneficial to use as high as 6 per cent potash or even more on soft lighter soils.

The situation is reversed in case of red or Piedmont type of soils where the acid should be maintained at about 7 per cent and the potash reduced possibly by one-half of the usual 4 per cent. These are blanket recommendations and should be fulectuated up or down according to the individual case. For detailed information on home mixing of fertilizers for various soils and crops it is suggested that our farmer secure a copy of Extension Circular No. 126 "Home-Mixing of Fertilizer" or get in touch with the county agent.

RELIEF COUNCIL OFFICE NOW AT COURT HOUSE

The office of the Kershaw County Relief Council which has been in the City Building on Rutledge Street has been moved to the second floor of the Court House.

The R. F. C. Monday made a new loan to South Carolina of \$2,101,015 to be used in relief work during March and April. Kershaw County has been allotted \$30,000 for March and \$25,000 for April, making a total of \$55,000 for the next two months.

Jurors Drawn For Common Pleas Court

The following jurors have been drawn for the March term of Civil Court, which will convene March 13th Judge E. C. Dennis, presiding:

- L. Lawrence Whitaker, City
- E. P. Truesdale, City
- T. B. Bruce, City
- J. M. Little, City
- Mendel L. Smith, Jr., City
- B. W. Marshall, City
- W. A. Marshall, City
- C. T. Swann, Camden Rt.
- J. A. Watts Camden
- N. C. Boykin, City
- M. L. Raley, Camden Rt.
- J. J. Tolbert, Camden
- B. W. Horton, Kershaw, Rt.
- T. L. Catoe, Kershaw, Rt.
- J. S. Vincent, Kershaw, Rt.
- Z. A. Catoe, Kershaw, Rt.
- N. C. Jones, Kershaw
- Boyd West, Kershaw, Rt.
- E. W. Croxton, Kershaw, Rt.
- Wm. Arthur Cauthern, Kershaw Rt.
- A. W. Willis, Kershaw, Rt.
- S. A. Jones, Kershaw
- G. C. Stover, Kershaw
- Walter Hunter, Kershaw
- H. C. Stokes, Cassatt, Rt.
- John Anderson, Cassatt
- S. D. Hilton, Bethune
- J. E. Davis, Bethune, Rt.
- J. R. Gordon, Westville
- D. D. Truesdale, Westville
- J. Wesley Boone, Westville
- L. B. Nelson, Blaney
- C. V. Hammond, Stoneboro
- John A. Ward, Lugoff
- L. I. Guion, Lugoff
- J. B. Smith, Liberty Hill.

CAMDEN HOSPITAL NEEDS AID TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES

In a statement to the Messenger yesterday, Dr. Jno. W. Corbett, President Board of Trustees of the Camden Hospital, said:

"It was reported at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Camden Hospital, there was at that time \$2,100 due in bills, with \$612.00 on hand to pay same. No receipts of an large amount is expected before April, and the receipts of current pay patients are very small."

The hospital has always been one of Camden's most valuable assets and during the present period of financial depression, it is more than ever necessary to maintain this institution.

CAMDEN TURNS OUT TO GREET TOBY COOK

Seven-year-old Toby Cook, the Georgia boy who is riding his four Georgia ponies from his home in Chula, Ga., to Washington, D. C., to see his friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as President, was a luncheon guest here Saturday.

City officials and a large crowd of people greeted the young horseman and wished him good luck on his 800-mile trip. The party left Camden at 1 o'clock, and hoped to bake Rockingham, N. C. by night, but due to rain, their progress was slow.

HEYWARD REYNOLDS KILLED BY NEGRO SATURDAY NIGHT

Heyward Reynolds, 30 year old farmer residing near Lugoff was shot and instantly killed, by Albert (Dad) Carlos at a party in Lugoff Saturday night. It is said that the negro was noisy and cursing loudly in the store when he was ordered by Reynolds to be quiet. An argument followed and Carlos fired four shots at Reynolds from an automatic pistol, one bullet striking and fatally wounding Reynolds.

A Coroner's jury ordered Carlos held for the killing and he is at present in the County jail.

Reynolds was a member of a well known West Wateree family and is survived by his wife and several children.

Within five minutes after G. F. Francis of Duluth, Minn., had assaulted an opposing witness he was arrested, tried and sentenced to a month in jail.

Two shoes for the same foot, left over after a sale at Wymore, Neb. were bought by a one-legged man.

While J. F. Hudgel of Muncie, Ind. was engaged in investigating a murder case some one stole his pocketbook.

Former Camden Man Dies in Charlotte

From The Charlotte Observer. W. T. McCoy, for many years an outstanding merchant of this city and prominent in philanthropic and community activities, died in the Memorial hospital in Richmond, Virginia, last night, (Friday) at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. McCoy was 57 years old. He had been ill for several months and seriously ill for the last two weeks. He underwent an operation at the Richmond hospital about two weeks ago and his condition had grown constantly worse since that time. Mrs. McCoy and their two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Prause and Mrs. Richard Cannon, Jr., were with him when he died.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at a late hour last night.

Mr. McCoy came to Charlotte in 1895. Four years later he formed the W. T. McCoy company, which was for many years one of the leading furniture stores of the city. He was head of this company until it went out of business about two years ago.

Mr. McCoy was at one time president of the Charlotte Merchants association. He was a member of the Charlotte Country Club, the Myers Park club, and of various other organizations. He was also a member of the Myers Park Presbyterian church.

Mr. McCoy came to Charlotte from Camden, S. C. He is survived by Mrs. McCoy; two daughters, Mrs. Prause of this city, and Mrs. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, J. B. McCoy and Henry McCoy of Charlotte; and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Brannon of Camden.

Although Mr. McCoy was quiet about his charity work and never told of the many philanthropies in which he was interested, he was known as one of the most generous men in the city and as a man who could be depended upon to do his part or more in community activities planned for the betterment of the city.

He was a contributor of funds for Westminster Presbyterian church, the Alexander Home, Barium Springs orphanage, Queens-Chicora college, the Myers Park Presbyterian church and other organizations.

In his business connections, he became known as one of the leading furniture men of the south as well as of Charlotte. He built up his business so that people came to his store from a radius of many miles to purchase furnishings for their homes. In his patriotic feeling for this section, he took active part in patronizing home industries and his store often featured the products of Carolina furniture manufacturers.

Mr. McCoy's home had been at 1125 Queens road for many years. Mrs. McCoy was, before her marriage, Miss Willie Beckton of this city.

THEODORE ROSS

Theodore Ross, 57, retired business man of New York City, died suddenly at his home here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was stricken with a heart attack and died before medical assistance could reach him.

Mr. Ros was a native of Camden, Maine, and is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Betsy Ross. The funeral party will leave here at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for New York City.—The State.

Convicted of stealing a cat, Frank J. Nunes, of Plymouth, Mass., was given a three-month jail sentence.

MRS. GILLIS DIED MONDAY.

Mrs. Mary Gillis, 77 year of age, widow of the late John Gillis, died at the Camden hospital at 4:30 Monday morning of last week after an illness of three weeks. Mrs. Gillis is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Larry Smith, of St. Charles, and three sons, C. P. Gillis, W. A. Gillis and Ebby Gillis, of the Boykin section of this county.

Funeral services were held at the Kornegay Funeral Home Monday evening and the burial was in the Quaker cemetery in this city. Pallbearers were: L. E. Barrens, Alva Rush, Jim Raley, Wade Stokas, J. D. Gillis and Irby Turner.