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CAMDEN IS READY FOR CELEBRATION

25,000 Visitors Expected For Bicentennial Events

Horse Show and Races Attract Many

AN INVITATION

The sun shines bright in Camden and the mocking birds sing happily—and the streets are shady—and the flowers smell sweet—but the sun would be brighter—the song of the bird: would be gayer—the streets would seem shadier—and the flowers would smell sweeter—if you would COME HOME!

Camden has grown unbelievably. There are more streets and more houses and more people. She is looking forward and climbing upward. But with all her growing and climbing and changing, she has made room for you in her streets and in her homes. With all the people, her census is not complete unless you add your name to it. With all her looking forward, she still looks back to those who used to find shelter under the old oak trees—she would rather her old citizens helped her grow and would welcome the best change of all—seeing anew the same old faces she used to see.

Hundreds of artistically designed invitations bearing the above wording have been mailed to former residents and citizens of Camden and others all over the country urging wanderers to turn their footsteps homeward for the week of March 19-25 to take part in the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the settling of Camden, the oldest inland town in South Carolina.

And Camden is ready to receive and royally entertain all her former sons and daughters and the strangers within her gates. Since the decision to hold this celebration was reached large committees of citizens headed by Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., Camden's progressive and energetic Mayor have labored to perfect the plans and provide entertainment and amusement for the thousands who are expected to be here. Everything is now ready and a cordial welcome and royal reception await each one of the thousands of visitors who will be here next week.

Chief among the events of the week will be the twenty-third annual horse show and the fourth annual running of the Carolina Cup Race on the old Hawthorne Track, the oldest race course in the United States. This event inaugurates the Steeple Chase season of 1933 and it is expected that fully twenty-five thousand people, including hundreds of nationally known sportsmen and some of the most prominent citizens of the country will be present. Among those who will be present for this event will be Gen. William Mitchell, former Chief of Aviation, U. S. A., who has an entry in the race; Gen. Summerall, Commandant of the Citadel; Gen. McCuskey of Ft. Bragg, N. C., and hundreds of others.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Following is the revised program for the week:

Sunday Afternoon, March 19.
Polo Game on No. 1 Field, 3 o'clock Aiken vs. Camden—No admission charges.

Sunday Evening, March 19.
Memorial Services School Auditorium, 8 P. M. Special music. All ministers of Camden will take part. Hon. M. L. Smith principle speaker. Ceremonial tree planting on Monument Square at 10:30. School children will participate. L. T. Mills speaker.

Monday Afternoon.
Visits to Camden's beautiful estates 3 to 5 o'clock. Cars meet at Kirkwood Hotel.

Monday Evening
Bachelor's Club Ball at Armory Jimmy Gunn's Orchestra. (Admission).

City Pays Employees In Cash Saturday

In spite of the fact that all banks were closed last week and cash money naturally limited, the City of Camden paid all their employees in cash Saturday, and will be able to do so again next Saturday.

There has been no serious interruption in business during the banking holiday, the merchants and public co-operating so that business was conducted as usual. The people employed by the Kershaw County Relief Council were paid in scrip which was accepted by all merchants. Mill checks were also honored by the merchants. In all probability the local banks will soon be opened and business will again resume its normal trend.

NO CASES TRIED AT MARCH TERM OF COURT

The March session of Court of Common Pleas, scheduled for this week was the shortest on record. The presiding judge was unable to be present Monday on account of illness but reached Camden Monday night. No jury cases were tried and only routine business was transacted. Court adjourned Tuesday morning.

DEATH OF MISS BAXLEY

Friends of Miss Anna Virginia Baxley were saddened to learn of her death Wednesday morning at the Camden hospital after an illness of several weeks. Miss Baxley was in her sixty-second year, the daughter of John Sanders Baxley and Maggie Billings Baxley, of this county. She was an operator for the Southern Bell Telephone Company in this city for years and by her accommodating and courteous manner she made many friends.

She is survived by two brothers Neal Baxley and Marion Baxley, of this city, and several nieces and nephews in this county.

Funeral services were held at Evans Funeral Home at 11 o'clock Thursday morning with Rev. J. B. Caston in charge. Burial was in the Oakcrest cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ed Lewis, Ney Billings, W. B. Porter, W. F. Nettles, Ed Price and Mellicue Billings.

INFANT DIED

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, on North Mill street, died Thursday at the Camden hospital and was buried Friday at Mount Pisgah church yard. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brown sympathize with them in their loss.

Tuesday Morning, March 21.
Shrubbery Exhibit and Flower Show all day at Episcopal Parish House.

Tuesday Afternoon.
Twenty-third Annual Horse Show on No. 2 Polo Field at 2:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening
Boxing Matches at Opera House Full card of well known fighters.

Wednesday, March 22.
Second Day Horse Show starting at 2:30 P. M.

Wednesday Evening
Horse Show and Colonial Ball sponsored by Camden Cotillion Club. Thursday, March 23.

Program arranged by colored citizens, 2 P. M. Consisting of parade speaking, tree planting and negro spirituals. Pageant presenting the negro's connection with Camden during the 200 years of history.

Friday, March 24.
Gymkhana Events on No. 2 Polo Field, 2 P. M.

Friday Evening
Bachelor's Club Dance at Armory (Admission).

Saturday, March 25.
Fourth Annual Running of Carolina Cup Race, 2 P. M. (No admission).

Legion Endorses President's Economy Measure

BANK COMMITTEE MAKES STATEMENT

On Building and Loan Associations and Hoarding.

Two pronouncements were issued yesterday and last night by the state board of bank control, appointed by Governor Blackwood under authority granted him by emergency banking legislation.

One had to do with building and loan associations and the other with hoarding.

In regard to building and loan associations the board announced: "The act under which the governor and the board of control are working in no way interferes with the collection of dues, interest or other indebtedness to building and loan associations of South Carolina.

"Building and loan associations shall restrict withdrawals to the by-laws, rules and regulations of their respective associations, provided, in building and loan association shall borrow any money without the approval of the governor."

The regulations as to hoarding based on a treasury department ruling, was as follows:

"No banking institution shall permit any withdrawal by any person when such institution, acting in good faith, shall deem that the withdrawal is intended for hoarding. Any banking institution, before permitting the withdrawal of large or unusual amounts of currency, shall require from such person requesting such withdrawal a full statement, under oath, of the purposes for which the withdrawal is requested."

The lifting in South Carolina of the banking holiday, extended through Friday, will await a careful checking of bank statements and requests for reopening to Julian H. Scarborough chairman of the control board. When this work has been completed procedure for reopening will be outlined and the individual banks notified.

The board has established headquarters at the Jefferson hotel and held day and night sessions yesterday, Governor Blackwood being present a good part of the day. The governor yesterday issued a proclamation confirming the bank holiday extension, which, under his original proclamation, would have expired today.

During the balance of the holiday regulations for restricted banking operations will apply. These allow the disbursements of funds where necessary to meet payrolls and to provide the necessities of life.

Members of the board of bank control, which was in session practically all day yesterday and until late last night are: Julian H. Scarborough, chairman; B. M. Edwards, Columbia; John T. Stevens, Kershaw; L. A. Wittkowsky, Camden; R. E. Henry Greenville; W. J. Bailey, Clinton, and Mayor Burnet R. Maybank, Charleston.—The State.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Beaver Patrol of Boy Scouts met at the scout house, Fair street Thursday afternoon. Discussions were made plans of patrol. Under patrol leader Garrison plans were also made for having a museum by the patrol. Those present were: Douglas Wooten, McKain Richards, Jack Richards, Jack Villepigue, Sonny Robinson, Henry Garrison, 3rd, Dempsey Stogner, Wiley Hogue, Furman Stewart—Furman Stuart, Editor Beaver Patrol.

BABY DAUGHTER DIES

Willie Bernice Jordan, the eleven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jordan, of West Waterree, died Monday and was buried Tuesday at Lugoff.

Rev. J. N. Keels and Rev. J. E. Williams spent Monday in Columbia.

KERSHAW BILL GETS ADVANCE

Measure Provides for Operation of County

The Kershaw county supply bill providing appropriations for the operation of the several county offices and various county activities was given second reading in the house of representatives last week and will get over to the senate this week.

The bill provides that a tax, not exceeding five mills, is to be levied on all the taxable property in the county for ordinary purposes.

Salary items in the bill are: Clerk of court, \$800; deputy clerk of court \$750; sheriff, \$1,800; deputy sheriff \$1,200; superintendent of education \$1,400; treasurer, \$600; auditor, \$600; judge of probate \$600; coroner, \$240; attorney, \$250; janitor of jail, \$360; janitor of courthouse, \$300; county directors (four) \$800; clerk to county directors, \$400.

Magistrates' salaries listed are: Camden, \$750; Bethune, \$360; Blaney \$360; Kershaw, \$360; Upper Flat Rock, \$180; Lower Flat Rock, \$180; Upper Waterree \$180.

Magistrates' constables: Camden \$480; Bethune, \$200; Blaney, \$200; Kershaw, \$200; Upper Flat Rock \$100; Upper Waterree, \$100.

Other items in the bill are: Roads, bridges, convicts and maintenance of roadwork organizations gasoline and gasoline distribution \$18,000; board of education, \$100; board of equalization, \$200; registration, \$150; jail expense, including dieting of prisoners, \$1,750; jurors and witnesses, \$3,000; stenographer Fifth circuit, \$100; county home poorhouse and poor, \$1,500; postmortems, inquests and lunacy, \$100; public building, \$800; printing, postage and stationery, \$800; miscellaneous contingent, \$1,000; vital statistics \$261.25; county health unit, \$1,800; audit county books, \$300; traveling expenses for farm demonstration agent, \$150; lights, insurance, keepers, maintenance bridges, \$4,000. Provided that bridge keepers shall not receive over \$75 monthly.

Liberty Hill News

At the church Sunday morning Sunday School conducted by Supt. L. P. Thompson, 11 o'clock services conducted by Gov. John G. Richards and Special Prayer Service in the evening led by Mr. R. C. Jones.

The Ladies Auxiliary met Monday evening at the School House.

Gov. and Mrs. John G. Richards had as guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frances and several other members of their family of Roanoke, Va. and also their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frances of Sumter and their daughter Miss Mildred Richards of Laurens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cureton of Camden were here calling on friends on Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Richards, wife of Congressman Richards and little son of Lancaster were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Richards on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hammond of Heath Springs were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins Sunday.

Miss Sophie Richards of the Baron DeKalb School faculty and Prof. J. P. Richards, principle of the Lancaster Grammar School spent the week end in the home of their mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards.

Mr. J. B. Johnson and daughter Miss Louise accompanied by Mr. N. S. Richards and Mrs. J. H. Clements and daughter, Miss Lucy were visiting relatives in Lancaster on Sunday.

Miss Annie Mae, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cureton, a student in the Great Falls High School was kept at home several days last week by sickness.

Local Post Goes on Record as Supporting Roosevelt In Reconstruction Fight

HEAD OF LEGION OPPOSES CUTS

Greenville Veterans Hear Protests to Roosevelt Economy Program

Greenville, Mar. 10.—R. H. Hilton, commander of the South Carolina department, American Legion, and Major W. D. Workman, member of the Greenville Legion post, called tonight upon World War veterans to rally in opposition to cuts in veterans' compensation.

Hilton and Workman addressed a gathering of 250 veterans at Parker high school. Speakers and those attending expressed opposition to giving President Roosevelt powers in making such reductions as proposed in his \$500,000,000 economy program. "I will not stand for the budget to be balanced at the expense of the American Legion," Hilton asserted declaring that "90 per cent of the editorial attack upon compensation" for veterans was "inspired by Wall Street through subsidies."

At a Legion meeting in Marion Monday night, Mr. Hilton stated that he had been misquoted by the press. "The statement charged to me, 'I will not stand for the budget to be balanced at the expense of the American Legion,'" Hilton said, "is absolutely incorrect. What I did say is it is obviously unfair to balance the budget at the expense of the disabled ex-service men alone."

FLETCHER SMITH DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

James Fletcher Smith, 58, well known citizen of Camden, was found dead in bed at an early hour Sunday morning as the result of a heart attack. Mr. Smith had been prominently connected with business life in Camden for many years. He represented Ward 1 in the city council for several terms and was a member of the police force for a number of years. In 1914 he entered the mercantile business and for the past several years had been operating a filling station.

Mr. Smith was born and reared in the West Waterree section of Kershaw county. In 1900 he was married to Miss Eugenia Doby of this county who survives him. Other surviving relatives are: two brothers, W. E. Smith of Rowenville; W. F. Smith of Lake Wales, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. John Roberts of Swansea; Mrs. Tranny Fallow of Columbia.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Serving as active pall bearers, W. B. Whitaker, Bill Porter, Dr. Benton Bruce, G. F. Cooley, Lee Little and Henry Beard.

Honorary pall bearers were Harry Garrison, Jr., S. M. Johnson, Dr. S. F. Brasington, A. Sheheen, Alfred McLeod and Lawrence Whitaker.

CAMDEN FLOWER SHOW

The Camden Flower Show which was to have been held Thursday of last week but which was postponed on account of the cold weather will be held Tuesday, March 21 at Grace church Parish House from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., according to announcement by the President of the Flower Club. From 12 o'clock on tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served.

The friends of Mr. J. W. Thompson well-known "knight of the grip", who has for some weeks been recuperating from a severe illness at the home of his brother, Mr. L. P. Thompson will be glad to hear that his condition is so much improved that he is now able to ride about the village.

At the regular monthly meeting of the James LeRoy Belk Post No. 17 American Legion held at the Legion Hall Monday night, the post unanimously adopted by a rising vote a resolution heartily endorsing the policy being pursued by President Roosevelt in his efforts to balance the budget and end the depression of the last three years. The post pledged their undivided support to the President in this peace-time crisis in the same manner in which they answered the call of duty in the war emergency of 1917-18.

The resolution introduced by Legionnaire Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., Mayor of Camden, was adopted without a dissenting vote. The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS The preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion consecrates its members to serve God and Country, and

WHEREAS Our Country is today facing a national financial crisis approximating that of war, and

WHEREAS To alleviate this condition, it is necessary for our President to have unusual and unquestioned powers in order to meet this emergency and to balance the national budget, and

WHEREAS The members of JAMES LEROY BELK POST of the American Legion of Camden, S. C., have absolute faith in the leadership ability, fairness and humanity of the President and believe that in the necessary restriction in expenditures that this humanity and fairness of our fellow Legionnaire will so guide him that no veteran who was disabled in the service of his country, nor any widow or other dependent of such veterans shall be permitted to suffer therefore

Be it resolved that firstly, we the members of James Leroy Belk Post of the American Legion of Camden S. C., as individuals and as a post in meeting assembled do express our confidence in our community, state and nation, and promise our utmost efforts to allay the fears that seem to pervade our land; secondly

That we pledge to the President of the United States our undivided loyalty and support in this peace time emergency, and do again offer ourselves as we did in 1917-18 to preserve and safeguard the ideals and traditions of our country, thirdly that we advocate the granting to the President of absolute power in the handling of the financial problems of the Country, in this emergency.

Fourthly, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, that copies be furnished the press, that copies be sent our senators and congressmen, and that a copy be inscribed in our minute book.

In the discussion that followed the post instructed the Commander to wire the South Carolina Senators of the action of the post and request that they give their undivided support to the president's economy bill now being considered in the Senate. While no action was taken it was evident that the Legion resented any action by Congressional representatives and legion officials tending to block the efforts being made to restore sound business and public confidence.

The meeting was addressed by Murdoch M. Johnson, Camden attorney, who in the course of an interesting talk, complimented the Legion post upon their action and expressed the universal opinion that President Roosevelt would permit no action that would impose hardship or injustice to any deserving veteran.

About twenty-five of the one hundred veterans present signified their intention to attend a meeting of the post to be held in Bethune next month.