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Mrs. Arant Freed Of Murder Charge

Chesterfield, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Juanita Arant, 29-year old mother of two children, was acquitted of the murder of her husband, Charles Walker Arant by a general sessions court jury here tonight.

The jury returned its verdict shortly after 10 o'clock. It had deliberated a little more than an hour.

Mrs. Arant, who admitted shooting her 45-year old husband but who pleaded self-defense, showed no emotion when the foreman of the jury announced the finding, although she appeared slightly nervous.

There was no demonstration in the courtroom, which was filled by spectators. Judge Hayne F. Rice had previously warned against any display of feeling.

The case was given to the jury about 9 o'clock, after Judge Rice had delivered his charge.

In closing arguments this afternoon the state demanded a murder conviction and the death penalty for the 29-year-old widow, who testified that she shot her husband to death in self-defense.

"Premeditated murder" was the term used by Solicitor S. S. Tison and his associates, who charged the defendant shot her prosperous farmer-husband in the back without cause.

Defense attorneys dwelt on Mrs. Arant's testimony that she killed Arant in self-defense at their home near Pageland last June after he had fired once at her with a pistol and threatened her with a chair.

Recounting domestic difficulties, Mrs. Arant said, "When he was drunk he was a wild man."

Solicitor Tison and J. K. Owens spoke for the prosecution and Mendel L. Smith of Camden, Jack Norton, Former Solicitor M. J. Hough and State Senator George K. Laney for the defense.—The State.

PREMIUM LISTS KERSHAW CO. FAIR ARE NOW READY

Anyone desiring a copy of the Kershaw County Fair premium list may obtain same from either of the following: Miss Sadie B. Craig, Co. Agt. H. D. Green or W. M. Alexander.

URGES PEOPLE TO REGISTER

Editor Watergeree Messenger: Please allow me space in your paper to urge upon our people the necessity of registering for the November 7 election.

This is a most important matter and October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are the last days for registration.

A registration certificate is absolutely necessary for voting in November.

J. T. LITTLEJOHN,
of Kershaw County.

Vice chairman Anti-Repeat Forces

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The following services are announced for the week beginning Sunday October 1 at the First Baptist church:

Men's prayer meeting at 9:30, Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner superintendent in charge. Public worship at 11:15 a. m. and 8 p. m. At the morning hour the pastor will preach on the subject: Personal Work For Christ. We are expecting Dr. John A. Davison to preach at the evening hour. B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Davison is to conduct a series of evangelistic services, preaching each evening throughout the week at 8 o'clock. The hour for the day service will be announced later.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

The Sunday School will convene at 10:00 A. M. Affine Willing Workers class was reported last Sunday. Mr. Green is expecting 50 next Sunday.

The Pastor's Chalk Talk will be for the whole school at 10:50. Preaching by the pastor at 11:15—The Tragedy of Barrenness.

Mr. Newell Wimberly will render special music at the service.

Preaching by the pastor at 7:45—(Theme: You Should Know.)
C. F. WIMBERLY, Pastor

Altogether Animal
Silk is purely an animal product, since it is a secretion from silkworms, or the larvae of silkworms, from which they spin their cocoons.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, S. C., Sept. 25.—The school at Stoneboro opened the fall session on Thursday last with Miss Louise Johnston popular and experienced teacher of this place in charge.

Mrs. N. S. Richards returned home on Sunday after a week spent with her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Wilson of Darlington, and our good friend Norman—who passed a birthday on Sunday—seems to have assumed a more bening and cheerful expression since her return.

Miss Sophie Richards of the Baron DeKalb School had as her week end guest, Miss Estelle Gramling as a teacher in that well appointed and popular institution.

Rev. F. A. Drennan and Elder J. B. Johnston attended the recent meeting of the S. C. Presbyterian Synod at Clinton. And last week Rev. Drennan and Elder N. S. Richards attended the fall session of Bethel Tabernacle at Chester.

Mrs. R. J. Wardlaw recently spent several days in Chester where she was undergoing treatment for an infected sore hand.

Miss Louise Jones valued and efficient bookkeeper for the Mackey Jones Mercantile Co. spent a few days last week a guest in the home of her brother, Mr. R. C. Jones, Jr. of Lancaster.

Mrs. J. K. Heriot and two little daughters of Bishopville were weekend visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards.

Mr. B. F. Laney, prominent lumberman of Hickory, N. C. spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson, and while here he and Mr. Thompson made a business trip to Florence.

Miss Christine Perry of Lancaster who is teaching near Gaffney, spent a few days of her fall vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Clements, who with her children accompanied her to Lancaster for the weekend at the home of their mother, Mrs. G. W. Perry.

Miss Carolyn Drennan who has been teaching in lower part of the State, has accepted a position in the Heath Springs schools, and took up her work at the opening last week.

Cadet A. C. Cureton, Jr. has returned to Clemson College to resume his studies—his third year.

Mr. John E. Richards, a June graduate of Davidson College, has entered Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. to prepare himself for the ministry.

Mr. R. C. Jones who is not only a successful merchant, but a progressive farmer as well has a fine lot of peavine and soy bean hay cut and shocked for curing. He has also as a soil building experiment, a fine patch of crotalaria which with its wealth of yellow flowers makes a pretty sight to look at!

THE CHARLOTTE THOMPSON PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MET

The Charlotte Thompson Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the school year Friday evening. The business of the meeting included the election of officers, committee appointments and a discussion of the local association's aims and objectives. The second Wednesday of each month was selected as a definite date of meeting.

Mrs. Mattie R. West was re-elected president and the following officers were chosen: Vice-president, Mrs. Ancrum Boykin; Secretary, Miss Blanche Dodenhoff; Treasurer, Miss Carolyn Heyman.

Following the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed.

ATTENTION METHODISTS!

We should like to urge every member of the Lytleton Street Methodist Church to be present next Sunday morning, as there are a number of matters which are to be brought to the attention at the time. Some Sunday later will not do—it must be attended to next Sunday morning. Please, do not disappoint me by your absence, because the matters to be discussed are vital to every one.

C. F. WIMBERLY, Pastor

The "Good Old Times"
In the reign of England's Queen Anne a man was sentenced to imprisonment for life for writing a pamphlet to prove that communication with the dead was possible.

Nock Addresses Camden Sportsmen

Camden Organizes Game, Fish Organization.

Camden, Sept. 22.—At an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting of sportsmen held here this afternoon, John D. Nock, of Cheraw, vice president of this district for the South Carolina Game and Fish association, was the principal speaker and outlined in full details the aims of the state association. He paid a glowing tribute to the Sumter meeting and thought that this state by way of its natural feeding grounds and mild climate would be one of the best game states in the country.

L. O. Funderburk, county game warden, was present and told how hard it was to secure conviction of violators of the game laws in this county. He made a direct appeal to the true sportsmen to invite him to their shoots and treat him as a friend and not as a spy, and thought with their wholehearted support he could better help conserve the game and fish of the county. He stated that he had been successful in securing more pleas of guilty than most county game wardens.

The Camden chapter of the South Carolina Game and Fish association was formed with T. K. Trotter, as president; Deas Boykin, vice-president, and Charles W. Nuite, secretary and treasurer.

The Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to get up a game exhibit for the County Fair in connection with the forestry exhibit, and also a committee to study the game laws and a committee to study the fish laws and make recommendation along the line of any changes desired by this Association. It was also decided to attempt an amateur field trial in Kershaw County this fall, and the Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee for the purpose of carrying this out.

The dues of the Association are 75c which 50c is for the membership in the State Association and 25c. to cover postage and miscellaneous items for the County Chapter. Most of those present immediately came forward and paid their dues and obtained membership cards, and an active drive for members is being made among the sportsmen of this county.

LEGION-SHRINE MEMBERS!

Legion-Shrine members may obtain weekly service passes for week of Fair from W. M. Alexander, M. M. Johnson or T. V. Walsh, Jr.

SCHOOL DAY AT STATE FAIR

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Each year an increasing number of school children visit the State Fair in Columbia, especially on Friday, which is School Day and on which day children and their teachers are admitted free. The State Fair inaugurated this policy a few years ago, feeling that the boys and girls should see the fair—should see this condensed picture of South Carolina, as reflected in the splendid exhibits.

It has become a custom in many schools for the boys and girls to come to Columbia in the school bus. Teachers and Trustees realize that they will learn more in this day, visiting Columbia and the Fair, than in their books.

The State Fair, through D. D. Witcover, the president has announced that the policy of free admissions for schools on Friday will be continued this year and that every child and accompanying teacher will be most welcomed.

"Make your plans now" Mr. Witcover said in a special public message to the schools of the State "to be with us Friday October 20th. We will be expecting you, and you will never regret the trip. We are arranging a fine program for that day keeping in mind that on that day our grounds will be filled with boys and girls from Horry to Pickens and from Jasper to old Marlboro."

Daddy Lion Deserts Home
In a field museum exhibit showing mountain lions at home, no male lion appears with the mother and her kittens in the den, for curators explain that the male lion deserts his home while the babies are young, returning only after the young lions are partly independent.—Chicago News

Teachers Institute To Be Held Here

A County Institute for the Elementary teachers of Kershaw county will be held during this week beginning Thursday afternoon. These institutes are the outgrowth of a very successful County Superintendence Conference held earlier in the summer.

Thursday afternoon the work will be planned for teachers in the one and two teacher groups. These meetings will be conducted by Miss Moore, of Little Rock, Ark., who is a specialist in Reading, Miss Mary Eva Hite, Elementary Supervisor, Rock Hill, Miss Mattie E. Thomas, Dept. of Education, Columbia, S. C., with the assistance of several teachers from the county.

REORGANIZATION OF SENIOR 4-H CLUB

Many girls throughout the County who have finished High School will be interested in the reorganization of the Senior 4-H Club. This club will be reorganized next Saturday morning, September 30 at 10:30 o'clock in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent.

Club work not only reaches the farm girls between the ages of 10 to 18 years of age and the farm women in the home, but the girls out of school as well. The senior 4-H Club finished school and are not going to college. It gives them an opportunity to continue their education. It also brings them in contact with the best practices and finest things in the home.

The first senior 4-H Club was organized last year and much interest was shown by these oldergirls. Every girl who has finished high school is eligible to join and she is urged to be present for the reorganization meeting next Saturday morning.

SADIE L. CRAIG,
County Home Demonstration Agent.

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Women of South Carolina, famed for their good housekeeping, homemaking and handwork have an opportunity at the State Fair, which will be held in Columbia, October 16-21, to win recognition of their talents. Each year the entry list grows, and this year, when only South Carolina women can compete, the displays should be larger than ever. If a woman is especially good at this or that, or has made something of which she is particularly proud, she can win, no doubt, a premium at the Fair, but in addition can get the thrill of seeing a ribbon tied on her work for the best in her home State.

Competition in the household department, with various subdivisions, will be for bread, cakes, cookies, pies, candies, canned foods, vegetables, meats, pickles, sauces, catsup, relishes, jellies, preserves, jams, marmalades and miscellaneous such as butter in pound prints, honey in comb, beeswax, hog lard, soft soap, mutton suet, vinegar, dried apples, dried peaches, strained honey, etc.

In the fancy work department, with various subdivisions; rugs, quilts, knitting, crocheting, filot crochet, cross stetch, infant embroidery, cotton and linen embroidery, tatting, sofa pillows, bed-spreads, bridge sets, fancy bags, hand sewing, embroidered pictures, home made shirts, home made dresses, gentlemen's fancy handkerchiefs, smocking, various industrial arts articles, such as lamp shades, beaded bags, baskets, trays, needles, basketry. Also special premiums for work of old women, such as knitted bedspreads, quilt patchwork, sweaters, tatting, booties, silk cotton and linen embroidery. Also antiques with prizes for best historical relics, oldest articles, best article on printed matter, most interesting garment, most interesting household article. Also the juvenile fancy work department, work to be done by children 14 years or under.

R. M. Cooper, Jr. is the Member in Charge of the Woman's Department with Mrs. J. Rhett Clark, as Superintendent. Women who are interested can get a complete premium list from Secretary Moore, whose office is 704 Carolina Life Building or Box 393, Columbia, S. C.

Famous Chorus
The "hallelujah chorus" was written in the original score of the "Messiah," by Handel

N. R. A. Compliance Board Is Formed

The local N. R. A. Compliance Board has been organized for Camden and vicinity. This committee consists of Dr. John W. Corbett, Chairman, Mrs. R. B. Pitts, and Messrs. L. A. Wittkowsky, J. B. Cureton, J. E. Robinson, Sam Karesh, and W. L. Goodale, Secretary.

The duties of the N. R. A. Compliance Board shall be education, conciliation and mediation in handling:

(a) Complaints of Non-compliance with the President's Agreement.

(b) Petitions for exceptions under Paragraph 14 of the President's Agreement.

(c) Petitions for permission to operate on the longer hour schedule of existing union contracts, instead of the maximum hour of the President's Agreement.

All complaints concerning non-compliance with the President's Agreement or Industrial Code should be in writing, signed and duly mailed to the Chamber of Commerce. These complaints will be given Proper attention by the authorities in Washington after a report of the committee, should the committee not be able to conciliate or mediate the matter complained of. It should be understood that all future complaints of non-compliance should be submitted to the N. R. A. Compliance Board.

Anyone who is now displaying the Eagle is presumed to be complying with the President's Agreement, until the Eagle is taken away from him by competent Federal authorities. Rumors injurious to the N. R. A. members should be dispensed with and the proper thing to do is to bring the complaints with the facts which support the same to the local Compliance Board and not report a suspicion to neighbors. The NRA Compliance Board is the local representation of the National Recovery Administration and it is not affiliated with any other organization.

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON NEWS

Mr. E. T. Pearce attended the Wofford-Columbia football game in Columbia Saturday.

Mr. William Houck of Cameron was guest Sunday of Miss Maureen Sowell.

Mrs. S. J. Cook and children and Mr. Thomas Koon of Newberry spent Friday with their sister, Miss Mattie Koon at the home of Mr. B. C. Truesdale.

The B. Y. P. U. members and friends had a delightful party at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. A. Ives last Friday evening. Various games were played, after which refreshments were enjoyed.

Rev. Paul Blackwell was the Sunday guest of Mr and Mrs. Frank Baker.

Mrs. Clara Sowell of Columbia spent the week end at the home of her sister, Miss Ethel Sowell.

Miss Evelyn Smith of St. Charles has been visiting Mrs. Daisy Gillis has returned home.

Miss Willie Mae Jordan of Westville was the guest of Miss Mary Alice Young over the week end.

Mrs. Eugene Clamp of Salley who has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Garvin at the home of Mrs. Alex Bruce has returned home. The many friends of Mrs. Garvin are delighted to know that she is much improved in health.

Miss Mabel Matthews is visiting friends at Stateburg.

Miss Maureen Sowell who has been elected English Teacher in the Baron DeKalb High School left Sunday afternoon to take up her duties there. Miss Sowell was an Honor Graduate at both Charlotte Thompson High School and Newberry College. She graduated from the latter institution the past session.

Mrs. Carl Ogburn and daughter of Camden spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. I. Durfee.

Rev. J. E. Ford, Executive Secretary of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Conference made a splendid address at the Rally Day Exercises of Beulah Church last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. F. M. Mellette and sons visited their mother, Mrs. E. M. Mellette at the home of the latter's grand daughter, Mrs. W. D. McCoy, near Oawego Thursday afternoon.

W. M. U. to Have Important Programs

Of outstanding importance in the work of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of South Carolina are the six divisional meetings to be held in the various sections of the state from October 7 to 14. Attractive programs and splendid speakers will be heard at all the gatherings.

The first of the series will be the meeting of Northwestern Division, composed of seven associations, to be held in the high school auditorium at Easley on October 7. Because of the illness of Mrs. T. M. Galphin, vice president, Mrs. J. D. Chapman, former state president, will preside. Speakers who are to appear on this program are Rev. J. R. Allen, missionary to Brazil, and Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's Secretary for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Tuesday, October 10, Western Division, comprising six associations, will hold its meeting at Edgefield with Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, vice president, in charge. Miss Mather will speak here as at all the others, and Dr. C. E. Burts, Executive Secretary of the Federated Forces for Prohibition in South Carolina, will speak.

Southern Division will meet with the Baptist Church in Blackville on October 11, and this meeting will be presided over by Mrs. C. A. Westbrook, vice president. There are four associations in Southern Division.

The next in the series will be held on October 12 with the First Baptist Church of Sumter. Six associations comprising the Central Division are scheduled to meet there, and it is likely that Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, State president, will preside in the absence of Mrs. H. H. Ergle, vice president, who is detained in Kentucky because of the illness of her little daughter.

On Friday, October 13, Eastern Division will hold its meeting with the First Baptist Church of Florence, and this will be presided over by Mrs. W. E. Abrams, vice president. There are seven associations in Eastern Division.

The closing meeting of the series will be held in the First Baptist Church of Chester, and will be in charge of Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, vice president of Northern Division. Seven associations comprise this division.

A group of state officers and Miss Mather will make the entire tour in an automobile. Those in the party will be Mrs. J. B. Boatwright, State President, Miss Vennie E. Lanco, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Chas. A. Jones, Mission Study Superintendent, and Mrs. J. M. Barnett, personal service Supt. Much time will be given to conferences in charge of these officers, and they will assist in other ways on the program. Additional young people are scheduled for some of the meetings.

For the past few years these divisional meetings have been considered an outstanding part of the work of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in South Carolina, and the attendance has been large. It is hoped by those in charge that it will be equally as large this year. Personal notices have been mailed to all the societies in the state urging the interest and cooperation of the individual organizations.

The following letter has just been received by County Agent Green from John B. Payne, Comptroller of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C.:

Washington, D. C.,
September, 16, 1933.

Dear Mr. Green:

Your wire to C. A. Cobb in regard to Kershaw County cotton checks, has been received and referred to the Comptroller's Office for attention.

The delay in getting these checks to the County Agents has been due to the large volume to be drawn after approval of the contracts, and is in no way the responsibility of the County Agents. It has been impossible to expedite this work due to the vast amount of detail, but the system has now been perfected and the checks are now going out at the rate of about twenty thousand a day, which figures should be steadily increased.

Very truly yours,
JOHN B. PAYNE, Comptroller.