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Community Tree Christmas Eve

The City is sponsoring a Community Christmas Tree Christmas Eve at 5 o'clock. It is being given for the less fortunate children of Camden and of the rural districts of the County. The tree has already been fixed on the Camden High School grounds and is simply lovely. The tree is equipped with an automatic switch and will cut on at 5 o'clock each afternoon until Christmas and cut off at 12 o'clock. The electrical work was done by Messrs. L. P. Tobin, Walter Rhame and H. E. Graham. Each rural community is asked to bring in an olive branch of its children. Everybody is invited to come. There will be community singing of Christmas Carols in charge of A. C. McKain. Four hundred stockings will be given but these are only for the destitute children of the city and rural communities. At the conclusion there will be a display of fireworks.

Following are the various committees in charge: General Chairman, R. M. Kennedy; Central Committee, Wm. Alexander, John T. Mackey, A. S. Karesh; Financial, R. W. Pomeroy; Transportation, American Legion; Decoration, Jewish Ladies' Organization; Stocking, Legion Auxiliary; Santa Claus, Sam Karesh; Reception, Junior Welfare League; Music, A. C. McKain; Registration, Miss Hey; Hall J. C. Richards, Jr.; Lights, L. P. Tobin; Fireworks, John T. Mackey.

AVERAGE TEACHER GETS LESS MONEY

Pay Drops From \$968 to \$812 Per Year.

The average salary of white South Carolina school teachers was estimated yesterday to have decreased from \$968 to \$812 in the past three years.

Dr. H. L. Fulmer, director of the bureau of information and research of the state department of education, said the only factor in school operation which increased during the period was the number of pupils assigned each teacher.

The average salary for elementary school teachers declined from \$878 in 1931 to \$746 in 1933, Fulmer reported. A similar drop brought high school teachers' salaries from an average of \$1,267 to \$1,033.

Fulmer recorded the decrease in the average salary of elementary and high school teachers combined, exclusive of supervisory pay, as follows: 1931, \$968; 1932, \$868; 1933, \$812.

He said it had been "gradual but decided." It amounted to approximately 16 per cent over the period of time.

Comparing the salaries of Kershaw County and those of the Camden Schools with the above average for 1933, we find that the average salaries for high school and elementary teachers is even below the average for the state.

The following information regarding teacher's salaries is furnished by Supt. J. G. Richards:

The average salaries paid elementary teachers throughout Kershaw County is \$540.36. The average salaries paid high school teachers is \$570.00.

The number of days taught in the elementary schools of Kershaw County are expected to be 160 and the number in high schools, between 160 and 170.

The average salaries for the elementary teachers of the Camden Schools is \$675 and that of the high school, \$725 per year, per teacher.

Since 1931, the salaries of the majority of high school teachers of the Camden Schools have been reduced a little over thirty-eight per cent; the lowest reduction was thirty per cent.

In the same period of time the salaries of some of the elementary teachers have been thirty-eight per cent, the majority of them, reduced thirty-three and one third per cent. A few of the lowest grades of the elementary teachers were reduced twenty-five per cent.

The actual reductions of salaries in the Camden City System since 1931 is as follows:

Supt. of Schools, 36 2-3 per cent; Prin. of High School, 25 per cent; Other, Principals average 20 per cent;

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, Dec. 18.—At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Sunday School was held at the usual hour in charge of Superintendent, L. P. Thompson, who said he had received a letter from Secretary Magill, congratulating the Liberty Hill School upon winning the banner again. The banner is given by the Bethel Presbytery to the school making the largest per member rally day contribution. The school here won it for several years in succession, but last year it was won by Chester.

Rev. F. A. Drennan filled his regular appointments, morning and evening. Communion Services will be held on the fifth Sunday of Dec. at the conclusion of the morning sermon.

In addition to the store, Mackey Jones Co. Inc., mention of which was made last week, our village has two other stores, one of them kept by Mr. C. D. Cunningham, who is also the efficient Post Master of Liberty Hill and keeps the office in his place of business, the other one kept by Mr. H. S. Higgins at his home on Highway 97 and the Heath Springs road. They all sell goods at prices in line with the larger towns and command a fair share of patronage.

Mrs. A. L. McCaskill, teacher in the Blenheim School and daughter, Miss Annie Righton and sister, Miss Lyle Hay arrived last week to spend the Christmas vacation at home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roddy of Rock Hill and Miss Johnny Richards, Winthrop student were Sunday guests in the home of their parents, Gov. John G. Richards and Mrs. Richards.

Prof. J. P. Richards of the Lancaster Grammar school is at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards, his school having closed for the holidays.

Mr. L. P. Thompson was a business visitor in Lancaster one day last week.

Cadet A. G. Cureton of Clemson College is expected home on Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cureton.

Miss Ann Thompson, Great Falls high school student spent the week end in Camden as a guest of Miss Ina DeLoache.

Mr. J. C. McCaskill of Camp Hilton spent a few hours Sunday with his mother, Mrs. A. L. McCaskill.

The show windows of Miss Mackey Jones & Co's. store are dressed out in unique and attractive holiday attire with electric lights at night, work of E. L. Jones, who is an adept in manipulating electric wires and holiday decorations.

A small error crept into this column last week and one letter entirely changed the meaning of a word from what we wished to convey. We regret very much that it occurred.

The friends of Miss Josephine Wardlaw, who has been seriously ill at the home of her parents for ten weeks will be glad to hear that she was able to attend church last Sunday.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Lytleton Street Methodist Church

This group of men are growing each Sunday in interest and attendance. Dr. Wimberly's addresses are timely and thought provoking. We wish all our men would avail themselves of these wonderful morning talks. He will speak to us next Sunday on the Meaning of this Day, we celebrate, Christmas. Let us turn out and give him a room filled with men.

JACK MOORE, Secretary.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Men's prayer meeting Sunday morning at 9:30, Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor at 11:15 A. M. Subject: "The Mission Of The Bethelhem Babe," preceded by a short Christmas message to the children of the church. At 7:30 P. M. the young people will present a Christmas play, Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday evening at 7:30, Junior B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 6:30.

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

Average High School Teachers, 35.2 per cent; Average Grade teachers, 25.4 per cent.

Camden Loses Good Citizen

In the death of Mr. W. L. Jackson which occurred at noon Thursday, December 14, Camden and Kershaw County have lost a good and valuable citizen. Mr. Jackson underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and at first it was thought that he was getting along nicely but a turn for the worse came and he passed away Thursday.

Mr. Jackson, in a quite and unassuming way, rendered valuable service to his town and county, and he will be sorely missed. He was well liked by everyone and there are many who will feel a deep personal loss in his passing. His many kind and good deeds will live. A devoted husband, a kind father and a valuable citizen was W. L. Jackson. Truly it can be said that a good man has fallen on sleep.

William Leslie Jackson was born in Camden April 26, 1881, and attended the public schools of Camden for a short while. In early life he followed the trade of a painter. Later he went to work for the Southern railway and worked himself steadily upwards until he became a conductor. Leaving the railway service, he entered the grocery business and ran a bus and taxi service. About sixteen years ago he bought out the Chero-Cola bottling plant in this city and by close attention to business had made a success of it. He was also interested in farming.

Seventeen years ago he was elected to the city council of Camden as alderman from ward one and as a testimonial to his worth and character, the voters of his ward have re-elected him each term to that position and in nearly every instance without opposition. He was well liked by citizens of all walks in life, as no man in Camden was more loyal to his city and took more interest in its civic affairs.

Mr. Jackson was a member of the Lytleton Street Methodist church, on the board of stewards, a member of Kershaw Masonic Lodge No. 29, Rising Star Chapter No. 4, Lafayette Council No. 25, Camden Commandery No. 12, a Shriner, and a member of the local Rotary club.

He was married on March 5, 1914, to Miss Janie Grace Tidwell, of this county, and to this union was born the following children: Claude G. Jackson, Herman L. Jackson, W. L. Jackson, Jr., C. Carlisle Jackson, Dally Jackson, Grace Elizabeth Jackson and Joseph C. Jackson, all of whom with his widow survive. He is also survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Susan Mayer, three half brothers and two half sisters—L. S. Mayer, A. R. Mayer, F. M. Mayer, Mrs. E. R. Frietag, Miss Emily Mayer, all of this city.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Methodist church with Dr. C. F. Wimberly, the pastor, in charge.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the city council and board of stewards of the Methodist church. Interment was in the Quaker cemetery.

CAMDEN ATTORNEY AUTHOR OF BOOK OUT LAST WEEK

Henry Savage, Jr., Camden attorney, is author of a book issuing last week from the press of Dorrance, Drexel building, Philadelphia, under the title, "America Goes Socialistic," with the subtitle, "An Interpretation of Our Government Drift." A publisher's note says:

"The prevailing uncertain state of public, monetary and economic affairs prompts the question: 'Whither are we headed?' This volume gives the answer, and in the publisher's opinion, the present book, just published, is one of the most authoritative and thoughtful pronouncements on an all-important subject to issue in the season of 1933-34. It will create a stir."

Mr. Savage has had a number of articles in magazines which have shown him an uncommonly thoughtful and penetrating analyst of the contemporary trends.

The above information is given in order that the citizens of Kershaw County and School District No. 1 may know what salaries the teachers are now receiving and how much they have been reduced.

Bethune News

Bethune, Dec. 17.—Mrs. R. R. Burns and Miss Eloise Miller entertained Saturday evening in the home of Mr. Burns, complimentary to Miss Lucile Brown, second grade teacher here and Miss Esther Ramsey, teacher in the McBee school who are to be married during the Christmas season. Christmas colors were carried out in decorations and in refreshments. Candle stick salad and Russian tea were served.

High score for ladies was given to Miss Stella Bethune while the men's went to Mr. J. C. Foster.

The out of town guests were Miss Esther Ramsey and Leroy Burns of McBee and Miss Estelle Gramlin of Baron DeKalb school.

Miss Estelle Gramlin was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Burns.

Mrs. Raymond Clyburn and child of Norfolk are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Mack King, of Neeses, Mrs. Allie Esthridge of Greenville and Miss Emily Ethridge of North spent Tuesday here with relatives.

Miss Vergie Keaton of North was the week end guest of Miss Sara Gettys.

A three act comedy "Grandma Is Stepping Out" will be given by the faculty Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

Special Christmas services will be held Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church at seven o'clock.

The Christmas holidays in the Bethune school will begin with the closing of the Thursday afternoon session and last until January the third.

D. M. Mays left for Detroit, Mich., Saturday where he has gone to see the 1934 model Chevrolet.

Miss Mary King, a senior at Columbia College, is at home for the holidays.

Dr. Stokes of McBee and Dr. E. Z. Truesdell attended the County Medical meeting at the home of Dr. Carl West Wednesday evening.

STEAL BULBS FROM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Unknown party or parties have been stealing electric light bulbs from the lovely community Christmas tree erected for the needy and destitute children.

This is vandalism of a mean sort and Mayor Kennedy says that the guilty party or parties, if apprehended, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

CAMDEN BOY ACHIEVES SUCCESS AT CLEMSON

News of unusual success of a Kershaw County boy will be of interest to his friends has reached us. The Clemson College Chapter of the Blue Key organization, has recently given membership to Donald Barnes, a graduate of Camden High School in the class of 1930, and now a senior at Clemson where he will be graduated in Textiles next June. This honor group is limited in membership to those men possessing unusual and superior qualities of leadership ability and who have exercised this ability in their activities.

Young Barnes is President of the Phi Psi, a national Textile honorary fraternity whose membership is based upon high scholastic grades. He was one of the honor juniors to gain membership in this organization last year. He also holds membership in Sigma Epsilon, a social Fraternity of which he has been a member since his sophomore year.

Donald has been both Corporal and Sergeant during his sophomore and junior years, respectively. His present military position is that of Captain, in command of the Band. He has been a band member since his first year at Clemson. His unusual musical ability has given him a position in the Jungaleer Orchestra for three years. This orchestra is Clemson's best. The members have made quite a reputation for themselves and for the school throughout the state. Young Barnes was also a member of the R. O. T. C., band and orchestra last summer at the annual R. O. T. C. encampment.

He is a member of both the regimental baseball and volley ball teams. He is also Managing Editor of the TIGER, the cadet weekly paper.

Neil Branham Victim Hit and Run Driver

Officers Have Clue and Seek Driver of Hit-and-Run Automobile.

Neal Branham, 50, a farmer with wide family connections throughout the county, was killed instantly Friday night, when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver while walking the Camden-Bishopville highway, a few miles from Camden.

Mr. Branham left Camden about 9 o'clock to walk to his home alone. His watch was picked up near the scene of the accident and had stopped at 10:20. His skull was fractured. The door knob of the car was picked up near the scene which has furnished a clue for officers to work on.

He was a native of West Wateree and formerly resided at Lugoff, but of late years had made his home six miles from Camden on the Camden-Bishopville highway.

He is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. L. A. Campbell, Camden; Mrs. Alice Scholtz of Tronton, N. J.; Emerson Branham, Leroy Branham, Camden; and an aged mother, Mrs. Maggie Branham. Brothers and sisters are: Gary Branham, Earle Branham, of Charleston; Mrs. John Holland, Mrs. Melvin Hall, Camden; and Mrs. Eugene Holland, of Cassatt.

Mr. Branham was a member of Pine Grove Church in West Wateree. A coroner's jury viewed the body but withheld verdict pending developments.

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON NEWS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"The Nativity" will be presented this coming Sunday evening at 7:30 at Beulah Church by members of the congregation. All are cordially invited to be present.

The Sunday School of Mt. Olivit Church will present a Christmas Program and enjoy a Christmas tree on Saturday evening at 7:30. "Santa Claus" has promised to be there and wants to see especially all of his little friends. So don't disappoint him.

Mr. James Seagle of Presbyterian College is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seagie. James has the outstanding honor of being President of the Junior Class. Last year he was voted by his fellow students as the most "likable" boy in school. The community is proud to own him.

The School Holidays commenced Tuesday at 3 P. M. and will conclude Wednesday morning at 8:45. We sincerely wish for big and little, old and young a very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

COMMUNITY SANITATION UNIT FORMED IN KERSHAW COUNTY

Mr. W. M. Shannon has been appointed by the State Board of Health as head of the Community Sanitation Unit in Kershaw County. The work has to do with the building of sanitary pit toilets for the curbing of human born diseases such as typhoid fever, dysentery, and hookworm. It is not the purpose of the unit to enforce hardship on anyone, and the competent force of this unit will work with the people to try to save them as much money as possible. The unit is not contemplating the necessity of the enforcement of the State laws. However, it is well for the people to know that there is a state law covering this project. The cost to the individual property owner will be only for the material, arrangements having been made with the C. W. A. for the construction and erection of these sanitary pits.

Mr. R. S. Gary, District Supervisor, has been in Camden assisting in the organization of the unit in this county.

The office will be located in the County Health Officer's offices in the Court House.

Diligence Wins

Diligence is a virtue possessed by every successful man. He knows his job, he works at his job, he loves his job. Diligence is that which blends mind and body, transforms wishes into work, dreams into realities. It is the one thing that gets results.—Grit