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Laurens T. Mills Died Sunday

Camden was shocked and saddened by the announcement of the death of Laurens T. Mills, prominent citizen and attorney, which occurred Sunday morning as a result of a heart attack. Mr. Mills was at his usual duties Saturday and appeared in fine spirits, and his death coming suddenly as it did Sunday morning was a great shock to his many friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. Mills was born July 27, 1874, in Fairfield county. He was the son of the Rev. W. W. Mills, D. D., and Sarah Edith Anne Smith Mills. His father was pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian church here for many years.

He was graduated from Davidson college, North Carolina, in 1894. After leaving college he taught school for some years and then was graduated from the law school of the University of South Carolina in 1904.

He was a law partner of the late W. M. Shannon for many years under the firm name of Shannon and Mills. Later he opened his own office and was city judge of Camden for a number of years. For ten years he served as county attorney of Kershaw county. He was a member of the house of representatives from Kershaw county 1914-16. He was for years a member of the county board of education and a school trustee of the Camden city schools.

Mr. Mills was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was an enthusiastic Mason, a member of the Shrine and for years district deputy grand master of Kershaw district. He was for years a lieutenant of the Kershaw Guards.

He was an active and zealous churchman and served as an elder of Bethesda Presbyterian church. A devout Christian, a good citizen, and a loving husband and father, he will be sorely missed.

On November 23, 1904 he married Miss Margaret Law Johnston of Newberry, and she and the following children survive: John Laurens Mills, Columbia; Mrs. J. H. Seaborn, Walhalla; Lila Kennerly Mills, Atlanta, Ga.; Job Johnstone Mills, Laurens; Mrs. W. L. Norton, Walhalla.

He is also survived by his brothers, the Rev. W. H. Mills, Clemson College; Prof. J. E. Mills, Columbia; the Rev. W. P. Mills, Nanking, China; a sister, Miss Mary N. Mills, Columbia. Funeral services were held at Bethesda Presbyterian church at 4 p. m. Monday afternoon. The officers of Bethesda Presbyterian church and the members of the Camden bar served as honorary pallbearers.

Active pallbearers were: C. H. Yates, Sr., J. Team Getty, M. H. Heyman, George Hodge, Withers Trotter, J. Blakeney Zemp, W. Robin Zemp and Mortimer G. Muller.

TEXTILE LOCAL UNION TO HOLD MEETING MAY 26

There will be an open meeting of Textile Local Union No. 1011 Camden, S. C. on May 26th at 7 o'clock at Pine Tree School Auditorium. The principal speaker will be Bro. J. A. Frye, President of South Carolina Textile Workers. Also State Organizer Bro. G. W. Smith will make an address. This local cordially invites everybody to attend. There will be special string band to furnish music for this occasion.

A business meeting will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. All members are urged to attend this meeting.—W. H. Knight, Recording Secretary.

BEFORE AND AFTER

By H. C. Hardy

"The muffled drums sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more he'll eat, on battlefield,
A can of monkey stew.

A hero, when he went to war,
Deserving of the best,
He did his work, and did it well,
And then, became a pest.

He fought the Boche, and cooties too,
All over northern France,
And then received as a reward,
A klop right in the pants.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, May 21.—Rev. F. A. Drennan filled his regular appointments at the Presbyterian church on Sunday night. He took as his text "and Jonah paid his fare." Rev. Drennan handled his theme in a very clever manner, emphasizing the fact that whatever sins, mistakes, or failures we make, we are in time coming writing for your

Since writing for your columns last week the drouth has been broken by generous and refreshing rains, imparting new life to all vegetation and softening the soil so that preparation and cultivation may proceed and seeds already planted may come up. Much of the already reduced cotton acreage is still to come up.

Gov. Richards and Messrs. R. C. Jones and N. S. Richards attended the State Democratic Convention in Columbia last Wednesday. Gov. Richards as a delegate and the others as interested spectators.

Mr. John E. Richards, ministerial student at the Presbyterian Seminary, Atlanta, arrived home last week for the vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Richards.

Former Mayor R. M. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Thompson.

Congressman J. P. Richards was here for a short visit on Saturday but returned to Washington.

Misses Mary and Sara, the attractive twin daughters of Postmaster and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham, students of Winthrop College, spent Mother's Day at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Richards, 3rd, of Asheville, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards, and left for Bethune to visit the parents of Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCaskill.

Mrs. R. C. Jones and daughters, Misses Louise, Jennie and Annie were visiting friends and shopping in Lancaster one day last week.

Mrs. W. Z. Hilton and Mrs. Abe Hilton spent Saturday at Kershaw with Mrs. Blackmon and other relatives.

Miss Arn K. Thompson, experienced registered nurse, who has been in Atlanta for several months, returned to this place on Saturday. She was met in Camden by her brother, Mr. L. P. Thompson and other members of his family.

Prof. W. A. Mason, former superintendent of Baron DeKalb School, accompanied by his father and others of his family were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. C. E. Richards, and other friends here.

Mr. J. B. Johnston and daughters, Misses Clara and Louise were Camden visitors one day the past week.

Mrs. H. S. Higgins has been confined to her home by sickness for some time, but was said to be feeling better Sunday.

We are indeed grieved to hear of the death of Hon. L. T. Mills, a good friend, a good citizen, and a worthy churchman. We shall miss him. G.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. McCorkle have as their guests the former's mother, Mrs. F. N. McCorkle, of Athens, Ga., and sisters Miss Anna McCorkle also of Athens, Ga. and Mrs. Tom Warlick of Newton, N. C.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitaker, Jr., at the Camden Hospital May 16, a daughter, Mary Coogan Whitaker.

Miss Margaret Chewning who has been with the Standard Oil Company in Columbia has returned to Camden to make her home. Miss Chewning has taken Mrs. Arthur Clarke's place as stenographer with the Waterlee Mills.

Mrs. Hughey Tindal department membership chairman of the Legion Auxiliary spoke over W. I. S. Columbia on Monday on "Membership."

Mrs. J. S. Rhame went to Charlotte Sunday where she will spend several weeks visiting her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens and son, Mrs. W. M. Alexander and Mrs. Louise Rosiek spent Sunday in Charlotte with relatives.

Co-ops to Meet in Camden Saturday

Members of the South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association of this county will hold their annual county membership meeting at the county courthouse on Saturday, May 26th, at 11:00 A. M. The principal business to be transacted at this meeting will be the election of a county chairman and a county secretary for the ensuing year and the election of delegates to a district meeting which will be held Saturday, June 2nd, when one or more members will be nominated for director of the Association to represent this district.

A message from General Manager Hathcock, reviewing the activities of the Association for the past season will be read at the county meeting. Members are urged to attend their county meeting.

ELEVEN ARRESTED FOR FISHING ON SUNDAY

Lexington, May 20.—Eleven persons were arrested Sunday fishing on Lake Murray as Sheriff H. Cronrater Oswald started his drive to enforce the "blue law"

Bond of \$5 was required of each of those arrested except Eugene Baker of Columbia, whom the sheriff said would also be charged with resisting arrest and interference with an officer while performing his duty. Mr. Baker's bond was fixed at \$300.

R. Milo Smith, Mr. Baker's attorney, said if his case was the first to be tried for violation of the Sunday ban on fishing it was probable that a test of the law would be made in case of conviction.

Magistrate J. L. Amick at Chapin will try most of the cases Wednesday.

Mr. Baker was arrested shortly before noon at Murray Lodge, about 12 miles from Lexington, by the sheriff. He was said to have been in a boat with another person who was casting, and when they came ashore he wished to take the blame alone. Sheriff Oswald, however, arrested both, and Mr. Baker was said to have resisted.

Taken to the Lexington jail, the sheriff invited Mr. Baker to have dinner with him, and after dinner he arranged bond.

Sheriff Oswald announced a week ago that he would fine any person caught fishing on Sunday. Most of the lake is in the jurisdiction of the Lexington sheriff.

LEPPARD NAMES COMMITTEE TO WORK ON INTINERARY

Greenville, May 19.—Personnel of the intinerary committee which will arrange the schedule of state Democratic campaign meetings for this summer's primary was announced here today by B. T. Leppard, new chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

The appointments were in accordance with a resolution passed by the executive committee Wednesday recommending that one person from each congressional district be selected.

The committee is expected to meet within a few days to make out the 1934 campaign program.

The committee personnel follows: First District: Thomas P. Stoney, Charleston.

Second District: J. Britton, Sumter.

Third District: W. H. Nicholson, Greepwood.

Fourth District: Howard McCrahy, Spartanburg.

Fifth District: L. C. Wannamaker, Cheraw.

Sixth District: G. F. Ford, Conway.

DORIS DUKE'S FORTUNE

Somerville, N. J., May 19.—Doris Duke, one of America's wealthiest women, no longer has a legal guardian.

Her mother, Mrs. Nanaline Duke, was discharged from that role yesterday on petition to Judge John Roger in orphans court. Miss Duke reached her 21st birthday on November 22, 1933.

Mrs. Duke's final accounting of her guardianship showed her daughter's estate had grown \$212,000 in addition to the \$29,000 left to her in trust by her late father.

Gilbert Halsall Died in Albany, N. Y.

The many friends in Camden of "Gil" Halsall were saddened to hear the news of his death which occurred in Albany, N. Y. Sunday. Mr. Halsall was very popular in Camden where he was born and lived until early manhood. He left here a good many years ago when he accepted a position as Associated Press operator at Charleston. He worked in this capacity at Charleston, Norfolk, Va., Jacksonville, Fla., Buffalo, N. Y. and Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Halsall is survived by his mother, Mrs. Maggie Halsall; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Smyrl; and by his widow and three children. Interment will be in the Quaker cemetery here.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch from Albany of Mr. Halsall's death:

"Albany, N. Y., May 20.—Gilbert Thomas Halsall, 38, an Associated Press operator for 15 years, died suddenly today from a heart attack. He had been in ill health for a few weeks, but his condition was not considered serious."

Halsall was born at Camden, S. C. The body will be returned here for burial.

He leaves a widow and three children.

Halsall worked in Charleston, S. C., Norfolk, Va., Jacksonville, Fla., Buffalo and Albany, N. Y."

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

To the Democratic Voters of Kershaw County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. I will appreciate your support.

Very respectfully,

H. STONEY MOORE.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE PREPARING 53rd COMMENCEMENT

Clinton, S. C., May 18.—Presbyterian College is preparing for its fifty-third commencement exercises May 27-29th. Dr. John McSweeney, president of P. C., has announced that the Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, D. D., Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Ga., will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon on May 27th at the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton. The services will begin at 11:15 A. M.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet at three-thirty Monday afternoon. At 4:00 P. M. Maj. John T. Rhet, of the United States Army will deliver the commissions to the graduates of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. After his address to the newly commissioned Reserve Second Lieutenants the entire Cadet Corps will hold a Dress Parade on the College Plaza. Following this colorful ceremony there will be a reception for the members of the graduating class and their families and friends at the home of the President of the College.

Dr. H. W. DuBose, of Spartanburg, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will preside at the graduating exercises Tuesday morning, May 29. The academic procession will form at 10:30 A. M. Dr. DuBose will present the diplomas and Dr. McSweeney will make the announcements and a farewell address to the graduates.

Presbyterian College will award two honorary degrees: To Prof. James Heneley Thornwell, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Hartsville, S. C., the degree of Doctor of Literature; to the Rev. A. Hoyt Miller, Missionary, Mutoto, Congo Belge, Africa, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. There are forty-two candidates for degrees from the student body.

POPPY DAY SATURDAY, MAY 26

Memorial poppies will be sold here Saturday. These poppies are made by disabled veterans. All contributions received for the poppies will be devoted to the rehabilitation and welfare work of the legion and auxiliary among the disabled veterans and the dependent families of veterans.

Prolific Oyster

A female oyster may produce 500,000 eggs in a year.

Warns Against Violating Liquor Taxing Law

Robert M. Cooper, Collector of Internal Revenue for South Carolina, has invited attention to the penalties for violations of Section 207 of Title II of the Liquor Taxing Act of 1934, which relates to the unauthorized possession of stamps indicating tax payment of distilled spirits in bottles.

This Section provides that "any person * * * who uses, sells, or has in his possession * * * any stamp required to be destroyed by this title, * * * or who has in his possession any such stamps obtained by him otherwise than as provided in sections 202 and 203, or who sells or transfers any such stamp otherwise than as provided in section 202, shall on conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding five years, or by both."

Under Title II of the Liquor Taxing Act of 1934 and the regulations thereunder, the only persons entitled to possess the strip stamps issued under that title are persons who have obtained them directly from a collector of internal revenue upon application to him, and dealers who are in possession of such stamps for bottles of distilled spirits in closed cases, as provided in the Act and regulations with respect to spirits caged prior to February 10, 1934, and spirits imported in closed cases. Stamp once affixed to a bottle may not be removed, but must be destroyed when the bottle is emptied. Any person possessing the strip stamps otherwise than as specifically authorized by the Act and regulations is subject to prosecution under section 207 of the Act.

Officers of internal revenue are directed to strictly enforce this section of section 207 of the Act against any person found in possession of such stamps in violation of the Act and regulations thereunder. However, in view of the misunderstanding and confusion which arose from application of the law to stocks on hand on its effective date, no action will be taken against any person voluntarily returning such stamps to a collector of internal revenue on or before May 31, 1934.

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CITIZENSHIP

This will be the theme for the address by Dr. Wimberly for the Men's Bible Class next Sunday morning. This was to have been given yesterday; but the Sunday School program was used instead. Let us rally a big class next Sunday.—Jack Moore, Sec.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00, conducted by Dr. A. W. Humphries, Supt.

Preaching at 11:15 by the pastor. Subject at morning hour: "Hold Fast."

Preaching at 8:15 by the pastor. Theme: "Mountain Top View."—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Work Has Started On Hermitage Dam

Work has started in restoring the Hermitage Mill pond dam that was blown out several years ago. This work is part of the federal relief administration program and will give Camden one of the finest mill ponds in South Carolina.

To secure this work, it was necessary to raise funds by private and public donations, and through the sale of fishing rights. There is already quite an acreage of water in the pond, in spite of the break in the dam years ago, and by mending the dam and raising it eight and one-half feet above the present water level, the water will cover approximately 825 acres as compared with the original coverage of 936 acres.

The entire tract upon which the pond is located covers about 1,000 acres, and is only about two miles from the city limits. It will offer a fine site for recreational center such as boating, fishing, swimming, water sports, Four-H club and Boy Scout camp sites.

A commission to serve for ten years will be composed of the president of the Hermitage Cotton mill, the mayor of Camden, the president of the chamber of commerce, the chairman of the county board of directors, and the president of the Merchants' association, which at the present time is represented by R. B. Pitts, J. H. Osborne, John K. de Loach, W. T. Redfern and John T. Mackey, the latter being named to act as chairman of the commission.

This pond is not only one of the largest in the state but dates back for many generations, formerly having served to operate cotton gins and wheat mills and in later years the Hermitage Cotton mill. Before the dam broke, fishermen came here from as far as North Carolina. It will be re-stocked and protected and will make a playground for the people of Camden and Kershaw county.

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BIG LIQUOR HAUL MADE AT LANCASTER

A truck containing approximately 2000 gallons of grain alcohol was confiscated here Sunday afternoon and turned over to the federal authorities after two men giving their names Harry Wallman and Sam Penrose were arrested.

This truck was halted in front of the Presbyterian church about 1 p. m. Sunday by Patrolman Leo Jenkins when he observed that the truck had an auxiliary gasoline tank which is a violation of the law in this state. After Mr. Jenkins halted the truck and asked the two men for a bill of lading which they did not have the officer observed that the truck was very heavily loaded. When he told the men that he would have to unload their cargo to find out if the truck was overloaded the two men confessed that it was a contraband load of grain alcohol on which no tax had been paid.

This truck was camouflaged as a cotton carrier as it appeared as though baled cotton was being hauled. Above the top of the box, body appeared baled cotton but when the wires were broken and the cotton thrown off it was seen that the truck carried about 640 containers of alcohol with three gallons of the liquid in each container. This made a very heavy load for the machine which was a sturdy Broadway truck. The truck carried a North Carolina license.

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Quite a bit of money was found on the two men who were arrested. Wallman who gave his age as 33 said he was from New York. Penrose, aged 25, gave Springfield, Ohio as his home.—Lancaster News.