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## Lancaster Boys Held On Robbery Charge

As an aftermath of an automobile accident Friday afternoon near Cayce, three young men were held last night in the Columbia city jail for Lancaster county on charges of store-breaking and larceny and house-breaking and larceny.

Those held were: L. J. Plyler, 21, Ross McManus, 19, alias Maxie Bell, (Ross Williams), and James Warren, 24, alias Odell Warren, all of Lancaster.

Plyler implicated the other two in Lancaster robberies after his arrest Friday for reckless driving following the accident.

Yesterday morning Plyler was fined \$35 or sentenced to serve 60 days by Magistrate Q. M. Gayder of New Brookland for reckless driving.

It was while Plyler was in the New Brookland jail, that Lieut. J. D. Townsend and Patrolman L. O. Lucas of the state highway patrol secured information which led them to believe that Plyler was mixed up in several recent Lancaster robberies.

McManus and Warren were arrested at 7 o'clock last night by Lieutenant Townsend and Patrolman Lucas on Pulaski street. Both confessed to the Lancaster robberies within 30 minutes of their arrest, officers said.

The robberies which the trio admitted took place last Thursday night, one being at a Lancaster cotton mill where they stole a valuable electric drill and the other a filling station where they stole cigarettes and other goods.

The trio traded the electric drill at a filling station at Denair for eight gallons of gas and sandwiches, the total bill amounting to \$2.55.

After the accident Friday near Cayce and the arrest of Plyler, who was driving the car, McManus and Warren sold the stolen tobacco and some of the other goods. Highway and local authorities had recovered a portion of the stolen goods last night and expect to recover most of the loot.

Assisting in the investigation here were Chief W. H. Rawlinson and Detective P. W. Knox of the Columbia police force.

Plyler told officers that he acted as lookout for the other two in the robberies and shared in the loot.

The trio are being held in the city jail until the arrival of Lancaster officers to get them.—The State.

## Men's Bible Class Lytleton Street Methodist Church

The discussion of last Sunday will be finished next Sunday. The theme "Our Great Servant, and Our Greatest Master." Those who heard this interesting address by our pastor and teacher, should hear this one. We hope to soon get our big attendance back, now that vacations are over with most of us. Come next Sunday and bring some of the absent members back to the class. It will do you good.—Jack Moore, Secretary.

## "Fares Please"

This will be the subject of the Sermon next Sunday by the pastor, Dr. Wimberly. The preaching hour will be 11:15 A. M. and will follow the Sunday School hour. We hope to see our people back in line, as we approach the close of the summer. This theme will be of interest, and we trust our people will rally to the services.

Preaching by the pastor at 11:15: Theme: "Fares Please"

Preaching also at 8:00 P. M. Theme: "Citizenship—Its Meaning"

Musical furnished by Mrs. Lois Gandy, organist, and Chorister.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT HERMITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will begin at Hermitage Baptist church Sunday August 26th at 8 p. m. T. A. Snyder, from New Brookland, will assist the pastor, B. S. Broome. The public is cordially invited to these services.

## About Ourselves

All of life's varied experiences are but the stuff we test our souls upon.

## It's Over

Peace lies not in the external world but lies within one's own soul.

## Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, August 19.—Your reporter and a few other people from here attended the county campaign meetings at Kershaw and Bethune, and on Thursday, at Westville where quite a number of people from this place were in attendance, it being the nearest point and the only meeting in Flat Rock Township. Large crowds have turned out to each meeting and general good order has prevailed. A few drunks—more than we have seen at a meeting for several years—were noticed at Westville, but they were not local citizens but visitors from other towns. A great many ladies are attending the meetings and quite a lot of interest seems to be manifested in the outcome of the approaching election. Some of the many aspirants for public favor are good talkers and use up their allotted time in discussing problems of interest or in making their pleas, while others with less time allowed have plenty of time, and to spare. Campaigning is a period of stress and struggle, of handshaking and speechmaking, a time of fair promises and good fellowship generally, but the end is rapidly approaching when "the voice of the people" shall be the "death knell" of the bright hopes and fond aspirations of many. We are sorry to see the "dissolution" of such a band of sanguine, clever and genial good fellows and hope that each one may have a pleasant and prosperous future!

Gov. Richards is receiving more invitations to hold meetings in the interest of "prohibition and law enforcement" than he will probably be able to fill. The people are becoming aroused and are giving more thought to the very great responsibility that rests upon them in casting their votes in the coming referendum. "Am I my brother's keeper?" To a certain extent, yes.

Mrs. L. C. Clyburn and Mrs. Oscar Williams of Westville were visitors on the "Hill" one day last week.

Lieut. K. E. Hughs and Mrs. Hughs of Aiken were visiting in the home of his cousin, Mrs. L. P. Thompson, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Chester Francis of Roanoke, Va. is spending some time with her parents, former governor and Mrs. J. G. Richards. Her father motored to Charlotte to meet her on Friday last.

Miss Ann Thompson has returned home after an extended visit to Montreat, N. C., Pickens and Columbia, S. C. and other points. She reports a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnston of Atlanta, have returned home after spending several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnston.

Postmaster C. D. Cunningham and son C. D., Jr. and Mr. L. P. Thompson attended "Farmers Week" at Clemson College. They report a very pleasant and profitable trip. While away postmaster Cunningham's attractive twin daughters, Misses Mary and Sara substituted very acceptably for him, in conducting the post office affairs.

Dr. C. E. Burts, noted Baptist preacher and prohibition speaker spent Saturday night in the home of Gov. and Mrs. John G. Richards.

Mr. Charles McCoy of Mt. Zion is spending some time in the home of his aunt, Mrs. F. B. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnston and daughters, Misses Clara and Louise, paid a visit to Hon. T. F. McDow and family of York last week. Mr. McDow is a brother of Mrs. Johnston.

Prof. A. J. Richards, superintendent of the Denmark schools, with Mrs. Richards, and A. J. Jr. are guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Richards. They will remain until after the Edwards-Richards wedding at Lancaster on August 25th.

Our section was visited Saturday evening by a very good fall of rain though not sufficient to wet the ground fully. It was the first for several weeks and will do a lot of good, although too late to be of much benefit to many crops which were too far advanced.

Mr. R. C. Jones is having his ginery overhauled and put in readiness for the coming cotton season and will be ready to prepare the fleecy staple for market when the picking season arrives.

The colored people are holding the usual summer time meetings at their churches. A several days meeting

## Primary Election Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, August the 28th the "battle of ballots" will take place. In Camden the polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. In the other precincts in the county they will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

Following are the state and county tickets:

### Democratic Primary Election August 28, 1934

For Congress  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
J. E. BEAMGUARD  
J. P. RICHARDS  
A. L. WOOD

For Auditor  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
A. F. SPIGNER

For State Senate  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
S. F. BRASINGTON  
GROVER C. WELSH

For Representative  
(Vote for two; scratch others)  
J. R. BELK  
FRED BRYANT  
FRED B. FLOYD  
NEWTON KELLY  
ALLEN B. MURCHISON  
T. K. TROTTER  
NEIL B. TRUESDALE

For Sheriff  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
E. T. BOWEN  
J. H. MCLEOD

For Treasurer  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
S. WYLIE HOGUE  
H. STONEY MOORE  
C. JOE OUTLAW

For Auditor  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
B. E. SPARROW  
W. R. TAYLOR

For Judge of Probate  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
N. C. ARNETT  
L. REX JONES  
W. L. McDOWELL

For County Game Warden  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
H. E. GARYER  
J. M. CATTY'S  
M. C. HAYES  
W. C. HORTON  
C. M. HOUGH  
W. P. MCGUIRT  
A. L. MCLEOD  
MITCHELL RABON  
WADE H. RADOLIFFE, Jr.  
W. A. (BILLIE) RUSH  
BECKHAM (BECK) RUSSELL  
W. P. SOWELL  
FRED E. WATTS

For Director Buffalo Township  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
W. T. HOLLEY  
D. M. KIRKLEY  
ERNEST B. TRUESDALE

For Director DeKalb Township  
W. T. REDFEARN

For Director Flat Rock Township  
J. C. FAULKENBERRY

For Director Wateree Township  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
JOHN RABON  
J. P. ROSE

For Magistrate DeKalb Township  
B. M. SMITH

For Magistrate at Bethune  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
C. P. PATE  
JOHN A. YOUNG

For Magistrate at Blaney  
J. D. WATSON

For Magistrate at Kershaw  
(Vote for one; scratch others)  
W. D. COOK  
D. R. FLETCHER  
H. E. KIRKLEY  
R. S. LONG  
OLARENCE L. THREATT

For Magistrate at Flat Rock  
(Vote for two; scratch others)  
W. G. ANTHONY  
G. R. CLEMENTS  
T. C. FLETCHER  
L. D. VINCENT

For Magistrate Upper Wateree  
JERRY BRANHAM  
FRANK RABON

Governor  
Cole L. Blease  
H. Kemper Cooke  
Olin D. Johnston  
Wyndham Manning  
L. B. Owens  
Tom B. Pearce  
W. O. Sheppard  
C. E. Sloan  
Lieutenant Governor  
Jon R. Bryson  
John Hughes Cooper  
J. E. Harley  
Fred D. West  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
J. Roy Jones  
James W. Shealy  
Comptroller General  
A. J. Beattie  
Attorney General  
John M. Daniel  
Cordie Page  
Superintendent of Education  
James H. Hope  
John J. McMahon  
G. E. Wright  
State Treasurer  
Eustace P. Miller  
Adjutant General  
James C. Dozier  
Tom Marshall  
Secretary of State  
W. F. Blackwell

### Singing Convention to Meet at Bishopville

The Lee County Singing Convention will meet at the graded school building at Bishopville in its one hundred and eighth session on Sunday, August 26th at 2:30 p. m. We extend a cordial welcome to all choirs and singers to meet with us and take part in the exercises. A warm welcome to all.—L. A. Moore, President.

closed at New Grove Baptist church south of here on Sunday night.

## Cotton Ginners Meeting Saturday

All cotton gin operations in Kershaw County are requested to meet at the Court House in Camden Saturday, August 25, 10:00 A. M. Mr. A. L. James, Deputy Collector working out of the office of Mr. R. M. Cooper, Collector of Internal Revenue, is to attend the meeting for the purpose of giving the ginners such instructions as they desire concerning the Bankhead Act. All ginners of the county should attend this meeting whether they intend qualifying to gin this year or not.

Those who see this notice are requested to notify the ginners they see in order that every ginmer in the county may have opportunity of attending this meeting.—Henry D. Green, County Agent.

### CROP AND FEED LOAN OFFICE NOW OPEN

Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office now open to make loans for planting fall grain. See W. C. Parham, Field Supervisor for full information. Lending period for grain loans will close September 15th.

### DEATH OF MRS. FREITAG

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Sophia Freitag, 65, well known lady of this city, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Mackey, of Chesterfield, were held Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Quaker cemetery, the Rev. C. F. Wimberly, pastor of Lytleton Street Methodist church, of which Mrs. Freitag was a member, conducted the services.

Mrs. Freitag is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. H. Mackey, Chesterfield; Mrs. J. H. Humphries and Mrs. Viola Webb, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Ernest R. Freitag and A. J. Freitag, of Camden.

### AUGUST 25 DEADLINE FOR GIN TICKETS

The State Allotment Board has set the closing date for receipt of Bankhead applications for tax-free gin certificates in Kershaw County as midnight Saturday, August 25. After that date no more applications are to be received in this county. Every farmer in the county who produces cotton in 1934 must make application to his local Bankhead committeeman not later than August 25 if he is to gin any cotton tax free. This applies to all cotton producers, whether contract signers or non-signers. Please tell your neighbors. It will be too late to apply after Saturday, August 25.—Henry D. Green, County Agt.

### OF INTEREST TO COTTON FARMERS

The following letter has just been received by County Agent Green from Mr. R. W. Hamilton, Assistant to Director, Clemson College, who has charge of all the Bankhead work in the State:

"I have received your letter of August 14th. It is perfectly all right for a farmer in one county to have his cotton ginned in another county. Of course, he will have to present the necessary tax exemption certificate when the cotton is ginned.

"The Washington office will some time in the near future make an announcement in regard to the commercial value of tax exemption certificates. At present I have no information on them."

By terms of a settlement, \$250,000 will be paid to Princess Yousouppoff, an exiled member of the old Russian nobility by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, movie producers. The princess charged that an adulterous woman character in the film "Rasputin and the Empress" was intended to represent her. Miss Fannie Holtzman of New York, was principal attorney for the princess, and arranged for a settlement of the case out of court.

Dr. Dayton of the Massachusetts department of mental diseases declares that children from small families are more intelligent than those who have many brothers and sisters. Maybe he is right, but we may remind him that Benjamin Franklin, who wasn't so dumb, was the youngest of 10 children.

## Hours for Voting Given By Bonner

Lane L. Bonner, secretary of the State Democratic executive committee, said yesterday there was a misunderstanding among some people as to the exact time the polls at the various precincts are to close August 23, when Democratic primary is to be run off.

He explained that the polls are to open at 8 o'clock and close at 4 o'clock except in the cities of Charleston, Columbia, Camden, Rock Hill, Port Mill, Clover, York, North Augusta, Belvidere, Clearwater No. 2, Bath, Langley, Gloverville, Warrenville, Graniteville and Vaulause, and in the Greater Greenville district, when they close at 6. The polls will remain open until precincts in four counties, Anderson, Pickens, Lexington, and Fairfield.

Mr. Bonner said many persons were under the impression that the polls in all precincts in the state were to remain open until 6 o'clock.—The State.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR A GOVERNOR

By Dr. Wade Stackhouse

A governor should be a leader of man. He should be a young man strong enough to break away from precedent, when the light of a better day is visible. He should be progressive. He should be able to do for the sovereign State of South Carolina something comparable to what Franklin Roosevelt has done for our nation.

He should surround himself with a group of sound advisers. After receiving advice he should be able to pick out that which is best and put it into execution. He should lead the legislature by means of frequent specific personal messages. Before Mr. Roosevelt became president congress was often like a ship without a compass. At times the South Carolina legislature seemingly wobbles without a purpose. Under Roosevelt's messages and purpose, congress is steering to definite ends.

Our present constitution has been amended and patched so much that it reads like the acts of the general assembly. Neither our citizens nor our judges seem to respect our constitution. When we have a governor strong enough and big enough to direct the policy of a new constitutional convention it should be called.

The governor should call the supreme court and all circuit judges together and devise simpler and more speedy methods of trying all cases. The procrastination and delays of South Carolina courts is one of the burning shames of our State. At present it looks as if courts of law are designed to care for the criminals and not for the protection of the law abiding. Have we made law loving or law breaking citizens by tax-enforcement of our laws?

The governor should protect the interests of the forgotten man. About the worst forgotten man is an individual who through hard work and a life time of saving has a small home or farm. He is now in fear and trembling lest the tax monster devour his small holding. What this state most needs is more manufacturing plants and more payrolls. We need more property and more people to share our tax burden. Has our policy encouraged or has it frightened away foreign capital?

After considering the qualifications of the several candidates for governor, I think Wyndham Manning measures up to our requirements better than any of the others. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and elect him our next governor.

Progress toward civilization is noted among the Batak inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies, who formerly were cannibals, given "eating enemies taken in war, as well as old people of their own tribe. Now, it is said, they have forsaken that primitive custom, and eat dogs instead.

The wisest of men get felled once in a while. An object treasured and proudly exhibited for 20 years by the Smithsonian Institution as "the world's oldest ear of corn," reputedly grown in Peru, has been found to be merely a cleverly moulded piece of baked clay.

## Farmers to Gin More Cotton Tax-Free

An agreement has just been reached whereby the government will permit farmers of Kershaw County to gin more 1934 cotton tax-free than was indicated under their contracts. This is due to the fact that the government agreed to strike out the year 1929 from the base period for Kershaw County. In 1929 our farmers made an average of only 1.98 pounds lint cotton per acre. This will be a substantial benefit to the cotton producers of Kershaw County.

While an effort has been underway on our part for several weeks, this re-arrangement has just been agreed to by the federal government.—Henry D. Green, County Agent.

## Personal

Elmer Watts, spent the week-end with friends in Bennettville.

J. R. Montgomery, Jr., of Washington, D. C., arrived Sunday night to join his family who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller and daughter, Miss Margaret, have returned from their home at Edgemont, N. C. where they have been spending the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nettles have returned from a trip to Edgemont and Highlands, N. C.

Miss Virginia Lee Nettles spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nettles.

Mrs. Lee Little and children are spending this week in Virginia with Mrs. Little's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Karesh left Sunday for New York to purchase fall goods for the Fashion Shop.

Mrs. J. M. Hoffer and daughter, Jane, and son, Jerome, Jr., have returned from a two weeks stay at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reasonover and Mrs. C. B. Smith spent Sunday at Floydale with Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Wood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Montgomery and baby of Washington, D. C., and Douglas Montgomery, also of Washington, D. C. are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore are visiting relatives in Florence this week.

Mrs. Rheta Halsall and daughter, Jane, left Tuesday for Ohio to spend awhile with Mrs. Halsall's sister, Mrs. Lawrence Betsill.

Bishop and Mrs. A. S. Thomas, of Charleston, and Mrs. C. R. Smith, of Florence, were guests of Mr. H. G. Garrison, Sr., Sunday.

David Blackwell of Charlotte spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Joe Blackwell.

Henry Eichel and son, Julian Eichel, returned Saturday from the Northern markets where they went to purchase goods for Eichel's Department Store.

Miss Margaret Jenkins of Atlanta is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jenkins.

Mrs. Jake Hirsch has returned from Macon, Ga. where she went to attend the funeral of her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Konegay announce the birth of an eight pound son in Columbia Friday, August 17.

A South Dakota week newspaper completed the publication of the entire Bible in installments, begun 22 years ago. It may well begin over, as a new generation is coming on to whom the contents of the Book of Books would be real spot news.