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James R. Belk Meets Tragic Death

Camden and Kershaw county people were shocked and saddened Wednesday morning when it became known that Representative Belk had met death in an automobile accident near Columbia while enroute to the capital city to attend to his legislative duties.

Mr. Belk was popular throughout the county and also popular with his colleagues in the general assembly, where he was entering upon his third term. He possessed a genial disposition and made many friends in the legislature halls where he wielded a great influence.

The following account of the tragic accident appeared in the Columbia State of Thursday morning:

"Death invaded the ranks of the members of the house of representatives of South Carolina yesterday when James R. Belk, member from Kershaw county, was fatally injured in an automobile wreck, which occurred about four miles from Columbia as the representative was on his way to the State House.

"Mr. Belk was alone in his automobile; the roads were wet and slippery from rain and the physical evidence was the car skidded from the road and smashed against a tree at the foot of Baldwin's hill on the Two Notch road. It was said that the top of the car was smashed by the impact and that Mr. Belk received injuries to his face and head.

"The injured man, alive but unconscious, was lifted into the car of H. F. Lister, of Columbia, who was on his way to Camden, and who saw the badly damaged car. M. M. Smith, who lives nearby, was already at the place when Mr. Lister came up, and these two, assisted by Charles Sharpe brought Mr. Belk to the Columbia hospital, where he died within about 15 minutes of a fractured skull and cerebral hemorrhage. Doctors said he probably also sustained other injuries. He was identified by papers in his pockets and Mr. Lister notified Mrs. Belk of the tragedy.

"Mrs. Belk and her daughter came quickly to Columbia but before they arrived at the hospital Mr. Belk had succumbed to his injuries."

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church of Camden, at 3 p. m., with the Rev. J. B. Caston, his pastor, in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Ferguson, chaplain of the house and Rev. C. F. Wimberly of the M. E. Church. The burial followed in the family plot at Kershaw immediately following the funeral.

The county officials of Kershaw, Senator S. F. Brasington and Representative Neil Truesdell, Mr. Belk's colleagues, along with the members of the ways and means committee, served as honorary pallbearers.

The active pallbearers were: J. Team Gettys, W. F. Nettles, R. B. Pitts, E. B. Mobley, E. L. Moseley, Sheriff J. H. McLeod, John T. Stevens of Kershaw, and Senator J. H. Hammond of Columbia.

JUNIOR WELFARE LEAGUE TO PRESENT PLAY

The Junior Welfare League of Camden will present a play THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER written especially for children, to be presented on or near the first of February.

The play, by Dorothy Holloway was adapted from one of the famous fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen. Mrs. Donald Morrison, president of the League will direct the play. She proved herself a competent director in the production of the Camden Pageant. Plans are not complete so far but the cast was chosen from young women of Camden and rehearsals began last week.

An entertainment for the children in order of a play designed to please them is a novel idea in Camden. The director and cast, backed by all members of the Welfare League as interested assistants, are lending their efforts to produce a well acted and entertaining feature. It should be of interest to adults in town as well as to all children of school age.

No Good for Him
A soft answer may turn away wrath, but never an insurance agent.—Chicago Evening Post.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, Jan. 14—Since the New Year has come in the weather has been quite variable, many rainy days interspersed with pleasant days of sunshine and springlike temperature. Some flowers are blooming and tender leaves are showing on shrubbery and "springtime" frogs are singing their merry songs in the branches but we opine that these harbingers of an early spring will be rudely disillusioned before the winter months have rolled by.

At the Church Sunday morning Sunday school, at 10 o'clock in charge of Superintendent R. C. Jones. 11 o'clock service conducted by Elder L. P. Thompson.

The William Arthur Cunningham Chapter U. D. C. met on Friday evening with Mrs. F. B. Floyd, an interesting program was carried out after which delicious refreshments were served. Miss Cassels of Great Falls was a visiting attendant.

Our people were greatly surprised and shocked by news of the sad and tragic death of Hon. J. R. Belk, and deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and the County in the loss of a popular and useful public official.

Mr. C. D. Cunningham, our popular Post Master and Mr. W. E. Cunningham, energetic fire ranger, are each enjoying (?) the "good fortune" (?) of nursing boils, but it seems, would be willing to part with them, for much less than what they are said to be worth.

There has been a number of cases of a mild type of flu in our village, five members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins have been confined to their home during the past week with the trouble.

Mrs. W. C. Perry had the misfortune of scalding one of her feet very painfully early last week by the accidental overturning of a kettle of water.

Gov. and Mrs. John G. Richards went to Sumter on Sunday to be present at the baptism of a grandchild, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frances. They were accompanied by Mrs. T. P. McCrea and children for the occasion.

Mr. George Truesdale, prominent farmer, of the Flat Rock section, was a visitor of Mr. L. P. Thompson on Thursday last.

Misses Clara and Louise Johnston and Jennie Jones were Camden visitors one day last week.

Miss Willie Mae Peach of Westville was a weekend visitor of Miss Lois Mack.

Messrs. L. P. Thompson and F. B. Floyd attended the meeting of the Production Credit Association in Kershaw last week.

Mr. W. B. Twitty prominent civil engineer of Heath Springs was on the "Hill" one day last week.

Mrs. A. C. Cureton has returned home from a visit to her father, Rev. J. E. Jones of Chester, while away she also visited her daughter who has a position in Gastonia.

Mr. W. T. Stover was buried at Heath Springs on Thursday last. For many years he was prominent in all interests pertaining to the welfare of his town. He was a Magistrate at the time of his death.

Congressman J. P. Richards and family were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Richards before leaving for Washington last week.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

It will be recalled, that this was the subject of last Sunday morning's sermon. I shall follow that up with still another message on the same text, but in every way different. This theme is too big to pass up with one message.

Hour of service 11:15.

STUDENT'S NIGHT

We shall observe "Student's Night" at the Methodist Church. Remember the hour will be 8:00 o'clock instead of 7:30. This will give young people who wish to attend other churches for early services, may attend this one also. We are having the indorsement and cooperation of both the Superintendent, and the Principal of the schools, for this special service. We are exceedingly anxious to have the student body come, and space will be reserved for them. We shall try to make it a pleasant hour for all.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Resume of Work of E. R. A. in County

During the period beginning November, 1933, and ending September, 1934, the Kershaw County Emergency Relief Administration completed a number of projects that will add to the physical appearance and the comforts of the people of this county.

"It has been our aim throughout Emergency Relief work to not only give relief but at the same time to accomplish something worthwhile," O. J. Smyrl, local administrator said yesterday.

Over the ten months period, various additions were made to public buildings and schools. An addition was made to the Camden hospital as well as numerous repairs. The old city hall was made into a modern auditorium with a seating capacity of 700. The city warehouse in Bethune was repaired. This was the building that was destroyed by fire and rebuilt by the E.R.A. Other civic improvements included the painting of the Camden Water Works. Five schools were repaired, altered and renovated and materials used in building new ones. A new brick veneer school was built to accommodate between 300 and 400 children. Three playgrounds in Camden were improved and 5 city parks were improved.

About 10 miles of city streets and sidewalks were improved within corporate limits. Three miles of sewer and water lines were laid in Camden. Fifteen miles of new roads were built, 500 miles of county roads were repaired and 60 miles of right-of-way cleared. In the category of community buildings, 10 small huts and one dining-room 40 x 100 ft. were constructed. One swimming pool 50 x 100 ft. and another swimming pool in Liberty Hill 30 x 70 ft. were constructed. One 1000 acre pond was restored and a 5 acre fish nursery was built adjoining it. Wood was cut and hauled to approximately 900 direct relief clients. A community garden furnished free vegetables to all direct relief cases and over 50,000 cans of surplus vegetables were canned from it.

The mattress factory produced 500 mattresses and the sewing rooms produced over 70,000 garments and bed clothes. Free commodities were distributed to 3000 cases. 3000 cattle were inoculated and pastured for a period of 5 months and then shipped to abattoirs to be canned and packed.

Approximately 1000 children were served hot lunches in the schools in the county. A camp for undernourished children was carried on for 2 weeks with attendance of 50.

Two creeks were drained for approximately 7 miles for malarial control and 750 sanitary toilets were constructed in the county. Clerical help was furnished the Seed Loan Representative to disburse Seed Loan in Kershaw County. Clerical help was also furnished the Crop Production Loan Office and the County Agent to carry out the complete program of the Bankhead Bill. Old wills in possession of the County were copied and bound. All books in the Camden Library and libraries of the 3 schools were repaired. Seventeen adult schools were conducted in the county.

Desk and filing cabinets, numbering 110 were built for the city offices.

HONOR ROLL BARON DEKALH SCHOOL SECOND SIX WEEKS

Grade 1. Mary Evelyn Horton, Martha Peardt, Martha McDonald, Douglas Barfield, James Edward Baker, Mendel Clyburn, Jackie Jones, Leroy Roberts, Roy Sill, Leslie Self, Margaret Barrett, Isabella Catoe, Louise Stover.

Grade 2. Barbara Ogburn, James Erasington, Willie Catoe.

Grade 3. Johnnie Sowell, John Boone, Carolyn Owens, Dottie Broome, Nancy Lee Owens, Eloise Truesdale, Jewel Hornsby, Charles Truesdale, Tommie Stover, Marlowe Burch, Leila Workman.

Grade 4. Grace Childress, Ada Knight, Margaret McDonald, Geneva Ray, Mabel Horton, Frances Faulkenberry, Myrtle Ellis, Floyd Catoe, Sam Truesdale, Robert McDowell.

Grade 5. Marie Holland, Dorcas Owens, Margie Workman, Chalmers Hornsby.

Grade 6. George Jordan, Hoyt Owens, Fannie Horton, Cleo Smyrl, Nina Young.

Grade 7. Ruby Young.

Grade 8. Ruth McDonald.

Grade 9. Willie McDonald.

Grade 10. Willie Mae Horton, Willie Mae Peach.

Grade 11. Myra Owens.

TO THE ELECTORATE OF KERSHAW COUNTY

At the instance of friends over the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives to succeed Honorable J. R. Belk, deceased, in the election to be held next Tuesday, January 22, and I shall be grateful for your kind consideration.

MURDOCH M. JOHNSON.

B. Y. P. U. RALLY

The Kershaw Associational B. Y. P. U. Rally meeting will be held at Thorn Hill Sunday afternoon, January 20th at 2:30. Each union is urged to be present and be prepared to make a verbal report. Also bring written report. All banners will be awarded.

Credit Association Opens Office Here

It is expected that this will not only be of convenience to the farmers but quite a saving in time and expense to the Association as well as the farmer, by being located at the County seats.

The Office at Lancaster, S. C. will be maintained in the Post Office Building with the County Agent.

The Office at Camden, S. C. is located on the second floor of the Crocker Building next to Telephone Exchange.

It is anticipated that the Association will do a much larger business this season, the farmers finding that their B. Stock has enhanced in value 54 cents per share, also they will take advantage of the low rate of interest offered by this set up, which is at present five percent per annum.

This last season the interest amounted to only two and one half percent for the reason the farmer only pays interest for the time he actually uses the money, which this last season averaged only six months.

All borrowers are urged by Alex G. Clarkson, Secretary and Treasurer to put in their applications at once so that they can be handled in an orderly manner by the experienced help available which means a great saving of time and expense to the farmer as well as the Association.

TREE PLANTING AT DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL

The Vocational Agriculture students of the DeKalb High School are making plans for the establishment of a forest tree plantation this winter to be located near the High School.

H. Y. Forsythe, District Forester, of Florence, recently visited R. E. Smith, Vocational Agricultural Teacher, who will have charge of the planting, and inspected the site that is to be planted. The District Forester stated that the State Forest Service is giving a limited number of seedling trees to the Vocational Agriculture Departments of the High Schools over the State, provided a suitable site for a demonstration can be secured and provided they are properly preserved as a local forestry project. Mr. Forsythe suggested the most profitable species of trees to plant for this section, such as the long leaf pine, loblolly pine, slash pine and black locust, and arrangements were made to order 500 long leaf pine seedlings which will be set out within the next two weeks as a demonstration by the boys of the Vocational Agriculture Class.

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Services at First Baptist Church

Rev. J. B. Caston, Pastor. Services at 11:15 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Morning Subject: "The Lord's Supper". Evening subject: "The Growth of the Child Jesus."

Local Post Favors Payment of Bonus

The regular monthly meeting of the James Leroy Belk Post No. 17 of the American Legion was held Monday night with L. L. Wallnau, the Commander, presiding. Quite a large number of members were in attendance. Among the business brought up before the meeting was the question of the payment of the bonus. A ballot vote was taken and it went on record that the Post here was unanimously in favor of an immediate payment of the bonus.

DEATH OF MR. ISADORE WOLFE

Many friends will mourn the passing of Mr. Isadore Wolfe which occurred at the Camden Hospital late Saturday night, January 12th. Mr. Wolfe had been unwell for some time but his condition had not been regarded as serious until a short while before his death.

Mr. Wolfe was born in Camden December 1, 1869 and was a merchant of this town for 40 years. He had a genial disposition, was interested in the life of the town, and was well liked by all who knew him.

He never married. He is survived by one brother David Wolfe, two sisters, Mrs. M. Baruch and Miss Carrie Wolfe.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and interment was in the Jewish cemetery here.

The pallbearers were: Julien Eichel, Simon Eichel, Stanley Babbin, M. H. Heyman, L. L. Wallnau and L. Strassburger.

TOWN CAVALIERS WIN JOHN DEVINE POLO CUP

The rubber game for the John Devine cup was won by the Town polo team Sunday afternoon, playing the Country polo team, 9 to 7. The largest crowd of the season was on hand, and many visitors from Columbia, Sumter and other nearby towns mingled with the Camden and tourist polo enthusiasts.

The lack of teamwork by the country team, who often bunched when riding down the field instead of stringing out, gave the Town team many opportunities to score. The hard riding of Charles DuBose, and the consistent playing of Ralph Little featured for the Town team, and Joe Bates played the best game for the Country team. Bates presented the Town team with a goal, when a shot intended for the side boards went off its course and struck a horse's hoof and ricocheted through his opponent's goal post.

Samuel Russell presented the victorious team with the Devine cup. It will be played for again next year. The team winning it three times gets permanent possession of same.

Major Connoll, Charleston, and Ralph Chase, Connecticut and Camden, were the referees.

The Camden team is coached by Maj. Grove Cullum, former chief of remount service, United States army. Camden expects to play some visiting team in the near future.

Lineup:
Town (Yellows) Country (Blues)
Henry Savag Jr. Charles Robinson
C. P. DuBose, Jr. Kirby Tupper
Ralph Little Ancrum Boykin, Jr.
M. L. Smith Joe Bates

D. A. R. MEETING FRIDAY

The Hobkirk Hill Chapter of the D. A. R. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Julia Knapp on Mill street on Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. The regent Mrs. W. J. Mayfield presided. In the absence of Mrs. R. B. Pitts, the secretary, Mrs. H. G. Marvin read the minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Hugh Tindal. The Chapter is growing through the renewal of old memberships and the addition of several new members and it hopes to carry out the work that it has always sponsored in this community, and which is outlined by the National Organization.

The marking of historic spots in and near the city will be attended to as the markers are secured for this purpose. The main feature of the program was an article read by Mrs. Clifton McKain on Robert Mills, the designer of the Old Court House on lower Broad street, the Presbyterian Church and the DeKalb Monument on

Mr. J. L. Gillis Dies Suddenly

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Jesse L. Gillis came as a great shock to his many friends here and elsewhere. Mr. Gillis was born near Rembert on the 20th day of October 1870, and all of his life was engaged in the Mercantile business and farming in that town. Mr. Gillis was a member of the First Baptist Church of Camden. His family connection throughout the State is wide.

Mr. Gillis was a popular and unselfish man, always interested and public spirited with regard to his community.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Bright Cooley, one sister, Mrs. E. S. Carter of Dalzell, one son, J. C. Gillis, of Camden, three daughters, Mrs. Adam Reames of Sumter, Misses Gertrude and Lula Gillis of Rembert; also two grandchildren, John and Louise Reames of Sumter.

Funeral services were held from the Kornegay Funeral Home Friday, January 11, at 3 p. m. and were conducted by Rev. J. B. Caston of Camden Baptist Church assisted by Rev. J. W. Godbold of Rembert and Rev. M. G. Arant of Nichols. Interment was in the Quaker cemetery there.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. E. Sanders, W. A. Shuler, P. M. Brown, J. T. Dennis, J. D. McLeod, L. A. Bradley, L. S. Vinson, Sr., and E. E. Rembert.

Active pallbearers were: K. R. Kenney, J. R. McLeod, L. S. Vinson, Jr., Ike Sanders, C. M. Emanuel and Dr. T. M. Moore.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECT TENTATIVELY APPROVED

After conferences yesterday and last week with Dr. Gray and other authorities of the Land Policy Section of the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, Congressman J. P. Richards announces that the Sandhills' Agricultural Demonstration Project, including Kershaw and Chesterfield counties, has been tentatively approved. A preliminary survey of the Sandhills' Section was requested by Congressman Richards last year, with this project in view, and this survey indicates that options can be secured on 150,000 acres, of the 260,000 acres proposed for area, at a very low price, otherwise the project may fall through.

If the land can be purchased at a satisfactory price, the area will be developed for forestry, upland game, and recreational purposes.

The preliminary survey shows that much of the land in the proposed area has been cut over and is lying out.

Congressman Richards states that he believes the 150,000 acres can be secured at a price acceptable to the A. A. A. It is the intention of the A. A. A. to again appraise the land, with a view to securing options, at an early date.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement, and they will never be forgotten.

Mrs. J. R. Belk and Daughter.

MR. KELLY ENTERS RACE

Editor Messenger: Please allow me through the columns of your paper to say at the request of friends from different parts of the county that I have entered the race again for the House of Representatives and if elected I will try to give the people a fair and square deal and do my best for the county and state.

NEWTON KELLY.

DeKalb street. The hostess served a delightful salad course after which the chapter adjourned to meet next with Mrs. Clifton McKain at her residence on Hampton Ave. the first Friday of February.

Variation in Ocean Water
According to recent researches, there are at least three kinds of water in the ocean, active plant and animal life being maintained in the first layer, decomposed organic matter in the second, while the lowest water is from the polar regions.