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Seaboard Buys New Equipment

Five of the latest type, high speed freight locomotives and one thousand all-steel, modern box cars have been purchased recently by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and have been put in operation on the lines of the company, N. G. Ledbetter, Seaboard representative in Columbia, announced a few days ago.

The new locomotives represent the apex of mechanical genius. An idea of their enormous length was seen when it required 77 full grown men cover the overall length. Above them was the imposing super-structure, towering more than 15 feet from the ground, and covered with innumerable gadgets, whose purpose is probably unknown except to the engineer in his skillful unleashing the full power of 4,000 horse in speedily and safely delivering wares, to and from, and in the South via Seaboard.

The new locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Edinburg, Pa., was constructed primarily for high speed freight service. The locomotives are capable of handling fifty per cent more tonnage than those used at present. Their tenders carry 24 tons of coal and 16,000 gallons of water, enabling them to travel unusually long distances without operating stops.

Each of the new engines is practically two engines in one. This is made possible by the adaptation of two enormous driving units on each side instead of one. Each unit propels the driving wheels, each taller than the average man, and is supplied with superheated, live steam—the essence of locomotive power.

The thousand new box cars were built in the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company's shop at Richmond and at Birmingham, and resulted in several months employment of thousands who might otherwise have been unemployed.

The new box cars are of all steel construction, and with their wooden lining, heat reflecting and resisting outside special aluminum paint offer maximum protection to the lading.

BLANEY RESIDENT DIES IN BALTIMORE

A. C. Rose of Blaney died at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore at 5:30 yesterday morning, according to word received here yesterday. He had been in ill health for several weeks.

Mr. Rose was a well known business man of Blaney and leaves a large number of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Elise Babb of Laurens; one daughter, Miss Martha Rose of Blaney; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rose of Blaney; six sisters, Mrs. W. F. Ross and Miss Ellie Rose of Blaney, Mrs. E. L. Perry of Columbia, Mrs. Willis Ross of New Brookland, Mrs. J. E. Ross of Camden and Mrs. Sadie Moody of Spartanburg, and three brothers, Stanley Rose and Walter Rose, Jr., of Blaney and J. G. Rose of Spartanburg.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced last night. Tuesday's State.

GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR BARON DEKALB SCHOOL

The following is the program for Baron DeKalb School.

Sunday May 5th, at 4 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. A. D. McArn of Camden.

Monday May 6th at 8 p. m. Class Day Exercises.

Tuesday May 7th at 9 a. m. Grammar School Commencement consisting of the regular exercises and the awarding of the promotion certificates from the 7th grade to high school and the awarding of the attendance and scholarship certificates.

Tuesday May 7th at 8 p. m. High School Graduation. The speaker will be Mr. W. D. Maggins of Winthrop College, president of the South Carolina Education Association.

The list of graduates is as follows: Howard Ebers, John Fletcher, Robert Hoard, Anena Gay, Nazmie Munn, Cora Truesdale, Sara Horton, Martha Rush, Myra Owens, Katherine Ogburn, Annie Ruth Owens.

Liberty Hill News

April 29—The work of replastering and making other improvements on the Presbyterian Church is progressing very well, but will probably not be completed in time for use next Sunday, so it seems very likely that the school house will be used again. On last Sunday Superintendent R. C. Jones conducted the Sunday school there and also the morning church service, no service being held at night.

General farm work was pushed forward very satisfactorily last week and the fine rain on Sunday, with light showers on Monday, was very acceptable to most farmers. Some cotton and much corn land is still to be planted. Some of our early gardeners have been using cabbage and Irish potatoes fresh from their gardens in April, and beans and other things will be added to the "bill of fare".

District Forester Forsythe of Florence was here Tuesday last consulting with officials of the Liberty Hill unit with reference to a barbecue and other matters of interest to the Forestry Association.

Ex-Gov. John G. Richards and Mrs. Richards were Lancaster visitors on Wednesday last, attending a musical at the First Methodist Church. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. N. S. Richards.

Misses Sophie Richards of Lancaster, and Annie Mae Cureton of Camden, spent Sunday at their home here.

Mr. F. B. Floyd has moved his sawmill and is now cutting lumber on the lands of Mr. C. D. Cunningham near his home.

ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT CITIZENS' MILITARY CAMPS

Mr. Stanley Llewellyn, of Camden, has accepted appointment as county representative for Kershaw County to assist local youths to qualify for this Summer's Citizens' Military Training Camps, it was announced yesterday.

The county representative also made it known that public spirited physicians of the county have again volunteered their services to the Government and will give free physical examinations to candidates for the training camps.

Young men of this county should apply for these examinations to Dr. George S. Rhame, Camden.

A recent increase in appropriations by Congress has more than doubled the number of men who may attend the camps this year, and all youths between 17 and 24 years are eligible to apply. The Government pays such necessary expenses as transportation to camp and return and furnishes wholesome food, uniforms, laundry service, and athletic equipment.

The camps run for thirty days and attendance does not obligate the candidates for future military service of any kind.

Clinton Walker Completes Marine Training Course

Clinton L. Walker, of Boykin, completed the course of training at the Marine Barracks, Parris Island and was transferred on April 24th, to the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., for duty with the Fleet Marine Force. He is the son of Mr. James H. Walker.

Mr. Walker entered the Marine Corps at the Marine Headquarters Office, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga., last February. He is a graduate of the Camden high school class of 1932.

Applicants are now being accepted for service in the Marine Corps at the Savannah office. Applications are mailed high school graduates upon request.

Methodist Church Next Sunday

Church School at 10:00 A. M. conducted by the superintendent Dr. A. W. Humphries. Preaching at 11:15 by the pastor. Theme: Does God Reveal Himself—and How?

Preaching at 8:00 P. M. "Where Art Thou?" We are now being assisted in the night service by a large group of young people from our Epworth League. Come and enjoy the good singing. C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Bethune News Items

Bethune, S. C., April 29—The Bethune Chapter U. D. C. was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. D. T. Yarbrough and Mrs. Margaret Marion.

Miss Eloise Miller, president, presided and the ritual was used in opening. Plans were made for Memorial Day. Mrs. R. K. Tompkins of Kershaw, a former president of the Chapter, will make a talk to the school children during Chapel period on the morning of the 10th.

Mrs. Marion gave a sketch of Sydney Lanier's life; Mrs. G. B. McKinnon read "The Flute to His Master" by Dorothy Blount Lamar and Mrs. D. M. Mays told of the "Boyhood Days in South Carolina" of Gen. DeSaussure.

Ice cream and caramel cake were served during the social hour by the hostesses.

The Junior-Senior reception was held on the lawn of the residence of Mrs. A. B. McLaurin Friday evening. Teachers and trustees of the school

LADIES NIGHT GIVEN BY ROTARIANS AT "THE PINES"

A most delightful affair of the past week was the annual ladies night given by the Rotarians at the Pines on Thursday evening. For this occasion the banquet hall at the Pines was most attractively decorated.

As the Rotary Aznes arrived they were presented lovely corsages and etchings of the Presbyterian Church. They were then welcomed by J. H. Osborne, president of the Club.

Lucky numbers were given the ladies and 25 attractive prizes awarded the winners.

A very amusing part of the program was the questions answered by the Voice of Experience, Lee Little.

Mrs. James Gandy and Mrs. F. N. McCorkle, Camden musicians, rendered musical numbers consisting of piano solos and duets which received hearty applause.

A debate, Resolved that Blonds Make Better Wives than Brunetts, was enjoyed and very amusing.

The affirmative side of the debate was by Moultrie Burns and John deLoach while the negative side was by John Villepigue and Reuben Pitts.

The Brunetts won.

A prize was presented the Rotarian having the best attendance for the year and this was presented Sam Karesch by Rev. A. D. McArn. Four Rotarians tied for this prize.

John Villepigue, president-elect was presented and made a short talk, saying he had living on one side of him the first Rotary president and on the other side the out-going president, so if he as the new president did anything wrong it wouldn't be his fault.

The grand prize, an exquisite basket of flowers, was won by Mrs. A. D. McArn.

A delightful dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Truesdale. Around 100 guests enjoyed this affair.

and the ministers in town were present.

A Dutch program was presented by members of the grammar grades in quaint costumes. Girls of the Home Economics department served the prettily appointed tables.

Miss Mary Louise McLaurin attended The Reveler's Ball in Greenville last week. Miss McKinnon was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. K. McLaurin.

Miss Mary Brannon and sister, Mrs. Wade Atkinson of Columbia were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brannon.

Miss Kathryn Truesdale attended the Sims-New wedding in Rock Hill Saturday evening.

The men of the church held their regular monthly meeting in the King-Davis hotel Monday evening. The speaker of the evening was Rev. A. B. Ferguson, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Dinner was served by members of the Epworth League. Mr. Ferguson was accompanied by Mr. S. M. Keels of Columbia.

Mrs. Gary Parker and little son have been visiting relatives in Greer. Mesdames D. M. Mays, G. B. McKinnon, M. G. King and E. Z. Truesdale attended a Conference of Ridge District U. D. C. held in the

Governor Signs Wine Measure

Sale and manufacture of natural wines, up to 14 per cent by weight of alcohol was made legal in South Carolina recently when Governor Johnston affixed his signature to the so-called "wine bill".

The bill, introduced originally by Representative Calhoun Thomas, Beaufort, carried the names of 67 house members as authors. It passed through the house without contest and sailed smoothly through the senate, with one amendment, to make the content 14 per cent alcohol by weight.

In its original form, it provided that "natural wines" should follow the definition of the federal statute. In the senate, it was amended to fix the alcoholic content at 14 per cent by weight. Representative Thomas acted as floor leader for the measure in the house.

Revenue under the bill will be divided between the state, counties and municipalities, 40-40-20, as under the present law.

The act as signed reads: "All beer, ale, porter and all other similar malt or fermented beverages containing not in excess of 5 per cent of alcohol by volume and all natural wine as defined by federal statute . . . not exceeding 14 per cent alcohol by weight shall be and are hereby declared non-alcoholic beverages and non-intoxicating.

"There shall be levied and collected on all beers, ales, porter . . . and natural wines not exceeding 14 per cent alcohol by weight offered for sale in this state a tax of 15 cents per gallon, provided, however, that if such beer, ale, porter, wine or similar malt or fermented beverage be offered for sale in bottles there shall be levied a tax of 2 cents for every bottle containing not more than 12 ounces and 1 cent for every additional six ounces or fraction thereof.

"The taxes or license fees shall be paid to the South Carolina tax commission, 40 per cent of which shall be paid into the state treasury for ordinary state purposes, 40 per cent into the county where the wine or beer was sold at retail and 20 per cent into the city, town, or incorporated village in which the beer or wine was sold at retail.

"In case of sale outside of towns, cities or incorporated villages, 50 per cent of the tax and license fee shall be paid into the State treasury for school purposes and 50 per cent to the county in which the beer or wine was sold.

"This act shall take effect upon its approval by the governor."

HERMITAGE DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT MINSTRELS

The Hermitage Dramatic Club will present "Happy Hollow Minstrels", a blackface comedy in three parts, at the Pine Tree Hill School, Saturday night, May 4. The curtain will rise promptly at 8:30 o'clock on this spectacular performance of blackface merriment.

Besides the first part opening circle there will be two added attractions, "Black Clouds", a dispute between two 'cullud' ladies; and, "Black Vamp", a sketch about a hen-pecked husband. This play is being presented for the benefit of the school shrub fund and the admission will be 10c and 25c. Music will be furnished by the "Four Aces" dance orchestra.

first Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill Thursday of last week. Mrs. R. K. Tompkins of Kershaw was also a member of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Truesdale, Mrs. Hattie Heustess and Clarence Heustess attended the funeral of Mrs. G. E. Hay, who died in her home at Society Hill and was buried at Wesley Chapel Cemetery near Hartsville Friday morning.

Dr. E. Z. Truesdale and June Truesdale attended the State Medical meeting held in Florence last week.

Alvin Clyburn and Wade Ratcliffe have opened up a grocery store in the A. K. McLaurin building adjoining the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Truesdale and infant daughter were dinner guests of Miss Helen Garland in Columbia Thursday.

Polo Club Has Successful Season

Camden's polo season has reached a conclusion for the play Sunday was the final match of the year. In spite of a drizzling rain in the morning the poloists at 3 p. m. played the final match of the season to a most fitting ending 5-5. Due to the wet weather the crowd on hand was not as large as usual and out of town visitors were few. To the final bell it was a close and hard fought match with neither side able to gain a lead of more than one goal and many times the board showed ties.

For the country team the best playing was done by Pomeroy while the towners all played a very even game.

At the end of the sixth chukker the score stood 5-5 and contrary to the usual custom another round was not begun, until one or the other side sent home the final tally.

Lineup:
Pos. Town Country

1—H. Savage K. Tupper
2—C. P. DuBose W. Pomeroy
3—R. Little C. Robinson
4—A. Boykin J. Bates
Umpire, Kirby Tupper, Jr., Time-keeper, Ancrum Boykin, Sr.

Town goals, Savage (1) DuBose (1), Little (1), Boykin (2).

Country goals, Pomeroy (2), Tupper (2), Bates (1).

With summer approaching the horses and riders will have a long rest from this strenuous sport, until next December, when the Camden Polo club will again become active.

The club this year has made great strides in improvement. In February this club reorganized, joined the Polo Association of America and the following officers were elected:

President, Samuel Russell; first vice president, Walter Ferguson, Sr.; second vice president, Ancrum Boykin; Secretary and treasurer, Ralph W. Chase, manager and coach, Maj. Grove Cullum.

The board of directors elected were: Harry D. Kirkover, Samuel Russell, Mrs. Watson Pomeroy, Ancrum Boykin, Sr., Walton Ferguson, Sr., and Mrs. John Devine.

Recently Camden lost one of its greatest boosters and the Polo club one of its staunchest supporters in the death of Robert W. Pomeroy, which occurred in New York City. Mr. Pomeroy had been a member of the winter colony for many years and besides being a prominent business and civic leader, he was an ardent follower of sports in Camden.

The season this year has been probably the most successful in the history of the club. The games between the two local teams, the town and country, have been scheduled every Sunday and various trophies have been played for. The John Devine cup was won by the Towners in the three-game series in January.

In March the Russell awards were captured by the out-of-towners as well as the W. Herbert King trophies, played for in the same month.

The season's out-of-town matches were composed of two trips to Augusta, Ga., and they came to this town twice for the return matches. All of these exhibitions were hard fought, four with the juniors and three with the seniors. Several weeks later were the Winston-Salem games. The North Carolinians were here for the first two games and at Easter time the locals went to Winston-Salem for return games. On the home field the Camden poloists were victorious both times and in Winston-Salem honors were divided, with the local outfit taking the first and losing the final.

Maj. Grove Cullum, former chief of the United States army remount service, has been a resident here throughout the winter and spring, and has been coach and manager of the Polo club. A great deal of the success this season has been due to efforts on his part.

As a whole this sport has been greatly improved during the year and larger crowds of fans than ever before have enjoyed the games. Many new ponies have been added to the strings and a faster, more consistent game has undoubtedly added much to the entertainment of visitors and residents of the town and has done

Much Interest Shown In Meeting To-night

Leading citizens from various sections of Kershaw County as well as in Camden are showing an unusual interest in the civic meeting which is to be held at the Camden Hotel on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:30 p. m. The progress dinner is to be a feature of the program, together with music, singing, and inspirational and instructive talks, a general conference participated in at will, by all who attend. The tickets for the dinner are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office at the Corner Book Store, or may be purchased from one of the following: R. M. Kennedy, Jr., Dr. J. D. Zemp at DeKalb Pharmacy, F. D. Goodale Jewelry Store, John K. deLoach, Lawrence Wallbau at The Leader store, and Henry D. Green. Only 100 tickets are being offered for sale as this is about the capacity of the dining room. Those interested in attending should not wait for a personal invitation but secure your ticket at once.

Many opportunities are becoming available about now and it is felt that an active, coordinated interest and effort on the part of our citizens would be timely. The Federal Government is preparing to expend approximately three billion dollars in the near future and it is believed that much of this money will be distributed to a certain extent among these communities making a strong bid for it and showing their cause most strongly and convincingly. Highways are to be built, public work is to be developed still more, buildings are to be erected, C. C. C. camps are to be increased, forestry work is to be developed, erosion control work is to be developed, the county terracing program is to be built up, and various other activities, both now known and expected, will no doubt become available to the community that is wide awake and organized to grasp such opportunities. In addition public parks will no doubt be acquired and dedicated to the Federal Government and State; civic and community improvements and developments will be made in various ways.

It should be realized that such a project as the Federal Government buying probably 300,000 acres in Kershaw and Chesterfield Counties, as the county Terracing program which is largely paid for by the Government, as C. C. C. camps, as Government institutional headquarters, etc. are not matters that just happened to fall in the midst of our county, but that these accomplishments are the result of definite and concerted efforts on the part of someone. It is only practical to believe that still more things of this and other natures can be secured for Kershaw County if our leading citizens will combine their efforts and cooperate on a common front for the general good of our county as a whole. Kershaw County now has a number of accomplishments to its credit which it can well be proud of, but the thinking man will not rest on his laurels but will continue to do everything in his power to better his community, to further the bounds of progress and civilization, to so live and act that his community will be a better place when he goes to his reward than the way when he found it. This is only fair and right in the behalf of posterity.

This therefore is the final call to all male citizens who are deeply interested in the welfare and betterment and good of Camden and Kershaw County to take advantage of this occasion, come out to the meeting Wednesday night, contribute your ideas and other assistance and let us all pull together for a still greater Camden and Kershaw County.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Carl West on Friday afternoon, May 3rd at 4 p. m.

much to help establish Camden's reputation as one of the sporting centers of the South.

On testimony that her husband ate onions, Mrs. Kittabel Ferrington was granted a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.