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Kershaw County Draft Board

Williams, Hoffman And Hilton Recommended To Governor By Veterans

Marion B. Williams, of Camden; James C. Hoffman, of Bethune, and Lee H. Hilton, of Bethune, have been recommended to Governor J. Strom Thurmond for appointment as members of the Kershaw County Selective Service to administer the new draft law.

Names of these three well-known businessmen, agreed upon by the J. B. Herby in Washington said on Tuesday of this week that men will be drafted by age groups, with men 25 down through 22 taken first in the initial six months of the program. It was indicated clearly that although men of this age bracket would be taken first, the bulk of the draftees would come eventually from the 19 through 21 age groups.

The date for the beginning of the draft has not been set but it was said in Washington this week that it probably would be shortly after October 1.

Registration of all men 18 through 25 begins August 30 and continues through September 15. This will be done by age groups, too, with the men of 25 signing up first, men 24 next, and so on.

All men in the age groups must register, including veterans, unless they are on active duty in the armed services.

Cross Meet To Discuss Safety Services

War clouds to bring back first aid instructions in city and county.

Safety services general meeting will be held on Friday, July 30 at 5 o'clock at headquarters of the Kershaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross on Union street on Friday afternoon, July 30 at 5 o'clock at which William J. General safety services representative, of the western area, will be principal speaker.

He will discuss plans for the safety services in the county and Kershaw county for putting on a first aid course will also be discussed. Representatives from the various educational organizations of the city and county, the health department, the police department, the county ambulance department and the highway department are to attend and to take part in discussions.

Commission Conduct Forum Legion Meeting

Commander of the American Legion, announces that at the monthly meeting of the legion next Monday evening a city affairs will be conducted on the new city administration proposed by Mayor Savage and Commissioners Joe E. McKain and James C. Hoffman.

Creed's Entered; Members Get \$500

Creed, of Dewey J. Creed, on Monday night and Monday morning and approved \$500 stolen. Some of this money which Mr. Creed had for the nutrition camp sponsored by the Camden Club.

Creed said that the burglar had taken any checks of which there were several. He was printing open one of the checks.

Committee Gives Gov. Thurmond Hearty Approval

Provides Oath Based Upon Constitution For All Voters In County To Take Election Day

Kershaw County Democratic Executive Committee unanimously endorsed Governor J. Strom Thurmond for President at a call meeting held last Saturday morning at the county court house and at the same time adopted an oath to which every person who votes in the primary this year must subscribe. All who register this week under the new enrollment period ordered by Federal Judge Waring also must subscribe to the oath.

The new oath which was drawn up by a committee appointed by Chairman L. O. Funderburk is as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I am a qualified elector and possess the qualifications as a qualified voter as set out in the constitution of the state of South Carolina; that I have been a resident of the state of South Carolina for two years; that I have resided in Kershaw county for one year; that I have resided and lived for the past 60 days in the immediate vicinity of this polling precinct; that I can read or write any section of the constitution of the state of South Carolina; or have paid my property tax as charged and the amount of the assessed value exceeds \$500."

"I do further swear that I have never been convicted of the crimes of burglary, arson, obtaining goods or money under false pretenses, perjury, forgery, robbery, bribery, adultery, bigamy, wife-beating, house-breaking, receiving stolen goods, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, fornication, sodomy, incest, assault with intent to ravish, intoxication, larceny."

"And I do further solemnly swear that I am a person of sound mind, and that I am not supported and cared for at public expense."

Cotton Beginning To Open In County

Some of the older cotton is beginning to open now in the county. W. A. Boykin, Jr., had a boll to open on July 9. W. L. Miles brought in an open boll last week and Thomas Wooten has cotton opening freely and others have cotton beginning to open. It is expected that harvest will be getting under way by the middle of August or before.

Camden's Proposed Community Center



Here is a sketch drawn by Architect Ralph Little of the Community Center which it is proposed to erect on the grounds of the Camden Grammar School with the permission of the board of trustees. The center would serve as a home for the Teen-age Club and at the same time would be available on other nights for the use of the people of the city. It is proposed to erect the center part of the building with some of the funds allotted the City of Camden from the county-wide recreation fund. If and when the money can be raised the two wings at the ends will be added. The recreation commission would be pleased to accept any donations towards the construction of the building.

Citizens Asked To Curtail Use Of City Water

Supply Is Low And Request Is Made That Watering Lawns And Gardens And Washing Cars Be Stopped

Request has been made of the people of Camden that due to the tremendous demand now being made on the water supply of the city that certain restrictions be rigidly observed, including discontinuing watering lawns and gardens and washing of automobiles.

In a statement issued this week the city water and light department said that as soon as the new 18-inch raw water line now being rushed with all possible speed is installed, the ban on the free use of water will be lifted. The department states that it hopes that the work of installing the new line may be completed within the next three days. The material for this line was ordered early in the year for delivery in May. Contract for the work was let in April, and the work scheduled to begin in May and completed before the period of heavy use began. The pipe was not delivered until the end of July and the shortage of essential fittings delayed the start of work until about 10 days ago since when it has been pushed with all possible vigor.

States Righters To Have Dinner On Next Thursday

Lugoff citizens are planning a big States Rights dinner at Gus Ward's on next Thursday night to which everybody who is in sympathy with the States Rights movement headed by Governor Thurmond as a candidate for President is invited.

The dinner will be held at 6 o'clock and a \$3.00 plate will be served for \$3.00. J. K. Lee is acting as chairman. Mr. Lee said that a group was talking in a store at Lugoff about the dinner which is for the purpose of raising funds for the Thurmond presidential campaign. A passing motorist who had stopped in the store overheard the conversation.

"Are you talking about raising funds for the Thurmond for President campaign?" he asked. On being told that they were, he reached in his pocket, pulled out a \$30 bill and said: "I want to contribute to it."

JayCees Furnish DDT

All Garbage Cans In City Will Be Sprayed

All Garbage cans in the city will be sprayed by the street department employees when garbage is collected. It was announced this week by Austin Shebeen, president of the Camden-Junior Chamber of Commerce, who said that the city employees had agreed to do the spraying if the JayCees furnished the DDT.

Fifty gallons of DDT were bought by the JayCees and taken to the city hall and the street department said that the employees would begin spraying the garbage cans Thursday morning.

Mr. Shebeen said that the people of the city cooperate in this latest move against flies and in general health measures by placing all of their garbage in one place so that the cans can be easily sprayed.

An Orchid Is Given Chronicle By Columbia Paper

After quoting from a local story in last week's issue of The Camden Chronicle regarding the ceramics survey, the Columbia Record said in its Wednesday afternoon issue: "The above note was reported in the Camden Chronicle and we'd like to say here that the polo city paper comes to us the best weekly paper we've seen in the state. In coverage, make-up and editorial content, its superiority in its field seems obvious. Such good work, we think, shouldn't (and won't) pass without recognition."

Town and County . . .

Quartet To Sing - A quartet from the Ridgecrest Baptist church at Columbia will sing at the evening service at the First Baptist church at 8 p. m. on Sunday. The Rev. O. F. Montgomery, the pastor, will preach.

Red Cross Meeting - The regular monthly meeting of Kershaw county chapter of the American Red Cross was held at headquarters on July 22. Mrs. Catherine Cleveland, general field representative of the Southeastern area, attended and talked on the Junior Red Cross and the safety services.

Off Of Club Rolls - County Chairman L. O. Funderburk announces that the names of all persons, under 21 years of age who enrolled for the primary have been removed by order of the county Democratic executive committee.

No Preaching Sunday - Rev. H. L. Spell, pastor of the Lyttleton Street Methodist church, is now on his vacation and there will be no preaching services on next Sunday. On the following Sunday, August 2 the Rev. J. L. Sandlin, of Columbia College, will preach. Sunday school services will be held as usual this Sunday.

Barbecue Supper - The Church of the Ascension at Hagood will serve a barbecue supper at Ellerbe Mill Pond on Tuesday afternoon, August 4 at 6 o'clock for the benefit of repairs now being made on the church building. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Camden to be present.

Lot Is Leased - T. Lee Myers announced this week that the lot just east of the \$75,000 garage and service center that he is constructing on East . . . (Please turn to page two)

County Campaign Will Come To A Close Next Week

Four Meetings, Including 1 In Camden, Are Scheduled For Week—Last One To Be At Hermitage Mill

The Kershaw county campaign, which thus far has been very quiet and with very little interest being displayed by the voters, will come to a close next week when four meetings are scheduled.

The four meetings are as follows: Blaney, August 2 at 10 a. m. Pine Grove, August 2 at 4 p. m. Camden, August 4 at 4 p. m. at court house.

Antioch, August 2 at 10 a. m. Hermitage Mill, August 7 at 4:30 p. m. The Camden meeting is a special one which was called because of the fact that such a small crowd heard the candidates at the opening meeting which was held here on June 16.

The meeting at Hermitage Mill was originally scheduled for 3:30 p. m. but was changed to 4:30 p. m. at the meeting of the county Democratic executive committee held last Saturday.

Managers of election were appointed this week by the county Democratic executive committee at the places for voting announced. These will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Chronicle in an advertisement.

Youth Is Killed In Accident On Fort Jackson Road

A 16-year-old Columbia youth was killed and several others injured when a pickup truck and an auto collided at a highway intersection on the Camden-Fort Jackson highway near Blaney Friday afternoon.

Tommie Allen Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crouch, Lincoln street, Columbia, was the victim. He is said to have been riding on the seat of the pickup with an uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Crouch and the trip was en route from Columbia to Camden where Mr. Crouch was employed by the Camden Heating and Plumbing Company.

At a sidewalk near Blaney, a car driven by John Workman, negro, came into the highway and directly into the path of the Crouch pickup. In the collision that followed, the 16-year-old Columbia youth was killed.

According to investigating officer Workman claimed he stopped before he drove out to cross the sidewalk on the side road. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch were cut and bruised while Workman and another negro, Louis Jones, also of Lugoff, received lacerations and bruises.

Credit Bureau Is Now In Operation

Mrs. Ester Mahaffey said Wednesday that for the first time business and professional men now have an opportunity of insuring themselves against undue credit losses because the Credit Bureau of Camden, Inc., of which she is the manager, now is in position to furnish them with information necessary to sound credit practices.

Many Changes Planned

New Administration To Take Charge Of City's Government On Monday

Camden is scheduled to go under the commission-city manager form of government Monday morning when Henry Savage, Jr., will be sworn in as Mayor and Joe E. McKain and A. Sam Karesh as commissioners. Retiring Mayor Francis Nolan McCorkle said Thursday that he was going to offer to turn the reins of the city government over to the Mayor and Commissioners Saturday night. It is thought likely however that they will wait until Monday morning to take over.

The law provides that the new form of government should become effective August 1 but this happens to fall on Sunday, hence the delay until Monday.

It is expected that the new council will take over quietly as no fanfare has been arranged in connection with the inauguration.

One of the first steps of the new council is expected to take will be to formally elect Jack Tallent of Knoxville, Tenn., and Spartanburg, as city manager. Mr. Tallent will not, however, be able to report until September 1 at which time he will have completed an administrative survey for the city government of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The new council is expected to bring many changes in the city government, some of which were outlined at a forum conducted at the Camden Rotary Club some weeks back.

Bethune Liquor Store Strongly Opposed By Group

Large Delegation Appears Before Tax Commission To Ask That Permit Not Be Granted

Approximately 20 people from Bethune appeared before State Tax Commission last Friday to protest the establishment of a liquor store at Bethune, an application for permission to establish one there having been filed with the commission.

The various churches of the town and the city government were represented in the delegation and it was pointed out that the town lacked sufficient police protection to have such a store.

This is not the first attempt that has been made to establish such a store in Bethune, applications having been made for permits in the past but thus far the citizens have been able to keep one out and the hope was expressed last Friday that this permit, too, would be denied.

The sentiment in the town is said to be overwhelmingly against the establishment of the store.

Strange Object In Sky Is Seen By Camden Residents

Numerous Camden people, including the editor of The Camden Chronicle, saw the mysterious light in the sky about 9:40 Monday night, the same night it was reported seen in Augusta, Ga., Greenville, Danville, Va., Charlotte, N. C., and many other places.

The object seemed too large for a meteor. The editor of The Chronicle was standing in the Broad street side of the post office when he got a glimpse of it. It appeared to him as though it was falling the other side of the First Baptist church.

Every one who reported seeing it said that it appeared to them to be falling when they saw it. Credence is lent to the belief that it might have been a meteor by the fact that it was reported seen in so many different places about the same time. Among Camden people who reported seeing it were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pooser, Mrs. D. C. Mikler, Fred Sheheen and Policeman Sheheen.

Hold Hearing On New Wateree Dam

County Agent W. C. McCarty has been notified that a hearing is to be held by Army Engineers at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, August 5 in the Federal Court House in Columbia with respect to the proposition of a dam being built where the Congaree and Wateree rivers come together. People who own land up and down the Wateree river should attend this hearing, Mr. McCarty said.

Revival Services At Bethany Church

Revival services will begin at Bethany Baptist church Sunday, August 1 with two services daily throughout the week. Rev. Ray Davis, of Palmetto, Pa., will be the guest preacher, and Rev. L. Talley, of Camden, will be the guest soloist.

Kershaw County Fair Will Be Held Oct. 11-16

Premium List Is Out And Preparations Are Being Made For Biggest Fair Yet Held

The premium list for the annual Kershaw county fair, which will be held October 11-16 has been issued and preparations are already under way to make the fair this year a very outstanding one. The exhibits are expected to be more numerous and of higher quality than ever before.

The fair is managed and operated by the Kershaw County Farm Bureau. J. R. West is president and J. D. Crawford is secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is composed of the two officers, and W. C. McCarty, J. B. Griffith, Margaret Fowler, J. L. Talley, T. K. Watts and J. B. McGurt.

The fair will be opened Monday, October 11 at 8 a. m., for farm people to enter exhibits. The gates will open to the public at 6 p. m. No exhibits will be received later than 7 p. m. Tuesday except flowers which may be entered through 10 a. m. on Wednesday.

Wednesday, October 13 will be School Day at the fair. The educational committee in charge of the arrangements for School Day is composed of Arthur Stokes, B. A. Williams, A. C. Wayne, E. E. Livingston and H. W. East. On Wednesday all teachers and pupils will be admitted free from 9:30 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Thursday, October 14 will be Merchants and Manufacturers Day and Saturday the last day will be Colored School Day when all colored teachers and pupils will be admitted free until noon.

Prizes are being offered for community booths ranging from \$75 for first prize to \$10 for seventh prize and \$7.50 for all other community booths. This should result in there being an unusually large number of these booths this year.

Three prizes are being offered for individual farm displays ranging from \$50 to \$25.

Superintendents of department are: Mrs. W. L. Jackson and Miss Margaret Powell, Home Economics and Girls' Aid Department; Mrs. John L. Gettys and Tom Gettys, canned products department; Mrs. James Roseborough and Mrs. Carl Roseborough, cooked food department; Mrs. W. L. Blalock and Mrs. Shelby Truesdale, clothing department; Mrs. Lou Floyd and Mrs. Alma Rosier, thrift department; Mrs. D. M. Mays and Mrs. Clara Davis, flower department; Mrs. E. A. Williams, art exhibit; Mrs. B. Griffith, swine; F. Billings, poultry; Gaston Gee, best type cattle; C. M. Graham, general agricultural department; C. M. Graham, miscellaneous department; F. L. Talley and W. C. McCarty, FFA and 4-H exhibits.

Down On Truman

S. C. Cuyburn, who has just returned from a visit to Connecticut where he visited his brother, says that he found the people up there all down on Truman as they are here. He said he found the same attitude in other parts of the country.

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