

## Negro Youth Admits That He Set Fire To Business Place At Dusty Bend Monday Night

Sheriff Gib DeBruhl said Wednesday afternoon that a 15-year-old negro youth, taken into custody in connection with the fire at the W. E. Stokes Grocery and filling station Tuesday night, had admitted that he set fire to the place.

The negro youth, according to Sheriff DeBruhl, described how he had set fire to the building. He placed a box filled with shavings in the ladies' rest room of the building, poured in gasoline, tossed in a match and fled.

The fire was discovered by a fireman passing the Stokes place at 8:45 o'clock. At the time a fire of smoke were pouring from the door and window of the building. Firemen from the city promptly responded to the alarm and quickly had the fire under control.

The investigation following the fire, Fire Chief Hammond discovered the wooden box filled with shavings which had been sprinkled with gasoline. The box, a quart can, was found outside the door.

DeBruhl had Smith taken up Saturday night as it was reported that he had a grudge against the proprietor of the store.

Sheriff DeBruhl, in a statement to the Chronicle, said that if the fire had not been discovered early it could have quickly enveloped the building and spread to the tanks of the Sinclair Refining Company, located near the store.

DeBruhl cannot say enough in praise of the promptness and efficiency of the firemen, he said. "Their quickness in checking the fire and saving the building is commendable."

Stokes, the owner of the filling station, has operated the Dusty Bend store and filling station for several years. He is the brother of Arthur Stokes, superintendent of education.

## Report Received On Fire Survey

### Extremely Poor Condition Of Electrical Wiring Is Noted In Some Cases

The city has received a report from the South Carolina Fire Prevention Association regarding the survey which was made of Camden on May 19 and 20. The report is a lengthy one covering thirteen pages and gives recommendations regarding many public places.

One of the general recommendations made by the association is that "consideration be given to amending the present building code, which provides that no repairs shall be made to frame buildings within the mercantile district, to provide for condemning or removing them when they become so dilapidated as to create extreme fire hazards."

A more thorough enforcement of the electrical code is also recommended.

Eighteen members of the association assembled in Camden and participated in the inspection of the city, and the report says that the group examined the municipal fire defenses and inspected approximately 246 separate properties, comprising virtually all the mercantile or fire district, the schools, churches, the hospital and places of public assembly.

"General conditions," says the report, "were somewhat above the average. The most hazardous feature found in the majority of properties inspected was the extremely poor condition of the electrical wiring. Housekeeping was found to be generally good, with only a few exceptions."

"The population of the city is now estimated at approximately 8,000 and the built-up area closely surrounding the city limits will raise the total estimate to approximately 10,000.

"The fire department personnel consists of three full-time paid firemen and 19 volunteers. The chief and one fireman are on duty during the day and the other paid fireman is on duty at night, together with seven volunteers who sleep at the station.

"The fire department is well housed in a two-story building, only moderately exposed. The premises are well kept and in excellent repair. The police station is located in the same building.

"The fire department equipment consists of two 750-gallon pumps, one American-LaFrance equipped with a booster tank and one Seagrave equipped with a chemical tank; one 1944 Ford (War Surplus) truck with a small booster pump, 350 gallon tank, 400 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and 800 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose; one 1940 Ford Hose Truck with an adequate amount of minor equipment. A total of 4,200 feet of serviceable 2 1/2 inch hose is on hand at all times.

"The fire alarm system consists of 34 Gamewell automatic fire alarm boxes in operation on a single overhead circuit. These are well placed in the mercantile district with fair distribution in the other sections of the city.

"The water supply in the mercantile district is fairly adequate. Static pressure is 80 pounds, residual pressure 48 pounds with a discharge of 530 gallons per minute. There is a 10-inch main running east and west on DeKalb street with a 6-inch main extending north from the intersection on Broad street and an 8-inch main extending south from the intersection on Broad street. The city is National Board 8th Grade classification.

"The fire department records reveal that 86 alarms were answered last year. There have been no large or serious fires within the city during the past five years.

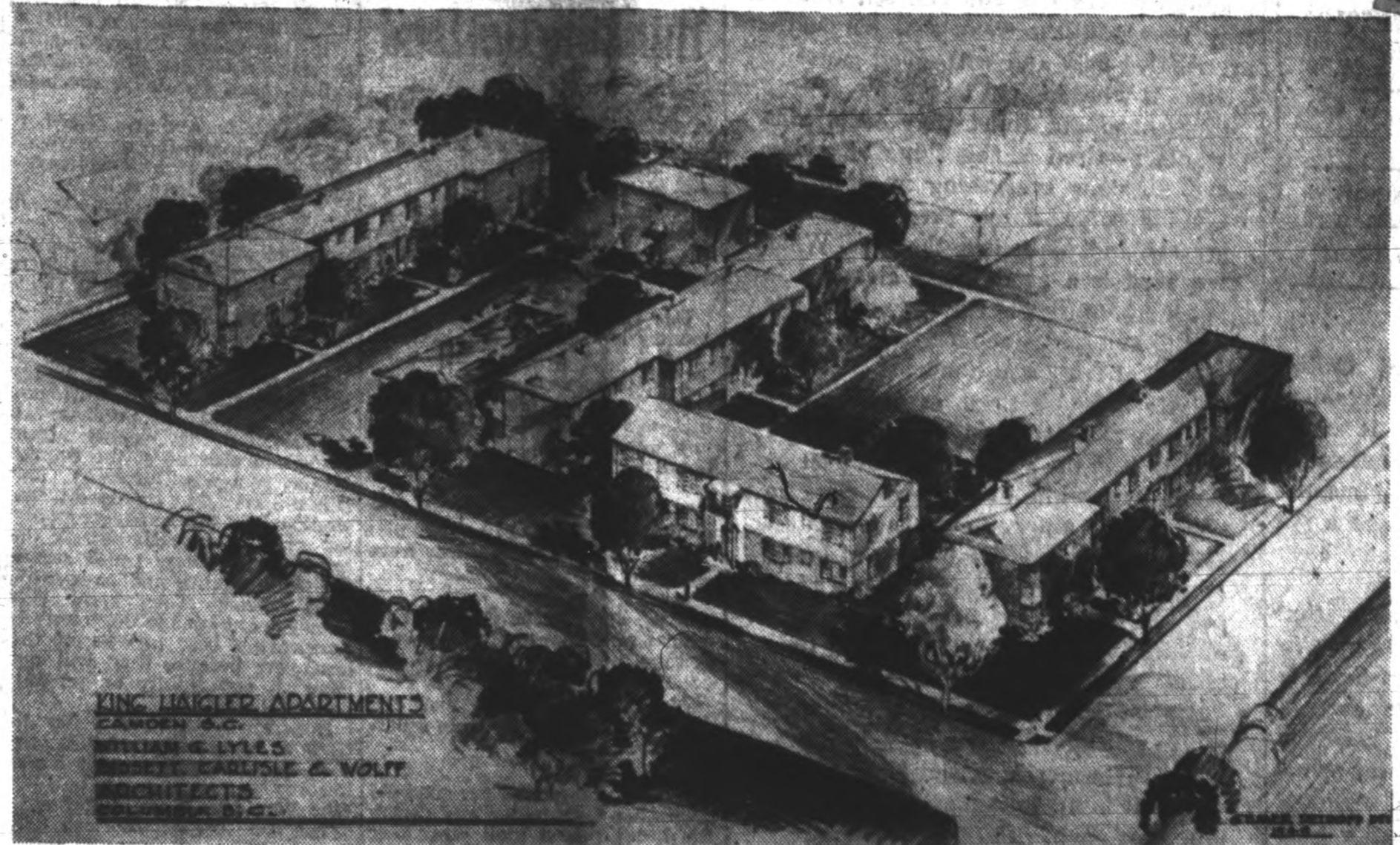
"The report makes recommendations about the different places inspected and in many of them there were references to the electrical wiring.

## Judge John T. Sloan Is Rotary Speaker

The blame for juvenile delinquency was placed on conditions in the home of Judge John T. Sloan of the Court of Domestic Relations of Richland county, who addressed the Camden Rotary Club last Thursday.

The judge was introduced by Thomas Annum, who was program chairman for the day. President William D. Sloan presided.

## Work Begins On King Haiglar Apartments Project



## Construction Of New Apartments Now Under Way

### Federal Housing Chief Throws First Shovel Of Dirt On Project

Ground was broken last Thursday for the construction of the King Haiglar Apartments, to be built at an estimated cost of \$207,500 at the corner of Mill and Laurens streets, the first shovel full of dirt having been moved by H. E. Bailey, of Columbia, federal housing administrator for South Carolina, and the second by City Commissioner Sam Karesh.

Witnessing the breaking of ground for this important project were a group of people including City Manager Lott Rogers, Senator R. M. Kennedy, Bonner Baxter and Reid Hearn of the Federal Housing Administration, William G. Lyles, of Columbia, the architect; A. Stanley Llewellyn, chairman of the State Research, Planning and Development Board, and others. Mayor Henry Savage, Jr., and City Commissioner Joe McKain were out of the city and could not be present.

Following the formal breaking of dirt, work began in earnest on the project and it is hoped to have the apartments completed within about six months.

The King Haiglar Apartments will have 30 two-bedroom apartments. Fourteen of the apartments will have living room, dining room and kitchen on first floor and the two bedrooms and bath upstairs. Eight of the apartments will be upstairs apartments and eight downstairs apartments.

Each apartment is equipped with an oil-fired furnace with a heating outlet in each room, a range, refrigerator, electric hot water heater, full kitchen equipment and venetian blinds.

The buildings will be brick veneered using steel casement sash. All of the rooms on the inside will be plastered. Baths will be completely tiled with a shower over the tub. The buildings will be insulated and sound deadening will be provided in partitions between apartments.

Each apartment will be provided with a large storage room in addition to bedroom closets, coat closets, linen closets, etc.

Parking facilities will be provided on the site and all walks, drives and parking areas will be paved. Playground facilities for small children will also be provided. Underground garbage containers will be furnished. The site will be completely landscaped.

The architects are William G. Lyles, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolff, of Columbia. The owners are George A. Creed, Mattie S. Creed and Alvin Creed. The contractors are George A. Creed and Son.

## Town and County . . .

### Underwriter Meeting

Hazel Elliott, L. S. Mayer and Shannon W. Heath went to Columbia Thursday morning representing the Camden Life Underwriters Association, to attend a course being given by the South Carolina Life Underwriters Association regarding the work of local associations.

### The Vacation Season

This is the vacation season and many Camden people are either off on vacation now, have just returned from one or are planning to take one.

### At Lions Meetings

H. B. Littlejohn, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelly are attending the Lions International convention in New York this week. Mr. Littlejohn is president of the Camden club.

### Watermelons Plentiful

Watermelons appear to be very plentiful this season, judging by the number being offered for sale on the streets of the city.

### Ouzts Has Resigned

Camden baseball fans were interested in the news from Orangeburg that K. K. Ouzts had resigned as manager of the Orangeburg baseball team and had been replaced by Erve Fagan, a member of the pitching staff. There has been a long standing feud between the Camden fans and Ouzts.

### To Go On Cruise

J. Clator Arrants, local attorney who is a member of the United States Naval Reserve, has been ordered to report for a 14-day training period with the Navy beginning Aug. 1. He will report to the Charleston Naval Base and will be at sea for two weeks.

### Game Friday Night

Baseball fans are looking forward eagerly to the game Friday night between the Camden Chiefs and the Lake City Truckers. The Truckers are now in second place in the league standings and the Chiefs are trying desperately to break into the first division. A tremendous crowd is expected at the game.

### In Veterans Hospital

F. D. Goodale, well known local business man, is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia.

## BASEBALL

The Orangeburg Braves, playing under their new manager, Pitcher Erve Fagan, who succeeded K. K. Ouzts, Tuesday, defeated the Camden Chiefs by a score of 4 to 0 Wednesday night. Camden, Kingsree and Harrisville thus remained in a tie for fourth place. Kingsree and Harrisville also lost Wednesday night games. Jim Blackburn, Orangeburg's new pitcher, secured from the Cincinnati farm system, held the Chiefs to two hits in the game at Orangeburg. He was master of the situation throughout. The Braves scored three runs in the first inning, enough to win the game. After the first inning game, Fagan pitched a great game. Barney Martin, playing in the outfield Wednesday night, was the hitting star for Orangeburg.

In other games Wednesday night Myrtle Beach beat Kingsree 4 to 3; Georgetown whipped Harrisville 7 to 2 and Lake City beat Fort Jackson 7 to 0.

The standings as of Thursday morning:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Orangeburg	41	16	.719
Lake City	37	18	.673
Georgetown	30	23	.566
Harrisville	28	26	.519
CAMDEN	28	27	.511
Kingsree	19	27	.411
Myrtle Beach	15	22	.405
Fort Jackson	12	23	.344



In the top picture is shown the architect's drawing of the King Haiglar Apartments now being built at the corner of Mill and Laurens streets. The photo is by Maxey. In the bottom picture H. E. Bailey, of Columbia, Federal Housing Administrator, is shown moving the first shovel full of dirt on the new project. The second shovel full was moved by City Commissioner Sam Karesh, who is standing by Mr. Bailey. Looking on, left to right, are Mrs. Mattie S. Creed, George A. Creed, A. Stanley Llewellyn, R. M. Kennedy, III, City Manager Lott Rogers, Harold Booker, Senator R. M. Kennedy, Jr., Dewey Creed, Bonner Baxter of the F. H. A., Reid Hearn of the F. H. A., Pete Hammond, W. G. Lyles, the architect, and Alvin Creed. The little boy standing beside Mr. Bailey and Mr. Karesh is Bobbie Creed, son of Alvin Creed. (The bottom photo is by Monarch.)

## Two Prisoners Still At Large

### Sommy Ballard, A Lifer, And Danny Boy Wesley, Escape From Gang

Sammy Ballard and Danny Boy Wesley, who escaped from the Kershaw County chain gang camp Sunday afternoon were serving life and ten year sentences respectively on murder charges.

Ballard killed his wife, Hester, and daughter, Ella Nora, with a shot gun in the family home on York street in this city in January, 1948. Ballard was tried at the court of general sessions and a jury brought in a verdict of first degree murder with a recommendation for mercy. The recommendation automatically eliminated the electric chair for the accused.

Danny Wesley was charged with killing Mack Thompson in a dwelling near Boykin on March 6, 1948. After being found guilty of manslaughter in general sessions court in June of that year, he was sentenced to ten years on the chain gang or in the state penitentiary.

Sheriff Gib DeBruhl stated that as yet they do not have any clues as to the two escaped prisoners.

## Civilian Air Patrol Meets Friday Night

An instructive period in air ground rescue work, led by Jim Darby, will feature the meeting of the Civilian Air Patrol on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock. It is hoped that by Friday night the unit will have received an L-4 plane which is to be used for instructional purposes.

Uniforms for the members of the local CAP have been ordered.

## Sanitary Laws Being Enforced

That the sanitary laws in the city will be enforced more strictly was indicated by the fact that cases were brought this week against some who are alleged to have violated them.

Summons were issued for one concern dealing in a food product because, it was alleged, all of the persons in his employ did not have health cards.

A property owner was summoned because of failure to provide necessary sanitary precautions around some houses which he owns.

## Variety Of Weather In Kershaw County Reported This Week

A variety of weather has been reported in Kershaw county this week.

Monday morning Camden was visited by a veritable deluge of rain and during much of the time it was falling the sun was shining brightly.

The same morning the town of Kershaw is reported to have been visited by a regular cloudburst, some 7.25 inches of rain having fallen.

While rain has been pretty general all over the county, there are some few isolated sections which still need it.

The city and county has had a slight respite from the heat and humidity which prevailed last week and the week before and the nights have been a degree or so more comfortable.

## Local JayCees Handed Awards

### Many Are Recognized By State Organization For Outstanding Work

The South Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce has presented distinguished service awards to a number of members of the Camden Junior Chamber for their work during the past year. The awards were given to the members earning them at the last meeting of the JayCees at which J. E. Darby was installed as president and the other newly elected officers took over their duties.

The Distinguished Service Award was given to each recipient by the state chamber "in grateful recognition of the distinguished service unselfishly rendered by him to his city, state and nation, as one of the outstanding young men in the state of South Carolina."

The certificates were given to the following:

Jolly Pitts for his work as treasurer.

L. H. Hasty for his work on the Youth Center building.

Hazel Elliott for his work on the Horse Show and Baseball.

Ramsey Horton for his work with the youths of the city.

Joe Ratusco for promotion of the Horse Show.

Luther Fields for promotion of the Gymkhana and advertising.

Jim Darby for his work at the Recreation Hall.

Frank Rector for his work as national director.

Austin Sheehan for his work as president.

Officers of the Junior Chamber for the ensuing year are: Jim Darby, president; Lane Woodcock and Luther Fields, vice president; Bentley Stogsdill, secretary; Jolly Pitts, treasurer. Directors are: Julian Burns, David Harter, Elihu Schlosburg, George Sheehan, Ralph Stevenson, Jr., and Joe Ratusco. The national director is Austin Sheehan. The state director is Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, N. C., was low bidder for paving approximately four and one-half miles of road 56 from Hanging Rock Creek near Heath Springs southerly to Road 13. The bids were tabulated by the Highway

## Report On School Meals Served In County Past Year

During the past fiscal year 470,738 meals were served to the school children of Kershaw county, according to a report released here this week. The federal reimbursement on these meals totals \$23,137.07. The total case income for all of the schools was \$79,495.00.

Expenditures, according to the report, totaled \$79,896.30, with \$54,955.27 going for food and the balance for labor and supplies. There are 11 white units and 16 colored units with 48 operators that functioned in the county.

The following is a list and cost price of commodities the government sent to the schools toward helping feed the children. Part of these commodities were bought by the United States Department of Agriculture to support farm prices and the balance bought with funds appropriated by the Federal government to the school lunch program.

## Woodmen To Present Flag To Mt. Pisgah

Red Oak Camp No. 737 of the Woodmen of the World will present an American flag to the Mt. Pisgah High School on Thursday morning, July 28 at 10:30 o'clock.

Officials of the Woodmen of the World and of the women's branch will be present to assist in the presentation.

The public is cordially invited.

## Highway Bidder

Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, N. C., was low bidder for paving approximately four and one-half miles of road 56 from Hanging Rock Creek near Heath Springs southerly to Road 13. The bids were tabulated by the Highway

## Council To Receive Motion On Bond On Friday

The next step toward the election of bonds for public improvements is expected to be Friday evening at 5:30 when the petition seeking action will be formally presented to City Council and action taken.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Louise W. city clerk, gave notice of several counterpetitions of which one would be in the of the city clerk and that all interested might inspect the petition in person or by attorney and appear and challenge the validity of the petition and authority of any name appearing thereon.

It is said that no persons have appeared to inspect the petition and it is anticipated that there will be no protest filed when council meets Friday.

Council is generally expected to order the election for early in September.

Henry Savage, Jr., is out of the city and will not be at the council meeting Friday.

The Council will go ahead and the Council will go ahead until his return is not until no opposition appears likely that the date is set Friday.

## Baseball Clinic Open Saturday

Camden Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a baseball clinic which will be held in the stadium every Saturday from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24 and Monday, July 25.

The clinic will be held in the stadium and will be open to all boys and girls up to 14 years of age who are able to attend.

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## Sports News

Sports news will be found on page 9 of this issue of The Chronicle.

## Coming Events

Friday, July 22  
 Baseball: Camden vs Lake City at 11:15 p. m.

Saturday, July 24  
 Games in most churches in city at 11:15 a. m.

Sunday, July 25  
 Baseball: Camden vs Georgetown, 8:15 p. m.

Tuesday, July 26  
 Lunch: Camden, Thomas at 1 p. m.

Thursday, July 27  
 Lunch: Camden, Thomas at 1 p. m.

Friday, July 28  
 Lunch: Camden, Thomas at 1 p. m.

Saturday, July 29  
 Lunch: Camden vs Georgetown, 8:15 p. m.