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### THREE MEN ELECTROCUTED

**Paid Death Penalty Friday for Most Brutal Murder**

Columbia, June 16.—S. J. Kirby, Jesse Gappins and C. O. Fox were electrocuted at the penitentiary this morning shortly after 6 o'clock for the murder of William Brazell, Columbia taxi-driver, near Leesville on the night of August 7, last.

The trio went to their deaths singing and praying. Kirby went first, and he feigned insanity and tried to get his hands from the straps. The officers told him he better take it easy, but a second time he slipped his hands from the straps. Then four guards took hold of him forcefully, the straps were made tighter than usual and the current was sent thru his body, the man being deprived, because of contrary behavior, of the privilege of making a last statement. Gappins went second and Fox last, the entire procedure consuming forty minutes. Fox and Gappins made last statements in which they warned young men against bad company and evil conduct.

The penitentiary officials took the curious by surprise and staged the executions at an early hour instead of noon, as is usual. This is the first time a white man has been executed in this state since 1913, and it is the first time three men were ever electrocuted in the State the same day. The three men were convicted last September 14, 1921, of the murder of William Brazell, a young taxi driver of Columbia. They were first sentenced to die October 21, but appeals, which were never perfected caused postponement of the date and made resentencing necessary.

**Obstinate, Repentant, Humble**  
Obstinate, repentant, humble—these words describe the manner in which the murder trio went to their deaths as the sun peeped over the penitentiary walls Friday morning. It was cool outside, but sweat stood on the faces of many who were at the death house to see the execution of the three men whose crime shocked a state and who sent to an untimely grave a young Columbian, whose ear they took and whom they killed, to cover their crime.

Kirby was obstinate. Because he was not allowed to make his final statement to the audience as he stood at the entrance of the death auditorium, he refused to submit peacefully to the strapping into one big chair, and officers were forced to handle him with force and to deprive him of the privilege of making his last statement.

Gappins prayed as he sat in the chair. "Stand by me dear Lord in my last moments on this earth," he began and then fervently he poured out his soul for forgiveness, and the hand of the clerician was stayed, as the young man prayed. But the prayer was finally ended when the 1900 volt current was sent hurtling through his body.

**Warn Young Men.**  
Both Gappins and Fox warned young men against bad companions and disregard for law. Fox was humble. "Good morning, gentlemen," he said as he entered the death chamber. "I have very little to say, he muttered. "I held nothing against any one. I hope to meet the other boys in heaven." Three ministers held services with the men before they left their cells. At 5:30 this morning the captain of the guard read the death warrant to the men. At 6:12 the first man was led to the chair room, and within fifty minutes the triple execution was ended.

The trio appeared to have slept well during the night. A light breakfast was given the men early in the morning. There were no relatives of the men present. None cared to witness the executions, but later they called at the prison to make arrangements for disposition of the bodies. Local undertakers prepared the bodies for burial.

The murder which was respited this morning was committed during the night of August 7, 1921. The trio engaged the young man to take them to Lexington, to "see some girls." When they got about fifteen miles from Columbia they blackjacked the young driver, their aim being to take his car and sell it in Florida. The blackjack broke a leg they stabbed him to death to get away with their plan, according to their confessions. They were later arrested in Augusta and for several days they were chased thru Georgia and South Carolina by a mob of men bent on punishment.

**CHILDRENS DAY**  
There will be Children's day at Lawrence's Chapel the 4th Sunday afternoon in June. Everybody invited.

**One More Week**  
The special subscription offer of The Pickens Sentinel will close Saturday, July 1. From now until that time you may subscribe to The Sentinel for one dollar a year. After that date the regular price of \$1.50 will go back into effect. No subscription accepted for less than a year at the reduced rate.

### PICKENS S. S. CONVENTION

**Successful Sessions Held at Secca Saturday and Sunday.**

The annual meeting of the Pickens Baptist Sunday School Convention held at Secca church last Saturday and Sunday was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Much good was accomplished.

The program prepared by the committee was full of interesting subjects but could not be discussed for lack of time. On Saturday the convention greatly enjoyed hearing Mr. J. L. Corzine on "Efficiency in Sunday School Work." Mr. Corzine was until recently connected with the State Sunday School Board of the Baptist denomination, but is now located at Greenville as assistant pastor and superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church. He is considered a specialist in Sunday school work.

Then followed an interesting discussion of "Why some superintendents fail and others succeed." Dr. J. H. Mitchell, the new principal of Six Mile Academy, led in this discussion and brought to the convention some choice thoughts.

Several good talks were provoked by the subject. "Let the children grow." Some of these participating in this discussion were Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. E. R. Waldrop and F. T. Cox.

Sunday dawned bright and gave promise of a good day, which it was. A large crowd was present and more interest was manifested than on the day before. After devotional exercises led by Mr. S. G. Derr the convention was greatly edified by a very able address by Rev. Mr. Carpenter of Columbia on "Bible Study." It is to be regretted that more people did not hear this address. Mr. Carpenter is a Bible teacher in the State University at Columbia but is now engaged in teaching in the Summer School at Furman University.

Mr. C. B. Bebe, of Laurens, one of the most venerated hymnists in the state, brought a great message to the convention before the dinner hour on the "Teacher Before the Class." He emphasized three points: First, the teacher must be a regenerated one; second, he or she must know the Book of Books; third, prayer.

The climax of the convention was reached in the afternoon when Mr. C. B. Bebe and Capt. J. T. Taylor told out of their hearts the chief aim of the Sunday School was soul saving. These talks should stimulate all who heard them to a greater realization of their privileges and opportunities as Sunday School teachers and workers.

The convention will meet next year with Griffin church the first Saturday and Sunday in May, and according to a resolution adopted Sunday every Sunday school in the Pickens Association will be assigned a place on the program and will be expected to take part. It is proposed and hoped that each Sunday school in the association will attend the next meeting in a body, that all the Sunday schools will close on that Sunday and that each Sunday school will have a part in the convention.

The officers elected for the next year are: C. E. Robinson, president; Mrs. A. P. Hammond, secretary, and O. T. Hinton, treasurer.

### CENTRAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. W. L. Dickson, Esq., has recently built a new house on East Main St. and has moved into it.

Next Sunday will be quarterly meeting day at the Methodist church and Rev. A. E. Holler, presiding elder, will preach Sunday morning at 11:15.

Miss Amanda Patterson has just returned from an extended visit to friends at Lander College, Greenwood and other points in that section.

Miss Helen Clayton is in Columbia visiting friends, and on her way home will stop at Clinton and spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Edna Clayton Copeland.

Lake Eola is wide open now and the people of this section seem to be enjoying very much their swimming. The contract for the new school building here was let last Thursday to Mr. Bob Sheek at Easley, and work is expected to begin at once.

J. W. Wallace spent the week-end with his father in Union county last week.

There was an ordination service at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the new principal of the Six Mile Academy, did the preaching, and after his sermon, Mr. S. R. Kelley, was ordained a deacon in the First Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Guy, his pastor, led the ordination service.

Mrs. L. A. Falls is spending some time with Capt. and Mrs. Falls of Catechee.

Mr. D. Lawrence moved his family to Liberty last week and will make that his home in the future.

The many friends of Mr. Will Oliver are glad to know that he has returned from the hospital where he underwent a very serious operation. He is doing well.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to the numerous friends for their untiring help during the sickness and death of our wife and mother. Irvin Miller and Children.

### McCRAVY OUT FOR CONGRESS.

**His Entrance Assures Aggressive Campaign this Summer.**

E. P. McCravy, senator from Pickens county and formerly a member of the house of representatives, has announced his candidacy for congress from the Third district in opposition to F. H. Dominick, of Newberry, the present representative. At the same time that Mr. McCravy stated definitely that he would be in the race, he filed his pledge with the proper authorities in Columbia, banishing all remaining doubts as to whether or not he would make the race against Congressman Dominick.

Mr. McCravy, who is a native of Abbeville county, spent the greater part of his youth in Laurens, but has resided at Easley for about 20 years. He was mayor of Easley and later representative and senator from this county. He has the distinction of never having been beaten for any office he has sought.

The Third congressional district is composed of Pickens, Anderson, Oconee, Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick and Newberry counties.

Congressman Dominick is a candidate for reelection, and Mr. Sheard of Greenwood county is also in the race.

### LENOIR-ARMSTRONG

Camden, June 14.—At high noon Saturday, June 14, a wedding charming in its simplicity but beautiful in every detail was solemnized at the Presbyterian church when Miss Margaret Lenoir, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lenoir of this city, became the bride of Frank Armstrong of Pickens.

The church was darkened and electricity, enchanted the beauty of the artistic decorations of pine, smilax and feathery ferns, that graced an altar with a background of white, gleaming with innumerable candles. The wedding march was played by Miss Alberta Team at the organ as the bridal party entered.

The ushers were Thomas Lenoir, Andrew Burnett, Eugene Lenoir and Andrew Whitaker. The groomsmen were Jim McCravy and Fuiman Roger. The bridesmaids were Misses Louise Pope and Elizabeth Wallace.

The flower girls were Elizabeth Zemp, Mary Rutledge Burnett and Louise Kerrison. There was flower girl for each bridesmaid and one for the maid of honor, Miss Beulah Ferguson.

The bride entered with her father who gave her in marriage. She was extremely pretty in a handsome dress of brown tulle and champagne, with champagne trimmings, hat and accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. She was met at the altar by the bridegroom with his brother C. H. Armstrong, as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edwin Muller, D. D., using the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Church of England.

Immediately after, an informal reception was given at the Lenoir home on Fair street, the guests including only the bridal party, relatives and intimate friends. Wedding cake was served and healths were drunk from the sparkling punch bowls that held only the elements of good cheer and best wishes.

The bride's table was lovely in its appointments of green and white, while white daisies, the chosen flowers for the wedding, were used throughout the room. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will make their home in Pickens.

The following were the out of town guests: Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kerrison and children and Mrs. H. W. DeSausure of Charleston, Misses Eula Ferguson and Louise Pope and Thomas Lenoir of Clemson College, Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Armstrong, Truman Roger, Jim McCravy of Laurens, Miss Margaret Louise Webb, Chris Chappell and Miss Lucretia Baker of Columbia, Miss Elizabeth Wallace of Hartsville, Miss Kate Lenoir of Washington, Mrs. Charlie Sanders, Mrs. T. P. Sanders, Miss Louise Sanders, Ike Sanders and Mrs. Russell Atkinson of Hagood.

### MARRIAGE.

Married by Rev. D. Weston Hiott on 10th inst., near Cross Roads church, at the home of the bride, Miss Pauline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarrard, to Mr. Russell M. Whitmore, of Spencer, N. C. This young couple start out with bright prospects for the future. They carry with them in their new home in Spencer, N. C., the love and best wishes of many friends.

### MEADORS-PICKENS

Miss Belle Meadors of Greenville and Rev. Andrew Lee Pickens of Columbia were married at the bride's home by Rev. George W. Quick on June 14. Mr. Pickens is a brother of Mrs. M. C. Smith of Pickens and is one of the most prominent Baptist workers in the state. At present he is with the State Baptist Sunday School Board. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Ansel Meadors and is a most popular lady.

Wanted Red Oak Ties. See Taylor, Colquitt Tie and Pole Co's., buyer either at Seneca, Westminster or Pickens or write them at Easley.

### CLUB BOOKS ARE OPEN

**One Cannot Vote In Democratic Primary Unless Enrolled.**

The Democratic club books are open all over the county—one in each precinct. Those who wish to vote in the primaries this year must have their names on the club books of their respective precincts. The surest way is to put your name on right now and be done with it. No matter if you enrolled two years ago you must enroll again this year in order to vote in the primaries.

This will be the first time women voters have enrolled and they are required to sign the club rolls just the same as the men.

The club book for the Pickens precinct is in the county auditor's office at the court house.

### REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Those who wish registration certificates may get same at the court house the first Monday in July and the first Monday in August, by presenting tax receipt. A registration certificate is not needed to vote in primary elections, but is needed in order to vote in any general election.

### LANGSTON-CHRISTOPHER

Timmonsville, June 17.—At 7 o'clock Wednesday evening a wedding charming in its simplicity but beautiful in every detail was solemnized in Sardinia Baptist church when Miss Annie Langston, youngest daughter of Mrs. Gillespie Langston, became the bride of Gignall G. Christopher of Pickens.

The church was beautifully decorated with English ivy, the background banked with large beautiful ferns and leading up to the altar were large columns of white, twined with green and topped with large baskets of white roses and ferns. In the center of the church was a huge arch of living green showered with white bridal roses, under which the happy pair said their vows. Before the ceremony a song, "Beloved, 'Tis My Own," was sung by J. C. Vassy, and then a duet, "O Moment That I Bless Thee," by the Rev. Mark R. Osborn and J. C. Vassy with piano accompaniment by Miss Evy Roberts of Camden.

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Roberts, the bridal party entered in the following order: Little Misses Eloise Anderson and Mildred Humphrey, the ribbon girls; ushers, Tommie Sansbury, Henry Keels, T. E. Benton and Vernon Anderson. Then came the bridesmaids, Miss Alma McLendon of Florence, Miss Leona Langston, Miss Alice Benton, Vernie Langston. The brides of honor were Mrs. J. H. Humphrey and Mrs. J. C. Vassy sister of the bride. Then the maid of honor, Miss Eugenia Humphrey, a niece of the bride, entered alone. Then came the dainty little flower girl, Miriam Hicks, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks, scattering rose petals in the path of the bride. The bride entered on the arm of her brother, H. Abbott Langston. She was a picture of girlish beauty and loveliness in her wedding dress of white satin and silk princess lace trimmed with pearls. The veil was very becomingly arranged in an effect with a wreath of valley lilies. Her bouquet was white bride roses and maidenhair fern. The bride's only ornament was a rope of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom. She was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his brother, Bristow Christopher of Greenville, as best man. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. A. Christopher of Duncan, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. B. K. Truluck, the bride's pastor. The bride's traveling costume was a coat suit of navy blue crepe with blouse to match in tulle and with slight touches of embroidered hems and other accessories to match.

The wedding gifts at the home showed the popularity of this young couple, for they were some of the handsomest ever shown here, among which was a chest of silver from the bride's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher left for an extended trip in the mountains of North Carolina before going to Pickens, where they will make their home.

### RUNAWAY MARRIAGE

The little mill on the "Pike" near Catechee was called to grind with rapidity on last Sunday, 18 inst., about 8:30 a. m., when Mr. Roy Nix of Easley and Miss Thelma Yates of Central were made one flesh and blood. As the young couple had given on the old folks the go-by and the John Henry had made good time in getting the "turn" to the mill the old miller was asked to knock up the gas and grind with rapidity. B.

### SINGING CONVENTIONS

The Sentinel is always glad to publish notices of singing conventions. But if you want to be sure of getting your notice in, get it to us in time. We have recently received two or three notices too late for publication.

### STATE CANDIDATES

The complete list of candidates for governor of South Carolina this year is as follows: Cole L. Blease, Columbia; J. J. Cantey, Summerville; Wm. Coleman, Union; John T. Duncan, Columbia; Geo. K. Laney, Chesterfield; Thos. G. MeLeod, Bishopville.

Messrs. Swearingin and Betha withdrew from the race. Swearingin will run again for State superintendent of education, and Betha will run for congress from the Seventh district.

The speaking tour of the candidates began at Columbia Tuesday.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mr. Henry White, a prominent farmer living five miles below Easley, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. Apoplexy was said to be the cause of his death. About three weeks ago Mr. White took a tablet of bichloride of mercury by mistake, but is thought that the poison had been successfully removed from his system. A few days previous to his death he had apparently been in good health.

Funeral services and interment took place at Fairview church Wednesday morning, after services conducted by Rev. D. W. Hiott. He was 75 years of age and is survived by his wife and two sons, Henry and Luther.—Easley Progress.

### FLAG DAY OBSERVED

**Joint Meeting of Pickens U. D. C. and E. A. R.**

June 14th, the 145th anniversary of the adoption by congress of the Stars and Stripes, was appropriately observed in a joint meeting of the Pickens chapter U. D. C. and the Fort Prince George Chapter E. A. R.

The beautiful home of Mrs. M. C. Smith was the scene of this patriotic gathering. The exquisite beauty of trees, flowers and plants was enhanced by the national colors artistically displayed and "Old Glory" was seen on every side. About sixty ladies were present and Mrs. Smith was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames Jno. Huchins and Lillie Parsons.

After a short business session, the carefully prepared program was given.

The invocation by Mrs. Dirigs was followed by the beautiful rendering of the Star Spangled Banner. Then the color bearer, Mrs. Jno. Craig, appeared, bearing a United States flag, accompanied by Miss Frances Bruce who led in the "Salute to the Flag" and read the beautiful "Apostrophe" to it, the audience joining in the American creed. An excellent article on Betsy Ross, written by Mrs. Weldon Christopher, who is a descendant of hers and who has a personal knowledge of her, was read by Mrs. Harry Laboon.

Mrs. Gery Hiott read the Star Spangled Banner in a most feeling manner. The audience stood while a battle scene flag of the Confederacy was shown. The meeting closed with the singing of America.

During the social hour, when delicious refreshments were served, the young daughter of the hostess, Miss Kittie Smith, gave several delightful humorous readings and each guest was given a tiny American flag as a souvenir.

### CHARLIE LAWHORN DEAD.

Mr. Charlie Lawhorn died at his home in Pickens county Thursday morning. Mr. Lawhorn had lived in Pickens county for the past six months, previous to this time he was a resident of Greenville county. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Bessie Lawhorn, two sons, Messrs Willie and Sam Lawhorn. Three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Shuler, Mrs. C. J. Smith, and Mrs. J. K. Trammell. Funeral services were held from Peters Creek church Friday morning, Rev. Joe Foster officiating.

### SAMUEL EEDS DEAD.

Samuel Eeds, one of the oldest citizens of Pickens county, and honored Confederate veteran, died at his home in Easley Wednesday afternoon, June 7. The body was carried back to his old home at Ooleny for interment. The immense throng of people in attendance evidenced the esteem in which he was held. Many comrades in arms were present at the funeral.

Mr. Eeds was 83 years of age. He is survived by a widow and a number of children, having been twice married. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Maco, of Easley.

### EASLEY CITIZEN DEAD.

William S. Murphy, 82 years old Confederate veteran of Easley died at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening after a lingering illness at the home of his adopted daughter, Mrs. W. L. Bagwell.

Mr. Murphy was well known over this section and highly revered by all who knew him. He served all four years of the war between the states.

Besides a host of friends, the deceased is only survived by his adopted daughter, his wife having passed away several years ago. Funeral services were held at Mount Airy church Sunday afternoon.

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### STORM AT CATECHEE

**Lighting Struck Several Places There Last Saturday Afternoon.**

Catechee was visited by an electrical storm on Saturday, 17th inst., between 4 and 5 p. m., which came very near proving serious. On the Norris Cotton Mill hill the electrical display for a few minutes was vivid.

The lightning struck a tree in the yard of Mr. J. Hugh Alexander to which a clothes wire was fastened and ran on the wire to the corner post of the piazza, cut the post which was a 2x4 in two and knocked half of the post through a glass window of the sitting room, then jumped to the corner of the house and damaged it pretty badly. Though some of Mr. Alexander's family were in the house at the time no one was hurt.

Mrs. "Bob" Berkley of the Six Mile section was on the hill and stopped at the residence of Mr. W. A. Manley and after the storm. She was sitting directly under an electric light in Mr. Manley's sitting room where she was knocked unconscious and never spoke for several hours. She is still at Mr. Manley's at this writing (Monday morning) under the care of a physician, but seems to be getting along very well.

Mrs. W. D. Nicholson and Mrs. S. M. Percy of Catechee were both slightly shocked at the same time.

A house tree near the residence of Mr. J. D. Martin also on the hill was struck. Mr. Martin's cow was tied to the tree at the time. The cow was knocked down and lay for several minutes but it never killed her. B.

### PICKENS GIRLS AT WINTHROP.

Misses Alma Edens and Mae Keith Write Letters Home.

About 400 women and girls from all sections of the state are attending the state home demonstration course now in session at Winthrop College. Recently the girls were asked to write letters to their county papers, and The Sentinel has received the two following letters which it is glad to publish:

Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., June 12, 1922.

Dear Homefolks:—We have been asked to write you all a letter telling you about our work at Winthrop, and some of the things that we are learning and which we shall know during our short course.

Winthrop College sure is a beautiful place. I wish every girl could attend the short courses as we learn so many different things which I'm sure will be of use to all sometime.

We have had several different lessons, such as judging beans, tomatoes, jam, etc., which I like very much. We shall use the new receipts when I get home. I like them so much better than the old ways of canning. We are learning to judge poultry and I'm sure if we will go by their teachings we will have more and better chickens.

We will have lessons on cooking and dress making today. I'm sure I have learned different things of sewing that I did not know before. We have just had a lecture on health from Miss Wedgewood from Washington.

Some time today they are going to show us through the different parts of the college, how a kitchen should be kept, and a number of other things that I can't write, but will tell you when I get home.

Must stop as the bell is ringing. I will see you all soon.

Love to all,  
Mae Keith.

Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., June 12, 1922.

Dear Homefolks:—One of our agents has asked us to write home and tell about the many different things we have learned since we have been here. I don't know just how to begin.

The college certainly is a pretty place. I don't feel that I can leave here when the time comes to go home. The first lesson we learn in the morning is "Being a Hostess," which is held in the cooking laboratory. The second is Health Education. We have chapel exercises at twelve o'clock at which Dr. Johnson makes us a short talk. He sure is a fine man.

In the afternoon we go to the gymnasium for exercise. We sure do get limbered up while we are there. After we leave there we go to the chemistry lecture room. Our purpose of going there is to judge different things, such as chickens, clothing, vegetables and breads.

We have somewhere to go every night. We went to moving pictures Saturday night. We are planning to have a great party Wednesday night. We are going to invite all of the ladies from the different counties. I guess this is all I can tell this time for I have not very much time as I am so busy.

Sincerely,  
Alma Edens.

The Taylor-Colquitt Tie and Pole Co., now have tie buyers not only at Seneca but Westminster and Pickens. They are buying and paying cash for Red Oak and White Oak ties. You will find their buyer on their tie yard at either place.