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## OUT AMONG THE PEOPLE

### LOOKING BACK AT 40

I intended to unfold this story to a ghost writer from a paneled office on the 47th floor of my own office building, but since the building is not furnished and the world is waiting for the story I will be getting along with it. It would be perused with more relish of course if I were a Chrysler or a Ford or some other nabob but as the recession has set in just as I was going to start the office building I thought it best not to keep you waiting.

I am moved primarily to a recital of the early days by the striking contrast between the lives of youth today and that of 30 or more years ago when I was a kid.

When memory keeps me company I go back to a red scar on the white sands of Eastern Carolina to a little town nestling in the black jacks and scrub pine where the drab days of youth were spent. It wasn't much of a town as towns go; a proverbial wide place in the road and not too wide at that. The railroad ran 13 miles into town and the train backed in. The engine was one of those wood burning affairs with a smoke stack which flared out like an inverted hoop skirt but to us kids it was the New York Central and Santa Fee rolled into one. Everybody went to the depot when she came puffing into town and the only passengers seemed to be Negroes with wheat straw suit cases and drummers with big cigars. Every year there was an "excursion" to the State fair in Columbia but I never went for two reasons. There was no money and besides I was afraid of that train; not afraid that it might be wrecked but just afraid of it. To me it represented the great world outside and I was afraid of the world. I still am.

The depot agent owned the only motor propelled vehicle in our town—a motorcycle. Gasoline was shipped in in drums and kept under lock and key in the rear of the hardware store. The agent lived less than two blocks from the depot, but always rode, or tried to ride that motorcycle. It had no starting arrangement and he ran alongside it until it started popping then jumped on. He always had a string of kids trailing along behind to give him a push when the thing faltered, sputtered and died, which was often. After checking his handful of freight and getting it loaded on the one horse wagon which hauled it to the merchants at 3 cents per package, big or little, the agent spent the rest of the day tinkering with the motorcycle.

But there came a day when the train brought excitement to the town. It came in the shape of a bright red, new fangled peanut parcher consigned to the leading grocer. This marvelous output of Yankee ingenuity supplied supper table talk for us over many weeks. The only peanut parchers we knew anything about were wood-burners propelled by hand which left your face looking like a spanked baby. We kids never tired of watching that new machine run. It was propelled by a strong spring and regulated by a shiny set of governors which whirled gaily above its gears. We could not plumb its depths and I suppose just put it down as something from the gods. I would have sworn until a few years ago when I saw one of those machines that it was at least six feet high and equally as broad and long. There were reports that it cost two hundred dollars. But things are large and costly only by comparison and I later came to know that it cost maybe \$25 with outside dimensions of perhaps three feet.

Sunday was a long dull day. Under a strict and pious father we went to Sunday school and listened for two hours to a long-winded hill billy preacher. "Hell" seemed to be the Alpha and Omega of the Bible to him for that is all he ever preached about. We smaller ones were hurried into a corner for the Sunday school class and all I remember of the class was the pictorial cards and the only character I remembered was Moses. It seems to me even now that they all portrayed old Moses punching at that rock with his rod. That picture of Moses has remained with me until this day and if I am ever lucky enough to run up with him again I will be disappointed unless he looks like that card. I don't want him to fool me; all my other childish illusions have been blasted.

I spent many uneasy hours over the vivid pictures of the everlasting hell so artfully delineated by the hill billy

## West Operates New Pure Oil Station

West's Service Station, the new Pure Oil stand at the Whitmore, Columbia, and Greenville highways intersection is now open to the public, with J. B. West as manager.

The station, modern in every respect, is of the new cottage type and is easy to drive in from any direction. Space is being cleared in back of the station for the erection of parking stalls.

Besides the spacious supply room on the first floor of the building, there is a kitchen and rest rooms. The second floor is an apartment consisting of two rooms and bath.

### WILL BE HONORED

In recognition of 25 years of service as a commissioner of public works for Newberry, Harry Dominick will be honored at a dinner at the Newberry Hotel Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Several brief after-dinner speeches have been planned. The affair is being arranged by 40 of Mr. Dominick's intimate friends. We say intimate friends because, according to Hal Kohn, this congenial Newberrian has about 8000 friends.

### A QUIET CELEBRATION

Citizens are to be complimented on the orderly way the New Year was celebrated here. The police report only three drunks since the first. These cases were tried before the newly elected city recorder, B. V. Chapman, on Monday and Tuesday of this week and bond was forfeited in each case. Magistrate Ben F. Dawkins has tried only one case since the year began. G. M. Lazemy was charged with reckless driving. He pled guilty and was fined \$21 or 30 days imprisonment. This was the second charge against Lazemy, who is from Charlotte, N. C., for reckless driving in the past few weeks.

### PAID OLD DEBT

Ned Purcell was pleasantly surprised the other day just as the weary old year slipped out of the picture and the young 1938 gave his diaper a jerk and assumed control of the next 12 months. The surprise came in the shape of a \$10 bill, handed him by a Negro from the North who explained to Mr. Purcell that he stole some buggy whips from him 10 years ago. Mr. Purcell was not inclined to accept the money, but the Negro insisted. He said he made the trip from the North especially to pay the debt and craved to get his conscience cleared up for the New Year.

preacher. I often wondered if he hadn't been there. Of course I never had any other thought but that I was a vile sinner and this hell he talked so much about come to be something I was much concerned over. I would lay awake nights trying to figure out just how one could burn forever and never be consumed. I was never able to figure it out but weary would fall asleep and dream of crawling up to the edge of the pit and peeping down into the roaring inferno. Then I would slip and wake up.

One of our Sunday diversions was centered around an anemic little fellow who had lost one of his legs from a disease then and as far as I know now, known at White's swelling. This kid had a peg leg and a disposition I have since envied. He lived with his grandfather upstairs over the store the old man conducted. On Sunday's we would beg the little fellow into slipping down into the store from the living quarters and swipe candy for us. He never failed us and invariably he got 10 sticks, or a nicker's worth. After the candy had found its way down our gullets we would jibe the kid about his peg leg and otherwise abuse him. He always took it good naturedly, so appreciative was he of someone to play with. The kid has long since gone to glory and I hope when my time comes I can slip in by old Saint Peter with a couple of boxes of stick candy. I want to repay him for he never got any of that he so often swiped for us.

Next Week—if you can stand it. The sprouting of the seeds of a great lover in the manly breast of a ten-year old.

## GRIFFITH APPEARS IN HIGH COURT

Steve C. Griffith left the city Saturday to appear before the Supreme court of the United States to argue the case of Barnwell Bros., Inc., a North Carolina corporation, against the South Carolina Highway Department and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The states of South Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois and Texas are interested in the case and out of the more than 30 lawyers in the case Mr. Griffith and Thomas W. Davis of Wilmington, N. C., were selected by the interested lawyers to appear before the high court for argument.

The case which involves the issue of the right of states to control traffic on the highways, grew out of an act of the legislature restricting the size of trucks. The Barnwell concern brought suit on the grounds of a burden of interstate commerce. A three judge court sitting in Columbia some months back ruled for the Barnwell concern and an appeal was taken to the Supreme court. If the Barnwell trucking concern is upheld by the high court the states will be almost powerless to control the size of trucks operating within their borders. The three judge court took the position that the United States government had money invested in the highways therefore had a right to control the traffic thereon.

### BETTER BUSINESS

Business is definitely on the upward swing, according to Bill Smith, auto magnate of the city. Bill reports that he sold five cars all in one day—Wednesday.

### AMONG THE SICK

Pat W. Shealy of Prosperity, who suffered a dislocated shoulder in an automobile wreck Sunday was reported today to be improving at the local hospital. Mr. Shealy had just left the home of his daughter for a trip to Florida when the wreck occurred. He recently celebrated his 30th birthday.

Johnson Hagood Clary has returned to his home on Boundary street from the county hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. His condition is reported improved.

John Wicker was taken to a hospital in Atlanta, Ga., last Friday for treatment.

Alan and McGhee Calcote, small sons of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Calcote, of Calhoun street, are improving from recent illness. Rev. Calcote, who has been ill for sometime with influenza, is able to be up.

## WE THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### QUESTION:

Do you think the Buzzard Roost power development will mean anything to Newberry?

Holland Ruff, supervisor: "Yes, I think so. Any new developments that we have in the South means more to this section of the country."

Gordon Clarkson, financier: "Well, it will probably reduce the power rates and that will mean a saving to every user of power. It will also help the unemployed while it is being built."

J. C. Brooks, treasurer: "I am glad that the project went through and I think it will be beneficial to Newberry."

Claude Sanders, tax collector: "Yes, I think it will mean a lot to Newberry. It will give people employment in this section for a good while. And too, it will encourage the use of electricity because it will be much cheaper."

Dr. H. K. Boyd, clerk of court: "I just don't know what it will mean to Newberry, but I'm glad the project went through."

C. E. Hendrix, superintendent of ed: "I haven't had time to think much about it, but I believe it will. It sure will mean better fishing at Lake Murray because it will catch all the mud."

## Kiwanians Hear Senator Abrams

The Kiwanis club met Wednesday at one o'clock at the Newberry Hotel for the regular luncheon with 16 members present.

Senator Marvin Abrams was the principal speaker. During the business session, a committee was appointed to make plans for "Ladies Night" at the next gathering of the club.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE PLANS EVENING MEETING

Following is the program for the young people's league of Central Methodist church for Sunday evening, January 9, beginning at 6:45. Leader—Annie Laura Davis. Subject: "A Race That Has Changed Its Home."

Prelude: Call to worship. Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nation." Scripture: Matthew 22: 37-40.

Prayer. Dialogue. Hymn: "O Zion Haste" Business. Young people's benediction.

### CITY LEAGUE WILL MEET AT METHODIST CHURCH

The young people's Interdenominational City League will hold its quarterly meeting Tuesday evening January 11, at Central Methodist church with the worship program beginning at 8 o'clock. A social hour will follow the program.

All young people of the city who are members of church leagues or other religious groups are invited to be present.

### NOTICE!

All girls who wish to play basketball this season, and who are not now playing on some team, will be given a chance to play this year. All interested please report to Junior High school gym Friday night, January 7, at 8:00 p. m. Practice will be held Tuesday night at the same time. A number of teams will be organized at the gym.

All men who wish to play, please report at the Junior High gym Monday night, Jan 10, at 8:00 p. m. Men's teams will be organized then. This is part of the W P A Recreation Project.

### YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD WATCHNIGHT SERVICES

The young people of Central Methodist church held a watchnight service the night of December 31 from 10:00 until 12:45 at Central church.

The following program was given: Prelude; Eltas McGraw. Poem: "Wild Bells"—Macie Davis. Opening Prayer; Rev. T. C. Cannon. Responsive Reading: "Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life." Talk: "A Young Man Seeks Life"—by Carrie Wightman. Silent Meditation closed by prayer by John G. Hipp. Hymn—"God of Grace." Young Peoples Benediction.

### SEEN ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Reagin window shopping... Wilson Brown telling of killing nine rabbits and one bird on recent hunt... Evelyn Burns buying office supplies... John Clarkson wearing red flower in coat lapel... Sloan Chapman with armful of magazines... Sidney Solomon, Union, attending New Year's eve dance in city and showing off in tuff... B. P. Ringer rendering a bit of service by posting new calendars while distributing them... "Buzz" Purcell with boxful of calendars... White Fant celebrating New Year's day by riding about the city in auto... Dr. R. M. Kennedy remarking that he has rented the same mail box continuously since the post office has been erected... Walter Neel, heedless of winter weather, walking up street in shirt sleeve... G. V. Clamp dodging traffic... Fred Thomas walking home with hands in pocket... your scribe giving three cheers for Mrs. T. E. Epting—the best fruit cake baker in the city... Dr. J. Edwin Stokes hurrying up street... Mrs. Edna Feagle putting on green gloves... "Dude" Epting narrowly escaping a "setting" in front of the Sun office... Newberry College students back for second semester.

## BARUCH MUST PAY WAY CLEARED FOR BUZZARD'S ROOST

The fourth United States circuit court of appeals has ruled that stockholders of the People's Investment company, a stockholding company, holding large blocks of the stock of the defunct People's state bank, were liable to payment under the states bank stockholders' assessment law of their proportionate share of the corporations' stock in the closet bank.

Barney Baruch, wealthy New Yorker, is liable for \$75,000 under the ruling. Mr. Baruch owns considerable property in Georgetown county and was born at Camden. Stock of the Rhetts in the closed bank was held by the investment corporation but it is believed little can be recovered from them.

The case was begun by Joseph L. Nettles as receiver of the bank and the legal matters have been handled by Former Justice Eugene S. Blease and Attorneys Nettles of Greenville and Cogswell of Charleston.

### FOR PAROLE SYSTEM

(The State) Discussion of methods of apprehension of criminals and their handling after conviction promises to occupy a considerable part of the time of the approaching session of the legislature. A consolidated police system, with radio equipped automobiles, will certainly receive consideration.

Senator M. E. Abrams of Newberry was in Columbia Tuesday and said he would endeavor to get action on his bill which sets up a parole board and provides for paroling of prisoners and supervision of them during their period of probation. The bill was passed by the senate last year and ran into a jam in the house, where it remains.

So criminals, their arrest and their supervision promise to get considerable attention.

### ROTARIANS WILL HONOR SILVERSTREET AND CHAPPELLS

At the regular meeting of the Rotary club next Friday evening, January 14, Chappells and Silverstreet will be honored.

Fourteen outstanding business and professional men of these towns of Newberry county will be invited to join the Rotarians for dinner and entertaining program at the Newberry Hotel.

### Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

E. Bryan Keisler, pastor

The Sunday school begins at 10:30. Dr. James C. Kinard is superintendent and Professor Harry H. Hedgepath the assistant. There are classes for all ages and competent teachers for all classes.

Both services next Sunday, one at 11:30 a. m. and the other at 7:30 p. m., will be conducted by the pastor. The choir will render special music.

The Luther League will meet next Sunday evening at 6:45. All our young people are urged to affiliate with one or the other of the Leagues.

On Saturday afternoon of this week at 3:30 the Light Brigade will enjoy a social. The members are asked to bring some gift for the Lowman Home. Any household supplies are suitable.

On Saturday morning of this week in the Boieson room at 9:00 o'clock the season's catechetical instruction will begin. All those who expect to be confirmed this spring are urged to be present. If there are those who have not definitely decided as to their confirmation, they are asked to begin the instruction and decide when they will as to confirmation.

The first meeting of the council for 1938 was held Wednesday evening. There were but few members absent. All new members were present. The organization of the Council was effected as follows: Chairman, J. W. Earhardt Jr., Vice-chairman, Harry H. Hedgepath, Secretary, Gerald Poynter. Also Mr. A. J. Bowers Jr. was elected congregational treasurer. Officers for the Sunday school elected were: Superintendent, Dr. James C. Kinard; assistant superintendent, Harry H. Hedgepath; secretary, J. P. Shealy; assistant secretary, Gerald Poynter; Pianist, Miss Katherine Fischer.

At the morning service next Sunday Treasurer Bowers will make his report for the last quarter.

## WAY CLEARED FOR BUZZARD'S ROOST

The Supreme Court Monday in a unanimous decision threw out the challenge of the Duke power company thus clearing the way for the building of the Buzzard's Roost power development on Saluda river near Chappells.

Plans for the development call for a dam at Buzzard's Roost on the Saluda river which would create a lake, covering 13,000 acres of which 50 per cent would be in Laurens county, 40 per cent in Greenwood and the balance in Newberry. Much of the land has already been purchased or optioned.

Dan T. Duncan, a Newberry man, chief engineer and one of the original sponsors of the project, said Monday night that contracts would be awarded in the near future calling for completion of the development within 12 months. Bids have been on hand for some time.

It is the plan of the sponsors of the development to find outlet for the power created at Buzzard's Roost in the nearby towns. Contracts for power at lower rates than charged by the Duke company were submitted some months ago and in all probability actual contracting of the output will get under way soon. It is thought that a good many mills in this section will sign up for the power unless the Duke company brings their rate in line.

### SEAL SALE CONTINUES IN NEWBERRY COUNTY

Approximately \$500 has been raised in Newberry county up to this time from the annual Christmas Seal Sale, according to Mrs. L. G. McCullough. Mrs. McCullough urges all who received seals but have not sent in money for them, to do so now. Money is needed for worthwhile work being carried on in the county for numerous cases of tuberculosis.

### BUSINESS SCHOOL OPENS

The W P A business school reopened at the county court house Monday morning with an increased enrollment. Miss Nina Cromer is instructor of the school.

### EDUCATION ASSOCIATION TO MEET HERE THURSDAY

The Newberry County Education Association will meet Thursday afternoon of next week at the Newberry high school.

Departmental meetings will begin at 3 o'clock. The Rev. E. B. Keisler will address the department of high school teachers. Professor O. B. Cannon is scheduled to speak to the intermediate teachers on "Meeting the Diverse Needs of Pupils." Dr. R. A. Goodman, of Newberry College, will address the department of primary teachers on "The Schools of Today."

At the general meeting beginning at four o'clock, Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer of Charlotte, N. C., is scheduled to appear.

The topic of this third meeting of the school year of the Association is "The Future of American Youth." G. A. Linder, president, will preside at the general session.

### STUDENT'S CANTEN IS OPENED AT COLLEGE

With the opening of the second term of Newberry College, the newly erected student's canteen was opened and the improved method of mail distribution was begun.

The canteen which has been named "The Wigwam" is an attractive cabin made from South Carolina pine slabs and has been set in the grove of huge pines on the back campus.

Although the primary purpose of the Wigwam was to house individual mail boxes, candies, drinks, and school supplies are being sold there to students.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT IN NEW LOCATION

The music department of Newberry College has been moved from the first floor of Smeater hall into the house formerly occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Kinard. Space has been provided for studios and practicing rooms. Professor Ensrud's and Feld's studios are located on the first floor and Professor Moore and Erickson have departments on the second floor.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 20 YEARS AGO

Some very cold weather. The thermometer touches the zero point and the beautiful snow remains with us.

A young lady who teaches school in North Carolina, while spending the vacation time at her home in Newberry told a bright story of a little girl in the town where the young lady teaches. The mother had told her little girl not to expect much of Santa Claus, that he had gone to France, whereupon the child replied that she thought Santa Claus was "too old to be drafted." That answer is in a class with the remarks of little Charles Bowers.

President G. W. Summer of the Mollohon Mill and President Z. F. Wright of the Newberry Mill have the thanks of many people for their kindness and thoughtfulness in allowing those needing it to get coal without extra cost. This is a good deed that will be held in gratitude and appreciation.

The derailment of five freight cars the other afternoon at Silverstreet caused a long delay of the passenger train. Flagman Claude Reeder was slightly hurt.

Corporal Joe Keitt of the American Expeditionary Force in France has been released from the hospital where he has been a patient with the mumps.

Norman C. Toole, captain; R. H. Wright, first lieutenant; and Byron V. Chapman, second lieutenant, have been appointed by the governor to those positions in the 3rd regiment.

The churches in Newberry are helping in the conservation of fuel by uniting in union services Sunday nights.

The attorneys of Newberry, who to a man, offered their services to the local oard in assisting registrants under the draft law to fill out their questionnaires, have been kept busy with this work since the papers were sent out, and as a result, the work of the local board in Newberry county has been considerably expedited.

The legislature meets today. There is talk of a short session so as to save fuel. It would save a good many other things to have a short session of the legislature, but we are not likely to have it.

Sugar has been coming to town lately, and coal has also been brought by the people in limited quantities.

Mr. Ellesor Adams has had the address of his paper changed to the 61st battery at Ft. Moultrie, of which he is a rising member.

Mr. Robert Gist is another boy who is doing well at the motor supply company in Wichita Falls, Tex., and Mr. White Fant has just arrived in that city.

The city has been given by the Central Methodist church four feet along the sidewalk of Friend street to have the walk widened. To this end the trees in the way are being felled. The widened walk will be an improvement to the church lot.

The O'Neal auxiliary of the Red Cross was organized at the residence of Mrs. John Henry Chappells on the Saturday before Christmas by Mrs. Frank R. Hunter and Mrs. R. Herman Wright.

## To Open Tea Room First of February

Remodelling work has begun on the Copeland building on the corner of College and Friend streets, across from the post office, for a tea room to be operated by Mrs. Gurnie Summer. The building will consist of a large dining room, two private dining rooms, and a kitchen.

The new place will be called the "Fiesta Tea Room" and will be open to the public all day. The popular burnt wood furniture will be used and the colorful fiesta dishes, from which the name of the tea room was derived, will be used in serving, according to Mrs. Summer, who expects to have the "Fiesta" opened by the first of February.