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## OUT AMONG THE PEOPLE

### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

—Much better! Jim Duncan read the peice about our meagre outlook for Christmas and was moved to do something about it. However, he just didn't get round to it until Santa was well on his way back home—not, in fact, until this week when we waved at him from across the street. He apparently took our salutation for an invitation to come in and pay his subscription for he did come in and he did pay, although he was not "out" until April. Thanks Jim, may your sort increase!

### ONE ON THE PARSON

It is being told around that Rev. C. A. Calcutt held a revival somewhere sometime back and the people, to show their appreciation, decided to "lift" an offering for him on the closing night. The closing night came and the man directing the singing gave out a number to be sung while the offering was being taken. The number? "Must I go and Empty Handed?"

### AMONG THE SICK

Miss Fannie Mae Carville, who is a patient in the Columbia hospital, is reported "resting nicely". Monday examinations revealed that she would not have to undergo an operation, but will be kept there sometime for treatment.

The condition of Mrs. L. Morris at the local hospital is reported about the same.

Dr. E. E. Stuck, a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia is reported improving.

Mrs. Leo Adams is a patient in the county hospital for treatments.

Mrs. Nelva Brown recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital.

Roy Jones will be dismissed from the Newberry county hospital this weekend.

### SPEAKERS ELECTED FOR COLLEGE MARCH DEBATE

The March debate at Newberry college, an event of long standing when the two men's literary societies put up their best orators to capture the honor of winning the debate for their respective organizations, will be held this year on Friday, March 3. Speaking for the Excelsior Literary society will be Bruce Ballentine of Batesburg, captain, Luther Aull, and Maxey Stone.

Debating for the Phrenokosmian group will be Grady Boozer of the county, captain, Fred Entler of Maryland, and O. G. Dasher of Marlow, Georgia.

## Legislative Briefs

The South Carolina general assembly opened its 83rd session at noon Tuesday with election of officers and with pledges of co-operation with Burnet R. Maybank, governor-elect of South Carolina whose inauguration takes place next Tuesday.

...Newberry county's representative, Thomas H. Pope Jr. who is serving a second term, withdrew from the speaker Pro Tem race before the assembly convened.

...Representative Sol Blatt of Barnwell, house speaker for the past two years, was given the position again by acclamation.

...Representative J. W. D. Zerbst of Charleston was re-elected speaker pro tem.

...The Senate presiding officer, Lieut. Gov. J. E. Harley, is ill and will not be able to attend sessions for sometime. Senator Taylor H. Stukes of Manning was elected president pro tem to preside in his absence.

...Governor Olin D. Johnston in his farewell address before the assembly Wednesday denounced "with all the force at my command" the suggestion that a sales tax be levied to finance the public welfare program.

...Winchester Smith, representative from Barnwell, was named head of the important ways and means committee. Smith defeated three opponents for the position on the first ballot.

## Founding of Newberry Was 150 Years Ago

By CONSTANCE ARMFIELD

Not until the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening of this week was the fact brought to public light that 1939 is the year when celebration and rejoicing by Newberrians is in order. For this year marks the 150th anniversary of our city—yes, a sesqui-centennial celebration is very much in order. Whether our city intends to really do something about this great date or not, it certainly should not pass by unmentioned.

One wonders if some crystal gazer 150 years ago looked into his magic ball and saw the Newberry of today. Did he see revealed such things as a Newberry of fine schools, and a splendid church college; of churches, hospitals, libraries, theatres, newspapers, huge cotton mills, big and various business concerns; of charities and benevolences; of civic organizations, and social groups; of traffic and trade; of a Newberry whose slogan has most fittingly become "The City of Friendly Folks"? Whether such things were visualized or not, certainly some intelligent, far-seeing, patriotic, and persistent group of sons dreamed of a great Newberry to be a century and a half later.

The exact date is not known, but according to the most accurate records obtainable we can state that Newberry was "incorporated" in March of 1789, for at that time, plans were begun for the erection of a public building in which to handle public affairs.

For some forty years or more before a town organization, we learned that settlers began to arrive in this community and by 1782, the vicinity was "pretty well settled".

The beginning of the town is dated from the time when property was given to erect the public building. For some time the "county court", a judicial organization composed of eleven justices which was done away with in 1839, argued concerning the location of the public building or a court house, and finally a present was made by "Little John" Coates of two acres on which to erect a public building. The court decided to build on the property offered by Coates and "accordingly there it was builded and here was the beginning of the town of Newberry".

From the Annals of Newberry we find the following account of the giving of the land for the court house, thus causing the organization of the city which this year can proudly boast of 150 years of notable progress: "At March court, 1789, present, Robert Rutherford, James Mayson, Jacob Roberts Brown, Philemon Waters, William Caldwell, Mercer Babb, and Thomas W. Waters, Justices, it appears from an entry that John Coate 'made a present to the county of two acres, on which to erect the public buildings', which was accepted by the vote of all present except Robert Rutherford, who objected 'by reason the place was not central'. Col. Philemon Waters and William Caldwell were directed to lay out two acres thus given; which they did, and returned a plat. It is embraced by the parallelogram made by Caldwell Street on the east; Pratt Street, south; McKibben Street, west; Boyce Street, north. Titles were made and Mr. Coate was called into court and received the thanks of the Justices for this liberality."

Yes, we have great reason for a celebration this March. Whether or not any steps are taken in this direction is up to the leaders and organizations of our city. It's not every day that a city can celebrate a sesqui-centennial year. Something "big" should be undertaken to draw widespread attention to this important date.

### SUPERVISOR UNDERGOES OPERATION

Supervisor Holland H. Ruff was operated upon for appendicitis at a Columbia hospital Wednesday morning. Information from the hospital Wednesday afternoon was to the effect that he stood the operation well.

Mr. Ruff was carried to the hospital the first of the week for observation. His health, it is said, has not been normal for the past several weeks and symptoms the first of the week caused his physicians to order an examination by Columbia doctors.

Mr. Ruff is serving his third term as county supervisor, having first been elected in 1930.

## S. C. National Pleas With Business of 1938

The South Carolina National Bank paid a dividend of 16 1-2 per cent to its common stockholders in the year just finished, Julian Mitchell, president announced after the annual meeting of the stockholders. All officers were reelected and the year was reported to have been very successful.

The annual meeting of the shareholders was followed by the annual meeting of the directors.

"Despite the scarcity of loans and the low rate of interest prevailing during 1938, the bank had a very successful year, as will appear by the condensed statement of its condition, and after adding to its surplus and to reserve for retirement of its preferred stock and charging depreciation, etc., and after the payment of dividends on its preferred stock it paid dividends during the year of 16 1-2 per cent upon its common stock," Mr. Mitchell said.

The condensed statement of the bank showed assets of \$38,452,524.22; liabilities of \$35,116,245.38, and a capital amount of \$3,336,278.84. The statement further showed pledged assets, United States government obligations, \$3,600,000; other assets, \$508,000, and secured liabilities—deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to law, \$6,174,274.67.

Officers of the Newberry office of the bank follows:

C. C. Hutto, manager; Floyd Bradley, assistant manager; John M. Kinard, assistant manager; John T. Norris, Jr., assistant manager.

### HONOR LEE AND JACKSON

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises commemorating the birthdays of General Lee and General Jackson, in the chapel of Newberry College on the morning of January 19, at 10 o'clock.

After the exercises in the chapel, where Rev. H. O. Chambers will be the speaker, the two Lee Memorial trees recently planted on the campus of the college will be dedicated by the members of the two U. D. C. chapters.

### NAMED DIRECTOR

Miss Kathleen Willingham, former director of public welfare in Greenville county, has been made head of public welfare work in the Piedmont section of the State, including the counties of Pickens, Oconee, Anderson, Laurens, Newberry, Greenwood, Greenville, and Abbeville.

Miss Ruth Bradley, former district director, is doing graduate work in the Chicago school of social workers.

### NEGRO BEING HELD FOR MURDER TRIAL

Hub Quattlebaum, deputy sheriff, and Ben F. Dawkins, local magistrate, acting in place of Coroner I. H. Wilson, who is confined to his home because of illness, conducted an inquest at the court house Tuesday evening into the death of Ray Hampton, 24-year-old negro, who was found dead with gunshot wounds in his chest, by local officers about 11 o'clock Saturday night on the Kempson Ferry road. The coroner's jury rendered the verdict that Ray Hampton had come to his death by gunshot wounds at the hands of T. J. Williams.

According to J. C. Neel, one of the witnesses at the inquest, local officers were called late Saturday evening to the scene where the body was found. Upon investigation, it was learned that both Hampton and Williams had been attending a "hot supper" at the house of James Gallman, colored. Gallman testified that both men had left early in the evening.

Williams confessing to the crime Sunday night stated that he saw Hampton leaving Gallman's house and suspected that he was going to his (Williams) house as he had heard rumors concerning Hampton and his wife. He went to his house and upon finding Hampton there shot at him three times. He later put the body into an auto, stating he was intending to take Hampton to the hospital, but when he discovered he was dead threw the body out of the car where it was later discovered.

The officers finding blood stains in and about the house of T. J. Williams arrested him Sunday afternoon about 1:30. Deputy Quattlebaum secured a full confession from Williams about 9 o'clock Sunday evening.

Williams is being held in the county jail until the March term of criminal court.

## Conservation Service Reports Good Year

At the close of 1938, 167 local farmers were cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service in the erosion control area near Newberry, South Carolina, by carrying out a complete program of soil and water conservation on their farms, according to Mr. W. A. Mason, Jr., Project Manager.

Comprising some 18,000 acres, these cooperating farms have provided an opportunity to develop and demonstrate under actual farming conditions practical, locally adapted erosion-control practices applicable throughout this entire section.

Strip cropping, which was virtually an unknown farming practice when work was begun in the local area 3 years ago, was being established on 835 acres at the close of the year. This practice consisted of planting alternate broad strips or bands of close-growing crops between strips of clean-tilled crops to provide vegetative barriers across the path of runoff water, Mr. Mason explained.

More than 900 miles of new broad-channel terraces have been built, providing mechanical protection for 8,300 acres of cultivated land, and contour tillage is being practiced on virtually all of the land in cultivation.

While clean-tilled crops are being reduced by 1000 acres, pasture land is being increased by 110 acres, permanent hay by 215 acres, other erosion-resisting crops by 1200 acres, and approved crop rotations by 6200 acres.

At the same time 875,000 trees have been planted on steep and severely eroded land and an additional 28,000 shrubs and trees have been set out on idle or unproductive areas to serve the dual purpose of controlling erosion and providing food and cover for wildlife, Mr. Mason said.

## Magistrates Have Few Cases in December

Magistrates of the county reported a comparative lull in crime during the last month of the year. With only three of the five magistrates reporting, 19 cases were reviewed during December and fines collected totalling \$239.40.

In the Newberry district, Magistrate Ben F. Dawkins heard 12 cases. He received in fines \$182.40.

W. D. Hatton, Pomaria magistrate, turned over \$15 to the county treasurer, having reviewed three cases.

At Prosperity, J. L. Bowers Jr. had four cases brought before him. His fines totaled \$42.

### PROMINENT CHURCHMAN TO VISIT NEWBERRY

Dr. C. Darby Fulton of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Presbyterian church, is scheduled to speak in the city at Aveleigh Presbyterian church Sunday evening, January 22.

Dr. Fulton speaks here in connection with the foreign mission season being observed by Presbyterian churches all over the south at this time. The season study book, "A Star in the East" was written by Dr. Fulton.

The address of this great church leader will be an outstanding event in the city this month.

### CCC WILL ADMIT 500 FROM STATE

Almost 500 applicants will be enrolled from South Carolina into the civilian conservation corps during this month's procurement period, now being conducted by Captain H. J. Hindman and First Lieutenant Gene J. Henry.

The enrollment began Monday, when ten white veterans were brought into the service at Sumter. Yesterday, junior whites and negroes and some negro veterans were enrolled. Yesterday's enrolling points were Mountain Rest, Bradley, Georgetown, Walterboro, Columbia, Bishopville, Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood, Newberry, Gaffney, Rock Hill, Liberty and Pickens.

### Kendall Mills Lutheran Parish Rev. J. B. Harman, pastor

Summer Memorial:  
Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday school.  
Mr. Eugene Shely, spt.  
Sunday 11 a. m. Divine worship.  
Bathany:  
Sunday 6 p. m. Sunday school. Mr. E. B. Hite, spt.  
Sunday 7 p. m. Evening worship.  
Visitors are invited to attend all of these services.

## President's Ball Will Be Held January 30

The President's Birthday Ball for Newberry and vicinity will be held Monday night, January 30, at the American Legion Hall with music furnished by Chris Kaufmann and his orchestra, it was announced today by Pete Coleman, county chairman for celebration of this event in order to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis.

One half of the funds raised by the dance will be retained by the local committee to fight this dreaded disease in this county and the other half will be sent to the national headquarters.

There is, at present, 21 white cases of infantile paralysis and 5 colored cases in Newberry county, according to Jake R. Wise, health clerk. These are however, being treated at different institutions over the state.

It is hoped that those who do not care to dance will buy tickets in order to help put the cause across. Mrs. Gurnie Sumner is assisting Mr. Coleman with arrangements. Members of the Eagles Club are also doing their share. More definite plans pertaining to the dance will be announced in next week's paper.

### ALREDMEN CONFER WITH W. P. A. OFFICIALS

A delegation for the city council composed of three aldermen, A. H. Clark, C. A. Shealy, and Buck Wickner, went to Atlanta, Georgia, Wednesday to confer with W. P. A. officials on the completion of the paving program begun in the city last fall by the M. J. Carrol Construction company.

The rest of the paving will be let by another contract to the lowest responsible bidder. New plans will have to be made, specifications drawn up, and bids received before the paving can be finished.

The Carrol company had a contract for only part of the extensive paving program.

### LITTLE GIRL STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Eloise Thomas, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thomas, was struck by an auto driven by Mr. Hawkins from Columbus, Ga. Tuesday afternoon near her home six miles from the city on the Whitmire highway.

The little girl was not seriously hurt, but was brought to the local hospital for treatment.

### MONDAY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB

The Schoolmasters' Club, composed of principals and superintendents from schools all over the county, will meet Monday evening, January 16th, at the Hotel Wiseman at 7:30 for a dutch supper.

This club, a social one, was organized in December of last year and only one meeting has been held. William R. Watson, head of the Prosperity school, is president of the organization. C. E. Hendrix, county superintendent of education, is secretary and treasurer.

### TO FLORIDA

Miss Lucille Tolbert, sister of Mrs. J. K. Wicker of this city, has been transferred in her work with the Western Union from Orangeburg to Miami, Florida.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF CENTRAL CHURCH

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of Central Methodist church will be held in the Mary Frances Wright Memorial building on Monday afternoon, January 16th, at 4 o'clock. Officers for 1939 will be installed at this time, the installation services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. O. Chambers.

### CLARKSON ATTORNEY

Under the terms of a resolution signed by members of the delegation, John F. Clarkson was named attorney for the county to handle legal matters in connection with the expenditure of the \$140,000 bond issue and WPA funds in the county's road building program. The resolution also authorizes Mr. Clarkson to keep the records of the road work.

### HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet Thursday afternoon, January 19, at four o'clock, according to announcement made today by Mrs. Hugh Senn, president of the organization.

## League Head Would Unite Tax Forces

Columbia, Jan. 10.—J. K. Breedin, managing director of the Farmers and Taxpayers league, assailed legislative proposals for a sales tax or diversion of gasoline revenue from road purposes today in a statement calling for "appropriate retrenchment."

"If the truckers, the independent merchants, the American Federation of Labor, the Farmers and Taxpayers league, the women's organizations, the chambers of commerce and others would unite to fight any new tax and any diversion of gasoline revenue, then the legislature would cut the garment by the cloth," Breedin said.

"If, however, these several groups are each fighting for or against one tax, then there is danger of all losing."

"The general assembly wishes to serve the public. We are the public. What do we want?"

### Wheeler on Health Board

The first meeting of the newly organized county health board was held Wednesday night at the county health office. The board, to have complete charge of health interests in the city and county, is composed of Dr. Hugh Senn, chairman, Dr. H. B. Thomas of Whitmire, and Dr. C. K. Wheeler of Prosperity.

Dr. Claude Sease was re-elected health doctor by the board and named head of the county health department for the coming year.

Other city and county health officials will remain the same with an addition—a city inspector to be employed at an early date.

Present at the Wednesday night meeting were Dr. B. F. Wyman and Dr. Grady Callison, both from the state board of health in Columbia. These men discussed the health program in Newberry county with the board members and recommended a man for the position of inspector.

The new health program, in which city and county work is combined, goes into effect immediately. This setup which is sure to prove beneficial to all was urged by members of the Civic League over a year ago. Through the co-operation of the city council with the League and the state department of health, the program considered "ideal" by the state department was put through.

Members of the county health board will meet monthly to discuss plans and take action toward the betterment of health among Newberrians.

### ASSEMBLY MOVES TO PROTECT GAME

Columbia, Jan. 11.—Steps to protect game further in lower and upper South Carolina began today when Chairman John H. Porter, of the house fish, game and forestry committee, named permanent chairman of two sub-committees to present protective legislation for the full committee's approval.

Porter named Representative J. Harvey Cleveland, of Greenville, for the upstate, and Representative J. M. Tuten, of Hampton, for the lower section as chairmen, telling them to organize sub-committees "to work out beneficial legislation to bring before this committee."

Porter's action followed a lengthy plea from Cleveland, who asked for members' aid in pushing through a bill he said he would draw up.

"We want our mountain streams stocked and protected," Cleveland said. "I am going to introduce a bill for our zone (Oconee, Pickens and Greenville Counties) and ask you gentlemen to support it."

"With the assistance from the Oconee hatchery and a small one in our county, we could put 3,000,000 trout in mountain streams next year."

Cleveland said that J. B. Wethembee had stated that he would convert his 10,000-acre tract in upper Greenville county into a game preserve "if he could get some protection."

Cleveland said he might seek to restore a tax on dogs to produce new revenue with which to increase enforcement of laws. He said he would seek to buy some deer from Pisgah National Forest "provided we can get some protection for them."

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO

Columbia, Jan. 11.—The various departments of the state government are asking the general assembly, which convenes on Tuesday, for appropriation aggregating nearly 4 million dollars. If all the appropriations asked for should be granted, a levy of nine and one-half mills would be required, notwithstanding the enormous increase during the year in taxable values.

A beet that is "sure a beet" or "some beet" was brought to this office the other day by Mr. T. B. Kibler, who raised it. Everybody who has been in it says it is "hard to beat". This sugar beet weighs 15 1-2 pounds and she measures 24 inches around her waist. Mr. Kibler ought to go into the beet business on a large scale at his place, 666 O'Neill street, and maybe then he could make a deal with the sugar mills.

Haltiwanger and Carpenter of Newberry was commissioned with a proposed capital stock of \$15,000, for a general merchandise business. Petitioners are J. W. Haltiwanger of Columbia, and E. A. Carpenter of Newberry.—The State.

Newberry witnessed a spectacular fire Sunday afternoon about four o'clock, when the Mayer Memorial Lutheran church in West End was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace flue in some manner near the top of the building, for when discovered, the whole top was in flames. The piano, organ, and some other movable fixtures were saved. It is hoped that the church will at once be rebuilt and a larger, more handsome and valuable edifice take the place of the old one.

### NO BOARD MEETING

Little more than routine matters were attempted Monday when Commissioners Halle and Shealy found that Supervisor Ruff was seriously ill and consequently unable to be present. Another meeting was set for Wednesday but this too was postponed when it was learned that Mr. Ruff would be out for an indefinite time. He underwent an operation at a Columbia hospital Wednesday morning.

Considerable interest was centered in the meeting to be held Monday as it was generally rumored that many changes would be made in the personnel of county employees.

### A SON

Mr. and Mrs. John Lackley of Whitmire announce the birth of a son at the Newberry county hospital Tuesday, January 10.

## SEEN ABOUT TOWN

Roy Anderson telling your scribe that "it is a pretty day should anyone ask you"...Brooksie Hutchinson breaking in a pair of new specks...and C. A. Calcutt walking around with pair of broken glasses in his hand...Wright Cannon, who received The Sun as a Christmas gift, remarking that he read every word in each issue...White Fant tossing and catching a silver coin...James Price coming to work and finding his boss out of town but discovering a pile of notes informing him how to spend the day...Jake Wise and Roy Anderson examining a candid camera...A. M. Summer enjoying soft drink in a grocery store...Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sanders cruising around in new auto and listening to Guy Lombardo music...Newberrians noticing the picture of Representative Thomas H. Pope Jr. in a daily paper...Maxey Stone attempting to ride a bicycle, with two flat tires, in the court house corridors...Ben F. Dawkins laughing over a recent dream but refusing to tell the nature of it...Gene Stockman and Frank Sanders kidding each other about their weights...Chris Kaufmann Dads Epting, and Wright Cannon among Newberrians cheering the local college's basketball five on to victory at the South Carolina University Saturday night...Rev. M. L. Kester remarking that his small grandson, whom he has with him constantly, is his bodyguard...Frances Aull accused of being a "lady's man" and Francis blushing denying it.