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## ABBEVILLE PAVING BONDS ARE SOLD

Bought by the Trust Company of Georgia, Atlanta. Bring Par and Premium of \$326.00—Twelve Bids in All—Bids Were Opened Friday Night.

The \$90,000 issue of street paving bonds were sold Friday night at a special meeting of council to the Trust Company of Georgia, Atlanta, at par and a premium of \$326.00 the bonds being \$1,000 five percent. The bid that was accepted was about \$7000 better than the next bid of R. Compton Co., of Cincinnati. Offering par and \$25, with the understanding that the city pay them \$740 for selling the bonds. No bidders were tied to the Trust Company of Georgia's bid. The successful bidder will furnish the city with blank bonds, an item which will approximate about \$100.

There were twelve bids in all, though only three bond houses made bid on five per cent bonds. Most of the bids were for 5 1-2 per cent bonds of \$1000 denomination with a term of 20 years. Par and premiums ranged from \$102.27 to \$289.00, were bid for such bonds.

A telegram accepting the bid was sent to the Trust Company of Georgia Saturday morning. Later a letter confirming the acceptance was received.

The bids were opened before a full attendance of the members of the city council. Bond buyers representing the firms of W. R. Compton, Cincinnati, J. H. Hillsman, Atlanta, and R. M. Grant, Greenwood, are also present.

The other bidders were N. S. Hill Co., Cincinnati; Sidney Spitzer Co., Toledo, Ohio; Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati; Providence Bank and Trust Company, Cincinnati; Spitzer-Roick and Co., Toledo, Ohio; Weil Rath and Co., Cincinnati; and the Hanchet Bond Company, Chicago.

W. S. Sanders, city engineer in charge of the paving, has already made a preliminary survey of the streets and the streets, leading to two depots, and in a few days will have everything ready to begin work. By the first of July it is thought that actual work will have commenced.

All the city officials feel that Abbeville received a good price for the bonds. Many had doubted that par could be obtained for 5 percent, 30 year bonds.

## VISITOR FROM FLORIDA.

Mrs. Frank Woodruff, of Sanford, Fla., is in the city for a short visit to her sister, Mrs. M. R. Plarco. She will go to Greenwood Wednesday to be present at the marriage of Mr. Rod Devlin and Miss McCaslan. Mrs. Woodruff is well remembered around Abbeville and old friends are glad to hear again and to know that her way through life is both pleasant and happy. Miss Mamie Devlin will return to Florida with Mrs. Woodruff the last part of the week.

## INJURES HIP.

Mrs. Emeline Swyger, 72 years old lives with her daughter, Mrs. George C. Douglass, fell Thursday and broke her hip. She caught her foot in a rug as she was turning the light, preparatory to retiring. A physician was called immediately and every attention was given by Mrs. Swyger.

## LIBRARY HOURS CHANGED.

The Abbeville Library announces its hours have been changed to the present schedule of 3:30 to 5:30 P. M. on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 to 12 in the mornings, same as Miss Myrtle McLeskey has given the library 28 new books.

## DR. DANIEL ADDRESSES GRADUATING CLASS OF ABBEVILLE HIGH

The graduating exercises of the Abbeville High School were held at the Opera House Thursday night, the building being packed with the parents, relatives and friends of the students. The commencement was a marked success, the program being both interesting and entertaining.

In the graduating class were fourteen girls and not a single boy, which elicited comment from Dr. D. W. Daniel, the speaker of the evening. The program follows: March—"The American Step," by Miss Ruth Howie. Invocation—By Rev. J. L. Daniel. Salutatory—Miss Helen Haigler. Class History—Miss Lois Ferguson. Instrumental Solo—Miss Lois Ferguson.

Class Poem—Miss Ruby Mann. Class Prophecy—Miss Mary Hill Harris.

Class Song. Class Will—Miss Margaret Cox. Duet—"Ambassador's March"—By Misses Mary Hill Harris and Lois Ferguson.

Address—Dr. D. W. Daniel. Valedictory—Miss Alpha Graves. Delivery of Diplomas.

Announcements. Benediction—Rev. M. R. Plarco.

## NEGRO SHOOTING.

John Henry Harrison shot and killed Willie Lyon Thursday afternoon on the Grier Sherard farm. The trouble arose over a dispute as to money which Harrison alleged Lyon owed him. Lyon had a shotgun, but laid it down and went after Harrison with a baseball bat. Harrison ran for the gun and getting it shot Lyon, who died Thursday night.

He was arrested that afternoon by Sheriff Burts. A coroner's inquest was held Friday. Harrison was released on bail of \$500.

## LIBRARY TO PRESENT TAMING OF THE SHREW

The officers of the Abbeville Library have decided to raise funds for the library by giving a modern version of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew." The play will be directed by Mr. Edward Waldman, who will also take the leading part of Petruchio. A meeting of the cast is scheduled to be held at the Opera House sometime this week. The date of the play will be announced later, though it is hoped that the play can be produced June 20.

## REGISTERED JERSEYS ARE SOLD HERE SATURDAY

W. A. Stevenson, county supervisor, sold 14 registered Jersey cattle at auction here Saturday afternoon, the sale taking place at the J. Allen Smith stables. It was the first sale of its kind that has ever been held in this county and a large crowd attended. The cows brought an average of \$148.00 per head, the sale netting \$2,055.00.

The record of the sale with purchasers and prices paid follow:

- No. 1, cow and calf, T. A. Putnam, Due West, \$192.50.
- No. 2, cow, N. G. Thomas, McCormick, \$155.00.
- No. 3, cow, S. L. Wilson, McCormick, \$150.00.
- No. 4, Heifer, S. L. Wilson, McCormick, \$175.00.
- No. 5, cow, S. L. Wilson, McCormick, \$136.00.
- No. 8, Heifer, Clifton Williamson, Donalds, \$90.00.
- No. 11, Bull, T. A. Putnam, \$320.
- No. 12, Heifer, C. E. Williamson, Abbeville, \$102.00.
- No. 13, Cow, E. R. Miller, Hodges, \$170.00.
- No. 14, cow, R. C. Philson, Abbeville, \$110.00.
- No. 15, cow, S. L. Wilson, McCormick, \$136.00.
- No. 17, cow and calf, T. H. Gordon, Due West, \$108.00.
- No. '0, cow, J. A. Long, Abbeville, \$131.00.
- No. 18, cow, W. H. Mundy, \$100.

## MARK SMITH FOULLY MURDERED NEAR THIS CITY SATURDAY NIGHT

Mystery Surrounds Crime—Body Has Not Been Found—Was In Abbeville Saturday Evening—Left Shortly Before Dark For Home—Sheriff and Deputy Investigating Murder.

Mark Smith, a negro living on the plantation of Mr. L. A. Ramey, was brutally murdered in the public highway about three miles from Abbeville at near 9:00 o'clock Saturday evening.

### White Men Responsible.

Smith came to Abbeville on Saturday in an Overland automobile. He was accompanied by his mother, a negro named Morris and the latter's wife and by one of Smith's small children. He remained in town until about one-half hour before sundown when he started home. When he had gone about three miles, and was nearing a bridge just beyond the Hill plantation, a party of four or five white men in a car, which had blew as if it wanted to pass. Smith, according to those who were in the car with him, pulled to the right side of the road, and the other car pulled up beside him, and two men jumped out and opened fire on him. Smith was driving the car, and without waiting to stop his engine, jumped from it and attempted to run across the field adjoining. The two men followed, emptying their pistols into his body. After he fell several more shots were fired into the body. The body was then carried back to the road, and according to Smith's mother, lay there just a minute, when one of the men, with an oath, stated that he was dead, "throw him in the car". The car then turned and went back in the direction from which it had come.

### Blood Marks Spot.

Visitors to the scene early Sunday morning found great splashes of blood in the adjoining field and a pool of blood in the road where, it is supposed, Smith's body lay for an instant when it was brought back into the roadway.

A reporter for this paper on Sunday morning interviewed Smith's mother, and the other two negroes who were along about the shooting. In brief, the above gives a correct outline of what they saw. All were

terribly frightened and none of them could give a satisfactory account of the happenings. The men coming behind the car in which they were riding, the shooting commencing so promptly, prevented their being able to give an accurate description of any of the men. They all knew, however, that white men were responsible for the crime. Perhaps a dozen other negroes saw some parts of the shooting or saw the men as they left the scene of the shooting. None of these, however, so far as reported, are able to give any definite information upon which a conclusion could be drawn as to the men responsible.

### Body Not Found.

Smith's body has not been recovered. Evidently in the careful planning of the crime the body was to be disposed of so that a question might be raised as to whether in fact the negro was dead, or perhaps the perpetrators of the crime sought to relieve the public as much as possible of the harrowing surroundings.

Sheriff Burts, with his deputy, Mr. Cann, is making investigation of the crime. Upon them rests the responsibility of apprehending the men who have added another foul crime to our already bloody record in this county. The people expect that they will bring these men to the bar of justice.

### Was Acquitted.

Mark Smith is the negro who sometime ago shot and severely wounded Deputy Sheriff Cann while his house was being searched for contraband liquor. After the shooting Smith sent first to Augusta and from there to Washington, D. C. He was arrested there, and later returned to Abbeville, where he was tried at the February term of the court and acquitted, James S. Stark, of Abbeville, being foreman of the jury, which tried him. Hon. Frank B. Gary presided at his trial. Since the trial of his case he has been at his home about five miles from town, where he was engaged in farming.

## NAVY MUST NOT REST NOW THAT WAR IS OVER, DANIELS TELLS CADETS

Annapolis, Md., June 6.—Secretary Daniels in an address at the graduation exercises at the United States naval academy today, declared that the closing of hostilities did not mean the United States navy could rest on its oars, but that it must surpass its great war record by a greater record in peace.

The 454 members of the graduating class, the largest in the history of the academy, were urged by the secretary to apply all their initiative and energy in the great task of developing the efficiency of the navy.

"You are coming into the navy in a period that will challenge all your resource and initiative," said Secretary Daniels. We are determined the navy shall not, as it did after the war between the states and the Spanish-American war, mark time for a decade. Our policy must be that it shall move constantly forward making new records and new discoveries. The navy has made a great record in war."

### A TRAVELING MAN.

Henry Wilson took a few days off last week and went on a trip. He took in such places as Springfield, Columbia, Augusta and Charleston, and is back on the job now ready to give the girls a good time all summer.

## THE ABBEVILLE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY MET HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Abbeville County Medical Society held a banquet and later a meeting here Friday night. The banquet was given at Hotel Eureka and the meeting of the organization was held in Dr. G. A. Neuffer's office.

The speakers of the evening were: Mrs. M. T. Coleman, who made an address on the "Red Cross and Its Relation to the Medical Profession;" Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, of Clinton, councillor for this district, made a talk on "County and District Organization." Capt. George C. Pruitt, MC. U. S. A., spoke on "Medical Work at the Front."

The talks were all very interesting and instructive. One of the features of the meeting was the presentation of clinical cases.

The next meeting will be held in Abbeville July 5.

Those present were: Doctors G. A. Neuffer, C. C. Gambrell, T. L. W. Bailey, Clinton; J. E. Pressley, J. R. Bell, Due West; Pressley, Due West; J. A. Anderson, Antreville; J. R. Power, J. C. Hill and Capt. George C. Pruitt.

### LIGHTS OUT.

Superintendent Hix, of the Water and Light Plant, lost all his religion Sunday morning. The current went off the wires for several hours and house-keepers were phoning frantically to know "what's the matter."

Old ranges and oil stoves were put in commission again and dinners came through on time. This is the first trouble Supt. Hix has had and it was of short duration.

### ATTEND NATIONAL SHRINERS CONVENTION

D. A. Rogers, W. D. Carroll, Leland Stephens and Henry Brooks left Saturday for Indianapolis to attend the National Shriners Convention in that city. It goes without saying that these gentlemen will have a large time. They expect to visit Chicago before they return to Abbeville.

### PROF. RISER GOES TO EASLEY

Prof. D. R. Riser and Mrs. Riser will leave Wednesday for Easley, S. C., where Prof. Riser will have charge of the public schools next year. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Riser in Abbeville regret to learn of their approaching departure.

### MRS. LINK DEAD.

Mrs. T. E. Link, aged 25 died at her home in Belton last night after a short illness. She was the wife of Mr. T. E. Link, linotype operator of the Belton Journal, and formerly a printer and operator in Anderson.

The funeral will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. W. J. Johnson, pastor of the Asbury Methodist church and Dr. J. M. Burnett of Belton, officiating.—Anderson Daily Mail.

### ROBERT CHEATHAM ON HIS WAY HOME

Wallace Cheatham received a cablegram Monday from his brother, Robert Cheatham, 6th Division, on board U. S. S. Mount Vernon, announcing that he was on his way home and was due in Hoboken today, June 10th.

### CORP. MARS RETURNS.

Corp. Walter W. Mars, who recently returned from France as a member of the 20th. Balloon Company, has accepted a position under the city engineer and is assisting with the surveys about the city looking to the paving of the streets.

### Attending The Bankers' Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bradley left Saturday night for Tybee, Ga., where they will attend the National Bankers' Convention. Mr. Craig, the State Bank Examiner, could not attend this convention and Mr. Bradley will represent South Carolina.

## COMMENCE WORK ON HOSPITAL SOON

Board of Nine Managers Selected—Firebrand Church Will Be Moved and Ellis Street Straightened—25 percent of Subscription to Collected This Week.

Arrangements for opening the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital are progressing. At a meeting of the subscribers held last Thursday afternoon a board of nine managers was elected which board later organized and appointed committees for immediate work. The building will be turned over to the hospital authorities next week, and the actual work of remodeling and equipping it will be commenced right away.

The stockholders of the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital met last Thursday and elected the following managers: J. S. Stark, J. F. Barnwell, Dr. J. C. Hill, Dr. J. R. Power, S. H. Rosenberg, L. J. Bristow, D. H. Hill, J. S. Morse and Dr. G. A. Neuffer.

On Friday the managers met and fixed upon the following committees: finance, grounds, rules and by-laws, and equipment. The finance committee composed of Dr. J. R. Power, chairman; J. S. Morse and S. H. Rosenberg, were authorized and instructed to call on the stockholders this week and collect 25 percent of the amount subscribed.

The committee on buildings was instructed to begin work at once. The question of moving the Firebrand church has not been settled yet as a suitable lot has not been obtained, but it is hoped that this matter will finally be arranged this week.

It was decided to call a meeting of the women of the county who are interested in the Memorial Hospital movement, at which women's auxiliaries will be formed, and such other action taken as will insure the co-operation of the women in the good work. This meeting was placed in the hands of a committee, and due notice will be given of the date.

It has been decided by the board of managers that negroes will not be received into the main building of the hospital, and a separate building will be provided for them. This is to be under the same management and supervision as the building for white people. It is expected that the training of negro nurses will be a valuable service to the county in the years to come.

Mayor Mars, saying he could not speak authoritatively, but that he felt sure he was voicing the sentiment of city council, assured the subscribers of the co-operation of council in every worthy manner. It is expected that Ellis Avenue will be straightened and widened near the hospital, and that Cherokee street will be materially improved. The Firebrand church (negro) will be moved to a new location, more suitable to the congregation, and this will enable council to straighten Ellis avenue, by acquiring the land on which the church now stands.

One thing that should be borne in mind by everyone is the fact that there is never to accrue to any one interested in the hospital any gain. Rather, it is to be expected that for some time to come there will be a financial loss in the operation of the institution, which loss will have to be made up by those who are charitably inclined. A public hospital is never a money-making enterprise, and those who have subscribed to the

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### COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold on local market yesterday for 31 cents. July futures closed in New York at 31.55.