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## TWO STILLS ARE RAIDED LAST WEEK

**ONE LARGE STILL IN McCOR-  
MICK COUNTY RUNNING AT  
FULL BLAST AND NO ATTEND-  
ANTS—SECOND STILL FOUND  
NEAR LITTLE MOUNTAIN**

Two stills were raided near here last week by Deputy Sheriff T. L. Cann and Deputy Collector J. W. Kelly, the first in McCormick County near Mt. Carmel, the second near Little Mountain.

The first still was raided Friday at a place called Hominy Pot, near the Savannah river, and was in full blast. It was a fifty gallon still and 500 gallons of mash was ready for running.

When the officers found the still a large stream of mountain dew was running into a container. A man's coat and his dinner were lying nearby, but the man was nowhere around. The officers watched the still for a while and hearing a noise nearby slipped upon a negro beating the ground, seemingly greatly excited. The officers said that he was killing a snake, whether real or imaginary they didn't say, but state that they did not see the snake.

The negro, George Harris, admitted that he was employed at the still and was brought before United States Commissioner C. E. Williamson in Abbeville and gave bond for \$1,000 for appearance at the next term of Federal Court.

**Still on Judge's Place.**  
The still found Saturday was discovered on Judge M. E. Hollingsworth's place, near Little Mountain. It was being run by L. T. Landers, a renter, and was a small affair. Landers was greatly perturbed when caught and started to run, but stopped precipitately when Deputy Sheriff Cann fired in his direction, throwing himself into the bushes by the pathway and trying to cover himself with leaves and sticks.

He was brought to Abbeville and appeared before United States Commissioner C. E. Williamson, where he gave bond of \$500 for appearance before the next term of Federal Court. C

Several pints of liquor and about 30 gallons of mash were destroyed in this last raid.

## COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

A meeting of the County Highway Commission has been called for Friday afternoon by Chairman J. S. Stark. All the members have received their commissions from the State and have put up their bonds for \$10,000.

Owing to the present condition of the bond market no attempt will be made to sell any portion of the \$450,000 worth of bonds authorized for building dirt roads in the county. If the commission decides to begin work this summer it is very probable that the county will borrow the money and wait for a favorable opportunity to sell the bonds.

## COTTON MILL TEAM WINS

The Abbeville Cotton Mill baseball team defeated Ware Shoals Saturday at Ware Shoals by a score of 7 to 3. Milam and Eubanks were the batteries for Abbeville.

## A NEW CAR.

Mr. R. M. Haddon has invested in a new car and is enjoying life these days seeing the country and his friends.

## A CHARMING VISITOR

Mrs. Walton, of Hamlet, N. C., is in the city for a few days visit to her friend, Mrs. C. S. Sauls and was a guest at Mrs. Herman Benton's card party Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Brown of Liberty, spent a few hours in the city Sunday with relatives.

## MEMORIAL EXERCISES OBSERVED SATURDAY

Under Auspices of Local U. D. C. Chapter.—Major Cheatham Makes Address

Beautiful Memorial exercises were held here Saturday under the auspices of the local chapter U. D. C., beginning at 11 o'clock on the Square with a program rendered by the school children and ending with a sumptuous dinner served at the Eureka Hotel.

After the school children had entertained the Old Veterans and the crowd gathered around the monument with songs each child placed a wreath on the base of the monument.

The Veterans then went to the Opera House where the annual memorial exercises were carried out. County Clerk J. L. Perrin was master of ceremonies. The program began with the singing of the doxology by a selected choir, followed by prayer by the Rev. C. E. Peele, pastor of the Methodist Church. The choir was composed of Mrs. J. D. Fulp, Miss Leila Ellis, Miss Sarah Perrin, Joe Hughes, Alvin Ellis and Percy Leach. A number of popular selections interspersed the program, among which were Annie Laurie and Tenting on the Old Camp Ground.

The address of the occasion was made by Major R. B. Cheatham, a veteran of the World War. The speaker dealt chiefly with facts of the Civil War, setting forth truths that are neglected by historians and obscured by northern writers. Several times during his speech he addressed himself directly to the children in the audience, calling their attention to pertinent matters of record concerning the Civil War which were not generally known. His remarks were both interesting and instructive. Major Henry Tillman, of Greenwood was on the program for a talk, but was prevented from attending by the sudden illness of his wife.

The Opera House was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and flowers.

Twenty-five Confederate Veterans attended the exercises and were guests at the dinner at the Eureka Hotel, served by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The following Veterans were present:

J. J. Edwards, D. S. Branyon, J. D. Miller, C. A. Botts, A. T. McIlwain, T. C. Seal, D. P. Hannah, R. P. Davis, W. H. Sharp, A. R. Ellis, Capt. W. C. Shaw, S. T. Eakin, J. S. Williams, H. W. Gordon, R. A. Crawford, J. J. Botts, Mr. Fleming, G. P. Grant, L. B. Ramey, I. N. Ashley, Dr. J. W. Keller, E. W. Ashley, R. M. Haddon, J. A. Hawthorne, R. O. McAdams, J. L. Hill.

## DIAL NOT TO STAND FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Washington, May 15.—Senator Dial of South Carolina, today withdrew from the race for national committeeman from that state.

This step is taken, he said in the interest of party harmony in South Carolina. He also said he did not care to go to the San Francisco convention as a delegate at large.

## A VISITOR FROM DENVER

Mrs. J. S. Thomas is in the city and is spending some time with Misses Mamie and Jessie Hill. Mrs. Thomas has spent the winter in Gainesville, Fla., and is on her way back to her home in Denver. As Miss Annie Hill, Mrs. Thomas is a member of and beloved of many friends and relatives in Abbeville who are always glad to have her return to the home of her girlhood.

## J. J. McSWAIN TO MAKE GRADUATING ADDRESS

The Hon. J. J. McSwain, of Greenville, candidate for congress will make the address before the High School graduating class at the exercises here June 4. Mr. McSwain served as a captain overseas with Major J. D. Fulp and is considered an able and eloquent speaker.

## Chamber Of Commerce Planned For City

A movement on foot, fostered by a number of business men of Abbeville, has been started to organize a chamber of commerce or board of trade. Already about 50 business men have signified their approval of the project and a meeting is planned for the near future at which time an organization will be effected.

It is proposed to secure the services of an efficient secretary, who has had experience in chamber of commerce work, pay him a good salary and back him for results.

The business men of Abbeville realize the need for such an organization here, both to keep alive and moving present thriving conditions and also to encourage new enterprises.

All who are interested in the movement can see Otto Bristow for further particulars. No definite plans have been made and will not be made until a full meeting of the business men of the city is had, at which time there will be open discussion.

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF LOCAL RED CROSS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Abbeville Chapter of the American National Red Cross will meet at five o'clock Friday afternoon, May 20th in the Red Cross office.

There will be a discussion of the action taken at the last meeting, when \$1,000 of Red Cross funds were donated to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, with a view to rescinding the action as it is said that the local chapter had no authority to donate funds for other than activities of the Red Cross as outlined by national headquarters of the Red Cross.

Every member of the Red Cross—and this means any who paid as much as \$1.00 as dues for 1920—is urged to attend this meeting.

To the average layman the American Red Cross formerly appeared to be wholly concerned with emergencies. He was more familiar with its beneficent work in great catastrophes than with any other of its activities. Now, however, when he thinks of the Red Cross, there is brought to his mind not only these dramatic interventions, but also the steady striving for child welfare and intensive anti-tuberculosis campaigns.

The American Red Cross was put in the forefront of its peace-time program activities in the field of public health. Definite proposals in execution of this laudable policy are contained in a twenty-page pamphlet entitled "Health Centers: A Field for Red Cross Activity."

In turning gradually from its war activities to peace and to thoughts of the work to be done at home, the American Red Cross has consecrated itself anew to its ancient and endless task of preventing and relieving distress and suffering.

## SCHOOL CLOSES AT DONALDS

Commencement exercises at the Donalds school were held Friday and Miss Susie Stinson and Miss Margaret Bradley who have been teaching in that school for the past session returned to their homes here on Saturday.

## ACCEPTS POSITION IN HARTSVILLE SCHOOL

Miss Ruth Calvert has accepted a position to teach in the Hartsville schools next winter. Miss Calvert has been helping out in the local schools this year.

## MIKE SELLS STORE.

Mike Kustas sold his store on Trinity street Saturday to Dr. G. A. Neuffer and C. H. Pennell for \$9,000.00, taking a lease himself on the property until November.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES WILL BE HELD HERE

A district conference of the woman's and young people's missionary societies of Cokesbury District, M. E. Church, South, will be held in Abbeville this week, beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Thursday evening. There will be meetings Thursday afternoon, Thursday night, Wednesday morning, afternoon and night. About 40 delegates are expected to attend.

The Rev. J. W. Kilgo, presiding elder of Cokesbury District, Mrs. L. A. Bryan, Chester, State President of Missionary societies, and Mrs. D. M. Bourne, of Lander College, Greenwood, State corresponding secretary, will attend the conference and will make addresses.

Thursday evening will be devoted especially to the work of young people's societies and an interesting program has been planned for the occasion.

The people of Abbeville are given a cordial invitation to attend the conference, not only members of the Methodist church, but members of any denomination.

## DOUBLE KILLING OF NEGROES OCCURS NEAR ANTREVILLE SATURDAY

A double killing occurred at a hot supper given to raise funds for a negro church near Antreville Saturday night. George Morgan and Nelse Casey were killed by Kooter Hamilton and Bee Starks respectively.

The shooting commenced when Casey tried to pull a negro woman out of the house in which the supper was being given. His action was resented by Bee Starks, who opened up with a .32 p.stol, killing Casey instantly. Morgan then got into the scrap and was killed by Hamilton.

The two negroes were arrested near the scene of the killing Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Cann.

## A HANDSOME GIFT.

The music recital of Miss Ruby Hill Devlin last Friday night at Lander College was a most pleasant occasion for the many friends of the young lady. Miss Devlin is an accomplished musician and was the recipient Friday night of many lovely gifts, chief among them being a grand piano Steinway Parlor Grand piano from her mother and father.

## RECEPTION CALLED OFF

The reception to be given by the Parent Teacher Association Thursday night, has been called off on account of the meeting in the Methodist church.

## STOCK DIVIDEND GOES UNDER TAX

Strong Opposition to Scheme Develops Among Republicans But Passage is Predicted.

Washington, May 15.—Taxation of stock dividends was virtually agreed on today by a majority of the Republican members of the house ways and means committee as a new plan for raising part of the money to pay the cost of proposed soldier relief legislation. Final action is expected to be taken today, committeemen said.

The Republican committeemen were said to have been unable today to agree on the amount of the tax or whether it should be retroactive and if so, for what period of time.

Strong opposition to the stock dividends tax developed among the Republicans, ChaCirman Fordney being said to have led the attack on the proposal. Supporters of the plan, however, said that its final adoption was assured, and that Democratic committeemen who were not at the meeting had proposed to support the new scheme.

While various rates and dates for the tax were placed before the committee, the consensus of opinion was said to be that the tax should be a levy of 5 per cent. of the value of the stock dividends. Some committeemen were said to favor making the levy retroactive to the date of the supreme court decision, holding the old income tax on such dividends unconstitutional, while others favored going back for a longer period.

Other changes in the soldier relief bill also were agreed upon finally by the Republicans, who expect to end their drafting of the measure tomorrow. Among them was that specifying that cash bonus payments should be \$50 quarterly, with the maximum bonus to any one being fixed at \$500, with the corresponding value of the options of the cash bonus being limited to \$625. Another providing that yeomen women navy clerks who served abroad during the war would receive the benefits of the bill. Two hundred women, it was estimated, would be affected.

Opposition to the cash bonus continued to be expressed by a minority of the Republican committeemen, who said that with the Democratic opposition, they might be able to block the bill in committee. Supporters of this provision, however, asserted that the bill would be reported to the house next Wednesday, following Tuesday's meeting here of the executive committee of the American Legion.

Advocates of the legislation planned to force consideration of the bill in the house on May 21.

## NINTH BODY FOUND

The ninth body of the ill-fated party who went down in the Savannah river on the ferry boat April 4 has been found that of Miss Allie Bradshaw at Plum Branch between 30 and 40 miles below Harper's Ferry, where the boat went down. There is now but one more body in the river, that of Charlie Meschine. The graves are in a row in the same cemetery for as they lost their lives together, the relatives decided to place their graves by each other.

The faithful workers are still trying to find the remains of Charlie Meschine, so that he too can rest by the side of his loved friends, and the finding of the body of Miss Bradshaw today makes them feel confident that they will also get the last one from the river.

## NITRATE TO BE SOLD

Washington, May 15.—Under authority of a joint resolution adopted recently by congress, the war department today released 190,000 tons of nitrate of soda for sale to the public. The selling price has been fixed at \$88.90 per ton, which is estimated to be the price cost to the government.

The stocks from which the nitrate will be drawn are at Brunswick, Ga., Fernandina, Fla., Galveston, Texas, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Tampa, Little Rock, Hopewell and Nitro, W. Va.

## POLITICAL PUZZLE REMAINS UNSOLVED

BOTH SIDES UNCERTAIN—G. O.

P. HOPES TO MOLLIFY JOHNSON WITH SECOND PLACE—PROHIBITION QUESTION WILL LOOM LARGE.

Washington, May 16.—Uncertainty increases as to the Presidential nominations as the dates of the national conventions draw nearer. The Democratic problem may be to some extent simplified by the outcome of the Republican gathering.

For instance, if the Republicans should nominate Senator Johnson, of California, extreme radical with an especial following of the foreign-born, the chances of nomination of former Secretary W. G. McAdoo by the Democrats would be decidedly augmented. In comparison to the wild radicalism of Johnson the mild radicalism of McAdoo would probably impress the business people of the country as conservative, while the more conservative "labor" element would be for McAdoo anyhow.

It is no small advantage to the Democrats that the Republicans have to make their decision as to candidates and issues before the Democrats meet to make theirs. There may be some questions in the public mind which both of the great parties will be willing to sidestep. There are others which cannot be avoided. The Republicans have to take the risk of error as to the sidestepping and of blunders in the method of meeting the unavoidable; the Democrats will have several weeks to study how public sentiment seems to react with regard to what the Republicans do. And should the Republicans split at Chicago, the likelihood of Democratic cohesion at San Francisco will be doubly greater.

## CAN SELL IMPORTED WOOLEN CLOTHES AT HALF PRESENT PRICE

New York, May 15.—England is ready to sell to American merchants men's clothing, all wool, that can be retailed at a 20 percent profit at prices little more than half these now being asked here, according to J. C. Shannon, member of a London manufacturing concern, who arrived yesterday.

"We can produce suits, transport them to America, pay the duty and sell them to the retailer for \$22 each" Mr. Shannon asserted. "The same quality suits are now selling here for \$60 to \$80. Ours could be retailed at \$38.40 and yield a 20 percent profit."

## MR. H. A. HATCH IN CITY

Mr. H. A. Hatch, president of Abbeville Cotton Mills, and a member of the firm of Deering, Milliken & Co., of New York, is here for a few days stay, looking over the mill and inspecting the property of the company. Mr. Hatch, in connection with the local officers of the company, is making the mill here a success. His friends are all very glad to welcome him in Abbeville.

## VISITING IN COLUMBIA.

Mrs. Foster McLane left Friday morning for Columbia where she will visit for some time with her daughter Mrs. Todd. Mrs. Gilliam and Miss Tenia Gilliam are in Abbeville staying with the children and accompanying Col. McLane while his wife is away.

## COTTON MARKET

Spot	43.00
May	41.03
July	38.53
Oct.	36.45
Dec.	35.50
Jan.	34.85