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* * * * * SOCIAL AND PERSONAL * * * * *

Mrs. Frank M. Zemp entertained a number of friends Thursday afternoon at a bridge party in honor of her guests, Mrs. Marion Zemp and daughter, Francis, of Sumter, and Mrs. J. B. Murphy and little daughter Katherine. Tempting refreshments were served after cards.

A very interesting church conference was held Wednesday evening after the weekly prayer meeting services at the Lyttleton Street Methodist church. Extensive preparations are going to be made to entertain the district conference which is to meet in Camden at a date to be decided upon later. It is planned to have some important work done to the church organ, and the parsonage is to be repaired and painted and made one of the most attractive buildings in the city.

Mrs. Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., entertained Friday morning at cards for Mrs. Marion Zemp who is a guest at the home of her father, Dr. Frank M. Zemp.

Mrs. E. D. Blakeney entertained Friday morning at cards for Mrs. M. N. Williams of New York, and Mrs. Ernest S. King of Charlotte, N. C., daughters of Mr. E. D. Blakeney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Watkins, of Columbia, S. C., were visitors to Camden last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schenk, of Georgetown, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schenk last week.

Mr. Cantey Villepigue, one of Kershaw county's world war heroes, who is located at Savannah, Ga., is at home for a few days on a vacation.

Mr. C. E. DeLoache, who has been in Columbia for some time, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, of St. George were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sheorn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Blakeney, now residing in Rock Hill, were visiting relatives in Camden last week.

Mr. H. K. Hallett, Superintendent of the Waterree Mills, addressed the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Right Rev. K. G. Finley, D. D., Bishop of the Upper South Carolina Diocese conducted services Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in Grace Episcopal church.

The John D. Kennedy Chapter, D. A. R., will meet Thursday afternoon, March 6th, at 4:30.

Miss Carrie Rodgers, for some time past employed in the First National Bank of Camden, has accepted a position in Bennettsville and left last week for that place. Mrs. J. W. Sanders entertained for Miss Rodgers prior to her leaving.

Mr. W. J. Christmas, of Kershaw was in Camden yesterday. He had been over to Columbia to visit his daughter, who is attending college there.

The friends of Mr. C. E. Webster will regret to learn that he is quite sick at his home with pneumonia. It is hoped that he will soon recover.

Will Celebrate Silver Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schlosberg have issued invitations to their silver wedding, Monday evening, March 10th, 1924. They were married in Branchville, Mr. Schlosberg's former home and then came to Camden where they have made scores of friends who will congratulate them upon the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Their married life has been one of much happiness and prosperity.

Leaving stable manure exposed in the lots is one way some farmers have of throwing away money.

Tip to business men and farmers: Not more creameries for the cream we have, but more cream for the creameries we have.

In spite of the cold weather the parasites are still there waiting for warm weather. Watch and spray.

Let farmers take a leaf out of the experience of George Washington, who wisely said, "Keep an account book and enter therein every farthing of your receipts and expenditures."

NEAR EAST RELIEF.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 28, 1924.—We have been advised by the Hon. A. F. Lever, State Chairman of Near East Relief, that plans are being perfected for the month of April, Easter month, when there will be the special campaign month for the Sunday School children of this state for funds for their little suffering friends in the Near East. It is expected that at that time many of the little kiddies' lives overseas will be saved for another year by the efforts of their Christian brothers and sisters in this state.

The Sunday School Superintendents are looking forward to this as one of the great practical lessons of the year, when the children contribute, by song and prayer, a united effort for the less fortunate children overseas.

The joint report of the State Chairman and the Treasurer shows that South Carolina is making great headway in its quota this year, and it looks very certain that Near East will go over the top in its quota at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.

Injured in Automobile Wreck.

Mr. Corbett Boykin, a well known and popular young man of Camden, is reported to have gotten into an automobile wreck in Columbia Sunday and lost a leg by a collar bone. He was taken to a hospital in Columbia for treatment. For some years he has been employed as a steam fitter in the store of Springs & Shannon. It is hoped that he will soon recover from his injuries.

Mr. Donald Campbell went to Columbia yesterday and brought him back home. He is getting along very well under the circumstances.

D. H. Belk Has Serious Wreck

Yesterday morning as Mr. D. Hasell Belk was driving his car across the Seaboard track on north Lyttleton street just above the city, he was run into by a south bound Seaboard freight train and his car was completely demolished and Mr. Belk thrown out and badly injured. It is understood that the train crew pulled on into the station and reported the accident. Mr. Belk in the meantime was picked up and taken to his home and medical aid summoned. He was in a dazed condition and the extent of his injuries could not be fully determined. It was a miracle that he did not meet instant death. It is hoped that he will soon recover.

24th Anniversary.

The 24th anniversary of the organization of Mt. Joshua Baptist church and of Rev. F. H. Herriett as pastor for the past twenty-four years will be observed next week beginning Thursday night. Services will be held Thursday night and Friday night and on Sunday Special services will be held beginning with the Sunday School concert at 9:30, welcome address and response at 10:00 o'clock, history of the church at 11:00 o'clock, anniversary sermon by Rev. James Hannahan, of Bishopville. After dinner there will also be a sermon by Rev. T. A. Nance, of Camden. It is to be a great occasion with our colored friend, Rev. Herriett and his people.

"It is often a question as to whether owner-ship does not bring more trouble than pleasure, but one thing which it is a joy to own is a garden."
—Dr. Frank Crane.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

MILE I DON'T COST NOTHING! I HATE TO SEE A FELLER GOING 'ROUND WEARING ONE OF THESE INGROWN FACES! HE NEVER HAS ANY FUN! IT TAKES THE CHAP WITH THE SMILE TO DO THAT!



COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The spring term of court for Kershaw county convened yesterday morning with Judge M. L. Bonham presiding. Solicitor Spigner was in his place as usual. Court Stenographer John K. Aull was prevented from attending on account of being sick. Magistrate Sam N. Nicholson filled his place yesterday, until Mr. W. L. Marshall could arrive this morning to fill Mr. Aull's place.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

Bennie Thompson, stealing a cow. A sealed verdict was filed with the clerk of court in this case.

Tom Banks, incest; guilty. He was given a sentence of five years, and the Judge told him that if he was not as old a man as he was he would make the sentence longer.

Anderson Peay had two cases of larceny charged against him and was convicted in each, and given a sentence in each case of two years, the sentences to run concurrently.

Whiteford Lloyd, violation of the prohibition law; not guilty.

John C. Dixon, colored, plead guilty of violation of the prohibition law and was given a sentence of six months, three months to be suspended upon good behavior.

The case of T. J. Ray, charged with murder, was set for Wednesday. In a former trial of this case a mistrial was made.

The case of "Land" Hatfield, charged with the killing of Ernest Stokes, may be called Thursday. There are also several other murder cases to be heard at this term of court.

CHESTERFIELD'S THIRD CAR OF LIVE POULTRY SHIPPED

The third car of live poultry to be shipped from Chesterfield was also the first to be shipped from the State of South Carolina in the present year. This county also holds the distinction of being the first in the State to skip a solid car of poultry.

This car went to Philadelphia and started for its destination from Cheraw on February 22nd. It contained 3,500 head of chickens; 17,445 pounds; hens, 2,546 pounds, roosters 356 and fryers 356; about 7 guineas.

The total value of this car was \$3,456.01. This included feed and other expenses that were paid by the company purchasing the car.

The amount from the different points on the C. & L. road were as follows:

Pageland	3,649 lbs.	\$ 677.55
Mc. Chrogan ...	1,249 lbs.	237.60
Ruby	3,831 lbs.	719.40
Chesterfield ...	6,865 lbs.	1265.35
Cheraw	1,841 lbs.	346.30
TOTAL	17,435 lbs.	\$3246.20
Feed and other expenses ..		209.31

Total received

Total received	\$3456.01
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There were 293 farmers who put poultry in to the car and the smallest check was for 40 cents and the largest \$49.51.—Chesterfield, Advertiser.

DEATH OF THOMAS BOONE

Thomas C. Boone, who lived on the place of G. W. Bowers in the Oakridge section, died at his home Monday afternoon from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received about ten days before, and was buried at Hickory Head church Tuesday afternoon with the ceremonies of the Junior Order, of which fraternal he was a member. The funeral was held by F. Estridge.

Mr. Boone, who was about 69 years of age, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis about a year ago, but had apparently about recovered from its effects before the second stroke came.—Kershaw Era.

Mr. Boone is survived by his wife and two sons, one of the sons being away from home at the time of his father's death.

Made Handsome Display.

The Chamber of Commerce is arranging for a display made by different firms twice a week of articles made in Camden and having them placed in the show window at the corner of Broad and DeKalb streets formerly occupied by the Snyder store. The exhibit of the Iron Works made the first half of last week was a revelation to many who observed the exhibit. When this was removed, the Elektrik Maid Bake Shop exhibit was placed and it was fine. This is a strictly home enterprise conducted by Camden people and operated with Camden money. We congratulate each of the exhibitors upon the attractive showing they have made and suggest that you make it a point to pass by this window every week and note the splendid exhibits.

The Proposed Sales Tax Question Discussed.

There was a representative meeting of the Retail Merchants Association of Camden held at the opera house Monday afternoon to discuss the proposed sales tax measure now before the legislature. The meeting was presided over by Ralph N. Shannon, president. The question of taxation, and especially the way the retail merchants were hit by it was discussed from various angles. Finally a motion was made by Mr. John T. Nettles that this association go on record as opposed to the proposed sales tax. The motion was unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed, consisting of R. N. Shannon, W. T. Smith, W. G. Wilson, John T. Nettles and M. H. Heyman to attend the meeting to be held in Columbia Wednesday to take further action with reference to this proposed tax. Senator L. O. Funderburk was present at the meeting and was asked to express his views. He began by saying in substance that he wanted the merchants to get the notion out of their heads that the legislature was not their friends, for such was not the case. He stressed the idea that what they proposed to do was not a burden, rather than to add a burden. He spoke of the low valuations of property in the state and said that if it was returned for its real value—100 cents on the dollar, that a one mill tax would be sufficient. He quoted some figures showing the number of acres of land returned and the number of acres that there actually were in the state, and the average amount for which it was returned. He spoke also of the large amount of property escaping taxation altogether or practically altogether. He referred to some parties who did a big volume of business in buying and selling who made no returns, and a sales tax would then not thereby make the government. He did not understand him to say that he favored the sales tax but he made that impression as his argument was rather to justify it upon the ground that it would reach such a large number who to a large extent escaped their just proportion of the burden of taxation. In reply to some of his remarks it was stated that the retail merchants in a number of instances stood the cost of the stamp act now and did not pass it on to their customers, such as the tax on cigars, and cigarettes, and in this same thing in many instances. Mr. Funderburk referred to the tax on fertilizers which went to Clemson college, asserting that the farmers paid this tax. He was interrupted with the question that if the merchant paid the tax and sold the fertilizer to him and he in turn sold it to his tenants would he not be liable for a tax on the sale he made? And if so would this not be adding an additional tax? It is a new question with many angles, and there are some who feel that an effort is being made to find some other source of revenue in order to get more money to spend. When the whole matter is sifted out and settled by the passage of the appropriation bill the taxpayers may be able to see whether their taxes have been lowered or increased.

The meeting adjourned in rather a hurry as there was some other attraction for the evening and when Senator Funderburk had hardly had time to go into full details, and speaking to us about it, he said that he would be very glad at any time to meet with the citizens who might wish to discuss taxation with him and make his position clear them along any line.

Aged Shriner Dies in Washington.

The Washington papers announced recently the death of George Wellingford Hills, who was one of the first 500 members of the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a well known writer and world tourist. Mr. Hills was the father of Mrs. George S. Barnes, who with her husband visited Camden several years ago, who will have the sympathy of the friends she made during her visit in Camden. He was significantly honored while on a visit to England being invited to the English Shrine by King Edward more than twenty years ago. He was a member of the "ancient and honorable artillery company" of Boston, Mass., and was an intimate friend of the late President Roosevelt.

Cow Lost.

A yellow colored cow, dry, with horns sawed off. Left by premises Christmas eve, p.m. A suitable reward will be paid for her return to me or information as to where to locate her.

R. BRANHAM,

Blaney, S. C.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Bethune, March 3.—A wedding of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties took place Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church of Kershaw, when Miss Kathleen Clyburn became the bride of Loring Davis of Bethune. The church was a scene of artistic beauty carrying out the color scheme of white and green.

Preceding the ceremony, "Beloved It is Morn" and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" were sung and following this the wedding march from Lohengrin was played, announcing the coming of the bridal party. The ushers were T. B. Clyburn of New York, brother of the bride, and W. A. Best of Bethune. The bridesmaids were Miss Mamie Lou McDonald and Miss Marie Horton, followed by the groomsmen, Edward Davis of Bishopville, and Percy Mays of Bethune. The next were Miss Doris King of McBee and Ersie Blackmon, followed by Ralph McCaskill of Bethune and Frank Clyburn of New York. The best to enter were Misses Kathleen Hamrick and Kitty Lawe, followed by Thomas Bethune and Thomas Clyburn of Bethune. The dame of honor was Mrs. Leslie Best of Bethune, sister of the bridegroom, and the maid of honor was Miss Margaret Clyburn, sister of the bride. The bride entered with her father, preceded by the flower girls, little Misses Dorothy Truesdale and Louise Clyburn, and W. W. Horton, Jr., as ring bearer. The Rev. F. M. Hawley, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

The bride is one of the most popular young women of Kershaw and was exceptionally pretty in a gown of white satin with tulle veil and coronet of pearls. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of brace roses with a shower of valley lilies reaching to the floor.

The bride is the eldest daughter of T. B. Clyburn and was a student at Columbia college, also Flora McDonald. Mr. Davis is a prominent young business man of Bethune and a graduate of Wofford College.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for a wedding trip through Florida and after their return they will be at home in Bethune.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride, the following out of town guests being present: Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster; Mrs. M. R. McCall, Lancaster; Mrs. Louis Clyburn, Lancaster; Mrs. J. T. Hunter, Lancaster; Mrs. John P. Hunter, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens, Lancaster; Misses Martha and Marion Hinson and Louise Williams, Lancaster; Mrs. Walter Taylor, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. George Craig, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. McDonald, Hartsville; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Bethune; Misses Inez Blakeney, Stella Bethune, Julia McChesney, Mary Louise McLaurin, Nancy Best, Elizabeth Kate Davis, Malloy Herring, Mrs. John McCaskill, Mrs. W. D. Herring, all of Bethune.

Loring Davis, the groom, is one of the most popular young men in Bethune. He is manager of the dry goods department of the Bethune Mercantile Co., and will no doubt become one of the town's most successful business men.

The writer wishes the happy and popular young couple a long life of joy and prosperity.

Mrs. W. H. Ratcliffe, of the Lucknow section, has bought the lot and residence of Mr. T. Ripley Copeland here and Mr. Willie Ratcliffe and family will move here about June 1st.

Mrs. Hattie Heustiss and little stepson, of Society Hill, arrived here Saturday afternoon from Lakeland, Fla., where they have been spending several weeks. They will return to Society Hill tomorrow.

An "Old Maid's Convention and the Bachelors' Revelry" will be given by McBee talent at the Bethune high school auditorium next Friday night.

Miss Helen Smith, of McCormick, and Mr. B. W. Best, of this town were married at the home of the bride at McCormick last Thursday. They spent a few days in Florida and returned to Bethune yesterday morning.

Miss Alma West, who has a position as trained nurse in a hospital at Brunswick, N. J., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. West, her father and step-mother. She was accompanied here from Monroeville, N. C., by Mrs. Dr. Stewart and her sister.

Pencils and tablets at The Messenger Book Store.

LIBERTY HILL.

Mr. Editor:—Fine, springlike weather now, but the recent heavy rains have left the land so wet that it cannot be ploughed yet, but other work is going on apace.

Messrs. J. W. Sanders, county agent, and E. J. Trotter, Secretary of the Camden Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Hunnicut, of the Ware House, Commissioner's office, were here on Friday last. Messrs. Sanders and Trotter gave us interesting talks on boll weevil control, the kind of cotton to plant for the best results, how to use poison for the best success, and various other topics of interest to all those interested in agricultural pursuits, especially laying stress on the fact that no farming community can be permanently prosperous that does not raise the major portion of their supplies on their own farms.

Mr. R. C. Jones and his son, E. L. Jones, made a business trip to Sumter last week.

Mr. W. D. McDonald, a progressive farmer of the Knights Hill section, was here for a short while last Friday.

Mr. R. J. Wardlaw, who is engaged in bridge construction work in the lower part of the state, spent the week end at home.

Mr. J. B. Curton, prominent citizen of Camden, was here for a short stay last week.

Miss Josephine Wardlaw, who is holding a stenographic position at Chester, spent Sunday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wardlaw.

Mrs. A. C. Curton and three children have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Chester.

William, a little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, of the Mt. Zion section, has been spending some time with his Aunt, Mrs. F. B. Floyd.

Our popular and jovial Magistrate, Mr. L. P. Thompson, is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon the arrival of a new son at his home.

Fourth Week Jurors.

W. D. Ray, John Holley, J. W. Jones, Lewis Anderson, E. B. King, R. Moseley, L. G. Vaughan, R. T. Cook, W. A. Fletcher, W. L. DePass, F. A. Connell, W. D. Miangum, Mendel Drakeford, Sam Truesdale, P. D. Stokes, J. H. Barfield, W. L. Robinson, Arthur Raley, P. B. Fields, M. S. Marsh, Johnny Rabon, J. H. Strak, B. W. Rhome, M. Q. Bowers, W. E. Brannon, A. L. Morgan, H. S. Campbell, F. C. Moseley, G. G. West, B. T. Rabon, Roy T. Gregory, G. W. Melley, John Ervin, H. E. Williams, T. M. Maddox, C. T. Trapp.

Rejoinder from Mr. Kirkley.

Mr. Editor: I have read the reply made by Mr. W. B. DeLoach published in your paper of last week, and while I do not like to tackle lawyers, still in this case I suppose I will have to do so.

I gather from Mr. de Loach's reply that the board of directors just brought suit to obtain possession of the books in the hands of the old board for the best interests of Kershaw county, but why not pay for it for the best interests of the county? I believe that it will be admitted that E. D. Blakeney and M. L. Smith are as good lawyers as there are in the county and they had to take care of the other side in the case as you and Mr. Kirkland do; Why charge so much more?

You said the board of directors did not want the office, that the office was seeking the man. I believe this is otherwise they would not have paid such a big legal fee. And while discussing this I would like to ask if for the same reasons the board paid \$300 for a car for the road manager instead of \$450? Is this the reason the roads are going to waste? Is this the reason they put three men instead of two at the bridge? Is this the reason it took eight months to build a bridge over Lynches Creek and the mules have to stand out in the cold and rain at night without a shelter over them, or the hired forces go to work at eight o'clock. All this is a waste of the county's money. No set of men can have any interest in anything they don't want. I am not the only one who thinks it is fee unreasonably and unjust.

Very respectfully,

D. M. Kirkley.

P. S. I want to say to the "Sawdust" Alex, who sent me The Messenger marked in red lines, that I take the Messenger and try for it, and I am not to be blamed of myself and don't have to scratch out my name as he did. I always sign my name to the things I send off. D. M. K.

Good hens are scratching out...

Living for many poultry raisers...

not for you?