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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The general circles of the Littleton street Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dora Trapp on Haile street. Mrs. I. J. McKenzie presided over the meeting which was a very interesting one.

Miss Freddie Knight, of Lancaster, and Miss Louise Watkins, of Greenwood, recent visitors to Panama, were guests last week of Miss Willie Bell Mackey.

Mr. Albert Albee, who was manager of the J. L. Kimbrough & Co. store in Camden but who returned to Columbia recently, spent the week end in Camden. Mr. Albee while here made many friends who were glad to see him again.

Mrs. L. W. Nettles, who has been on an extended visit to the far west, arrived at home Friday morning having come direct from California, leaving that state Monday of last week. She is cordially welcomed home by her many friends in Camden.

A dance will be given at the club home on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, for the benefit of the Camden Hospital. The Kirkwood orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

The civic league met Monday afternoon at five o'clock in the school auditorium. This is one of Camden's active organizations, and the efficient president, Mrs. Cora Ancrum, seems never to tire in doing something for the improvement of the "City Beautiful." She has a number of very active co-workers.

Mr. Robert W. Cunningham, who has been with the Camden Chronicle for the past year as linotype operator, has resigned his position on this paper and returned to his home in Bishopville. Mr. Cunningham made a valuable man on the Chronicle. He is succeeded by Mr. J. Ferris McDowell, who is quite an expert operator and a splendid young man, a native of Camden, having first learned the machine in the Chronicle office.

The friends of Mr. J. Frank West throughout the county will regret to learn that he has been quite sick and was taken to a hospital in Columbia recently for treatment. He is reported now as being considerably improved.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Rowan and two of their children motored to Camden Friday from their home in Concord, N. C., to spend the day. They returned late Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kaplan and baby boy and Miss Pearl Kaplan, of Macon, Ga., arrived in Camden Friday evening. They came to be present at the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg, parents of Mrs. Kaplan.

The many friends of Mr. B. D. Ticknor, of the Court Inn, will regret to learn that he is quite sick, and will wish for his an early recovery.

We had a call this morning from Representative J. B. Murch. He was on his way to Columbia.

Mr. G. B. Mosely, who is employed in Blackwell's jewelry store, was taken to Columbia Saturday to be operated upon for appendicitis. His mother accompanied him. He is a popular young man and his host of friends will hope for his speedy recovery.

Dr. W. Curtis Moore, who formerly resided in Camden but who for some time past has been located at Fort Mill, was in Camden last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West, who after their marriage went to Florida to reside have decided to return to Camden and make their home here again.

Mrs. Ellen D. Gault, of Union, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam McCaskill, of Camden.

Glee Club to Give Program. The Glee Club of the University of South Carolina will give a program at the grammar school auditorium Monday evening March 17th at 8. The program will begin promptly at eight in order to allow time for those who wish to attend the St. Patrick's Dance. This is given for the benefit of the Camden schools. The public is cordially invited. Admission 50 and 75 cents. No reserve seats.

Comments the Board of Directors. To the Editor of the Waterree Messenger:

Dear Sir—It is not my desire to be led into a controversy in the newspapers, but as considerable has been written in criticism of the present Board of Directors of the county by one man, I cannot refrain from expressing a feeling that I believe is predominant with nine-tenths of the thinking taxpayers, that our county affairs are in as good hands under this board as it is possible to place them. The members of the board in each instance, are making big personal sacrifices to look after the affairs of the county for a nominal compensation, and were the county to try to hire men of equal ability and earnestness, the salaries that men of this type can command in any commercial enterprise would be beyond the reach of the taxpayers. The results at the polls in the past do not testify to a like confidence in the critics who wrote the former articles.

As I said at the beginning, I will not enter any controversy, but nagging of this sort, is responsible for our difficulty in getting into public office, men of brains and ability, such as we were fortunate in securing in the present board.

R. M. Kennedy, Jr.

Death of Mrs. Kelly.

Mrs. Ediza Kelly, wife of Mr. Addison Kelly, of Wes. Warees, died Tuesday of last week, aged 76 years. Mrs. Kelly was a well known lady and her death brings sorrow to all who knew her. She was twice married. Her first husband died many years ago. She is survived by her second husband and several children by her first marriage and several by her second marriage as well as a number of grand children and other relatives. She was a sister of Mr. A. B. Rabon and Mrs. Dave Hays. The funeral services and burial took place at Springvale Baptist church of which she had long been a member Wednesday in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. She was the mother of Mr. Abe Kelley who resides near Westville. We extend to the bereaved ones our sincere sympathies.

FREE MOVING PICTURES.

You are invited to attend a Free Moving Picture on Growing Cotton under Boll Weevil Conditions to be shown at the Majestic Theatre, March 14th, at 11 A. M. This picture has been shown all over the South to large audiences and prestates carefully the latest and most approved methods of growing cotton economy under Boll Weevil conditions. This picture has been arranged so as to make it interesting to ladies and men besides the farmer, and as the picture is absolutely free, all who are interested in this important subject are cordially invited to attend. This is an opportunity you can't afford to miss. Come and bring your friends. Admission is absolutely FREE.

LIBERTY HILL.

Liberty Hill—A series of meetings in connection with the Presbyterian church here Monday night and last night of the week. Dr. Miley, an evangelist, and Mr. Buie, a song leader, will conduct the services. They have just closed a very successful meeting at Heath Springs. We hope that all who can will come.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

FELLOW CAN WORK ANY TIME, BUT HE CAN ALWAYS GO TO A BALL GAME! I TAKE 'EM ALL IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, ETC. BECAUSE I ENJOY 'EM AND I BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING THE HOME TEAM.



BRINGING UP BIG QUESTION Waterree Mill Would Secede from the City.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the Waterree Cotton Mill appeared before the city council Monday evening, and presented a request that their property be left out of the corporate limits of the city. The reason for this as stated by the mill authorities, is that they contemplate extensive building improvements in their plant including a number more houses for their operatives. We have no authoritative statement as to the amount of the projected expenditures but it is understood that it may reach a million or a million and a half dollars. It is proposed to increase the number of spindles from 18,000 to 31,000. The plans of the mill authorities are carried out it will mean a greatly increased pay roll. This raises an important question, and one that should be studied closely from every angle. There is no question of the friendly feeling of the people of this community towards the mill people. City council took the position, we understand, that it was a matter that should be presented to the people of the community and decided by them at an election. Were it within the power of the city council to grant the request of the mill authorities, it would only be a proper thing on their part to ascertain the sentiment of the people whom they serve. Should the corporate limits of the city be changed so as to put the mill outside, it will mean an increased levy for municipal purposes of at least two mills. It is purely a business proposition on the part of the mill, and in dealing with a capable and progressive city council the taxpayers of the city may be sure that no change will be made in the corporate limits of the city until they have been given an opportunity to express their views. The change will put a good deal more money in circulation, and will cause an increase in the city levy while it will mean the adding of considerably more to the tax books of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlosburg Celebrate Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their attractive home corner of Laurens and Lyttleton street last evening. Shortly after eight o'clock the guests began arriving and in a short while quite a large number were present, among them a number from out of town. The reception room was very tastefully arranged for the occasion. In the receiving line, were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Karresh, father and mother of Mrs. Schlosburg, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kaplan, of Macon, Ga., the latter a daughter of Mr. and M. Kaplan—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schlosburg. The guests were invited into the dining room where a number of charming young ladies served them with delicious cake and ice cream. The delightful cup cakes with their white icing had on them in attractive figures 1899-1924. And those dainty little shoes in which ice-cream were served. They looked too lovely to be eaten but they were. Fruit cake and fruit punch were also served. Our friend "Harry" and his attractive "bride" were the recipients of many lovely pieces of silver, and on the table with this display of silver lay a check for \$500 for Mrs. Schlosburg. The evening was cool and there was a brisk fall of snow for a few minutes, but this did not interfere with the pleasures of the evening. To us it was a special pleasure—one that we had been looking forward to, for twenty-five years ago we went to Branchville to attend the marriage of Mr. Schlosburg to Miss Karresh, the first Hebrew marriage it had been our privilege to attend. There was a kind of feeling of satisfaction with us that we had been privileged to attend the silver anniversary of our good friends, and along with their other friends we extend their hearty congratulations, and wish for them many more years of happiness and prosperity. May they live to see their golden wedding!

Methodist S. S. Institute. A sub-district Sunday School Institute will be held at Lyttleton street Methodist church in Camden on March 30th, at 3:30 in the afternoon. This sub-district, includes the following Sunday schools: Beulah, Marshall, Bethel, Sandy Grove, Camdeh, Ebenezer, St. John St. Paul, Salem and Smyrna. The superintendents of these schools are requested to attend the Institute, and all members of the schools are invited also. Prominent speakers will address the institute.

SENATORS ADOPT "PAY-AS-YOU-GO" HIGHWAY MEASURE.

South Carolina Will Have \$6,000,000 Annually for Roads, Is Estimate

Columbia, March 7.—The Senate today passed the House bill providing for the so-called "pay as you go" plan if constructing a State highway system. Final approval of the measure, with certain amendments, was given after a last moment effort to kill the bill in the form of a motion by Senator Wrightman, of Saluda, for indefinite continuance, was rejected, 9 to 6.

The "pay as you go" plan, according to its sponsors, when the federal aid funds expected are added, will produce \$6,000,000 annually for road building and maintenance and it is estimated that the entire proposed system of some 2,800 miles can be completed within fifteen years by this method.

The principal revenue provisions of the bill would increase the gasoline tax to 4 cents a gallon, the Senate having added 1 cent to the tax as proposed in the house bill, and increase the license fees for motor vehicle licenses approximately 55 per cent. Three cents of the tax on each gallon of gasoline is to be devoted to the good road program, and the fourth cent is to go to the counties, according to the Senate amendments. The House bill provided that two cents should be used for the road program this year, the third cent going to the counties, and after this year, the entire 3 cents was to have gone to the road building plan.

Unless the House concurs in the Senate amendments the bill will have to go to conference.

The measure stipulates the roads in each county to be incorporated in the State system and specifies the rates of paying for each road.

For revenue measures, designed to produce approximately \$800,000 were made special orders for Tuesday night.

They were advanced to the third reading with notice of general amendments on motion of Senator H. H. Gresham, of Dorchester, chairman of the finance committee.

The bills provide for abolition of fractional business license stamps, a stamp tax on chewing tobacco and snuff, increase a manufacturers' tax of ten-tenths of 1 per cent, and additional tax on public utilities.

The school building code bill, amended for ratification after concurrence in House amendments. The measure is designed to prevent a repetition of the Cleveland school fire, which last year took a toll of nearly eighty lives. Senator Funderburk, of Kershaw, was a foremost advocate of the bill.

No Primary Election Will Be Held.

Today is the date for the city primary election. It so happens that there will be no opposition to the candidates, and the executive committee decided yesterday that since this was the case they would declare the candidate for Mayor and the six candidates for Aldermen the nominees of the party. This procedure is the first on record since the primary system of making nominations became effective, but it looks like a reasonable thing to do. The incoming city council will be the same as those at present serving with one exception. Mr. R. S. Williams has represented Ward Two for a number of successive terms and while he was asked to stand for another term he declined to do so. Mayor Carrison is serving his first and it is quite a compliment to him as well as the other gentlemen associated with him in the council to be honored with re-election without opposition. It is a fine endorsement of their administration. Mr. O. J. Smyrl will succeed Mr. Williams in Ward Two. The candidates are as follows:

FOR MAYOR
H. G. CARRISON, JR.

FOR ALDERMAN

WARD I
W. L. Jackson

WARD II
O. J. Smyrl

WARD III
J. H. Osborne

WARD IV
E. C. Zemp

WARD V
D. O. Houser

WARD VI
W. R. Hough

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Three Murder Cases Disposed of First Week.—A Number of Other Cases Heard.

Court of general sessions for this county convened Monday morning of last week with Judge M. L. Bonham presiding. In addition to the cases reported last week the following were tried:

Jannie McLendon, white, maintaining house of ill fame, guilty. \$50 fine or 60 days in jail.

Charlie Atkinson, colored, larceny of automobile; guilty; two years.

John Atkinson, white, larceny, not guilty.

W. W. Price, W. N. Price and Jeff Price, assault and battery; guilty. W. W. Price was given a sentence of 30 days or a fine of \$50. Each of the others were given 30 days or a fine of \$25, and all three were given 30 days in which to raise the money.

William Allen plead guilty to larceny, and was given 6 months on the chain gang or penitentiary.

Frank Brisbane, assault and battery; not guilty.

Clarence V. Galloway and his son, H. S. Galloway were charged with violation of the prohibition law. The senior Galloway went to trial and was acquitted. H. S. Galloway, against whom a charge of non-support of his wife and child also rests, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve one year on the chain gang or penitentiary, six months of which to be a fine of \$500.

When court convened Wednesday morning Solicitor Spigner announced that an agreement had been reached between counsel for the state and the defense in the case of T. J. Ray, charged with the killing of Willie Williams, to accept a plea of guilty of manslaughter. The plea was made and a verdict rendered in accordance with the same. Judge Bonham sentenced the prisoner to ten years at hard labor on the chain gang or penitentiary. Ray is 65 years of age. He killed Williams December 9th, 1922, on the streets of Camden by stabbing him in the neck with a knife. Mr. Ray was later put on trial but a mistrial was made. His case was continued from the last term of court until the present term.

Grant English, colored, violation of the prohibition law, guilty; six months on the gang, two suspended upon good behavior.

A bunch of women were charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. A nol pros was entered in the case of two, and the others acquitted with the exception of Marie Lanes.

Will Rodgers, white, violation of the prohibition law; not guilty.

H. F. Clyburn entered a plea of violation of the prohibition law and was sentenced to four months or pay a fine of \$100.

Wade Reynolds, charged with the killing of Willie Harris, was put on trial Friday morning. He was represented by G. G. Alexander, of the local bar, and ex-Gov. Cole L. Blaise, of Columbia. A verdict of guilty of manslaughter was rendered with a recommendation to mercy. Saturday morning he was sentenced to serve ten years on the public works of the county or penitentiary. Notice of a motion for a new trial was given and the motion will be argued later.

Immediately following the trial of Reynolds the case against Robert Gettys for the murder of Baker Hart near Bethune a few days ago, with Will Graham as accessory, was taken up. This case was concluded Saturday shortly after the noon hour. A verdict of not guilty was rendered.

Monday Morning. Court re-convened yesterday morning. The first case disposed of was that of Willie Knox, colored, charged with the murder of Sam Page, which was committed some weeks ago near Bethune. He was convicted of manslaughter and of carrying concealed weapons. Knox put up a pretty good defense for himself, showing that the deceased was advancing upon him with an open knife at the time he shot him. He was given three years sentence in the penitentiary or public works of the county at hard labor.

Abram Gaillard and William Outen charged with violation of the prohibition law, entered pleas of guilty. Abram Gaillard was sentenced to three months on the chain gang and a fine of \$150. Upon payment of the fine the sentence is to be suspended. Outen was sentenced to six months, three months to be suspended upon good behavior.

M. O. Hatfield was placed on trial

this morning for the killing of Earnest Stokes, a school pupil of the Bethune school. This case is attracting considerable attention, every inch of space in the court room being occupied. This will be the last criminal case heard at this term of court.

Coburn Taylor, who was convicted of murder at the July term of court for the killing of Will Kason, and sentenced to be electrocuted, appealed to the supreme court, and aboned his appeal and was re-sentenced by Judge Bonham to be electrocuted April 25. An appeal for commutation of sentence may be made to the Governor in his case.

J. M. Mickle, who was convicted of violating the prohibition law and sentenced to three months in the penitentiary, appealed but lost his appeal. He was taken to the penitentiary to serve his sentence.

Acts Passed by the Legislature. Among the important measures that have been passed this year, by the legislature are the following:

The "pay as you go" highway bill providing for a state system of highways, the county-to-county highways to be hard surfaced.

The resolution for a ten million dollar bond issue for permanent improvement at state educational, charitable and penal institutions.

The resolution for amendments to the state constitution providing for bi-ennial sessions of the legislature, four-year terms of office for state officials. The governor has signed this.

The resolution to change the state's fiscal year to begin July 1, instead of January 1. This too has been signed.

The bill to create a state office building. This is regarded as a business-like investment for the state. It is now law.

The absentees voters bill, providing for balloting by mail for persons who are kept away by business reasons or sickness from their voting precincts. This also is now a law.

The state tax program, now in process of perfection, is one of the most important ever faced by a legislature. There are plans now in the making for a solution of this problem. A bill is to be introduced in the legislature this week providing for a revaluation of all property at full value.

The two branches will also this week consider several measures to provide for a new indirect state revenue, including a tax on chewing tobacco and snuff; an increased tax on public utilities; an increase of the manufacturers gross income tax from one-tenth of one per cent to two-tenths of one per cent; an increase of the stamp on "smokes" and candies by elimination of the fractions of cent; and possibly other measures. The problem of covering an appropriation bill which is approximately a million and a half dollars higher than the total of 1923 appropriations, and that without increasing the state levy or without cutting the appropriations to any departments of government or institutions, is about to be solved.

The senate will this week probably debate the Mabry bill, passed by the house last week, to require men to stand medical examination and secure health certificates before being granted marriage licenses.

A bill, passed by the senate to provide a seven month's school term for all common schools, is to come up in the house.

A Suggestion. Mr. Editor—We, the voters of Kershaw county, beg to suggest the name of Mr. G. A. Mosley for the office of clerk of court. We think that Mr. Mosley will make a good officer.

Voter. Camden, S. C., March 10.

Sold Out. Messrs Stuckey & McLendon, the young men from Bishopville who recently came to Camden and opened up a wholesale store next north of Goodale's China Store, closed out their stock to H. L. Schlosburg Thursday and have left Camden. They were clever young men and it is regretted that they did not remain in business here.

Hot Supper. The ladies of Springvale Baptist church will serve a hot supper for benefit of their church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford near Rabons Cross Roads on the evening of March 18th, beginning at eight o'clock. An invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Will Latta, formerly of Camden but who has been spending a good part of his time in Washington, D. C., is on a visit to Camden.