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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mr. James A. McCaskill, of Bethune, Route 3, was in Camden one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, of Raleigh, N. C., came down Friday to visit the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Williams.

Mr. W. G. Tucker, Jr., of New York, who spent several weeks here recently with Mr. Stephen B. Robinson, his brother-in-law, has returned to Camden and will spend some time here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Garrison, Sr., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Waite, at Camp Benning, and will also visit Florida before their return home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ticknor have gone to Atlantic City. Mr. Ticknor has been quite ill, and he has gone there for rest. His friends are glad to learn that his condition is improving.

The Court Inn, which has had a very successful season, will close on the 15th inst. They opened up on Thanksgiving Day and it has always been their custom to close in April.

Mr. C. H. Yates, a prominent official of the Bank of Camden, made a brief visit last week to Columbia.

Mr. J. T. Houston, Camden's clever young artist, left last week for Philadelphia.

Capt. J. W. Hamel, editor of the Kershaw Era, was in Camden yesterday on business and while here paid us a pleasant call.

Mr. G. R. Clements, our faithful and efficient Liberty Hill correspondent, was in Camden yesterday and called to see us. His son, Mr. J. H. Clements, was also here.

Rev. T. W. Godbold, of the St. Johns and Rembert charges, was a visitor to Camden yesterday.

Miss Ethel Birchmore left yesterday for a visit to her sister in Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. R. W. Coleman and baby went to Chester last week to visit relatives.

Mr. J. C. Nicholson, who has been laid up with rheumatism for the past week or ten days, has sufficiently recovered to be at his place of business again.

Granted Bail.
Steve Gardner, who accidentally ran over a small boy and killed the little fellow with his car, has been granted bail in the sum of \$2,000. Judge M. L. Smith represents him.

The protracted meeting, which was in progress in the Lytleton Street Methodist church for ten days, closed Wednesday evening. Rev. Walter I. Herbert, of Bennettsville, as listed the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hodges. Mr. Herbert is no stranger in Camden and has many friends here who were glad to see him again and to hear him preach. He was presiding elder of this district at one time.

Friday night of this week some of the ladies of Camden will meet to organize a chapter of the Eastern Star. There are some here who have been a member of the Eastern Star for quite a while, and they are active in getting up a chapter here, and invite all those who are at present members to meet with them and any who may wish to join. Those wishing to join are requested to send their names to John W. Wilson.

To Run A Newspaper

To run a newspaper, says the National Printer-Journalist, all a fellow has to do is to be able to write poems, discuss the tariff and money questions, umpire a base ball game, report a wedding, saw wood, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, make \$1 do the work of \$10, shine at a dance, measure calico, abuse the liquor habit, test whiskey, subscribe to charity, go without meals, attack free silver, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, sneer at snobbery, overlook scandal, appraise babies, delight potato raisers, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgruntled, fight to a finish, set type, unfold public opinion, sweep out the office, speak at prayer meeting and stand in with everybody and everything.

Chickens Going North.
County Farm Agent J. W. Sanders has announced that a car load of poultry will be shipped to the northern markets this month. The schedule is to load at Blaney, Thursday, April 17th, at Camden Friday, the 18th, and at Bethune Saturday, the 19th, and then the "birds" will be given through tickets without stop-over privileges to the north and with no return tickets. All the old roosters and "setting" or "sitting" hens have been invited, and especially those that "lie" rather than "lay" when they cackle. Just what is to be provided for picnic dinners this summer is getting to be a problem, and when the preacher comes around there will have to be a substitute for his favorite dish, for if chickens are going north on excursions without return privileges, the chicken situation at home will become a serious problem.

Has Nice Place.
Last week we mentioned in a brief paragraph that the Harold D. Kinney Candy Company had opened up in the store room formerly occupied by Mr. J. D. Munn. At the time we had not been in Mr. Kinney's place of business but after making a visit there we found that he had it nicely arranged and is giving special attention to having his establishment perfectly sanitary. He has a nice place and incidentally remarked to us that he was thinking of offering a reward of one dollar this summer for every fly that any one could find and catch in his place. We hope that he will do well for he is giving close attention to every detail and the one essential detail—sanitation and the purity of his products.

Death of Mrs. DePass.

Mrs. Flora G. DePass, widow of the late J. W. DePass, at one time a prominent attorney in Camden, died at the home of her son, Mr. H. I. DePass, of Charlotte, N. C., Friday morning. Mrs. DePass for many years was a resident of Camden. A good many years after the death of her husband she removed to Columbia and resided with her children there. She was on a visit to her son in Charlotte when she died. Although advanced in years she was apparently in very good health and her death came as a distinct shock to her family and friends. She was 77 years of age. She is survived by the following children: H. I. and M. M. DePass of Charlotte, N. C., Dr. A. R. DePass and W. L. DePass, of Columbia, S. C., DePass, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. T. C. Lucas, of Columbia. Mrs. DePass was an exceptionally fine lady, and had scores of friends who are grieved to know that she has passed away. The remains were brought to Camden Saturday afternoon for interment in the cemetery here to rest by the side of those of her husband.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

To the Grand Jury of Kershaw County.—The Board of County Directors of Kershaw County at its first meeting held since the presentation of your body to the Spring term of court for this county, desires to express to you its appreciation of the interest which you have shown in the conduct of the affairs of the county as evidenced in the said presentation.

This board has always made careful examination of all claims presented against the county for the support of the road working forces, and has endeavored to keep the maintenance of these gangs on an economical basis and the board has gone carefully over all accounts to see that no extravagance has been chargeable against them in the past. The effort will be diligently continued to see that the county expenditures are wisely and economically made.

This board has taken careful under investigation all matters reported to your body, and will take such action thereon as may be found advisable.

This board would assure the Grand Jury that they welcome any constructive criticism by their body or by any official or citizen of the county, and will always do everything in their power to correct any condition that may be found needing attention.

Respectfully,
The Board of County Directors of Kershaw County.

H. G. CARRISON.
April 1, 1924.
By order of the Board,
Laurens T. Mills, Clerk.

To Meet in Camden in May.
The Sumter District Conference will meet in Camden Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13th and 14th. Bishop Collins Denny will preside.

Mrs. N. F. Walker Dies at Cedar Springs Home.
Spartanburg, April 3.—Mrs. N. F. Walker, wife of the head of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, died early today at the family residence at Cedar Springs. She had been critically ill for several days.

Forest Protection Week Proclaimed by President.

Forest Protection Week for 1924 has been designated by President Coolidge for April 21-27, inclusive, announces the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Coolidge calls attention to the appalling losses that occur each year from forest fires, and urges all citizens, either in association or as individuals, to protect all wooded areas from fire. Governors of many states will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by the President, and Arbor Day in several states will be observed during Forest Protection Week.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and W. B. Greeley, Chief of the Forest Service, have many times emphasized the importance of preventing forest fires, about 36,000 of which every year sweep 11,000,000 acres of land.

Secretary Wallace has stated that eight out of every ten forest fires result from human carelessness and will not happen once the public is brought face to face with the serious losses these fires cause. These losses fall especially heavy on the American public since the United States uses more sawtimber than all other nations combined.

Chief Forester Greeley says it is not difficult for everyone to be careful with fire while in wooded areas. Here are simple rules which, if observed, will go far toward reducing the appalling number of man-caused forest fires reported every year: Be sure your match is out before throwing it away; Don't throw cigars, cigarettes, and pipe ashes along the roadside; Build small camp fires away from brush and small trees; Never leave your camp fire unwatched; Make sure your camp fire is dead—then bury it; Keep in touch with forest Rangers and Fire Wardens and report all fires you may see, no matter how small; Be as careful with fire while you are in wooded areas as you would be in your own home.

4 Killed on S. C. Roads in March.
Seventy Accidents Recorded by State Highway Department—50 Due to Carelessness

As a result of the 70 accidents that were reported as occurring on the highways of the state during the month of March to the state highway department, four persons were killed, 13 seriously injured with over 50 of the accidents directly due to carelessness, speeding and intoxication.

The report shows that there were 30 collisions between motor cars, three with other vehicles and two with other objects. Twenty-two cars were overturned, 55 were seriously damaged and 25 slightly damaged.

There was one accident at a railroad crossing and 5 on or near road crossings and 5 on or near bridges. Forty of the accidents occurred in the daytime and 30 after dark. Thirty-eight were on straight roads, 19 on curves, five on paved roads and 25 on unpaved roads.

Careless driving was reported as the cause of 22 of the accidents, speeding caused 17 more, recklessness due to liquor caused 15, dazzling light six, no lights 4, and defects of the car nine. One of the fatalities was in the case of a collision between automobiles, two by overturning of the cars, and one pedestrian being hit while walking with his team. Columbia Record.

Farm Work Being Delayed

The heavy rains which have fallen recently are delaying farm work, and you can hear farmers complain about the ground being "too wet." Some few farmers believe in getting an early start and have planted a part of their cotton crop already, but the cold rains may make it necessary to plant over. A good deal of corn has already been planted. Beating the boll weevil is a man's job, but we hope that our farmers will all make fine crops this year.

A Memorable Day.

Monday, April 6th, was the 7th anniversary of the entrance of our country into the world war. This date is memorable in the history of our country. Many of our splendid young men in the struggle that followed made the supreme sacrifice for the country. The armistice was signed November 11th, 1918.

LIBERTY HILL.

Mr. Editor—After nearly two weeks of good working weather we have had a few rainy and disagreeable days, Friday night being quite blustery with a steady downpour of rain. The land is now soggy and a little muddy. A few days Sunday evening a thunder storm and light rain passed over this place, but to the northeast of here. It looks as if it might have been quite heavy.

Mr. L. P. Thompson was at Heath Springs a couple of days last week on business connected with a box factory being erected at that place in which he is interested.

Interest in the raising of chickens seems to have been awakened in this community. Mr. W. A. Cunningham received an incubator some time ago and others have been ordered and are expected to arrive and be put in commission soon. We hope the venture may prove profitable and thus furnish another source of "cash income" for our section.

Mr. R. B. Jones, who had a bad spell last fall, and whose health has not been very good since is now at Fannell's Infirmary at Rock Hill undergoing treatment. We hope that he may receive much benefit and soon be at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Floyd went recently by motor car to Williston, where they visited relatives and also attended the meeting being held here by Dr. W. H. Miley and Mr. H. D. Buie, singer, who a short time ago closed a very successful meeting here. Dr. Miley and Mr. Buie greatly endeared themselves to our people while here and we hope that they may be with us again at some future time.

Red Cross Inspections of School Children

Atlanta, Ga., April 7.—Eight Red Cross Public Health Nurses in South Carolina have inspected over 2,900 school children during the first two months of this year, according to figures just compiled at Red Cross Headquarters here.

Inspections conducted by local physicians with the assistance of Red Cross nurses in 187 city and county schools throughout the State have included careful examination of each child for defects which retard his physical and mental development. Many of these children were found to have serious physical and mental troubles, a large number of which have been corrected as a result of these examinations and the follow-up work of Red Cross nurses.

Communicable diseases were found in a large number of the pupils who were excluded from the schools until the danger of infecting other children had passed. By such careful attention on the report states the danger of serious epidemics in South Carolina is minimized.

School authorities and teachers declare that noticeable improvement is being made in the general standard of work done by the pupils in the schools of the state following the correction of physical defects which have prevented them from attending school regularly or properly preparing their lessons.

In addition to the work in schools Red Cross nurses in South Carolina have also given 409 health demonstrations, classes and lectures, besides visiting over 1,800 South Carolina homes where sickness and disease required skilled nursing attention.

Automobile Accident Yesterday.

A near fatal automobile accident occurred on Broad street in front of Rhame Brothers store yesterday afternoon about four o'clock. Mr. W. B. Branham was driving down in a Ford runabout and when he reached the marble block in the middle of the street—the turning point for across—he made a turn to go back up street, and just as he did so, James Green, a small white boy about ten years old, was riding a bicycle which he had borrowed from Keith Villepique, another small white boy, and was riding down street on the left hand side of the street, and the car and bicycle collided, throwing the little fellow violently on the paved street and the car ran upon him. He was picked up and hurried to the Camden hospital. It was at first thought that he was seriously hurt, but after getting him to the hospital it was not thought that his injuries were very serious. His mother is a widow lady occupying rooms in the old court house and just at present is a patient in the Camden hospital. Mr. Branham, fortunately was driving at a very low rate of speed, otherwise the boy might have been killed outright. He stopped his car just as quick as it was possible to do so, and expressed his deep regret at the accident which seemed clearly unavoidable.

BETHUNE NEWS

Bethune, April 7.—Pageland is to have a cotton mill, the capital having been subscribed. The machinery has been ordered shipped out July 1st, and the mill is to be in operation this fall. Now Bethune is an ideal location for a cotton mill and if as small a place as Pageland can build a mill so can Bethune. Suppose our town gets busy and have a cotton mill at Bethune. It would mean much to this community.

The trustees of the Bethune high school have purchased the lot just south of the Bethune hotel and will erect a modern brick high school building thereon. It is hoped to have the building completed for the next session of the school.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and little girl spent a day or so with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McSweeney, near Darlington, last week.

The members of the Loafers' Club have begun their daily game of pitching horse shoes, since the weather has warmed up.

Misses Tyler and Gaines, teachers in the Bethune school and a few students of the high school enjoyed a hike to the Big Spring last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Amber Outlaw, wife of Mr. Dan Outlaw, who lives just below town, is quite low with tuberculosis. Miss Nandoline Tyler, one of the teachers in the Bethune School and several members of her Sunday school class, visited Mrs. Outlaw on Sunday afternoon and while there sang several hymns, accompanied by Miss Tyler on the violin.

Miss Ella Gardner, of Kershaw, is spending a few days in town with relatives. J. E. G.

State S. S. Convention.

Arrangements have been completed for a three-day conference of teachers and parents of young people to be held at Sumter in connection with the State Sunday School Convention, May 6-7-8, and a program covering various phases of work with boys and girls has been prepared.

Among the speakers who will take part are Prof. E. S. Lotspeich of Nashville, superintendent West End Methodist Sunday School and head of the boy's Work Department of the Southern College of Y. M. C. A. Prof. Lotspeich will give a series of lectures and conferences on "Building Boyhood", for fathers and teachers of boys.

Mrs. Geo. E. Davis of Orangeburg, head of the young people's division of the Baptist Women's Missionary in State will conduct a similar series of conferences for mothers and teachers of girls.

Dr. W. Edward Rafferty of Philadelphia will give inspirational addresses and conduct conferences on methods of work for teachers and parents, with special reference to home training. Dr. Rafferty has been for several years editor-in-chief of the American Baptist Publication Society, resigning that position last month to become editor of the International Journal of Religious Education. He represents officially the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education, to which the South Carolina Sunday School Association is auxiliary.

A reduced rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip on the identification certificate plan has been granted by the railroads for this occasion. Credentials entitling delegates to purchase tickets at this rate may be secured from Leon C. Palmer, general superintendent South Carolina Sunday School Association, Spartanburg.

Election Today.

The election for Mayor and six aldermen is being held today. At the hour of going to press it looks very much like another democratic victory, a regular land slide, so much so that we, in anticipation of the result, extend our hearty congratulations to the nominees! The ticket being voted today is as follows: Mayor, H. G. Garrison, Jr.; Alderman ward one, W. L. Jackson; Ward two Oscar J. Smyrl; Ward three, J. H. Osbourne; Ward four, E. C. Zemp; Ward five, D. O. Houser; Ward 6, W. R. Hough.

Our city affairs will be in safe hands for the next two years. Never before have candidates been declared the nominees without a vote, a splendid testimonial to their efficiency. The election today is merely a legal requirement to confirm the nominations declared some weeks ago.

Civilization is threatened when the soil is robbed.

Whitaker-Sowell

Kershaw, April 5.—A wedding of much interest which was solemnized last Thursday night at the First Baptist church of Kershaw, was that of Miss Madeline Katherine Sowell and Andrew Burnett Whitaker.

Miss Guy Skipper was pianist. Just before the bridal party entered, Mr. Arthur L. Humphries sang "I Love You Truly" and "O Promise Me."

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party entered using the two aisles in the church. First came the ushers, B. D. McDonald and Hazel Plyler, followed by Hubert Sowell, brother of the bride and Gervier, Blackwell, of Camden. Then came little Misses Gene Culver and Susie Emma Nelson and Annie Grace Clyburn, and Estehr Jenkins, who opened the gates for the bridal party to enter. These were followed by Miss Annie Mae Carson in a lovely yellow dress and Miss Harriett Whitaker in a beautiful pink dress. Then came Mr. Tom Ancrum and Mr. Eugene Lenoir. Then came Miss Connie Plyler, in a lovely orchid dress and Miss Bernice Sowell, sister of the bride, in blue. These were followed by Jack Mackey and Len Kirkland of Camden. The bridesmaids carried lovely bouquets of roses to match their dresses.

The dame of honor, Mrs. Jack Whitaker, Jr., and the maid of honor, Miss Gertrude Sowell cousin of the bride, entered next. They were followed by the dainty little flower girl, little Miss Jean Plyler in orchid georgette over pink and the ring bearer, Master Edward Lee Plyler, who carried the ring in the heart of a lily.

The bride entered on the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage. She was lovely in her wedding gown of white satin. Her veil was held with a coronet of pearls and a short veil covered her face. She carried a bouquet of lilies, showered with sweet peas. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Jack Whitaker, Jr., his brother.

The ceremony which united them was performed by Rev. B. L. Blackwell, of Spartanburg, cousin of the bride, assisted by Rev. George E. Smith, the bride's pastor.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sowell. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. B. J. Truesdale and Mrs. F. E. Culver, and presented to the receiving line by Mrs. John Jenkins and Mrs. E. C. Brasington. The receiving line consisted of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Sowell, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitaker, Sr., father and mother of the groom, and the bridal party. The bride and groom stood under a canopy of ferns and lilies. Mrs. Q. A. Williford presided over the bride's register. Mr. R. C. Lake and Mrs. Frank Clyburn received in the gift room and Mrs. D. R. Starling and Mrs. R. K. Tompkins welcomed the guests into the dining room, where a delicious salad course followed by mints was served by Misses Iva Lee Carson, Mildred Pace, Nancy Dempster and Estehr McCaskill. Mrs. E. K. Plyler and Mrs. Wm. Britt, of Lumberton, N. C., assisted in the dining room. Mrs. Boyd Magill and Mrs. Nillon Plyler poured coffee and Mrs. W. T. Redfearn and Miss Margaret Blythe presented each guest with a box containing a piece of bride's cake. Mrs. J. B. Bozeman, Miss Ruth Black, Mrs. Loring Davis and Mrs. John Truesdale presided at the punch bowls.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker left during the evening for Florida where they will spend their honeymoon. The bride traveled in a blue suit with gray hat and accessories to match.

Out of town guests besides those in the bridal party included: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitaker, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Lenoir, Miss Charlotte Shannon, Miss Lou Nettles, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitaker, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitaker, Jr., of Camden; Mrs. F. C. Blackwell and Mrs. J. B. Bozeman of Spartanburg; Miss Allen McBrayer, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Wm. Britt of Lumberton, N. C.; Mrs. T. B. Cheatum, Mrs. J. K. Knight, Miss Marie Ca-key, Misses Etta and Allen Plyler, Miss Leola Sapp, Mrs. C. B. Skipper, and Miss Etta Skipper of Lancaster.

LIVE OAK CAMP, NO. 49, W. O. W.

Live Oak Camp No. 49, W. O. W., meets the second and fourth Thursday evening in each month. All visiting sovereigns welcome.

E. B. BUDDEN, Clerk.
W. A. MARSHALL, Clerk.
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This is campaign year. Subscribe for the Messenger.