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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A protracted service is in progress at Smyrna church in West Wateree. The pastor, Rev. J. O. Carraway, is being assisted by Rev. S. J. McConnell, of Chester.

R. M. Kennedy, Jr., and F. M. Wooten left Thursday for a trip to Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mr. Henry Savage and family have returned home after quite an extended visit to Boston, Mass., and other northern points.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Zemp were visitors to Columbia Wednesday.

Miss Isabelle Dunlap, of Rock Hill, is visiting Miss Polly DePass, of Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Baum, Leonard Schenck and Mrs. Leo Schenck left Wednesday evening for New York.

Mrs. F. H. Harding, of Milledgeville, Ga., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank M. Zemp.

Frank Wooten, Jr., has returned from a trip to Florida.

Mr. F. K. Kendall, of Boston, Mass., was a visitor to Camden Monday.

Mrs. R. Babin left Tuesday for New York and other Eastern markets to purchase the fall stock for the Outlook, Camden's Exclusive Ladies Ready-to-Wear and Millinery Store, expecting to be away for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. D. J. Lewis, has returned to Camden after over a two months stay in Madison, Me., where she went to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Parlin, who was critically ill. Mrs. Parlin was sufficiently improved to return with her mother and will spend a while in Camden.

Mr. R. W. Housworth, operator at the Majestic Theatre, has returned from Carolton, Ga., where he spent his vacation.

Messrs. Harrell and Jack Haile were in Camden Saturday having made the trip from Orlando, Fla., in their car. They are sons of our valued friends, Capt. and Mrs. Henry F. Haile, formerly of this county but who are now residing at Matland, Fla. The young men will spend a couple of weeks here and at Liberty Hill, their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Llewellyn have returned from an extended northern trip.

Mr. C. J. Shannon, Jr., has returned from a ten days visit to Pawley's Island.

Miss Mattie Gerald left Thursday night for New York, where she goes in the interest of her millinery business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., have returned from a visit to Hendersonville and Saluda.

Mr. John S. Lindsay, popular cashier of the Loan and Savings Bank, has returned to his post of duty after a pleasant vacation.

Mr. George Brunson, of Chicago, is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. M. Shannon. Mrs. Brunson has been here for some time.

Mrs. William M. Shannon has gone to Saluda, N. C., to spend several weeks.

Mr. W. T. Smith and bride returned home Friday evening after a very pleasant trip to northern points in their car.

Mr. W. R. Hough was kept at home several days of last week with sickness, but his friends will be pleased to know that he is now about well again. He was out of the streets again Saturday.

Mr. C. C. Vaughan, accompanied by his mother, spent the week end with relatives in Hamlet, N. C. He made the trip in his Chevrolet.

Miss Blanche Nettles and little Miss Katherine Myers are visiting at different points in North Carolina.

Mr. W. A. Marshall, who has been confined to his home a few days with sickness, is out again.

Mr. Thompson Brings First Bale of Cotton

The first bale of cotton brought to the Camden market and produced in this county, was brought here Thursday by Mr. C. B. Thompson, manager of the farm of Mr. C. P. DuBose just a few miles south of Camden. The bale weighed 514 pounds. The cotton was not sold, however. Mr. DuBose had it stored in a warehouse. Mr. Thompson also had the distinction of bringing the first bale to the Camden market last year. In 1925 he brought a bale of new crop cotton here on the 9th of August, just ten days earlier than he was this year. Mr. DuBose has an exceptionally fine crop of cotton—about 175 acres, and he attributes his success largely to the good management of Mr. Thompson.

Meeting Not Changed.

We understood last week in making announcement of the Camden campaign meeting being changed from the 30th of August to the afternoon of the 26th, that this had been done, but this seems not to be the case. A letter was addressed to each one of the candidates by the president of the Chamber of Commerce, inviting them to address the voters of Camden Thursday afternoon, August 26th, beginning at four o'clock on Hampton Park, and this invitation has been accepted. It was thought that would be the best time for the Camden meeting as the places of business here close at two o'clock on Thursdays, and while this meeting will be held we understand that the regular scheduled meeting arranged by the executive committee will also be held.

Death of Francis Zemp

Francis Zemp, the nineteen year old son of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Zemp, died at the home of his parents at an early hour Wednesday morning. From his early childhood he had been subject to bad spells and this finally affected the heart action and he passed away almost unconsciously without pain or suffering. He was of a cheerful disposition, and while his death was not unexpected still it was a shock and brought sorrow to many who knew him as well as to the immediate family. The funeral services were held at six o'clock Wednesday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. J. T. Peeler, pastor of the Methodist church, who was also the pastor of young Zemp.

It's Going to Be "Peppy"

The musical comedy, "Cupid-up-to-late," which will be staged here Wednesday evening, September 1st, at the school auditorium, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary, promises to be "peppy" all right. There will be over 200 costumes used and they will have just lots of Camden's beautiful girls in it and some of the gallant young men. Extensive preparations are being made to make it an exceptionally big success. And it is going to be a success, for those behind it will not be satisfied with anything less than a big success. So prepare yourself for the laugh of our life.

Close During Preaching Service.

Acting under instructions from city council the filling stations now close at eleven o'clock on Sundays and remain closed until twelve thirty—one and a half hours—during the preaching services in the various churches.

Services Next Sunday.

Rev. J. T. Peeler and family, who have been away on a vacation for the past several weeks, are expected home Friday, and Mr. Peeler will conduct services in the Methodist church next Sunday as usual.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. R. Babin and son, Stanley, spent Sunday with relatives in Charlotte, N. C.

Misses Dorothy Carpenter and Joyce Ingram, charming young ladies of Pageland, spent the past week in Camden, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Graves.

Miss Lois Haile, who has been spending the summer in South Carolina, has gone to New York, where she will spend the winter with Miss Willie Belle Mackey. While in Camden, Miss Haile visited Mrs. John T. Mackey.

Mrs. L. T. Mills and daughters have returned from a visit to Newberry.

Picnic at Shaylor's Hill

Mr. Editor—On Thursday morning, last your correspondent in company, of Hon. N. S. Richards as a pleasant traveling companion, left the hills and pleasant breezes of the Liberty Hill section to spend a few hours at a picnic given by the good people of the Westmont section, under the auspices of the Shaylor's Hill Democratic Club, with the dual purpose of having a pleasant outing, and also of hearing the county candidates express their views, or make their debut before the people of that section. The candidates were invited and most of them were in attendance, this being a place not included in the regular itinerary of the County Executive Committee. Arriving in the section, and not knowing the exact location of the gathering we hailed Mr. R. A. McDowell for information and he being ready, proceeded to the ground with us. The place selected for the gathering was ideal for the purpose, being under the umbrageous trees in rear of Mr. L. D. Holland's residence, (the Owens place) and close by a well of cool and limpid water which was in demand to slake the thirst of the perspiring crowd (for the day was hot and dusty) and cool the palates of the speakers after their one or two minutes (most of them) display of an "imad' endeavor" to convince the voter that "he" was the right man. There was some good speeches of considerable length, but it is not our purpose to comment on the speeches, and so, we are telling it all before we get to it, so let's start again. Arriving at the grounds we found a good many already there and the hour for speaking was soon announced. Mr. L. P. Thompson, unopposed candidate for magistrate for western Flat Rock, acted as Chairman and called on Hon. Newton Kelly to open the meeting with prayer after which, he thanked the people for past favors and promises to "be good" in the future, proceeded to present the candidates to the audience commencing with the small offices and working up, the candidates for Senator coming last—except Mr. C. P. Lorick who was not present in his regular place. A good crowd was present, about as many ladies as men. They accorded each speaker a respectful hearing and seemed interested in the issues as they were discussed pro and con. The speaking over, dinner hour was proclaimed, and your scrubs—and others watched with keen appreciation (appetite)—as the ladies deftly placed the "feast of good things" on the table. This finished and the blessing asked by Mr. Kelly the words "help yourselves" were pleasant words to your "hungry reporter"—and others—someone asked us if we came "to hear the speaking or for dinner"? Our reply was "we are batching now!" Which we thought answer enough for we felt sure that did the good ladies know of our statue quo, they would appreciate (sympathize) our unenviable position.

The dinner was abundant and excellent, containing everything necessary to appease the appetite or tickle the palate of the most epicurean candidate present. Did they partake of the feast? Well, just ask Magistrate Thompson, Mr. D. T. Yarbrough, Mr. Bob McDowell and Judge McDowell, (they can tell) not to mention your hungry scrubs whose innate modesty however recoils from such publicity. The dinner being over Mr. T. K. Trotter in behalf of the visitors and candidates in a gracious little speech thanked the ladies for the excellent dinner, and said that "if this was an indication of the skill and proficiency of the young ladies, that they should not find any trouble in getting married." We all agreed!

A number of the young people repaired to Mr. Holland's residence where music and singing was enjoyed and it is said that our good old "staid and dignified" friend R. M. Drakeford actually did the Charleston. He is an adept at drawing the bow as well as "tripping the light fantastic toe." We feel that Mr. Richards joins us in appreciation, and thanks to the ladies and other citizens of that good community for a very pleasant day spent in their midst. Next time let us know.

Farmers, even more than any other class, need to live up to what old Thomas Carlyle called the "everlasting duty of being brave" in the face of adversity. Even a little careful planning of farm activities will save a lot of time and disposition.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Bethune, Aug. 23.—Mr. J. E. Copeland recently bought the vacant store house just below Mr. R. L. Jones' store and will open up a small stock of groceries about Sept 1st. He will also use it as a magistrate's office.

The Bethune ball team defeated the Ochesterfield team here last Tuesday afternoon by a score of 10 to 1. This was a one-sided, slow contest and afforded very few thrills to the spectators. Bethune plays Wingate, N. C., here tomorrow afternoon and Ruby at this place next Tuesday Aug. 31st. The latter game will end the season of the Sand Hill League here.

The printer got us kinder "balled up" last week. We meant to state that Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oliver had returned from a trip to Baltimore, but the paper had it that they had returned from "Bethune and other points."

Dr. J. R. Durham, of Columbia, spent a couple of days here last week.

Miss Ella Gardner, of Kershaw is spending a week or two with relatives at Bethune.

Miss Sara Caston, of the Union church section, spent a few days of last week in Bethune.

Mr. P. H. Hester and family and Mrs. A. B. McLaurin left last week for a brief stay at Pickens.

The little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Watkins swallowed a hairpin one day last week. The hair pin is still in the child's stomach, although she seems to be getting along very well so far.

Mrs. G. W. Morris and little daughter, Sarah, of Society Hill, spent last week with Mrs. W. E. Heustiss.

Miss Emily Barnes and her brother, Thornton, of Hartsville, were visitors here yesterday.

Messrs. N. A. Bethune, G. B. King, A. B. McLaurin and G. E. Parrott spent Thursday and Friday at Myrtle Beach.

The members of Harmony Baptist Sunday School have been practicing, for several weeks for Children's Day exercises which will be given about the second Sunday in September.

After the votes are counted next Wednesday night, there'll be a bunch of "disappointed" office seekers, but its all in the game and those who get left will just take their medicine and make the best of it.

Although the Bethune ball team badly defeated Jefferson and Cheraw teams in four games the preceding week, the Raley's Mill team came down on Monday afternoon of last week and walloped the Bethune boys 7 to 6.

Miss Bonita Kelly, of Bishopville was the guest of her cousin, Miss Kathleen Hyatt, last week.

Mrs. W. B. Brown and children, of Raleigh have returned home after spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Horton.

Wonder what has become of the old-fashioned snake and fish liars?

Mrs. Ed. Crowe and little girl, of Baden, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Crowe's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Johnson.

October Brides.

October brides will not be overlooked, for announcements have been made of two popular couples who are to be married in October. Miss Wilbur McCallum, popular stenographer for the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, and daughter of Mrs. N. C. Arnett, and Mr. Chapman Barrett are to be married in October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wallace announce the engagement of their charming daughter, Miss Catherine, to Mr. Henry Bissell Kennedy, Jr., formerly of Camden but now of Atlanta, Ga., the ceremony to take place in October.

Miss Moore Entertains.

Miss Estelle Moore delightfully entertained at her home near Lugoff Wednesday evening in honor of Misses Martha Mae Dinkins and Josephine Thomas of Columbia, who are spending some time with her.

Various games and music were enjoyed, after which the guests were invited into the dining-room where ice cream and cake were served. Miss Moore was assisted in entertaining by her sister, Miss Maebell Moore.

Those enjoying Miss Moore's hospitality were Misses Martha Mae Dinkins, Josephine Thomas, Gertrude and Mattie Kelley, Mae Bell Moore, Minnie Watts, Essie, Birchmore, Gardner and Caldwell Kelly, Frank Raybon, Arthur Branham, Elmer Hayes, Mendel Barfield, Jim Wylie Branham, Blake, Elton Gordon and Toga Moore.

LIBERTY HILL

Mr. Editor—After a hot and dry spell of about two weeks we had a fine fall of rain on Friday evening last. In some sections nearby it was stormy and at Heath Springs considerable damage was done. It is said that the big tent of Rev. Sam Danner, who has been conducting a meeting there for several weeks, was torn to shreds, a chimney was blown down at the home of Mr. W. C. Mackey, the residence of Mr. J. T. Crenshaw was struck by lightning and considerably damaged, trees were blown down and other damage done but no one was hurt. This section fared better as only crops were blown about with slight damage, and all vegetation was greatly revived by the needed rain.

Mr. L. P. Thompson is having blasted out, some rocks in the roads here, and nearby, which have impeded travel to some extent, and the traveling public will doubtless be glad of their removal.

The big house of Mr. R. C. Jones, which for some time has been undergoing extensive remodeling and repairs, has been a busy scene for the past week. Besides the carpenters, painters and others engaged on the building, numerous other men have been at work on the premises, resetting the lines of granite posts, fencing the yard, trimming the numerous large cedars and other trees and putting out surplus ones, grading and repairing the yard and roadways, and doing many things necessary to put in readiness a palatial "ante-bellum" home, brought up-to-date. When finished Mr. Jones will have one of the finest places in the "up country."

We have attended a few of the services at Heath Springs by Rev. Mr. Danner, who is Evangelist for the Baptist Association. Large crowds have been flocking to hear him. He is a forceful talker as well as a "hard hitter", and does not mind telling you where the trouble lies, as well as the right course to pursue. He preached a sermon Sunday of last week for men and Sunday of this week for ladies. Services now are held in the school house.

Maj. J. G. Richards is at home for the weekend after two weeks of hard campaigning in the Piedmont section. Besides the regular itinerary appointments he is speaking several times a day and can not meet all of the calls. He reports conditions as looking quite favorable for him.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hall and baby, of Westminster, arrived on Thursday for a visit to the parents of Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones. Dr. Hall is a rising young physician of his home town, and Mrs. Hall nee Miss Sallie Jones has many relatives and friends here at her old home, who are always glad to see her.

Dr. Walker and a friend from Laurens are visitors in the home of Maj. and Mrs. J. G. Richards.

Mr. H. H. Haile, and younger brother, Jack, who was quite small when they left here with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. H. F. Haile, to make their home in Florida, are visiting friends here, and called in to see us on Sunday. The young men express themselves as being delighted to get back "home" again. They report that their parents are doing fine in the "land of flowers". We were glad to see them.

Mrs. W. K. Thompson has returned home after spending several days with her husband who was operated on last Sunday for appendicitis, at Fennell's Infirmary at Rock Hill. At last hearing Mr. Thompson was doing very well.

Mr. W. D. McDowell and one of his sisters went to Rock Hill last week to see their kinsman, Mr. W. K. Thompson, who is in an infirmary there.

Mrs. M. C. Cureton is spending a while with her son, Mr. A. C. Cureton, and family.

Miss Ann, the bright little daughter of Magistrate L. P. Thompson, has returned home after a visit of several days with relatives in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mobley, and baby of Heath Springs and Mrs. Manly Hammond, of Lancaster county, were visitors last week to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Small.

Miss Laugie Matheson and her aunt, Miss Laura Matheson, paid a visit to Mrs. John M. Croxton near Kershaw last week.

Mr. R. C. Jones, Jr., went on Sunday to visit kinfolk (?) in Bishopville. He reports cotton fields white with open cotton in that section.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Drennan have as their guest, Mrs. McMurray, of Abbeville, a sister of Mr. Drennan.

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN

The election for County and State offices will be held in the Court House on Tuesday, August 31, 1926. The polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 4 P. M. We have enrolled for this Club approximately 1200 people and in order to vote those enrolled it will be necessary for the managers to accommodate two and one-half people per minute during the entire eight hours that the polls will remain open. This is a tremendous problem confronting the election officials in Kershaw County at the present time. Unless the people come all during the day, and prevent any idle moments, it will be impossible to vote them all.

We, therefore, urge and insist that as many as possible come early, especially the ladies as most of the men will vote when their business permits. The ladies need not worry about having to stand and wait to vote as there is ample seating capacity in the Court House which will be used for their comfort and convenience. There will also be fans in operation.

We request that all the voters cooperate with us and make the undertaking possible. This can only be long by complying with our request as stated above.

R. H. HILTON, Chairman.
MENDEL L. SMITH, JR., Secretary.

Protracted Meeting at Kershaw

We are requested to announce that Capt. J. L. Hancock, well known Railroad Evangelist, will assist Rev. W. J. Williams in a protracted meeting to be held in the second Baptist church at Kershaw, the meeting to begin next Monday night, 30th inst. Capt. Hancock has assisted several times in meetings in the Hermitage Hill Baptist church and his services were intensely spiritual and interesting. Visitors from this section as well as from other places will be cordially welcomed.

On Last Lap of County Campaign.

The candidates for county offices spoke at Blaney yesterday. There was a large attendance of voters to hear them, and taken as a whole the meeting passed off very pleasantly. The meeting today will be at Rabon's Cross roads, and there, too, the attendance will likely be quite large, for the people of that section usually turn out well to all public meetings. Wednesday they will speak at Cassatt and Antioch Thursday morning, and by invitation of the Chamber of Commerce the candidates will speak on Hampton Park beginning at four o'clock. Other special meetings may be held, but at this time we have no notice of them. Saturday evening they will speak at the Mill school house, and close at Camden on Monday, the 30th, the day before the battle of the ballots begin unless some changes are made that we have no information about at this time. It has been a pretty strenuous campaign, nine regular appointments having been made by the executive committee and about a half dozen extra meetings.

A Small Blaze Monday

About eleven o'clock Monday morning a fire was discovered at the cottage located at 1212 Campbell street, occupied by Jim Gary and owned by his wife, who is not at home but is working up north. Most of the house had effects were gotten out but the building, which was an old one, was badly damaged, nearly all of the roof being burnt off.

A community picnic is announced to be held on Wednesday evening the 25th, at 6 p. m. at the ball park.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilson and children, of Darlington came up Sunday to visit the parents of Mrs. Wilson, Hon. and Mrs. N. S. Richards.

Mr. A. W. Cunningham, who has spent much of his time of late in Florida, but who has been for several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. B. W. Pressley, of Clover, is on a visit to his brother, Post Master C. D. Cunningham.

Miss Annie Righton Richards is at home after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. M. C. Wilson, of Darlington.

Mr. James Cunningham, of Great Falls, is visiting relatives here. An aeroplane passed here Sunday morning. It did not stop to tell us "where from or where to" but passed just to the east of here in a northerly direction.