

THE WATEREE MESSENGER

TERMS:—\$1.50 IN ADVANCE PER ANNUM.

"The Hand of the Diligent Shall Rule"

M. J. Smith

2925

CHAS. W. BIRCHMORE, PROP.

VOL. 43

CAMDEN, KERSHAW COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 16, 1926.

NO. 6

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. LaFleur, of Plattsburg, N. Y., arrived in Camden last and expect to be here for the winter season.

Mr. Henry E. Beard, city clerk of Hartsville, spent Thursday in Camden with his sons who reside here.

Mr. L. H. Baxley, of Pinewood, prominent business man of that place, was a visitor to Camden Thursday.

Mrs. Charlton, of Vermont, has arrived in Camden and will occupy her cottage for the winter.

Mr. H. C. McLeod, who built a handsome residence here recently, has arrived in Camden for the winter with his family.

A new cottage is being erected on the Court yard ground which will be occupied by the manager, Capt. L. W. Lighthart and wife.

The Kershaw County Medical Association met the guests of Dr. J. J. Lee, Mrs. John W. Corbett Wednesday evening. The reception given them was exceptionally attractive and the supper was most delightfully prepared and served.

Mrs. W. W. Peak, accompanied by a lady friend, motored down from New York arriving here last week. Mrs. Peak owns an attractive home here and came down to put it in order for parties to whom she has leased it for the winter.

Mrs. Farraly and family are occupying the McDowell bungalow for the winter.

Mrs. Frank Coursen and family are among the recent arrivals in Camden for the winter.

Mrs. Frederick Robinson is again in Camden, making a part of the tourist colony.

Mrs. J. Stanley Llewellyn is visiting friends in New York.

Dr. Robert Taft and wife, nee Steedman, of Charleston, spent the week end in Camden with Mrs. Taft's mother.

Mr. G. R. Clements, of Liberty Hill, spent several days of last week in Camden. He came down on business as well as to attend the county fair.

Mrs. C. W. Birchmore and daughter, Miss Ethel Birchmore, were visitors to Columbia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cobb left Friday for Paw Creek, N. C., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Cobb has been with the Waterree mill for some years past and it is a matter of regret that he and Mrs. Cobb have left Camden.

We had a call Thursday from our good friend, Mr. J. B. Catoe, of the Buffalo section of the county.

Mr. W. E. Stevenson was a visitor to Camden Thursday. He came to mingle with his friends here and to attend the county fair.

Gov.-elect John G. Richards and Comptroller-General A. J. Beattie, were visitors to the county fair Thursday. The Messenger office was pleased to have a visit from each of these good friends. A cordial welcome is always accorded them here in their home town. Since his nomination and recent election as Governor Maj. Richards has not had an opportunity of spending much time in Camden, and for the few hours he was here Thursday many of his friends were delighted to shake his hand and congratulate him upon his election to the office of Governor. His friends are looking forward to his administration with the keenest interest and do not hesitate to predict for him a successful career. They know that they can depend upon his campaign pledges, which will mean an economical administration of the State's affairs.

Box Supper and Ice Cream Festival
There will be a Box Supper and Ice Cream Festival at the home of Mrs. Walter Branham of the Smyrna neighborhood Friday night of this week, November 19th, for the benefit of Smyrna church. The public is cordially invited to attend. A pleasant evening is assured.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS MADE

City Council Does Some Good Work

Camden's good Mayor and city council have had some good work done in the way of needed improvements. The work is not yet entirely completed but is nearing completion. A few days ago we made a brief inspection in the fire department quarters where a number of our young men sleep and are right on the job should a fire occur. The double beds had been removed and single ones were purchased to replace the old ones and the room in which the young men sleep had been cleaned up thoroughly and the walls freshly kalsomined, giving the room with its furniture a home like appearance. Camden maintains a volunteer fire department and it is an essential part of our community, and its quarters should be made comfortable and attractive. This Mayor DuBose with his council decided to do and the work has been completed. We are sure that the citizens of Camden will heartily approve of this work.

We also made another inspection and cannot commend the city council too highly for what they are doing with reference to the city guard house. In the first place the ceiling was too low making it almost a dungeon, and in the summer time especially very hot. The ceiling over the old cells has been made higher by three and a half feet, permitting some ventilation. Then an addition has been made to the city prison. A room with thirteen inch walls has been built with ventilation in the top and a sanitary toilet installed. When this is completed white prisoners will occupy the new quarters and negro prisoners the old, thus the city council performs a very commendable act in separating the races. This is a special feature that they took into consideration, and we are sure that all right thinking people will regard this as the right thing to do, and approve the changes as a humane act as well as the right thing to do. We are opposed to placing white and colored prisoners all together, and are glad to know that in our city at least this will not be done after the new quarters are complete. These improvements cost some money to be sure, but is money well spent.

A Nice Treat.

Our good friend, Mr. J. H. Anderson, who is residing near Blaney this year, was in our office a few days ago and brought us a half gallon of home made syrup. Mr. Anderson is one of the most industrious men that we know of, and in commenting upon his success in making the syrup said that the low price of cotton need not trouble those who can make other things. He planted only a quarter of an acre in syrup and from this he had a good deal of it to his hogs and then made 47 gallons of good syrup. He said that he could sell his syrup very readily at a dollar a gallon. And this brings up the question: Why is it that all the syrup produced in our county is not made here? Years ago a merchant here who had a large farm made a good many barrels of syrup and sold it in his store, his customers buying it in preference to the shipped syrup. We venture to say that not a pint of home made syrup can be found in a store in Camden, yet if it were made in the county, properly cooked, it would be sold in preference to any syrup on the market. You can find here a good supply made in Georgia, but why not make it at home? The jar of syrup brought us by Mr. Anderson was fine. He understands cooking it and gives it his personal attention. There is a good deal of it made in the county but very little put on the market if any except what is sold to "the neighbors" of the producers.

Gipsy Smith, Jr., Coming to Hartsville.

Gipsy Smith, Jr., the noted evangelist, will begin an evangelistic campaign in Hartsville November 21st and continue through December 12th. Several gentlemen from Hartsville were in Camden Sunday and were given an opportunity to make the announcement from the pulpits of Camden churches. Many in this section have never had the opportunity of hearing this noted evangelist and doubtless many will go over to Hartsville during the meeting to hear him. Services will be held every evening except Saturdays at 7:30 o'clock.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Maj. Richards' Election Warmly Endorsed.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Camden the following preamble and resolutions were heartily adopted:

A RESOLUTION.
WHEREAS, the splendid history and traditions of our state make the office of governor one of the most distinguished honors that can be bestowed upon a citizen by the people of any state in the Union,

AND WHEREAS, this great distinction has been brought to our County for the first time in its history by a worthy son, the Honorable John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill, the Democratic nominee for this office, and who will assume the responsible duties thereof in January next,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council of Camden, S. C., in regular meeting assembled, do hereby convey to the Honorable John G. Richards our sincere congratulations upon his attainment of this high official distinction and our recognition of the great honor that he has brought to his native county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That while many perplexing problems of government are presented to our people at this time for a wise solution, which purpose can only be accomplished by a disinterested and unselfish patriotic activity and co-operation, we feel that the State is fortunate in having one to assume, at this period, the responsibilities of this high office, whose high character, patriotism, experience and qualifications constitute a guarantee of a clean, capable and progressive administration of its affairs—one entirely responsive to its great ideals and possibilities.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be spread on the minutes of the Council, a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, be forwarded to the Honorable John G. Richards, and that a copy be given for publication to the newspapers of this State.

Resolved in Council assembled this 4th day of October, 1926

- C. P. DuBOISE, Mayor
- W. L. JACKSON, Alderman First Ward.
- R. S. WILLIAMS, Alderman Second Ward.
- J. H. OSBORNE, Alderman Third Ward.
- C. C. WHITAKER, Alderman Fourth Ward.
- R. M. KENNEDY, JR., Alderman Fifth Ward.
- W. R. HOUGH, Alderman Sixth Ward.

Attest:
W. H. HAILE, City Clerk.

* SOCIAL AND PERSONAL *

* Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham *

Mr. Truett and Mr. Edison were in Camden Sunday advertising the Gypsy Smith revival meeting to begin in our sister town of Hartsville, November 21. These young men are "live wires" and we give them our hearty cooperation.

Dr. B. F. Hasty of Taylor, S. C., who received his Masters Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last June, preached a strong sermon to an appreciative audience at the Waterree Baptist church Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Hasty have been visiting in the home of Mr. Hasty's parents who have been residents of Camden for many years and the young friends are justly proud of their young minister. Many social courtesies were extended while in the vicinity.

The school improvement association of the Mill school will meet at the school house Thursday afternoon at two thirty o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Arnold and his three sons gave a delightful musical program at the closing exercises of the Mizpah revival Sunday afternoon.

Date Changed.

The date for the oyster supper announced for Friday night, 19th inst, for the benefit of the Waterree school at the Power Plant Hotel, has been changed to December 3rd. Just a little longer to get your appetite well whetted up.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Interesting Items Gathered by Our Correspondent

Bethune, Nov. 15.—Mrs. G. B. McKinnon, of Lancaster, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDowell.

Lee Sullivan, who joined the Navy about two and a half months ago, is here on a twelve days' furlough, visiting relatives. He expects to leave Hampton Roads, Va., on November 29th for a trip to the West Indies Islands via Panama.

Edward Heustiss, who is residing in North Carolina, spent a couple of days here last week visiting his stepmother, Mrs. Hattie Heustiss and his sister, Miss Sarah Lee, and his little brother, Clarence.

J. Manly Smith, of Bishopville, who has conducted the Bethune Market for several months past, sold out last week and returned to Bishopville with his family last Friday. Otto Hatfield who has been conducting a store at Cassatt, has taken charge of the market and grocery here and the public can rest assured of honest, courteous treatment, as he formerly conducted the market at this place and made many friends.

Mr. Thomas F. Horton, from near Kershaw, was in town one day last week exhibiting a persimmon, the largest the writer ever saw. It was of the Japanese variety and measured 12 1/2 inches in circumference and weighed 15 ounces. This persimmon was grown on Mr. Horton's farm.

The squad composing the Bethune high school football team are a gentlemanly set of young fellows and endeavor to show visiting teams every courtesy and consideration, but, like other boys, they will not be imposed upon. The Heath Springs football squad came down last Friday afternoon to play Bethune a game and were determined to win. Both teams played a good ball and when the game was nearing its finish, neither side having made a point, Neil Truesdale, of Bethune, got the ball and was within four or five feet of the outer line, just on the point of making a touchdown, when he was tripped and then struck by one of the Heath Springs players. Within a moment both teams were engaged in a general fight. This ended the game, neither side making a point.

Miss Earline Odum, of Lamar, was the attractive guest of Misses Maggie and Rosalie Fields last week. On Friday night last she was given a most enjoyable party at the home of the Misses Fields and a large crowd of the town's young folks were present. All had a most delightful time.

Misses Eliza King and Jessie Baker, who are in training at the Columbia hospital, spent the week end at their homes here.

Mrs. Victoria Gardner, of Tiller's Ferry, left Saturday to spend a while with her son, S. K. Gardner, at Myrtle Beach.

Rev. W. V. Jerman will leave Wednesday to attend the Lower South Carolina Annual Conference at Bennettsville.

Miss Julia Barnes had her tonsils removed last week, Dr. Truesdell performing the operation.

Mrs. W. J. Baker, of the Shamrock section, was taken to the Columbia hospital last night for an operation.

South Carolina's Cotton Crop.

According to the report of the department of commerce, cotton ginned in South Carolina, made public the 8th inst., was 676,143 against 818,879 for the same time in 1925. For Kershaw county the figures were 23,780 bales against 26,025 for 1925. The government's estimate as a whole shows more cotton made this year than last year but the ginnings are less as will be noted in this state.

Attractive Booth at Fair.

One of the attractive and popular booths at the county fair was that in charge of Mrs. A. Karesch. She was advertising Ballard & Ballard's Obelisk and Self-rising Flour, which is sold at Schlosburg's store in Camden. Mrs. Karesch won the blue ribbon for the best bread made from this flour and the blue ribbon for her delicious doughnuts. The Obelisk flour was used for the bread and the Self-rising for the doughnuts. She served hot coffee and cakes to many who stopped to admire the very attractive booth she was in charge of. We enjoyed a delicious cup of coffee and a piece of cake prepared by Mrs. Karesch. For many years we have known how well she can prepare articles of food.

LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

Gathered by Our Correspondent There.

Mr. Editor:—This is Monday night and a gusty south wind is blowing, and intermittent showers of rain have been falling for some time. We have had several light falls of rain lately, but only sufficient to wet the light and smooth lands, while soils of a cloggy or heavy texture, and those which have lain fallow are still too hard to be plowed. Some oats have been planted, and more will be, if we get a good season of rain soon.

Some of our farmers are making fine corn crops, and have been busy of late getting the crops housed. Among those fortunate enough to have full barns are Magistrate L. P. Thompson, Hon. N. S. Richards, Mr. F. B. Floyd and Messrs. Mackey, Jones and Co., who have been selling old corn in order to make room for the new crop.

Messrs. Mackey, Jones & Co.'s gin is kept right busy of ginning days, but the crop is mostly picked out and the gins will stand idle, having finished their work for 1926.

Owing to the dry weather which has prevailed continuously throughout the summer and fall, garden vegetables are not to be had, (locally) and sweet potatoes are very scarce in this section.

The cold weather last week froze and burst some of the piping conveying water from the reservoir to the residence of Mr. R. C. Jones. The piping will be placed under ground but owing to the urgency of other work the job had not been finished when the temperature suddenly dropped below the freezing point.

We attended the County Fair at Camden for a short while on Thursday afternoon and saw some good exhibits. Lugoff, Midway and Antioch schools and Mr. B. J. Truesdale's display deserve special mention, but as our time was very much limited we intended returning and taking a more comprehensive view of the various products collected and arranged so nicely, but a change of our plans made it impossible to do so. "Our school" and most of "our people" attended on Friday, School Day.

Mr. W. C. Perry has acquired an interest in a saw mill near Kershaw and is giving it his attention.

Mr. J. B. Smith, who was hurt in an automobile wreck near Charlottsville some weeks ago, has so far recovered as to resume his place as lineman for the Southern Power Co. here. Mr. C. C. Stroupe, the other victim of the accident returned to work some days ago.

to Florida a short while ago expecting to Florida a short while ago expecting to work there, has returned home.

Messrs. F. B. Floyd and J. P. Richards were Columbia visitors on Saturday last.

Mrs. J. H. Clements, principal of the Flint Ridge school, has returned to Heath Springs and resumed the exercises of her school—Monday.

Rev. F. J. Hay, of Dillon, paid a visit to his mother, Mrs. F. J. Hay, and sister, Mrs. Louise McCaskill, the past week.

Your reporter attended services Sunday, at Bethany near Westville later in same evening and spent a short while very pleasantly in the home of Rev. P. E. Blackmon, and heard a good sermon at Heath Springs Sunday night.

Mr. West Injured by Automobile

Mr. M. C. West was painfully injured about seven o'clock Saturday evening in front of the postoffice as he was crossing the street by an automobile running into him. He was taken to the hospital where his wounds were given medical attention and as he was not thought to be seriously injured he was removed to his home on DeKalb street. He was resting very well the next day, but sore from the shake-up. He had a scalp wound, one thumb was hurt and one side. The party driving the car it seems did not stop but was identified by some of those who witnessed the accident. Mr. West says that he did not see the car himself and when he came to himself he was lying on the pavement and unable to get up. It is thought that he will be able to be up in at least a few days.

FOR SALE

A registered Jersey cow, fresh in milk. Will give four to five gallons rich milk daily. Splendid condition. For further information apply at The Messenger office.

COUNTY FAIR SCORES BIG SUCCESS.

Exhibits in Each Department Exceptionally Fine.

If there were any who thought that our county fair would not be a big success, they thought wrong, for it was a gratifying success to the management and all who took any part in it. Then the weather was fine, and this added to the success of the fair. To go through the splendid collection of household articles, farm products, poultry, livestock, vegetables and many other articles, it was a revelation as to what is actually being produced in this favored section of ours. The fair opened Wednesday morning and continued through the week. The attendance the first and second days was fairly good. Friday, school day, was a record day for attendance. Teachers and pupils were out in full force, and all seemed to enjoy the day. Saturday was school day for the colored schools. They made a fine appearance. They formed in line at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and marched to the fair grounds in a body. The line of march extended the length of about two squares. Each of the schools showed up well, and St. Matthews deserves special mention.

The premium list is quite lengthy. We had supposed to give it complete this week, but find that we cannot do so, as we were only able to get a part of the list at dinner time today, so we are giving the list in full with the exception of the Household Departments, which is a pretty long list, but we hope to publish it in our next issue.

School Exhibits

- Exhibit by High School.....
- First—Antioch.....\$25.00
- Second—Camden High.....15.00
- Honorary Mention—Blaney Exhibit by Intermediate Grades
- First—Camden City Schools.....25.00
- Second—Blaney.....15.00
- Honorary Mention—Antioch Exhibit by Primary Grades
- First—Lugoff.....25.00
- Second—Waterree.....15.00
- Honorary Mention—Camden Mill school Home Dem. Club Exhibits
- First—Lugoff.....50.00
- Second—Charlotte Thompson.....30.00
- Community Booth
- Second—Cantey.....15.00
- Individual Farm Display
- First—Rock Springs Farm.....50.00
- Second—B. J. Truesdale.....30.00
- Livestock
- Best Bull Over Two Years
- Second—Rock Springs Farm.....4.00
- Best Cow
- First—Rock Springs Farm.....7.00
- Second—Rock Springs Farm.....4.00
- Best Bull Under Two Years
- Second—Rock Springs Farm.....4.00

Annual Supper Postponed

The annual supper of the Chamber of Commerce, announced for Thursday evening of this week, has been postponed on account of the revival services being held in the Baptist church this week and other conflicting engagements.

FOR PERFECT PERMANENT WAVING

Here installed the latest Nestle Circuit Permanent Machine, more like a Marcel, with expert operators assure you of utmost satisfaction. Call for appointment 149, Camden Beauty Parlor, Mrs. D. M. Davis, Prop.

Attend the Meetings.

Revival services are in progress at the First Baptist church of Camden. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Graham, is being assisted by Dr. Walter Alexander, of Rock Hill, who is a very earnest and attractive preacher. All who can should attend these services. It is a help to any community to have a revival of religion, and the coming of a consecrated preacher to assist in such a meeting can be made a blessing. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Services will be held in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and the evening services begin at eight o'clock.

His Prize Appreciated.

Mr. J. W. Sanders, our popular county agent, in the midst of his work last week in listing articles at the fair and making up the list of prize winners, was himself a prize winner, for a 9-12 pound son was born to him Saturday morning, just too late to take in the fair but in time to give lusty alarms in keeping with the occasion. We extend hearty congratulations. Mother and baby are doing well.