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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John T. Stevens, of Kennewick, was a visitor to Camden Sunday afternoon. Mr. Stevens is a member of the State Highway Commission and is very much interested in road improvements, and for a good many years has given well deserved credit along this line.

Dr. Wm. R. Little, who is located at Pennington, N. J., arrived at home here Saturday. He came as a result of the serious illness of his daughter, Mr. Miller Little, who is a patient at the Camden hospital.

Mr. Jack Burns, who was manager of Minnauel's store in Camden some time back, but who is now located in Grangeburg, was a visitor to Camden one day last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Richards and Rev. F. A. Drennan expect to go to Columbia on Tuesday on a short visit to Dr. Richards and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cunningham, who have been spending the winter with their children in other parts of the State, have returned to their home here.

Mr. M. M. Pearson, of Charlotte, N. C., Sunday morning to accompany his wife and Mrs. J. S. Rhame, home. They had been visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Dr. Watson to Preach Next Sunday. Dr. E. O. Watson, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, of Columbia, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Dr. Watson is a very forceful preacher and will bring a real message to those who come out to hear him. For some years he filled some of the most important places as pastor in the South Carolina Conference.

Names Omitted from Home Page. In the honor roll published in The Messenger recently for the 4th month of the Camden city schools, two names were unintentionally omitted. They were as follows: Gracie S. Sec. B. Ruby Burns and Mary Peckles.

Box Supper. There will be a box supper at Oak and School house, Friday night, February 11th, for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited. E. Rhay Barnes, Pres.

Hot Supper. A hot supper will be given on Friday night February 11th, at Mrs. B. M. Pearce's under the auspices of the Paulah Eworth League. The public is cordially invited. A pleasant evening is promised every one.

Colonial Ball. The Colonial Ball to be given by the Hobkirk Hill Chapter, D. A. R. bids fair to be one of the most brilliant of the mid-winter season. This ball will be given at the Old Court House on the night of St. Valentine's Day. Music will be furnished by "The Camerocks," a nine-piece orchestra which played abroad quite successfully during the summer season. A hot supper will be served, and prizes awarded for the most attractive colonial costume. Tickets are being sold at five dollars a couple, three dollars for an individual.

For those not interested in dancing tables for bridge will be arranged in the comfortable parlors of the Chapter House on the lower floor.

LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

Gathered by Our Correspondent There

Mr. Editor—We in common with the country at large, are enjoying a most unusual spell of warm and balmy spring weather. Very little rain has fallen this winter so far.

We thought the cotton in this section was all ginned some time ago, but Messrs. Mackay, Jones & Co's ginery was kept busy all day Saturday preparing the staple for market. We hope this won't cause a decline in the price.

We heard two good sermons at the Presbyterian church here on Sunday by the Pastor, Rev. F. A. Drennan. The solemn and impressive rite of baptism was administered Sunday morning at the church here to John Anderson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thompson, by Rev. Mr. Drennan, pastor.

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AGED MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Henry Clark Burned to Death

Mr. Henry Clark, aged 76 years, who lived in the Marshall church section of the county not very far from Larknow, was burned to death Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. A fast fire was raging near his home and he with his son-in-law, Howard Rateliffe, went out to get some hay to keep them from being burned to death. It seems that the fire swept over the woods faster than he thought for, and Mr. Rateliffe picked up one of his children and hurried with it to a place of safety and returned to assist Mr. Clark and to locate him, he was found lying in the yard and the fire had burned over him and the body was in a horribly mangled condition. The aged man was dead. We had known Mr. Clark for a good many years and he was a quiet, good citizen, and a loyal member of his church. He is survived by his wife and two grown children, Mrs. Mary Rateliffe, and Henry Clark. A great sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement. The funeral services took place yesterday afternoon.

Revival Services

Rev. James McKinney, of Asheville, N. C. will begin revival services in the chapel at the Hermitage Hill Sunday evening, 13th inst. Services are expected every evening next week and perhaps longer, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. McKinney is a Freewill Baptist minister, and is a very spiritual man. All are invited to attend the services.

Tax Returns

The time for making your state and county tax returns without the penalty being added, will expire on the 20th inst. Better look after this at once if you have not already made your returns.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Bethune, Feb. 7.—A telegram was received here on Friday last, announcing the death of Mr. L. L. Copeland, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thelma Dunlap at Greenville, at 9 o'clock that morning. The cause of his death was tuberculosis. Mr. Copeland spent several weeks here the past fall with his brothers, John and Ripley Copeland, in the hope that his health would improve, but he got no better and later went to Greenville to stay with his daughter. About thirty years ago Mr. Copeland served one term as school commissioner of this county and afterwards was appointed magistrate at this place. He also served as postmaster at Bethune. For the past twenty years he was state agent for a large insurance company in Georgia, Alabama and Florida, and then his health failing he came back to South Carolina. He was about 57 years of age and is survived by his wife, who is with a daughter in Arizona, two daughters, one in Arizona and one in Greenville, and two brothers, Mess J. E. and Ripley Copeland of Bethune. The remains arrived here yesterday morning from Greenville and the funeral services and burial were held at Pleasant Hill Baptist church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Lee Yarbrough went to Columbia Saturday morning to be treated. Miss Bernice Fields, of Route 1, who has been very ill with pneumonia is improving.

D. M. McCaskill, former county treasurer, was a visitor here last week.

A poultry car will be here next Thursday, February 10, for the purpose of buying all the turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens. This a good opportunity to get rid of your surplus stock of scrub poultry.

Mr. R. P. Hucks, Mrs. J. W. Hearson, J. A. McDonald and W. E. Davis spent Friday at Bishopville.

Some of the trees in the swamp in this section are beginning to bloom, due to the unseasonably warm weather.

Farmers are making rapid headway with their farm work in this section and while a great deal of fertilizer is being hauled away from town, there will not be as much used in this section as last year.

The bill introduced in the Legislature recently and being sponsored by Representative J. C. Gatlin, of Lee county, prohibiting the sale and use of steel traps in this State, should meet with the hearty approval and support of every decent, humane person in the State. We have always been unqualifiedly opposed to the inhuman cruelty of trapping fur-bearing animals in steel traps and we sincerely hope that the Legislature will accept Mr. Gatlin's view and pass this bill. The writer strongly endorses the sentiments expressed in the following copied from Our Daily Animals: "Man alone, among all the hunters, has ever stooped to unfair hunting. The steel trap is a deadly enemy, lying in wait at a place where no enemy is to be expected. It is merciless. If it does not kill at once, it still holds on. The hunters in fur and feathers kill at once. The steel trap seldom kills. So it is that all the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadow, all the little people who travel up and down the Laughing Brook, around the Sunshine Pool, and along the Great River, look on the trapper as one without honor and without justice or fairness."

Tomorrow an election is to be held here for the purpose of deciding whether this town will vote an extra tax levy in order to put in electric power and lights here and at McBee. The election will doubtless be favorable for the extra levy. The writer is not particularly interested in this proposition personally, but if first class electric power is secured for this town, it may lead to better things in future for Bethune. It may encourage enterprises of various kinds to be established here. Possibly that cotton mill might be erected. A live weekly newspaper may be established here, with a modern printing office, linotype machine and all. But before we get all these things, we must have a live chamber of commerce or board of trade. If the election is favorable for the extra levy tomorrow, we hope that our progressive, wide-awake citizens (if we have any) will get busy and put this town on the map. The opportunities are here then let us grasp them without further delay.

WESTVILLE NEWS

Services at Bethany next Sunday. Sunday school at ten o'clock. Preaching at eleven. Come and bring your children, parents and bring your friends too. Begin now to try make this the very best year of your life. Please bring your Bibles to the Sunday school.

Three stone masons working on a cathedral were asked in turn what they were doing. The first answered, "I am waiting until it is five o'clock"; the second said, "I am making 7 dollars a day"; and the third said, "I am building a cathedral." The first man was a drudge, the second a money maker, and the third was an idealist. The three men outwardly seemed to be doing the same thing, but inwardly they were far apart and living in different worlds. These three men are ever with us and are at work on every job; and probably all three of them are in each one of us, one or other of them coming to the top on different days as we are in different moods.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Young, of Rock Hill, are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Young, of Westville.

Otis and L. G. Young went to Columbia Saturday on business and to see their brother, R. H. Young.

P. E. Blackmon had as his guests Sunday, Rev. Hoy Belk, of McBee and Mr. John Lyles of near Bethune. Rev. Belk lived at Westville when a boy. His many friends were glad to welcome him back to our little village Sunday and to hear him preach Sunday morning at Bethany.

Prof. Alva Gaskin, principal of St. Charles high school, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gaskin.

Rev. George Stuart, the famous southern evangelist tells the story of a boy who was in the habit of always coming late to school much to the annoyance of the teacher. This habitually tardy pupil began to amend his ways and for several mornings was actually early at school. One morning, much to the surprise of the teacher, he was the first pupil to arrive at school. The teacher was very much pleased, and said to him, "I have noticed that you have been coming early of late, and I am glad to see that you are first at last as you have always been behind before."

Mrs. G. M. Anthony went to Riverdale last Saturday to see her sister, Mrs. Robert Sistrare who for the past several days, has been very sick.

Mrs. Amanda Owens, of Lancaster, came down to Westville Sunday and spent the day with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hilton.

Teddy Pane went to Columbia Sunday for the purpose of undergoing an operation at the Baptist hospital for tonsil trouble.

H. H. Truesdale and wife, of Kershaw and T. T. Truesdale, of Camden, spent Sunday with R. S. Truesdale.

L. M. Truesdale and wife Vivian Truesdale motored to Fort Mill Sunday to see Mrs. Truesdale's brother, Mr. Alex Workman.

Miss Willene Huckabee and Miss Loree Young spent last week end with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Huckabee, of Rock Hill.

Melvin Truesdale and wife, of the Lockhart section, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Truesdale, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Anna Bertha Rutledge, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Rutledge, of Lancaster, is spending a few days with her aunt, Miss Ella Dane Hilton.

Mrs. M. C. Young had with her the past week end, her brother, Mr. Willie Brown and sister, Mrs. Ella Burr and children, of Cheraw.

Ability involves responsibility. Power to its last particle is duty.

Court Next Week

The spring term of court for this county will convene Monday morning with Judge John S. Wilson presiding. There will be a good many cases to dispose of at this term of court. There are eleven young white men and two negroes in jail at this time whose cases will likely be disposed of at the approaching term of court. There are also a number out on bond.

Agent to Assist in Making Income Tax Returns.

An agent of the South Carolina Tax Commission, Income Tax Division, will be located at Camden in the Court House on February 18 and 19, 1927, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in executing State income tax returns for 1926. All persons should avail themselves of this opportunity of securing aid which will be cheerfully given without charge.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED THURSDAY EVENING

Young Men Meet and Form Young Men's Business League

About thirty young men met Thursday evening in the Presbyterian dining hall, and formed a Young Men's Business League, Mr. John M. Villepigue, one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, outlined the object of the meeting, which was to organize the young men for active work along lines of general development, and renewed the offer made from the Chamber of Commerce that in consideration of the payment of one dollar per member the League will be permitted to use the desk space in the Chamber of Commerce office, typewriter, telephone, lights, etc., which was accepted by the young men.

Next followed a permanent organization by the election of Henry Savage, Jr., president; Withers Trotter, vice-president, and Ferris McDow, secretary and treasurer. Dues were fixed at \$5.00 per year. After election of the officers Mr. Savage assumed the chair, and there followed considerable discussions on the part of the young men, who evidenced their earnestness and enthusiasm, for they have been eager for some time to enter heartily into work to aid in the development of our town and county, and they now feel that the field is open to them, and that they have the hearty cooperation of the commercial body which has been functioning so successfully for some time.

Dr. C. A. Dunn and Arthur Clark were named as directors to the senior board.

James DeLoache, Jr., and R. H. Hilton were elected as temporary advisors to work with the League officers in naming the various committees, the chairman of which, together with the officers, are to form the governing board.

The league will have a business meeting Thursday evening, 10th inst. When the young men had given vent to their eloquence, their patriotism and zeal for the welfare of the community, and their determination to enter heartily into the work, they were next served with an elegant dinner, and altogether the evening was a delightful one, and hearty thanks were extended the ladies for what they had so well done for them.

Our community may expect to hear from these splendid young men, for they are in earnest, and really want work to do, and not to be merely lookers-on as they have been in the past. They will receive every possible encouragement from their seniors.

Bishop Mouzon Coming to Camden

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, who is now located at Spartanburg, will preach Sunday evening, February 12th, in the Lyttleton Street Methodist church. This announcement will be received with great interest not only by the Methodists of Camden and community but by many others who know the reputation of Bishop Mouzon as a forceful preacher. He was president of the last South Carolina Conference. He was ordained in Camden nearly two score years ago, and ranks among the foremost preachers of his denomination. He is, we believe, a native of this state, having been born in the Piedmont section if we mistake not. His visit here is being looked forward to with the keenest interest. Further announcement will be made later of his coming.

Tree Expert Here.

We met in our office yesterday. Mr. H. L. Crissinger, who represents the Davy Tree Expert Company, of Kent, Ohio. Representatives are here looking after the care of trees and treating them where it is needed. It is often the case that there are trees of value on the premises but disease or other trouble occurs and the trees die for want of expert treatment. These people know their business and have worked here before. We direct your attention to their advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Messenger, and if you need their services do not hesitate to call them up.

Commandry Meeting

Stated convocation of Camden Commandry No. 12 will meet Tuesday evening, February 8th, at 8 p. m. All members requested to be present in full uniform. By order of W. F. Nettles, Commander.

Special Meeting

Special convocation of Camden Commandry, No. 12 will be held Friday evening, February 18th, at 8 p. m. on which date the Grand Commander of South Carolina will pay an official visit. All the members are requested to be present in full uniform. Refreshments will be served. By order of the Commander, W. F. Nettles.

Visit Great Falls and Rock Hill.

A number of Camden's young people, members of the boys' and girls' basket ball teams and others, visited Great Falls and Rock Hill on Saturday. Both of the teams played at Great Falls, and while they had an enjoyable trip, they went down in defeat in their games. At Rock Hill the boys played Winthrop Training School and the Camden team won the game by a score of 20 to 7.

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* Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham * * * * *

A "Prince" in every sense of the word was Mr. Bright Willingham, of Darlington, just gone to his reward, a four-square man, strong and clean, yet gentle as a woman. Having no superior he allowed no one in his presence to feel inferior. Truly he will be missed.

The American Legion is having a meeting today at the home of Mrs. Bratton deLoache.

Mrs. Mary Morrow spent a few days with her parents this week end.

Visits Winthrop.

Mr. N. R. Goodale, Jr., and Mrs. N. R. Goodale motored over to Winthrop College to see Miss Mary Eleanor Goodale for the week end. Miss Goodale is one of Camden's most popular girls at Winthrop.

Visitors from Sumter.

Mrs. Cam Stubbs, Mrs. Olive Stubbs and her charming, accomplished daughter, Miss Katherine, and son, Mr. Wilba Stubbs, motored to Camden to attend the meeting of the John D. Kennedy Chapter of the U. D. C's., guests of honor of the hostess, Mrs. Thomas Willingham. Many out-of-town guests were Mrs. William Hall, mother of Mrs. G. A. Rhame, Mrs. E. H. Harding, of Milledgeville, Ga., sister of Mrs. F. M. Zemp. A commendable business feature of the U. D. C. meeting was the decision to buy a new and popular book on the life of General Lee for the library. Pleasing social features were the violin music furnished by the Misses Truesdale, a poem read by Mrs. Von Tresckow written by Katherine Kennedy, just nine years old, who is a genius, and another poem written by Miss Sara Cone, daughter of Senator D. M. Cone and niece of Admiral D. N. Cone, who is a friend of Miss Cecelia Willingham and who has, at the age of fifteen years, received wide recognition as a writer of historical verse. This poem was to war heroes with General Lee as center figure, beautifully read by Mrs. S. C. Zemp. Piano solo by Miss Cecelia Willingham. Miss Cora Williams assisted in serving. Mrs. Von Tresckow poured tea.

Week-end Visitors.

Miss Junelle Haile, of Winthrop College, spent the week end at home. Miss Haile had as her guest Miss "Dimple" Midgeley, prominent society girl of Bennettsville, S. C.

School Improvement Association to Meet

The School Improvement Association of Antioch High School will be held Friday night, February 11th, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program is being planned. This is a very important meeting and all members of the Association and friends are asked to attend.

Resolutions on the Death of Louise Salmund Nettles

By Hobkirk Hill Chapter D. A. R. Miss Nettles was an active member of the Hobkirk Hill Chapter since its organization, having held various offices—filling them all with conscientiousness and efficiency. In her death the Chapter feels a distinct loss, and inscribes a page to her memory in the minute book and sends a copy of these resolutions to her family and have the same published in the local papers. Memorial Committee.

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