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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huggins, who are making their home in North Carolina, were guests last week of the former's brother, Mr. T. D. Huggins, of our city.

Mr. Allen Parks, who for some time has been employed in Zemp & DePass drug store, has given up his position here and left yesterday for Fort Mill where he will visit his mother before locating elsewhere. We are sorry to see this exceptionally clever young man leaving Camden, but wish him well.

Miss Alma Burgess, the Home Demonstration Agent, is detained at home on account of illness and will not be at work Tuesday.

Mr. A. S. McKenzie has gone to Ocala, Fla., to visit his son, who has been there for a number of years. His daughter, Mrs. Luke Davis, and his grand son, Cecil Davis, went with him. They report a grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbert Zemp and baby boy, of Bessemer City, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Benjamin Dunlap, of Rock Hill, were guests of relatives in Camden last week.

W. Gatewood Workman, of Emory University, came home last week for his vacation.

Mrs. Gaylord, of Dalzell, was a visitor to relatives in Camden last week.

The Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce will give a dinner to B. P. DeLoache, Jr., Camden's talented young singer who recently distinguished himself in contests in Asheville, Atlanta, and New York, on Thursday evening. A number of out-of-town guests have been invited including Mr. DeLoache's teacher. The dinner will be served at the Hobkirk Inn.

E. L. WOOTEN DIES SUDDENLY

Highly Esteemed Citizen Passes Away Without Warning

Mr. Ernest L. Wooten, well known and highly esteemed citizen, died suddenly Monday morning on DeKalb street, shortly after eight o'clock. Mr. Wooten had just walked out of the Palmetto Tea Room, the attractive place recently fitted up and conducted by Mr. Wooten and turned to go into the Palace Barber Shop when he sank down and died almost instantly. A physician was summoned but found that life was extinct when he reached him, which was only a very few minutes after he was seen to sink down. He was apparently in good health, although it is understood that he said he was not feeling well when he arose Monday morning, and while in the tea room felt the need of air and walked out to get a bit of fresh air to relieve the depressed feelings. Mr. Wooten and family resided here some years ago but later moved to Sanford, N. C., where they had been making their home until a few weeks ago when they returned to Camden and only recently opened up the Palmetto Tea Room. When he formerly resided here Mr. Wooten gave some attention to farming as well as being associated with his brother Mr. Frank M. Wooten, in the cotton business. He was a genial, clever man and made scores of friends who will be shocked and saddened to learn of his sudden death. Mr. Wooten was 41 years of age and was a brother of Frank M. Wooten and W. L. Wooten of Camden, and Mrs. D. O. Houser, also of Camden. Two sisters in North Carolina also survive him, Mrs. S. B. McLean, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Dr. O. F. Smith, of Scotland Neck. Besides his widow he had three sons, Ernest, Jr., Derrett and Oscar. The sincere sympathy of our entire community goes out to these stricken ones.

Funeral services for Mr. Wooten were held this morning at eleven o'clock from the home of his brother, F. M. Wooten, and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. D. McArn. The pall bearers were: C. P. DuBose, T. Lee Little, Dr. R. E. Stevenson, W. L. DePass, W. R. DeLoache and Dan M. Jones.

Filling Station Robbed

The Gasoline Inn, located at the corner of DeKalb and Fair Streets, was entered some time Wednesday night by burglars and robbed of about \$20.00 worth of cigarettes, candy, apples, crackers, etc. Mr. J. C. Cunningham operates this station. Entrance was made by removing a pane of glass from a side window. No arrests have been made as yet.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Gathered by Our Correspondent There.

Bethune, Jan. 2.—Today is the beginning of the New Year and may every day of the coming year be filled with happiness and prosperity to every reader of the Messenger!

The members of Lynchwood Lodge, No. 197, A. F. M., served a splendid oyster and fish dinner last Tuesday, December 27th.

Mrs. T. R. Copeland and children are visiting at Lancaster.

Mr. N. A. Bethune, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Stella, spent the week end at Neesac with Mrs. Mark King. Mrs. King with her children accompanied her father home and will spend a few days here.

Rev. M. B. Gunter spent the holidays with his parents at Leeville.

Mr. Mayo Davis went to Alabama last week to accompany his wife home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wall of Angelus spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Ward here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Richards, of Cheraw, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCaskill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West of Camden spent yesterday with Mrs. W. E. Heustiss here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Outlaw spent the holidays at Raleigh and Carey, N. C.

Miss Tilda Williams, from near Kershaw, and Mr. William Copeland, of Bethune, were married at Camden last Tuesday afternoon. The groom is a son of the late L. W. Copeland, of this town. The young couple spent a couple of days in Columbia last week.

Robert Smith, left Saturday for Florence, where he was to be married yesterday to a young lady of that town. They will reside on a farm above town.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Brannon are spending some time in Florida.

The Bethune schools resumed studies this morning, after having had ten days' vacation for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Blanche Gardner spent a few days last week with her uncle, Mr. Luther Barnes, at Camden.

Miss Eliza King left yesterday for Greensboro, where she will reenter her studies as a trained nurse.

Some of our business men have gone out of the mercantile business here. Mr. B. F. Bolton has closed his grocery and devoted his attention to his farming interests, and Mr. Minner Baker, who has been conducting a cafe and soft drink stand, will move out in the country and conduct a farm.

News reached here last week of the death of Mr. Ansel Parrish, at Pavo, Ga. Mr. Parrish was 83 years of age and was a Civil War veteran. He was the grandfather of Mr. Thomas Bethune, proprietor of the Bethune Candy Kitchen, and of Mr. Leonard King, of Hartsville.

John Smith has moved to the H. E. Hyatt residence and a number of families will change homes in this vicinity this week.

Dividend Checks Mailed Out
The Loan and Savings Bank has mailed out a semi-annual dividend check of 3 1/2 per cent to its stockholders as a new year's starter.

Meeting of Board of County Directors
The January meeting of the Board of County Directors will be held on Thursday the 5th day of January instead of on Tuesday, the 3rd day.
H. G. Carrison, Jr.,
Chairman.

You Should Read It
The Messenger is carrying an advertisement this week of the old reliable Bank of Camden, an institution that has done a world of good in this community in many ways. It is a strong bank, and has aided many of its customers to tide over rough places and otherwise to help them. Their many former customers, especially, should read their advertisement this week. It will prove entertaining as well as interesting.

A CARD OF THANKS
We wish to take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our loved one, and for the many expressions of interest by them. We shall ever remember them with grateful hearts and pray that our Heavenly Father will richly reward each one.

Mrs. John Hinson and Family.

WRITES US A CHEERING LETTER

Even Remembers Our Old Gray Horse.

The editor of The Messenger received a few days ago a purely personal letter, and we are taking the liberty to quote a part of it here, not in a spirit of self-praise but with the hope that it may inspire some one to do more active work in His Name. The letter began by asking us what became of a certain young man whom we had befriended as well as the writer, and then goes on to say: "In writing you I wish to thank you for the many favors and good words and good advice you gave to me years ago when I was a lad working in the cotton mills at Camden. I often think of you. You have done a lot for young men who were on the road to destruction for which you may never receive any earthly reward. I feel sure there are stars in heaven for you. I have travelled from cotton mill to cotton mill, and have found many men who do not hesitate to say that they owe the change in their lives to you. I am not saying this to flatter you but I believe if we are going to give flowers to give them while we live. Will do I remember in the old dispensary days how you would meet the men covered with oil and cotton from mills and beg them to quit drinking and live better lives; how you and your old gray horse would be seen Sunday afternoons going to the mills to plead with the people to live better lives. Yes, you have done a great work for the down and outs. How if Camden had a dozen men to work with this class of people like you have, many a one would tonight be with their loved ones that are not with them. May God bless you in your work, and I pray that you will live to see the results of your efforts. I remain,
Your true friend,"

We greatly appreciate the very generous words of this friend of ours. We have learned recently that he is doing a good work as a Christian man, and if when a lad we helped him we feel fully repaid by receiving from him, voluntarily, so cheering a letter. He resides in a neighboring town and should we visit his town at any time in the future we will be sure to look him up.

One dollar was received from Mr. M. L. McLeod for the Goodfellows club after the list had been published, making a total of \$58.00 which was turned over to the ladies who so kindly prepared the baskets.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

Mr. John Hinson Passed Away Friday Morning

Mr. John Hinson, a well known citizen of Camden, died at his home about nine o'clock Friday morning, aged 71 years. For the past year or so he had not been in good health and his condition was such as to give his family and friends much concern. For several weeks past he had been confined to his room where he received every possible attention. Years ago Mr. Hinson resided in the Pine Grove section of our county, and was engaged in farming and also engaged in the poultry business as a retail dealer. Later he came to Camden and fitted up a hack for the transfer of passengers, and because of his reliability he built up a good business. He prided himself upon keeping his engagements with his patrons. When automobiles came into use he discontinued the horse-drawn transfers and used the automobile. As a hackman he was successful. When ill health overtook him about two years ago he had to give up active work along this and other lines. Mr. Hinson was not only a reliable man but a man of kind heart and generous impulse and made scores of friends who are grieved to learn of his death. He is survived by his widow and nine children—six sons and three daughters as follows: Arthur, John, Albert, Early, Burney and Andes, and Mrs. Levi Melton and Mrs. John Shirley, of Camden and Mrs. Sallie Palmer, of Columbia. Funeral services were held for him Saturday morning and were conducted by Rev. W. C. Stewart, the interment taking place at Pine Grove church. His six sons acted as pall bearers. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sorrow.

FIVE BURGLARS ARRESTED

HERE

Young Men Looking for Lodging Are Accommodated.

Four young white men, claiming to be from New York, and one from West Virginia, blew into Camden Wednesday evening, bringing with them several suit cases well filled with various articles, called on a police officer for a place to spend the night. They gave their names as Joseph R. Henson, John T. Murphy, James J. Convery and John J. Walsh, of Brooklyn, and James Howell, of West Virginia. Four of them were put in a cell together and Howell placed by himself, and when Thursday morning dawned upon them they found that they were locked up for investigation. A practically new Buick car was supposed to have been deserted by them a few miles east of Camden, and this was pulled in the next day and efforts are being made to locate the owner. The boys claimed that they had ridden to Bethune from some point in North Carolina on a truck and left the party with the truck there. Howell, however, says that he joined the quartet on this side of Raleigh and that they were in the Buick car and gave him a lift. Some time during the night Howell managed to prize his way out and has not been heard of since. It is said that he was wanted in North Carolina for jail breaking. The four who were kept here seemed not to have the least worry about their condition, being perfectly abandoned to every thought of self-respect. They amused themselves while in the city lock-up with singing, making speeches to a supposed jury and were in the highest good. Several robberies it is reported occurred at filling stations along the way, and they are suspected of being the guilty ones. Saturday officers Charles Peckle and S. D. Quick, of Marlboro county, came to Camden with warrants for them, charging them with having robbed the Fair View filling station in that county. They were turned over to these officers along with their suit cases and started for Marlboro about one o'clock Saturday. They came out of their cells in a jolly humor, saying that they were going to take a ride, and if these fellows were actually going out under the most favorable conditions for a pleasure trip they could not have been in a better humor. Poor, foolish boys! They do not seem to realize their lost and ruined condition. These young fellows told us that their mothers were living with the exception of the one who escaped, and he said his mother was dead. What heart-aches and bitter anguish mothers must suffer for their wayward sons. They are not only charged with burglary in Marlboro county but are suspected of stealing the Buick car and perhaps other crimes.

The Buick car which was located about eight miles east of Camden and brought in by officers here, and which it is believed the burglars were riding in, is awaiting the arrival of the owner, who has been located in New York.

Taking Inventory

Mr. W. R. Hough, recently appointed a member of the board of directors of the state penitentiary, with Mr. W. Ancrum Boykin, also a member of the board, visited the state farm yesterday and took an inventory of the crops on hand and such other articles as they deemed necessary. Mr. Hough spoke especially of the exceptionally fine crop of corn, the largest amount he ever saw assembled in one place.

CAMDEN METHODIST CHURCH

Lyttleton Street Near Hampton Park

George Pierce Watson, Pastor
Sunday, January 8: Bible School, 10:00 A. M. Public Worship, at 11:15 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. conducted by the pastor. Morning theme: My Church: What Can I Do for Her? Evening theme: Two Prime Factors in All Life.

Epworth League, 6:45 P. M.

Prayer Meeting, 7:30 P. M. Wednesday evening.

The public is most cordially invited to all the services of this church. Seats free.

Come and bring your friends.

"Just Like a Letter From Home"

Mr. B. F. Phillips, who moved from this county to Texas a number of years ago, in sending us a renewal of his subscription for 1928, says: "The Messenger is just like getting a letter from home. Wishing you much happiness and good luck, I am, Your friend."

BLANEY NEWS

Mrs. Carroll Bowen entertained a number of the younger set Tuesday evening at her home. Old-fashioned games were enjoyed by about fifty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson and children, of Savannah, Ga., spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Evans.

Misses Martha Raye Shivar and Inez Hallman, of Rock Hill, were the guests of Miss Beatrice Ross last week.

Mrs. B. K. Rose and little son have returned from a visit to her parents in Hartsville.

Mrs. B. W. Ward has returned to her home in Lake City after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Rose. Mrs. Rose and Norman Rose accompanied her home.

Miss Ruby Maddox, who is teaching in Fort Mill, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maddox.

Mr. Lewis Dinkins has returned to his duties in Salisbury, N. C., after visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Flaherty and children, of Hamlet, N. C., visited relatives here during the past week.

Mr. Leonard Andrea, superintendent of Blaney School, with his mother and sisters, is visiting his former home in Taylors.

Miss Hattie Shull and Orville Shull, of New Brookland, spent Thursday with Miss Charlotte Ross.

Miss Nannie Sue Harmon, of Bowling Green, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Carroll Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ross, of Camden, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rose.

Mrs. Kate Kelly had as her guests last week her sons, Wood and Dolph Kelly, of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rose had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Woody, of Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Rose, of Charleston.

Mrs. J. D. McLendon is visiting relatives in Columbia and Horrell Hill.

Church Officials Meet

The officials of the Lyttleton Street Methodist church were guests of their pastor, Rev. G. P. Watson, at a dinner served them Thursday evening at the Park View Inn. The dinner was a delightful one, well prepared and well served. After the dinner was over the pastor called on the board of stewards to make a few remarks about the church finances, who discussed the material side of the question and Mr. L. C. Shaw, superintendent of the Sunday school, who spoke of the work and the needs of the school. Mr. Watson then made a brief talk along general lines of church activities, after which the officials retired to the parlor to discuss business matters connected with their church. It was a very pleasant occasion for all, and the hospitality of the pastor was fully appreciated. Mr. B. P. DeLoache invited the officials to hold their next meeting at his home, and the invitation was unanimously accepted with thanks.

ON THE LAST LAP

Bible Class Contest Stepping Up Live-ly

The membership contest of the Character Builders Bible class of the Lyttleton Street Methodist Sunday school, will close next Sunday morning at which time will be known which will have the pleasure of furnishing a supper. The contest is moving along with enthusiasm now. Sunday morning there were seventy-five men in attendance, notwithstanding the bitter cold weather, with the Bues a lead. The final result is being awaited with great interest, and for the final count, which will be Sunday, 8th inst., it is expected that the one hundred mark will be reached.

Governor Gives His Constables 1928 Appointments

Governor Richards has appointed his constabulary staff for 1928, the commissions being prepared by the office of the secretary of state yesterday.

The constables are: J. L. Poppenheim of Charleston, J. W. Richardson of Columbia, L. A. Lown of New Brookland, Sam K. Henry of Spartanburg, T. J. Cunningham of Columbia, B. B. Leitzey of Newberry, J. B. Munn of Bethune, T. W. Blease of Saluda, R. L. Weeks of Laurens and C. M. Foster of Greenwood.—Columbia Record.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham

Mr. Frank Zemp, known and beloved for his sincere courtesy and Christian consideration for others had a most delightful family reunion of his children and grand children Sunday. Not a thing could be desired that was not there when the loved ones were seated at that bountiful artistically appointed table, for love reigned supreme.

Miss Cornelia Jones, the very attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of Kershaw, spent several days with her sister Mrs. H. B. Brown on Broad Street.

Miss Alexander, the successful leader of the little folks Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, gave a delightful Christmas party, stressing giving for others, while they received joy from gifts being shared.

Mrs. Watts, leader of the First Baptist Sunbeams, gave her children a most delightful tree.

The congregation of the Waterree Baptist church filled their pastor's pantry with all the good things provided for their table, not omitting the turkey and the fruit cake. In turn thirty of the children of the Sunbeams were treated to a lovely Christmas tree with Santa Claus for favors.

Miss Phelps' kindergarten children, with her sewing club girls and Mrs. McCaskill's Mothers Club and many visitors had a most successful tree at the club house.

Little Margery Creed entertained most delightfully about thirty of her friends with a beautiful tree and Santa Claus, the occasion being a Birthday party. Many gifts were received.

The many friends of Mrs. Steve Perry are glad indeed to know that she is slowly recovering from a serious illness, also her young daughter, Charlotte.

Will Locate on DeKalb Street

Mr. L. L. Moore, who has been conducting his musical business from his home, has leased the new store room next west of the Beauty Parlor on DeKalb street and will be located there hereafter. Gardner & Moore, contractors, will also have their office in the same room.

Stove Back Blows Out

Yesterday morning the back of the stove at the home of Sheriff J. H. McLeod blew out as a result of the water in the tank freezing and when the fire was made in the stove and the tank began to thaw out the explosion followed. The stove was considerably damaged but fortunately none of the family was seriously hurt. No damage was done to the building to amount to anything we learn.

A Cold Beginning

The new year came in with unusually cold weather. Sunday night and Monday the temperature remained below the freezing point, dropping down around eight degrees above zero Sunday night, and it continued cold last night. At five o'clock yesterday afternoon the thermometer was hovering around 20 degrees, and went considerably lower during the night. This morning there was a brief flurry of snow and later the sun came out.

Gus Sharpe Found Dead in Bed

At Son's Home.
bed at the home of his son, A. C. Sharpe, 3105 Poplar street, South End, yesterday morning.

Mr. Sharpe is survived by nine children, John Sharpe, C. D. Sharpe, A. C. Sharpe, Edward Sharpe, Feaster Sharpe and Edward Sharpe, all of Columbia; Mrs. Katie Boone of Westville, Walter Sharpe of Winnsboro and Mrs. Annie Brown of Blaney.—Columbia Record.

Returning to School

After having enjoyed the holiday season the young men and young ladies who are attending college have returned to the respective institutions where they are students and will again get down to work. The home folk will miss them but hope for each of them a successful career.

The pupils in our city schools are also back to their school work. We trust that each one had a good Christmas and will do their best work this year.