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Social and Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nicholson and baby are visiting the parents of the former.

Miss Louise Trapp left Sunday for Greenwood, where she will attend Greenwood Buisness College.

Hubert Brown returned home Friday from a ten day visit in the mountains of Virginia and Kentucky.

Mr. Lowell Perry, telegraph operator of Charlotte, N. C., with his wife and baby, are visiting Mr. Perry's sister, Mrs. J. B. Baldwin, of this city.

Capers Zemp, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Zemp, left Thursday morning for San Bernardino, California, where he intends to continue his activities along the line of aviation. He will be with his uncle, Mr. Doris Mitcham, while there.

Dr. George S. Rhame has been spending a few days at the home of his mother in Camden.

Mr. Robert Chewning left last week for Gibson, North Carlina where he has accepted a position as principal of Boykin school, near Gibson. Good luck to you, Robert.

A number of Camden boys and girls are leaving this week for college. At this time we have not a complete list of them, but hope to get one soon. In the meantime we wish them all well.

Camden Methodist Church

Lyttleton Street, near Hampton Park. George Pierce Watson, Pastor. Sunday, September 9: Bible school 10:00 A. M. with classes for all grades and ages. Epworth League, 7:15 P. M. Public worship, 11:15 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. conducted by the pastor Morning theme: The Home. Every family, parents and children, are especially urged to attend this service. Evening theme: Life. All college students and High School pupils are especially invited to this service. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M. The public is most cordially invited to all the services of this church. Seats free. Charming music. Practical Bible studies applicable to nobler living. Come and bring your friends.

Lugoff School to Open Monday

The Lugoff school will open Monday, September 10th, with Mrs. Kathleen B. Watts as principal. Mrs. Watts has just been nominated as county school superintendent, but her term will not begin until July 1st. 1929.

Outing for Sunday School Pupils

An outing has been arranged for Thursday afternoon to Holland's pond for the junior department of the Lyttleton street Methodist Sunday school. As many of the adults as may wish to join them will be welcome. The party will meet on Hampton Park at three o'clock where cars will be provided for them to the pond. Refreshments and other features will be provided.

Death of L. R. Jennings.

Mr. L. R. Jennings died at his home 26 Corbett street, Monday afternoon at the age of 79 years. Mr. Jennings was one of the few surviving Confederate veterans of Sumter. The funeral services were held in Tirzah church at Dalzell on Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Woodsin and Rev. John A. Brunson, D. D.

Mr. Jennings is survived by his wife and the following children:

L. S. Jennings of Sumter; B. E. Jennings of Camden; John D. Jennings of Greenwood; Philip Jennings of Columbia; Henry and Charlie Jennings of Sumter; Mrs. E. P. Scarboro of Dalzell; Mrs. J. R. Wells of Privateer; Miss Catherine Jennings of Sumter; one brother, Mr. W. A. Jennings of Sumter.

Mr. Jennings was twice married, his first wife being Miss Alice Doby. —Sumter Herald, Aug. 30.

Lancaster County Second Primary Candidates.

Following is a list of candidates who will make the second race for county offices in an election to be held on Tuesday, September 11, 1928.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES—Lewis M. Clyburn, Dr. E. J. Hinson, Harry Hines, Allen M. Sapp.

SHERIFF—L. F. Dabney, H. A. Montgomery.

CORONER—Pat Shillitto, W. Jeff Small.—Lancaster News.

J. COPELAND MASSEY DEAD

Prominent Kershaw Attorney Passes Away Suddenly

The announcement of the sudden death of Hon. J. Copeland Massey of Kershaw, brought genuine sorrow to every one who knew him, for by his generous, whole-hearted disposition he had won the highest esteem of every one. The announcement of his death was a great shock to his friends in Camden. He was a frequent visitor here and everybody was a friend of "Cope Massey". The following account of his death under a Kershaw headline will be read with interest yet with sorrow:

"The many friends throughout South Carolina of J. Copeland Massey have heard with regret of his sudden death which occurred Tuesday night at Shelbyville, Indiana, while he was away from home on a short vacation. The remains, accompanied by his wife, who was with him on his vacation, arrived in Kershaw yesterday evening and were taken direct to Taxahaw, his old home about twelve miles east of Kershaw, where interment will take place at eleven o'clock, Saturday with the ceremonies of the Masonic order.

Mr. Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Massey, was born May 18, 1887, in the little village of Taxahaw in Lancaster county, and there he dwelt until he reached the stage of manhood. He received his education in the grammar schools at Taxahaw. He finished high school at Kershaw and attended the junior college at Wingate, N. C., after teaching a while he completed the law course at the University of South Carolina and settled in Kershaw for the practice of his profession and attained a good degree of success.

His first political services was as member of the house of representatives from Lancaster county. Later he moved across the line into Kershaw county and very soon afterward was elected to the state senate from Kershaw county. In both these positions he formed many warm friendships. He served several terms as mayor of the town of Kershaw and has been attorney of the town for a number of years, and it seems almost needless to mention in this connection that he enjoyed a wide circle of intimate friendships and was popular with all who knew him.

Mr. Massey and Mrs. Massey left Kershaw Wednesday morning August 22 to attend to some matters of business and then for a two weeks vacation at Lake Michigan in Indiana. When nearing Shelbyville in that state on Tuesday he was taken sick on the train. He was taken from the train and carried to a hotel in Shelbyville, feeling better in the afternoon, he and Mrs. Massey went for a walk when he suffered another attack and was taken to a hospital where he died about nine o'clock that night. A telegram from Mrs. Massey notified relatives here of his death and his remains were met at Columbia Thursday afternoon and brought from there by motor hearse to his home. A number of friends went to Columbia to accompany the remains on their journey homeward.

Mr. Massey had attained high rank in Masonry through both the York and Scottish rites and will be buried with the ceremonies of the Masonic order at Taxahaw Saturday morning. He was a member of the Kershaw Presbyterian church and was a teacher of a class of young people in the Sunday school. He will be sadly missed from the community in which he lived so long and in which he was so useful.

He is survived by his widow who was Miss Sallie Smith of Berlin, Maryland, his parents, several sisters and brothers and numerous other relatives."

Gov. Richards to Speak at Blaney.

You are invited to the formal opening of the Blaney School on Thursday evening, September 6th. A reception for the teachers will be given from 8:00 to 8:30 o'clock, by the School Improvement Association, after which Hon. John G. Richards, Governor of South Carolina, will deliver an address. The school will be open on Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th, for registration and enrollment. If your child expects to attend school at any time during this session be sure that he enrolls Thursday and Friday even if he cannot start regularly until later. It is very important for every child to enroll at the beginning.

Regular school work begins Monday, September 10th.

LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

Gathered by Our Correspondent There.

Mr. Editor—Messrs. Mackey, Jones & Co's cotton gin was in operation on Saturday and turned out a number of bales. English Brown, a colored tenant on Mr. D. M. Jones' place south of Beaver Creek had the honor of bringing the first bale of the season to be ginned.

Mrs. C. E. Richards is having her residence improved and enlarged by the addition of more rooms.

A big fox hunt was planned for last Saturday morning—just after midnight—but was delayed by a heavy thunderstorm and rain. However, it was successfully pulled off a little later, the fox being caught after an exciting chase of over two hours. A number of "lovers of the chase" from Heath Springs and Stoneboro were present. Governor Richards listened to and enjoyed the "fox hound music" from a position of vantage on the route. Another hunt is planned for this (Monday) morning if the rain does not prevent.

On Friday last we received the following unique invitation:

Mrs. L. P. Thompson and Mary Pick Hay

Bid you dull care aside to lay!
Friday night at half after eight.
Now do see that you aren't late!
The place to meet is upper Main
Please be there in spite of rain!

Of course we went, as did almost everybody in the community and the spacious hall and parlor of Mr. Thompson's fine old "ante-bellum" residence was filled with anxious and interested spectators who enjoyed very much the "guessing game" and other "mirth producing" stunts and games as well as the splendid music both vocal and instrumental with which the other gaities of the entertainment were freely interspersed, especially fine were some of the exhibitions of "mimicry" and stuttering by Misses Bettie and Rekah Richards. Excellent punch was served which was the product of the skill of Rev. F. A. Drennan who is an expert at concocting—and tasting—that delicious beverage. The near approach of a heavy rain and thunder storm caused the assembled guests to disperse sooner than they would have gone, but all carried with them—despite the rain—pleasant memories of the delightful occasion where all from the "distinguished Governor" (and family) of South Carolina, down to the humblest guest present met and mingled in pleasant social intercourse We thank Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Miss Hay for the privilege of being present.

Rev. F. A. Drennan preached a splendid sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning to a large congregation, notwithstanding the inclement weather. However, the night service was prevented by rain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McCrea and children came over Saturday to spend the week end with the parents of Mrs. McCrea, Gov. and Mrs. Richards, who are sojourning for a while at the old home here.

Mrs. C. D. Cunningham and daughters, Misses Mary and Sara, and young C. D., Jr., have returned home after a pleasant stay in the "City by the Sea."

Mr. P. G. Richards and family of Spencer, N. C., have been visiting at the home of Hon. N. S. Richards for several days. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. McCoy and children were visitors last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Floyd.

Young Edward Craig, a son of the late Adjt. Gen. Craig, of Columbia, has gone to Lancaster to visit relatives there, after spending some time with his kinsfolk here—the family of Mr. J. B. Johnston.

Mr. John Edwards Richards who has been spending a couple of weeks at Montreat, is expected home this week.

Mrs. W. B. Fort, of Greenville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Hilton.

Miss Mary Jones, of Kershaw, was a recent visitor of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Stroupe.

Dr. W. R. Blackmon and Jo McFlowers, of Rock Hill, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Hilton last week.

Mr. G. W. Perry, of Heath Springs spent several days last week with his sister, Mr. J. H. Clements.

Mr. F. J. Cunningham, of Spartanburg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, Jr., of Columbia, were Sunday guests in the home of Postmaster and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham.

Mr. R. J. Wardlaw, Jr., who is employed at the State Penitentiary, spent Sunday at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Richards of Cheraw were visitors here Sunday. They were accompanied on their return by Miss Lal Richards as far as McBee where she has accepted a position to teach in the schools of that thriving town of the "sand hill peach belt."

One morning last week as Mr. Jak Mobley, who operates a lumber truck was driving along the road south of this place before daylight, a neatly grown fox came into the road ahead of him and was run down and killed by the truck. On the same morning he killed a rabbit also. The light, no doubt, blinded the animals. A rather novel method of fox chasing, we think!

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CAPTURED CAR AND WHISKEY

Men in Charge Made Escape

About three o'clock Monday morning Officers L. E. Barnes and A. R. Mayer, of the Camden police force discovered a car coming in apparently from Charlotte, N. C., and when in the neighborhood of the monument they attempted to capture the men, two being in the car, they jumped out and put up a clever piece of running and finally got away. The officers in charge of the car, which was a Studebaker coach, and carried a Carolina license, and brought to town to police headquarters where it was found to be pretty well loaded with "moonshine". There were some twenty five or more half gallon jars, some containers had been broken. It was a clever piece of work on the part of these officers in detecting and capturing the car.

Mr Bowen Honored With Picnic

On Friday, August 30th, the good people of the Harmony section of Wateree township gave a second picnic and barbecue dinner, the first being about this time last year, in honor of Mr. Earl H. Bowen, county director from this township.

This was given as a token of appreciation of the wonderful improvement on roads and bridges throughout the neighborhood since he has been in office. The crowd began to gather about ten o'clock in a large oak grove near Beckman's mill. The odor of the cooking barbecue began at once to work on the appetites of those present and by 12:30 all were in a good eating humor. The ladies spread the long table with the barbecue and all kinds of good things to eat. After thanks had been returned by Rev. Mr. Padgett, the pastor of Harmony church the crowd was invited to partake of the bounties before them. This they did with much enjoyment. Everyone reported a very pleasant time. Many long needed improvements have been worked out in the road systems of this and all other sections of the township since Mr. Bowen's induction into office, for which the people generally are deeply grateful. This fact was clearly demonstrated in the recent primary when the Harmony Club cast every ballot for Mr. Bowen.

To Have Picnic

The Lyttleton Street Methodist Sunday School will have a picnic at Holland's Pond on Thursday afternoon of this week. All the members and patrons of the school are expected to attend. All who go are requested to meet at Hampton Park at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Cars will be in readiness to carry passengers and baskets to the Pond. Each of the present and prospective college students is especially urged to come, as one special feature of the afternoon will be a "Good-bye" and "God Bless You" event which will be held about 5:00 P. M. Swimming will be the chief amusemnt, of course. So, come one, come all, and let us have a joyous occasion long to be remembered.

Sensational Sale of New Fall Dresses

We direct attention to the advertisement of The Sumter Dry Good Company, who are putting on a sensational sale of new fall dresses. They put on one of these sales last fall and many ladies in adjoining towns became their satisfied customers. They are offering 1,000 dresses and more than 200 styles to select from. There must be a tremendous saving at such a sale as this. This firm is well known to many in Camden. A Camden man has been connected with The Sumter Dry Goods Company for many years, Mr. T. H. Clarke, and no more reliable people can be found anywhere. Read their advertisement and see what they have to offer you.

KERSHAW COUNTY PRIMARY

Newton Kelly Re elected to the House —Mrs. Watts Elected County Superintendent of Education

In the primary election held in Kershaw county Tuesday the following candidates were reelected with no opposition:

J. H. Clyburn, clerk of court; W. L. DePass, Jr., Master; H. E. Munn, road superintendent; H. G. Carrison, Township Director from Dekalb Township; J. H. Sowell, Township Director from Flat Rock Township. H. Bowen was reelected director from Wateree Township over his competitor, G. E. Hinson, and D. M. Kirkley was reelected from Buffalo Township over his competitor, M. G. King.

There are thirty five boxes in the county and the total vote for the other candidates is given as follows:

For U. S. House of Representatives, Fifth S. C. District:
Zeb Vance Barron ..... [illegible]
W. F. Stevenson ..... [illegible]

For S. C. House of Representatives—
J. R. Bell 1154
Newton Kelly 1821
D. M. McCaskill 211
J. N. McLaurin 1250
Norman S. Richards 1331

For Coroner—
W. F. Russell 211
S. J. West ..... 1[illegible]

For Superintendent of Education—
L. J. McKenzie ..... [illegible]
Kathleen B. Watts ..... [illegible]

For Clerk of Court—
J. H. Clyburn

For Master in Equity—
W. L. DePass, Jr.

For Road Superintendent—
H. E. Munn.

For Wateree Township Director—
Earl H. Bowen 459
G. E. Hinson 172

For Buffalo Township Director—
M. G. King 407
D. M. Kirkley 510

For Flat Rock Township Director—
J. H. Sowell

For DeKalb Township Director—
H. G. Carrison, Jr.

For Magistrate Upper Wateree Township—
J. R. Burtside 24
W. M. Perke 160
Ben A. Rabon 61

For Magistrate Lower Wateree Township—
J. D. Watson.

For Magistrate DeKalb Township—
B. M. Smith

For Magistrate Upper Flat Rock Township—
L. P. Thompson

For Magistrate Lower Flat Rock Township—
T. C. Fletcher

For Magistrate Lower Buffalo Township—
J. E. Copeland 306
C. C. Pate 227

For Magistrate Upper Buffalo Township—
H. Edd Kirkley 211
W. R. Taylor 504

BEN BESS CASE APPEAL TAKEN

Habeas Corpus Proceedings Instituted Before Justice Cothran.

The Ben Bess case will be heard by Associate Justice T. P. Cothran in habeas corpus proceedings in chambers at Greenville, September 28, under the terms of an order issued by the court Thursday on application of attorneys for Bess.

The petition filed with the supreme court sets forth that Bess is now held in the penitentiary in violation of the rights of citizens as contained in the constitution of South Carolina and the United States.

In a previous testimony taken at a hearing before the masters of Richland county, and after accepting as the law and facts in the case, Circuit Judge W. H. Townsend recently found that Bess was released from the penitentiary where he was serving a sentence of 30 years for alleged rape on a pardon petition filed by Governor Richards which contained false information. Judge Townsend found that Governor Richards was within his rights when he cancelled the pardon of Bess and ordered Bess to be returned to the state penitentiary.

Bess is the Florence county negro who served thirteen years of a thirty year term for criminal assault on a white woman, to be pardoned early this summer when the woman signed a statement exonerating Bess. Later the woman signed a second affidavit declaring that her first statement had been signed in ignorance of its real import; that she did not mean to exonerate Bess, but wished to convey him that Bess was guilty of the crime of which he had been convicted. —The Columbia Record.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs Thomas Lawton Willingham

[illegible]

Had Delightful Fish Fry

[illegible]

A CARD

To the voters of Kershaw County. I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks to Voters of Kershaw County for the magnificent vote given me in the Primary election which insures my re-election to the office of Coroner. I shall ever be grateful for the honor given me.

Yours very truly,
W. F. RUSSELL.

Lancaster County Executive Committee Declares Election.

It was stated at the meeting of the executive committee here in the court house Thursday that three candidates failed to comply with the rules and laws of the Democratic election in that they did not file expense accounts before and after election. It was held by the committee that the candidates receiving the majority of votes were declared elected regardless of their failure to comply with the law.

The three cases involved were Hardin, failed [illegible] in the case of Coach Connelly for [illegible]; McIlwaney [illegible] the Coach, Magistrate [illegible]; Crockett, failed [illegible] Wells, Township Commissioner; Harper and Crockett were declared elected and McIlwaney, Hardin and Coach defeated.

Candidates Upheld in Non Compliance Election Results

Magistrate [illegible] failed to file expense accounts Thursday afternoon [illegible] will be called [illegible] Township Commissioner [illegible] declared:

Second race, Jim D. Brown and Montgomery.

Second Race House, Clyburn, Hines, Hinson, Sapp.

For Treasurer, G. Oti Mobley elected.

For Clerk of Court, Paul Moore elected.

For Auditor, Kershaw elected.

Second Race Coroner, Small and Shillito.

Second Race Magistrate, Cole Creek, Small and [illegible].

Second Race Magistrate, Cane Creek, Mosely and [illegible].

Second Race Barber, Commissioner [illegible].

Second Race Cole Creek Commissioner, Baker and [illegible].

Hardin, Wilson, Bradley, Yoder, Jenkins, Cagley declared elected as township commissioners.