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Social and Personal Items

Dr. Frank M. Zemp is confined to his home on account of being sick. He was at church as usual Sunday morning but became unwell Sunday afternoon. His many friends hope that he will soon be up again.

Mr. W. F. Nettles is laid up with a wrenched back. He was cranking his truck and in some way received quite a severe wrench. He is better now but not able to be at his place of business. His friends will be glad to learn, however, that he is improving and will likely soon be out again.

Miss Annie Belle Hudson resumes her teaching in the Clinton graded school. She is also organist in the Methodist church and is a fine musician.

Miss Alma Hudson is a student at Winthrop college.

Miss Thelma Hudson teaches at Abbottsburg this term.—Pee Dee Advocate.

The above young ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hudson, former residents of Kershaw county.

Mr. Teddy de Loach of Gastonia, N. C. spent a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. de Loach.

Mr. Troy West, of Pittsburgh, Penn., is visiting relatives in Camden.

Messrs. Cecil Wittkowsky and Andrew Whitaker left this morning to resume their studies at the South Carolina Medical College, Charleston.

Presbyterian Church Notes.
The Men of the Church will have their next meeting Tuesday evening October 2 at eight o'clock at the home of the Pastor. Every man in the church is urged to come.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in this church Sunday morning October 7.

The Synod of South Carolina meets in the First Church of Columbia Tuesday evening October 9 at eight o'clock. Presbytery of Congaree meets in the Rose Hill church October 22. At a recent meeting of the session the following were selected to represent Bethesda church, S. A. F. M. Wooten, delegate, J. S. Lindsay, alternate. Presbytery, S. W. Vanlandingham, delegate; and W. L. DePass, alternate.

Rally Day will be observed in our Sunday school Sunday morning October 7, at 10 o'clock. We hope to have a splendid attendance and offering for the Sunday School work in needy places of the South. A special program "The King's Highway" will be given at that time.

Sunday morning 121 attended our Sunday School. This is fine. We hope you will help us make a steady growth in Sunday School interest during the fall.

Sunday School 10 a. m.; Morning worship, 11:15 a. m.; Midweek service, Wednesday evenings 8 p. m.; C. B. Sunday evenings 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Camden Methodist Church
Lethbridge Street, near Hampton Park. George Pierre Watson, Pastor. Sunday, September 30: Bible school, 10:00 A. M., with classes for all grades and ages. Public worship at 11:15 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor.

Board of Training School for Sunday School workers and others who wish the opportunity will meet at 3:30 P. M. for organization and the beginning of work. The workers of every congregation in town are cordially invited to share these profits with us.

Throughout the week, concluding Friday, the classes will meet at 7:30 and adjourn at 9:30 each evening. Let us establish a record of attendance and efficiency. No text book will cost more than One Dollar. Come and bring your friends.

Choice Honey
We are indebted to our friend, Mr. T. L. Davis, for a jar of very choice honey presented us yesterday. Already ye editor and family are enjoying it. We appreciate Mr. Davis' kind remembrance.

Sixty Roads Impassable
The State Highway Department reports that there are yet sixty roads in the state that are impassable. Several of these roads touch Kershaw county, but detours can be made in some instances. With fair weather now they will all soon be opened again.

BLANEY NEWS

Special to The Messenger.
Blaney, September 22.—Miss Jean Starnes and Miss Susie Shannon, teachers in the local school spent the past week end in Ridgeway and Parr respectively with their parents.

Miss Elise Rose has returned from Columbia where she was the guest of Miss Elise Perry.

Miss Blanche Wyndham spent the week end with her mother who is ill in the McLeod Infirmary in Florence.

Miss Agnes A. Cribb and little sons, Zane and Kemo of Florence are the guests this week of her mother, Mrs. C. S. Anfin.

Miss Elise Rose has returned from Hamlet, N. C., where she visited her sister, Mrs. C. M. Flaherty.

Miss Kate Stanley spent Sunday with relatives in Columbia.

Rev. J. D. Harrison of Graham spent the past week end with friends here.

Miss Eleanor Grace Kelly of Columbia spent Sunday here with Miss Louise Rose.

Misses H. Zma and Fanny Monroe had as their guests Sunday, Carl Knight and George Aves of Oxford, N. C.

Miss Eva Motley of the Columbia Hospital and Miss Ruth Elens of the Baptist Hospital spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. M. B. LeGrand and children of Columbia spent the week end here with her mother, Mr. J. E. Hawkins.

Mrs. Mildred Easter of Columbia is the guest of Mrs. T. G. Sessions.

Mrs. A. C. Sanders is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Drakeford in Columbia.

The recent rains and the heavy storm of last Tuesday has kept the school trucks from running and consequently the attendance has fallen off very much.

A New Enterprise.
The Katherine DeLoache Coal Company is a new enterprise for Camden. Miss Katherine DeLoache is proprietress. The coal yard we understand is located on the tracks of the Northwestern railroad. F. M. Bryant, Jr., is manager.

Sang Solo Sunday Evening
Mr. F. M. Bryant, Jr., who is spending a few weeks in Camden, sang a solo in the Methodist church Sunday evening at the regular services of the church, which was very much appreciated by the congregation and the pastor. Mr. Bryant was an attendant at Sunday School Sunday morning and at the morning services. Although the weather was a bit threatening there was a good attendance at both morning and evening services.

A Distressing Accident
Saturday afternoon Billie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pitts, was run over and painfully injured by an automobile. The car was being driven by Mrs. Deal who was greatly distressed at the accident and did all she could for the little fellow's relief. He was taken to the hospital at once and given medical attention. It is said that the wheel of the car passed over his stomach, and it was feared at first that he might be seriously injured internally, but he is getting along nicely and will probably be back home within a day or so. He was still at the hospital yesterday as a precautionary measure in case there might be unexpected developments in his case. His parents were in Columbia at the time the accident happened.

Deputy Sheriff Killed When Liquor Men Smash Car.
Anderson, Sept. 18.—Forced off a high embankment by an alleged bootlegger Deputy Sheriff L. A. Martin was instantly killed early today on the Portman Road, near Deep Creek.

Martin and Parker Clump sighted a car they believed to be loaded with liquor and gave chase. A second car acting as guard for the rum runner was driven in such a way as to impede the officers. Finally getting around this car, according to the story told by Clump, Martin drew up to the rum runner.

Drawing abreast of the rum runner Martin fired two shots at the tires. The car drew to the roadside as though to stop, then suddenly switched across the road, catching the officers' car on the running board and front wheels, causing it to go off the fill.

The car turned over several times. Martin's neck was broken. Clump was unhurt.

LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

Gathered by Our Correspondent There.

Mr. Editor:—This community in common with most of the state, suffered very considerable damage by the recent storm. Cotton, which was already in bad condition from the wet weather of the past month—was blown and twisted about and much of it pelted out on the ground and with rotten bolls will make the damage to that crop very considerable. Corn, too, was blown down, and where the fodder was not saved it will be almost worthless. Nearly all houses leaked and some damage was caused that way. A portion of the new tin roof on the porch of the home of Gov. Richards was torn loose but not blown off, and has been repaired. Many fine trees and much timber was "laid low," among them several fine large cedars in the yard of Mr. R. C. Jones. A large pine and mammoth wild cherry that stood by the sidewalk leading to the church and school house fell and blocked the road. A large pine and oak near Mrs. S. H. Cunningham's place.

The large oak in the back yard of Mr. C. D. Cunningham fell in front of his garage completely blocking the entrance, and also the big spreading red oak near the entrance to his yard fell across and closed the road to all motor travel for a while—and our Post Master had to exercise his nether extremities in going to and from his place of business. Many other trees and timber were victims of the winds, also.

A break in the fill of the Beaver Creek bridge occurred, but has been repaired.

We hear that Mr. W. J. Richards, who is in a hospital at Greensboro, N. C., recuperating from an operation, is doing nicely.

Mr. W. Z. Hilton informs us that his daughter, Miss Julia, who is undergoing treatment in a Columbia hospital, is not improving as much as was hoped.

Mr. J. W. Thompson, popular traveling salesman, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. E. L. Jones, who superintends his father's ginney, was painfully scalded about the neck on Saturday by escaping steam from a pipe at the gin.

Mr. J. H. Clements and his small son, J. H., Jr., each had a "birth day" last week and were treated by Mrs. Clements to a "special dinner." Of course! your "reporter" was on hand to felicitate them on the occasion, and partake of the dinner.

"We" and our "good friend", Mr. R. B. Jones, accepted an invitation by Mr. C. D. Cunningham to visit his place and eat scuppernongs. We got in his car and were soon at his beautiful and well arranged premises where we visited the arbor and partook of the delicious fruit to satiety. "Our friend" did not eat any—said he was chewing tobacco. Well! the idea! but 'tis said there is no accounting for taste! Our host will please accept thanks for the treat.

A fine bird dog of Mr. L. P. Thompson fell into an old well or pit filled with water where he was heard and discovered by Miss Charlotte Wardlaw, who assisted her father, Mr. R. J. Wardlaw, in procuring a rope and extricating his "dog ship" from his unpleasant and dangerous position. The pit is near Miss Wardlaw's home. C.

Program of Union Meeting.
Below is a program of the Union meeting of the Kershaw Baptist Association which meets at Bethany (Westville) Sept. 29th at ten o'clock A. M. All the churches of our association are requested to send up representatives.

As Sunday, Sept. 30, is state mission day in South Carolina we have tried to arrange a mission program.

10:00 A. M. Devotional.
10:15 A. M. Enrollment.
10:30 A. M. Am I My Brother's Keeper? Gen. 4:9.
10:45 A. M. But First Gave Their Own Selves to the Lord. 2nd Cor. 8:5
11:00 A. M. Are the Baptist Churches of the Kershaw Association Robbing God? Mal. 3:8.

11:30 A. M. What the W. M. U. is Doing for Missions.
12:00 M. Miscellaneous.
Lunch.
1:30 P. M. The Cooperative Program.

1:50 P. M. What We Should Know About State Missions.
2:10 P. M. Why Do We Call Our Church a Missionary Church?

STRICKEN AREA'S RECONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

Minute Check of Loss of Lives Possible—Put Beyond 2,000 Mark

West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 23.—(AP): Palm Beach county, swept by one of Florida's most disastrous hurricanes a week ago, today looked to the future with plans for rapid rehabilitation, while rescue crews still worked across the debris and floods around Lake Okechobee searching for bodies of victims of the appalling tragedy.

Officials announced today that an accurate check of the dead probably would never be made as the task apparently was impossible, due to conditions arising in the stricken lake area.

Bodies now being found are in such condition, they said, that many were being cremated while others were being buried near where they were found.

Disclosure of the tragic chapter of Pelican City yesterday when 200 bodies were found beneath debris strewn along the shoreline of the bay opposite the village itself, had rescue workers to express fears that the entire population had died in the storm and flood.

Population Had Grown
Normally a village of 250 population, the settlement was said to have been increased recently with an influx of laborers to work in nearby sugar cane fields.

The death list was placed at "more than 1,000" today by Howard Selby, chairman of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Red Cross, adding that he could "lay his hands" on that many adling that since cremation or burial of bodies in the stricken area had become necessary it would be impossible to determine the total loss of life.

"The condition of bodies we are finding now," he said, "makes it necessary to dispose of them as quickly as possible. As a result they are being burned in the fields, buried where they are found and otherwise disposed of with only incomplete reports coming in to us."

In a report made to Selby after complete survey, O. C. Geiger said that 1,500 negroes and 700 white persons had been lost during the hurricane. Geiger placed property damage in the lake district at 95 per cent and said 98 per cent of the live stock and poultry in the area was killed.

Reconstruction Starts
Reconstruction of buildings here and at Palm Beach, where the West Indian roaring in off the Atlantic, after sweeping islands from Porto Rico to the Bahamas, ripped off roofs, smashed plate glass and otherwise created havoc, already has begun.

An Error
In the report of the county board of directors for August this item appeared: "C. W. Evans, on acct. coffin for Sam Cook, \$125.00". Mr. Evans was paid only \$20.00 and the report should have read that way. We are glad to make this correction in justice to the board of directors, although the error was not made in our office. It was merely a clerical error in making a copy of the report.

Day of Atonement.
Yesterday was observed as the Day of Atonement by our Hebrew friends. Their places of business were closed all day, the holiday starting at 6 o'clock Sunday evening and lasting until six o'clock Monday evening. Religious services were held at the Temple.

Serious Automobile Accident
Sunday afternoon a serious automobile accident occurred just beyond Lugoff. Mr. Lockard A. Munn, accompanied by three young ladies, Miss Dollie Parker, Misses Sarah and Jeanette Sheffield, were returning from Columbia, when they saw an automobile parked on the road and another car approaching them. In effort to avoid the approaching car Mr. Munn hit the other car. It was about as near and unavoidable accident as could well be. The glass in the car was knocked out but the car did not turn over. Miss Parker was seriously injured and was hurried to the hospital. The other occupants were also brought to the hospital but their injuries being minor were soon able to leave. Mr. Munn spent the night at the hospital but was discharged this morning. Miss Parker is in a very serious condition. A blood transfusion was resorted to yesterday in an effort to save her life.

A Worth-while Premium.

The Messenger is pleased to announce that for a limited time, each subscriber, new or renewal, will be presented with a copy of the Universal Self-Pronouncing Dictionary, suitable for home and school. There are 440 pages in the Dictionary, and it contains a large vocabulary of words, synonyms and antonyms, rules for punctuation, rules for correct English, forms of address, abbreviations, foreign words and phrases. It is endorsed by a large number of school authorities and in almost universal use. Shows at a glance correct pronunciation of words, how to divide words and syllables, capitalization of words, parts of speech, etc., etc. We have only a limited number of these dictionaries, so if you wish one we advise you to act promptly. The price of The Messenger is only \$1.50 a year and in subscribing or renewing your subscription at this time you get one of these valuable dictionaries absolutely free. To avoid disappointment we urge you to act promptly.

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BIG DEMOCRATIC RALLY

Thursday Evening, 8 o'clock

There will be a big Democratic rally Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. A prominent speaker will be present to address the meeting. Every Democratic voter, men and women, are expected to attend. There are some important matters to be discussed, and as a loyal citizen you should be present and take a part, and help fill the auditorium. Show your colors.

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Rev. Albert S. Thomas Elected Bishop South Carolina Diocese

Florence, Sept. 19 (AP).—The Rev. Albert S. Thomas, rector of St. Michael's church, Charleston, will succeed the late William A. Guerry as bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, having been elected on the fifth ballot to the office by a special convention here yesterday.

The question of reuniting the two dioceses of South Carolina and upper South Carolina was not brought before the convention, it being understood that the proposal of reunion had gained so little support that the matter was dropped by tacit consent.

Many of the delegates reaching here had expressed opposition to the union plan.

In voting for the bishop no nominations were made from the floor. After silent prayer ballots were distributed among the delegates.

On the first ballot those receiving votes included the Rev. Oliver Harp of Chattanooga, Tenn.; the Rev. Mr. Thomas, bishop-elect, the Rev. O. T. Porcher of Bennettsville, the Rev. H. D. Phillips of Columbia, the Rev. William Way of Charleston, the Rev. W. H. Starr of Charleston, and the Rev. W. S. Paynor of Florence.

The news and Courier made the following very pleasant comments with reference to the election of Mr. Thomas:

"The election of the Rev. Albert S. Thomas, rector of St. Michael's Church, as Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, to succeed the lamented Dr. Guerry, will be received with keen satisfaction not only by his parishioners and other Episcopalians but by the people of Charleston generally. He is descended from families distinguished for their work in the Episcopal church from the early days of the colony of South Carolina. Scarcely another man of the clergy of the state is so familiar with the affairs of the parishes. He is an accomplished scholar in the field of church law and literature, a preacher of incisive and penetrating style, an earnest, devout man."

The Rev. Mr. Thomas is well known to a number of Camden people. He is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Carrison, Sr., and after his marriage to Miss Emily Carrison was rector of St. David's church in Cheraw.

This is a good time to place your advertisement. Telling the people what you have to sell will help your business.

It must be a down-and-out sure enough who can grumble with such fine weather as we are now having.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is something money cannot buy. 'Tis far more precious than jewels, and should be treasured accordingly. The delicate clinging link of love which binds all great, true friendship is strong enough to overlook all petty doubts, and still shine forth from the heights like a glorious beacon. Friendship, purified with the passing years of life's crosses and heartaches, is sweet like the thrilling notes of a song bird, as beautiful as the gleaming silver of a dark cloud, and soothing like tender caressing music from some old priceless violin played by a master's hand. It's like heaven's clear blue after a storm and has the power to melt the snows in our hearts, after we have been disillusioned by each bitter folly and tragic mistake. Friendship is like God's own sacred heart, which enfolds us and shines softly 'round us all through youth's spring-time and age's after-glow; at the hour of death, friendship, the kind which has been proven worth while, leaves fragrant perfumed memories—too deep for mere words.—Selected.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Willingham have planned a vacation for a couple of weeks.

Old Methods Resorted To.

For one or two nights last week the residents of Camden resorted to old methods for providing themselves with lights. Candles and lamps were brought into use once more, but with the energy displayed by the linemen it was for only a short time that lamps and candles were necessary.

Comes To Visit Father's People

Among the visitors at governor's office yesterday was Lewis Munn of Webster parish, Louisiana, who is a farmer in the gas field section of Louisiana. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Munn, formerly of Kershaw county, who moved to Louisiana in 1890 before Lewis Munn was born. Lewis Munn, with his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Young Munn, are back in South Carolina and Lewis is being introduced to his kin.

He has recently been visiting one of his uncles, J. B. Munn, at Bethune. He has four other uncles in Kershaw and is seeing them for the first time. While he had heard much of South Carolina since his earliest recollections, Mr. Munn says he sees many things which impress him most favorably.—The State.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many good friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us in the illness of our Son and Brother. May God bless each and every one of them.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton and family

Shipment of Dictionaries.

The Messenger Book Store received a shipment of dictionaries yesterday. Prices 60c, \$1.25 and \$2.00.

Al Smith, the "Happy Warrior," here's wishing him success.

Case Nolle Prossed Against Chapman

Rock Hill, Sept. 14. Charges of using the mails with intent to defraud against the Rev. S. P. Chapman, Wesleyan Methodist pastor of Rock Hill, were nolle prossed in federal district court here today.

A grand jury yesterday returned an indictment. Counsel for the minister then entered a motion to quash the indictment on grounds that a threat in a letter to W. A. Edwards of Westville could not be interpreted as a crime under the statute. When attorneys appeared today, they withdrew the motion, and District Attorney Joseph A. Tolbert announced that he had decided to abandon the charges.

Mr. Chapman was arrested and bound over to court under \$1,500 bond on a complaint of Edwards. In a letter Chapman threatened to expose Edwards for an alleged assault upon the wife of a tenant, and for an alleged conspiracy to "make away" with Edwards' wife, coupled with demands for payment of a \$750 note and \$40 to fifty dollars alleged to be owed a former tenant an Edwards' farm. Chapman was acting in the capacity of a private detective.

Cheer up. The darkest clouds have a silver lining. And the silver lining can be seen quicker with a cheerful face.