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## Social and Personal Items

Mrs. Louise Brown, former health nurse for Kershaw county, now located in Cheraw, came to Camden in order to cast her ballot for the democratic nominees and to look after some matters of business.

Messrs. H. B. Kennedy and Alfred Kennedy, of Atlanta, Ga., will spend a week or so in Camden at their old home here, and while here Mrs. E. C. von Tresckow will "keep house" for them.

### Voting is Heavy.

The general election is being held today, and the voting is heavy for a general election. Especially is this true in Camden where before noon about three hundred votes had been cast in the presidential election. There will be few if any votes cast against the democratic nominees. At a good many of the rural precincts we doubt if any votes will be cast against the regular democratic nominees. Kershaw county will prove by her vote today that she is loyal to her party.

### Poultry Car at Kershaw Tuesday

The Farm Agents of Lancaster and Kershaw Counties will ship poultry next weeks as follows:

Kershaw—Tuesday, all day.  
Heath Springs—Wednesday, all day.  
Lancaster—Thursday.

Prices to be paid are as follows:  
Colored hens and chicks, 21c. per lb.  
Leghorn hens and ducks, 18c. per lb.  
Stags, ducks, geese, - 15c. per lb.  
Turkeys 7 lbs. and over 31c. per lb.  
Turkeys, culls & old toms, 25c. per lb.

### Camden Methodist Church

Lytleton Street, near Hampton Park. George Pierce Watson, Pastor. Sunday, November 11: Bible school, 10:00 A. M., with classes for all grades and ages. Epworth League 6:45 P. M. to which all the young people are invited. Public worship, 11:15 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. conducted by the pastor. Morning theme "Watch Your Step," a sermon especially for children and young people. Evening theme, "The Supreme Reward." This is the last Sunday before Annual Conference. Let us have a large attendance at Bible school and at both services.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Mrs. Mayfield gave a most helpful talk to the young people Sunday evening on the work of the associated charities. The young people responded by promising to do all they can to help in this work. We had 111 at Sunday School Sunday. This was 10 more than a year ago. If you are not in the habit of coming to Sunday school, begin now and help us grow in interest and numbers.

This is church paper week. A church paper keeps us informed of our church's work and furnishes the home with good religious, devotional literature. If you are not a subscriber please do so if you can.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11:15 a. m. Midweek service Wednesday evenings 7:30. Senior C. E. 7 p. m. Junior C. E. 4:30. You are cordially invited to all services.

### An Attractive Booth.

The Katherine DeLoache Coal Company had an especially attractive booth at the county fair last week. It was very much admired by all who saw it. An interesting contest was put on. Three large lumps of coal were in the exhibit, and guesses were made as to the weight of the three lumps of coal, and the one guessing nearest was to be presented with a ton of coal. There were 585 guesses. The coal weighed 292 pounds, and there were a number of close guesses, but Miss Edith Webster "hit the nail on the head" with a guess of 292. The exact weight of the coal, and she was presented with a ton of coal.

### Death of Mrs. Kelly

Blaney, November 1.—Mrs. Eliza Branham Kelly, aged 49, wife of Jack Kelly of the Smyrna section, died Monday night after an illness of three hours. The funeral and interment took place Wednesday afternoon at the Smyrna Methodist church near Blaney and was conducted by Elder Scott and Allie of the Centerville church of which she was a devoted member for many years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Leonard, Dolph, Clayton, Elton, Samuel, Misses Maude Annie, Lilla, Jessie, Mrs. Ola Branham, Mrs. Kate Branham and Mrs. Daisy Branham. She is also survived by several brothers and sisters.

## NEWS FROM BLANEY

Special to the Watergess Messenger. Blaney, November 3.—The Ninth Grade elected its officers for the year on last Thursday and the following were elected: Thomas Miles, President; Levi Branham, V. Pres.; Fanny Monroe, Secretary; Mabel Dixon, Historian; Susie Campbell, Eva Penke, and Elton Lovett, Class Committee.

George Ross and Charles Wooten have returned to their work in Edgefield after spending the weekend with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watts have returned from Blythwood after visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. Y. Hollis. Marvin Shore, Misses Adabel Price and Gertrud. Brown have returned from a pleasant visit to Yadkinville, N. C.

Wood Kelly has returned to his work in Charleston after visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Kelly this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Rose and children of Charleston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Rose this week end.

Mrs. J. G. Kelly has returned from Ridgeway where she was the guest of Mrs. E. A. Sessions.

Mrs. Jessie Kelly Roberts is in Orangeburg this week as the guest of her brother there.

Miss Susie Shannon entertained informally Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Carroll Bowen complimenting her guest, Miss Demmie Shannon, of Cassatt.

A number of people from Blaney attended the State Fair in Columbia last week and also a number are attending the Kershaw County Fair in Camden this week.

Memorial services were held in the high school assembly on Wednesday for Knowlton Mason, a popular member of the tenth grade who met a tragic death in a sawmill accident on last Monday.

### Premising Lad Succumbs to Injuries.

Blaney, November 1.—Knowlton Mason, aged 16, the only son of Arthur C. and Mrs. Janie Wood Mason, of Blaney, died early Wednesday morning in the Baptist Hospital in Columbia after being severely cut by a runaway saw at his father's sawmill on Monday afternoon. The funeral services and interment took place Thursday afternoon at Union Baptist church at Blaney and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. Davis Harelson, of Gresham. The active pall bearers were his classmates from the tenth grade of the Blaney High school; the honorary pall bearers were the boys and girls from the high school. Knowlton was an honor student in the tenth grade of the Blaney school and an active leader in athletic and literary affairs of his school. He was a member of the Union Baptist church. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Inez and Lois, and by a number of relatives.

### Leviennes Hear Dr. Mood.

At the regular meeting of Leroy Post No. 17, American Legion, held last night, Dr. J. A. Mood, of Sumr. made a very impressive and interesting address. He was introduced by Dr. John W. Corbett. The Leviennes were very much pleased to have had Dr. Mood with them and to hear him speak.

There will be an Armistice Day dance in their hall next Monday evening which it is expected will be attended by the members of the post, their wives and sweethearts, and others. Further announcements of which will be made later.

There will be appropriate observance of Armistice Day next Sunday. A speaker will likely be chosen for this occasion. Sunday morning the members are to assemble in their hall at 10:30 o'clock and go in a body to the Presbyterian church to hear a sermon by their chaplain, Rev. A. D. McArn.

### Stop Signals

A number of stop signals have been placed at intersections of streets here, and they are put there for the protection of motorists and those who are walking. We regard this as one of the best things done here lately, for at some of these places cars pass entirely too rapidly, and even with the stop signals some drivers seem not to be able to read for they drive right along regardless of the signals, while fortunately many are law-abiding and stop their cars as they are supposed to do.

No farm building can be called complete until it is painted.

## LIBERTY HILL HAPPENINGS

### Gathered by Our Correspondent There.

Mr. Editor—Everything up this way is moving along quietly and no accidents or incidents of public interest have transpired since our last communication to your paper—which did not reach you in time for publication in that issue, owing to an oversight in mailing. All of our people seem to have something to do. Some are gathering in a short corn crop, some digging sweet potatoes, which are fairly good, some planting oats, some following their daily avocations, and some are busy "minding their own business." Thus everyone being employed it makes the task of news gathering a rather difficult job, worthy of the efforts of a more beautiful and active supply of "gray matter" than is hidden in the cranium of your reporter.

Rev. F. A. Drennan preached two thoughtful and very timely sermons at the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Gov. and Mrs. J. G. Richards are spending a few days at their home here. We presume that they will remain until after Tuesday and cast their ballots for the democratic nominees.

Miss Carolyn Drennan, student of Chicago College, is at home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Drennan, for the week end. She has as her guest Miss Mary Cocks, of Summerville, her friend and schoolmate. Mr. Drennan drove over in his car for them on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and little son, "Jackie" of Lancaster were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. J. H. Clements.

Quite a number of our people attended the Kershaw County fair last week.

We are sorry to report that Hon. N. S. Richard has been confined to his home by a severe cold. We, and other friends, hope that he will soon be up again.

Mrs. Fannie Wood nee Hammond, of Lugoff, and Mrs. S. N. Hammond, of Stonboro, were visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins on upper Main Street.

Your reporter spent a short while last Friday in the Kershaw county fair. We were impressed with the variety and excellence of the Lugoff Community exhibit, and also with the individual farm exhibits of Mr. Miles, of Blaney, and Mr. C. O. Stogner, of Bethune. They seem to have produced about everything that can be grown in this climate, and it demonstrates very forcibly what Kershaw lands—one farm in the east, the other in the west portion—are capable of doing when cultivated with the proper care and intelligence. These gentlemen are to be commended for their efforts which show that if we cannot raise cotton enough to buy what we need to eat, we can raise what we need to eat without the cotton! Other exhibits were good but lack of time permitted a careful inspection.

Owing to more urgent obligations we did not see the "Carnival Street" but our good friends Messrs. D. M. Kirkley, Jim Copeland of Kershaw, R. L. Smyrl, L. P. Thompson, Wade H. Jones, J. E. Copeland, W. P. Sowell, W. A. Cunningham and J. B. Munn, were present and we suspect that they spent some time inspecting the exhibits on that popular and well patronized "Boulevard".

### Evangelist Escaped Uninjured

It will be recalled that some time ago Dr. T. L. Willingham had with him Evangelist W. C. Taylor assisting him in a meeting. When the recent Florida storm came he and his family were residing at Pahokee, Fla., one of the towns that suffered most in the storm disaster. Dr. Willingham is in receipt of a letter from the executive secretary of the Baptist Board at Jacksonville, Fla., informing him that Mr. Taylor and his wife passed through the storm without any injury to themselves, that Mrs. Taylor was almost a nervous wreck from the experience but has safely recovered.

### NOTICE

The Public Health Nurse would be glad to receive old clothes to be used for charitable purposes. Anyone having anything to give for such purpose please notify the Health Nurse through Mrs. W. J. Mayfield.

A fund of \$10,000,000,000 would have to be set aside and made to earn five per cent to repay the annual loss caused by fire in this country.

## J. A. WEST DIES SUDDENLY.

### Stricken This Morning While On the Street.

Mr. J. A. West, one of Camden's best known and most highly esteemed citizens dropped dead this morning while in conversation with a friend on Broad street about nine o'clock. He had just shaken hands with a friend and they were exchanging greetings, when his friend said he was not feeling so well and Mr. West remarked that he, too, was not feeling so well, and began to sink. His friend tried to support him, but was unable to do so and he fell to the pavement and was taken into the drug store near by but it was found that life was extinct and Evans' ambulance was summoned and the body taken to the undertaking establishment. Few men were better known over the county than was Mr. West, and he was recognized by every one as a genial and kindhearted man. He was 56 years of age, but notwithstanding his advanced years he was very active and his mind always very alert. Many of his friends greeted him at the county fair where he was assisting in selling tickets. Mr. West had a large family connection, one of the largest of any resident of our county. The greater portion of his life was spent on the farm and as a farmer he was successful above the average. He was very energetic. For many years he had been an active worker in the Baptist church and every Sunday he could be found at the religious services unless providentially hindered. With all of his traits he was quite domestic in his habits, fond of the garden, as well as of the domestic animals. A number of children were born to him by his first marriage, all of them grown and filling useful places in their respective communities. His first wife died a number of years ago and he was married to Miss Rebecca Nelson, a well known Camden lady, who survives him. There are also a good many grandchildren surviving him. His sudden death was a great shock to the citizens of Camden among whom he mingled and will be received throughout the county with deep regret.

After his second marriage he resided here for a while and then moved to Florida where he and his wife resided for some time, later returning to Camden where they purchased a home and were living happily together, enjoying the love and esteem of their relatives and the respect of their friends generally.

Mr. West was always ready and willing to serve in any capacity where he might be of use to his friends and neighbors, and at the time of his death was a member of the board of elections for the state.

No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral services, and probably will not be until his children are notified and can reach here.

Sincere sympathy is extended his widow and other relatives in their deep sorrow.

### Criminal Court Concluded Wednesday Evening.

The criminal court, which convened Monday morning, October 22nd, concluded its business Wednesday afternoon when the case against J. Elmore Jeffers, charged with the killing of Peter Kirkland, was given to the jury. The jury trying this case considered it for about six hours before reaching a verdict. Their verdict was guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy. The defendant was represented by Judge M. L. Smith, of the Camden bar and Claude N. Sapp, of Columbia. Judge E. D. Blakeley assisted the prosecution. Judge Johnson imposed a sentence of three years. Notice of an appeal was made and Jeffers released on bond. He had previously been out on bond.

Henry Truesdale, the young man who killed his father, and who was convicted of manslaughter, was given a sentence of twelve years in the penitentiary. It was alleged in this case that Truesdale and his father were engaged in a game of poker together, shortly before the shooting. It was further brought out that young Truesdale did not attend his father's funeral on account of being intoxicated. His conduct after the shooting, which he claimed was accidental, evidently operated against him and resulted in his getting quite a long term. He did not have an attorney to represent him so the court appointed I. C. Hough, W. L. DePass, Jr., and J. K. deLoach, who represented him in a very efficient manner.

The two young white men, who were arrested in the town of Kershaw several weeks ago, Adger Mills and

## COUNTY FAIR SCORES SUCCESS.

### Exhibits Good.—Large Number of Visitors.

Our county fair, which opened Wednesday of last week, proved to be a splendid success notwithstanding the unfavorable year. The exhibits were fine in every department. The attendance was fully up to expectations and was very gratifying to the management. The premium list was quite large and we would be pleased to give our readers a list of the winners, but have not secured a copy of it as yet, but give the winners in the schools, home demonstration clubs and individual prizes, which we give herewith.

The poultry exhibit was very attractive; the live stock, while not very numerous, was good, showing just what some of our people have, and the social feature was worth a great deal. We hope to be able to obtain a list of the winners in all departments and publish them in a later issue.

### SCHOOL EXHIBITS

#### High School Dept.

Antioch First ..... \$25.00  
Bethune Second ..... 15.00

#### Intermediate Grades.

Camden City Schools First \$25.00  
Lugoff Second ..... 15.00

#### Colored Schools.

Jackson School, Camden, First.  
St. Matthew School, Second Prize.  
Home Demonstration Club Booths.  
Lugoff First ..... \$60.00  
Westville Second ..... 40.00  
Charlotte Thompson Third .. 25.00  
Individual Farm Display.  
C. O. Stogner First ..... \$50.00  
W. L. Miles, Second ..... 30.00

### ATTRACTIVE SCHOOL PARADE

#### Saturday Given Over to Colored Schools at Fair.

Friday was school day at the county fair for white teachers and pupils and they were here in large numbers and enjoyed the day. Saturday was school day for colored teachers and pupils, and they staged an attractive parade. They marched from York street up Broad street and on out to the fair grounds where they were admitted free. The parade was headed by the Jackson school of Camden, who were winners of first prize. They made a fine showing, a large number of pupils being in the parade. They were followed by the St. Matthew school, the largest colored school in the rural districts, and one which is doing a great work, the pupils being taught in a number of lines of endeavor—cooking, sewing, dairying, carpenter work and other industries. The other schools in the parade made a good showing, but found their competitors too strong for them to capture the prizes, but they will likely be heard from in the future.

### History of Kershaw Lodge, No. 29.

Kershaw Lodge, No. 29, will hold a regular meeting tonight, November 7th, at which time there will be the reading of the history of Kershaw Lodge, No. 29 A. F. M. The announcement is made that the "compiling of this history has taken the time of one of our Past Masters two months." A large attendance is expected.

### Aged Citizen Injured by Car.

Mr. G. W. Moseley, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, met the misfortune to be run into by an automobile near the postoffice on Friday of last week. He was taken to the home of his son, Mr. J. L. Moseley, where medical attention was given. His friends will be glad to know that his injuries are not considered serious and that he is resting very comfortably. We understand that the car that struck him was being driven by one of the parties connected with the carnival and was of course an accident.

Rev. J. M. Forbis, of Andrews, was a visitor to Camden Saturday. For some years Mr. Forbis was pastor of the Bethune Presbyterian church and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Alvin Edwards, charged with larceny, entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced to serve four months on the chain gang.

D. C. Cannon, a white man from North Carolina, who was charged with violation of the prohibition law, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve three months, the sentence being suspended on account of his physical condition, he being afflicted with tuberculosis.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham

Mrs. Gay Baum, who has been away for some months, has returned and is at home on Hampton Avenue. Mr. Baum, who has been in Johns Hopkins Hospital for quite a while, is much improved and will arrive home this week.

Mr. Norman M. Fohl, who was in Camden a while last winter, has opened quite a good shop for the refinishing, restoring and procuring of antique furniture.

The U. D. C. was entertained most delightfully at the home of Mrs. H. G. Carrison, Sr., who most charmingly welcomed the guests. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Mayfield. Mrs. Cureton, the president, was in the chair. The chapter voted to buy a bond from the Tuberculosis Society and elected delegates to the state U. D. C. Convention to be held in Columbia December 6th. The following ladies were elected: Mrs. Leslie Zemp, Mrs. N. C. Arnett, Mrs. R. W. White, Mrs. John T. Mackey. Alternates were: Mrs. Gay Baum, Miss Bateman, Mrs. Wittkowsky, Mrs. Mobley.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. H. S. Zeigler for her most excellent work in collecting all dues. Delicious ice cream was served at the social hour.

The very handsome home of Miss Minnie Clyburn was thrown open to the D. A. R.'s Thursday afternoon. Very fitting were the decorations of marigolds and beautiful fall shades blending with the deep color of aged old mahogany. The programme was very good. The chief speaker was Mrs. E. C. Von Tresckow. She was especially interesting in her presentation of the present situation in Russia and other foreign countries. One fact was that the Germans want to come to America as fast as the law allows. A delicious salad course was served at the close.

Dr. and Mrs. Willingham were dinner guests in the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders had a family reunion Sunday. A table with covers for thirty guests, loaded with all the good things of the season was spread on the beautiful lawn, where a wealth of lovely chrysanthemums bloomed. Out of town visitors were: Mrs. Lizzie Sanders, of Columbia; Miss Ernestine Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Sanders, of Winnsboro. All present enjoyed to the fullest this happy occasion.

### Week of Prayer.

This week is being observed by the missionary circles of the Lytleton Street Methodist church as a week of prayer and was conducted by Mrs. Ben Marshall. This, Tuesday, afternoon the meeting will be at four o'clock at Mrs. A. A. Reasonover's, and Mrs. N. C. Arnett is the leader. Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. B. G. Sanders; leader, Miss Ellie Zemp. Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Zemp, with Mrs. S. C. Zemp, leader. The zone meetings will be held at the church Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Social hour afterwards at the home of Mrs. B. G. Sanders.

### USING THE SCHOOL HOUSE

(From Newberry Herald & News)  
In many country communities it is becoming more and more the custom to make use of school buildings for a variety of helpful purposes in addition to that for which they are primarily intended.

Where no other building is available, the school house affords a convenient place for pleasant and profitable gatherings such as men's and women's clubs, boys' and girls' clubs, debating societies, singing, public speaking, entertainment and the like. While practically every school house is utilized for some of these purposes, in many communities a complete winter program is planned, so as to make it a regular social center, around which all neighborhood activities revolve.

This tends to foster a spirit of cooperation and neighborliness, which is extremely beneficial. With the advent of radio, these gatherings may have music and other features of broadcast programs to enliven the evening, at little expense.

By systematically using these means so readily at hand, the country school house may greatly contribute to the attractiveness of rural life.