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Social and Personal Items

NEWS FROM BLANEY

Mrs. Louise Brown, for some time health nurse in Kershaw county, but now with headquarters in Cheraw, spent several days of last week in Camden, much to the delight of her many friends here.

Miss Louise Trapp, who took a business course at Greenwood, has completed her course and returned home. We congratulate her upon successfully completing her course.

A young man 21 years of age, called at our office one day last week on business, and we discovered that he was a name sake of the editor of The Messenger. We were pleased to get acquainted with him. His grandfather also named a son for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman O. Head and little daughter, Mildred, of Aiken, came up Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday at the home of Mrs. Head's parents.

Miss Ethel Birchmore is spending the week in Aiken and Augusta.

Mr. C. O. Stogner, who resided in the Timrod section of our county for a number of years, has moved to Camden with his family.

Rev. H. C. Bethga, of the Hagood section, was a visitor to Camden yesterday.

Mr. Dewey Huggins and family, who recently moved to Columbia, spent Sunday with relatives in Camden.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Rev. J. C. Booth, of Melrose, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Booth are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker.

Rev. W. P. Blackmon, of Westville, was a visitor to Camden yesterday afternoon.

Rev. J. B. Caston, the popular pastor of the Bamberg Baptist church, will preach in the Camden Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Henry Morrell, of Welford, spent a few days in Camden last week. Mrs. Morrell has been here for several weeks.

Mrs. B. A. Hornsby, who underwent an operation several weeks ago, is improving and has returned home.

The friends of Mr. H. L. Schlosburg will be pleased to learn that he arrived safely at Hot Springs, Ark., and since his stay there is improving.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Dunn, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunn, of Sumter, and Dr. John P. Monroe, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Charleston and Middleton Place Gardens.

Miss Lucile Cox, teacher in the Camden city schools, spent the week end in Sumter with home folks.

Misses Dunn, Oliver, McSwain, Montgomery, Latham, James, Burnett, and Mesdames Taylor, Hay and Dempster, all of the Camden school faculty formed a congenial party to Myrtle Beach last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Welsh were visitors to Magnolia Gardens Sunday.

Married Wednesday Evening.

Mr. L. P. Anderson, the well known and popular machinist, and Miss Carrie Hornsby, of Westville, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the groom's father, Mr. W. A. Anderson, Dr. T. L. Willingham officiating. After the marriage ceremony light refreshments were served. Quite a large number witnessed the ceremony. We extend congratulations to our friend "Lewis", and wish for him and his bride a long and happy life.

Sumter Coming Strong

The indications point to a large attendance at the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Lytleton Street Methodist church, and to make sure that our Sumter friends will come an invitation from the Men's Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school has been extended to the McLeod-Weasley class of Trinity church, Sumter. There is every reason to believe that they will come in large numbers and bring their orchestras of seven pieces, some of their best singers and some one to "talk" for us. May 19th is the date.

Special to The Messenger.

Blaney, April 6.—The annual "Little Commencement" for the lower grammar grades will be held in the school auditorium on next Friday evening, April 12th. The exercises will begin with a chorus by the grammar school and two plays by the first and third grades concluding with an operetta, "The Enchanted Wood."

On last Thursday evening the eighth grade and Miss Myrtle Laird entertained with a post Easter party for the senior class. The rooms were decorated with white syringa and spirea and streamers of black and gold, the senior colors. As the guests arrived they were invited to the library where Miss Lucy May Jeffers and Ruby Sanders served punch. A music and a history contest were engaged in and the prizes for the best scores were won by Miss Eulalie Sheely and J. R. Dinkins for music and Miss Connie Andrea and Levi Branhams for history. After the contests were over block cream and yellow cake were served by Misses Lily Edens, Sadie Sessions and Vearl Price.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Rose had as their guests for Easter, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kelly and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Eddleman and Norward Kelly of Columbia.

The following teachers have returned to their work after spending Easter in the following places: D. W. and Mrs. Traxler in Branchville; Leonardo Andrea, Murriss McCombs and Mrs. C. S. Andrea in Taylors; Misses Myra Pettigrew and Mabel Petersen in Charleston; Misses Fay Hill and Connie Andrea in Gaffney; Miss Eulalie Sheely in Ballentine; Miss Susie Shannon in Parr; Miss Myrtle Laird, in Pelion.

Edward Maddox has resumed his studies in Clemson after spending the Easter holidays here with his parents. Miss Willie May Andrea has returned from Fort Mill where she was the guest of Miss Mildred Lee.

Mrs. J. T. Ross, Miss Beatrice Ross and Willis Ross, spent Easter in Florence with Mrs. J. A. Goff.

Mrs. R. M. Edens, Sr., had as her guests for Easter, her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Edens, Jr., of Florence.

Mrs. H. H. Ross of Columbia spent the past week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Campbell.

Miss Clara Motley has returned from a fortnight in Columbia with her sister, Mrs. Eddie Ross.

Mrs. R. C. Ross of Monroe, N. C. is spending some time here with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Simpson is in Columbia this week attending the meetings of the State Library Association.

Miss Frances Flaherty, of Hamlet, N. C., is the guest this week of Mrs. J. D. Watson.

Blease Watson and David Dixon have returned from Little Rock, Ark., where they took Carl Dixon to a hospital there.

Leonardo Andrea made a business trip to Trenton last Thursday.

Miss Eva Jones of Columbia was the guest last week of Mrs. Carroll Bowen.

Mrs. Mary Simpson had for her dinner guests Easter, Earl Simpson, Mrs. Nelle Pearce and Mrs. C. E. Taylor of Lexington.

Mrs. B. W. Kelly and little son, Billy, are spending some time in Leesville with her mother, Mrs. Derrick.

Governor Revokes Parole

Gov. Richards, last Wednesday, revoked the parole of John T. Melton for the reason as stated by the Governor that Melton was not living up to the conditions of the parole. Melton killed Ieland Anderson, a young man, April 30th, 1925. He was arrested upon a charge of murder. He was released later upon bond in the sum of \$4,000 upon the order of Chief Justice R. C. Watts. His trial was before Judge J. K. Henry in February 1926, and resulted in a verdict of manslaughter. He was sentenced on February 9th, 1926, to serve from 10 to 20 years. On December 3rd, 1926, he was granted a parole by Gov. T. G. McLeod. Melton was taken into custody immediately after the Governor's order was received revoking the parole and he is now serving time on the Buffalo chain gang.

A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to sincerely thank the Camden Fire Department for their prompt response Saturday when a blaze started on my house and which by their prompt and efficient services saved my home from destruction by fire. Again I thank them for their splendid service. L. L. BLOCK.

School News.

The Radio Corporation of America's last radio program for Series A (grades 3 and 4) was given Friday morning, April 5 at 11 A. M. The program was one of "Trombone and Tuba."

March from "The Prophet"—Meynbeer.

Excerpt from "Largo" of the "New World Symphony"—Dorak.

Introduction to Act III, "Lohengrin"—Wagner.

Series C (grades 7, 8 and 9) had a program Friday at 11:30 of "The Symphony."

"Surprise" Symphony—1st and 2nd movements—Heyden.

Fire Alarm Saturday.

The fire alarm was sounded Saturday shortly after one o'clock, occasioned by a small blaze which started in the kitchen of Mr. L. L. Block's residence on DeKalb street. The fire department made as usual a quick run and were in time to extinguish the flames before much damage was done. Mr. Block was very appreciative of this good work on the part of our fire department.

Building a Home.

Mr. Donald Campbell is having a neat and comfortable home erected on Lafayette avenue. Mr. R. E. Chewing, local contractor, has the job in hand. The plumbing is being done by Mr. E. G. Burke. Mr. Chewing, who is also building the handsome residence for Mr. Drawdy, is getting that job well along. Mr. Burke is also putting in the plumbing on this job.

Two Granted Paroles

Governor Richards' last week granted paroles to several prisoners, two of them from Kershaw county. Ed Hall, white, who was serving a three months sentence for violating the prohibition law, was paroled upon good behavior, in order that he might assist the officers in capturing a life tinner who escaped. Hall was convicted in Sumter county, but the representations made to the Governor seem to be the effect that he could be of some assistance to the officers here, and Solicitor McLeod, who wrote the Governor that he advised that Ed Hall a bad fellow, and the least guilty of the others who were tried with him, and recommended his release.

Grover Pratt, who was serving a six months sentence for violation of the prohibition law, was paroled because of his physical condition. Dr. E. Z. Truesdell made a statement that he was suffering from a blood infection and high blood pressure, and that Pratt should be in the penitentiary where he could get medical treatment. He had served about two months of his time. The county officials desired his release as he was a burden to the county.

A number of ladies attended the Congregational Presbytery held in the Presbyterian church in Camden Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Miss Hattie Hough attended the State Nurses Convention held in Columbia last week.

Rev. Mr. Outen of near Kershaw addressed the Junior Order of American Mechanics in the Baptist church here Sunday morning.

Death of Mrs. Lorick

Mrs. C. P. Lorick, whose home was a few miles north of Camden, died on Friday of last week, and the remains were brought to Camden for interment Saturday afternoon in the cemetery here. Mrs. Lorick had been in poor health for the past two years, and while her death was not unexpected yet it came as a shock to her family and friends. Before her marriage she was Miss Mattie Sill. A lady of quiet, unassuming manners, she endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact by her gentle and sympathetic disposition. She is survived by her husband and three children, two boys, Charles and Edward, and one daughter, Mary. Mrs. Lorick was a truly good woman. For some years she was a teacher in the schools of the county and will be remembered by her pupils with affectionate regard. In her community she was always helpful and will be greatly missed. In the home her place cannot be filled, but her influence will serve to inspire and brighten the pathway of her loved ones who deeply mourn her departure. Sincere sympathy is felt for the grief-stricken family.

Crashed into the Train.

A party driving from Columbia on his way to Lancaster we understand, crashed into the Seaboard train in the upper part of the city Sunday afternoon. He escaped serious injury, but the car was badly damaged.

BETHUNE NEWS.

Bethune, April 8.—The Bethune Chapter U. D. C. observed the red letter days of March, John C. Calhoun and Wade Hampton's birthdays, in the High School Auditorium Monday morning.

The president, Mrs. R. K. Tompkins, presided over the meeting. Carolina was sung by Miss Stella Bethune with Mrs. J. C. Foter accompanist. Rev. M. E. Gunter made a splendid talk on the lives of Calhoun and Hampton. Patriotic songs were sung by the school children.

Mrs. C. L. Mays was hostess to the members of her Sunday School Class of the Methodist church Monday night. This class is composed of the young ladies of the Sunday School. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, chocolate and pound cake were served.

Mr. R. L. Jones was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital last week to undergo an operation for tumor of the brain. His many friends will regret to learn that he is not improved and will return to his home just north of Bethune as soon as he is able to make the trip. His son, Mr. Leslie Jones is with him.

Messrs. John Neil McLaurin and Fred Josey of Clemson College were at home for the recent extended week end granted by that institution.

Misses Carrie Yarbrough and Helen Snellgrove were joint hostesses at the Teacher's Sewing Circle Tuesday evening, which met at the home of Miss Yarbrough. During the social hour which followed, Messrs. R. R. Burns and Broadus Parker were honey guests. Punch and sandwiches were served by the hostesses.

At the beginning of school Supt. J. C. Foster offered a prize for the best declamation in the high school department. This contest was held Wednesday evening and also to select a boy and girl to represent the school at the district declamations held in Columbia and Sumter respectively this month. There were seventeen girls and three boys competing. Judges were secured from Coker College.

The prize was given Miss Mittie Davis whose selection was "The Open Window"; second place was awarded Miss Loretta McDonald on the "Phantom Airplane"; third, Miss Margie Parrott on "The Mirage". Eldon Smith won first place among the boys on his declamation pertaining to the economic problems of our country. J. M. Clyburn won second on "The Westminster Abbey".

Instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. R. E. McCaskill and Dr. E. Z. Truesdell. A vocal number was given by Miss Stella Bethune with Mrs. J. C. Foster at the piano.

Mrs. Lizzie Barrett and children of Monroe were week end guests of Mrs. Barrett's sister, Mrs. Eva Morgan.

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Broke His Arm.

Mr. Mack Bartlett, who lives on Mr. J. C. Hilton's place near Westville, met with the misfortune Saturday afternoon of getting his right arm broken. He was loading a wagon with fertilizer, and was trying to put fifteen sacks upon the wagon when one sack was thrown on, causing him to lose his footing by a tack in his shoe which caught in the sack and tripped him. He fell between the team of mules and wagon and in trying to recover himself his right arm was broken. Dr. W. B. Turner was summoned and set the broken member and Mr. Bartlett is doing as well as could be expected.

To Hold Clinic at Charlotte Thompson School.

Dr. Carl A. West and Dr. J. T. Hay will hold a toxin-antitoxin clinic, assisted by the county nurse, free to children between the ages of six months and seven years at Charlotte Thompson school Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Paul Brown, chairman, will give you further information.

To Celebrate Fifth Anniversary

Leslie Zemp Chapter No. 111 will celebrate its fifth anniversary Thursday evening, April 11 at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. Refreshments will be served. All members are requested to be present.

Services at Malvern Hill

We are requested to announce that there will be preaching services at Malvern Hill church Sunday morning, May 5th, at eleven o'clock by Rev. W. H. Copeland. The public is cordially invited to attend.

22 PREACHERS IN 50 YEARS.

Ministers Who Served the Camden Charge.

Since the dedication of the Lytleton street Methodist church fifty years ago twenty-two ministers have been pastors of this church. Of that number fourteen have died, leaving only eight who are now living. It is hoped that the eight living ministers can be here at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of this church. The names of the ministers will be of interest to our readers at this time, and are as follows:

- *John O. Wilson, 1878-1880.
- *D. Zimmerman Dantzer, 1881.
- *D. D. Dantzer, 1882.
- *H. M. Mood, 1883-1884.
- *W. T. Capers, 1885-1886.
- *P. A. Murray, 1887-1888.
- *E. J. Meynardie, 1889-1890.
- *M. L. Carlisle, 1891-1894.
- G. H. Waddell, 1895.
- *J. Thos. Pate, 1896-1899.
- *W. M. Duncan, 1900.
- *J. L. Stokes, 1901-1902.
- *A. B. Earle, 1903-1904.
- C. C. Herbert, 1905-1908.
- B. G. Murphy, 1909.
- *H. B. Browne, 1910-1913.
- C. B. Smith, 1914-1915.
- J. H. Graves, 1916-1918.
- *W. W. Daniel, 1919-1920.
- H. W. Bays, Junior Preacher, 1920.
- *W. H. Hodges, 1921-1924.
- J. T. Peeler, 1925-1927.
- G. P. Watson, 1928.
- (*—Dead)

The 1928 Cotton Crop.

The cotton crop for 1928 for the state, according to final figures furnished by the department of agriculture was 742,870 bales against 738,550 bales for 1927, showing an increase in the yield over the preceding year of 4,320 bales. Kershaw county along with a number of other counties showed a decrease in the yield. The final figures for 1928 was 15,846 bales against 24,432 for 1927, showing a decrease of 8,886 bales. The yield in 1926 was 33,692 bales, in 1925 the yield was 28,969 and in 1924 it was 19,074. The question now is what will it be in 1929? We hope for a good crop of cotton this year as well as a large crop of corn and other feed and food crops.

Vernice Hall Captured.

Vernice Hall, who escaped from the county chain gang several weeks ago, was captured yesterday and brought to the county jail. When attempting to take him into custody he resisted the officers, who had to overpower him, and in doing so Hall was beaten up to some extent. A doctor was called to the jail to give his injuries proper medical treatment. He was not seriously injured, and was returned to the gang this morning.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham

The Woman's Missionary meeting held in the Presbyterian church last week, was a great success. Nearly double the number of delegates expected attended, but were taken care of easily by the committee on entertainment. A gracious welcome was given to the visitors and the address of welcome delivered by Mrs. J. S. Lindsay, was earnest and graciously eloquent. The meeting as a whole was an inspiration.

Mrs. Sanders was hostess to the Rebecca DeLoach circle Tuesday. The rooms were beautiful with a wealth of spring flowers and the program interesting and elevating. A Bible study on Evangelism was announced to begin in the near future. Delicious refreshments were served at the close.

Miss Carroll Haile, of Heath Springs, beautiful and attractive niece of Mrs. John T. Mackey, and Mr. Lawrence Twitty spent the week end in Camden.

Mrs. R. E. Fuller and young son, have gone to Durham for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marshall and Miss Mildred Marshall motored to Columbia Wednesday.

Miss Lena Lineberger, Miss Meme Turner and Miss Alma Bradley were visitors to Magnolia Gardens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughey Tindal and Mrs. H. E. Beard, were recent visitors to Magnolia Gardens.

Mr. Norman Fohl and aunt, Mrs. Arthur M. Caughman, went to Summerville and Charleston for the week end.

Honor Roll For Midway High School for March.

First Grade—Archie Gordon, Linward Champion, Margaret West, William West.

Second Grade—Mary E. Hunnicutt, Duncan Corbitt, Elizabeth McCoy, Kathleen Anderson, Willis J. Parker, Roddy Rozier, Dolly Stokes.

Third Grade—Mary Laney, Gene Cooper, Laurie West, Emily McCoy, Dorothy West, Milton McGuirt, William McCoy, Margaret Anderson.

Fourth Grade—Ruth Walters, Stella Polson, Thomas Tidwell.

Fifth Grade—Ruby Gay West, Thelma Stokes, Oralie Brannon, Margaret Holland.

Sixth Grade—Annie Mae Hearon, Frances Hyatt.

Seventh Grade—Raefine Davis, Mary McCoy, Ruby Spears, Vivian Stokes, Carolyn Tidwell.

Eighth Grade—None.

Ninth Grade—Moneta West.

Tenth Grade—Janie Brannon, Louise Hunnicutt, Geneva Truesdale.

Eleventh Grade—Elsie Hough, Ruby Mosier, Leila Tidwell, Mittie West.

Camden Methodist Church

Sunday, April 14: Bible school, 10:00 A. M. with classes for all grades and ages. Epworth League, for all the young people, 7:15 P. M. Public worship, 11:15 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. conducted by the pastor, George Pierce Watson. Morning theme: Christian Stewardship. Evening theme: Heroic Realization. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 8:00 P. M.

The public is most cordially invited to all the services of this church. Visitors are especially welcome.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our darling baby. E. W. Talbert and family Bethune, S. C.

Honor Roll for Wateree School.

1st Grade—Betty Gettys, Johnnie Boulware.

3rd Grade—Hugh Gettys.

4th Grade—Henry Bass.

7th Grade—Margaret Miller.

Blossom Time.

Listen! Listen! Do you hear him? There's a robin somewhere near, There he goes—O see him, see him! Now I know that Spring is here!

Springtime odor—do you smell it?— Burning leaves and fragrant rain. Sing, O robin, tell it, tell it.

Blossom time has come again. Bernice W. Lubke in Farm Life.