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MANY VISITORS ARE HERE.

Some Come From as Far North as Nova Scotia.

Monday evening at the Kirkwood an informal dance was given in honor of Mr. Herbert Sinclair and Mr. Chas. B. Stokes, both of Trenton, N. J., who are stopping at the Kirkwood. The guests of the Kirkwood and quite a few local people enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. Lindsay Fairfax, of Lenox, Mass. has arrived at the Court Inn, and will spend some time here.

Mr. W. S. Blitt, of New York City, former secretary of the Camden Horse Show, is the guest of Mr. Krumbholz at the Kirkwood.

Monday afternoon on the Sarsfield links a foursome was played between Messrs. Herbert Sinclair with James Norton and Chas. E. Stokes with W. C. Skelly, which resulted in a victory for Stokes and Skelly. Tuesday morning the same team met on the links of the Camden Country Club, and Messrs. Sinclair and Norton were winners of the second match.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shoemaker, of St. Davids, Pa., are among the regulars at the Court Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have been spending the winter months in Camden for the past twelve seasons.

The tennis courts on the Hobkirk Inn grounds have been put in splendid condition under the supervision of Mr. James R. Scott, of New York City, and are affording great pleasure each day to the devotees.

Mr. Clarence C. Morgan, of Shelburn, Vermont, who has been a visitor to Camden for ten seasons, and many times on the golf links as an onlooker, has at last decided to take up the game of golf, and last Friday was seen making his first round accompanied by his instructor and caddy.

Capt. and Mrs. H. G. H. Tarr, and Mrs. Detrick, of Philadelphia, are registered at the Court Inn. Capt. Tarr is a veteran of the War Between the States and passed through this section a half century ago.

Miss Sarah Tod McBride and Master John Sperber, of New York City, guests of the Hobkirk Inn, are being instructed in riding by Miss Henriette Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin S. Watts, of New York City, are at the Kirkwood. Mr. Watts is a tennis enthusiast and is enjoying the courts on the Kirkwood grounds. Mrs. Watts is a sister of Mr. John Day Jackson, the New Haven publisher, who has visited Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Searis, of Thompson, Conn., arrived Wednesday to spend several weeks at the Court Inn again this season. Mr. Searis is a prominent official in his state, being district attorney of Windham county, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cook, of Jersey City, N. J., traveling South in their auto, passed through Camden Wednesday and stopped at the Court Inn for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Senseman, of Philadelphia, guests at the Hobkirk Inn, motored to Columbia Friday and while there were guests of Mrs. Blonddell Malone.

Mr. Chas. E. Stokes and Mr. Herbert Sinclair, of Trenton, N. J., are guests at the Kirkwood. Both are golf enthusiasts and are often seen on the links of both local clubs, and are regular visitors to Camden. Mr. Sinclair is president of the Trenton golf club. Mr. Sinclair is also fond of hunting and has had successful hunts with Mr. Geo. R. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blodgett, of Trenton, N. J., are at the Court Inn. Rev. Edward Arthur Dodd, of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived this week to spend some time at the Court Inn.

Bishop and Mrs. DuMoulin, of Toledo Ohio, are stopping at the Hobkirk Inn for some time. Both are fond of golfing and are often seen on the links.

Mrs. W. Dodsworth and Miss M. E. Dodsworth, of Englewood, N. J., and Mrs. W. Jabez Dodsworth and Miss Margaret Dodsworth, of Summit, N. J., who are regular visitors to Camden, form a party stopping at the Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fithian Tatum and Miss Mary Tatum, a party from Philadelphia, have taken the Brown cottage adjoining the Kirkwood and are expected next week to spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker, of Buffalo, N. Y., are among those registered at Hobkirk Inn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Deveboise, of New York City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Todd at their home on Camden Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Garland, of Wilmington, Del., are among those reg-

istered at the Court Inn.

Mrs. C. M. Brown and Mr. H. G. Brown, of New York City, are stopping at the Kirkwood. With them they brought their Cadillac "S" limousine. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Freeburn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are in Camden, stopping at the Hobkirk Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ruben, of New York City, are spending some time at the Court Inn.

Mrs. Theodore Weldeshelm, Mrs. Wm. Scull, Theodore C. Scull and nurse, form a party from Philadelphia, who are stopping at the Court Inn.

Father T. J. Murphy, now of Sumter, and in charge of the Roman Catholic church of Camden, was the guest of Mr. M. F. Whelan at the Kirkwood Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Preston Miller, of Hagerstown, Md., are at the Court Inn for a stay.

Mr. A. H. Gessler, of New York City, general agent of the National Life Insurance Co., is among those registered at the Hobkirk Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Ladd and maid, of Philadelphia, are at the Court Inn for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McEvoy, Lowell, Mass.; Mr. R. H. Blake, of East Orange, N. J.; Mr. John Sherman, Cleveland; and Miss Annie H. Grant, of Cleveland, are among those registered at the Hobkirk Inn for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Keith, of Brockton, Mass., arrived this week to spend some time at the Court Inn.

Miss Fannie H. Bond and Miss A. B. Schafer, of New York City, are among the arrivals this week at the Court Inn.

Among those registered at the Kirkwood are Miss C. Reed and Miss E. Reed, of Locust Point, Nova Scotia.

Miss Annie Alkens, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Annie Selleck and Miss Josephine Hoyt, of Stamford, Conn., are among those at the Court Inn.

Mr. Joseph H. Spafford, of New York City, is registered at the Court Inn.

Registered at the Court Inn for the season are Mrs. E. J. Payne and Miss E. Compton, of Newton Center, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sutro, Master Victor H. Sutro and maid, of Riverdale, N. Y., are at the Kirkwood for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dumont and maid, of Plainfield, N. J., are registered at the Kirkwood this week.

"Machine cottage" on the Kirkwood grounds will be occupied by Mr. W. Endicot Dexter, well known counsellor and banker of Boston. Mr. Dexter and party will be here early in February to spend the month in Camden.

TALKING OF COUNTY FAIR.

Monthly Meeting of Directors of Chamber of Commerce.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was sparsely represented on account of the sickness or absence from town of several of its members; however, a number of important subjects were discussed, primarily, that of starting preparations for the county fair next fall. It was proposed to hold a meeting of the organization in February at the opera house or recorder's office, in order to hear the members' views on the subject of the fair and also in anticipation of election of officers in March. Mr. John T. Mackey, whose work as chairman of the fair committee has been irrefragable, agreed to remain on the committee, but thought a new chairman should be selected. Mr. Lee Little, one of the most enthusiastic workers for the county fair has also signified his willingness to be a member of the committee.

NEW AUTO COMPANY.

Consolidated Auto Company Opens For Business on West DeKalb Street.

Messrs. A. L. Watkins and John W. Smith have leased the new Savage garage on West DeKalb street which has only recently been completed. The business will be run under the firm name of the Consolidated Auto Co.

The new building is a large and spacious place containing show room, office and machine shop in rear cut off by sliding doors. Two large plate glass windows make an excellently lighted show room facing on DeKalb street.

Mr. Smith has moved his machinery from his former place on lower Broad street and is has been placed in position this week, making him an unusually well equipped shop. Mr. D. J. Horton, who has been with Mr. Smith for several months will continue with the new firm.

This company has the agency for the well known "Mitchell" and "Pullman" cars and will carry in stock at all times all kinds of auto accessories.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

To Be Held at Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, February 6, 7, 8, 9, 1916.

The South Carolina Convention of the Second National Missionary Campaign is to be held at Columbia, S. C., February 6, 7, 8, 9, 1916.

Many noted speakers will be on the program and the Columbia meeting is to be one of the Conventions to be held in seventy-five of the leading cities of the United States.

Hon. W. B. deLoach, of Camden, has been appointed chairman for Kershaw county in this movement. The main objectives of this campaign are:

To consider new world conditions and America's enlarged responsibility.

To study the missionary progress of recent years.

To project plans looking toward the accomplishment of our whole missionary duty.

To emphasize the adequacy of the Gospel to meet modern social conditions.

To increase the spiritual power and efficiency of the local church.

To secure the general use of the best methods of missionary education and finance.

To inspire laymen to take their part in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

Fun at Opera House Tonight.

A pleasant evening with hearty laughs is promised those who attend the opera house tonight. Sunday's Charlotte Observer has the following to say of the show to be seen here tonight:

"A Night on the Broadway" was the theme for a night at the Academy of Music last evening and likewise a matinee, the production being given at popular prices. There was not a serious moment in the entire play. It was a medley of song and laughter. Mr. Harry Emerson had the leading role, that of Henry Fielder, a wealthy candy manufacturer. The affable Fielder was of a nationality that is not supposed to be neutral in the present struggle. He displayed genuine ability as a comedian and kept the audiences in a titter of amusement all the time he was on the stage, which was a goodly portion of the evening. The cast included a chorus of comely young women, and there were ten musical numbers that were given in sprightly fashion."

Acquitted of Fraud Charge.

L. A. McDowen and W. V. Cautmen were acquitted in United States district court yesterday of operating a scheme to defraud. The defendants put on a prize subscription contest for the Blackville Herald and it was out of the awarding of the grand prize that the case arose. The defendants were represented by George G. Alexander, of Camden, and John H. Clifford, of Sumter. W. Waring, assistant district attorney, represented the government. This completed the criminal cases for this term.

Her Name Left Off.

Through an unintentional error on the part of the teachers Miss Louise Hirsch was left off the honor roll of the Camden school published in our last paper. Not only should her name have been on the roll but she was the leader of grade four, and is an exceptionally bright pupil. The teachers and this paper regret the omission.

THE NEWS AT BETHUNE.

A Chronicle of Happenings Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, Jan. 27.—Miss Viola Estridge, daughter of Mr. John Estridge, from near Kershaw, and Mr. Bishop Hilton, of route 2, Bethune, were married on Saturday night last. Jas. West, notary public, officiating. Miss Estridge, the bride, is teaching near this place and the groom was one of her pupils. We extend congratulations.

We regret to state that Mr. A. Jacobs is quite ill with pneumonia at present. Mrs. Jacobs has been quite sick also.

Mrs. C. L. Mays is quite sick this week with grip.

Dr. Truesdale is having a new cottage erected in town to be occupied by the local barber.

Mr. T. A. Gunter, employed in the Seaboard depot at McBee, and Miss Nellie Horton, daughter of Mr. Tom Horton, also of McBee, were married on Friday evening last. They left that night via the Southbound train for a bridal trip to Key West and other points in Florida.

Mrs. W. S. Padgett and children left Friday last for an extended visit to relatives near Bishopville.

Mrs. E. A. Belch, of Allenton, N. C., formerly Miss Eva Mays, arrived on Tuesday night for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mays.

Mr. D. Hyden left Sunday for a visit to Marion, S. C.

At a recent meeting of the local Junior Order all the old officers were re-elected.

Messrs. W. A. and Dan Outlaw and J. E. Gardner spent Monday afternoon in Camden. The trip was made in the former's new Ford.

Mr. C. O. Terry, of Ray's Mill, Ga., is spending a few days here.

Messrs. Sid and Horace Gardner, of Hartsville, were in town Monday.

Messrs. Clyde McManus, formerly connected with the McBee Drug Co., and R. C. Atkinson, a young grocery merchant, expect soon to form a partnership and will keep a hardware, furniture and drug store at McBee.

Bethune has one of the best baseball parks in this part of the state, but the interest in the great national sport at this place has been on the wane for the past year or so. We hope that a winning team will be organized here this spring.

Miss Mary Robertson, one of the teachers in the high school here, left Sunday morning for her home at Oswego, in response to a message that her grandmother was quite sick with pneumonia.

Misses Mollie Poston, of McBee, and her friend, Miss Blackwell, of Jefferson, were visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. Barble, representing the Hartsville Marble Works, was in town Tuesday.

Messrs. A. B. Shaw, worthy master of Lynchwood Lodge, No. 197, A. F. M., and Mr. N. A. Bethune, past master, went to McBee yesterday to assist in organizing a Masonic Lodge at that place.

A man and woman and baboon gave a performance at the town hall here last Saturday night that was about the "bummest" thing of the kind ever pulled off here. Such fakirs should be drummed out of the country. The behavior of a number of boys who attended the "show" was not of the very best either.

We mentioned in this correspondence recently that Mr. W. B. Mangum, of the Thurod section, killed two pigs at 18 months old that netted him 620 pounds. Mr. Mangum says these hogs were only 15 months of age. He killed one the other day that weighed 461 pounds that would have been two years old in May next. He killed another one the same day, 11 months old,

that weighed 244 pounds. The four hogs weighed 1,331 pounds. Some hogs these. Mr. Mangum informed us that he has 55 acres sowed this fall in oats, wheat, and rye. Last year he made about 700 bushels of corn with one mule on ordinary sand hill land.

Mr. W. W. Blair, who erected Bethune's handsome new school building, has been given the contract for the new brick store building for Messrs. G. B. King and son.

An effort is being made by a few citizens here to raise enough capital stock to organize a cotton seed oil mill in Bethune. Such an enterprise would not only be of material benefit to the citizens of the town and to the farmers of this section, but we feel confident it would be a paying investment to its stockholders. There has also been some talk of trying to establish a cotton mill here. With a cotton mill and an oil mill erected here, Bethune would then take her rightful place among the progressive towns of the state, instead of staying in the dead, moss back class, as she is at present. This town is admirably located for almost any kind of enterprise, is clean and healthy, and we hope that the suggestion to erect, at least an oil mill, will soon become a reality.

There is not a person in Bethune who desires to see the town expand and grow and develop along all lines more ardently than this correspondent. We are always glad to know that our business men are making a success, that any of our citizens are prospering and doing well, hence our repeated suggestions that the business men especially get together and co-operate for the mutual advantage of all its citizens. Organize a business men's league, a chamber of commerce, a board of trade, or some other kind of get-together club. This is the only way to promote the best interests of the town and community, that is, all pull together and work instead of sitting around on the streets from day to day whittling sticks and growling about how dull business is, the war, politics, etc.

The writer has suggested, on several occasions, that the farmers of this section raise more thoroughbred stock, especially hogs. Thoroughbred hogs can now be purchased nearly as cheap as scrubs and razor-backs at least in some sections. A fellow a few miles below here recently announced that he had several hogs to sell and that he wanted 12-12 cents per pound gross for them, but it is very evident that he did not sell many. Thoroughbred hogs can now be bought for 8 and 10 cents gross in some places, in fact, some as low as 7 cents gross. This is certainly better than paying 10 and 12 cents a pound for long nosed sand hill rooters and razor-back scrub stock.

Paying For Their Paper.

Many have called or mailed their subscription renewals to The Chronicle in the past few days. Every week the paper adds new names to its already large list and the papers circulation growth is continuous. A partial list of those who have recently paid follows:

- R. Moseley, Camden, \$1.00
- Hampton Sutton, Camden, \$1.00
- W. D. McDowen, Camden, \$1.00
- S. B. Rodgers, Camden, \$1.00
- B. P. DeLoach, Camden, \$1.00
- John Jenkins, Camden, \$1.00
- Rev. F. H. Harding, Camden, \$1.00
- C. P. Chevington, Westville, \$1.00
- W. H. Jones, Kershaw, \$1.00
- C. H. Holland, Camden, \$1.00
- C. B. Nettles, Lugoff, \$1.00
- Charles Adamson, Camden, \$1.00
- Neal Henry, Camden, \$1.00
- T. R. Broxton, Camden, \$1.00
- Neil Brannan, Lugoff, \$1.00
- T. F. Horton, Kershaw, \$2.00
- A. M. McLeod, Camden, \$1.00
- J. E. Gaskins, Kershaw, \$1.00
- A. D. Kennedy, Greenville, \$1.00
- L. L. Truesdell, Westville, \$3.00
- R. M. Drakeford, Canby, \$1.00
- R. L. Parker, Lucknow, \$1.00
- E. F. Horton, Heath Springs, \$1.00
- D. A. West, Kershaw, \$1.00
- H. P. Davis, Cassatt, \$1.00
- J. E. Brannon, Lucknow, \$1.00
- C. W. Hastey, Camden, \$1.00
- Miss Lula Baker, Remberts, \$1.00
- T. N. Langley, Camden, \$1.00
- J. M. Hall, Camden, \$1.00
- I. F. Holland, Camden, \$1.00
- Daisey Marshall, Cassatt, \$2.00
- Mrs. W. P. Brewer, Kershaw, \$1.00
- S. B. Moseley, Westville, \$1.00
- R. W. Humphries, Lucknow, \$1.00
- Mrs. Elmira Baskins, Bethune, \$1.00

Mr. R. L. Orr, who has been living in Charlotte for some time has moved his family back to Camden to make their future home.

Misses Elizabeth Carrison and Ruth Baker of Camden came over for the cotton and spent a few days at the Jefferson, captioned by Miss Carrison's mother, Mrs. H. O. Carrison. Sunday's State.

SHOULD BUILD A HOTEL.

Correspondent Pleads For Better Accommodation to Traveling Public.

Being a citizen and native of Camden, and at the same time spending most of my time in another community, I feel that I can give an impartial and yet a comment of personal interest in the hotel situation in Camden.

Leaving its history in the background, Camden still has a record that she can proudly boast of and show to the world, and that record is found in Bradstreet. The merchants of our town are rated among the best in the state, and are shown to be in a state of firmness, by this accepted authority. Does that sound good? Yes, and to whom? Why you say to everybody interested in Camden. You are correct but I venture the assertion that none of us appreciate nor realize its meaning so keenly as the "traveling salesman" or the "drummer," as many of us call him. Indeed, he leaps with joy when he sees this report, and makes all plans to stop over in Camden. Oh! but what is his feeling after reaching the town? "My, my," says he, "this the hotel." "Surely I must be mistaken or else I have found a 'weltdo, old-fogy, dead town.'" Thus with his wit and enthusiasm thwarted he goes out to do business. "A nice movie," says he to himself, "a fine post-office too, and look at the new bank and office building across the way. That looks more like it, and sure the whole street looks like business," and thus cheered up he goes on for a good day's work.

He leaves the town and comments about as follows to a friend: "That is a good, progressive town. Clever, sound and hustling merchants too, but they seem to have forgotten the traveling man, his value to them and his need of service and accommodation." Do you not think that a town should have a hotel at least in keeping with its own welfare and progress? Thus continues the conversation, incidentally boosting the towns that furnish good hotel accommodations, in a single or many respects.

I heard a salesman say on Jan. 15, 1916, that he had the highest regard for his many friends in Camden (calling several by name); and added that he had been going there for 27 years, but it truly made him sick to think of the fare and comfort given his fellow-workers in a town like Camden.

Truly, I believe we have neglected this valuable asset to our community, and have left the care and proper entertainment of our visitors and helpers to some individual. I think in most cases they have done the very best they could, but I do not think any of us believe it was as good service as our town would like to render and can afford to give.

Again, as sad as it may seem, and be the cause whatever it may it is a known fact that the traveling public does not make its plans to stop over in Camden and now it is our duty to remedy this defect. You say how? There is almost one certain reply to that question. If the hotel is a success under any management, the public must needs be behind the project, and it would be better to say in the undertaking. If the people of Camden help build a modern, commercial hotel, they will be far more interested in its success, and truly aid in some way that will benefit the business. Unconsciously, you will find yourself gladly referring your salesman and friends to the hotel; instead of offering him some apology, should he mention the hotel, as we do at present.

The time is therefore ripe to make a move, and considered logically and practically, it is the community's duty and opportunity to wipe the one "big eye-sore" off of Camden's map.

A Citizen.

Marriage of Popular Young People.

Mr. James Boyd Magill and Miss Blanche Hough, both of Kershaw, S. C., motored down to Camden Wednesday afternoon and were quietly married at the home of Judge of Probate McDowell. They are two of Kershaw's popular young people, both being members of two well known and high respected families and have many war friends who will be interested in this announcement.

Miss Lucia Yates has returned from a pleasant visit to Mrs. David Perkins of Darlington and Mrs. Carl Kay Smith of Timmonsville.

Mr. H. T. Johnson of Bethune spent last Saturday in Camden, the trip having been made in his newly purchased Ford.



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