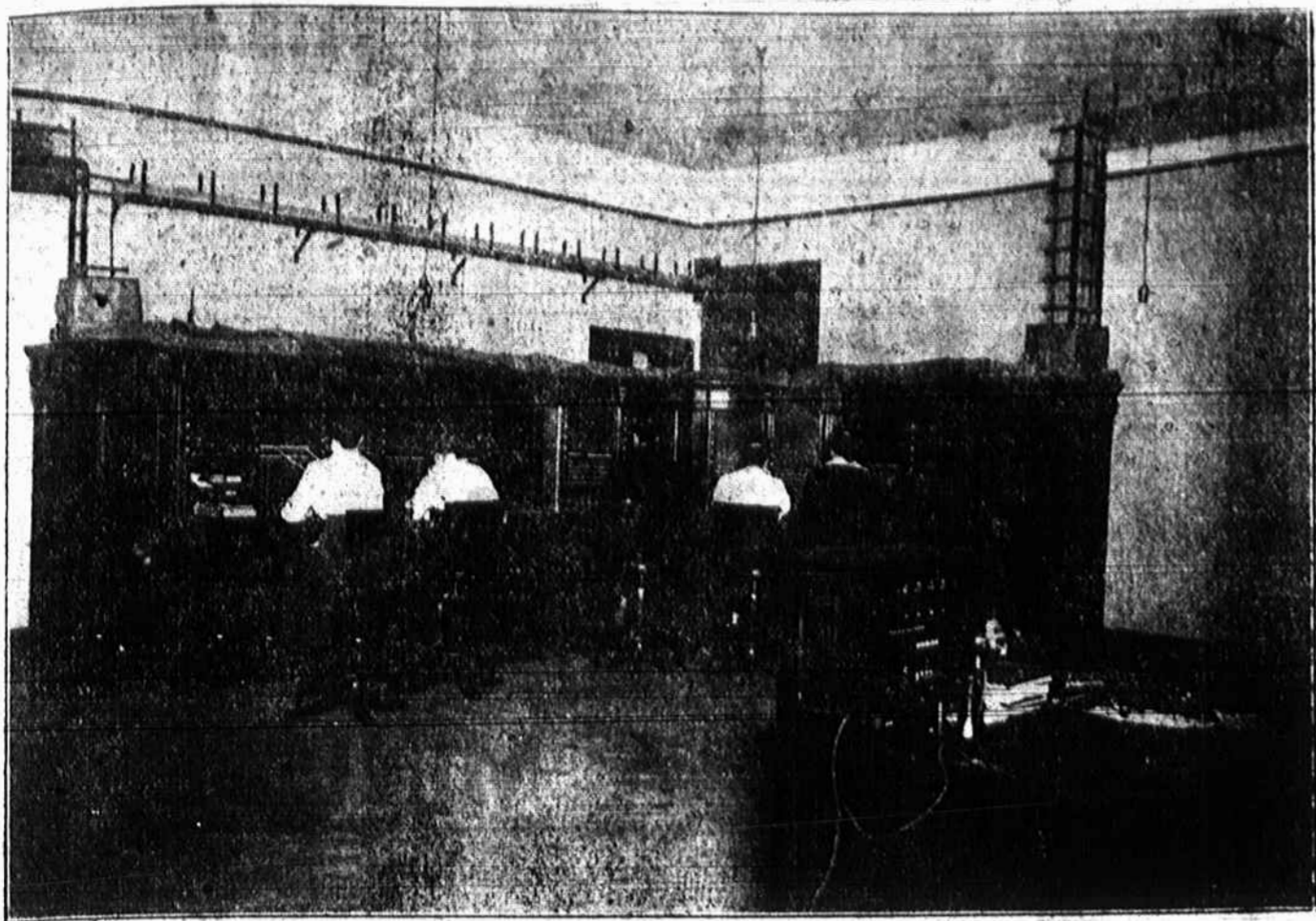


NEW HOME OF SOUTHERN BELL AT CAMDEN



(From Southern Telephone News.) While distributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in the way of bonuses, the company was not unmindful of the obligations it owes to others and presented the people of Camden, S. C. with a Christmas present that was very much appreciated by its patrons and the public generally, when on Wednesday before Christmas the new office was put in operation in that historic town. So carefully had all the details of the cut-over been planned and executed that when the change was made, about 2:30 a. m., none of the subscribers were aware of the fact, except such as had remembered the announcement previously made.

The new quarters are located on the second floor of the Crocker-Savage building, recently erected at the northwest corner of DeKalb and Broad streets. It is an ideal location, being in the heart of the business district, and the offices and operating rooms having been constructed in accordance with plans prepared by the company's engineers. It would be extremely difficult to suggest any improvement.

The equipment is of the latest type and the capacity is sufficient to provide facilities necessary for handling the business of that flourishing city for years to come. There is ample

room for installing additional units whenever demanded, so that no city in the Carolinas has been better favored from telephone standpoint than Camden.

Not only has an ideal central office been installed, but the outside plant has been improved and made in keeping with it. Underground cable has been placed and interior block work installed throughout the entire business section, which has made possible the removal of unsightly poles, together with aerial cables and wires. This has not only improved the appearance of the streets, but insures for the public the best class of service possible under present conditions prevailing in the field of telephone engineering.

The work of installing the new plant was under the supervision of E. C. Varbrough and B. Martin, the former handling the outside work and the latter the equipment work. Both gentlemen did excellent work, as was demonstrated by the fact that when the change was made there was absolutely no friction or trouble, the operating force in the new office taking up the work and handling calls immediately after the word was given. Not a single station was lost and the work at the switchboard was handled just as

though there had never been any change. As a local paper, the Camden Chronicle, states, the interruption did not exceed three seconds.

The exchange now serves 466 local subscribers, in addition to long-line stations wired by subscribers, and the business is rapidly growing. The plant and commercial work is under the management of L. A. Houghton, one of the most efficient employees in the service of the company, while Miss Bettie Hammond, as chief operator, renders efficient and satisfactory service. The services of thirteen people are required in handling the work of the exchange, and notwithstanding the fact that local conditions are such as require the best possible service, there is probably not another exchange of its size in the South or territory from which there are received fewer complaints.

A few words relative to the history of the city may be of interest to the reader. Camden is situated on the Wateree River, about thirty miles from Columbia, in one of the most populous sections of the state. As stated in a previous paragraph, it is one of the historic points of the state, as well as one of its oldest towns. It was created by a resolution of the Royal Council on December 3, 1733, which provided

for the establishment of eight townships located on South Carolina rivers, a town site to be laid out in each. In 1768 a circuit court was established at Camden, which is the first mention made of the town under its present name. At the beginning of the American revolution it was a fairly large town, and the greater number of its citizens were active participants, while two battles were fought near it. In June, 1780, Lord Cornwallis occupied the town and established a fortified post, which he left in charge of Lord Rawden. In July of that year the battle of Camden was fought between Lord Rawden and General Gates at a point about eight miles distant from the town. In this engagement the Americans were defeated and the patriot Baron DeKalb, after whom one of the principal streets of Camden has been named, was slain. The next year General Green fought another battle with the British at Hobkirk Hill, a short distance from the city.

Southwest of the city is an old cemetery in which are graves of former residents who departed this life more than a century and a half ago, and in some instances gigantic trees have grown up over the graves. But the citizens of this republic of the dead have not been allowed to rest in peace, and many marks of the god of war are noticeable, numerous headstones being bullet-scattered. In some instances there are marks of as many as ten or twelve balls on a single headstone.

In a secluded corner of this old cemetery is a small stone marking the resting place of a young woman. The only inscription is the words, "Here Lies Agnes of Glasgow, Who Departed This Life Feb. 12, 1780. Aged 20." Other than these simple words, nothing is positively known relative to her history, although there is a tradition that she was a young Scotch lass who followed her soldier lover from far off Scotland, arriving here the day he had been hurled. Finding her lover dead, she became ill and in a few days died of a broken heart.

Camden now has a population of approximately five thousand people and is one of the most popular winter resorts of the South, being frequented by millionaires of the North, because of its pleasant climate and other natural advantages. It has three splendid and commodious tourist hotels for the accommodation of those who do not care to occupy cottages; also two of the best golf links and polo grounds to be found in the South, and affords an ideal location for one weary by the cares of business.

made happy.

At 11 a. m. the children and friends were admitted to the Jackson school building while many had to remain on the outside.

The pupils of the Jackson school were placed in their respective classrooms while the visitors reviewed them as they passed into the auditorium. This allowed the pupils and patrons of the other schools to see how the Jackson school was well equipped and decorated for the occasion. The blackboards were bordered with lovely paper best suited to the advantage of the scholars while the boards had on them drawings and beautiful inscriptions.

At 10:30 the music teacher of the Jackson school played a march by which the children entered the chapel.

The large crowd then sang a song written by Rev. P. J. McDaniel and read the scriptures lesson and Rev. A. R. Cohen made the prayer, and another song was rendered. The announcements of the day were made by C. C. Lowery, then the declaration and oration contests were introduced.

The first on program was a dialogue by members of the first grade from the Presbyterian school.

We next had the declaimers from the second, third and fourth grades followed by a motion song by small girls of the primary department of the Jackson school.

The next was the declaimers of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, followed by a solo by Joseph Burke of the Presbyterian school.

At this time we were very highly favored with an excellent address by Mr. C. W. Birchmore, County Superintendent of Education. We wish to hereby thank him for the strong and whole some advice rendered us and for the good advice given our work in his valuable paper.

The next in order was a selection by the Benedict band after which the decision of the judges was as follows:

Declaration contest, Second grade, 1st prize, Theodore Thibodeaux, 50c; 2nd, Rosa Adams, 25c; 3rd, Emma Alexander, 5c.

Third grade, 1st, Rosa Jones, 50c; 2nd, Minnie Corbett, 25c; 3rd, John Layhorn, 15c.

Fourth grade, 1st, Wilhelmina Dible, 50c; 2nd, Charles Layhorn, 25c; 3rd, Henrietta Belton, 15c.

Fifth grade, 1st, Patsy Jones, 50c; 2nd, Frances Abernethy, 25c; 3rd, Mamie Adams, 15c.

Sixth grade, 1st, Louise Wright, 50c; 2nd, Leander Show, 25c; 3rd, Willie Belton, 15c.

Seventh grade, 1st, Lo Hyes, 50c; 2nd, Lo Hyes, 25c. Total to declaimers \$5.25.

Orations, Seventh grade, 1st, Isaac D. Frasier, 50c; 2nd, Fannie E. Boykin, 25c. Total to all speakers \$6.00.

The next was the report of the judges who inspected the class rooms of the Jackson school. They highly commended the teachers for the work and appearance of their rooms and reported the prize winners as follows:

Drawing, 1st grade, Mary Lawson, 25c; 1st A, Gertie Jones, 25c; 2nd, Rebecca Bray; 3rd, Eddie Aaron; 4th

James Aaron; 5th, Otis Aaron; 6th, Patsy Boykin; 7th, Steady Reynolds; 25 cents to each. Total for drawing \$2.00.

Writing, 1st, Alvin D. Gooch; ad, 1st, Sammie Dow; 2nd, Estelle Brown; 3rd, Marion Wallace; 4th, Willie Adams; 5th, Eliza Bellon; 6th, Patsy Boykin; 7th, Steady Reynolds. 15c to each. Total \$1.20.

The band came in with a selection after which we had a lunch.

The parade took place at 4 p. m. and will be the last one, and the only one of the kind.

Prize for the best of the parade was a bag of rice and 12 father rode in a buggy at the head of the parade with the band following.

The march was conducted down De Kalb to Market then to Rutledge and then to Campbell and thence to the school grounds.

The athletic contests followed:

Bag race, 1st, Marie Cooper; 2nd, Clara Brevard; 3rd, Helen Anderson; 4th, Annie Belle Wilson; 5th, Freddie Allen; 6th, Sammie Dow; 7th, Bessie Richmond; 8th, William Wade; 9th, Elia Whitaker. 20c to each. Total \$1.80.

Potato race, 1st, Johnnie Kelly; 2nd, Joe Vealey; 3rd, Fred Carlos; 4th, Dan Nelson; 5th, Johnnie Davis. 20c to each. 25 yard race, 1st, James Dufosse; 2nd, Patsy Jones; 3rd, James McKinney; 4th, Herman Chiborn. 20c to each.

Handicap race, 1st, Dan Lawson; 2nd, Dan Nelson; 3rd, 2nd, Theodore Alexander and John Carlos, 30c.

Hill jumps, 1st, Herman Chiborn, 20c; 2nd, Isaac Frasier, 15c; 3rd, Geo. Gary, 15c.

Velocipede, The girls vs the boys, 13 to 9 in favor of girls. No prize.

The following schools took part: Jackson, Presbyterian, Emmanuel, Antioch, Parker, Hyco, Mt. Zion, Ephesus, Wesley Chapel, Westville, Kirkland, Parker of DeKalb, Cantej Hill, Sweet Home and Long Branch.

At 5 p. m. an education mass meeting was conducted in Mt. Moriah Baptist church. The church was packed with an enthusiastic audience.

Good music was rendered by the Benedict band and the choral club of Jackson school.

Strong speeches were made by Prof. T. L. Duckett of Benedict and J. P. Pickett and Prof. J. A. Bates.

During these exercises Florie Bishop was presented the first prize for collecting the largest amount from the public on expenses while Rhith Carter received the second prize.

The Jackson school raised \$32 on expenses and the public collection was \$10 while all the schools that took part paid something on expenses.

L. J. Johnson of Antioch acted as assistant manager of the athletic features.

We thank Pastor J. W. Boykin, Rev. J. H. Tooley, the merchants and all who so ably supported our efforts and made field day a success. Respectfully reported.

C. C. Lowery,
Pres. Colored Teachers Association.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has donated \$180,000 to the George Peabody college at Nashville, Tenn., for a library.

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