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CAMDEN LOAN & REALTY COMPANY

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COUNTY NEWS

Interest Gathered From Bishopville Windleator.
A little over \$1000 was taken from a dinner given by the ladies of the Bishopville Windleator. The proceeds were for the benefit of the poor of the community. The dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Maud Williams on Jan. 3rd 1918. The guests were very numerous and the evening was a happy one. The ladies of the Windleator are to be congratulated for their successful effort.

Wilkinson, who, with his wife, is spending a portion of the winter in Philadelphia to take a medical course. His brothers, the late Wilkinson, of Eufaula, Ala., and the late Wilkinson, of Monticello, Ga., spent a week here with him last week.

Miss Maud Williams to Mr. H. H. Houck on Jan. 3rd 1918. The ceremony was held at the home of her father, Mr. H. H. Williams.

Miss Maud Williams, one of her brightest, most industrious young people, died on Jan. 3rd 1918. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams, of the western part of the county. She was a happy family of nine children and six sons. She died at her nineteenth year. Her father is the senior class of the college, near Gastonia, N. C. She was a devoted and esteemed friend, and school teacher, and was greatly missed by her family and friends.

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She was smitten by a fatal disease at school and died at Linwood on Dec. 17th, 1917. The love and sympathy expressed by so many on the occasion of her death is greatly appreciated by her family.

Mr. Alpheus Baker, who was reported last week as being so ill died Christmas eve at the home of his son, Mr. Lucius Baker and was buried on Christmas day. A gallant Confederate soldier, a man without an enemy, a citizen of highest integrity and patriotism, a devoted father and friend to the needy has passed to his reward.

Mr. F. G. Neeley, foreman of the Abbeville Press and Banner, with his wife and two children are down on a visit to the latter's father, Mr. P. L. Reynolds.

Miss Elma Evans attended the holiday dance at the "Park" in Darlington. She will spend the latter part of the holidays with friends in Camden.

Mrs. E. E. Burney with three children of Lawley, Fla., is on a visit to spend the holidays with her parents, Elder and Mrs. H. V. Skipper of Stokes Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dixon have moved to Sumter. Their many friends here regret their leaving but wish them well in their new home. Mr. Brooks Dulose of Hartsville has rented their home here and moved in.

Woman Shoots Husband.
Mrs. B. F. Culpepper shot and seriously wounded her husband, Ben F. Culpepper, near the Coast Line passenger station Friday afternoon. The young couple were recently married. The cause of the trouble is not known. It appears that they were standing on the street leading from the depot to the cotton mill talking and that the husband turned to walk away when his wife pulled a revolver and fired. It is reported that five shots were fired at close range, two taking effect, one shot entering near the right shoulder from the front, another entering from the rear about the left shoulder blade.

Mrs. Culpepper was taken into custody by John O. Folsom, chief of police and carried to jail at Darlington to await the result of the wounds.

Mr. Culpepper has been carried to the Florence hospital, and, while seriously shot, it is reported there is a chance for his recovery.—Hartsville Messenger.

1918 AUTO LICENSES

State Highway Department Has Received Supply of Tags.
Columbia, Dec. 29.—For the information of all owners of motor vehicles the State Highway Commission announced yesterday that in accordance with the law 1918 license plates will be recognized by the authorities until February 1, 1918, as all owners have one month margin in which to obtain their numbers.

After many delays due to transportation difficulties the State Highway department has received a shipment of 45,000 license plates for 1918 and is now issuing the same, but as many owners seem to think that they must obtain their license plates prior to January 1 the above announcement is made. License plates for 1918 must be placed on motor vehicles on or before February 1.

Four Overcome by Heat.

Passadena, Cal. Jan. 1.—Four persons were overcome by heat today in the crowd of 42,000 which witnessed the football team of marines stationed at Mare's Island navy yard defeat the army team from Camp Lewis, Washington, one of the features of the annual tournament of roses here. The score was 19 to 2. Profits from the game will go to the Red Cross.

Private Sydney H. Brown, of Camp Sevier, whose home was in Murfreesboro, Tenn., was killed instantly Tuesday by an interurban electric car.

DEATH RATE HIGHER

Bureau of Vital Statistics Gives Facts of Birth and Deaths.
Columbia, Dec. 30.—The death rate for the ten months ending October 31, 1917 in South Carolina, according to the figures prepared by the bureau of vital statistics of the State Board of Health, is 14.5 per cent for each 1,000 of population, compared with 13.9 per cent for a like period in 1916. The total deaths for the stated period of this year was 10,672, compared with 18,669 for last year.

The birth rate for 1917 shows a decrease. In 1916 there were 38,901 children born, or 29 to each 1,000 of population, while for ten months this year there was a total of 35,401, or 20.1 per cent. The reports to the bureau of vital statistics shows that there was a slight increase up to May 1, when about 150 physicians were put in the reserve officers' medical corps. It is presumed by the bureau authorities that there has not been an actual falling off in births, but that the physicians, changing their mode of life, did not make reports in every instance.

Spartanburg County leads with the largest number of births, 2,015, and Jasper, the smallest county in the State, in point of population, foots the list for deaths and births, 95 and 169 respectively, during 1917. Charleston County shows an excess of two births over deaths, the number of infants being born totalling 1,647, and the mortalities reached 1,645.

Of 25 leading cities of the State only Bennettsville, Camden, Easley, Georgetown, Marion Sumter and Union show a decreased number of deaths for the ten months of this year over a like period in 1916.

From January 1 to October 31, 1917 there were 242 deaths against 562 births in Kershaw County. From January 1 to October 31, 1916, 72 deaths were reported against 69 for a like period for year just ending.

Claimed He Was Preacher.

M. D. Lee, a middle aged negro, was travelling from Jacksonville to Camden and was accompanied by a valise. The train rolled in at the Seaboard station and State constables were out for an evening stroll. Somehow in some manner the grip lost its hold and fell into the hands of the officers. The owner was questioned and the examination developed the fact that the man's correct name was the Rev. M. D. Lee.

The stranger and the reception committee were taken to one police station and the valise was examined. The preacher was prepared for any eventuality. The grip contained two quarts and a little more whiskey, a Bible and a revolver. Some light wearing apparel were included in the baggage but no chickens could be found.

Lee said he was anxious to move on as he was scheduled to preach at Camden today. He made all sorts of overtures to obtain his release. The traveler will be turned over to the federal authorities and he can secure his liberty if he can satisfy Judge H. A. M. Smith that he was bringing in the liquor for scientific mechanical, medicinal or sacramental purposes.—Sundays' state.

Two Bits a Day Clubs.
Out in Phoenix, Ariz., a movement has been inaugurated for the formation of "Two Bits a Day" Clubs, the members of which are to buy a quarter's worth of Thrift Stamps every day. Three men each took a hundred Thrift cards, pasted one stamp in each card, and sold the entire lot before two blocks had been covered.

"Two Bits" is the old term, dating back to the early days of the country, for a quarter of a dollar, and is still used in the South and West. Every patriotic American now wants "to do his bit"; the members of these clubs are carrying out this idea finely in doing their "two bits" every day. It is hoped that "Two Bits a Day" clubs will be formed all over the country in the great war-savings campaign.

Governor Sidney J. Catts has ordered a heavy guard placed around the State capitol at Tallahassee following the discovery of what police officials believe to be a well-laid plot to destroy the State House.

Farm Property For Sale

480 acres, 2 1-2 miles Northwest from Blaney, tenant houses, barns and all buildings necessary. 100 acres under wire in subdivided pasture. Price \$15.00 per acre.

181 acres about 4 miles North of Camden. Sandy loam, with clay sub soil. Price \$30.00 per acre.


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To all who have in any way contributed toward the material or moral support of our business we tender the assurance of grateful hearts.

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Gratefully yours,

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With the earnest hope that fortune may smile upon each and every one of you, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Your Friends and Well Wishers,

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REAL ESTATE INSURANCE
CROCKER BUILDING PHONE 48

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.