

SHORT TERM OF COURT

Only Jail Cases Disposed of Monday and Court Adjourned Until Thursday.

Only those prisoners in jail were tried at this term of court and all of this business was cleared up in one day—the grand jury made its presentment and both grand and petit jurors were discharged on Monday. Judge Townsend presided with Solicitor Spitzer representing the state. Adjournment was ordered until Thursday when the case issued against James McGirt to show cause why a sentence of one year should be imposed at a former term of court for selling whiskey should not become operative. The sentence had been suspended upon good behavior but McGirt has since been convicted in the Recorder's Court upon another charge of selling whiskey.

Cases disposed of on Monday were as follows:
The case against Thomas Stewart charged with assault with intent to kill and carrying a concealed weapon was not prosed.

The case against Anthony Blanding charged with disposing of property under color of law was also not prosed.

Sam Turner plead guilty to house breaking and larceny and received a sentence of two years.

Powell Kirkland plead guilty to house breaking and larceny and got a sentence of two years.

The murder charge against Sanders Jenkins and Bessie Hood was transferred to the county docket. Jenkins shot and killed a Porto Rican at Hardaway some time ago and made his escape. Bessie Hood was held as an accomplice and she has been released.

John Adams was found guilty of pointing a gun and carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve four months on the penitentiary.

George Munger, a negro, plead guilty to manslaughter and received a sentence of four years and six months. He killed another negro near Kershaw some few weeks ago.

Carolina Herbert and George Bynum, two white youths plead guilty to the charge of house breaking and larceny and were given sentences of thirty days. The two boys were captured near Bethune after they had entered a house. They claim their homes are in Texas and Oklahoma. The judge suspended their sentences on condition that enough money be raised to send them back to their homes. They will remain in jail until the sheriff and clerk can get the amount of their railroad tickets.

James Gaskins and Duncan Brown were upon a charge of making whiskey. Gaskins plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve one year on the chain gang. The gang sentence was suspended upon good behavior, but the fine had to be paid. The case against Duncan was dismissed.

The court will very likely issue an order to have Peter Hudson, the slayer of Policeman Robert Latta, transferred from the penitentiary to the state insane asylum, the physicians having reported that he was mentally and physically unfit to appear for trial. This was suggested by the solicitor.

Following is the presentment of the grand jury:

His honor, Judge W. H. Townsend, Presiding Judge Summer Term of Court for Kershaw County, we beg to make the following presentment:

We have passed on all bills handed us by the solicitor. We beg to note the piazza at the jail has been built, and can say that we think that it was money well spent. We are glad to note that all of our former recommendations have been complied with. We would like to suggest to our legislative delegation, that they amend the law so that those speeding on the highways in automobiles may be more severely dealt with. As we consider it is very necessary this be looked into. We would also suggest, or recommend that the law be amended so as to increase the pay of jurors, especially so they receive enough to pay expenses while in attendance upon court.

We believe this covers about all that comes to our attention and make a final presentment of same at the fall term of court.

All of which we most respectfully submit. Thanking you, the Judge, and all other court officials for kindnesses shown, we beg to remain,

Yours truly,
F. H. Arrants,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Rule Dismissed.
The rule issued against James McGirt, to show why he should not serve a sentence of one year on the gang for selling whiskey set for a hearing yesterday was dismissed by Judge Townsend until some future court. The witnesses against McGirt again failed to be on hand and a bench warrant was issued to have them brought here. Sheriff Welch telephoned from Kershaw that he would be down in an hour with his witnesses but before he could reach here, the case had been dismissed and the Judge had caught a train for home.

CROPS RUINED BY POTASH

Cotton and Tobacco Fields Laid Waste Great Loss Involved

Columbia, July 6.—"I found a calamitous condition in a large section of Darlington county which I visited," said Dr. A. C. Summers Saturday upon his return from a trip of inspection which he made as State chemist at the request of Commissioner Harris. It had been reported to the State department of agriculture that a large number of farmers in Darlington county had suffered because of the purchase and use of the so-called American potash, and the department was urged by Bright Williamson to make some investigation.

Mr. Williamson, who is a banker and plants extensively himself, had made a preliminary investigation to see if there was any cause for so many different fields of tobacco and cotton dying and withering. In his letter informing the department Mr. Williams said "the result of the use of domestic potash on tobacco and cotton showing up now is most alarming. Where 75 pounds per acre of K2O was used on tobacco there is practically none, and the effect is serious on cotton. Where 40 to 50 pounds of K2O was used there is generally about one-half stand of tobacco. Where smaller quantities of K2O were used, the effect is not noticeable."

Dr. Summers states that Mr. Williamson presented the matter conservatively. The loss in Darlington county alone will run up into the hundreds of thousands. Other counties in the State have not reported and they may not be affected as seriously, but in Darlington through the activity of J. M. Napier and Mr. Williamson, an effort has been made to locate all of the fields affected. There have been individual cases reported from other counties.

Dr. Summers endorses the statement of Mr. Williamson that "the evidence of the poisonous and disastrous results of the use of potash is positive, overwhelming and spectacular." It can not be alleged that the widespread destruction of plant life is due to too much moisture, for by a process of elimination it was shown that one part of a field where the potash had been spread has suffered greatly while in another part where German kainit or other forms of potash were used the plant life was healthy and the amount of moisture over the entire community was the same.

"I never witnessed such ruin in the fields from causes other than the most destructive hail storms," said Dr. Summers. "One farmer had lost all of his tobacco planting on one piece of land and he then plowed it and planted cotton. The cotton germinated and grew very well until the roots came in contact with the potash in the soil and then plants died. This farmer is trying cowpeas to see if that crop will produce."

"I think that the poison will be eradicated from the soil in the course of a year. I observed that where there had been heavy rains since the putting down of the potash that the poison seemed to have leached out to some extent. We are making experiments in our laboratories and will know by Monday more of the chemical nature of this American potash."

"At a meeting of the cotton farmers in New Orleans about two months ago an effort was made to get the government not to put a heavy tariff upon German potash. This effort was killed by the agency of the men interested in American potash. A meeting of Southern commissioners of agriculture will be held in Washington at an early date to protest against a heavy duty upon German potash. Our farmers must have potash, and if the domestic brand is poison to the soil we must find a corrective or be permitted to buy the German potash (which we can not do at the prohibitive prices proposed.)"

Dr. Summers declared that the appearance of some of the fields in Darlington county was really painful, for it is well known that Darlington has some of the finest farm lands in the State and they have been brought up to a high state of productivity.

Prosecutors Dropped Case.

The case against J. D. Bennett, the white electrician, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Men's Shop, some months ago when several hundred dollars worth of goods were stolen has been dropped by the prosecutors. The negro who was captured at the time plead guilty to the charge at court this week and received a sentence of two years. The negro stated at the time of his arrest that a white man helped him in the job. Bennett was found apparently asleep in the same building the night of the burglary and he was arrested in connection with the case. If there was any other evidence against him the prosecution failed to produce it hence the case was dismissed.

CITED BY GEN. PERSHING

Camden Boy Gets Expression of Appreciation From Commander-in-Chief

Mr. John J. Goodale, of this city, father of Mr. F. D. Goodale, is in receipt of a citation signed by Gen. John J. Pershing, which reads as follows: "United States Army—Citation—Sergeant Frank deSaussure Goodale, Co. M., 118th Infantry, for distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Vaux Audigny, on October 11, 1918 in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces. In testimony thereof and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award this citation. Awarded on the 27th day of March, 1919. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief."

Young Goodale was a member of the Kershaw Guards and was with them in some of the fiercest fighting of the war having gone over the top more than twenty times and fortunately came out of some of the hottest engagements without a scratch. He has received his discharge and recently returned to Camden, but has later gone to Sumter where he is now making his home. While his immediate family knew of his citation he would not consent to give it out for publication, and we are indebted to his father for the following official mention appearing in the War Department's mention of those receiving citations by the Adjutant of the 30th Division:

"Sergeant Frank D. Goodale, (1312-372) Co. M., 118th Infantry.—During the engagement near Vaux Audigny, 11th October, 1918, this noncommissioned officer volunteered to crawl around the town with a Lewis gun through machine gun fire and put out of action a machine gun which was making the town uninhabitable. They were successful in silencing the gun. They took up a position in a nearby house and dislodged the enemy from a harassing position."

DIRIGIBLE CROSSES OCEAN

Mammoth Balloon Was in Air 108 Hours and Traveled 3,600 Miles.

Mineola, N. Y., July 6.—Great Britain's super-dirigible, R-34, the first lighter than air machine to cross the Atlantic ocean, anchored here at Roosevelt Field at 9:54 a. m. today (1:54 p. m. Greenwich mean time) after an aerial voyage of 108 hours and 12 minutes, which covered 3,130 knots, or approximately 3,600 land miles.

Passing through dense banks of clouds, with the sun and sea visible only at rare intervals, the R-34 was forced to cruise 2,050 knots to reach Trinity Bay, N. F., from East Fortune, Scotland and 1,080 knots from there to Mineola. When the super-Zeppelin arrived here she had left enough petrol to keep her moving 90 minutes longer. Her crew, almost sleepless for four and a half days, were weary almost to the point of exhaustion, but happy at the successful completion of their epoch making trip. The return voyage will be started Tuesday at 8 a. m.

Haggard, unshaven, their eyes blood-shot from the long vigil and lines of care bitten deep into their faces, Maj. G. H. Scott, commander, and his officers showed plainly the effects of the anxious hours through which they lived yesterday while they were cruising over the far reaches of Canada and the Bay of Fundy, beset by fog, heavy winds and terrific electric storms.

"It seemed as though the atmosphere was haunted by 5,000 devils," said Lieut. Guy Harris, the meteorologist officer.

Returns To Scotland.

Mineola, July 9.—The British dirigible R-34 left Roosevelt Field shortly before midnight on her return cruise to Scotland.

The great ship, held in leash by 1,000 American balloon men, was released at 11:55 o'clock and floated leisurely up to a height of 200 feet with her motors silent. The motors then began to whirl and the craft, nosing upward, headed for New York.

Three great searchlights playing on the ship made her plainly discernible to the thousands who had gathered to bid her bon voyage. With three engines, port, starboard and forward—running, and two others in reserve, the R-34 glided off toward the south, then swung in a westerly course, bringing her nose in the direction of New York. Favorable weather conditions are reported over the entire route save for one bad spot in midatlantic.

Building Addition to Garage.

The Consolidated Auto Co. is having quite a large addition made to their garage on West DeKalb street. The vacant lot to the rear of the building is having an extension built on same to take care of the increasing business of this firm. The new room will be used almost exclusively for repairing and recharging all makes of storage batteries, and will be in charge of a man trained at the factory.

A HOME WEDDING

Miss Kate Murchison Becomes Bride of L. Leroy Clippard.

A simple but beautiful wedding around which centers the interest of many friends throughout the State took place at the bride's home at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, when Miss Katharine Murchison, youngest daughter of Mrs. Lydia Murchison became the bride of L. Leroy Clippard of Enoree. Dr. W. W. Daniel former president of Columbia College, performed the ceremony.

The home was tastefully decorated with Southern smilax, ferns, pink and white gladiolus, and sbasta daisies. The guests were received by Mrs. W. R. Hough and Mrs. D. M. McCaskill. Promptly at 10 o'clock Miss Sarah Reynolds McCain of Columbia sounded the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, and the bridal party entered the living room. The minister took his place, before an improvised altar, formed of ferns and white gladiolus. Then came the dame of honor, Mrs. Walter L. Lowry of Utica, N. Y., sister of the bride, closely followed by little Elizabeth McCaskill, carrying the wedding ring in the heart of a magnolia blossom. The bride entered on the arm of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a smart traveling suit of blue tricotine, with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and swansonia. The dame of honor was gowned in white georgette, and carried pink hydrangeas.

Mrs. Clippard is a young woman of charming personality, a graduate of Columbia College and one of the State's most successful teachers. Mr. Clippard is widely known in business circles throughout the country. He is vice president and general manager of Enoree Mills.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Clippard left by automobile for the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia. They will be at home after July 20, at Enoree.

COMMERCE CHAMBER NOTES

Mortimer Muller Named as Manager For Kershaw County Fair.

A meeting of the directors of the Camden Chamber of Commerce was held at the Bank of Camden last Monday afternoon principally for the purpose of electing a manager for the Kershaw County Fair, which will be held during the coming fall. Mr. Mortimer Muller was selected as manager and will enter upon this work within the next few days—arranging the premium lists and securing exhibits for the fair. Mr. Muller has had considerable experience in this work, having assisted with the fairs at Lexington, Ky., and we look forward to the fair of 1919 being the best ever held here. It is planned to have at least on day of horse racing, and other forms of amusement will be arranged for.

Request has been made to the State Highway Department by the Supervisor and the president of the Chamber of Commerce for a survey to be made of the highways of DeKalb Township, so that an estimate can be made of the cost of improving them under Federal supervision. When this survey and estimate is made and approved work will be commenced on this good road project.

A sanitary survey of the city was made recently by the State Board of Health at the request of the Chamber of Commerce, and the complete report of this survey is now in the hands of City Council for their inspection.

To Erect Residences.

Mr. Henry Savage will in a few days begin the erection of three residences on Fair Street, commencing at the corner of Fair and DeKalb streets. They will each be of six rooms with all modern conveniences, and Mr. Savage will offer them for sale or rent when completed. The buildings will be in a most desirable location and he will no doubt find ready sale for them.

Short Course for Club Girls.

The Kershaw County short course for club girls will take place July 23, 24, 25. All members are urged to attend all three days. If you expect to come and have not communicated with your agent, please write her at once. If you have not a place to stay while in Camden, tell your agent so she can provide a place for you.

July 25th will be given over to women as well as girls. Two State Agents, Misses White and Forney will have charge of the demonstrations. A basket picnic will be had on High School park.

The County Agents assisting during these three days are Miss Jaunita Nealey, Lancaster; Miss Bessie Harper, Aiken; and Miss Dot Napier, Columbia.

Miss Selma Parish, Emergency Home Dem. Agent.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Glenn Gregory, who served in the United States Navy, has received his discharge and returned home last week. Rev. R. M. DuBose left last Thursday for a week's stay at Columbus, Ohio, attending the Missionary Centenary Exposition.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Brown and children, of Mt. Croghan, are visiting Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown.

Miss Daisy Belle McInch has returned home from Young's Island, where she held a position as stenographer for several months.

Broadus Neal, who recently returned from overseas service came up from Camp Jackson to spend last week end with his father, Rev. J. M. Neal.

Senator J. C. Massey, L. P. Mackey, Dr. S. J. Blackmon, J. C. Jenkins, W. J. Christmas and W. H. M. B. and J. R. Jones were at Camden last Thursday night, some to take the higher degrees in masonry and the others to see the work done.

Kershaw county has promised to have a fair this fall, at least its Chamber of Commerce has. Here's hoping, but we give them a gentle hint that they ought to be hustling for it about now.

Will Gardner, of Charleston, and two friends, Clegette Seaborn and Arthur Hunt, of the United States Transport Powhatan, spent several days in Kershaw last week at the home of Mr. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gardner.

D. M. Kirkley has been notified of his appointment by the executive committee of the World's Cotton Congress as a ginner's delegate to the meeting to be held in New Orleans, La., in October.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Mason and children, of Lancaster, visited Mrs. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown in the Abney community last week.

Miss Lula Parker and Whiteford Faile, of the mill village, were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Neal, at the minister's residence.

Walker D. Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Floyd who was a member of Co. M., 118th Infantry, 30th Division, and returned home just a few weeks ago, after being discharged from service, was married at Eutawville last Saturday, July 5th, to Miss Laura Dantzier of that town. The bride and groom arrived in Kershaw yesterday morning and will make their home here. They have the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends.

Mrs. T. K. Fletcher gave her Sunday school class an all day picnic at the Halle mine pond Tuesday of last week. The members of the class were given the privilege of inviting a number of friends to enjoy the day with them and all participants had a very pleasant occasion.

Mrs. J. H. Horton gave a picnic at the Horton Spring last Thursday in honor of her niece, Miss Edna Thompson, of Taxahaw. A large number of friends were invited and enjoyed the day in the highest degree.

Mr. Jesse Holland Dead.

Mr. Jesse Holland, aged about thirty years, died at the home of his brother, Mr. Luke Holland, about fourteen miles north of Camden Tuesday evening. The young man had been ill with rheumatism for several months. He only recently returned from Columbia where he had been treated in a hospital. For a number of years he had been associated with Mr. E. E. Holland in the conduct of his farm and large ginney and flour mill at the old Vaughan mill site. He is survived by four brothers, three sisters and a large number of relatives throughout the county. The body was taken to the Beulah burying ground Wednesday afternoon for interment after funeral services by the Rev. Julius Williams.

Other Contributors.

In addition to the names of the merchants printed in last week's Chronicle, who contributed prizes to the Wateree 4th of July events, we wish to add the following:
Loan & Savings Bank, \$5.
First National Bank, \$5.
Bank of Camden, \$5.00
W. Robin Zemp, Fountain Pen.
W. M. West, 3 cans of peaches.
Roy Boulware, 10 packs of cigarettes.
M. H. Heyman, 2 jack knives.

Notice To Woodmen.

All Sovereigns are requested to assemble at the cemetery gate at 6 p. m. July 13 for Memorial Services to our deceased Sovereigns. The Memorial address will be delivered by Hon. W. P. Pollock of Cheraw. The public is cordially invited.

J. F. Bateman, C. C.
M. G. Hooker, Clerk.

THE FOURTH AT WATREEE

Management Had Planned Fine Program Which Was Carried Out.

Perhaps not within the recollection of the oldest inhabitants have the people of Camden enjoyed such a glorious 4th as that of 1919, when all were invited and cordially welcomed in the celebration at Wateree Mills.

Early in the morning boys and girls, men and women could be seen wending their way to the picturesque village that crowns the hill crest above the beautiful pine-fringed lake whose crystal waters reflect the blue of the summer skies and are most inviting for boating, swimming, diving, etc.

The efficient and wide awake superintendent Mr. H. K. Hallett had planned an all day affair and Camden should be proud of the class of entertainment furnished—clean amusement and fine sportsmanship. There was a ball game in the morning between doffer boys and school boys. Also races of all kind for boys, girls, men and women, for which prizes were offered. At noon a fine picnic dinner was served on the church lawn. The "horn of plenty" was full and all heartily joined in thanking a gracious Providence in showering blessings upon this favored land. Delightful music was furnished during dinner by Miss Parish, Messrs. Lewis and McKain.

At the mill bath house, they had swimming and diving races for men and boys. A substantial and comfortable new grandstand had been erected for the occasion that would seat more than 1500 people and it was packed for the two afternoon games. In the first game Camden defeated Wateree 4 to 0, and in the second game the 48th Infantry out-classed a picked team of Camden and Wateree 8 to 1.

During the ball games returns were given from the Willard-Dempsey fight—a courtesy tendered the management by the telegraph company and the only place in town where they were given.

A platform had been erected on the church lawn and patriotically decorated with red, white and blue. And the national colors also gleamed from the tall pines and giant oaks around the speaker's stand. At 9 p. m. ex-Lieut. Gov. McLeod of Bishopville made an eloquent and forceful address and received the interested attention of all present. Mr. McLeod said that he had visited many mill villages throughout the state and had addressed many mill audiences but the people at Wateree seemed more like a big family, more contented and happy than any he had seen. The village is noted for its beauty, cleanliness and up-to-dateness, and for the thrift, intelligence, ambitious and aspirations of its people. There is a bond of sympathy and good fellowship existing between the superintendent and his people that cannot be easily broken. We feel safe in predicting that the red flag of Bolshevism will never wave over Wateree. A model village of which Camden is justly proud. After the address, prizes that were so generously given by Camden merchants were distributed to the winners of the different events. And the 4th of 1919 closed with not one unpleasant event to mar the happy memories of the day.

NEW ADVERTISERS

Number of Firms Using Large Space in The Chronicle This Week.

The Chronicle comes to its readers in twelve page form this week, made necessary by the large increase in the advertising space used. It is a good index to the upward trend of business when so many firms are lavishly using printers ink in an effort to get their wares before the public. The following new advertisers appear in our columns this week:
Camden Coca-Cola Bottling Company—Ward's Orange Crush.
Kershaw Motor Co.—Ford cars and Fordson Tractors.
The Men's Shop—Clothing.
Consolidated Auto Co.—Storage Batteries.

The Citadel—Educational.
Confederate College—Educational.
Folly Beach—Resort.
Schlitz—Soft drinks.
R. J. Reynolds's Co.—Camel cigarettes.
Fisk Company—Auto tires.
W. M. Manning—Real Estate.
First National Bank—Statement.
Bank of Camden—Statement.
Loan & Savings Bank—Statement.
Farmers and Merchants Bank, Bethune—Statement.

Bank of Bethune—Statement.
Atlantic Coast Realty Co.—Real Estate.

Mrs. Blakney Zemp and daughter are spending some time at Waynesville, N. C. Mr. Zemp and Miss Lal Blakney carried them up in Mr. Zemp's car and returned last week.