

Sumter Man Buys Coca-Cola Plant

The Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of this city owned by Mr. John W. Jones of Chester, was sold last week to Mr. A. F. Heath, of Sumter, president of the Sumter Coca-Cola Co., operating several plants over the state. Mr. R. W. Coleman, who has been manager here for some time will continue in charge.

Mr. J. D. Benton of the Sumter plant, was in the city this week going over the business and field with Mr. Coleman, and they inform us that the change with the new owners connections and in the operation of several plants together with improvements contemplated in the near future will mean that they will be in much better position to give the public all the time better service than formerly.

Busy Day With Baptists

Next Sunday will be a very busy day with the Baptists of Camden. The Sunday School will observe Rally Day meeting at 10 in the morning. Everyone of all the congregation will make a special effort to attend Sunday School and be on time.

In the afternoon there will be a joint meeting of all the Mission Societies at 5 o'clock and annual reports will be completed for all these organizations.

The evening service will be of special interest to the entire community as Major M. L. Smith will address the gathering on the demobilization of the Service Flag.

You will do well to attend everyone of these services as each will be of peculiar interest.

McCreight Property Sold

Messrs. I. J. McKenzie and D. S. Trapp recently purchased the McCreight property on Broad street from Messrs. Mackey and Burns, and they expect at an early date to build a modern garage, service and filling station and will operate this place in addition to the Ford garage now run by them on DeKalb street.

Faithful Old Woman Dead

"Aunt" Fannie Meeks, a well known and highly respected old colored woman of this place, died last Friday at Berkeley where she had gone for a few days in the employ of a white family. Her funeral occurred in Camden on Sunday and was largely attended. She was one of the old-time colored women and was of the better class. She reared several children who have turned out to be excellent citizens. For many years she has been employed in various homes in Camden and had a large number of friends who will regret her passing away. She had reached a great age but was active up to the time of her death. She died very suddenly without a few minutes warning.

Shroek House Sold

Mr. W. C. Scarborough, who recently purchased the Shroek house and lot on DeKalb and Laytton streets this week sold the building to L. A. McDowell, real estate agent, who states the building will be rolled to a new location within the next few days. Mr. Scarborough will begin work on his filling station and garage as soon as the lot is cleared.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Homer Hamlin of Atlanta is visiting relatives here. This is Mrs. Hamlin's home town and she is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Emily LeGrand, and later as Mrs. Stokes.

Cecil Brasington, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. S. F. Brasington, left last week for Cleveland, to drive their Chandler auto from the factory. They will stop over in several places of interest.

Mr. John Porter who has been in Fort Motte for the past two weeks visited his brother, Mr. Harry Porter here this week, and left Monday for Boston. He will be at Union College again this year.

Mary Pickford will be seen at the Majestic Theatre next week in her second production from her own studio in "Hedda-Gab" This is unquestionably the greatest character study of Mary Pickford's career.

Miss K. G. Whigley, after a three months sojourn in the mountains of North Carolina, returned to Camden a few days ago, and at an early date will begin getting her house in readiness for winter visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and Messrs. Helen and Jeanette Baum motored from Dublin, Ga., and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hirsch for several days. They were accompanied home by Messrs. Della and Henrietta Black.

We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lenoir and family expect to return to Camden in the near future. We hear that Mr. Lenoir has sold his handsome plantation near Hagood and that the family will again make Camden their home.

The friends of Fred B. Williams, who sailed the Merchant Marine as a Third Mate July 1st, will be glad to know he arrived in New York on August 24th after a successful trip to Hull, England. He was in the United States only a week when he sailed for St. Johns, New Brunswick. At the beginning of this voyage he was made Second Mate on the S. S. Lake Grampus. He sailed last Saturday for Piraeus and Saloniki, Greece, and Constantinople and the Black Sea. We wish him a very successful trip and a safe return.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Taking advantage of the absence of police protection, a mob in South Boston was reported breaking windows in stores and looting.

George Gaston Quinn, charged with having betrayed Edith Cavell to the Germans has been condemned to death by the court martial in Paris.

The Austrian national assembly has decided to sign the peace treaty by a vote of 97 to 34. The assembly, however, adopted a unanimous protest against the terms of the treaty.

Honorary membership in the Western Union Employees' association was denied Postmaster General Burleson in their convention at Denver on the grounds that he denied employees "benefit of retroactive pay."

Flat increases of \$150 in the annual wages of 11 postoffice employes is provided by a bill passed by the House and sent to the Senate. The increase is retroactive to July 1 last, and affects approximately 250,000 employes.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield tendered his resignation, and was accepted by President Wilson, effective November 1st. It is said the resignation followed a controversy with Director General Hines regarding prices for steel and the dissolution of the price fixing board.

Harry J. Hiles, a stock raiser, of Grand Island, Neb., purchased two airplanes, one for his personal use in riding over his ranches, and a larger one for the use of his family. Hiles owns one ranch of 7,000 acres and a number of smaller ones. He says his plane can be made to do the work of three ranch superintendents in looking after his stock.

Louisa Freeman, negro, born in 1799, the year of George Washington's death, died Monday of old age on a 150-acre farm near Memphis, Tenn. She had owned for 70 years. She was a resident of Shelby County 112 years and until a month ago was in possession of all her faculties according to physicians. Her husband, Rastus, died three years ago at the age of 100 years.

The sugar shortage which has been felt all over the country during the past eight weeks is practically at an end and normal conditions will be resumed within 10 days according to an announcement made in Chicago by Henry H. Rolaph, chairman of the food administration's sugar distribution committee. The government now has 100 boats bringing raw sugar from Cuba. Mr. Rolaph said.

Eight men were arrested and habit-forming drugs valued at more than \$100,000 were seized at New York Thursday by internal revenue agents in what they declared to be one of the most important raids of its kind that has ever taken place in this district. The prisoners had \$25,000 in cash on their persons and are said to be members of a gang whose operations extended throughout the country.

Vessel Aground, Captain Kills Self

Wilmington, Sept. 8.—Presumably dependent because the vessel of which he was in charge ran aground on his first voyage as skipper, Capt. R. E. Cochran, aged 24, committed suicide this morning at 6 o'clock in his quarters on the schooner William H. Summer, which is aground in Top-sail inlet six miles up the coast from Wrightsville Beach.

Services at DeKalb Church

Dr. Rufus Ford, of the enlistment department of the Baptist State Mission Board, will preach at DeKalb Baptist church, Saturday night, Sept. 13th at eight o'clock (old time). All members are urged to be present as business of importance will likely come before the church.

J. S. Sturgis, Clerk.

Sentences Four Men to Chair

Greenville, Sept. 6.—An impressive scene was enacted in the Greenville County courthouse here this afternoon in the presence of a crowd of spectators when four negroes were sentenced by Judge James H. Peurifoy to die in the electric chair on October 10, and another was sentenced to life imprisonment, all having been convicted of murder during the present term of the court of general sessions.

The negroes sentenced to pay the extreme penalty are Will Lomax, who killed his wife at Sampsonville, August 6; Arthur Coleman who killed Will Henderson, another negro, in the city about a month ago; Henry Leaks, who killed Herbert Smith, a negro, in the city on June 28, and Tobe Abernombly, who killed his son David, at Sampsonville, on August 10.

Melvin Farr, 18-year-old negro youth who was found guilty with recommendation to mercy, was sentenced to life imprisonment, for the killing of Arthur Crouch on February 20.

Identification No. 1

When a soldier gets his identification disk handed to him and it runs up to 317,547 or 2,783,596—or some such colossal number, he begins to meditate briefly on the subject of who has No. 1. The Stars and Stripes answers his query with the information that in the infancy of the A. E. F., No. 1 was assigned to Sergt. Arthur B. Crean of the medical department. Where and what he is now is not vouchsafed, but by this time he may be a lieutenant colonel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Hold Session With Mt. Pisgah Church Last Sunday.

The Forty-first annual convention of the Kershaw county Sunday School Association was held at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church in the Buffalo community last Sunday, being an all-session. The convention was presided over by D. R. Fletcher, the county president, and L. H. Catoe, of the Thorn Hill community acted as secretary. The prepared program was followed, the opening song service being led by W. T. Mangum. A brief bible message, "Preparation for Victory," was the subject of a talk by Willie Barfield, and Rev. J. B. Caston, pastor of the church, spoke on "How to Double the Attendance." Prof. M. F. Montgomery, of Kingstree, and Miss Cora Holland, of Spartanburg, workers in the State Association, made interesting talks on the subjects assigned to them. And J. W. Hamel made a talk on "The Teacher's Preparation for His Task."

About fifteen schools were represented and the convention was well attended, the large church being well filled. The convention established a record in achievement. In the first place it made the record of obtaining the largest number of subscriptions to the Promoter, the Association paper. And second, it subscribed and overpaid its allotment in cash, thereby becoming the third white ribbon county the other, two being Lancaster and York. And this was accomplished, notwithstanding a number of schools in the county were not represented. There were a number of appropriate resolutions adopted, which we regret that we were unable to obtain for publication in this issue.

The hospitable people of the community served a bounteous dinner on the ground and there was enough and to spare of many good things.

The following officers were elected for the new year:

D. R. Fletcher, president; L. M. West, vice-president; J. M. Martin, Sec.-Treasurer; Miss Lorena Humphries, Elementary Superintendent; L. C. Shaw, Superintendent Adult Department. District Presidents: Buffalo, T. W. Bowers; Flat Rock, T. F. McDowell; DeKalb, E. C. Pearce; West Wateree, J. M. Martin.

American Soldier Killed by Troops

Coblenz, Saturday, Sept. 6.—Private Reass Madison, of Sacramento, Cal., was shot and instantly killed today by German soldiers in the neutral zone about a mile from the boundary of Coblenz bridgehead.

Madison and Private Bert Balsinger of the Eighth Infantry, who had been on outpost duty, were deer hunting when they encountered a German patrol of 13 soldiers. According to Balsinger, the Germans began firing without asking an explanation as to why the two Americans were in the neutral zone.

Balsinger told the American authorities that when he and Madison encountered the Germans he was several yards ahead of Madison. Balsinger said he dropped his rifle as soon as he saw the Germans, who a second afterwards began shooting at Madison. The Germans contend that Madison fired at them. Balsinger declared that the Germans fired first and that if Madison fired at all he did not see him shoot or hear the shot.

Balsinger was taken prisoner by the Germans and later turned over to the American provost marshal, Major George Cockrell, and brought to Coblenz.

Minister Gonzales to Peru

Washington, Sept. 10.—Nomination of William E. Gonzales of Columbia, S. C., to be American ambassador to Peru was confirmed late today by the senate, ending opposition which followed his appointment.

After having been held up in committee since he was nominated some time ago to be ambassador to Peru, the full foreign relations committee today unanimously agreed to report for immediate confirmation the name of Capt. William Elliott Gonzales of South Carolina.

Simultaneously with the nomination which Captain Gonzales received flimsy charges were filed with the committee protesting against his confirmation. The friends of Captain Gonzales asked that these charges be carefully investigated, certain that there was no merit in them. This the committee did, and now unanimously reports that there is nothing to prevent Captain Gonzales from going to his new station.

Captain Gonzales was in Washington last week preparing to wind up his official duties in Habana as minister to Cuba, which he will do without delay. Captain Gonzales will then come to Washington for a short time before taking up his new duties in Peru.

Five Perished in Storm

Havana, Sept. 10.—Five persons are known to be dead and several others are missing as a result of the cyclone which swept over the city last night flooding the greater part of the city with huge waves from the gulf which swept over the seawall. The waters receded today, leaving the streets strewn with fallen trees and debris. The electric light and telephone systems are badly crippled but it is impossible as yet to estimate the damage which is very heavy.

FIVE ARRESTED IN RAID

Large Distillery Plant Seized in Swamp of Pee Dee River.

Bennettsville, Sept. 5.—A big distillery raid was made Wednesday night in the lower part of Marlboro County, near Cushman Ferry, on Pee Dee River. For some time Rural Policeman P. B. Rogers has been at work trying to locate this distillery and a few days ago he obtained sufficient information to warrant an effort to seize the outfit and arrest the operators. He called to his assistance Sheriff R. J. Patterson, who provided a posse composed of Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hubbard, Chief of Police of Bennettsville T. J. Cunningham, Rural Policeman R. M. Jackson, State officer J. O. Kelly

and Special Constable Charles Peele, and also as special constable, Mr. Walter McCall, who had been cooperating and assisting Mr. P. B. Rogers.

Kelly and Jackson were detailed to approach from the front, while Rogers, McCall, Cunningham and Peele made a circuitous route and managed to surround the house. One of the inmates threw open the door and as he did so, covered Chief Cunningham, but McCall and others had him covered with a shot gun and seeing the situation, he immediately dropped his pistol. After the arrest of those men who are said to be Croftans from Robeson County, North Carolina, and from what is known as Scuffle Town, the scene of the operations of the celebrated Lowry gang, the distillery was seized. The distillery was

located some distance in the swamp, which was almost impassable. An inventory showed a sixty-gallon copper still, 500 pounds of sugar, 1,000 gallons of mash, ready for distillation, two automobiles, a Ford and Buick, and several pistols. One of the men escaped, the other five were brought to Bennettsville and are now in jail.

Three men are reported dead as the result of fire aboard the battleship New Mexico, the flag ship of the Pacific fleet. The men are reported to have been drowned when the compartment in which they were fighting the fire was flooded to quench the flames.

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