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## SCAMPER COUNTY NEWS.

### Widow By The Herald of The Gamecock City.

His many friends in this section learned with deep regret the passing away of Mr. Henry Shaw, which occurred at the Tuomey hospital Wednesday morning after an illness of about a week's duration. He was taken to hospital for an operation which proved to be a serious one, but he was slowly recovering until a few days when he developed pneumonia, which was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. William Burrows Colclough died at his home at the Galliard Cross roads in this county Wednesday afternoon after an illness of about two weeks. The funeral services were held at the St. Phillips Episcopal church at Bradford Springs. These services were conducted by Rev. Boyd, pastor of that church. A large number of his friends were present, including a number of colored people, who came to pay their last tribute to their friend.

After an illness of several weeks' duration, Mrs. Alma Rose Murray died at her home on West Hampton avenue Tuesday morning at the age of 55 years. Mrs. Murray was a native of Darlington county, but had made her home here for several years. The funeral services were held Wednesday at the funeral home at Fairview, where the interment was made at Fairview church near her old home in Darlington county. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Edmund R. Murray, three sons by a former marriage, Arthur, Lloyd and David Colbran, and one daughter, Rebecca Rose Murray.

Mr. W. T. Brogdon, who for many years was a resident of this county, died at his home in Bristol, Tenn., Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The funeral services were held in Richland, Va. Mr. Brogdon was born in Concord section in 1847 and passed a young manhood in this section, and then Civil War broke out he joined the colors. After that war he spent several years here, where he was engaged in the turpentine business. From there he moved to Richmond, where he was for many years engaged in the tobacco business, moving to Bristol, Va., a few years ago, where he has since resided. Besides his immediate family, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Wood of Wedgefield, and Mrs. Oliver Wood of Oswego, and a large family in this section.

Rev. Wilson James McKay, D. D., departed this life Friday morning at his family residence, 231 Broad street, after an illness of one week. Dr. McKay, who had made his home in this city for a number of years, was born in Harnett county, North Carolina, January 13, 1848. He was a student of the University of North Carolina and Davidson College, graduating from the latter institution. In his preparation for the Gospel ministry he attended Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., graduating in 1873. After graduating from the Seminary he became his ministry as pastor of Salem, Black River and Concord churches in this county. In 1904 he resigned his pastorate of Salem Black River and Concord, but continued to serve faithfully and acceptably the congregation of Concord until the day of his death, as stated supply. His life work as a pastor was given through two churches. On November 27, he was happily married to Miss Kate Knox Witherspoon, daughter of late Hamilton G. Witherspoon of this county, who has been a devoted and faithful helpmate. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie W. McKay, two sons, Dr. Hamilton W. McKay of Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. Albert W. McKay, who is a student at Hopkins, and two daughters, Mrs. S. Nash and Mrs. Helen S. McKay of this county.

### Cat Deserts The Party.

A house cat, a member of a party of tourists traveling from the north to Camden, deserted the party at some point between McBee and Blaney and the owner reached Blaney on Monday telephoned The Chronicle to advertise a description of the lost feline. Long lines of tourists have been coming to Camden for the past few months to make their homes in Florida parties who have been to many of Florida cities state that the road leading every direction are lined with families living in tents to escape rigors of the winter at the north. Doubtless this tabby cat feared the fate of the cat as the story goes when she deserted the Florida guavas.

## AUTO PARTY STOPPED HERE

### Many New Englanders Were Guests in the City Last Afternoon and Night.

Twenty cars started from the Boston Public library at 9 a. m. Wednesday on the first of the "personally conducted tours" which are being arranged by the Automobile Green-Book for the members of the Automobile Legal association.

The party was met on the edge of Camden when they arrived here yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock by members of the Camden Chamber of Commerce and it is expected that the party will be piloted over the city and shown points of interest before their departure Friday morning. While in the city last night they were guests at the Court Inn and some at the other tourist hotels.

Among those who entered cars and are participating in the tour are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Caffrey of Lawrence, Mass., Miss Helen Colby of Concord, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deckling of Stratford, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. George G. Gentner of Westboro, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Hall of Concord, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Hallcock of Willimantic, Conn., James A. Hemstreet of New York, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hosie of Franklin, Mass., Mrs. M. Klugston of Lawrence, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Leonard of Waterbury, Conn., Miss Isabelle Moore of Fitchburg, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Nicholson of Hornell, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. George F. Parker of East Lynn, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Richardson of Revere, Mass., M. Rocamora of Winthrop, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sargent of St. Jonesbury, Vt., Mark Savage of Lewiston, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Sharp of Elmhurst, N. Y., John N. Smith of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. E. Spooner of East Greenwich, R. I., and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood of Lebanon, N. H.

The night stopping places are Hartford, Conn., New York City, Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., Richmond, Va., Durham, N. C., Pinehurst, N. C., Camden S. C., Augusta, Ga., Macon, Ga., Waycross, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., and Daytona, Fla. Sixteen days will be spent en route and the finish of the tour will be at Miami, Fla., December 23.

The tourists will be tendered special receptions at Macon, Daytona, Richmond and Augusta by the various chambers of commerce. The chamber of commerce at Waycross, Ga., will take the party to Billie's Island in the very center of the Okefenokee swamp, which is one of the greatest natural wonders of the South.

### A Handsome Calendar.

The Bank of Camden has recently had issued a number of handsome calendars which they are now distributing. It is a most beautiful piece of work and makes a handsome picture for the walls as well as a very useful calendar. It is entitled "The Trail of The Sunset."

## YEGGS ATTACK BETHUNE BANK

### Two Explosions Fail to Get Into Safe and Robbers Made Water Haul.

During the early hours of Monday morning an attempt was made by yeggmen to rifle the Bank of Bethune in this county. Two charges of nitro glycerine was exploded, but aside from injuring the outer door and the wrecking of the combination with a chisel, they did not get anything for their attempt and there was no loss of money. Mr. Ward, who is the Seaboard agent at that place heard the explosions, and fired his revolver and this is thought to have frightened them off. Nothing was found except a portion of a cake of soap and some matches, the yeggs using the soap to hold the explosive in place.

The Bank opened for business as usual that morning, and found that the door would have to be sent back to the makers for replacement. The bank was fully covered by insurance and had the robbers succeeded in making a haul the depositors would have been amply protected.

This institution is a member of the American Bankers Association which association offers a substantial reward for the capture of the safe blowers, and Mr. Parker, the cashier, authorizes us to state that the bank will supplement this reward with \$100 additional. It is thought the yeggs were traveling in automobiles and parties awake at that time state that they took the road to Kershaw from Bethune.

Mrs. F. M. Wooten and Mrs. Ernest Wooten were among the visitors to Columbia this week.

## BIG STILL OUTFIT DESTROYED

### Officers Made Large Haul of Moonshine Stuff Early Monday Morning

Sheriff Grover Welsh, Deputy Henry McLeod and Policemen Hollis Hilton and L. E. Barnes went into the Betty Neck section of West Wateree early Monday morning and made one of the largest moonshine captures ever reported in this county.

The still was located on what is known as the Mitchell lands some fifteen or more miles from Camden and Coot Mitchell, a negro, and a white man giving his name as Green were arrested and placed in jail. Green is said to hail from Spartanburg county and is said to be an old head at the game. Both men were caught at the still and were so completely "covered" they offered no resistance and owned that they were at the business.

While the officers got only a small amount of whiskey they have captured quite an array of materials and destroyed several femeters containing about twenty barrels of mash ready for the "run." Six two-bushel sacks of meal, five sacks of bran and fifteen hundred pounds of granulated sugar was another part of the booty. The still is said to have been quite a costly one having a capacity of about 120 gallons. It was not one of the copper variety, but those who know say that it was a modern apparatus, so made that the mash was boiled by steam thereby preventing the booze from having a scorched taste. It was on a brick foundation and it is said that the owner had every convenience necessary for the making of the juice and evidently expected to operate for some time to come. The officers found the still hot and one of the men captured had just made a remark about what a fine day for operating when he was commanded to "hands up."

### Insurance Office in New Quarters.

The old established Williams Insurance agency has moved this week to the office building north of the First National bank formerly occupied by the Western Union telegraph company. For twenty-five years or more this agency has been in the rooms over the store building of Baruch-Nettles Co. The new quarters are more commodious and does away with having to climb a flight of stairs. The Western Union has gone into the office formerly occupied by the Postal company and the Postal company has moved into an office on West DeKalb street recently erected for them by E. H. Dibble.

### Another B. Y. P. U. Organized.

The young people of Mt. Olive Church and community were organized into a B. Y. P. U. on last Sunday by the help of a splendid team of workers from the Camden Union.

The first regular meeting of this Union will be held at the church on next Sunday at 7:30 p. m. All the friends of this work among the young people are asked to attend.

The meeting will be in charge of the newly elected President, Mr. Algie Rush.

### Cash and Carry Store.

The grocery store on Main street formerly known as McLeod's Grocery has changed its name to the Cash Grocery, and the young men in charge have recently put some decided changes into effect with new and up-to-date ideas. They have arranged the store with shelves on each side and shelves in the center. All goods are marked in plain figures and the buyer can wait upon him or herself without the aid of a salesman. The store has been closed Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday when it opened found quite a rush of customers who seem to like the idea and are taking advantage of the reduction in prices occasioned by the new method.

## SOLICITOR GIVES RECORDS

### Spigner Has Had a Fine Record in Handling of Cases.

(From Thursday's State.) A Fletcher Spigner, solicitor of the Fifth judicial circuit has completed his annual report and it shows that the criminal courts in Richland and Kershaw Counties disposed of 245 cases. In Richland county 209 cases were handled and 36 were disposed of in Kershaw county. Solicitor Spigner handled the affairs of his office with promptness and dispatch and the records are evidences of his devotion to his duties. The solicitor exercised just discretion in a number of cases on the criminal calendar and some defendants were not prosecuted because the evidence did not warrant convictions. The report will be delivered to the attorney general.

The total number of convictions and guilty pleas taken in the Richland county court house this year was 132. Juries acquitted 26. The grand jury returned 29 "no bill" and the solicitor not prosessed 32 for the lack of proper evidence. Defendants before the court forfeited four bonds during the year. The following indictments were handled by the solicitor:

Arson, one; assault and battery with intent to kill, 27; breach of trust, seven; carabking, three; forgery, 15; highway robbery, three; housebreaking, 17; larceny of bicycle, five; larceny, 75; manslaughter, two; murder, 10; obtaining goods under false pretense, one; obstructing highway, one; criminal assault, four; receiving stolen goods, one; seduction, two; violating prohibition law, five; non-support of family, one; violating Section 391, one, false check, two; presenting and pointing firearms, four; using automobile without owner's consent, two; adultery, three; fornication, one; miscellaneous, 23.

Ten homicide cases were heard this year and seven defendants were convicted. One was sentenced to die by electrocution, two were given life terms and others took prison terms. Solicitor Spigner tried 36 cases in Kershaw county and 33 convictions resulted. Three verdicts of not guilty were brought in by juries. The solicitor of the Fifth district was kept busy during the year 1920 and the court records show that he prosecuted cases vigorously.

## MOVIE STAR CONTEST

### Starting Next Friday to Determine Most Popular Movie Star.

Who is the most popular motion picture star? That means, who is REALLY the most popular feminine star and who is the most popular male star?

It's a question that has never been actually answered in Camden and now the readers of the Camden Chronicle are to be given opportunity to decide the puzzling matter.

The Chronicle is to conduct, in cooperation with Associated First National Pictures, Inc., and the Moving Picture World the local end of the National Star Popularity Contest. The patrons of the Majestic Theatre and the readers are to help elect the most popular stars in moviedom, by voting for their favorite male and female stars.

The contest will run for three weeks, starting next Friday. Watch the Chronicle for further announcements and for Voting Coupons.

### Missionary Society to Meet.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Camden Baptist church will meet with Mrs. M. M. Benson, Tuesday afternoon, December 21st at 3:30 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend.

## LICENSES BY WEIGHT

### State Highway Commission Issues Bulletin on Motor Vehicles.

The Chronicle is in receipt of a pamphlet of schedule of weights and fees on automobiles and trucks. In preparing for the new license law of 1921 the cost of a license will be based upon the weight of the car and not upon horsepower as heretofore and the cost will be a good deal higher. The new licenses are now on sale and motor vehicles owners are urged to get their tags now. Also cars will have to be registered by January 31st, 1921. The licenses will be sold by mail only this year and application blanks have been sent out to reputable automobile dealers, clerks of court, chambers of commerce, and sheriffs throughout the state.

The new class shows, for example, that an Anderson touring car, 1920 model will weigh 3,065 pounds and this will put that machine in Class D. Automobiles in this class will be required to carry \$12 licenses.

A Ford touring car will weigh 1,580 pounds, according to the schedule, and license for this make will come in Class A, costing \$6. A Chalmers 1920 model, seven passenger touring car will come in Class C as the machine in question weigh 2,950, and the license cost will be \$10.

Under the same classification a Cadillac seven passenger touring car will weigh 4,050 and therefore the license will cost \$16.

The bulletin carries all weights and classifications and if you are in doubt as to what the cost will be for the license, call at the Chronicle office and look it up in this bulletin.

## Several Robberies Reported.

Saturday night thieves entered the Southern passenger depot and rifled the papers in that office. Nothing was missing except a suit of clothes belonging to the agent. On the same night thieves entered the old Southern freight depot in the southern part of the city. After rifling the office papers the only thing missing was a revolver belonging to one of the men in the office. Reports from Boykin on the same night state that the depot of that place was broken into. Several dollars in cash was secured at that place belonging to a rural mail carrier.

On Monday night during the heavy rain the back window in the bicycle shop of C. M. Coleman was smashed, the back door was then opened and the thieves got away with a new bicycle, three revolvers and a bunch of master keys belonging to Mr. Coleman. Owing to the number of burglaries the city has elected Mr. Usher N. Myers as a member of the day force, and the three old members of the force will all be on duty during the night hours, with the chief and Mr. Myers on duty in the day time.

Early Tuesday morning while making their rounds Policemen Hilton and Barnes encountered a man in the alley to the rear of the Crocker building. The man ran and officer Barnes gave chase, firing two shots at him. The supposed burglar then turned and fired one shot at Mr. Barnes. As he fired Mr. Barnes stumbled and fell and the burglar got away in the darkness. Neither were hit in the exchange of shots.

### Local Boy Wins Signal Honor.

Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Dec. 16.—The climax for the 1920 football team of Davidson College was reached when sixteen men were awarded the block "D" for football services rendered their Alma Mater upon the athletic field. Among those receiving this high honor was a local boy, Joseph C. McCaskill, who served in capacity of manager. His energetic work contributed much to making the season a great financial success.

The Wildcat team of last fall was unusually imbued with that clean fighting spirit that has always characterized Davidson's athletic organizations. Playing some of the strongest teams in the South they finished the season with a record of which the institution is justly proud. The schedule for next year is about complete, and will include such teams as Virginia, Ga. Tech, N. C. State, North Carolina and perhaps V. P. I.

### Installs New Piano.

The Majestic Theatre has recently installed a new Photo Player piano. It is a mammoth instrument covering the greater part of the front of the stage and contains instruments of nearly every description. Mr. Little will soon have an organist here to manage the new instrument and the patrons can expect some good music.

## SECRETARY NAMED.

### Mr. C. P. McDaniel, of Alabama, To Come to Camden Chamber.

Mr. C. P. McDaniel, who is at present the secretary of the chamber of commerce at Albany, Ala., has been selected to act as the secretary of the recently re-organized Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce and will arrive in Camden in few days as soon as he can be released from his present position. He comes here highly recommended as a hard worker. He spent a day here recently in conference with members of the board of directors.

The following letters have been received from A. V. Snell, manager of the State Chamber of Commerce, and shows one result accomplished by the action of the united bodies, and this letter will be read with interest by the merchants:

"To the Chamber of Commerce of South Carolina,

"I am glad to announce that I have been notified by the State Tax Commission that following the hearing on December 7th in regard to the tax on mercantile stocks for the coming year that that body has decided that in making their returns for 1921 the merchants of the state will be permitted to return stocks at market or replacement value.

"I congratulate you all on this result and that you can announce same in your home paper as a result of your work. The commission also desired me to express to you their appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation and fair play that was exhibited at this most representative hearing of our merchants and chambers.

At this meeting a resolution was passed that legislation should be enacted giving the Tax Commission more power and more authority and we were asked to request of you, if you have not such a committee, to have a committee on taxation appointed to study the tax system and be prepared with suggestions. The chairman of this committee will form the state tax committee and will hold a meeting in Columbia the first week in January."

"We take pleasure in notifying you that in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce of South Carolina and the action taken at the meeting of the joint directors of that body and the Development Board, that two thirds of the Chambers of Commerce of South Carolina, which compose that body, have now voted in favor of amalgamation. The organization to be known as the South Carolina Development Board and State Chamber of Commerce. The offices are on the second floor of Draughton's Business College, corner of Main and Lady streets, Columbia. Will you not extend through the papers and other agencies and to all members notice of this action and that the officers of this organization are available to every individual member for any business purpose whatsoever.

"It is proposed that the secretaries of the commercial and trades organization of South Carolina shall act as an advisory council of this organization. A meeting of this council will be held the early part of the year.

"The following Chambers have agreed to amalgamate in the order of notification: Orangeburg, Charleston, Timmonsville, Spartanburg, Chester, Georgetown, Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Marion, Union and Rock Hill.

### The Clemson Holidays.

Clemson College, Dec. 14.—Miss Margaret Lenoir returned from Greenville Sunday night where she spent the weekend with Miss Louise Pope.

The Christmas holidays begin after classes December 22nd, and end Monday, January 3rd, 1921.

### Was a Murder Committed?

Parties from the Flat Rock section tell us that they saw signs along the roadside south of Kershaw on the morning of December 3rd, which indicated that a tragedy of some kind had happened the night before. The gentlemen telling us of the find says that in passing along the roadside near Hanging Rock creek he noticed a spot of blood along the roadside in a ditch. Further investigation showed where the body had been dragged some yards and there more blood spots were found as if the head had been lying on a piece of paper. The body was then dragged a distance from the first place and there the trail was lost and it is the belief that it was taken back to the road, placed in a car and driven off. Nothing else was found that would leave a clue to the affair, but we are asked to relate the circumstances with the hope that some light can be gotten as many believe that some one was murdered. As near as could be judged it was about two and one-half miles south of the town of Kershaw.

### Application Blanks.

Application blanks for registration of automobiles, trucks and trailers may be secured at Camden Chamber of Commerce office. Call for them.

THE THREE CHIEF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CAMDEN SOUTH CAROLINA ARE ACCESSIBILITY - CLIMATE ENVIRONMENT IT HAS COTTON MILLS, BANKS, CHURCHES HOTELS AND ALL KINDS OF FIRST CLASS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS