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LANCASTER MAN DEAD.

J. H. Witherspoon Had Been in Falling Health For Some Time.

(Lancaster News.)
Judson Hasel Witherspoon, prominent business man and public-spirited citizen, died at his home on Arch street extension Thursday morning at nine o'clock. His health had been failing for many months, but he was only confined to his bed since Saturday. Death was due to Bright's disease.

Mr. Witherspoon was one of the most popular and one of the best known business men of the county. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and member of the Masonic and Knights of Pithias lodges. In the development and upbuilding of Lancaster and Lancaster county he has always taken an active part, and he was foremost in every movement for the betterment of the community.

Hasel Witherspoon descended from an illustrious line of ancestors. His great-grandfather, James Witherspoon, was a commissioner-captain in the Revolutionary war under General Francis Marion. Captain James Hervey Witherspoon moved to this section after that war from Kingstree, where the family first landed from Scotland in 1735. His grandfather, who was Colonel James Witherspoon was a member of the Confederate congress and Ordinary in the Lancaster district for a number of years. His father, Dr. James H. Witherspoon, practiced medicine in this county for many years. He received his given name from Judson Haseltine. His maternal grandfather, came to Lancaster before the civil war from Connecticut and engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Witherspoon, who was born July 2, fifty years ago, spent his entire life in his native town and county. He commenced work when he was very young on account of the ill-health of his father, and he was steadily engaged in business. For the greater part of this time he was associated with Colonel Leroy Springs. First, he was Colonel Springs' confidential secretary, and later was engaged in the mercantile, cotton and livestock business.

Mr. Witherspoon was married on February 1, 1906 to Miss Lucy Mayfield Montgomery, daughter of the late Judge Montgomery, of Concord, N. C., who survives him, together with their children, James Henry, age 10; Lucy Mayfield, age 8; Hasel, age 6, and William Montgomery, age 15 months. He is also survived by his mother, who has lived with him for many years.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. R. W. Jopling, assisted by his former pastor and friend, Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, of Columbia. Interment was at Westside cemetery. The pallbearers were his intimate friends and business associates for many years as follows: John T. Stevens, Geo. W. Williams, Chas. D. Jones, R. B. Mackey, Waddy R. Thompson and Leroy S. Davidson.

American Legion in New Quarters.

Upon the opening of the armory on Rutledge street the American Legion has been given permanent quarters in the building through the courtesy of the Kershaw Guards. All further meetings of the Post will be held in these rooms and it is hoped that with the acquisition of permanent quarters the Post will be able to revive local interest in the Legion which seems to have been declining somewhat during the past few months.

Hounds Find Culprit Dead.

Last week Sheriff Gamble received a phone message from Monck's Corner, requesting that the county's blood hounds be sent over in haste to hunt down a negro man who was alleged to have shot a negro woman to death about four miles from the Berkeley county seat. Deputy Frierson hurried the hounds to the scene of the murder and the trail of the culprit was soon taken up. The trail led into a deep swamp about three quarters of a mile, where the dogs sprang upon the dead body of the man. After shooting the woman he had gone into the swamp where it is supposed, he styled his gun in the fork of a tree, tied a handkerchief to the trigger, then taking his stand at the muzzle, fired into his own chest, pulling the trigger by the use of the handkerchief.—Kingstree Record.

Columbia Couple Married Here.

Mr. Elias Skeiff Mack and Miss Cora Dell Parker, both of Columbia, came to Camden Friday afternoon and were quietly married at the Probate Court room, the Judge of Probate officiating.

LAST CALL IS SOUNDED

Big Time Expected At "Get Together" Meeting Tonight.

The last call for the big "Get Together" meeting which is to be held tonight is being sounded today. The committees in charge report that everything is in readiness for a big time and every member of our Chamber of Commerce is expected to be present.

The meeting will be called to order promptly at eight o'clock by President Hallett, and it is hoped that the hall will be filled before the gavel is sounded so that everyone will get all that is coming to them.

The good ladies of Camden have been busy during the past few days preparing the "eats," and it would be doing them an injustice if we should fail to be present, and then Mr. Hollis Cobb has been working hard on a special musical program which will be rendered, so you can see you are going to miss something if you are not present.

An interesting feature in connection with the meeting is that the new Elektrik Maid Bake Shop which opened a few days ago is doing their part in making up the menu which will be served by the ladies. The management of the modern up-to-date bakery is donating cakes and we know they will "hit the spot."

Don't forget the time and place of the meeting—Masonic Hall tonight at eight o'clock promptly. Come prepared for a good time, as that is the purpose of the meeting.

Back From Fishing Trip.

Messrs. W. O. Hay, R. D. Williams, L. A. Kirkland and Dr. R. E. Stevenson returned last week from a week spent at Myrtle Beach on a camping and fishing trip. The trip was made in Mr. Hay's touring car and the party report a grand time and the fishing good.

BAKERY OPENED TUESDAY

Elektrik Maid Bake Shop Now Making Fine Bread and Cakes.

The Elektrik Maid Bake Shop, located on East DeKalb street had its opening Tuesday and during the day fully five hundred visitors called to inspect the plant and make purchases. It is a neatly equipped place, everything sanitary and the baking done in full view of the public.

The whole shop is run by electricity and there is no smoke or dirt, and the output is put on display as soon as it is taken from the ovens. The bakery is under the management of Mr. A. C. Drawdy who takes a delight in showing the visitors over the plant. For the present the bakery will take care of the retail trade and later on they will make a bid for the wholesale trade. Mr. A. A. Behrer is the baker in charge.

New Route to the Mountains.

The Chronicle is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. W. Pegram, Editor of the Chester News, that will be of interest to motorists from this section:

"A matter probably of interest to many people in your section is the fact that Chester and Union counties have about completed the erection of a bridge over Broad river between the two counties mentioned.

"Parties living in and around Camden who desire to visit Spartanburg, Hendersonville, Asheville, etc., would do well to consider this route. The Lugoff road from Camden to Great Falls is in fine shape and we have a sand clay road from Great Falls through Chester to the Union county line. From there on to Asheville will be found excellent roads.

"An investigation by your people will convince them that this is decidedly the best route to the mountains and the writer would appreciate your calling their attention to same."

Concert To Be Given.

The Blind Entertainers of Columbia will give a concert at the Camden Opera House on Monday evening, August 15th, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, jokes, mimics and artistic paper tearing. This concert will be given for the benefit of the Columbia Association for the Blind of South Carolina which has for its object the promotion and up-lift of the blind also teaching them a trade of fiber furniture making and other industries so as to make them self-supporting independent citizens. A small admission fee will be charged. Performance will begin at 8:30.

Elected Cotton Weigher.

Mr. S. Wiley Hogue was elected by the county board of commissioners in session Tuesday to serve as cotton weigher for Camden. Mr. Hogue succeeds Mr. M. L. McLeod in this position. There were about nine applicants for the position.

BAD MAN CAPTURED

Sheriff Welsh Gets Negro Charged With Shooting Two Deputies.

Will Crawford, alias Irvin Crawford, alias Ernest Crawford, an alleged bad man, was captured in West Waterce on the farm of Harrison Harris Tuesday and was brought to Camden where he was identified by an officer from Forsyth county, N. C., as being a negro who on April 30th of this year shot and wounded deputy sheriff J. T. Scott, and seriously shooting deputy sheriff R. L. Flynt in that county while they were raiding a blockade still.

The negro seemed to be unknown in the community where he operated the still, but the officers description of him was to the effect that he was about 30 or 35 years of age, weight about 190 pounds and height about six feet and a bright iridatio of Indian appearance.

Sheriff Welsh was assisted in the capture by a citizen of West Waterce and also a man from York county. The three together will divide a reward of \$700 offered by the sheriff and commissioners of the North Carolina county.

SEVERAL MORE BURGLARIES

Mr. Coleman Offers Reward For Thief Who Entered His Place Friday Night

Three more burglaries are added to the already long list of stores robbed in the past few months. Friday night after midnight thieves took out a window sash in the rear of the bicycle and repair shop of Mr. C. M. Coleman on east DeKalb street next door to the postoffice. They stole one Snell bicycle, of a cherry red, about one dozen revolvers of all makes, and a large quantity of bicycle sundries. Mr. Coleman estimates his loss at around \$200. As this is the third, time his place has been entered and he has suffered losses he is offering reward of \$25 for the thief with proof to convict.

Tuesday night a burglar entered the store of Mr. Abram Sheheen. This also makes the third time his place has been burglarized. The police claim they had the man surrounded in the store, but that he climbed over a partition and escaped through the back door of the tailor shop of Gibbs Carter. The thief got nothing this time.

Again on Wednesday night the garage of W. C. Scarborough was entered but the thief again escaped.

During the year the stores of Springs & Shannon, Billings Brothers, Farmers Grocery Co., Beard's Garage and J. F. Smith have been entered and in nearly every instance the thief either had a front door key or was locked in the building at night. The police have been unable to recover any of the stolen goods and no arrests have been made.

Motor From Boston in Four Days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Rice and two children returned home to Camden Monday night after a three weeks stay in Boston and vicinity. They report a wonderful trip, wonderful weather, and still more wonderful scenery. Mr. Rice says, "We kodaked and picknicked en route and the early pioneers had nothing on us. Altogether we drove 3,800 miles with but one puncture and this not until we had gone 2,400 miles."

Enroute to Chili.

Major E. C. von Tresckow, who has been recently appointed to the Consular service of the United States is now enroute to the post assigned him at Arica, Chili. Maj. von Tresckow sailed on the third of August on the Santa Elisa from New York and the voyage will take about 18 days from New York. Arica is an important commercial port and the various governments of the world are making a strong bid for its patronage. Mrs. von Tresckow will join her husband some time during January and it is expected they will be assigned to this South American port for about two years.

Surprised Their Friends.

Mr. James Miller Little and Miss Jennie Belle Clarke drove over to Bishopville Sunday afternoon and were married there by the Rev. William V. Dibble, pastor of the Methodist church. The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of the young couple.

Miss Clarke is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke, of Camden, and Mr. Little is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Little. Both are popular young people and have a host of friends in Camden and throughout the county who wish them well.

CHARLESTON DEFEATS CAMDEN

Large Crowd Here Last Thursday to See Professionals Play.

The Charleston team of the South Atlantic Association defeated the Camden team here last Thursday afternoon by a score of 6 to 4 in a very interesting game. It was one of the largest crowds of the season, spectators coming from a radius of fifty miles to attend. A heavy downpour of rain about two hours previous threatened to put the ground out of commission, but the rain let up and the park had sufficiently dried off for a very pretty game to be played. However both teams were at a disadvantage on the heavy field. McCormack and Allison started the game for Charleston and Benson and Rhame for Camden. McCormack was relieved by Bogan in the eighth inning. The honors were about evenly divided among the pitchers. Swacina, the husky first sacker for Charleston, furnished the comedy for the afternoon, and the fans enjoyed his antics. Former Judge M. L. Smith and pitcher Gheen who had been suspended by the Charlotte team umpired the game. The score by innings follows:

Charleston	112	010	001	6
Camden	000	100	021	4

Camden Loses to Mayesville.

On Saturday afternoon Camden lost another game to Mayesville by a score of 5 to 4. Several of the Camden players were absent and the team was a little demoralized and played a game replete with errors. The game was interrupted in the sixth inning by rain, but after a few minutes was played out. Williams and Hawkins was the battery for Mayesville, while Benson and Rhame started for Camden, Benson being relieved in the seventh inning by Peters who pitched good ball, the visitors making one run on errors by the Camden team. Goodale and Watkins umpired. The score by innings follows:

Mayesville	001	100	201	5
Camden	001	001	002	4

Shelby Shuts Camden Out.

The second game with Shelby on Tuesday afternoon resulted in a shut out for Camden and the visitors made two runs on errors by the Camden team. Curtis and Gurley was the battery for Shelby while Sherrill and Rhame worked for Camden. Sherrill is a new left-hander for Camden and it was his first appearance. He pitched good ball but was given poor support.

Sumter Here This Afternoon.

The Sumter team will come here this afternoon for a game today and tomorrow. They have been playing real good ball this season and these games promise to be good ones. The Columbia team of the South Atlantic Association will be here on Thursday of next week for a game with the Camden team. They are the leaders of the South Atlantic. Camden put up a strong fight against Charleston last week—Charleston winning by a score of 6 to 4. The next day Charleston defeated Columbia by a score of 11 to 2, so our boys were not so badly outclassed, and this game promises to bring an even larger crowd than the Charleston game.

Camden Beats Sumter.

Sumter, Aug. 3.—Sumter lost an exciting game to Camden by the score of 3 to 2 this afternoon. The feature of the game was the fine pitching of Benson for Camden and Ludwig for Sumter. These teams play here again Thursday.

Former Camden Teacher Dead.

Cheraw, Aug. 3.—At 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning Miss Eleanor Godfrey died, after a lingering illness. She was one of the most prominent young women of Cheraw, a member of one of the oldest families, and in her active life was engaged in a number of activities. She graduated from Winthrop college in 1900 and had since been teaching with distinguished success in the Camden and Cheraw schools. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Gillespie Godfrey and Harriet Powe Godfrey, the latter preceding her only last February. She is survived by two brothers, William and S. Gillespie Godfrey, both of Cheraw, and four sisters, Mrs. W. T. Thrower and Miss Claude Godfrey of Cheraw, Mrs. C. W. Boyd of Stateburg and Miss Hattie Godfrey of Washington, D. C. The funeral services were held at St. David's church at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the family plot in old St. David's church yard.

ANOTHER CONTRACT LET

Road From Camden to Lee County to Be Improved.

The Kershaw County Board of Commissioners met here last Thursday for the purpose of receiving bids on a stretch of road eight and eight-tenths miles in length reaching from Camden to the Lee County line. The Caughn Construction Co., of Columbia, S. C., was awarded the contract at a cost of \$26,000 and the road is to be completed within 120 working days.

A bridge will also have to be constructed on this road where it crosses the canal of the Hermitage Mill. It will be 70 feet long and to be constructed of creosoted lumber at a cost of \$2,100 and to be finished in 60 working days. This contract went to the Mallard Lumber Co., of Greelyville, S. C.

About the fifteenth of August the contract for the remainder of the roadway from Sanders Creek to Kershaw will be let, and when all of the roads now being built have been completed it will mean the construction of about 110 miles of the most important highways of the county, which when accepted by the State highway department will be taken over by the Federal Government and mean a great saving to the county in the years to come in the matter of upkeep.

Work has already commenced on the new roadway leading from the foot of DeKalb street to the Chesterfield county line. The present plans show that the traffic will all pass through DeKalb street, and trafficking to Bishopville and to Bethune will branch about midway of the two mill villages.

STEPS FROM MOVING AUTO

Young Woman Dies as Result of Injuries.

Greenville, July 30.—Miss Gladys Davis, eighteen, daughter of G. M. Davis, well known farmer of Easley Bridge road, died here this afternoon as a result of injuries she received yesterday afternoon when she fell from the running board of a moving automobile several miles outside of the city. The young woman sustained a fractured skull as a result of the accident and never regained consciousness after the accident.

In company with two young women, her neighbors, Miss Davis is said to have stepped on the running board of an automobile driven by Charlie Dill, when the latter started to leave the Davis home for his own home, after the car proceeded some distance down the road Miss Davis is said to have expressed the desire to get off and when the young man jokingly replied that he was not going to let her off, she stepped or fell from the running board to the side of the road.

Poultry Breeders To Hold Show.

Charleston, August 1.—The fifth annual show of the South Carolina Poultry Breeders' Association will be held in connection with the State Fair at Columbia, October 24 to 28, according to an announcement made here today by B. E. Adams, president of the organization. Plans are underway to make this the largest show ever held by the South Carolina poultry breeders, said Mr. Adams, who is in touch with the poultry exhibitors throughout the Southeast.

All parts of the State are represented in the poultry association and it is believed by the officers that a large number of fine fowls will be shown at Columbia this fall. The directors of the organization it was explained, are taking an active interest in the matter and promise a full house when the curtain rises on the State Fair.

The following poultry fanciers are members of the board of directors: J. C. Breeden, Bennettsville; A. K. McDowell, Charleston; T. D. Hooks, Columbia; J. M. Jordan, Greenville; Wendell M. Levi, Sumter; M. C. Stuckey, Florence; R. R. Hickson, Cheraw; W. I. Isom, Spartanburg; G. G. McLaurin, Dillon; J. Wirron Wilson, Spartanburg and B. E. Adams, Charleston.

To Elect New Commander.

The departure and resignation of Commander von Tresckow makes it necessary for the Legion to elect a new commander. The regular meeting for this month will be held on Monday evening, August 8th, at 8:30 o'clock at the Legion's new quarters in the armory on Rutledge street, at which time an election will be held to fill this vacancy.

The office of Post-Commander is an important one and there should be a full attendance of the Legion members for this election.
J. W. Sanders, Post Adjutant.

FAVORS STREET PAVING

Petitions Asking an Election Being Signed by Property Owners.

A petition asking an election on the question of street paving has been circulated among the property holders of Camden this week and up to yesterday afternoon had been readily signed. A copy of the petition and the names of the signatories appear below:

State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw.
Camden, June 1920.
"We the undersigned free-holders of the city of Camden hereby petition the City Council of the City of Camden to order a special election to submit to the qualified voters of Camden the question of the issuing, for the purpose of improving the Streets and sidewalks, Coupon Bonds to an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, at the rate of interest not to exceed six per centum per annum, payable in forty years after date, with the privilege of redemption after twenty years from date. Said Coupon Bonds to be issued in blocks at different times in the discretion of the City Council."

W. J. Dunn, W. H. Pearce, W. R. Hough, R. E. Stevenson, L. L. Block, A. L. Gelsenheimer, F. M. Wooten, B. T. Goodale, J. P. Lewis, J. E. Christman, J. G. McCaskill, S. M. McCaskill, Olin Waters, L. L. Moore, J. J. Goodale, Mrs. E. L. Goodale, David Wolfe, Mrs. J. A. McDougal, John W. Wilson, W. D. Whitaker, Mrs. W. J. Dunn, S. B. Kirkland, T. D. Goodale, Mrs. M. Scarb, Miss Carrie Wolfe, W. C. Scarborough, J. C. Shirley, L. S. Davidson, H. D. Niles, W. R. DeLoache, Hughey Tindal, W. B. Parth, W. C. Smith, W. R. Zemp, L. A. Kirkland, W. T. Smith, C. T. Trapp, T. K. Trotter, Gus Bealos, A. C. King, John E. Rhame, J. H. Clyburn, J. G. Richards, Jr., Mrs. Rosa G. Blakeney, L. Wolfe, J. H. McLeod, H. S. Campbell, G. G. Alexander, E. E. Beard, L. A. Sowell, W. R. Clyburn, G. A. Pettigrew, T. B. Bruce, E. P. Truesdale, R. B. DeLoache, B. D. Trapp, C. A. Whitaker, J. L. Guy, A. M. McLeod, Arthur Smith, I. B. English, E. H. Davis, A. L. Watkins, G. L. Blackwell, S. C. Zemp, E. C. Zemp, Thomas Anderson, Mendel L. Smith, J. M. Hoffer, Lomnisky Brothers, A. L. Karl, L. A. McDowell, B. E. Sparrow, W. F. Russell, Sr., C. M. Coleman, H. A. Brown, W. L. Wooten, J. L. Moseley, J. S. Halsall, E. N. McDowell, Mrs. D. Wolfe, Mrs. S. K. vonTresckow, E. C. vonTresckow, Mrs. J. A. vonTresckow, Miss C. Mickle, H. S. Steedman, John S. Lindsay, Thomas J. Kirkland, John Whitaker, Jr., Mrs. Sadie J. Elchel, I. J. McKenzie, D. S. Trapp, W. E. S. Trapp, W. D. Trantham, C. N. Humphries, L. L. VanLandingham.

TELLS OF HUSBAND'S DEATH

Made Brave Effort to Save Man From Dizzy Height.

Banff, Alberta, July 29.—The story of how Mrs. W. E. Stone, wife of the former president of Purdue university, dangled at the end of a rope in mid-air and then dropped exhausted on a four foot ledge, the only break in a precipitous cliff hundreds of feet high, after an unsuccessful attempt to save her husband who had fallen into a crevice below, was revealed today in dispatches received here from the correspondent of the Calgary Herald.

Mrs. Stone is now in an improvised camp on the mountain side recovering from the experience, lying on the tiny ledge for eight days without food or water until rescued by Rammer, a Swiss guide, who carried her down the steep mountain side to safety. The correspondent told how she watched her husband fall as they were attempting to climb Mount Eanon and then attempted to lower herself with the rope in the hope of rescuing him. The rope, however, was too short and after hanging alongside the mountain and finding she was unable to pull herself back up, she let go, expecting to plunge to her death in the abyss below. Fate intervened and she landed on the narrow ledge, a drop of ten feet. Members of the party that rescued Mrs. Stone are building a raft to convey her down the Marvel lakes, the first stage of the 55 mile trip to civilization. The search for Dr. Stone's body has proved unavailing and members of the rescue party are nearly exhausted from their efforts to find him. It is probable that the body will be left until another and better equipped searching party can be organized.

Mrs. Stone is still weak, but Dr. Bell of Winnipeg, who has been with her since she was found on Sunday, is confident that she is now out of danger.

Morgan Zimmerman, a Spartanburg youth, was acquitted by a Spartanburg jury Friday, on a charge of having killed his father, W. R. Zimmerman while the latter was attempting to kill his mother. The jury was out nine minutes and the verdict was greeted with applause.