

MR. McDANIEL RESIGNS Will Go To Newberry To Take Charge of Chamber There.

At the "Get Together" meeting of our Chamber of Commerce, which was held last Friday night, it became known that secretary-treasurer McDaniell had tendered his resignation to the directors at their regular meeting held on August 2nd. Mr. McDaniell's resignation comes as a great surprise, but at the same time, he is receiving congratulations upon being so fortunate in securing another position that is more lucrative. Mr. McDaniell has made many friends since he has been in Camden who will regret to see him leave, but will wish for him much success in his new connection.

At the meeting Friday night, which was presided over by President Hallett and which was attended by a large number of members and guests was one of the most successful meetings held by the organization since its re-organization. The first on the program was the serving of the menu which had been prepared by the good ladies of Camden, and it is needless to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, and when the last course had been served a vote of thanks was extended to the ladies and all who had contributed to the menu.

Calling the meeting to order after the menu had been served, President Hallett made a short address of welcome, at the conclusion of which he explained that one of the main objects of the meeting was to bring to the members the exact condition of the Chamber. He gave a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the Chamber to date. The report showed that three hundred and forty-one members had pledged memberships in the organization at fifteen dollars per annum and that in addition to this twenty-three had pledged two years and a half beginning June 1st, fifty-three members pledged to sustaining fund. The report further showed that a large number of members are behind in payment of dues. The president stated that if all members would pay up the Chamber would have no difficulty pulling through to the end of the fiscal year, October 31st.

The president stated that every member was entitled to see this report and that same would be on file in the office and that any member could avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it by going to the office.

The President briefly outlined the accomplishments of the Chamber since their organization and some of the things on the program for the future, stating that the directors were well pleased with the accomplishments and hoped that all members had shared that same feeling of satisfaction.

At this point, the President read a letter from Mr. W. Robin Zemp, regretting that he could not be present, and at the same time urging the organization to line up solidly behind the street paving question. Mr. Zemp stated in his letter that one of Camden's greatest needs was improved streets.

The next speaker on the program was Rev. Harding, and after he had been introduced, he declared that he had been in sympathy with our Chamber of Commerce since its organization, and in a forceful manner called on the members to support the directors in the great work they are doing. Rev. Harding dwelt some time on showing those present what the industries already located in Camden by the Chamber meant to the city and county. He stated that the Chamber was operating this year on less than seven thousand dollars, and that two industries which had been located paid out more than fourteen thousand dollars each year in pay rolls alone. In other words the seven thousand invested is already paying more than one hundred per cent. He further stated that no fair business or professional man could get around the fact that the Chamber had not accomplished results this year, and that no excuse should be given for failure to pay membership pledges.

The next speaker was Mr. C. H. Yates. Mr. Yates highly commended the work of the organization and offered many good suggestions for future work.

At this point the large audience was entertained by several selections from Messrs. Cobb and Whitney. The applause which these singers received were many and they were called back for an encore several times.

Other speakers on the program were Mayor W. J. Dunn, H. G. Carrison, Jr., and Dr. John W. Corbett. Both Mayor Dunn and Mr. Carrison praised

the work of the Chamber very highly and at the conclusion of their remarks briefly discussed the street paving question. Most of Dr. Corbett's remarks were directed toward the Camden Hospital. He went somewhat into the history of the institution and explained in a very forceful manner what it meant to Camden and Kershaw County. Dr. Corbett stated that the hospital had never called for contributions from the public, but that they would within a very short time. He stated that if it were not for the Bank of Camden the hospital would have not remained an institution as long as it has. The bank was praised very highly for their efforts in keeping the institution going, but the speaker declared that they could not continue doing this and that the time had come when the citizens of Camden and Kershaw County must prove their interest in the institution by contributing to its maintenance.

The President at this point called for expressions from members present as to whether it was their desire to keep the Chamber of Commerce alive or let it die, declaring that everyone of them must come to its aid if they wanted it to continue. Without a single exception, every member present expressed themselves as wanting the Chamber to continue. The President then called for suggestions as to how best to collect outstanding membership pledges, the result of which was that a motion made, duly seconded and carried that the former membership drive captains be formed into a committee to collect, and that this committee be headed by Mr. C. H. Yates as Major.

It was at this point that the President informed those present that at the last meeting of the directors they had to accept the resignation of secretary-treasurer McDaniell. In commenting on the resignation, the President stated that the resignation was accepted with reluctance and regret in view of the fact that Mr. McDaniell's service was worthy of the highest praise, stating that Mr. McDaniell's success before coming to Camden and while here was the result of him receiving an offer that Camden was not in position to pay.

The President introduced Mr. McDaniell who was the last speaker on program and in the introductory remarks, Mr. McDaniell was asked to give his views of Camden, both present and future.

Mr. McDaniell briefly outlined the fine spirit of co-operation he had received from the directors as well as the members, stating that when he first reached Camden he found a city that really needed a Chamber of Commerce and that as a result of the co-operation mentioned the citizens of Camden had been convinced of the great value of an organization whose only purpose is to work for the up-building of the community. Mr. McDaniell further stated that Camden needed a Chamber of Commerce worse today than when he arrived, in view of the fact that the spirit of co-operation must be kept alive, and that Camden must stay in line with all other cities throughout the country in their efforts in bringing business back to normal. Mr. McDaniell assured the audience that his connection in Camden has been very pleasant so far as he is concerned and hoped that the feeling would be mutual, for that it would be a great pleasure to him to be able to look back to his connection here as that of a pleasant one. He further stated that he would feel much better in leaving if he was assured the organization was to be kept together, for that he was not leaving the state, and that when he could not locate an industry in the city which he would be serving he would send it to Camden. The remark from Mr. McDaniell brought forth a hearty applause.

In conclusion Mr. McDaniell appealed to everyone present to work together as Camden and Kershaw County offered many wonderful opportunities, and that the only way to properly harness up these opportunities was for every citizen to work together, with but a single thought in mind—a "Greater Camden and Kershaw County." Particularly interesting was the last remarks of the secretary-treasurer when he read "Ten Tests Of a Town," which is a list of questions asked by people interested in locating in a city. Truly this list offered much thought for members of the organization and it is needless to say that all of them will be benefited by hearing them presented in such a forceful manner.

At the close of Mr. McDaniell's remarks, Mr. W. L. DePass rose and made motion that a rising vote of

TWO STILLS CAPTURED Officers Make Raids in Different Sections of County.

Constable Wade Stokes, Chief of Police A. G. Whitaker and police officer Hilton went into the Cassatt section Saturday and captured a liquor making outfit on a branch said to be located on the lands of T. W. McNeeley. It was a crude outfit and one of a unique make, being made of an automobile gasoline tank. No one was found at the "plant" and no arrests have been made, but it is expected warrants will soon be issued for the operator. It will be remembered that a still was found on this same branch a few years ago when the "drought" hit the country.

Securely hidden about ten miles north of Camden near the old Revolutionary battle ground where the marble slab marks the spot where Baron DeKath fell Constable Stokes, police officers Barnes and Myers captured a 55-gallon capacity still in the early hours of Tuesday morning and placed under arrest Dave Russell, a white man, said to hail from near Camden. The officers also found 200 gallons of mash and confiscated a horse and buggy said to belong to Russell. It was a gasoline can arrangement and was cleverly concealed and Russell avowed that he was the only man who knew of its location and he was taken completely by surprise when he was captured a few minutes after he had started a fire under his outfit. The still was located on a branch that furnished the water and a blind had been built so effectively that a person could walk in a few yards of the place and never detect the presence of a whiskey making outfit. Russell was brought to Camden and placed in jail.

JAILED ON RAPE CHARGE Two White Men Charged With Mis- treating Girl Under Sixteen.

Dexter Hurst and Frank Haynes, two white men, were committed to jail last week on a charge of rape, the alleged victim being a young white girl, formerly a pupil in the graded school, under the age of sixteen years. The alleged crimes were committed some months ago and the young victim is said to be in a delicate condition. The warrant for the arrest of the men was issued at the instigation of the father of the girl. It is also said that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of another white youth by the same parties, but he has not yet been located by the officers.

AN INHUMAN FATHER Deserts Four Small Children on Road- side Ragged and Hungry.

Four small children ranging in ages from two to nine years were found on the roadside near Adams pond Saturday and were picked up and brought to Camden where they were temporarily cared for by the local branch of the American Red Cross. The children were said to be so ragged and unkempt that they were carried to the pest house in the lower part of the city to be washed and given clean clothing. Later the city and county officials and Miss O'Dell, the public health nurse had the children carried to Columbia and placed in a rescue home.

When questioned the oldest of the children, a girl of nine years, stated that their step-father, Abe Raley, who resides in the eastern section of the county about fifteen miles from Camden had driven the mother away from home and had hired an auto to bring them to the point where they were found and made them get out and went away and left them.

A warrant was immediately issued for the arrest of the man on the charge of desertion, and he surrendered to sheriff Welsh Wednesday morning and is now in jail. When found the children were said to be in a pitiable condition and were nearly starved and one of them bore marks where she had been severely whipped.

To Meet With Beaver Dam Church

We have been requested to announce that the Law and Order League of this county will meet with the Beaver Dam Church near Cassatt on Sunday, August 14th, at 4 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lang, of Bessemer City, N. C., are visiting relatives here this week.

thanks be extended to Mr. McDaniell for his faithful service since he has been in Camden. The motion did not need a second, for immediately every person present was on their feet.

GRAVEN RAISES RUMPUS Says Ku Klux Klan is Out For Fees and Sailing Under False Colors.

Greensboro, Aug. 5.—Major Bruce Craven, of Trinity, today declared the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, "of which I am the supreme head in this state, disbanded and abandoned, every organized Klan ended and every Klansman released from his connection, his responsibilities and obligations."

His action, he declared, was due to dissatisfaction with the purposes and acts of the organization. At the same time, he announced he had forwarded his resignation as grand dragon of North Carolina to Colonel William Joseph Simmons, of Atlanta, imperial wizard of the order.

Local officers of the Klan today said they would ignore Major Craven's order. They explained that he has been only the tentative head of the organization and has no authority to disband it. In the meantime, they are awaiting instructions from the imperial wizard, who informed a local newspaper that a full statement would be issued in Atlanta this afternoon.

In Major Craven's statement, he said:

"There is no possibility of keeping the organization from unlawful outrages, nor out of politics. I was in the presence of the imperial wizard, when another high official made the statement that he wanted everything urged toward the consummation of a national organization which could elect a president of its own and there was general agreement with the sentiment expressed. I have revolted from the first at these tendencies, at the anonymous letter writing, and at the mess of lies about the greatness of the thing and its power, etc. I had been led to believe I could control the affairs in North Carolina, but this has not been true. The newspaper organ in Atlanta 'The Searchlight,' is an insult to any intelligent man and about on the same plane with the inflammatory negro papers and the bolshevik propaganda. This paper publishes in big headlines that 10,000 people heard Colonel Simmons in Greensboro, and the statement is published in anonymous letters that there are 60,000 members in North Carolina, 3,000 in Greensboro and that they are organized in every state of the union. There are at the present time perhaps 5,000 in the state who have paid their initiation fees, one-fourth of them within 30 miles of Greensboro, and most of whom as soon as they got in, and saw who was there, kissed their money good-bye and quit. Some of the best citizens in Greensboro have joined and finding there was no restriction whatever in admitting members except the money consideration, they left never to return and were labeled traitors to the sacred cause. One of them, a prominent business man, together with several other intelligent men, protested against the wholesale admission of thieves and bootleggers, and he was summarily banished, without a trial, and supposedly in disgrace, by the organizer, and without consulting me."

"Personally, I prefer to lose without protest what I have put into it, but the promises made to High Point, and the way the organization was managed, affords an excellent opportunity to go into the court and demand the return of the \$6,000 collected there. I offer now my services to them if they will stand together on this proposition and try it out."

"Why did I fall for it? Well, I am a credulous, enthusiastic sort of person, with a lot of prejudice, etc., and I think the professions of this thing met the requirements of all the foolish ideas I possessed. Even then I held back a long time, and never entered until I was shown what they claimed was the whole system. They told me, for instance, that Senator Simmons was one of the first men to join in the state; that Governor Morrison, after his outburst against it, was 'seen' and promised good behavior, and later applied for admission and was held on probation; that Joseph Daniels was refused because he was too friendly to the negroes after living in Washington eight years; that Senator Overman was twice refused admission; that General Pershing, Attorney General Daugherty, Gen. Julian S. Carr, and numerous others were original and earnest members; that the News and Observer and Charlotte Observer and Asheville Citizen and Wilmington Star had agreed to keep hands off if they were let alone; that the Greensboro News was to be let alone because its criticism would really help; that the Raleigh Times was controlled by some of the Raleigh members; and that

there were 15,000 members in North Carolina, with others applying for admission at the rate of 1,000 a day; that no application was ever considered until after rigid investigation, and that, as stated in the anonymous letter to 'The News,' 'character' was the only test. These are the reasons why I joined. Why I believe any of these things is another thing entirely, and I can't answer it, except that it is easy to believe what one wants to believe. I was credulous and was caught.

"On July 26, I wrote a personal letter to the imperial wizard, containing a resume of what is in this letter. On August 1, I wired him that his failure to answer would be taken as admission of the correctness of my statements and as justification for their publication. On August 3, I again wired him my definite resignation, effective at noon August 5, and asked him again to wire me if he had anything to say. No answer was received to any of these communications."

Of Interest Here.

The disclosures of Major Bruce Craven, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina in renouncing the organization will no doubt be of interest locally if all reports are true. Several months ago it was hinted that there was an organization of that kind in Camden with thirty or more members. We are told that some of the members saw the same flaws in the order that Major Craven has made bold to expose, and thought at the time that it was a scheme to extract membership fees regardless from whence they came. No one has ever admitted joining the local order, as it is said that was one of the most binding of the oaths, and since the disclosures of Major Craven, we surmise that it will be a greater secret than ever before, and we doubt if the public will ever know of a Klansman residing in Camden.

DIED IN RICHMOND Former Camden Man Passes Away After Brief Illness.

A special from Richmond to the Columbia State under date of August 10th says:

"Luther A. Alexander district line foreman for the Postal Telegraph company in Virginia and the two Carolinas, died here last night following a brief illness. He was born in Camden, S. C., 49 years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alexander. "He was transferred here a few years ago from Wilmington, N. C. Besides a widow, who, before marriage was Miss Minnie Brazington, of Camden, he leaves one son, A. S. Alexander, 19 years old. He is survived by two brothers, A. J. Alexander, of Charleston, S. C. and I. B. Alexander of Camden. There are four surviving sisters, Miss Sallie A. Alexander, Mrs. G. W. Turner and Mrs. Hiram Nettles, all of Camden, and Mrs. J. E. Baggott of Tampa. The funeral will be held here tomorrow with interment at Riverview cemetery."

Change in Game Law.

On account of the Hunting Licenses for this season having been printed before the Acts of 1921 came from the hands of the printers, it was stated on the back of the licenses that the season for Squirrels, Raccoons, Rabbits and Opossums would open October 1st and close after March 15th.

The 1921 Legislature, however, passed the following Act, from which it will be seen that Squirrels, Raccoons, Rabbits and Opossums may be hunted from September 1st to March 1st.

Masons To Meet.

A special communication of Kershaw Lodge, No. 29 will be held Tuesday evening, August 23rd, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the third degree.

Had Narrow Escape.

While returning from Lancaster to Columbia Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Threatt and four children had a narrow escape from being killed or badly mangled by the local passenger train to Hamlet. They were running along at a pretty fast rate and did not see the oncoming train until too late to stop. The car was turned quickly to the left and went down an embankment, but luckily did not turn over and the occupants escaped with only a few minor bruises—one of the little girls getting a tooth broken off. The car was damaged to such an extent it had to be towed back to Camden for repairs. Mr. and Mrs. Threatt reside in Columbia.

Camden Wins From Sumter

Two Pretty Games Played Here Friday and Saturday.

Sumter was here Friday and Saturday for two games of base ball and met defeat in both games by close scores. Friday's contest was 2 to 1 and was a pretty exhibition, neither team scoring until the sixth inning when Camden put one over. Luther and Hawkins was the battery for Sumter and Sherrill and Rhame for Camden. Each pitcher struck out seven batters.

Saturday's game was one of the fastest games ever seen on this diamond and resulted in a shut out for Sumter 2 to 0. It took only one hour and ten minutes to play the full nine innings. The feature of the game was a sensational catch by O'Connor for Sumter in center field. Both runs by Camden were due to O'Connor failing to field a ball in center field. Batteries for Sumter; Ludwig and Hawkins, for Camden; Benson and Rhame.

Hartsville Wins From Camden.

Hartsville, Aug. 8.—Before a tremendous crowd here this afternoon Hartsville defeated the fast Camden team in the first game of the series, 2 to 1. It was a sparkling exhibition of a pitchers' battle staged between Peters and Walters, but Walters out-pitched the visitor, holding Camden to three scattered singles. The visitors scored their one unearned run in the first frame, but were not able to cross the plate again. Brown for the locals featured with beautiful catching and batting, one of his singles scoring Hartsville's two runs.

Camden Wins in Eleventh.

Hartsville, Aug. 8.—Camden defeated Hartsville here this afternoon by the score of 10 to 2. It was a beautiful tie game up to the eleventh inning, when Atkinson "weakened and eight runs were counted. Flowers replaced Atkinson, Benson, for the visitors pitched good ball.

Camden Wins Another

In the snappiest game of ball seen on the local diamond this year Camden Wednesday afternoon defeated a fast team from Hartsville by a score of 2 to 1. Hartsville looked good for a run in the first inning when a dispute arose over a foul down first base line. Neither side scored until Hartsville put one over in the fifth. Gibson who had been pitching good ball for Hartsville was relieved in the seventh by Flowers after Camden had made two runs. Flowers held the home team down. Sherrill was also relieved in the ninth by Peters after one man had gotten on first with none out. Peters walked the first batter and had two men on bases and pulled himself out of a bad hole when Hartsville batted into a double play. A large contingent came over from Hartsville to witness the game and there was also a good attendance by local people. Prioleau Richards, former first baseman for Camden was the umpire. Crawford a new man on first base, played a good game and batted well. The score by innings:

Hartsville, 000 010 000—1
Camden, 000 000 20x—2

Alleged That Joke Causes Homicide.

Charleston, August 4.—The county and police authorities are making a wide search for James Slappy, who is charged with fatally shooting L. M. Myers near Seven Mile yesterday. Both were white. The wounded man died at Roper hospital last night after an attempt had been made to save his life by transfusion of blood. He was wounded in the legs with buck shot and loss of blood and shock caused his death. Information received by the Rural police and Coroner Mansfield, who is also acting Sheriff, is that Slappy was told by acquaintances, in the way of a joke, that Myers had been ridiculing him. The man leaves a widow and three small children.

Married

Mr. Jack Bowers and Miss Thelma Vincent, both of Kershaw, were married on August 4th, in this city by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell.

Mr. Henry Arthur Mann, of Jefferson, and Miss Evaline Robinson, of Cassatt, were married at the residence of Probate Judge W. L. McDowell on Sunday afternoon, August 7th, the Judge of Probate officiating.

Mr. Frederick W. Schneider, of Columbia and Miss Emma Elizabeth McLeod, of Camden, were married at the residence of Probate Judge W. L. McDowell Sunday evening, August 7th the Judge of Probate officiating.