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## ORDER REVOKED.

Judge Townsend Hears Road Matter and Allows Work to Proceed.

The temporary injunction gotten by E. V. Truesdale and R. C. Bennett against the County Commissioners to prevent the relocation of the road into Kershaw just South of that town, came up for hearing before Judge Townsend in Columbia on Monday, February 12th. The Commissioners showed in their return among other things:

That this piece of road is a part of State Highway No. 26 connecting Lancaster, Kershaw, Camden, Sumter, Manning, Kingstree, Georgetown and many smaller places.

That the portion of this road extending South from the town of Kershaw for about two miles is very dangerous with two grade railroad crossings, one on the side of a steep hill, and the other near the town of Kershaw, with two narrow concrete bridges, both on high embankments, and with sharp and dangerous curves at several points.

That at least two fatalities have occurred at the railroad crossing nearest to Kershaw, and many serious accidents on this piece of road, many more than on any like distance in Kershaw County.

That when the County Commissioners reconstructed the rest of the road from Camden to Kershaw they were not able on account of lack of funds at that time to relocate this small piece and a small piece of about the same length on this same highway next to the Sumter County line, and that these are the only pieces of this road in the County which are not reconstructed so as to be taken over for maintenance by the State Highway Department.

That the Board of Commissioners asked for Federal Aid to fix these two small pieces of road, and the survey made under the direction of the State Highway Department and the Federal Government have relocated this road just South of Kershaw on the East side of the railroad in practically a straight line eliminating both dangerous railroad crossings and making a much better approach to the town of Kershaw, and that in the opinion of the Board it is vastly to the benefit of Kershaw County and its citizens and the public generally and in every way desirable that this change be made.

That it will be impossible to secure Federal Aid for this project unless the grade crossings and sharp curves on the old road are eliminated and wider bridges put in. And that the new location can be made much cheaper than to attempt to eliminate the railroad crossings by underpass and overhead bridge so as to follow the old road.

That Federal Aid to the amount of \$15,000 has been granted by the State Highway Department, and the Federal Government for these two pieces of Highway No. 26 near Kershaw and at Boykin's Mill on the Sumter County line.

That all of the persons whose lands are crossed by the new road location have given the right of way except about three, one of whom is the plaintiff, Truesdale, right or way over whose lands will be needed covering about two and one-half acres, and the other rights of way needed cover less than 1-2 acre.

That the needs of those coming in on the West side of the said railroad from the direction of Three C's will be taken care of by an underpass under the railroad bridge at Hanging Rock Creek, and that it will not be necessary to keep the old road open as a public road.

That the lowest bids on the work on this new location South of Kershaw is about \$13,000, and that the Federal Government is to pay half of this cost.

That the finances of Kershaw County are in good shape. That the County is practically on a cash basis, and should be able with reasonable appropriations and collections to carry on its business without having to borrow any money in anticipation of the collection of taxes, a position which only two or three of the counties of the State occupy.

That the money borrowed from the Sinking Fund has been fully paid without embarrassment, and that the only debt for borrowed money outstanding at the February meeting of the Board was \$6,000.00 which was paid at that meeting, leaving the County without a single cent of debt for borrowed money.

That the Sinking Fund of the County is now over \$100,000, and with the same appropriations which this Board has made to the Sinking Fund continued for the next eight or ten years all of the bonds will be provided for at maturity without further expenditure.

That on February 1st, 1923, there were taxes uncollected approximately \$55,000, and cash on hand \$17,056.42, and there was then outstanding of money borrowed in 1921 and unpaid \$22,000.

That the Board has not spent all of the money which it might reasonably have considered as available for

## TO IMPROVE WATER WORKS.

City Council Authorizes Expenditure of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars.

The members of the city council at their meeting held Monday evening authorized the expenditure of around \$24,000 for water works improvements for the city. The funds for these improvements will be financed by the banks of Camden and the loans will be met from the earnings of the water and light department, entailing no extra taxes on property owners. These improvements are necessary to meet the requirements of the rating bureau of the Southeastern underwriters and thereby keep insurance rates in the same class. It is thought that a reduction will be made in the rates to light consumers during the coming spring. It is also likely that special rates will be made to those using electric appliances for domestic purposes.

The proposed improvements and the approximate cost of same are given as follows:

Three electric pumps, installed complete, \$6,000.

Electric control valve installed at stand pipe, \$625.

Power and light distribution panel installed, \$600.

Office filing cabinet, \$240.

Proposed four hundred thousand gallon reservoir to be erected near present city plant, \$6,500.

Proposed Fair Street and LaFayette Avenue improvements, including the laying of six-inch mains on these two streets, \$5,500.

## To Meet at Grace Church.

The Young Communicants Guild will meet at Grace Episcopal Church Sunday evening at half past seven o'clock. The subject will be "Unconscious Influence."

## Important Notice.

The Chronicle makes no charge for social or church notices, but we would again respectfully ask our friends to please bear in mind that we do not accept these notices over the phone, and especially are they requested not to phone this office on Thursday morning. The entire force is engaged in getting the more important matters of news and advertising ready for the press and we have not the time to take them over the phone.

## To Meet Tuesday Afternoon.

The Circles of the Missionary Society of the Camden Baptist Church will meet at the Church Tuesday afternoon, February 20th, at 3:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

expenditure during 1922 and that on February 1st, 1923, the taxes uncollected for 1922 were about \$33,000, with cash on hand for general County purposes about \$41,000, and with cash in the special Bridge fund \$14,330.08, against which there was due for borrowed money only the \$6,000.00 above mentioned paid on February 6th, 1923.

That under the law all unexpended balances from appropriations in Kershaw County may be expended on the County roads and all the income from the Wateree River Bridge after paying the maintenance interest and sinking fund may be used on the public roads.

That there was levied in 1922 a tax of two mills, which can be used only for the construction of highways and bridges in the State system under the general supervision of the Highway Department. That this levy amounts to \$15,524.02 if fully collected, and there has been expended therefrom only about \$1,000.00.

That this Board has pledged with the approval of the State Highway Department the funds arising from this two mill tax and unexpended against the Federal Aid for the construction of these two pieces of Highway No. 26, the one just South of Kershaw and the other at Boykin's Mill on the Sumter County line. And to make up any deficiency in the collection of this two mill tax the Board has pledged so much of the bridge fund in its hands as may be necessary to fully match the Federal Aid.

That the County of Kershaw is not due any sum whatever to DeKalb Township by reason of its bonds, but that the whole of said bonds which were sold for \$66,931.69 have been expended within DeKalb Township, and that the Federal Aid projects done within that Township since 1920 have amounted to about \$89,000.00, and that the only thing the County owes to DeKalb Township growing out of its bond issues is to see that its proportion of the two mill road tax is retained for expenditure within the township, and that this had been done by the pledge of this fund for the work at Boykin's Mill to the Sumter County line, which lies wholly within DeKalb Township.

On the showing made by the Board of County Commissioners Judge Townsend revoked the restraining order, and allowed the Board to go forward with the contract for this important work.

## HUGE MORTGAGE FILED.

Document Represents More Than One Hundred Printed Pages.

Clerk of Court James H. Clyburn this week received for record the largest mortgage ever placed on record here. It is from the Yadkin River Power Co., to the Old Colony Trust Company, as trustees, and is dated February 6th, 1923, and represents the huge sum of fifteen million dollars. It is known as "First mortgage thirty year five per cent gold bonds" payable April 1, 1941, and is on property located in this county. At the same time there has been filed for record the same mortgage in the counties of Darlington, Florence, Lee, Marion and Marlboro in this state and Scotland county in North Carolina. It is a printed document of 110 pages and it is estimated that it will take at least two weeks to transcribe it on the clerk's books.

## Bad Check Man.

A white man was arrested and placed in jail Tuesday on a warrant issued by Mr. A. K. Blakeney for a bogus check given him in payment for an automobile. He gave him three checks at different intervals and Mr. Blakeney had trouble with them all, and seeing no other recourse he had him placed in jail. However, there are lots of these fellows still loose and around Camden, and if they were all placed where they belong, we fear Sheriff Welsh would have to ask for an appropriation for a larger jail. There are men around Camden moving in respectable society who are guilty of the same practice and there is hardly a merchant in Camden who does not have more than his share of bogus checks.

## Deputy Collector to be Here.

Major John F. Jones, internal revenue collector for South Carolina advises us that Deputy W. E. Harrell of his office will be in Camden on February 26, 27 and 28th and March 1st; Bethune on February 24th, and at Kershaw on March 2nd and 3rd, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the preparation of income tax returns on the dates mentioned.

## Opening of St. Mary's New Hall.

St. Mary's Hall was opened last Thursday evening at 9 o'clock. The address of welcome was given by Rev. M. J. Reddin, who extended a cordial greeting to one and all. He prefaced his address by a few remarks appertaining to the object of the new hall, emphasizing the fact that we should distinguish between use and abuse, right and wrong. In behalf of the hotels, a letter was read from Mr. T. E. Krumbholz and Mr. B. D. Ticknor. These respective gentlemen congratulated Rev. Reddin on his great work achieved in such a brief period and offered their support and co-operation.

Rev. Hegarty spoke on the importance of healthful amusement and stated that no place was more adapted than under the shadow of the church.

The Hon. H. G. Carrison, Mayor of Camden, gave a splendid address and gave his sincerest approbation of the great work that has been accomplished and stated emphatically that he believed in bringing young people together, emphasizing his remarks by giving a substantial check. Checks were also donated by other friends of Rev. Reddin.

Mr. Steve Robinson represented the tourists and in his usual witty manner did honor to the occasion.

Rev. Reddin finally declared the Hall formerly opened and thanked his many friends for gracing the occasion with their presence.

## Mules Killed by Electricity.

Two mules belonging to the Sanitary Dairy were killed Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, when the team was driven to a trough adjacent to the pump house, which through some defective wiring, or otherwise, had in some way become charged with electricity. When the mules put their heads to the water to drink, the water was charged and they jerked their heads up, striking the metal roof of the pump house. This was charged with sufficient voltage to kill the two animals as they struck it.

The pump is run by electric current from the city and in some way one of the live wires had come in contact with the metal part of the building, charging it and the damp part of the ground around, as well as the water in the trough.—Sumter Item.

## NEWS OF KIRKWOOD SOCIETY

Happenings of Interest Among Our Northern Visitors.

The inclement weather of the past week, which interfered with outdoor sports, made teas, dinner and card parties exceedingly popular with Camden's winter visitors. The crowning event of social gaiety was the Valentine Dance Tuesday evening at the Country Club. An invitation affair by the guests of the Kirkwood, it was largely attended by cottagers, guests from the other hotels and Camdonians. Gayly decorated in red and amber with cupid and hearts everywhere in evidence as befitted the birthday of jolly old St. Valentine—the ball room at the Club House was transformed into a bower of beauty, a fitting setting for the merry dancers who tripped the light fantastic to the strains of the Kirkwood Orchestra until after the mid-night hour.

Proceeding the dance several dinner parties were given at the Kirkwood and in private homes.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kirkbride, of Cool Spring, entertained at their home a party of ten, bringing their guests later to the Valentine Dance.

Mr. John S. Sweeney also gave a dinner for eight guests at Hobkirk Inn.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Horatio G. Lloyd, of Haverford, Pa., gave a tea in the Bog Bungalow at Hobkirk Inn for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanwood, Miss Kate Gillet, Miss Emma Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spingarn, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Willcock, Miss Chiffelle and Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. William Lovett Goodale is entertaining Miss Dorothy Stauffer of Pennsylvania at her home on Fair Street.

After two weeks visit in Camden Mrs. Robert Harvie Wessmann has returned to Bayside, L. I.

Washington's birthday will be observed by Gymkana Races, and a polo match on Field No. 1.

Mr. C. O. Foster has joined the polo players now in Camden.

The many friends of Mrs. Alexander Trowbridge of Flushing, L. I., are glad to welcome her again to Camden. She is the guest of Mrs. Edward DuBose on Fair street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Balfe, who were here early in the season, going later to New York are again at the Kirkwood.

Coming from Brooklyn for a fortnight's stay at the Kirkwood are: Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Pascual, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McCormick, the Misses Deely, Dr. G. E. Deely and Harold Somers.

Many delightful affairs were given last week-end for Miss Elise Kirkland and Sherbourne Yardley, whose marriage Saturday afternoon at Grace Church, Camden, was a most interesting event. For the wedding many Philadelphians and friends and relatives from various cities were here. Saturday evening for the bridal party a dinner of 22 covers was served in the Kirkwood Grill, and the guests later remained for the dancing. Sunday Mrs. David R. Williams of Mulberry kept open house in her usual charming way for the visiting guests, and other friends. Friday afternoon Miss Leila Shannon entertained with cards, and the same evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Savage gave a reception at their home for the young couple, the wedding attendants and the families on both sides.

## Hotel Arrivals.

Court Inn—George E. Bell, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Handin, Haverhill, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Landrith, Philadelphia; C. C. Williams, Washington; Mrs. James H. Dunbar, Miss Jane Dunbar, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen, East Orange; Edward B. Nisbet, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. LaPierre, East Orange; Hugh Kennedy, Mrs. Shoob, Buffalo; E. B. Mayo, Boston; T. Allen Hilles, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. T. Dodge, Philadelphia; Miss J. Sheehan, Utica; M. H. Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodenough, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Agnew, Duluth; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McAllister, Greensboro, N. C.; S. Bryan Kneaffs, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kneaffs, Short Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Crary, Newtonville; Mrs. R. D. Voight, Miss Voight, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Christanny, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson, Mrs. George R. Henderson, Philadelphia.

Hobkirk Inn—Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Myers, Woolmer W. Myers, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Jr., Boston; Mrs. R. S. Farrish, Charlottesville; Mrs. L. L. Gunther, Washington; John K. Winkler, N.

## PAVING MEN MEET HERE.

Thirty or More Representatives of Construction Company to be Here.

The representatives of the Southern Paving and Construction Company with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn., are planning their annual get-together meeting and will meet at Camden next Wednesday for a general good time and to talk over the business of the various projects now under way.

The men come from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama and there will be more than thirty, consisting of superintendents and cashiers of this great organization. They now have under way fifteen paving contracts in towns in the states mentioned, and it is recognized as one of the oldest and most reliable concerns doing this class of work in the South. The men on the paving job in Camden are responsible for Camden being selected as the point for assembling this year, as they are all highly pleased with this city, and wanted their fellow workers to come here.

Hotel Camden will very likely be headquarters for the representatives when they come here, and a banquet is also being arranged for them at the Kirkwood during their stay.

## Boll Weevil Machine.

Mr. D. G. Fletcher has the agency for a patented boll weevil exterminator and he has been demonstrating the machine in Camden for the past week. He has the county rights for Chesterfield and Kershaw county, and he claims that it is the best yet put on the market. It carries the usual mixture of calcium arsenate, molasses and water. Mr. Fletcher says that he will have it on exhibition here during court week.

## Don't Blame the Postmaster.

If you should happen to miss your paper for any length of time don't blame the carrier or the postoffice force before you ask yourself the question: "Have I paid My Subscription?" Your notice has been mailed to you and if you fail to take notice of it your paper will be cut out. In a few weeks we hope to revise our mailing list and will place the date on the label and in the future we will not mail out statements but will expect you to watch your label. We have been doing the courtesy of mailing a notice before the subscription expires but so many people pay no attention to notices that we are going to cut out this useless heavy mailing expense.

## Y.; M. Worth Colwell, N. Y.

Among the arrivals at the Kirkwood within the past week are: W. A. Barron, E. L. Mayo, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Robinson, N. Y.; William Strathorn, Pittsburg; Mrs. T. T. Abbott, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Joy, Miss Joy, Danbury, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hall, Brooklyn; J. W. Sander, Montclair; Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Yardley, Miss Yardley, Mrs. Sheldon F. Pott, Philadelphia; Farnha Yardley, West Orange; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Horton, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walther, Weehawken; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McGarry, S. F. McGarry, Graft, Mass.; Charles P. Hare, New Britain; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph F. DeBevoise, South Orange; Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Carter, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Read, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scarborough, Englewood; Mr. and Mrs. John Fenneley, Kansas City; Mrs. Thomlinson M. Ragsdale, Knoxville; J. E. Duffield, Philadelphia; Thos. L. Gaskill, Morristown; Mrs. W. A. Dodsworth, Lucy M. Dodsworth, Englewood; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burke, Springfield; Edward F. Douglas, George J. Grammer, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Weeks, Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Cook, Jr., Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Spitzer, Toledo; Mrs. George F. Haff, Pennsylvania; Dr. Wesley C. Cowera, Montclair.

It is proposed by several of our winter visitors, who are interested in preserving the historic landmarks of which Camden has a large number—one of the most interesting of these—the grave of Agnes of Glasgow, with only a tiny slab bearing the inscription: "Here lies the body of Agnes of Glasgow, who departed this life February 1780, aged 20."

This grave has been the subject of many curious legends. It lies just outside the Quaker Burying Ground, and to keep it undisturbed it is proposed to enclose it in a simple manner. Contributions for this most worthy cause may be sent to Miss C. W. Gillet, Hobkirk Inn.

## BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Feb. 16—Miss Marguerite Davis was at home to a few of her friends at a card party Wednesday evening. Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and wafers were served. Those participating in the pleasure of the evening were: Misses Kathleen Clyburn, Mamie Lou McDonald, Stella Bethune, Messrs. Leslie and Leonel Best, Haskell Tiller and Loring Davis.

Miss Mamie Lou McDonald, teacher of third grade, was called to McBee Thursday morning, her grandfather, Mr. William Sowell of that place having died the night before. The burial was held at McBee Friday. Miss Alene McDowell substituted in Miss McDonald's absence.

Mrs. M. O. Ward and daughter, Katherine, spent Saturday in Columbia.

Mrs. Leonard Yarborough and children, of Hartsville, were week-end guests of relatives here.

A public meeting of the Calhoun Literary Society will be held at the auditorium in the graded school building Tuesday evening. A splendid program has been arranged and a good attendance is expected.

Miss Helen Pope Ward, of Coker College, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. Frank Beard and children, of Chester, are spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mays.

Miss Kathleen Clyburn spent the week-end with relatives in Kershaw.

Prof. O. R. Bell made a business trip to McColl Friday and Saturday.

Miss Virginia Watts of Winthrop College spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Maude Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Padgett spent Sunday in Florence with the latter's sister who is very ill in an infirmary at that place.

Mr. Ralph McCaskill, of Columbia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCaskill.

Mr. Lonnie McCoy of Columbia, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. Hughes, Mark King and family of Neeses, were guests of Mr. N. A. Bethune Tuesday. Messrs. Hughes and King returned via Kershaw leaving Mrs. King and son for several days' visit.

Mr. Percy Mays, who has a position with Nesbit and Wilson Co., is working several days of each week at a branch office in Bishopville.

## Drive to the Right.

A good citizen who owns a car and is a careful driver himself—ever on the alert for the safety and convenience of others—asked us a few days ago to request drivers of trucks and wagons to use the same methods of driving that is exacted of the auto owners, and that is to always drive to the right of the road. Now that the streets are being paved it is causing quite a bit of annoyance to auto drivers both in meeting and passing heavy trucks and wagons on the streets most frequented by travel.

## To Have Cake Sale.

Circle Number Four of the Presbyterian Church Auxiliary will have a cake sale Saturday, February 17th, at the Standard Grocery on East DeKalb Street.

## Death of Mrs. Frank McDowell.

Mrs. Lula McDowell, wife of J. Frank McDowell, died at her home in the Westville section at three o'clock on last Saturday morning and was buried in the Damascus cemetery at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Woodrow Ward, pastor of the Damascus church, of which Mrs. McDowell was a member.

Mrs. McDowell, who was before marriage Miss Lula Moore, was 44 years of age and for twenty years had been a constant sufferer from rheumatism. For the past six years she had been confined to her bed. Prior to her illness she was an active worker in the church, and her sweet Christian spirit enabled her to bear her affliction and suffering in perfect resignation and without complaint. She was always considerate of others and as far as she could, always stood ready to aid them whenever in her power to do so. Her amiable disposition and friendly acts won for her many friends, all of whom sorrow at her death.

Mrs. McDowell is survived by her husband and two daughters, Misses Fannie Belle and Rebecca, who have the sympathy of their friends in their sad bereavement.—Kershaw Era.

## Washington's Birthday.

Thursday of next week being Washington's birthday a special dinner followed by dancing will be given in the evening at the Kirkwood. Gymkana races and polo will fill the afternoon and the winter's guests will be kept busy celebrating the birthday of the Father of his country.