

### FIRST GROUP MEETING.

#### Of Home Demonstration Clubs For Boys and Girls Held Here.

The first group meeting of the Home Demonstration Club Girls and Boys of the Eastern District was held at Camden Tuesday. The meeting began promptly at 12 o'clock with contestants from three counties, Chesterfield, Lancaster, and Kershaw. The Biscuit Contest was conducted by Miss L. I. Landrum, state leader. Mamie Wolfe, of Lancaster, scored 95%, and Margurite Truesdale, of Kershaw, scored 89%. The egg judging contest was conducted by Miss Juanita Neilly, poultry specialist, with Chesterfield's two boys competing, Eddie Abbott and Charles Meehan. The score was 99.44. The young folks worked with interest and determination to win. These scores will be compared with those made by club members at the four other group meetings that are to follow in the eastern district. The visiting club members were hospitably entertained while in Camden by the County and Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Jennie Boyd, with a nice luncheon served at the Rest Shop, and the visitors were taken to Mrs. B. H. Truesdale's lovely country home and there Miss Neilly gave caponizing demonstration. Mrs. Truesdale was a delightful hostess, in which all the visitors were allowed to give a demonstration of how much ice cream and cake each one could eat and live to tell the tale. Mrs. S. O. Plowden and Miss Bessie Harper, district agents of the Pee Dee and Piedmont Districts, assisted Miss Boyd at the meeting and attended the luncheons at the Rest Shop and at Mrs. Truesdale's house.

#### Eclipse of the Sun.

While the eclipse of the sun Monday afternoon was not total in South Carolina, it was easily visible and hundreds of citizens noted the passage of the moon across the face of the sun. The earth entered the shadow cast by the moon about 3:40 o'clock and passed out from the shadow about 5:40. Approximately 60 per cent of the sun's disc was hidden from view when the eclipse was at its maximum in South Carolina.

#### Twenty-Year-Old Maxwell.

A Maxwell roadster of the 1903 type was a curiosity here Friday night when it parked at the Carolina Motor Co. for the night. It was owned and driven by Aden Sheriff and his son of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was on a long tour of the United States. The autoists started on their journey on May 15th, and have traveled more than 11,100 miles and visited 21 capitals of the Union. The car with its many decorations attracted quite a bit of attention while here.

#### Mrs. Barfield Dies.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Barfield, who died at a late hour Wednesday night, in the Baptist hospital, will be held this morning at Pine Grove Baptist church, Kershaw county. Mrs. Barfield was a native of Kershaw County and was about 67 years of age. She was a member of the Southside Baptist church. She had been ill for two months. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Davis, 608 Sixth street, Columbia, and three sons, two of whom live in Kershaw county.—Friday's State.

#### Rev. Lightfoot To Speak.

Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina, will deliver three addresses in Camden on Sunday, September 16, the subject being, "Enforcement of the Prohibition Law." Rev. Lightfoot will speak at the Camden Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m., at the City School auditorium at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and at 8:30 p. m. at the Wateree Mill Baptist church. Rev. Lightfoot is coming to Camden under the auspices of the mill villages and other citizens of Camden and the people of the entire county of Kershaw are invited to attend either or all three of the meetings above mentioned. The ministers of the churches of Camden and Kershaw County are requested at their Sunday services next Sunday morning to announce the hour and place of the afternoon and evening meetings and addresses by Rev. Lightfoot.

#### Rudisill-Brown.

Mr. Carl J. Brown and Miss Nola Rudisill, both of Camden, were married here on Saturday, September 8th. Probate Judge W. L. McDowell performing the ceremony.

### INDICTMENT FOR HARVEY.

#### Former Governor Charged With Violating Banking Laws.

Charleston, Sept. 11.—A special presentment on the affairs of the defunct Enterprise bank was made this morning to Judge I. W. Bowman, presiding at the September term of the court of general sessions, the grand jury recommending indictments against former Governor Wilson G. Harvey, president and director; his brother, H. Lee Harvey, and Frederic C. Peters, two of the bank's four directors. It was set forth in the presentment that "we have to report that the banking laws have been violated by the officers and directors of the bank in several instances" and that "the affairs of this bank were handled in a very loose manner." It is recommended that the solicitor prepare and present to the grand jury indictments against Wilson G. Harvey, as president and director of the Enterprise bank, for violation of Section 296 of the criminal code of 1912, in that he made sundry loans alleged to be illegal; also for violation of Section 346, it being alleged that he received deposits for several days previous to the closing of the bank, and on the morning the bank closed, November 1, 1921, when he knew the bank to be in an insolvent condition; against H. Lee Harvey, as a director, being alleged that a loan was made him personally, in violation of banking law; and against Fred C. Peters, as a director, it being alleged that he made certain loans indirectly to himself, and on behalf of certain corporations, in violation of banking law. Former State Bank Examiner J. H. Craig is severely censured for his action in regard to this bank while bank examiner, and special legislation connected with the office of the state bank examiner is recommended.

Judge Bowman, on receiving the presentment, declared it to seem very thorough, and said it appeared that the affairs of the bank had been handled in a loose manner. He directed Solicitor Stoney to take such steps as he saw fit on the recommendation, either at this term, or at the ensuing term of court.

#### Real Estate Sales.

The Camden Real Estate Exchange announces the sale of a corner lot near the residence of Mr. W. R. Hough, on North Broad street to Mr. C. C. Shaw, of the Camden Iron and Brass Works. The lot measures 100 by 200 feet.

Another sale made by them last week was a lot 89x250 feet, formerly the property of Mr. David R. Williams, to Mr. F. N. McCorkle, of the American Express Co. This lot is also on North Broad street just north of the residence of Mrs. Lydia Murchison.

#### Peach Growers To Meet.

Peach growers of South Carolina, through their state organization, are working in close touch with growers in other Southern states toward perfecting cooperative marketing, and a special meeting to that end has been called for October 10, to be held at the Jefferson hotel in Columbia. L. I. Guion of Lugoff is president of the association and A. E. Schilleter of Clemson College is secretary.

#### Meeting in Interest of The Fair.

Mayor H. G. Carrison, Jr., held a meeting in the office of the Farm and Home Demonstration Agents Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, to discuss the duties of each chairman of the previously appointed committees. The dates for the Fair was decided, November 15th and 16th, 1923, and also the place. After much discussion and consideration, it was decided to hold the Fair in the old Court House. Miss Shannon very gladly gave permission to the use of the building. Very soon Mr. J. W. Sanders, chairman of the Premium lists will have the booklet ready for distribution. Some most attractive prizes will be offered. Get ready to win. Make the best better. Miss Minnie Clyburn is chairman of the Committee of Arrangement and Concessions, Mr. L. W. Boykin, chairman of Committee on Amusements, Mr. H. D. Niles, chairman on Publicity, Mayor H. G. Carrison, chairman on Finance and Miss Jennie Boyd, chairman on Soliciting Entries. Anyone wishing information, call on the above chairmen.

Mayor Carrison is heartily in favor of a School Day, and we expect each and every school to do its bit. Camden and Kershaw County can have a good big Fair. Why not? Jennie Boyd, Home Demonstration Agent.

### MIXING WITH THE GERMANS.

#### Mr. Jordan Spends While in Old Historic Rothenburg.

(A. B. Jordan in Dillon Herald.)  
Rothenburg, Bavaria, Aug. 3rd.  
In my last letter I promised to tell you something about the historic town of Rothenburg. Rothenburg is way off the beaten tourist path, though why it is not visited by thousands of tourists every year I am unable to understand because it is rich in history of the Middle Ages. The buildings, the houses and the great city wall are preserved in their original state. A fire insurance company could write risks in Rothenburg, at one-tenth the minimum American rate and get rich because the whole city, including the homes and public buildings, are constructed of stone and there is nothing to burn. I explored Rothenburg from pillar to post and from garret to cellar, so to speak, and the only pieces of wood I saw were some immensely heavy oak planks which were used as flooring in one of the ancient towers on the wall around the city. The treading of millions of feet through many ages had worn deep grooves in the planks.

Rothenburg has a population of 9,000, but the streets are so narrow and the houses are so small and built so closely together that it does not cover an area more than half the size of Dillon. It is located on a very high elevation—almost a mountain top—and the hillsides run down to deep valleys at a very sharp angle. Until it was taken by Tilly, after a siege of many months, it was considered the best, fortified town in the whole of Bavaria. In fact as one stands on the top of the high wall, from eight to fifteen feet in width and rising to a height of from 50 to 100 feet, it is easy to imagine how the inhabitants looked through the portholes and laughed at the attempts of the enemy to storm the town's walls. At varying distance of from 500 to 1,000 yards high towers rise into the air, which gave the observers a fine view of the country for many miles around and the approach of the enemy could be seen for several hours before they reached the city's walls.

I have looked through the same portholes through which anxious eyes peered 600 or 700 years ago hoping to catch a glimpse of the enemy which lay concealed behind hillsides many miles away or lurking near the city's walls. I have walked around the town on top of the old wall on which soldiers trod with clanking sabre or single-barreled musket, many centuries ago; I have been down in deep dungeons, dark and dismal, in which political prisoners were executed so long ago that their bones have long since gone back to dust. In the town hall which is still preserved in its original splendor, is the dungeon in which Burgomaster Toppler, who held the city against all enemies for several years, was executed when the city finally fell into the hands of Tilly. It is not known when or how he was done to death by his captors—but it is still a mystery in Bavaria—but on the wall of his dungeon were written these words: "I died neither from thirst nor lack of food." That perhaps was the only message he could leave to his friends. I have been through the Bastille whose grim walls could tell many a horrible story of torture or midnight murder and assassinations. I walked through narrow, dingy little streets and on stone pavements two or three feet wide, with quaint little homes built flush with the walks and caught the odor of goat's milk until the following night I woke with a start from a horrible dream in which a great herd of long-horned Angoras were trying to butt me over the edge of a bottomless precipice.

Tradition holds that Tilly would not have been able to take the city if it had not been for the premature explosion of a can of powder in one of the turrets which killed several soldiers. The report spread through the city that Tilly had forced an entrance through the wall in the lower part of the city and the people became panic-stricken and opened the gates. This may or may not be true. I give it to you just as I got it. But anyway after Tilly entered the city he was given a goblet of rare old wine which put him in a good humor and he proposed to the city authorities that if they could produce a man who would drink the goblet full of wine at one draught he would select a local man of their choice to administer the laws of the city. The challenge was accepted and the citizens produced a man who drank the goblet of wine at one swallow. (Continued on page seven)

### BE SLOW TO SELL COTTON.

#### Is Advice of J. Clifton Rivers of State Warehouse Commission.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 10.—A great number of people all over the State are asking me what my opinion is concerning the future price of cotton, and as it is impossible for me to answer all such inquiries by letter I desire space in your paper to give them my views on the subject. I have kept in close touch with all the conditions which control or affect the cotton market and I feel that as a public servant of the people that I should give them the benefit of such information as the advantages of the office I hold bring to me. I know that advice is cheap, and by most people read with suspicion, but here and now I wish to plead with the cotton growers to be slow in selling a bale of cotton of this year's crop. I believe the cotton people at last see the handwriting and with the reserves of spinnable cotton in the world almost gone; with a short crop coming in this fall with no let up in the wearing out of clothes, nor any increase in the amount of manufactured goods in sight, my prophecy is that the price of cotton will advance from the present level materially within the next few months.

Another thing is that the better grades of cotton, in my opinion, in the very near future will demand a high premium over that which is carelessly handled, and will be sought after eagerly by the cotton people, the reason for which would require right here too much length to explain. How are we to make the cotton we are producing of a higher quality is the question asked by those who think on the subject. First, cotton should be gathered or picked as quickly as possible after it opens, and then piled up in the house unginning until it has time to cure out; at least three weeks should elapse after picking before being carried to the gin. It will by that time be in condition, if kept dry, to gin off the seed uniformly and not nap up and gin cut as will be the result of undertaking to gin it off green, and will give you a better out-turn on both your grade and staple, besides a great increase in the amount of lint cotton, which at last represents the market value. When taken from the field and ginned before having time to cure out a lot of the lint is sold by the bushel and not by the pound, even if placed, green for gining, in the hands of the most careful ginner with the best of machinery, it is impossible to gin the seed clean or make a staple of first class quality. After you have got it ginned put it in your warehouse, either on your own farm or the nearest one in your community, get your State Receipt and relieve your obligations, if necessary, until all the crop is baled. It can then be graded by a competent grader for you without cost, and sold collectively for cash for its full market value at any time you may desire.

I honestly believe that cotton will bring \$50.00 a bale more before next March than it is bringing now, which will mean thousands of dollars to the farmers and business interests of the State. Let us help you with the State Warehouse System in any way we can.

J. Clifton Rivers, State Warehouse Commissioner.

#### Annual Meeting To Be Held.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Kershaw Association will hold its annual meeting on September 20th, at Mispah Baptist church. Miss Blanche White, Mrs. George E. Davis and Mrs. T. M. Scott, state workers, will be at the meeting to make addresses. All the Baptist women of the Association are cordially invited to attend the meeting. The morning session will open at 10 o'clock.

#### School Notice.

Due to unavoidable delays which have arisen, The Charlotte Thompson School will not begin until Monday, September 24th at 8:45 a. m. The trucks will make their first trip on this date. High school pupils and those having conditions to work off will see the superintendent at his office today for classification. A meeting of the teachers will be held tomorrow as announced.

N. M. Huckabee, Supt.  
Notice To Auto Drivers and Owners. All cars must carry two head lights, dimmed at all times while on paved streets, and one red light on rear of car. All cars must have good mufflers on and drivers must refrain from using cut outs while in City limits.  
A. G. WHITAKER, Chief of Police.

### SCHOOLS SHOW GREAT GAIN.

#### Largest Enrollment in History Both Grammar and High Schools.

The 1923-24 session of the Camden City Schools was ushered in on Monday morning with an interesting program held in the auditorium of the Grammar School. The program was as follows:

Scripture reading and prayer, Dr. Harding.  
Address of welcome to teachers, Dr. Harding.  
Vocal solo, Mr. Hollis Cobb.  
Addresses to the students of the schools, Mr. C. H. Yates and Mr. Jno. T. Mackey.

Piano Duet, Mrs. McCorkle and Miss Mildred Gardner.  
Announcements, J. G. Richards, Jr.  
Many parents and friends were out for the opening and the auditorium could not hold both students and patrons. Many stood in the hallway, some against the walls, and the eighty first graders were kept in their class room during the exercises.

The enrollment in the Grammar School was higher than at any previous opening, there being 266 boys and 254 girls, total 520, which was from 25 to 50 more than the opening number of the previous year.

The enrollment in the High school was even higher in proportion than that of the elementary school. There were 97 boys and 116 girls total 213. This was an increase of 26 over that of the close of the first month of the previous year. An estimate of the growth of the Camden High School is shown in the statement that in 1917 there were in round numbers only about 80 pupils enrolled in that school.

The Malvern Hill school and the Mill school opened with about their usual first day enrollment.

This opportunity is taken to thank the patrons of the schools for their cooperation in the matter of placing their children in school and in making necessary adjustments for the new school year. Also to earnestly seek the cooperation of all the parents in securing the right start and the right attitude of their children toward their studies. Now is the time to see that your son or your daughter forms the right working habits, and not after you have received a notice from the school authorities that he or she is falling behind in studies. A proper amount of care right at this time by both parents and teachers will prevent many a failure.

#### Robinson's Circus Coming.

The above announcement will bring joy to the kids and grown-ups as well, for won't the grown-ups have to carry the kids along? It has been several years since a high-class circus visited Camden and everyone will enjoy a day of fun mixing with the crowds. An advance man was here Wednesday and secured licenses from the city clerk. The show tent will very probably be pitched on the base ball grounds, near the Seaboard freight depot. Tuesday, October 2nd, will be the date for its appearance here.

#### Mrs. Bauskett Dead.

Mrs. Margaret Nelson Bauskett, after a lingering illness since last November, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Trantham, on Fair street, at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Mrs. Bauskett was 57 years of age and was the widow of the late W. T. Bauskett, at one time editor of the Jacksonville Times-Union and later secretary to Senator Talcoferro, of Florida. She was a daughter of the late Dr. W. D. Nelson, of the Longtown section of this county.

Mrs. Bauskett is survived by one sister, Mrs. Fannie Bauskett, of Camden, and three children—Mrs. W. D. Trantham, of Camden; Mrs. L. H. Rockefeller, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Captain William T. Bauskett, of Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mrs. Bauskett was an excellent Christian lady and had made many friends since coming to Camden, where she was well known as a young lady. She was a member of the Episcopal faith and the funeral was held from the residence Thursday morning at eleven o'clock, conducted by Rev. William Stoney, of Hagoods.

The honorary pallbearers were Messrs. T. J. Kirkland, B. B. Clarke, C. H. Yates, W. D. Barrett, C. J. Shannon, Jr., Jack Whitaker, Sr.; active, Dr. G. C. Trantham, A. L. Geisenheimer, John R. Goodale, Jack Whitaker, Jr., Miller Boykin, J. B. Zemp, Dan Jones and John Villepigue.

### NEW STORE FOR CAMDEN.

#### John L. Minnaugh To Open Branch Store in Former Burdell Building.

Announcement was made here last Friday afternoon by John L. Minnaugh of Columbia, one of the best known merchants of South Carolina, and proprietor of "Carolina's Largest Department Store," that within two weeks from that date he will open quite an extensive department store in Camden, to be conducted along the same lines with the same class of goods carried in his Columbia store.

Mr. Minnaugh and his manager, Mr. W. C. Felkins, were in Camden Friday and made a deal with Springs & Shannon Company whereby they have leased for a term of years the building on the corner of Broad and Rutledge streets, formerly known as the Burdell building and occupied for many years by the Bank of Camden as a banking house. The building is now being remodelled and made into a first-class store room with two floors—with elevator and stairway conveyances to second floor.

Mr. W. S. Burnett, of Springs & Shannon had personal supervision over the remodeling of this store, being both architect and contractor, and changed it into a most creditable store building.

Mr. Minnaugh and his manager will personally select the furniture and fixtures for equipping this store, and they tell us they will stick to their slogan, "Customers First Always." They buy with this aim in view, and they state that in coming to Camden they do not do so in an antagonistic spirit—rather they are coming to their customers instead of their customers coming to them.

Mr. Albert W. Albea, formerly of Washington, Ga., but for a number of years with the Columbia store of Minnaugh, will have the management of the Camden store. Before going with Minnaugh, Mr. Albea had a number of years experience with Leopold Adler, of Savannah, Ga., probably the largest department store in the South, employing probably three hundred salespeople.

Aside from the manager, Mr. Albea, the other salespeople will be employed locally, if they can be secured here, as will be seen from an advertisement by this firm found on the last page of The Chronicle today.

Women's ready-to-wear, shoes, piece dress goods, silks, woollens, domestics, novelties, hosiery, gloves and a complete line usually found in the largest department stores will be carried here.

Mr. Minnaugh always has been and will continue to be a liberal user of advertising space and The Chronicle readers can watch for his opening announcement soon to appear in this paper.

#### Gasoline Money Refunded.

Approximately \$149,606 collected during the month of August under provisions of the state three cents a gallon tax act, has been divided between the state treasury, the state highway department and the several counties of the state. The total represents an increase of over \$8,000 in the return from tax in July and a gain of about \$14,000 over the receipts for June.

Of the total, approximately one-third \$49,634.79, has been distributed by the state treasurer among the various counties. The state highway department receives \$49,868.82, while \$49,868.83 has been allocated to meet the general expenses of the state government. A balance of \$34.03 yet remains to counties' credit to be distributed next month with the funds brought in by the tax during September. In the distribution of the counties' quota of the moneys, Charleston receives the largest amount, \$4,630.85 while Spartanburg county is second with \$3,742.73 and Richland third with \$3,337.66. McCormick county is at the end of the column with \$324.31. Kershaw county's share of this tax money amounted to \$887.86.

The moneys collected under the three cent a gallon gasoline tax are distributed equally between the state highway commission, the counties and the state treasury, the counties' share in turn being divided in proportion of the taxable property in the several counties.

#### Will Give Recital.

Mrs. Fannie Pack Osteen, the blind lady from Sumter, will give a recital at the First Baptist Church on Friday evening, the 14th, at 8 o'clock. This recital will be for the benefit of the South Carolina Association of the Blind. The public is cordially invited to attend. A free will offering will be taken up.