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FORMER SHERIFF DEAD.

Mr. R. B. Williams Passed Away Sunday Afternoon.

Former sheriff R. B. Williams died at his home in Camden on Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He was sixty-seven years of age on Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 1924. He was born shortly before the War of Secession in the Harmony section of Kershaw county, and in his boyhood days, he, in common with the youth of the South, suffered the deprivations incident to Southern families whose fighting men were engaged in that awful struggle. His education was to a large extent neglected when his keen and alert mind would have been most benefited had he been given a chance to acquire that knowledge which is now so easily obtainable.

In spite of his handicaps, he as a young man went to Arkansas and made good in that then wild and unsettled country until he was stricken with malarial fever, and had to come home a seemingly physical wreck.

However, he regained his health and in Ridgeway, South Carolina, obtained a position of trust in the mercantile world. Here he labored for some time and then engaged in farming and school teaching. In 1892 he took unquestionably the most fortunate step in his eventful career. He married Miss Etta Isbell, a charming and accomplished young lady of West Wateree.

He was elected sheriff of Kershaw county in 1892 and worthily served his people for a period of eight years. As an officer he was fearless and just. When he saw his duty he had the moral courage to do it irrespective of what the consequences might be.

He was a worthy brother in the Masonic Fraternity and was a Knight of Pythias.

He leaves surviving him his wife and three children: Mrs. James Gandy, of Charlotte, N. C.; Marion B. Williams, of Camden; and Claude Williams, of Raleigh, N. C.—all of whom reflect high credit on their parents.

His funeral services were held in the Methodist church in Camden, on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. W. H. Hodges officiating, being assisted by Rev. J. P. Graham, of the Baptist church. A large and representative assemblage of the people of Camden and the surrounding country were there to mourn the loss of a friend and honor the memory of a prominent citizen. The honorary pall bearers were: G. T. Little, G. S. Higgins, Dr. W. J. Dunn, J. S. Lindsay, Dr. Frank M. Zemp, B. B. Clarke, C. W. Birchmore, and A. R. Rabon. The active pall bearers were: J. H. Burns, H. G. Carrison, Jr., H. L. Richey, W. F. Nettles, E. J. Lewis, W. H. Pearce, J. E. Rhame and L. C. Shaw.

On a clear, bright and beautiful day all that was left of R. B. Williams was laid to rest under a little mound covered by beautiful flowers which in their beauty and fragrance were typical of his earthly life before.

Since 1892 the figure of Mr. Williams has been a familiar one on the streets of Camden. Possessed as he was of a gentle, kindly nature and a broad sympathy for his fellow men, he was deservedly popular here. Many deeds of kindness can be placed to his credit by those who were in distressed circumstances.

Brave, but not overbearing, strong in his convictions, but not pharisaical; so; trying to act righteously and doing unto others as he would have them do unto him, he lived what he professed to believe in—the Christian life.

He bore his last and fatal illness with a patient and enduring fortitude that could not have been surpassed. He knew that Death was staring him in the face and that he must leave time and face Eternity; he felt the pain caused by the ravages of an insupportable disease and yet he accepted it with a smile without a murmur. No childlike or manly words were ever heard to pass his lips. He lived and died the life of a brave, true man, and let us hope that "beyond the dim unknown" his troubled soul has found that peace which passeth human understanding.

To his sorrowing wife and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this the time of their irreparable loss, and with them we humbly bow to the will of an all-wise and merciful Providence, trusting that somewhere and at some time we may meet

WASHINGTON WINS PENNANT.

Local People Planning To See The Opening of World Series.

Throughout the United States lovers of baseball have watched with keen interest the exciting finish in both the National and American leagues, and nowhere has the interest been keener than in Camden. Most of the local people are happy that Washington won and Washington will be the favorite during the coming world series. Quite a number of Camden fans will motor to Washington and some will go by rail for the opening game in Washington Saturday. The Associated Press has the following under date of September 30th, relative to Washington's preparations for the crowds:

New York, September 30.—Washington's sensational victory in the American League has stirred baseball fandom to unprecedented enthusiasm in the fight which the Senators will start for the world's championship with the New York Giants next Saturday in the national capital.

Officials of each club after a long conference today with Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis, disclosed that they are being flooded with requests for reservations from all parts of the country. The commissioner, who conferred with President Charles A. Stoneham, of the Giants, and Secretary E. B. Eynon, Jr., of the Senators, to perfect arrangements for the series, also voiced his opinion that "unparalleled interest is being shown."

Only the fact that Washington's American League park is unable to match the capacity of the Yankee stadium will prevent the shattering of the records for attendance and receipts established in the million dollar series of 1923, officials declared.

"All of Washington, most of Maryland, Virginia and other parts of the South want to see the Senators battle the Giants," declared Mr. Eynon, "and our club faces a formidable task in trying to squeeze the multitude of ticket seekers into space which probably will be limited to 37,000, even with additions we will provide."

Commissioner Landis displayed characteristic enthusiasm over the prospect for the series which, for the first time since he became diamond dictator, will involve a club outside of New York.

The gray-haired commissioner fan sticks to neutrality, but, warming up to the outlook, today, he predicted it would be a "ripping series." He left for Washington this afternoon to take part in the home-coming celebration planned in the capital for the Senators tomorrow.

Wall Street's interest in the forthcoming baseball classic was shown today in reports of wagering on the outcome, with even money generally prevailing. Several wagers were reported, however, with the Senators as slight favorites, in one instance, \$1,800 to \$1,500 being offered and quickly covered on the basis they would win. With Walter Johnson slated to twirl the first game for Washington, several bets were made at 3 to 2 that he would lead the American League to victory.

Meanwhile, the board of strategy of both teams are mapping out their campaign. While the Senators generally are credited with possessing the more formidable hurling corps, built around the veteran Johnson, Giant supporters believe McGraw will have unexpected strength in the box. They point out that the Senators' mound staff showed unmistakable signs of strain in the closing weeks of the American League race, when the club's batting strength pulled it through, whereas the Giants' hurlers—chiefly Nehf, Bentley, McQuillan and Barnes—finished with impressive exhibitions when everything was at stake.

Benjamin Connors Dead.
Benjamin Connors, a well known colored carpenter of this city, died suddenly last Thursday night at his home near the Seaboard passenger station, after a very short illness. Connors had worked at the carpenter trade here for many years and was considered one of the most industrious men of his race. His funeral was held from Mount Moriah Baptist church last Sunday. Connors is survived by his second wife, and several children by a former marriage.

George J. Steele, 72 years of age, president of the bank of Pamplico, died Monday while testifying in the case of the state against Edmund D. Bigham.

Our departed loved one where there is no sickness, sorrow and death.

FIRST WEEK JURORS.

Fall Term of Court Begins October 20th With Judge Memminger.

The first week of the court of general sessions will convene on the third Monday in October, being the 20th day, with Judge R. W. Memminger of Charleston, presiding. The jurors drawn Tuesday morning to serve for the first week will be as follows:

C. B. Mc Caskill, Camden; E. D. Dabney, Camden; M. M. Moseley, Kershaw; F. R. Hall, Cassatt; L. W. Raley, Bethune; W. R. Truesdale, Kershaw; R. B. McCaskill, Bethune; Herman Baruch, Camden; R. A. Mattox, Blaney; J. L. Guy, Camden; H. L. Smyrl, Camden; G. B. Clyburn, Bethune; William Mahaffey, Bethune; O. E. Mangum, Bethune; S. S. Clyburn, Westville; T. E. Hearon, Bethune; L. G. Young, Westville; J. F. Bradley, Cassatt; Joe Moseley, Camden; L. P. Rose, Blaney; W. T. Playe, Camden; J. T. Hunter, Kershaw; G. C. Williams, Kershaw; Coy Truesdale, Westville; Elmer J. Catoe, Kershaw; John M. Lowery, Kershaw; C. A. Johnson, Kershaw; R. M. Ford, Longtown; Emanuel Evans, Blaney; O. L. Faulkenberry, Kershaw; F. E. Watts, Camden; J. H. Young, Kershaw; W. M. Robinson, Kershaw; Louis Moseley, Kershaw; M. S. Barfield, Liberty Hill; W. H. Smith, Camden.

Camden To Have Fashion Show.
The Fair Committee has decided to add as an attraction at the Kershaw County Fair a Fashion Show. This will be something new in Camden and is certain to be a popular addition to the entertainment features at the Fair. Every merchant in Camden handling anything in the clothing line will be given an opportunity to participate in this show, and no limit will be made as to the number of models shown. The old Court House will be the scene of this beautiful event, and the night of November 20th will be the date. The plans call for the exhibition of beautiful hats and garments, with local girls as models.

A strong committee has been appointed to work up this show and is as follows: Sam Karesh, chairman; Mrs. G. L. Blackwell, Mrs. A. M. McLeod, Mrs. Cora Ancrum, Miss Leila Shannon, Leonard Schenk, Herman Baruch. This committee will need the cooperation of every merchant in Camden, and it will be necessary that the young ladies of Camden cheerfully take part when called on.

Other features of the Fair are being worked out, and the entire county is being solicited for exhibits, including home, farm, school and club work. We believe that the 1924 Fair will be the best in our history.

Hotel Management Changes.

Following the sudden departure of the former managers of the Commercial Hotel in this city the hotel has remained closed for several days, but is to be reopened under new management immediately. Mrs. John H. Clarke, who has been conducting a private boarding house at her residence on LaFayette avenue, now has the management of the Commercial, and will operate it along lines far different from the former management. Mrs. Clarke is a most estimable lady, having the confidence of the people of Camden, where she has made her home for many years, and no doubt will receive a liberal share of the transient people.

The former managers of this hotel left town suddenly early Sunday morning, at the same time leaving many unsettled accounts made during their stay in Camden.

Services at Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Edwin Muller has returned from his vacation and services will be held in the Camden Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Richmond Wins From Waterbury.
Richmond, Va., Sept. 27.—Frank Dodson, starboard star of the Richmond Virginia League champions, who will report to Manager John McGraw at the Giants training camp next season, twirled a chain of ciphers around the Waterbury Eastern League pennant winners in an eleven inning game here today, and the Colts won 1 to 0. The big Arkansas boy allowed only five scattered hits, struck out five batters and walked one, while three of the New Englanders' hurlers were trying to keep the healthy wallops of the locals from going safe. Only six hits were registered off Fuller, Ulrich and Heitman, but the visiting outfield was kept busy with eight putouts. Dodson's single, Graham's error and Klein's double accounted for the only tally of the game.

Friends of Mr. Leo Schenk will be glad to know that he is improving at Johns Hopkins hospital, where he went for an operation. Mrs. Schenk is with her husband in Baltimore.

AN ATTRACTIVE BOOK SHOP.

Is That Conducted by Miss Florence Boykin on East DeKalb Street.

Perhaps the most interesting spot in Camden's business section is the attractive bookshop recently opened on east DeKalb street by Miss Florence Boykin. Camden book lovers have long felt the need of a shop of this kind for though the public library is excellent, there are times when one wants a book all one's own. Modest in its appointments and as yet, little advertised, Miss Boykin's shop meets this need in a very charming way. Here on shelves "made in Camden" and decorated artistically in black and gold, the book lover may find his favorite author's latest achievement, the stenographer the best materials for her typewriter, the school boy some fine new pencils with which to impress his buddies next day. Here, on an October afternoon, the mechanician stops on his way home for the latest copy of Motor Life, the sportsman for Field and Stream, the flapper for Vogue.

Besides books, Miss Boykin carries a line of gifts and novelties. Babies born in Camden in 1924 are lucky indeed if their friends patronize Miss Boykin's shop. Then there is a whole case full of dainty things that would delight the heart of any school girl, and the housekeeper is not forgotten, for there are mixing bowls, kitchen spoons, egg beaters and other utensils, homely in themselves, but so decorative as to inspire the artist's pen and Maum Chloes of Camden to many an aesthetic cake. Here, too, the hostess may find something new in score cards and prizes when her bridge club meets, or place cards for a dinner party, or favors for a dance.

Miss Boykin is the enterprising and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ancrum Boykin, of Wanahe Plantation. She has that love for books so necessary to success in a business of this kind, and discusses books and authors with customers in an intelligent and interesting way. While Camden welcomes all new business, this shop should receive her special support, as, incidentally, Miss Boykin has set out to prove that the young people of Camden may achieve success at home.

Dr. D. W. Daniel To Speak.

The Annual Banquet of the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce has been set for October 23rd, and plans are now going forward for the event. As the principal speaker of the evening, Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, has been selected, and has accepted the invitation. This is the third year that the Chamber of Commerce has tried to get Dr. Daniel, but in past years other engagements have conflicted, and we are especially fortunate to have him this year.

Dr. Daniel is head of the English Department of Clemson College, where he has taught for over twenty years having refused many attractive offers for work in other fields, but has stuck to Clemson and South Carolina. He was brought up on the farm, has taught in the country, in small towns and has lectured at scores of farmers' meetings. He was educated at Wofford College, Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. Dr. Daniel is a forceful, inspired orator, powerful in mind and body and gifted with the proverbial eloquence of the South. He has spoken to scores of Chamber of Commerce gatherings, and is the ideal man to have at an annual get-together meeting, held for the good of the entire community.

A splendid dinner will be served at the usual price, and strong committees have been appointed to look after the details. The committees are: Dinner, Miss M. A. Clyburn, chairman, J. M. Villepigue, J. B. Zemp, Mrs. Cora Ancrum; Ticket Sale, Sam Karesh, chairman, B. G. Sanders, W. B. Zemp, L. C. Shaw.

New York Giants Win Pennant.

New York, Sept. 27.—The New York Giants broke a precedent of 49 years and won the National league championship for the fourth time in succession, by defeating Philadelphia here today, 5 to 1, while Brooklyn was losing to Boston.

Young Baum Lost an Eye.

Billie Baum, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harry Baum, and a pupil in the third grade of the Camden grammar school, was taken to Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore last Thursday where it was found necessary to remove his left eye ball. While some elder pupils were sailing advertising fans through the air the Baum lad was struck in the eye. After two weeks of suffering it was found that the injured eye would effect the sight of the other eye and the operation was necessary. Mrs. Baum accompanied the little fellow to Baltimore and a message received from her yesterday states that Billie is rapidly improving and they will return to Camden within a week. Friends of the little boy will regret to know of his accident but they will wish for him an early recovery.

SEES HIS MOTHER'S SKULL.

Ghastly Exhibit at Trial of Bigham At Conway.

Conway, Sept. 30.—The skull of Mrs. M. M. Bigham, widow of a former state senator, was introduced in evidence today in the second trial of her son, Edmund D. Bigham, on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Mrs. Bigham, her son, Smiley, her daughter, Mrs. Margie Black, and Lee and John McCracken, adopted children of Mrs. Black.

The defendant displayed interest, but no emotion as the bullet pierced skull of his mother was shown to the jury by Dr. N. B. Finklea, of Hymen, Florence county, who with other physicians examined the body last week, three and a half years after the tragedy that cost five lives at the Bigham home near Pamplico, January 15, 1921.

Dr. Finklea testified that the bullet entered one inch to the rear and one inch above the ear, ranged downward and came out near the juncture of the left jaw bone and the skull. Its course, he said, carried it through the medulla oblongata. Answering a question by Attorney Phillip Arrow-smith, assisting Solicitor Gasque, Dr. Finklea declared, in his opinion, Mrs. Bigham could neither have walked nor talked after having been wounded as indicated by the skull.

Model L. Smith of defense counsel cross-examined the witness. Dr. Finklea said that the body was in a good state of preservation when dug from the ground. The head was cut off, the hair and all external matter scraped off and the skull boiled for cleansing, he stated.

Dr. J. S. Dusenbury of Conway corroborated Dr. Finklea's testimony as to the course of the bullet and also expressed the opinion that the wound indicated would produce instant death.

Jim Burch, negro, testified that Smiley and Edmund had words over the division of their work in connection with handling wood about two weeks before the tragedy. Smiley warned Edmund, according to the witness, that he was not performing his duties satisfactorily and that he thought of taking them over himself. "If you do that you won't do it long," Edmund retorted, Burch said.

The witness said he spent the night of the tragedy at the Bigham home by request of Edmund. Speaking of the crime, the defendant said: "I wouldn't hate it so much if it had not been done with my pistol," Burch said.

Sherman Miles, negro wood cutter, testified he left Smiley and Edmund alone together in the woods about noon of the day of the killing.

Andrew Singletary, negro, said he went into the woods with Smiley on the day of the tragedy and left him there with Edmund. Later in the day he saw Edmund come out of the woods alone in front of the Bigham home. His wife, Hattie, corroborated Singletary's testimony about seeing the defendant coming out of the woods.

Robert Foxworth, 50 year old negro told of a visit to his home by Edmund Bigham, his wife and two children on the afternoon of the killings. It was during this absence from the Bigham home, the defense contended at the former trial, that the murders were committed.

Foxworth said Bigham drove up to his home, about one-half mile from the Bigham place, at a high speed and left again in a few moments. All he said, the witness testified, was "Uncle Robert, are you going to haul that wood for me." After Foxworth replied in the affirmative Bigham and his wife drove off, the witness said.

Columbia Physician Dead.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—Dr. F. W. Butler, eldest son of Gen. M. C. Butler and Maria Pickens Butler, died suddenly at 7 o'clock last night at his home on Pickens street.

Dr. Butler had made his home in Columbia for a number of years, practicing his profession. He was born at Edgewood estate, the home of his maternal grandfather, Gov. F. W. Pickens, for whom he was named, December 8, 1858.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends who extended their help and sympathy to us during our double bereavement in the death of Mrs. Isabella Stewart and Mr. T. J. Wilson last week. Especially do we want to thank Rev. Odum of Chester.

Very gratefully yours,
Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Stewart
and other members of the family.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Oct. 1.—Excavations are being made for the erection of a brick high school building. This building will consist of six class rooms, music room and auditorium. The new Methodist church will soon be in course of erection. This will be a handsome brick building located near the present site.

Circle number one of the Presbyterian auxiliary met with Mrs. W. A. McDowell Wednesday afternoon. All members except one were present and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. During the social hour fruited jello and cake were served.

Mrs. Amanda McKinnon and daughter, Miss Mary McKinnon, entertained circle number two Wednesday afternoon. At this meeting the foreign mission book was completed. Ice tea and sandwiches were served.

Mr. Alton King of Manning spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King.

Mrs. John McSweeney of Darlington returned home Tuesday after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Davis.

Prof. O. R. Bell and family and Misses Mildred Billings and Beulah Taylor spent the week end at their homes in Lancaster.

Misses Ellenburg and Mamie Lou McDonald of Great Falls were the week end guests of Mrs. Loring Davis.

Mrs. J. E. Severance is in the Columbia hospital where she underwent an operation Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bethune and little daughter Susanne, of Cheraw, spent Thursday with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Bethune.

Mrs. J. D. Laffite returned Monday after spending several days with her mother at Cope.

Neil Truesdell was at home Friday evening to about thirty boys and girls complimentary to his fifteenth birthday. Music, contests and progressive conversation were the features of the evening. Misses Kitty Best, Margaret and Kathryn Truesdell served the young guests with ice cream and cake.

World Flight Completed.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 28.—Cementing the final link in the first air flight around the world, the three Douglas cruisers which started on their journey from Seattle on April 6, of this year, arrived at the Sand Point Aviation Field at 1:40 o'clock today. Flight Commander Lieut. Lowell Smith was the first to land, taxiing to a perfect landing in front of the grand stands after circling over the field for a few minutes with the other planes.

Following the flagship Chicago, Lieut. Wade in the Boston II, came to the field, and he in turn was followed by Lieut. Nelson in the New Orleans. The three pilots and their mechanics, Lieuts. Arnold, Ogden and Harding, were greeted by thousands of people amid the screeching of hundreds of whistles and the firing of the 21-gun salute.

Automobile Collision.

Two automobiles collided at the corner of Chesnut and Lytleton streets last Sunday evening and both cars were quite badly damaged. One car was driven by Mr. J. R. Belk and the other by Miss Alma Hodges, both of Camden. Fortunately none of the occupants of either car were injured.

Lady Killed By Car.

Columbia, Sept. 29.—The police today are searching for the driver of the car which last night struck and fatally injured Miss Hortense Landrum on a downtown street. She died shortly after her removal to the hospital. It is alleged that the driver hurried from the scene after striking Miss Landrum and knocking her 30 feet.

Miss Hortense Landrum, 1600 Blanding street, sister of Mrs. Hugh Murchison, was mortally wounded at the corner of Taylor and Pickens street at 8 o'clock last night when she was struck by a fast moving Ford touring car being driven by an unknown white man. Miss Landrum was rushed to the Baptist hospital in an unconscious condition and she died at 9:45 o'clock. She suffered a fracture at the base of the skull and a fracture of the left limb above the knee.

W. R. DuBose Dead.

Sumter, Sept. 28.—W. R. DuBose, Sr., a well-known and highly respected citizen of the DuBose section of the county, died at the Columbia hospital about 8 o'clock Saturday morning and his body was brought here and taken on to his home Saturday evening. Mr. DuBose was seventy-four years of age and had been ill for several months. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Walter Linn, of Darlington, and six sons, Messrs. T. Scott, Jr., Laurence, Robert, Chalmers, and W. R. Jr.