

BAD GANG CAPTURED

Four negroes, giving their names as Joe Davis, Robert Albert, Willie Rivers and Joe Harrell, were surprised in the back lot near Heyman's jewelry store at an early hour Friday morning by Policemen G. F. Cooley and Hollis Hilton when they made the rounds of the back lot.

The negroes were preparing to make an entrance into the jewelry store as an axe was found on the ground nearby. They were all captured and carried to the city prison. Upon nearing the prison, one of the negroes, supposed to be the leader of the gang, pressed a magazine pistol against the breast of officer Hilton, but the pistol refused to fire. The officer struck the negro over the head with his club and the negro attempted to pass the weapon to another negro.

A search of the negroes showed they had about \$19.00 in currency and a total of 207 pennies—some in the original packages. They also had new pocket knives and wore new overalls and caps. The presence of the pennies led to the belief that the quartet were the same ones who robbed stores and a postoffice at Bethune the Tuesday before. A letter addressed to one of the prisoners in care of the Florence county jail also led to the belief that they were four of the nine prisoners who escaped from that jail last week.

Sheriff Burch and Deputy King of Florence, came over Friday night and identified the negroes as escaped prisoners. Postal inspector Gregory was also called here and after thoroughly questioning the negroes separately decided that they could be held for the burglary of the Bethune postoffice.

The ring leader, known as "Money King" had recently completed a two year sentence in the Federal prison in Atlanta for robbing a postoffice in Florence county. Sheriff Burch had gone to Atlanta for him and was holding him on a state charge when he broke jail.

Sheriff Burch offered a reward of \$25 each for the men, and Inspector Gregory stated the government would pay a reward of \$50 each and very likely \$100 for the leader of the gang.

When questioned separately each negro told a separate tale of their doings for the past week. Some saying they had gone as far as Winston-Salem—nearly all of them however saying they had been to Hamlet and came down the Seaboard to McBee and Bethune. One negro told a pretty true tale about their movements, stating that two waited near Bethune, while two others went away for a short while and came back with the goods found on them.

The following is from the Florence Morning News-Review, of Saturday morning:

"The negro that pushed his gun against the breast of Policeman Hilton of Camden, late Friday night and pulled the trigger is none other than "Money King" alias Willie Williams, the writer of the note to the Florence jailer when he, with eight of his fellow prisoners, escaped from the Florence County jail a week ago. He wrote, 'We will return when you make it a hotel.'

"Fortunately for Officer Hilton the pistol snapped and fortunately for Sheriff Burch the four men captured Friday night in Camden as they were about to rob a jewelry store there were four of the much-sought fugitives from his jail.

"Patrolmen Hollis Hilton and Geo. Cooley were on their rounds at 2 a. m. Saturday morning when they saw four negroes peering into the windows of the jewelry store of M. H. Heyman, of Camden. The negroes resisted arrest and Money King made a dash for Officer Hilton, pulling the

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trigger of his pistol as it touched the breast of the officer. The pistol did not fire. After a scuffle the four were arrested.

"A letter addressed to a prisoner in the Florence county jail was found on one of the men captured. They phoned Sheriff Burch and he with Deputy King went over to Camden this afternoon. They identified the four men as Wellington Goodson, Fred McAlister, Willie Williams alias 'Money King' and Joe Williams, four of the nine that escaped from the jail here. Henry Peterson and Jesse Jones were captured a few nights ago. This leaves only three of the nine still at large.

Attempt at Escape
Chief of Police Whitaker learned of an attempt at escape by the four negroes Wednesday. He received his information from a negro boy who had been put in the city prison on a minor charge. The boy told the chief that during the day he could hear a noise like sawing or filing and that he believed they were attempting an escape, and had requested of him that when he gained his freedom that he hand them an iron bar through their cell window.

A search of their cell revealed the fact that with an ordinary putty knife they had sawed an iron bar and had others marked off that would admit their bodies through. They were changed to another cell and a strict watch will be kept over them until postal inspector Gregory calls for his prisoners Saturday.

Wanton Destruction
Parties traveling over the new river bridge between Sumter and Columbia Sunday told us that they noticed on the side of the roadway whole holly trees that had been cut down in order to get a few limbs from their branches for Christmas decorations. In many places the large trees had been ruined in order to satisfy the wants of some one who had no regard for the property of another. Trimming of a few branches from a tree does very little harm, but if the practice of cutting the entire tree is kept up the forests will soon be depleted.

Married
Mr. Lonnie Britton Elliott and Miss Sallie Maud Rodgers, both of Cassatt, were married in Camden on December 15th.

NOTICE AUTOMOBILE SPEEDERS
The public is hereby warned that under instructions from the City Council, as a result of numerous instances of reckless driving, fines in the City Court for violations of the ordinances covering speeding and reckless driving will be from this time forward very materially increased. The police department has been instructed to make every effort to report all violations of this traffic ordinance.
Let this notice be a warning to all.
(Signed) L. T. MILLS, Recorder.

Leaving Northern cities and winding a sinuous way past bustling towns, through lonely stretches of sand-hills and pine woods, long trains laden with tourists are daily and almost hourly embarking southward. More and more in the stress of modern life is the winter vacation becoming a necessity; more and more are entire families seeking the balmy air and warm sunshine of the South. Florida shelters each winter a vast horde; Bermuda, and Cuba attract many, while the Carolinas are increasingly popular with those desiring more bracing climate and a shorter journey.

As a winter resort, Camden stands unrivalled. Each year it becomes more widely known, and this winter of 1924-1925 promises to be a fine one. The season never really starts until after the holidays, but already many visitors are here and the Hobkirk Inn, the Court Inn and Ivy Lodge not to enumerate the smaller houses are taking care of a number of guests.

Cottagers are opening their homes, or leasing them for the winter, and an air of general activity prevails. Changes are inevitable, some familiar faces will be wanting, but new ones will be welcomed.

Golf courses and polo fields are in fine shape, and when the Kirkwood opens on the first of January, things will begin to hum in earnest.

Hobkirk Inn, with its new dress of fresh paint nestles attractively among the magnificent oaks, and within has so many improvements including baths and several suites of charming rooms, it is a joy to contemplate.

A new tea room, a beauty parlor, gift shops, and the Kershaw County Country Club, under new management are just a few changes to be noted in a cursory glance.

In the cottage colony it is a matter of regret that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan will not be here. They are in Europe for the winter.

The Robert Thornes will also be absent—their cottages having been taken for the season by Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Cluett and family of Troy, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Floyd, who have spent many winters here are in the Morgan home, and Mrs. Frederick Robinson is again occupying a cottage on Kirkwood Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pomeroy it is understood will be in Camden only a short time this season, as they intend going farther south on account of Mr. Pomeroy's health.

Mr. Samuel H. Miller will reach Camden in a few days to remain throughout the winter, and the Robert Stones of Chestnut Hill, Boston, are to join the colony for another winter in their newly renovated Lyttleton street home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll P. Bassett will open Goody Castle later, the Ralph Ellis home is to be leased. Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Tainter will be in their charming home. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Graham are already here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins are in their newly acquired home; and Mrs. and Mrs. Frank K. Bull are expected later in the winter.

Early arrivals at Hobkirk Inn are Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Towles of Detroit, Mrs. Cook of Rochester, Mr. Charles Davis of Boston, Miss Mary Alexander and Miss Marie E. Blanchard of Concord, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shipman of Richmond Hill, N. Y.

The Court Inn opened on Thanksgiving, and has among early comers, most of whom intend to remain through the winter, Miss Isabelle Lawrence and Mrs. Helen Wickes Castler of New York, Mrs. A. S. Hunter of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Partridge of Bedford, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. William B. Nisbet and William Nisbet, Jr., of Irvington on Hudson, Mr. F. M. Ellery of Rochester, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Nason of Newburyport, Mass., and Mrs. R. B. Aron of New York City.

Mr. Frank Coursen and Miss Ella Coursen of Stockbridge, Mass., are occupying their newly purchased home on Kirkwood Heights.

Dr. and Mrs. Dodge Peters of New York are expected at the Court Inn within a few days from New York.

The Kirkwood eighteen hole golf course will open a few days before the opening of The Kirkwood Hotel on January first of the new year.

Camden Commandery to Meet
Camden Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple Friday evening, Dec. 19th at 7:45 o'clock, upon a large class. Uniforms requested. Visitors welcomed. Refreshments immediately before work. This will be the last class for this year and it the largest we have had for many months. Let all Sir Knights attend. Installation at 7:30 o'clock.
W. R. Zemp, Commander.

Shaw Improves
Friends of William Shaw, who was taken to Rock Hill hospital after being shot near Kershaw, will be interested in knowing that he is reported as slightly improved. His condition as the result of gunshot wounds has been quite serious.—Lancaster News.

MANY AUTO ACCIDENTS Causes City Council To Tighten Up on Wreckless Drivers

Owing to the numerous automobile accidents the city council has issued a warning to motorists that speeders will be caught and the fines made heavier in the future.

Sunday afternoon at the corner of Lyttleton and Chestnut street a triple accident occurred in which a car driven by Mrs. U. N. Myers and little daughter was badly damaged. The little girl received a dangerous cut in the throat, but is greatly improved. The car doing the damage was driven by Ike Hampton, negro, and occupied by Joe McGirt and Sam Tate, negroes, who were all drinking at the time. At the time of the wreck a car belonging to a Mr. Epps of Lake City was parked in front of Mr. Beattie's residence, and it too was damaged. Aside from paying the cost of the two damaged automobiles and the damage to his own, Hampton was fined \$75 for wreckless driving and \$10 for being drunk. Tate and McGirt also drew fines of \$10 each for being drunk.

J. R. Rouse and a companion, said to have been from Hartsville, driving a Cadillac sedan, crashed into a wagon belonging to Mr. Henry Smith near Galloway's store on the Bishopville road Saturday night. The car was almost completely wrecked and the wagon badly damaged. The driver was badly hurt and carried to the Camden hospital for treatment. The wreck blocked traffic for some time.

Sunday afternoon a car belonging to Mr. Jack Watkins and occupied by several ladies and gentlemen, collided with another car on the Columbia road near Rollins Mill. Both cars were badly damaged and one of the young ladies received a gash across the forehead.

Another car belonging to E. W. Young of Kershaw was damaged north of Camden Saturday night by being run into by a car driven by a negro.

Wednesday afternoon Clyde Flowers, a white boy driving a stripped down Dodge in trying to pass another car coming out of a lane near the residence of C. M. Taintor on North Broad street struck a nurse and baby carriage of Mr. G. R. Cook, of Trenton, N. J. The child was not severely injured except for a cut on its lips. But the nurse maid is said to have been quite badly injured and she is now in the Camden hospital for treatment. Witnesses to the accident agree that it was caused by excessive speeding.

Legion Post Elects Officers.
The Lerby Post of the American Legion met at its headquarters on Wednesday evening, December 17, the main purpose of the meeting was for the election of officers for the coming year. Mr. Herman Baruch was elected post commander; Hobson Hilton, vice commander; Arthur Clarke, post adjutant; Marion Williams, post finance officer; Mendel L. Smith, judge advocate; William Stonoy, post chaplain.

A committee consisting of Ralph Shannon, Jack Whitaker, Jr., Sam Karesh and Marion Williams was appointed to look into the proposition of securing permanent headquarters for the post.

A charity fund was created and those serving on this committee were named as Sam Karesh, Jack Whitaker, Jr., and Alfred McLeod.

Mendel L. Smith was endorsed for State Commander, the election to take place at the next department convention at Charleston, July 4th, 1925.

An executive committee composed of James DeLoache, Sam Karesh, Ralph Shannon and Marvin Reasonover was appointed.

The regular meeting night was changed from the first Monday to the first Wednesday night of the month.

Banks To Close
The four banks of Camden will close on Thursday and Friday of next week in order that their employees can have two days for the Christmas holidays.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders
Annual meeting of stockholders of Loan & Savings Bank will be held at their office Tuesday January 6th at 4 o'clock.
JOHN S. LINDSAY, Cashier.

Catholic Church Services
Fourth Sunday of Advent. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; mass at 11 a. m.; sermon on Why We Have four Sundays in Advent. All are cordially invited.

Committee To Meet
There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Kershaw Baptist Association on Monday, Dec. 22, at 10 a. m. at the Bethune Baptist Church.
E. L. Copeland, Chairman.

Presbyterian Church Services
Bethesda Presbyterian church, DeKalb street, Rev. Edwin Muller, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Morning service 11 o'clock. Wednesday prayer meeting at 4 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m. Sundays. All seats free, visitors cordially welcomed.

MILL TO BE EXCLUDED

Camden voters Tuesday voted overwhelmingly to exclude the Wateree Mills property from the city limits of Camden. It was an unusual proposition but went over by a majority of 307 for exclusion against 84 against exclusion. If the Wateree Mills, lying just outside the city limits, is excluded, its owners propose to enlarge their plant from 19,000 to 49,000 spindles, and this development will mean an expenditure of fully \$1,500,000 for building and machinery. It will also mean an increase in payroll from approximately \$221,000 annually as is now paid by the mill, to \$581,500 with the increased capacity.

Henry P. Kendall, president and treasurer of Wateree Mills, has recently arranged for the consolidation of all his textile companies under the name "Kendall Mills Inc.", a Massachusetts corporation. Kendall Mills Inc., includes Addison Mills, Edgefield, S. C.; Lewis Manufacturing Company, Walpole, Mass.; Slatersville Finishing Co., Slatersville, R. I.; Thrift Manufacturing Co., Paw Creek, N. C.; and Wateree Mills, Camden, S. C. The consolidation has been made for the purpose of arranging a better financial structure for the group of companies. The mills will continue under the present management.

The vote by wards was as follows:

Ward	For	Against
1	7	15
2	15	22
3	127	17
4	71	16
5	65	5
6	23	2
Total	307	84

Immediately after the result of the election was known a committee of citizens wired the following message to Mr. H. P. Kendall, president of the mill, at his home in Boston:

"The citizens of Camden by their vote of three hundred and seven for and eighty-four against reiterate and confirm their confidence in you and your plan for future developments at Camden."

Man Shot at Bethune
Coleman Horton, a young white man of the Timrod section of the county, near Bethune, was shot and dangerously wounded by Buck Waters of the same community. A shot gun with large shot was used and it is said one or two of the shot entered the head of the young man. He was carried to a hospital in Columbia where he is still in a grave condition. Waters was placed in the Kershaw county jail pending the outcome of the wounds of Horton. The affair happened at the home of Waters and is said to have been caused by domestic troubles.

Will Spend the Winter Here
Through Miss Olive W. Whitledge two cottages have been rented this past week for the winter season. Mrs. Gaylord Tucker's cottage will be occupied by Mrs. W. G. Lisle, of Paoli, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Robert J. Thorne's cottage will be occupied by Mrs. Walter H. Cluett, of Falmouth, Massachusetts.

The Good-Fellows Club
Several have responded to our appeal for a Christmas fund for the poor and needy of Camden. If you feel like donating a dollar to a worthy cause stop in The Chronicle office, or mail same to us. It will be pooled and disbursed through the proper channels. Those who have contributed so far are as follows:

- W. L. McDowell
- Leon Schlosburg
- Mrs. C. H. Yates
- Miss May Hirschman
- H. G. Garrison, Jr.
- H. D. Niles
- W. H. Pearce
- W. F. Nettles
- Miss M. E. Gerald
- Miss Ida Kibble
- Mrs. W. J. Mayfield
- J. M. Moseley
- W. R. DeLoache
- Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, Sr.
- W. R. DeLoache, Jr.
- Mrs. Beulah Barfield
- L. C. Shaw
- Cash \$1.70
- Rev. Edwin Muller
- W. T. Dempster

TO THE CHRONICLE:
I AM A GOOD FELLOW. HERE IS A DOLLAR FOR ONE MEMBERSHIP IN THE GOOD FELLOWS' CLUB.

Name _____



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