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THE PAGEANT FRIDAY

Brought Large Number of Visitors To View Historical Production

The historical pageant presented here last Friday afternoon was a success from every viewpoint, and brought quite a lot of delightful visitors from all sections of the state, who had nothing but praise for the actors—both old and young—who contributed to make it such a huge success. The weather was ideal, the natural stage all that could be desired, and the large roomy golf links could have accommodated many thousand more without the least crowding. The pageant was presented on a sloping hillside, while the audience viewed it from another hillside, with a valley between and with a setting of pines for a background.

It is estimated that fully three thousand people were in attendance. The traffic was handled to perfection and at no time was there a jam or congestion from the many automobiles which brought the large crowds here. The gate receipts alone amounted to \$1,953 and quite a nice sum was realized from the sale of programs and refreshments.

Motion picture cameramen were on the scene to make films of the production which will be shown throughout the country, the cameramen stating that it was one of the most beautiful pageants they had ever filmed.

Many of the daily newspapers sent special representatives here for the event and we are reproducing three of their stories in today's paper.

Praise For The Pageant

Former Senator Christie Bennett and his family were visitors here last Friday to witness the historical pageant. Mr. Bennett was so well pleased with the production that upon his return to Columbia he sent the following complimentary message to Mayor H. G. Carrison, Jr.:

"In the spirit of conception, in setting and in execution, I do not believe that the pageant of Camden Yesterday and Today could have been better. It is a wonderful thing for the community to be able to carry through so splendidly the reproduction of historic events of its past and still more wonderful to have so many descendants of the original actors in those historic events taking part in the pageant. Yesterday gave pleasure and a new sense of pride in the things of the spirit which South Carolina has achieved in the past. May I congratulate Camden and all who took part in making the success as great as it was. You are particularly fortunate in having Miss Blackwell as trainer and director and Mr. Clark and the executive staff who aided her in carrying out the entire plans."

By John D. Rush

In Spartanburg Herald

Camden, May 2.—Its inception rooted in the historic elements that gave Camden birth and prominence, the historic pageant, "Camden, Yesterday and Today", which was presented here yesterday afternoon on the Kirkwood golf links, gave a graphic, heroic and colorful panorama of events interwoven into the making of the city.

The scope of the pageant spanned a period of time lasting from the days in which the wilderness stood alone against the skyline and King Haigler's Catawba braves stalked the deer, to the affairs of today. The cast, which numbered 800 persons, portrayed in costume and manner, that beggared description, the 11 episodes of Camden's past. The scenes thrilled more than 3,000 spectators.

Today as Camden citizens returned to their daily tasks, could be heard from all sides such expressions as "It was remarkable, tremendous and rendered so exceptionally," and "It's the biggest thing that ever came to town." Miss Mary Frances Blackwell, dramatic teacher in the Camden high school, was the author and director of the pageant. She was assisted by Mrs. G. E. Taylor, Mrs. R. B. Pitts, T. J. Kirkland, historian, Mayor Henry G. Carrison, Jr., and others who gave of their time and talents liberally to make the event a success.

Visit of LaFayette

Outstanding among the episodes in the pageant were the visits of the Marquis de LaFayette, a French nobleman, who assisted in the American cause during the Revolutionary war, and that of General George Washington, the first president of the United States. The pageant was staged

on the centennial of the visitation of LaFayette. Washington visited Camden in 1791. The historic sequence was carried through in picturesque style, the performance coming to a close after three hours of showing in a grand ensemble of all the characters. In the closing scenes when 13 survivors of the Confederate cause, their bodies bent low with age and supported by canes, passed in review, lusty cheers rent the air and made the old soldiers lift high their hats as a token of appreciation for the recognition which was genuine.

Supporting Camden's claim to having built up a prelude that eventually led to the Declaration of Independence by the original 13 states, was a scene portraying the Camden grand jury of several years before the Revolutionary war, signing an edict that was virtually a severance with England, the mother country. The characters in the scene, for the most part, were direct descendants of those who signed the original document. The characters were dressed in colonial uniform and wore the powdered wig.

Leading Role

Miss Lottie Mae Vaughan, physical director in the Camden city schools, played the leading role in the dances when she as a fairy enacted the part of the spirit of the wilderness. In all the gamboling of the sprites, the elves, the nymphs, the wild roses, butterflies, sunbeams and artful interpretation of her part was outstanding. Jack Probst, acted by Miss Peggy Hopkins, was also excellent. Dressed in an ermine effect, she chased the sprites, the nymphs and all before her.

The program was begun with the bugle blast of the herald, Clarkson Rhame. Father Time, with his long gray cowl, scepter and scythe, announced the events. He trod forth from a recluse near the rear center of the open air theater and made his announcement at the end of each event. During the program the Imperial orchestra of Columbia rendered the music, which harmonized with the gambols, the minutes, the war cry and the ensemble, closing with the National Anthem.

Romance, too, was interwoven into the thread of events that made up the pageant, when Miss Evelyn Bruce, dressed in the costume of a Scottish lassie, dramatized the Indian legend of Agnes of Glasgow. The legend has it that Agnes of Glasgow left her native heath during the Revolutionary war to find her British lover. She landed at Georgetown and was paddled up the Wateree river by two friendly Indians. Upon arriving at Camden she inquired at the office of Lord Cornwallis in Camden, as to the whereabouts of her lover. The freshly made grave was pointed out across the way in an edge of the old Camden cemetery. The legend also claims that she pined away and soon died. She was buried, it was said, beside her lover under an aged cedar tree, and the inscription carved on a small tombstone. It was said that her grave was dug with bayonets of Cornwallis' troops.

War Period

Then during the Revolutionary war period was enacted the stirring scenes that came with wars. The battle of Camden was graphically symbolized in an engagement between the British Red Coats and the patriots under General Gates. It was during that engagement that the brave Baron DeKalb, a former German, who came to aid the colonists, was mortally wounded. History claims that the baron finding himself surrounded by enemies, offered to surrender his sword. Before giving up his sword, however, he asked if his captor was an officer. When he did not understand the indignant reply, he turned to effect his escape. Then came shouts of "an enemy," and during the wild ride, DeKalb was shot down from his horse. Cornwallis chanced to pass and ordered that the fallen DeKalb receive attention. He is buried in Camden.

Then came the period of slavery of the Ante Bellum days. The most picturesque scenes came when the white folks danced the minuet and the darkies gathered for their old time songfests, which included such numbers as "Suwanee Ribber," and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." The scenes were then changing from Ante Bellum to the war between the states, Hampton's Red Shirts, the period of reconstruction and lastly the World war. Veterans of all wars Camden has known except the Revolutionary war, participated in the pageant.

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SOUTH IS BIG LOSER

In Its Failure To Raise More Feed Products on The Farms

President H. G. Carrison, Sr., of the Bank of Camden, has received the following letter from Harvie Jordan, managing director of the American Cotton Association, which we think of sufficient importance to give to our readers. The letter to Mr. Carrison, and the letter from Mr. Jordan will be found below:

"I am enclosing for your attention and publicity, if the same meets with your approval, a most astounding revelation of the present dependence of the cotton South upon the grain states of the West for food and feed products.

"So long as this uneconomic policy is pursued by the growers the cost of cotton production will be abnormally high, local bank deposits limited, merchandise sales light and the purchasing and debt-paying powers of the growers unsatisfactory. Publicity, education and co-operative support of all interests are essential to the adoption of a sound and self-sustaining system of agriculture in the cotton states."

"I am indebted to Mr. E. J. Bopman, chairman, agricultural committee, Arkansas Bankers Association, Little Rock, Ark., for the statistics from which the following information regarding a foodless South is compiled.

The ten cotton states covered in the inquiry as to homeraised food and feed products, are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Tennessee. In these states in 1920 there were:

Total number of farms	2,550,407
Total farms growing cotton	1,872,326
Total acres in crops	92,645,780
Total number of persons	13,367,407
Average number of persons living on a farm	5.2
Average acres in crops per farm, including Texas and Oklahoma	36
Average acres in crops per farm, not including Texas and Oklahoma	27

The following data shows the number of farms and percentage of farmers principally engaged in cotton production who neglected to raise the staple food products listed and who were consequently compelled to supply their needs for man and animals from food and feed largely imported from other states:

	No. of farms
Raised no corn	299,827
Raised no hay or forage	1,382,918
Raised no oats	2,185,606
Produced no eggs	500,411
Had no garden	597,247
Without a dairy cow	945,333
Did not raise a chicken	950,980
Made no butter	1,172,726
Did not raise a pig	1,438,541
Raised no sweet potatoes	1,481,297
Raised no Irish potatoes	2,005,394
Grew no cane for syrup	1,942,445
Had no pure bred animals	2,145,966
Farms operated by tenants	1,407,347
White farmers	1,708,494
Colored farmers	841,941
(100 white farmers to 49 colored)	
Growing cotton	1,872,326
Bales per farm for farms growing cotton	6

The above information taken from the records of the U. S. Census, is astounding and clearly indicates the reason why most farmers in the cotton belt have but little or no purchasing power from the cotton crop each year except to provide for themselves, families and work stock the barest living necessities of life.

It has already been estimated that fully one billion dollars of the aggregate value of the cotton crop in 1924, went into the grain and livestock states of the middle west for imports of food, feed and dairy products, and the most of this enormous bill for supplies was for food consumed on cotton farms.

The cotton states east of the Mississippi river have lost more than one million farmers and farm laborers out of the cotton fields since 1920. This exodus of farm labor has left behind, lying dormant and uncultivated, millions of acres of fertile lands. The boll weevils destroyed the cotton, the corn cribs and smoke-houses were empty because food and feed crops were not grown and the exodus of empty stomachs and depleted purses had to be made for more lucrative employment. The prodigality of Providence in the rich inheritance granted the South in fertile soils and magnificent climates for the

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest as Told by Our Regular Correspondent

Bethune, S. C., May 6.—Bethune High and Camden Bull Dogs met in a spectacular game of baseball here Tuesday afternoon. The game was featured throughout by disputes and dissensions. The only agreement held in common was that both sides were burlesquing America's favorite sport.

Every known variety of baseball was given. Throughout the first part, the players were seized with an ennui that could not be shaken off. As the game progressed the home team threw off its lethargy and used their bats effectively to score a 19 to 20 victory over the visitors.

Prof. O. R. Bell and family were week end guests of Mr. Bell's parents in Lancaster.

Mr. C. A. Bird, principal of the grammar school, was called to his home in Jefferson Thursday afternoon on account of the sudden death of his father.

Miss Luella Covington was the week end guest of her parents in Clio.

Miss Kathleen Hamerick of Kershaw is spending some time with Mrs. Loring Davis.

Mrs. J. E. Severance was the week end guest of Mrs. Janie Vaughn.

Miss Dorothy Parrott spent the week end with Miss Lula Bell McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McKinnon of Lancaster were week end guests of their parents here.

Messrs. G. B. King and N. A. Bethune are attending the state reunion in Abbeville. They were accompanied by Messrs. M. G. King and P. H. Hester who will visit Greenville and other places while the reunion is in session. The trip was made in Mr. King's car.

Miss Mary Arthur and mother have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Work was begun this week on the handsome brick bungalow of Mr. A. A. K. McLaurin, just south of his present residence. The contract has been let to Mr. Claude King, contractor of Sumter.

Dr. J. E. McLure is having a hotel erected on the site of the old one, which was burned this winter.

The Sunday School rooms of the Methodist church have been completed.

Mr. Karl Roseborough, of Lugoff, was the guest of his uncle Dr. E. Z. Truesdell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms and little daughter of Statesville, N. C., were the week end guests of Mrs. D. J. Clyburn.

Miss Inez McManus of Cheraw spent the week end with Mrs. E. Z. Truesdell.

Mr. J. C. Foster of Hartsville has been elected superintendent of the school for next year. Mr. Foster comes highly recommended. Home Economics will be added another year. The full corps of teachers have not been elected.

Display Old Silver

Charleston, S. C., May 2.—A silver coffee urn once belonging to Oliver Cromwell, dating 1653, and now in the possession of the Pinkney family of Charleston, is on display at an exhibit of rare old silver articles, many of them priceless family heirlooms, loaned by citizens of Charleston to a firm of the city.

production of food and feed crops, is unequalled in any other section of the world. There can be no general prosperity in the field of agriculture and no purchasing or debt-paying power beyond the barest needs of human existence so long as the entire operating expenses of the cotton farms, including food and feed, are put upon the white staple. What the boll weevil don't devour, the value of the cotton crop must be paid out to the grain states of the west, fertilizer companies, automobile and gas. The rural banks are depleted of deposits, merchants' stocks of goods are reduced to the barest necessities, while country homes are falling into decay and labor-saving implements on the farm are growing more scarce. The cotton trade, the domestic textile industry and the vast corporate interests of this nation who would preserve the American monopoly of cotton production, must give their support and co-operation toward a great educational campaign that will educate and train the cotton farmers to the adoption of a self-sustaining system of agriculture under a more intensified method of cotton growing. All cotton and no food crops means the ultimate breaking down of the industry. In the meantime, it is vitally important to so amend the present Federal Emigration laws to permit the right Land Colonization Associations to contract with selected farmer emigrants from the northern countries of Europe for the purchase and settlement of millions of acres of fertile lands in the cotton belt now lying dormant and unproductive.

MURDER NEAR CASSATT

Leland Anderson Instantly Killed By John Melton

Leland Anderson, about 18 years of age, of the Cassatt section, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon by a knife wound thrust into his heart by John Melton, of the same section. Five men—four whites and one negro—had met in a pasture for a game of poker. Anderson is said to have won Melton's money when a dispute arose and Anderson was stabbed twice in the heart. He remained where he had fallen in the woods until viewed by Coroner Russell late in the afternoon and was then removed to his home. Melton left the scene, but was later captured by Sheriff Welch and placed in jail. Melton is about 35 years of age and is a married man with a family.

Witnesses state that Melton and a negro named "Sug" Lee drove up to Sheorn's house looking for a game and that Sheorn and his son and the Anderson lad agreed to join them. Melton and the negro are said to have been under the influence of whiskey.

The dead lad was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, of that section. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Wateree Mill band and part time is employed in the cotton mill. The lad is a grandson of Mr. W. A. Anderson, a meat dealer of the mill section, well known in Camden. He seems to have been the victim of the association of bad characters older by far than himself.

We learn that Mr. Anderson has employed former Judge M. L. Smith, of Camden, to assist Solicitor Spigner in the prosecution, while Melton, who is still confined in jail, has employed Attorney E. D. Blakeney, of Camden, and Williams and Stewart, of Lancaster, to represent him.

The killing took place on a lane owned by J. W. Sheorn, a white man, who has figured in several tragedies of late years. He was shot through the foot when the late J. F. Bateman was killed in a raid on a still. Sheorn also served a sentence for harboring Barfield, the slayer of Constable Youmans.

Pageant in Motion Pictures

Motion pictures of the Pageant of "Camden Yesterday and Today" will be shown at the Majestic Theater Monday and Tuesday, May 11th and 12th. The films are to be shown in connection with the regular pictures and no advance in admission will be charged.

Stevenson To Run Again

Congressman W. F. Stevenson states that he has received numerous suggestions that he run for the senate next summer but that he has no intention of doing so. He will run to succeed himself in the house of representatives, according to a dispatch from Cheraw.

Value of Live Stock in State

The estimated value of all live stock on all farms in South Carolina January 1, 1925, was \$48,372,100. The per farm value was \$251. In total values, Orangeburg ranked first with \$2,206,937; Jasper was last with \$375,915. As regards values per farm Hampton leads with \$356, followed by Colleton and Bamberg with values of \$333 and \$331 respectively. Clarendon is last with \$175. Lancaster county ranks 37th with a value of \$225 per farm; Kershaw county, 16th with \$270; Chesterfield, 17th with \$258; York, 21st, with \$257; Chester 29th, with \$240; Fairfield, 10th, with \$283. The figures are based on the 1925 estimates of the South Carolina statistician and 1920 census.

Knights To Meet

A stated convocation of the Camden Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, will be held Tuesday evening, May 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. The orders of Malta and the Temple will be conferred upon a companion of the Red Cross. Other business will also come before the Commandery. Light refreshments will be served. Knights are requested to wear uniforms and be on time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance prohibiting the operation on the paved streets of the city of Camden of a vehicle with flanges on the wheels or any device of whatever kind attached to said vehicle which will cut or cordurize said paved streets will hereafter be strictly enforced. W. D. WHITAKER, Street Commissioner. May 6, 1925.

ABOUT THE REFUND

Treasurer Will Pay As Soon As Lists Are Received

County Treasurer D. M. McCaskill has had so many inquiries in regard to the motor vehicle license refund, he has received the following letter from W. W. Goodman, supervisor of motor vehicle division of the State Highway Department, which makes itself perfectly clear and the treasurer asks us to give it as wide publicity as possible in order to save him from answering so many inquiries:

"As you know, an amendment was recently passed by the General Assembly of this state to the Act 731, which is generally known as the 'Pay as You Go Road Act', providing that a refund shall be made to owners of motor vehicles who paid their license fees prior to the date of passage of this amendment.

"The method by which this refund is to be made was prescribed in that amendment, and for your information, it is as follows:

"This department is required to furnish the Comptroller General of this state with three lists of refunds due in each county of the state. Such lists will be audited by the Comptroller General, when he will deliver to the State Treasurer two copies. The State Treasurer in turn retains one copy and forwards to each County Treasurer a list of refunds due in his county, when he is required to see that the individual refunds are made. Such lists have been practically completed by this department, but I believe it will be several weeks before these will be audited by the Comptroller General and forwarded to the County Treasurers. I am, therefore, unable to state on what date you may expect to receive this list or the reimbursement for refunds due."

A Good Ordinance

We are publishing in another place today an ordinance requiring the inoculation of all dogs within the city limits against rabies. This is a good, precautionary measure and the citizens of the rural districts are invited to take advantage of the presence of the veterinarian here on the date specified. The fee charged this year will be 65 cents instead of 85 cents as charged last year.

Dance Tonight

There will be a script dance tonight, Friday, May 8th, at St. Mary's Hall, from 10:30 p. m. to 2 a. m. Music by the Carolina Gamecocks orchestra. Note: This dance will start immediately after the Carolina Glee Club concert.

Wateree Mill Dam Breaks

For the past week engineers and a large force of laborers have been kept busy day and night repairing a break in the Wateree Mill dam. The leakage was discovered Thursday night near the mill's hydro-electric plant and before being brought under control had undermined a considerable portion of the building and for a time threatened serious damage. The plant was erected six years ago to furnish electric lighting current for the mill property and during the recent interruption its lines were transferred to the city lighting system without inconvenience to residents of the village.

Fletcher Moore, local contractor and builder, has the repair work in charge.

Banks To Close Monday

Memorial Day falling on Sunday this year, all day of the banks of Camden will be closed on Monday.

Robinson Succeeds Sheriff Howard.

Columbia, April 30.—Deputy Sheriff Nollie Robinson today was appointed sheriff of Aiken county to succeed Sheriff Henry H. Howard who was killed last week in a prohibition raid, it was stated late today at the office of Governor McLeod. Sheriff Robinson was a member of the raiding party last Saturday and was one of the officers attacked by Annie Lowman, negro woman, who was shot and killed during subsequent fighting. The newly appointed officer was in conference late today with Governor McLeod. He is forty years of age and has been a deputy eleven years.

Catholic Church Services

Services at the Catholic Church on Sunday, May 10th, will be as follows: Sunday school at 9 a. m., Mass and sermon at 10 a. m. Sermon on "The Special Mission of the Holy Ghost". All are cordially welcome.

Marriage

Mr. Eddie DeBruhl, of Camden, and Miss Willie Blanche Bradley, of Cassatt, were married by Judge W. L. McDowell on Sunday last, May 3rd.