

THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE

BELOVED CAMDEN WOMAN DIES IN BENNETTSVILLE

LONG RESIDED HERE
Was The Mother of Former Judge Mendel L. Smith of This City

News relating the death of Mrs. M. S. Sowell, which occurred at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. James Covington in Bennettsville, was received here early Monday afternoon by her son, Judge Mendel L. Smith. Her passing was due to heart failure, advices stated.

Mrs. Sowell was 76 years of age and until recently had been a life-long resident of this city and county. As Miss Dora Bradley she early in life married Mendel LaFayette Smith, and to them were born three sons and one daughter, all of whom survive: Mendel LaFayette Smith, county representative and distinguished lawyer of this city; William Smith of Sumter county; Sydney Smith of Shreveport, La.; and Mrs. Janie Holly of Florida.

A number of years after the death of her first husband she married Rev. William Sowell and continued to make Camden her home where her never-fading efforts toward the upbuilding of every worthy cause have made her name one long to be spoken with honor throughout the community.

Aside from being interested in all things for the betterment of her city and state, Mrs. Sowell was a great lover of outdoor sports. Her three sons were noted baseball players in their day and up until late years Mrs. Sowell was always an interested spectator at nearly all athletic events.

Recently Mrs. Sowell's health necessitated a change and since leaving Camden she has visited relatives in various parts of the country. Just a few weeks ago she returned to this state apparently greatly improved and her sudden death will shock and bring profound sorrow to numbers of relatives and friends.

Upon her return to this section Mrs. Sowell visited relatives here and in Sumter County, later going to the country home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Covington, near Bennettsville. It was here that she was taken with the sudden illness which caused her death within a short time.

The body was prepared by Bennettsville undertakers and later taken in charge by C. W. Evans, local mortician, who removed the body to Camden by motor service.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church here and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. John A. Graham, assisted by Rev. J. T. Peeler of the Lytleton Street Methodist church. Burial occurred in the Camden cemetery and the grave high-banked with elaborate floral offerings attested the high esteem in which this splendid character was held by everyone.

Acting as pallbearers were the following Camden men: L. A. Wittkowsky, W. R. Hough, G. A. Moseley, W. R. Zemp, T. L. Little, J. E. Rhame, R. T. Goodale, J. H. Clyburn.

Judge Smith Was In Manning

When notified of his mother's death it was the second shock imposed upon Judge Mendel L. Smith in a single day. He had traveled to Manning Monday where he expected to confer with Mr. Curtis, a prominent young lawyer of that city, and arriving there was advised of his death just a few hours previous. Judge Smith addressed the Confederate veterans at their annual Memorial Day exercises in Manning and did not learn of the death of Mrs. Sowell until his return to Camden late Monday afternoon.

Married in Sumter

Mr. Robert L. McCaskill, of Camden, and Mrs. Rosa D. McLendon, of Bishopville, were quietly married in Sumter Sunday last, the Rev. John A. Brunson, pastor of Grace Baptist church performing the ceremony. Mr. McCaskill is a popular salesman in the Schlosburg store, and Mrs. McLendon is a well known and popular Lee county lady.

Nettles Lindsay Out Again

Nettles Lindsay, who has been confined to his home for more than a week with a severe illness, is able to be about town again. Mr. Lindsay is connected with the W. A. Mills and his friends here are delighted with his early recovery.

MANY FINE HOMES AND BUSINESS HOUSES NOW BEING ERRECTED

Last October the Highland Avenue Company took over eight acres of almost forgotten land within easy walking distance of the business section, ran a new street and called it Highland avenue. Thirty or more beautifully elevated building lots were laid off and the building of substantial and attractive bungalows began.

Now after a passing of only six months this property shows a tremendous advance with six modern small homes already completed and two under construction while two more are being planned for immediate erection. The scheme to build along strictly bungalow lines with each house of an individual type has been strictly adhered to and makes a pleasing general effect. It is understood that prices have been kept within reach of those who desired to invest only in small places. One of these, a seven-room house, was recently sold for a winter tourist home and the rest have been absorbed by townspeople.

This new subdivision lies just east of Broad street between Hampton and Laurens and its remarkable growth has come principally through the efforts of N. C. Arnette, a manager of the local holding company.

An individual construction force has been employed and long before any of the homes were completed Mr. Arnette had them booked as either sold or rented. All of these houses with but one exception are occupied by their owners.

Mr. Arnette is also having erected as a family residence a thoroughly modern seven-room bungalow. This home is being placed on North Broad street and is of full brick construction.

On Walnut Street, also a newly developed home-site property, Mrs. J. F. Smith has erected a very attractive bungalow which is the recent work of Contractor W. G. Adams.

In Lakeview Misses Lula and Jennie Whitaker are ready to move into their pretty new bungalow. Their home is of brick and frame construction and faces Sarsfield which in recent months has seen many substantial developments take place.

Keeping pace with the general development of the city comes the extension of Hampton avenue opened last fall and which gives promise of becoming one of Camden's most attractive residence sections. Beginning with Hampton on Broad this street continues through the property of Mrs. V. J. Carrison, L. L. Block and W. L. McDowell and enters Lytleton street at a point just below Rectory Square.

Located between two paved thoroughfares and with electric light and sewer connections these building sites have met with ready sales, and many buyers are planning erection of modern homes within a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDowell and family are this week moving into their new home located on this street but a short distance from their former residence. Fletcher Moore, local builder, had this job under contract and built a beautiful and thoroughly modern single-story home.

On an adjoining site Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDowell will shortly take up their residence in a bungalow of unique and attractive design. Fletcher Moore also was awarded this work which is the original plan of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell.

Mr. Moore himself has taken over the old Southern home of the McDowells. He will make it his family residence and plans extensive improvements to this property before another season.

In the downtown district W. G. Adams has under contract the erection of another handsome store building that will front twenty feet on DeKalb street between the barber shop building of B. G. Sanders and the offices of Doctors Dunn, Dunn and Dunn, both of which are recent additions to this expanding business district. Gus Beleos is the new investor and his property will represent an outlay of around \$10,000.

Hirsch Brothers are having erected a store that is substantial and of pleasing design on Main street between their present clothing establishment and the jewelry store of M. H. Heyman & Company. This building, it is interesting to note, will close the final gap in Camden's most important business block and gives this growing city an air of dignity and prosperity that few places can boast of.

GOVERNOR McLEOD TO DELIVER MAIN ADDRESS

OTHER NOTED SPEAKER

Charlotte Thompson Graduates To Hear Pres. Guilds of Columbia College

The second annual commencement of the Charlotte Thompson High School will begin with the baccalaureate sermon at Beulah church on Sunday, May 24th, at 4 p. m. Dr. J. C. Guilds, president of Columbia College, will preach this sermon to the graduating class, which this year consists of three—Mary Pittman, Martie Rush and Parker Davis.

Thursday night, May 28th at 8:30 p. m. the Class Day exercises and the annual public meeting of the Cleveland Literary Society will be held at Beulah church. A girls expression contest and the debate will feature this program.

The following afternoon the commencement exercises will be held at the Terraces, beginning at 5 p. m. Governor Thos. G. McLeod will deliver the address to the graduates, and diplomas and medals will be awarded. The school is indeed fortunate to secure such noted speakers for their commencement as Dr. Guilds and Governor McLeod and the public is cordially invited to attend all the exercises.

As a preliminary to commencement week the pupils in the music department will give a recital at the school on Thursday night, May 21st at 8 p. m.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest as Told by Our Regular Correspondent

Bethune, S. C., May 13.—Mother's Day was fittingly observed in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. Rev. J. M. Forbis paid a beautiful tribute to mothers and special music was given.

The following teachers spent Mothers' Day with their parents: Miss Mae Long, to Prosperity; Misses Mildred Billings and Beulah Taylor to Lancaster; Miss Elise Hook to Irmo and Mr. C. A. Bird to Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King were in Marion Sunday.

Mr. G. B. Woodham, who is located in Lancaster, stopped over with friends here Saturday enroute to his home in Hartsville.

Mr. J. G. Richards of Wadesborough was the guest of friends here Saturday evening.

Miss Kathleen McCaskill of Marion spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bethune and Mrs. R. E. McCaskill spent Saturday in Lancaster.

Dr. R. E. Severence of Columbia was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Severence.

Miss Mamie Lou McDonald, who is teaching at Great Falls was the week end guest of Mrs. Loring Davis.

Mr. G. E. Parrott and family spent Sunday in Hartsville with relatives.

Mrs. Alice Galloway of Lydia is visiting her mother, Mrs. Adeline Clyburn.

Miss Julia Lee of Monroe is visiting her sister Mrs. Eva Morgan.

Messrs. Loring and Mayo Davis and Percy Mays attended the automobile races in Charlotte Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mays of Cartersville have rented rooms from Mr. T. R. Bethune and moved in Monday.

An Old Fiddlers Convention will be held here Friday evening in the school auditorium.

Mrs. D. M. Mays has opened up an up to date restaurant in the May's garage, which has just been completed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, May 10th, a son.

Messrs. Harvy and Philip Tiller of Maysville were called here Sunday evening on account of the illness of their mother Mrs. Sallie Tiller.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. King of Hartsville were the week end guests at the home of Mr. G. S. King.

Messrs. N. A. Bethune and G. B. King attended the memorial services in Camden Tuesday.

The Junior-Senior banquet was given in the Bethune hotel Friday evening. The tables were prettily decorated with the class flower, sweet peas. A course dinner was served.

Commencement sermon of the Bethune High School will be preached Sunday May 24th by Dr. Watson B.

HARRY I. McCAW KILLED IN CORRIDOR OF CAPITOL

WATCHMAN IS HELD

Claims Self-Defense in Murder of Clerk of South Carolina Supreme Court

Harry I. McCaw, clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, was shot through the heart and killed at 1:30 o'clock Friday morning in a corridor beneath the south portico of the state capitol building in Columbia by Joseph J. Lucas, state house watchman.

A complete account as carried in the Columbia State of Friday morning is given below:

Watchman Lucas entered the Central Drug company's store nearby at 1:35 o'clock and asked the night pharmacist to telephone for Sheriff T. A. Heise and request him to come at once and bring a physician. Sheriff Heise tried by telephone to procure a medical man and failing came in his car to the drug store, from which meantime a message had been telephoned to Dr. Jean LaBorde. The sheriff drove to Dr. LaBorde's home and when he returned, proceeded, with Watchman Lucas, who had surrendered to him as he came up, and newspaper men, to the state house.

Precisely at 2 o'clock the party entered the long corridor, guided by the watchman, and found the supreme court clerk lying with his feet close against the steel gate closing the west entrance. Dr. LaBorde made a—See Last Page, Column Two

JESSE CERTAIN JAILED

Negro Is Later Released Upon Three-Hundred-Dollar Bond

Jesse Certain, middle-aged negro carpenter, was committed to the county jail late Friday afternoon charged with breach of the public peace, carrying concealed weapons and resisting arrest.

Certain had been engaged in roofing a building for R. B. Ross, white merchant residing just north of Camden, and in an argument over the plan of construction the negro is said to have quit and demanded payment for his services. This Mr. Ross declined to do until the job was completed. At this point Certain threatened the white man, saying with an oath, it is alleged, that he would yet get his money or some other satisfaction.

Upon a warrant sworn to before Magistrate Nicholson the negro was apprehended near "Dusty Bend" by State Constable Stokes and Hunicutt and placed under arrest after a considerable struggle with the officers.

Certain was later released from custody upon payment of a cash bond in the sum of \$300. He will likely stand trial at the next term of criminal court which convenes here the third Monday in June.

Hikers Stop in Camden

Misses Effie Kennedy and Margaret Manning, two young women who are making a walking trip from Miami to Boston, were visitors to the city last weekend. They registered at the Camden hotel and both were enthusiastic in their praise for the hospitality and beauty of the town.

Six New Americans

The preliminary services at the Camden Presbyterian Sunday school Sunday morning were omitted and a program of recitations and readings appropriate to "Cradle Roll Day" was substituted. At the conclusion of the services Mrs. H. M. Sill, superintendent of the Cradle Roll handed certificates to the following young Americans who have come into the world during the past year: Margretta G. Little, Carol Lynn Williams, Margaret Rebecca Cunningham, Hughey Tindal, Jr., Chestnut Whitaker, Henry D. Niles, Jr.

Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church in Cheraw, Monday evening May 25, grammar school exercises and awarding of certificates.

Tuesday evening May 26, senior play "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose".

Wednesday evening May 27, graduating exercises and address by United States Senator E. D. Smith. The following boys and girls will receive their diplomas: Elizabeth Pate, Rembert Jones, Norwood Thomas, Ernest Truesdell, Jr., Lillie Blackwell, Elizabeth McCaskill, Nancy Best, Cecelia King, Katherine Ward and Frances Severence.

SUPT. J. G. RICHARDS AND MOST OF FACULTY TO SERVE HERE AGAIN

Only such teachers as applied were elected to positions in the Camden City School system and the announcement given yesterday by Superintendent J. G. Richards that virtually his entire faculty will return for another year is being received with genuine interest.

Mr. Richards has been superintendent of the schools for a number of years and his untiring and systematic efforts have met with much success in the development of this district's educational institutions. That he is recognized by many as one of the leading educators of this state is impressively shown by his recent selection as president of the South Carolina School Superintendents' Association.

Camden people are delighted with the prospects for an uninterrupted plan for broader education in School District No. One and will welcome the returning teachers.

In the first grade of the Camden Grammar School Mrs. L. T. Mills and Miss Ellie Zemp will again serve as instructors.

Miss Ada Phelps and Mrs. Whit Lenoir will teach in the second grade rooms.

Mrs. Leslie McLeod, Mrs. J. E. Jones of this city and Miss Eleanor Mitchell of Greenville, will be in charge of third grade classes.

The fourth grade will also have the same teachers who served this year, Mrs. Susie Taylor and Miss Willie Belle Mackey.

Mrs. Selma McKain of Camden and Miss Marjorie Hannah, of Lynchburg Va., are teachers elected for the fifth grade.

There has been but one teacher named thus far for the sixth grade which requires two additional appointments. Mrs. J. R. Montgomery will teach one of these classes.

Miss Margaret Burnet and Mrs. Emily Guy are teachers for the seventh grade.

In the high school W. A. Clarke, whose home is in Columbia, will again serve as principal.

Miss Agnes Corbett and Miss Henrietta Zemp whose devoted services are known to many graduating classes are to instruct in history and English, respectively, for the coming session.

Miss Alberta Team of this city will teach Latin and Miss Mary F. Blackwell of Kershaw, as English instructor will both be welcomed at the opening of school next fall.

Miss Louise Johnson of Columbia is instructor in Home Economics and Mrs. Leonard Schenk of this city will also serve as a member of the high school faculty.

For the mill school Miss Ernestina Bateman was re-elected principal. Associated with her will be Mrs. J. G. Richards as teacher of the fourth grade and Miss Lillian Patterson of Columbia who will teach the second grade.

Mrs. Lou Pearce and Mrs. D. M. McCaskill, both of this city, are teachers of the first grade at this school.

Will Make Visit to Camden

In a letter to this paper relating to his subscription Brooks Parker, an old Camden boy who has been making his home in Berkeley, California, writes us that he and his wife are planning to leave California on May 23rd and will make the trip by automobile going by way of Reno, Colorado Springs, Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville and on to Asheville where he has a sister residing. After a stay there he will be in Camden around the first of July. He expects to be about three weeks or more on the road.

Popular Chautauqua Entertainer Dies

Miss Ada Ruth Jones, pleasantly remembered by many Camden people as a children's entertainer with the Redpath Chautauqua of last season, was taken ill while on the seven-day Newberry circuit last week and died Saturday afternoon in a Columbia hospital where she was taken for treatment. Death it is stated was due to spinal meningitis. Miss Jones was a native of Bozeman, Montana, and the body was sent to her home in the West for burial.

Ada Ruth Jones was known as a young woman of distinct charm and beauty and news of her sudden passing will bring sorrow in many cities throughout the country which she had widely traveled.

PAGEANT PICTURE REELS MAKE PREMIER SHOWING

MANY PRETTY SCENES

Camden Production Is Headliner For Opening of "Taka-Chance"

"Taka-Chance" week at the Majestic Theater opened Monday with capacity houses at each performance. In Camden "Taka-Chance" has become an annual event and is one week in which theatergoers have not the least idea of what they are to witness.

Manager Little this time however had announced the pageant in pictures would be shown and but for this fact the feature of this first surprise program might have been described as a story taking the big days of 1918 for its setting with Bebe Daniels, the dear young thing, as one who made yes-yes glances and whispered sweet nothings to at least one doughboy and, topping a hectic trip across, saved in single-handed fashion a whole American regiment from being blown to atoms.

That isn't the tale though to tell this time for "Camden, Yesterday and Today," took the spotlight of public favor. "An historical pageant, written and directed by Mary Francis Blackwell, and produced by the Camden city schools," as the titles boldly declared was necessarily the source of utmost pride to all who watched each shifting scene and recognized among them many familiar faces.

The films which included every important event in local history depicted here less than two weeks ago in Camden's mammoth pageant were made by the Haminton-Beach Company for a number of local citizens led by T. Lee Little of the Majestic.

To these public-spirited men whose effort it is to keep alive the scenes of beauty and grandeur recently portrayed in Camden will come peculiar satisfaction in knowing that throughout the land their message is being heralded, and that many will hearken and come to Camden, where today as yesterday, it extends to all a hearty welcome.

Uncle Jimmy DeLoache Improving

The condition of Mr. James DeLoache, who recently was thought to be seriously ill, is much improved at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Robert M. Kennedy on North Fair street.

Mr. DeLoache had reached Abbeville last Tuesday afternoon in company with a number of other Camden veterans for the annual Confederate reunion when he was suddenly taken ill and prevented from participating further in the ceremonies. Relatives were advised of his condition and immediately R. M. Kennedy, Jr., and James D. Zemp left for Abbeville where they found Mr. DeLoache suffering from exhaustion but sufficiently able to withstand a return trip to Camden by automobile the following day.

Mr. DeLoache served with distinct honor throughout the Civil War and his residence in Camden since that time has given him probably a wider acquaintance than any other person in the county. With every one Uncle Jimmy is held in affectionate esteem and news of his improving health will be gladly received.

Chautauqua Opens Here Today

The date, today May 15th, for the opening of Camden's annual Chautauqua is here. The big Redpath tent, which is brand new, and water proof is already erected on the school grounds in the same place it occupied last year. Most of the equipment is new and all arrangements are to the comfort and convenience of the patrons.

The Redpath Chautauqua brings to Camden an unusually attractive program this year. One of the feature attractions is the "Shepherd's Dream" an original musical production with special scenery and costumes by the Colonial Harp Ensemble company. A delightfully funny comedy success, is the play "Give and Take" played by a New York cast, which is the feature of Monday night while the unique Jugo-Slav Tamburica Orchestra will be the opening feature of the five days of Redpath Chautauqua.

The afternoon performance for children begins at 3 o'clock; the general afternoon number begins at 4 o'clock and the evening performance begins at 8:30 o'clock.