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JUDGE WOODS DEAD

Was Judge of United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond

Florence, June 21.—After an illness of several weeks with encephalitis lethargica, or a form of sleeping sickness, Charles A. Woods, of Marion, judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals sitting at Richmond, Va., died at the Florence Infirmary here at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon.

During his illness Judge Woods suffered little pain and the end came peacefully. Several members of the family, including Mrs. Woods, were at the bedside when he passed away. For more than a week the distinguished patient had been in a state of coma and only at rare intervals did he show a return to partial consciousness. Several times it was thought that he could survive only a few hours. But each time he rallied in such a manner as to cause physicians to wonder at his strength and vitality.

The most remarkable of these rallies came two days ago when he answered several questions asked by his nurses and ate a hearty breakfast of solid food. He also took nourishment voluntarily at the dinner hour. This gave rise to some hope but later on the same day he went into another and more severe sinking spell and since that time his death had been momentarily expected.

Several weeks ago at his home in Marion Judge Woods suffered a mild attack of influenza. In 1918 he had a severe case of the disease and it is believed that he had never fully recovered from its effects. From this recent attack, however, he had apparently recovered, and although in a weakened condition and against the advice of his physicians, went to Norfolk, Va., on June 2, to hold an important special term of the district court.

Not having fully recovered from the influenza and from the excitation of heat at that time, he suffered a severe collapse which at first appeared to be due to no other causes than those mentioned.

He was brought to the hospital here on June 7 in a state of utter collapse and later a mild encephalitis lethargica, which is spoken of as sleeping sickness developed. This condition lasted two weeks when general cerebro spinal meningeal symptoms appeared.

On June 5, 1913, Judge Woods was appointed by President Wilson judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va., which position he occupied at the time of his death, and which he filled with ability. He was a close personal friend of the late President Woodrow Wilson, the two having made a tour of England and Scotland on bicycles in 1902. John W. Davis, of West Virginia, Democratic candidate for president, was endorsed for the position to which President Wilson appointed Judge Woods.

Judge Woods spent about four months of the year in Richmond, the remainder of his time being passed at his beautiful home on the outskirts of Marion, where he lived among his books. He was always a public spirited man. He was the founder of the public library at Marion and had been invited to make the address at the opening of the new public library in Florence. While acting as circuit judge Mr. Woods several times sat as district judge, having heard several important cases in West Virginia, particularly. Judge Woods was married three times. His first wife was Miss Belle Culp, of Chester, his second wife Miss Sally Wannamaker, of Orangeburg. His widow, who was Miss Catsby Spain, of Darlington, a sister of the late Judge Thos. Spain, survives him. No children were left by any of the unions.

Heavy Loss From Fire

On Monday morning at the early hour of about three o'clock the large barn and stables on R. L. Sowell's Blackmon farm in the Buffalo section was discovered to be on fire and so much headway had it gained that the building and all its contents, which included eight mules, the corn supply for the season, oat crop just harvested, farming equipment, etc., were totally destroyed without a chance of being saved. The only insurance was \$800 on the building, which alone was worth about \$1500, and the destruction entails a very heavy loss on Mr. Sowell. The origin of the fire is unknown.—Kershaw Era.

CAUGHT AFTER 12 YEARS

Man Charged With Wrecking Bank Brought From London

Providence, R. I., June 21.—John Wesley de Kay, sought for 12 years in connection with the wrecking of the Atlantic National bank in this city in 1913, arrived here today in custody of United States secret service agents from London, where he fought extradition for months. He was quartered for the night at the Biltmore hotel under close guard. He will be arraigned tomorrow morning.

Henry de Kay, a brother, was paroled January 2 last after serving 20 months at Rhode Island state prison as a federal prisoner on charges growing out of the \$200,000 bank failure. Edward P. Metcalf, president of the bank, died in this city last July six years after his parole from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, where he had served three years.

The Atlantic National bank closed its doors April 15, 1913, and five men were indicted following the discovery of the misapplication of \$200,000 of the bank's funds. The men were: President Edward P. Metcalf, indicted for misapplication of funds; Henry E. and John W. de Kay, James F. Allen and Orion R. Farrar, indicted for aiding and abetting Metcalf.

Henry E. de Kay was arrested in Yonkers, N. Y., October 14, 1913. He was convicted after a trial that lasted four months and was given a five year sentence but was paroled after serving 20 months January 2, 1925.

Men Held for Woman's Death

Florence, June 22.—On a warrant sworn out by Coroner B. F. Coleman of Florence county, Albert E. Dorrity and Corbett Wilson, both white men were placed in jail here tonight, for investigation in connection with the death of Mrs. Mildred Monte Hatchell Amerson, aged 30. Dorrity and Wilson claim that the woman committed suicide.

Beat Step-Child To Death

Florence, June 22.—John Carraway, stepfather of little twenty months old Laverne Locklear, who is out on bond, charged with cruel mistreatment of his stepdaughter, will be charged with murder following the death of his stepchild, Laverne Locklear, after he is alleged to have whipped it brutally.

Case Against Dozier Dismissed

Rock Hill, S. C., June 22.—The case of the state against O. B. Dozier, charged with assault and battery upon the person of Mrs. L. B. Simpson, wife of a farmer of the Leslie community, in connection with the alleged hurling of a rock through the windshield of the automobile in which the woman was returning from Charlotte, N. C., with her husband, was yesterday dismissed when called for preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. B. Swinney at Newport.

Magistrate Swinney held that there was not sufficient evidence against Dozier to warrant sending the case to higher court.

Mrs. Simpson has recovered from her injuries. Her skull was fractured in three places and she suffered a deep gash in her forehead from the experience. The affair occurred on the Charlotte-Rock Hill highway about one mile from the city several weeks ago.

Opportunity To See Florida

Aladdin tales of Florida doings have attracted the attention of so many people the Atlantic Coast Line is offering special low fares to Savannah, Jacksonville, and numerous South Florida points, good on all trains June 30th, and limited to permit an extensive visit, including the 4th of July. This is an exceptional opportunity for our people to visit our competitor as the most talked about state in the Union. Advertisement of these excursions appears in another column.

Will Check Speeding by Buses

Columbia, June 16.—Samuel McGowan, chief highway commissioner today asked W. S. McCrady, chief of motor transportation of the motor vehicle division, to secure at once a copy of the schedule of every bus line operating within the limits of the state. The commissioner calls attention to the fact that some of the lines have schedules which call for a rate of travel in excess of the legal speed limit in the state and says he desires a copy of the schedules, "to the end that this speed mania may be cured at once."

NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT

Members of Trinity Congregation To Have Brick House of Worship

Beginning at eleven o'clock last Monday morning the ground-breaking exercises for the new Trinity Methodist church, colored, were held on the grounds of old Trinity.

From the early hours of the morning the people had been assembling to witness this very significant occasion and to see the beginning of the realization of a long nourished dream, "A new church." For several weeks workmen had been assembling the materials for the new building. The pastor Rev. B. F. Bradford had sent out his appeal to all members and friends to be present and be prepared to give a day's labor in the digging of the foundation. With some of the material from the old church the workmen had arranged a platform for the speakers and the choir and seats for the congregation. At the beginning of the exercises the pastor called all the people forward to be seated and join in the solemnization of the occasion. The men for the most part were garbed in overalls or working clothes.

After addressing the assembly Rev. J. W. Brown of Camden, former pastor of Trinity and said to be the oldest resident of Camden, was conducted to the ground where the foundation had been marked off and there he was accorded the distinction of being the first to break ground for the new foundation.

The plans for the new church have been completed and the church will be built at a cost of \$25,000 or more, under the supervision of R. D. Belton and T. S. Levy. The seating capacity including the balcony will be about six hundred. When completed this structure will not only be a fitting tribute to Christian worship but also a thing of pride and beauty to the colored people of this congregation and a pleasing addition to the city of Camden.

Death at Mill Village

Mrs. Maude Player, aged 24 years, died at the Wateree Mill Village on Saturday, June 20th. The funeral and burial took place at the Wateree Mill church, services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Shiver.

Jurors For Second Week

The following jurors were drawn Tuesday morning to serve for the second week of court of general sessions: A. R. Catoe; Camden; B. D. Gardner, Kershaw; C. P. Lorick, Camden; Oscar Sullivan, Kershaw; S. B. Kirkland, Camden; T. N. Smith, Bethune; J. L. Hornsby, Camden; Astor Threatt, Camden; Thomas Catoe, Kershaw; R. A. Purser, Camden; W. P. Sowell, Kershaw; C. W. Hasty, Camden; T. A. Spears, Cassatt; Dock Hunter, Bethune; D. G. Joye, Camden; E. B. Truesdell, Westville; L. T. Bradley, Camden; W. B. Joyner, Jefferson; L. R. Clyburn, Kershaw; L. K. McCaskill, Kershaw; J. C. Kirkland, Kershaw; W. L. Seegers, Kershaw; J. L. Truesdell, Westville; Shaylor Crowe, Kershaw; H. C. Raley, Bethune; Rufus Moseley, Camden; Amos G. Hall, Camden; Charley Roberts, Kershaw; J. Walter Brown, Camden; W. P. Bowers, Cassatt; W. H. Stokes, Westville; G. W. Gardner, Camden; Yancey Adams, Kershaw; E. H. Watts, Lugoff; J. T. Croft, Camden; J. C. Horton, Bethune.

Married in New York

Of genuine surprise and sincere interest to many friends came the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Sam F. Evans, of Camden, to Miss Doris E. Pell, which occurred at the home of bride's grandparents, Captain and Mrs. Garrett deGraff, at Sayville, Long Island, New York, on Monday, June 22nd. Rev. Dr. Van was the officiating minister.

Mr. Evans is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Evans and is very popular in this his home town. He is associated with his father in business. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Pell, of Montclair, N. J., and Orlando, Fla., and is not altogether a stranger here, having with her family been a guest at the Kirkwood hotel a few seasons ago. She is a young woman of beauty and charm. Mr. and Mrs. Evans arrived home Tuesday night and are receiving congratulations of their friends.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE

Dr. G. Clarence Trantham announces that he will be out of the city for several weeks taking a special course in the dental profession.

HANDLED BY PROBATE JUDGES

Attorney General's Office Interprets Recent Act

Probate judges of the state are required to perform the duties of administrators in estate of under \$500 and this also in cases when real property is left in addition to the personal property of \$500 or less, it is held by the attorney general's office in two opinions construing the act of the recent assembly.

Both opinions are contained in letters answering queries of judges of probate.

One of the letters of Cordie Page, assistant attorney general, to Joe Cabell Davis, judge of probate of Dillon:

"Replying to your letter of the 9th instant inquiring whether the recent act of the legislature requires you to pay the debts of an estate under \$500 or pay the money direct to the distributees, I advise that the act provides:

"It shall be the duty of the probate judge to receive such estate and pay out same to the distributees and distributees of said estate without the requirement of an administration, etc."

"We consider the purpose of this act to do away with the necessity of administering and not to change or vary the parties who would be entitled to receive the money. Where creditors are entitled to the money, it should be paid to them. It requires the probate judge to perform the duties of the administrator and ascertain the debts of the estate so that the money may be paid out at the end of one year just as an administrator would do."

The other letter of John M. Daniel, attorney general, to V. F. Martin, judge of probate of Oconee:

"Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I advise that it is the opinion of this office that the fact that real property is also left as a part of an estate would not relieve you of the duty of settling a personal property estate of the value of \$500 or less. It is also the opinion of this office that the act imposing the duty upon the probate judge to settle such personal estates is exclusive and supercedes the right of certain persons to letters of administration."

Woman To Serve Half Year

Greensboro, N. C., June 18.—Mrs. Annie J. Breedlove, a middle aged and respectable looking farm woman, was sentenced in Guilford superior court to serve six months in jail, after a plea of guilty on charge of possessing and transporting liquor. She was up in federal court recently on liquor charge and entered a plea of guilty, but Judge E. Yates Webb refused to accept it, as he could only have fined her and the case went to superior court.

Prohibition men said they had been trying to catch her for a year.

Fire Damages Residence

Fire on Monday morning badly damaged the two story ten room residence of Senator L. O. Funderburk on north Broad street. The blaze originated in the attic of the house and was discovered by Mr. Funderburk as he was driving into the yard. A mass of smoke was issuing from the roof of the building. The fire department responded promptly and by good work saved the walls of the house, but most of the roof was burned away. It is not known how the blaze originated. The house was formerly the property of the late Mrs. Valentine Jordan and was an excellently constructed residence, being erected about 35 years ago. While Mr. Funderburk carried \$4,000 insurance on the building he carried no insurance on his furniture, and the damage to the furniture was great caused by water and breakage. The loss on the building will very probably be replaced by the insurance.

Playing With Guns

A Greenwood traffic cop playfully pointed his gun at one of the city firemen, pulled the trigger, and the fireman fell over, painfully, though fortunately, not fatally shot. It was an accident, and deeply regretted by the policeman; but it is further evidence of the fact that there are entirely too many men parading around as officers in South Carolina who seem to have no adequate conception of what to do with their guns and what not to do, and are about as unfitted for their jobs as they could possibly be.—Chester Reporter.

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COTTON PICKING MACHINE

Said To Have Been Invented By Augusta Man

The following appeared in an issue of last week's Augusta, Ga., Chronicle:

Augusta has another new industry it was announced yesterday that The Foucher Cotton Picking company is to manufacture its products here, which is an invention of an Augustan, Harry E. Foucher. The enterprise, which has for its purpose the manufacture of a practical cotton picker, is financed entirely by Augusta capital and located in this city in the face of inductive offers from other cities in this section of Georgia and South Carolina.

Already, it was stated by a large stockholder in the company orders have been placed for the manufacture of 100 of the cotton pickers, and these machines are now under construction in Augusta. Hundreds of other orders are expected in the very near future, just as soon as the farmers learn of the advantages of the picker over the old methods.

The picker, it is stated, will average 65 pounds per hour and will pick the cotton cleaner than by hand. It has a life of ten years and according to its inventor will pick as much clean cotton in a day as four men or 'hands'. The picker, it was announced, will be sold for approximately \$150 each. The machine is run by a small storage battery and is carried on the hand, picking the cotton and conveying it to sacks in a very light wagon which is pulled by the person who operates the "picker."

The light wagon which is pulled along row by the person operating the "picker" is very light in construction and has six empty canvas bags of a capacity of 75 pounds of cotton each. When a bag is filled it is dropped along the row. The wagon is 15 inches wide and 40 inches high and is so light as not to hinder operating the cotton picker.

It is the claim of the inventor that the machine will absolutely not pick trash with the cotton. Mr. Foucher, according to his own statement, worked 18 years in perfecting the machine, which he says is now at the point of such perfection as to be of absolutely practical use to the farmer.

It is expected that experiments that will be conducted by the "picker" will lead to sales of the machine throughout the entire cotton belt that will ultimately mean the establishment of a great plant here for their manufacture. It was pointed out that the possibilities of the machine are unlimited in consideration of the great saving of labor that it represents. The fact that it does not pick trash and is operated so handily is pointed to by the manufacturers as the means of assuring its success.

Across Continent by Auto

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Parker, of Berkeley, California, arrived in Camden this week for a visit to relatives and friends. The trip was made by automobile and Mr. Parker says that he did not encounter any trouble on the road except a few punctures. Brooks Parker left Camden about twenty-five years ago and since that time has been a professional musician, playing with musical organizations throughout the country. He finally settled in Berkeley, near San Francisco, where he has made his home for many years. He is still a musician and also is a contractor and a real estate dealer. He at one time set type on The Chronicle in the old days. Mr. and Mrs. Parker came over the southern route to Camden and were sixteen days on the road. Before returning they will visit in Charleston and the trip will extend from coast to coast. They will return by way of New York and from New York will go by the northern route, skirting Canada on back to California. Mr. Parker has consented to play at the morning services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Wins National Spelling Prize

Washington, June 18.—Frank Neuhauer, 11 years old, of Louisville, Ky., proved himself the best speller of two million American school children when he won the national spelling contest tonight. A gold medal and \$500 in gold were the rewards to the winner. Second place was won by Edna Stover, 11, of Trenton, N. J., who received \$250 in prize money. Helen Fischer, 12, of Akron, O., was third, winning the \$150 prize, and Mary Daniel, 13, of Hartford, Conn., won the fourth prize of \$100.

A Japanese in London raises goldfish in a small hatchery in his backyard. He feeds the fish butter and eggs and they command a high price because of their beauty.

CELEBRATION AT WATEREE

Annual Celebration Will Last All Day at Mill Village

As in former years, Wateree Mills will celebrate the Fourth of July with an all day program beginning at 9 a. m. with a band concert. While the original plans for a big celebration have been greatly reduced because the merchants of Camden are going to keep their stores open on the Fourth a very attractive program is being arranged that should appeal to all. A large committee is at work on the various features and no stone will be left unturned to make the day a success. The following program has been definitely arranged with a number of other events pending:

9 to 10 a. m.—Band concert.
10 a. m.—Ball game, Camden vs. Wateree.
1 to 1:30 p. m.—L. P. Anderson Show.

3 p. m.—Ball game, Camden vs. Wateree.
5:30 to 6:30—Swimming contest.
7 to 9.—Band concert and community sing.

9 p. m.—Fireworks on lake.
During the day several prizes will be awarded. There will be a gate prize of \$2.50 in gold to the person holding the lucky ticket.

In each ball game there will be a prize of \$2.50 in gold to the player who shows the best all around ability. A like prize will be given the player who does the best hitting.

First and second prizes will be awarded in each of the swimming events which will include diving, swimming and under water swimming.

During the band concert in the evening a patriotic speech will be delivered by a prominent speaker. The program will close with the fireworks on the lake.

FREE TUBERCULAR CLINICS

To Be Held at Rest Room in Camden Wednesday, July 1st

A free clinic will be held at the Rest Room, in the Camden Opera House, on Wednesday, July 1st. White people will be examined from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and colored people from 2 to 4 p. m.

Dr. G. S. Clinkscales, specialist from Anderson, S. C., assisted by local physicians will make the examinations, he will also be assisted by Mrs. Louise Brown, the county nurse and Mrs. Lee Cain, the field clinic worker for the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association. These free clinics at Camden and Kershaw are made possible by the sale of the Christmas seals, Mrs. W. J. Mayfield chairman for the county.

Proclamation

Whereas the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association co-operating with the State Board of Health will conduct a free clinic on July 1, 1925, at the rest room in the town hall, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

I, the mayor of Camden, do hereby issue this proclamation calling upon the citizens to give full co-operation in this work for humanity in order that the sick may be made well and the health of our community preserved.

H. G. CARRISON, JR.,
Mayor of Camden.
June 19th, 1925.

Fighting the Boll Weevil

A Chronicle representative was invited to witness a dusting demonstration on the magnificent farm of Mr. W. Ancrum Boykin Monday afternoon. Mr. Boykin has around five hundred acres of the finest cotton ever seen in this section, but he says it is heavily infested by boll weevils and he is making every effort to save his crop. He is using calcium arsenate with a Niagara duster which spreads over five rows at a time. The arsenate is put down at night so the dew will settle on it. There are several other farmers throughout the county using the Niagara duster this season. Calcium arsenate is about the only preparation recommended by the government and experts and the results of the applications will be watched with interest by those interested in cotton planting. If there is any relief to be gotten from this method we believe Mr. Boykin will find it out for he is giving it a most thorough test. The Niagara machine is sold through the Mackay Mercantile company who has the agency for this county.

Ice Cream Festival

An ice cream festival will be given at the home of Mrs. H. L. Smyrl on the 3rd of July, 1925, beginning at 7:30 p. m. A special invitation is given everybody.

Catholic Church Services

Services at the Catholic church on Sunday, June 28th will be as follows: Mass and sermon at 7 a. m., sermon on "The Uncertainty of Earthly Things." All are cordially invited to attend.