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HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

For Crime Said To Have Been Committed in Florida Years Ago

Clarence Mason, alias Odell Houston, is being held in the county jail here awaiting the arrival of officers from Jacksonville, Fla., being charged with a murder committed in Duvall County about twenty years ago.

Mason, who was going under the name of Houston, is being held in the Kershaw County jail under a charge of grand larceny. He and another negro entered the Enterprise Mercantile company's store here, and were captured with the stolen goods in Columbia. He had already served thirty days on the chain gang in this county for vagrancy. It was while confined in jail that Sheriff Welsh, Deputy McLeod and Jailer Boone learned that he was wanted on the murder charge in Jacksonville. Officers in Jacksonville were wired for a description of the negro which tallied with the one held here. Later Deputy J. A. McLeod, of the Florida city, came to Camden and had photographs made of the negro, and a later telegram from Charles M. Durrance, prosecuting attorney, of Jacksonville, requested that the negro be held, that identification was complete and an officer would be sent for his return.

In relating the circumstances of the killing the Jacksonville deputy said that the crime was committed on February 24, 1905, and shocked the community. Edwin Baer, a negro farmer, together with his daughter, Lizzie Baer, resided on his farm on Six-Mile creek, west of Jacksonville. Clarence Mason, who was a youth of about seventeen, worked for Baer and slept in a shed room of the house. The negro fancied that the old man had hoarded treasures in the house, and one night called Baer to the lot telling him that the horse had stuck a pitchfork in his leg. Baer lit a torchlight and went to the stable and while examining the horse the negro youth brutally murdered him with a shot gun. He then shot at the young lady who ran to the house and barricaded the door, where the negro for more than an hour tried to break into her room, finally giving it up as useless and escaped on the horse belonging to Baer.

Frank Jones, who was deputy sheriff at the time and is still deputy sheriff at Jacksonville trailed Mason through South Georgia where the trail was lost and nothing has ever been heard of him until his arrest in Camden.

Miss Lizzie Baer later married a man named Billington, a river follower of South Jacksonville, and the photos taken of the negro here were carried to her for identification.

Local officers would not tell how they secured the information and it is said, unofficially, that rewards totalling around \$800 were offered for Mason's capture.

Baer's slayer was indicted for first degree murder in Duvall County on May 3, 1905. Federal Judge R. M. Call was circuit judge at the time and P. D. Cassidy was clerk of court.

Name Was Omitted.

Through an unintentional oversight the name of Clarkson Rhame was omitted from the first month's honor roll of the Camden High School. Young Rhame has also the honor of being president of the Senior class and fills the place most efficiently.

Died in Philadelphia.

Alice Simmons, a very worthy and well known colored woman, died in Philadelphia last Saturday morning, October 24th. Her body was brought here Wednesday and her funeral was held at the Mt. Moriah Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. She was a good Christian woman and loved by all who knew her. She was about 68 years old and leaves one son, two grandchildren, one sister and many other relatives and friends.

Boy Charged With Patricide

Chesterfield, Oct. 28.—Charged with murder of his own father, James Newman, 17-year-old white boy of Chesterfield county has been arrested, W. W. Rogers, state detective has been advised.

The warrant, upon which the arrest was made Monday by Sheriff J. T. Grant of Chesterfield, was sworn out by Mr. Rogers.

F. C. Newman, the boy's father, was found dead September 25, having been shot twice with a shot gun as he sat grading tobacco in the door of his tobacco barn, about three miles from Chesterfield.

KERSHAW COUNTY FAIR

Interest Now Centers In Local Annual County-Wide Affair

With the passing of the greatest State Fair interest in Kershaw County and surrounding communities is turning to the local County Fair which is only about three weeks off.

For the past several years the Kershaw County Fair has been staged during the month of November and the people of the county have learned to look forward to it as an annual event.

Interest in the fair has been growing from year to year, and each year the management has seen fit to make the Fair a bigger and better one in every department. This year will be no exception to this rule, as the premiums which are being offered are substantially higher than heretofore, and numerous items have been added including cattle, swine and sheep.

Interest is being shown by numbers of the schools which will exhibit their work to compete for prizes in the various departments as well as for the school prizes which will be given in the school parades on Friday, November 20th, which has been declared school day at the county fair.

The Home Demonstration booths and the various community booths as well as the general exhibits are always worthy pieces of work and the fact that this has been an adverse season for diversified farming should not prevent every one from making an effort to bring the best they have to the county fair in order to show the people that Kershaw County does not necessarily show any weaknesses during adverse conditions whether it be due to drought or to excessive rains.

Special entertainment for the crowds will be provided by free acts in the fair grounds and also by the Nat Reiss Shows, who will exhibit on the fair grounds during the entire week of November 16th to 21st.

COURT ADJOURNED TUESDAY

Sam White Draws Sentence Seven To Fourteen Years

The second week of court of general sessions came to a close here Tuesday leaving several cases to be tried at the December term. The first week of court of common pleas convenes Monday morning with Judge W. H. Townsend, presiding.

Lulah Jenkins, a negro woman of the Flat Rock section, was tried on a charge of murdering Ned Catoe, another negro of the same community. The jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter and Judge Sease, on his own motion, ordered the verdict set aside and ordered a new trial for the woman. The woman was released on her own recognizance. The woman was represented by Attorney J. Copeland Massey, of Kershaw.

Sam White, a negro, who killed another negro by the name of Elmore English, at Cedar Rock church near Stoneboro, was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to serve from seven to fourteen years. The killing was the outcome of a difficulty over a woman.

O. B. McNaughton, a white man, of the Buffalo section, plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or serve sixty days. The fine was paid.

Lewis Sease, a negro, plead guilty to a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods and Judge Sease sentenced him to serve one year.

The cases against Charlie McGee, a Columbia barber and H. F. McGirt, an attorney of Camden, both negroes, charged with arson, was continued to the December term. The case against Albert Melton, white man, charged with murder, was also continued.

Dr. Pitts' Condition Grave

Laurens, Oct. 25.—The people of Laurens are anxious over the condition of the Rev. John D. Pitts, D.D., retired Baptist minister, who is suffering from a broken thigh at his home in Greenwood. He fell Thursday and fractured one of his thigh bones, it is understood, and his condition is critical as a result of the shock and the injury itself. Dr. Pitts is one of the most beloved men and ministers of the state. For 29 years he was pastor of the First Baptist church of Laurens. He is a veteran of the Confederate war and served with a command of cavalry in Hampshire's legion. He is 84 years of age.

Rev. Pitts is the father of Mr. R. B. Pitts, of Camden, president of the Hermitage Cotton Mills.

SUMTER PLAYS CAMDEN

Gamecocks Hope to Spring Surprise Here Friday

Sumter, Oct. 26.—Sumter High is starting out this week for a period of intensive training in perfecting plays which they have been using heretofore this season and in new plays which are being planned for the game with Camden next Friday afternoon at Camden. The locals are not over-confident, but they believe that they can win this game with the proper amount of fight, if the breaks of the game will be anything like equal between the two teams. The past two years the Camdenites have won honors in football, but it was because of breaks in their favor.

This year the Sumter team was slow in starting off. It was green and needed experience. The team has shown decided improvement in every game played both in the line and in the smoothness in the back field, and it is expected that the eleven will be just about at the top of its game Friday when it meets Camden, and the men from that town will know they have been in a fight before the final whistle blows.

Last Friday the locals found the Hyatt Park team unexpectedly easy and after the first quarter with Columbia and Camden High school coaches and players on the sidelines they were content to play safe and not to open up, being content with punting and running only line plays. To win from Camden on next Friday they will turn loose all they have to offer. A big crowd of Sumter supporters of the team will go over to Camden to witness the contest and are hoping for a reversal over games of the past two seasons.

COTTON ESTIMATE HIGH

Government Says Will Be Probable Crop of 15,226,000 Bales

Washington, Oct. 26.—A probable cotton crop of 15,226,000 bales, an increase of 467,000 bales, compared with the production forecast October 1, was indicated in the crop report issued today by the department of agriculture, based on October 18 prospect. Although some cotton has been lost through storms and delayed picking, the department said in a statement, prospects have improved and growers in most states are finding more cotton than they expected two weeks ago.

The ginnings prior to October 15 by states follow:
Alabama 1,064,222
Arizona 30,677
Arkansas 708,446
California 16,898
Florida 35,900
Georgia 1,051,785
Louisiana 683,485
Missouri 72,983
New Mexico 16,536
North Carolina 709,903
Oklahoma 549,272
South Carolina 731,690
Tennessee 234,672
Texas 2,404,460
Virginia 21,952
All other states 5,113

South Carolina Cotton Report

"No change in the indicated cotton production for South Carolina occurred from October 1 to 18, according to the government report released today through the office of Frank Black, agricultural statistician for the state.

"An acreage of 2,740,000 was estimated to be under cultivation June 25, but 2 1-2 per cent. of this has since been abandoned, according to correspondents, which gives 2,671,500 as the harvested acreage. An indicated yield of 152 pounds lint per acre on this picked area is the basis of the forecast for 850,000 bales of 500 pounds gross, which is equivalent to about 885,000 running bales," his report states.

"Most of the abandoned acreage is found in the northern and western counties where the drought was very severe during the growing season. Ginnings in the state prior to October 18 were 731,690 running bales, according to the census report.

"Last year South Carolina produced 807,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, two years ago 770,000, three years ago 492,000, four years ago 755,000, and a four year average (since the arrival of the weevil) of 706,000 bales."

Watermelons, which were enjoyed long before the Christian Era, and originally were produced only in warm climates, are now raised in every state in the Union except Maine and New Hampshire.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest as Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Oct. 28.—Circle No. One of the Presbyterian church was entertained by Mrs. C. P. Pate Wednesday afternoon. A good attendance was had and delicious refreshments were served during the social hour, following the study of foreign missions.

Circle Number Two met with Misses Emma and Tysie Bradley Wednesday afternoon. The subject, "Ming Kwong," under discussion was led by Mrs. Eva Morgan. At the close of the social hour, little Misses Frances Bethune, Nancy Tompkins and Frances Hallford served the guests with jello, whipped cream and cake.

Mrs. B. F. Bolton was hostess to the Home Demonstration Club Friday afternoon.

Margaret Truesdell was hostess to a few of her little friends Friday afternoon at a Halloween party. On arriving the little guests were blindfolded and taken into a tent where Miss Stella Bethune told their fortunes. After which the little lassies sported themselves by biting apples suspended from the ceiling. On being invited into the dining room the occasion of the party was revealed by the birthday cake gleaming with eleven candles. Miniature Halloween baskets filled with candies were given as favors. Refreshments consisting of pound cake and ice cream were served.

Among those attending the State Fair from here were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McLaurin; Mrs. A. K. McLaurin, W. M. Best, D. J. Clyburn, Jr., Alvin Clyburn and others.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster attended a musical at Coker College Friday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Wilson and daughter, Ruth Louise, of Columbia were weekend guests of Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Louise Kelly. Mr. Wilson came over to spend Sunday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Wilson and their little daughter.

Miss Elise Hook spent the weekend with her parents in Irmo.

Miss Ollie Farr was the weekend guest of her parents in Chapin.

Mr. D. T. Yarbrough left Friday for a business trip to Florida.

Mrs. Ruby Shaw and little son, who were called here from Youngstown on account of the death of Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. A. J. Smith, left Monday for other parts of the state, where she will visit relatives before returning to her home in Ohio.

Miss Eva Mae Gaston spent the weekend in Heath Springs as the guest of her parents.

Rev. J. M. Forbis and Mr. J. N. McLaurin attended a meeting of Congregational Presbytery held at Eau Claire Church in Columbia Monday and Tuesday.

An entertainment will be given in the high school auditorium Friday evening under the auspices of the Woman's Aid Society of the Methodist church.

Little Emory Parker has returned from the Florence Infirmary where he recently underwent an operation. He is doing nicely and will probably walk again in about two weeks. His mother, Mrs. L. C. Parker, has been in attendance upon him all the time.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and children are spending this week at Darlington with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Swaen.

Mrs. C. L. Mayes was called Monday to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, at Kollock.

Mrs. J. N. McLaurin entertained about a dozen little boys and girls Tuesday afternoon complimentary to her little daughter Margaret's fourth birthday anniversary. The party table was centered with the snowy white birthday cake bearing four pink candles. Ice cream and cake were served.

Strike Promoter Died Suddenly

Wilmington, Oct. 24.—J. W. Anderson, of St. Louis, vice-president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, died suddenly in his room at a local hotel here at 7:30 tonight. Mr. Anderson was in Wilmington directing the strike of telegraph operators on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

County Farm Women to Meet

The regular fall meeting of the County Council of Farm Women will be held on Saturday, November 7th, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward C. DuBoe, 1709 Fair street. An interesting program has been arranged, and it is hoped that every member will be present. Mrs. S. O. Plowden of Statesburg will be at this meeting and the work of the Council for the coming year will be discussed.

Fire Destroys Residence

Fire thought to have originated from a kerosene stove destroyed the five-room cottage located on east Haille street early Sunday morning. The building was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaskins. It was just inside the city limits and by the time the fire department reached the place the building was too far gone to be saved. Mr. Gaskins follows the profession of a photographer. He had partial insurance on his property.

WINS AT STATE FAIR

Lugoff Community Club Gets Award of Second Prize at Exposition

It is hoped that no one from Kershaw County attending the State Fair missed seeing the splendid exhibit entered by the Lugoff Community. This was the first time that any community in Kershaw County has assumed an undertaking of this kind, and its success far exceeded the most sanguine hopes of the Lugoff Home Demonstration Club, by whom it was sponsored, under the leadership of their capable president, Mrs. H. P. Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby was ably assisted by practically every person in the entire community and three hundred varieties of products were listed in the exhibit. An attractive background was made of dark green wall paper, decorated with sheaves of grain. The canned products were particularly attractive all being displayed in standard containers, and marked with the 4-H Club labels. There was a fine exhibit of farm and dairy products, and cooked foods, including roast duck, fried chicken, potato chips, and all kinds of breads and cakes were found in abundance.

The excellence of the Lugoff ladies as needlewomen was shown by a display of tailored garments, children's clothes, quilts, and fancywork. Besides these there were baskets, home woven rugs and draperies, home dipped candles, and silk, spun at home from home raised silk worms. These were not relics of the past, but all recently made.

This exhibit shows what a Community can do when everybody is willing to work hard and work together and all the Lugoff people will tell you that they enjoyed the work and had a fine time at the fair. The exhibit won second prize of \$150 in cash, the first prize being won by the Midway Community in Lexington County.

Kershaw County was also represented at the fair in the biscuit contest, which is always the center of much interest. Nellie Barfield of the Pine Grove Girls' Home Demonstration Club won the first place in the District Biscuit Contest, and as a prize was given a trip to the state fair, where she entered the State Biscuit Contest, in which she won second place. Each contestant is required to make biscuits in a booth fitted up as a kitchen, giving a talk about her club work and explaining the intricacies of biscuit making as she works. This is quite a difficult thing for even an experienced person to do, and Nellie reflected great credit on herself and her club. While in Columbia Nellie was entertained at the Jefferson Hotel, where with a party of other girls, she was chaperoned by Mrs. Harriet Johnson of Winthrop College.

CAMDEN MEN HONORED

Mr. Yates and Mr. Goodale Received Deserved Recognition

At a meeting of the American Bankers' Association held at Atlantic City September 28 to October 1, attended by bankers from all parts of the United States, Mr. C. H. Yates, of the Bank of Camden, was named as a member of the Federal legislative council, and was also appointed on the inner circle committee of the State Legislative council. Only one other man of the Southern states, R. S. Hecht, president of the Hibernia Bank and Trust company of New Orleans, was appointed on this council. It is quite a compliment to Mr. Yates, to Camden and the fine old banking institution he represents.

At a recent meeting of the Southeastern Floral association held in Atlanta on October 13th, Mr. William L. Goodale, manager of the Camden Floral company, was named as secretary of this association which had representatives there from the entire Southern states, and this, too, is quite an honor bestowed upon a most excellent young Camden business man.

Progress of Farmers.

Recent statistics show something of the progress of farmers. Nearly one-fourth of the telephones in the United States are in the homes of farmers. About thirty per cent. of the motor-trucks and tractors in this country are owned by farmers. The proportion of farmer-owned automobiles is large and in a great many farmers' homes radio sets are being installed.

Kind Words.

The Salvation Army has 3,000 officers in India.

SELLING BRICK IN FLORIDA.

Camden Brick Plant Operated To Full Capacity To Take Care of Orders.

Within the past month the Camden Brick Company, a locally owned and operated plant, has shipped many car loads of fine brick to the various boom centers of Florida, where buildings are being erected daily. Quite an assignment has been sent to Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville and several other towns.

The mill is now being run at full capacity, turning out something like 45,000 brick daily, for which they are finding ready sale. In fact the management informs us that they have had to turn down several immense orders on account of not being able to fill them and at the same time take care of the local trade.

A recent improvement installed at this mill is a dry kiln operated from heat obtained from the burned kilns when they are closed down to cool. Terra-cotta pipes run underground from the brick kilns to the drying house. The heat is drawn through these pipes by means of a huge suction fan, and through this method the green brick just out of the mill are dried out in far less time than by the old process of nature drying. Another advantage of the drying kiln is the fact that the mill can be operated in the coldest weather without the green brick freezing.

Around thirty-five men are employed in the different crews and the payroll amounts to around \$500 weekly, the greater portion of which finds its way back into the channels of trade around Camden. It is quite an interesting and valuable industry for Camden and quite a number of houses have been built and are now under construction of home-made brick.

TOURIST CAR WRECKED

Family Enroute To Florida in Pitiable Plight on Highway

Motorists returning from Columbia to Camden Tuesday afternoon were telling of an unfortunate wreck which occurred near Rollins Mill, about nine miles south of Camden on the Camden-Columbia highway. The party telling of the accident said they had just passed a rickety Ford laden with passengers when they looked around in time to see the old vehicle turn over at the embankment near the bridge that spans the creek. There were seven passengers in the car—the father, mother and five children. Fortunately none were hurt except for minor bruises, and the only damage done to the old Ford was the destruction of a front wheel and the top.

All occupants were pinned underneath, and with the assistance of passing motorists the car was righted and put back in the road. The car bore a New Jersey license tag and inquiry developed the fact that the head of the family was a painter and carpenter by trade and that they were making their way to Florida to escape the rigors of the Northern winters. Hard luck had overtaken them all along the road and the small capital they had started with had given out. They stated that they had not eaten since reaching a point in North Carolina and there they had been given a meal of potatoes by fellow travelers at a camp site. The father stated that the escape of the children from injury was probably due to the fact that they were securely packed and tucked away in the car with blankets and this protected them from injury.

Quite a crowd of motorists congregated from both ends of the road while the car was being righted and touched by a sense of pity from the cries of the mother and children a collection was started in the small crowd and a sum of \$11.50 was raised—a second hand wheel was purchased at Blaney and the unfortunate party was again started on their journey to Florida, where the father stated he would meet a friend and acquaintance who would hold them up until he could find work enough to get his family on their feet again.

The highways leading to and from Florida are full of such travelers these days. The print shops, garages and other places in this city almost every day have calls for "enough to get a meal."

Mother of Fifteen Dead.

Rock Hill, S. C., Oct. 21.—Mrs. John Andrew Hayes, 62, mother of 15 living children, died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock following a lingering illness over a period of five years due to heart attacks and complications.