

## New Year's Events Attended By Many

Numerous social events have made the closing week of the holiday season a memorable one with the many visiting college students. New Year's Eve was celebrated with dances at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kirkover, at the Armory and a large one at the Old Court House. Preceding this Jimmie Campbell of Hobkirk Inn gave a dinner for fourteen and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Graham entertained at dinner for their son Duncan Edwards and his guest George Biggs, and Miss Bushnell entertained at Greenleaf Villa. A Drag Hunt on Tuesday morning was largely attended.

Mrs. J. Dodge Peters, of New York, who is passing the season at the Court Inn, was a hostess at a tea at the Sarsfield Club. Her guests were: Mrs. James S. Parker, Mrs. William B. Nisbet, Mrs. B. D. Ticknor, Mrs. Dwight Partridge, Mrs. W. L. Wright and Mrs. A. D. Partridge. A delightful affair of Sunday afternoon was the tea given by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright at their cottage for their guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Duval, of Garden City. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Russell, Mr. and Mrs. William L. DePass, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Yates, Mrs. Robert Marye, Dr. John W. Corbett, Mr. Lomant Dominick, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kirkover, and the Misses Effie and Olive Whitledge.

Mrs. William B. Nisbet entertained at the Sarsfield Club for twelve on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Cluett are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ticknor, at the Court Inn.

One of the week's attractive affairs was the luncheon tendered Miss Charlotte Campbell, of Washington, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry G. Marvin at Hobkirk Inn. It was given on Tuesday at Greenleaf Villa, and other guests were Mesdames B. D. Ticknor, William Nisbet, Dodge Peters, Robert Marye, James N. Worcester, Miss Anna B. Stearns and Mrs. Barnes. Mrs. A. Sharpe Hunter, of the Court Inn, was the hostess. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Callender, of New York, are recent arrivals at the Court Inn, and at the Kirkwood are Mr. M. Burke, of Marlboro, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Orvis and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Pizzini and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klover, of New York, and Mr. Benjamin Belcher, of Lakeville, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Allison were entertained at dinner at Hobkirk Inn on New Year's Eve by Mrs. David Gillis, and Dr. John W. Corbett, Mrs. Robert Marye and Mr. W. L. DePass were guests of Miss Charlotte Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. William Duval motored this week to Yeaman's Hall for a brief visit.

Camden's golf courses are in excellent condition, and the number using them increases daily. The Kirkwood greens were even better, showing the good care they have received during the summer months.

Playing the Sarsfield course were noted: R. B. Bolling, Philip Knapp, J. R. Martin, Edwin Muller, Mortimer Muller, Mrs. A. B. Searles, Howard Gage, E. B. Knowlton, J. S. Sweeney, Miss Marie Blanchard, Miss Anna B. Stearns, Mrs. W. B. Nisbet, Mrs. Dodge Peters and Miss Florence R. Bill. Out frequently for a round at the Kirkwood are: Mrs. Karl P. Abbott, Col. M. Burke, Mr. John Wilkinson, Newton Boykin, J. L. Graham, W. D. Orvis, Benjamin Belcher, and L. F. Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robeson and Miss Carol Robeson have arrived from Rochester for a visit at the Kirkwood, and Mrs. K. B. Wilcox has come from New York for her annual visit here.

New Year's Day was clear and beautiful and every thing exceedingly favorable for the Races which marked the opening of the fine new track at Springdale of which Messrs. H. D. Kirkover and E. L. Woodward are joint owners. This track was once owned by the Canteys and back in the ante-bellum days of the fifties many thrilling races were run there. It is ideally located in a level stretch with a fringe of woods in the distance, and is easily accessible from Camden, two roads leading to it. An immense crowd filled parking space and every available vantage point. The Northern colony and many town's people enjoyed the races which were excellent.

The opening race, a quarter mile flat race, was won by Tommy Tucker, owned by Carroll P. Bassett, of Summit.

The exciting New Year's Steeple Chase-Plate was won by Kirk's Cork, owned by R. W. Pomeroy; second Leroux, owned by Thomas Waller.

The Mule Race was lively and evoked much amusement from the crowd, and the final contest, the Half Mile Flat Race, was most exciting with a neck to neck finish when Harry Worcester Smith's Black Gelding came off the winner.

Judges in the New Year's races were Harry D. Kirkover, William R. Miller and Lamont Dominick. Patrol Judges, Samuel Russell, Jr., Charles DuBose, Henry G. Garrison, Jr., Caleb C. Whitaker, Jr., Clerk of Scales, Dwight Partridge. Starter, Burwell Boykin, Jr.

Noted in the gallery were Mrs. H. D. Kirkover, Mrs. William S. Rainford, Mrs. Charles Ramet, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Russell, Mr. and

## Miller Meets Death While Out Hunting

Special to The State.

Hartsville, Dec. 31.—Frank A. Miller, lawyer, farmer and business man, accidentally shot himself while out hunting late Tuesday afternoon. This tragedy came while he was whiling away a few hours hunting on his father's farm. Senator, as he was familiarly known, had just left his brother, C. T. Miller, and several boys and had stationed himself down beside a branch, where he had an idea he would have a little sport or fun shooting birds or squirrels.

It is said he fired one shot at a squirrel's nest. A few minutes later, a second shot was heard to ring out, and someone, seeing his hat fly upward, rushed toward him, only to find he had accidentally shot himself in the head, dying a few minutes later.

Those who knew him and those who read of him will always think of him as an able lawyer of over 20 years' experience at the bar; a scholar and community builder. He was loved and admired at home and abroad. Whenever and wherever his name was mentioned, only words of praise were voiced.

F. A. Miller's life was a life of service. He was mayor of Hartsville six years, senator for Darlington county for two terms, magistrate of Hartsville for five years, member of the county board of education two years, county Democratic chairman two years, author of the act creating the railroad commission and for many years senior member of the law firm of Miller, Lawson and Stokes.

Once of twice Mr. Miller had been mentioned for associate justice of the supreme court and had expected to offer for the lieutenant governorship in the coming election.

As the years rolled around honor after honor was heaped upon Mr. Miller because the state recognized in him a leader. Just last year he was elected to the office of president of the State Bar association, a distinction much to be sought after.

Senator Miller was educated at Peabody, the University of Nashville and Wake Forest. He was awarded an L. I. degree at Peabody in 1896, an A. B. at the University of Nashville, in 1899. Later he attended the law school at Wake Forest.

Mr. Miller was recognized as a lawyer with but few peers. It is certain he possessed one of the best law libraries in the state.

## Mr. Baxley Dead

John S. Baxley, aged 44 years, died at his home on north Lyttleton street extension Tuesday morning after an extended illness.

"Jack" Baxley, as he was familiarly known, had a host of friends, made by his genial nature, who will regret his death. He followed the trade of an electrician and was well known by all of our people. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Baxley and was born and reared in Camden.

Mr. Baxley is survived by his widow and three small children, also one sister, Miss Anna Baxley, and two brothers, Neal Baxley and Marion Baxley, all of Camden.

The funeral was conducted from his late residence Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, services being in charge of Rev. J. B. Caston, pastor of the Baptist church. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: W. E. Johnson, Jr., T. C. Gladden, Olin Waters, W. R. DeLoache, Henry Horton and R. M. Kennedy, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Muller and little daughter, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hallett and children, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hallett, of St. Louis were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lindsay during the holidays.

Miss Margaret Chewning left on Monday for Charleston, where she will hold a position with the Standard Oil Company of that city.

Mrs. R. W. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Partridge, Mr. Donald Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Bill, Miss Florence R. Bill, Mrs. W. M. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brown, Miss Richards, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Cluett, Mrs. Gaylord Tucker, Mrs. Carroll P. Bassett, Mrs. Frederick Robinson, and many others.

Following the races Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pomeroy gave a large tea at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Russell also received many friends at Millbank.

In the evening a buffet supper for eighteen guests was given at her home by Mrs. Woods Robinson.

Mr. Harry Worcester Smith who is here for the races is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Kirkover.

## Explains Changes Made In Bodies

"The most notable changes in body designs of the Model A Ford, now being shown here, have been made in the Tudor Sedan, the Coupes and the open cars," said W. T. Redfearn, local Ford dealer, today.

"The Tudor Sedan has been the most popular of the five passenger models," he continued. "The new body design will bring to it additional beauty and the new choice of colors is certain to make it more popular than ever, particularly with women drivers."

"More room has been provided for occupants of the rear compartment. Access is easier around the folding seats in front. In exterior appearance the car is much improved."

"It still retains the crown roof effect with rounded corners on the rear quarter, the beauty of which is accentuated by an entirely new design body belt and moulding treatment."

"The coupe, too, is entirely new in design. It has a lower roof line. French roof quarters emphasize the low effect and the long lines of the new moulding treatment. A panel effect carried out by the moulding on the rear deck adds much to the smart appearance of the car."

"Lowering of the roof line does not bring any loss of head room inside, and driving is made more comfortable, by an adjustable seat, which may be moved forward or backward to suit the driver's convenience."

"The Sport Coupe, which has a rumble seat as standard equipment, has all the lower body lines of the coupe. The sport treatment is carried out above the belt line, as heretofore. The roof line is lower, also, and in this car, too, driving comfort is improved by the installation of an adjustable seat. The same feature is extended to the Convertible Cabriolet."

"The two open cars, the phaeton and roadster, are entirely new in design, with long, lower lines, and more beautiful appearance."

Mr. Redfearn emphasized the fact that no new model has been brought out. Mechanically the car is essentially the same. While new features such as wheels and a new composition steering wheel, black and polished to a high lustre, with finger knobs underneath the rim, have been added, all the standard features which have made the Model A car of such remarkable dependability have been retained, he said.

These include sturdy steel construction, four Houdaille hydraulic double-acting shock absorbers, Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield, quick acceleration, ease of control, 55 to 65 miles an hour and smoothness, balance and security at all speeds.

## Party On Duck Hunt On South Edisto

Messrs. W. H. Haile, Frederick Towle, T. K. Trotter, J. H. Burns, and Sheriff J. H. McLeod left Tuesday morning for a few days hunt on South Edisto river. Their destination will be Jacksonboro, in Colleton county. They will take a house-boat with a guide and smaller boats and hunt the marshes in that section. It is said the shooting in that section has been unusually good this season and a large number of ducks have been bagged.

## Columbia Man is Held Up, Robbed

Columbia, Dec. 26.—A light haired man with a patch over his left eye early today forced H. L. Frazier, manager of a Rogers store, to open the safe in the rear of the store, knocked the merchant unconscious with the butt of his pistol and locked him in the vault after helping himself to \$208. The holdup man overlooked approximately \$800 which was hidden in another compartment of the safe.

Frazier regained consciousness shortly after but had been locked in the vault for about an hour and a half before his cries brought aid. A passerby summoned help and the merchant was released after calling the combination to the safe to those on the outside. Late tonight police authorities were still looking for a man answering the description given by Frazier.

## Spigner Makes Record Convictions

Only 19 verdicts of not guilty were returned by Richland and Kershaw county juries in 1929 although 315 people were tried in the two counties comprising the Fifth judicial circuit, with Solicitor A. F. Spigner of Columbia the prosecuting officer.

Violation of the prohibition law, mainly through the large number of cases handled in Kershaw county, led all other divisions of crimes with 106 cases, of which 76 were in Kershaw. Housebreaking and larceny had 74 defendants in the circuit and larceny was third in numbers with 45 defendants.

"Malicious wounding of cows" and "injuring and destroying part of jail," both arising in Kershaw county, captured the prizes for the unusual charges.

Manslaughter and murder cases ran well to the numerical front with 12 defendants tried, ten of these facing the bar in Richland county, which, also, led Kershaw in number of cases, 165 against 139, although it fell below by one case, in the number of acquittals, nine against ten.

The only mistrial in the nine terms of court involved came at a special Richland county term last July when a Richland county jury failed to agree upon the innocence or guilt of Policeman A. B. McGraw of New Brookland in his trial for killing young Henry Martin in the Columbia hospital emergency operating room last April. McGraw, Solicitor Spigner has announced, will go to trial again at the term opening in Columbia January 13.

By counties and by charges, the number of defendants were:

Kershaw: Prohibition, 73; assault and battery, 11; housebreaking and larceny, 24; larceny, ten; breach of trust, two; pointing firearms, two; injuring and destroying part of jail, two; manslaughter, three; carrying concealed weapons, one; obtaining goods under false pretence, one; larceny, one; and bastardy, one.

Richland: Prohibition, 33; housebreaking and larceny, 50; assault and battery, 24; larceny, 35; bad check, two; disposing of property under lien, three; murder and manslaughter, ten; burglary, five; highway robbery and larceny, seven; accessory after the fact, three; non-support, three; bigamy, one; arson, one; striking with car, two; safe cracking, three; pointing gun, one; and obtaining signature under false pretence, two.

Nine of the 19 acquitted persons in the two counties were Negroes.—Wednesday's Columbia State.

## Moves To Miami

Mr. H. P. Oglesby, who has been making his home in this county for a number of years, left this week for Miami, Florida, where he and his son, Redding Oglesby, will make their home. Miss Martha Oglesby will remain in Camden. Camden people will regret to lose these good people who had made many friends during their stay here and at their former home near Lugoff.

## Camden's Seals Sold On Pacific Coast

Mrs. R. E. Chewning, who has charge of the Christmas Seal Sales for Kershaw County requests those who have received a package of seals to please remit to her as early as possible, or in the event that they have not sold the seals to please return those unsold so that she can make her report to state headquarters. A self-addressed stamped envelope was furnished with each packet mailed out so there will be no trouble or expense to remit or return.

It might be of interest to know that Mrs. Chewning mailed one of the packets of seals to a lady addressed at Camden, S. C. This lady had in the meantime gone to San Diego, California. Uncle Sam's postal employees forwarded this letter to California and thanks to the efficiency of the postal service and the good lady, Kershaw County seals were sold on the Pacific coast, because Mrs. Chewning was pleasantly surprised by receiving a remittance from the far west.

Miss Mary Eleanor Goodale returned Wednesday from a delightful stay in Chester where she was a member of the house party given by Miss Francis Abell.

## Many Tots Killed In Theatre Panic

Paisley, Scotland, December 31 — Seventy-two small girls and boys died in the blind panic that followed outbreak of a small fire in the Glen moving picture theater late this afternoon.

The flare-up in the projection room changed the New Year celebration of this Scottish mill town to mourning, in which the nation joined. Eighty others of the audience were injured, but more than half of them had recovered sufficiently to go to their homes tonight.

The operator and manager prevented a holocaust by carrying the single blazing roll of film out of the building at the cost of serious burns to themselves. This kept down the fire damage to a negligible amount, but the fumes from the burning film dropped the struggling children in great numbers, while others piled up in jams in doorways and at the foot of stairways.

It was the most serious disaster of its kind in Great Britain since 1883. The children, mostly from working-class families, had crowded into the 750-seat theater, singing and dancing in excitement over the prospect of thus speeding their "Hog ma-ny," the traditional Scottish New Year's treat, which outshines Christmas north of the Tweed.

But in a few minutes their gay laughter had given way to shrieks of terror and agony. A wisp of smoke and flame had come out of the projection box of the theater. Some one cried, "Fire," and in an instant the hundreds of youngsters were scratching and scrambling over one another in an effort to get out of what proved to be a death-trap.

The catastrophe quickly became a combined reproduction of the 1903 Iriquois theater fire in Chicago and the panic in Calumet, Mich., ten years later. Like the Chicago affair, many of today's victims perished through inhalation of noxious fumes, and, like the Calumet panic, many others met death when the rush piled children six and eight deep on a stairway.

And as the New Year's bells of Chicago were still after its visitation and the night winds silently fluttered the streamers of crepe on 600 homes, so Paisley tonight gave over its customary rejoicings at the passing of another year. Always gloomy under its covering of factory smoke, the place was wrapped in a black shroud of grief and shock.

## Methodist Church Services

Lyttleton Street Methodist church, near Hampton Park, George Pierce Watson, pastor. Sunday, January 5: Bible school with classes for all who will attend, 10:00 a. m.; Mr. L. C. Shaw, superintendent; Epworth League, especially for the young people, 6:45 p. m.; public worship, conducted by the pastor, 11:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "Christ's Call for the New Year." Evening theme: "Personal Consecration to the Service of God." Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. The public is most cordially invited to all the services of this church. Visitors are especially welcome. Come and bring your friends.

## The Welsh Motor Co. Moves To Rutledge

The Welsh Motor Company, sales agency for Chevrolet motor cars on Tuesday moved from their former location on north Broad street, to 431 West Rutledge street, in the building formerly used as a buggy, wagon and livery stable and later partly converted into an ice house and cold storage plant.

Senator Grover C. Welsh, the manager, has recently purchased this property, and has a force of carpenters busily putting it in shape for his showrooms and repair shop. The front will be changed as well as some radical changes on the interior, and when completed will present a most attractive appearance. He will have ample storage facilities for new as well as used cars. The announcement of the 1930 model Chevrolet will appear in this paper next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bent, Jr., of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Lang, on Mill street. Mrs. Bent before her recent marriage was Miss Snyder, daughter of Hon. William Henry Snyder, a prominent attorney of the Philadelphia bar.

## Smith of Camden To Be Candidate

That Judge Mendel L. Smith of Camden, a strong friend of the \$65,000,000 road bond issue will be in the race for Governor of South Carolina next summer seems almost definitely assured, in the opinion of political observers, as a result of the expressed determination of opponents of the road bond issue to inject it as an issue in the campaign. It is known that Judge Smith has been urged by many people all over the State to make the race and it is known that in response to these requests he has had the matter under careful advisement. He represents the State as special counsel in the bond issue litigation, and the friends of the bond issue, recognizing his outstanding ability and powerful appeal as a public speaker who combines eloquence and logic to a degree unsurpassed in the entire country, are becoming insistent that he make the race.

Judge Smith is a former Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives and a former Circuit Judge. He resigned the office of Judge to enter the World War. He was given the rank of major in the Judge Advocate General's Department and saw much service overseas. He is frequently called upon to preside as special judge.

The announcement of Olin D. Johnston, member of the House of Representatives from Spartanburg County, as a candidate for governor in opposition to the bond issue, while it did not come as a surprise, has precipitated the issue. Mr. Johnston in his formal announcement says that thousands of voters have petitioned him to run for governor and that in almost every request he is asked to oppose the bond issue, and he goes on to say that "the opponents of the bond issue may rest assured that I will be against it. I mean to pledge the voters that no statewide bond bill will get my approval as governor unless there is a clause giving voters a chance to say whether or not they want it."

Mr. Johnston has represented both Anderson and Spartanburg Counties in the South Carolina House of Representatives, and during the last session he fought the bond issue to the bitter end. He also is a World War veteran, with a service of two years, eighteen months of which was in France and Germany, and twelve months of which was on the front. He was with the Army of Occupation several months.

The definite announcement of Solicitor Ira Blackwood of Spartanburg, who ran second to Governor Richards in the first primary and Lieutenant-governor Thomas Bothwell Butler of Gaffney that they would be in the race for governor were published some time ago.—South Carolina Gazette.

## Fire Damages Stock In Buddin's Store

Fire of undetermined origin early Sunday night badly damaged the book store of E. B. Buddin on the east side of Broad Street.

Smoke was discovered issuing from the building and a quick response and a hard fight by the firemen succeeded in keeping the fire within the walls, but not until fire, smoke and water had almost completely ruined the entire stock. The interior of the building was badly scorched by the flames.

By close application to business Mr. and Mrs. Buddin had built up a neat and attractive place and had accumulated quite a large stock of books, stationery and office supplies. They carried only partial insurance and the loss and inconvenience falls quite heavily upon them.

Situated in the heart of a business block, if the fire had ever gotten out of the building, it would have undoubtedly caused a large fire loss, and the fire department did excellent work in keeping it confined to the one building.

The building was the property of Baruch-Nettles company and was also partially insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, of Barnwell, and Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, who has finished at University of North Carolina, are spending the Yuletide with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Kennedy at Bettyneck plantation.

Mr. William C. Bissell, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Wooten, left on Monday for Charleston, where he is attending school.