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Charleston Senator Scores Governor

Columbia, Dec. 12.—Senator Cotesworth P. Means of Charleston asserted today "the governor of South Carolina is completely dominated by a ring of men who have practically the mentality and purpose of criminals."

Means asserted Long and his family with a "new line of racketeering" in the gasoline and oil business, were desperate to get control of the highway department "to save their present investment and prosper."

Means charged Grace with being "one of the country's most notorious traitors" during the World War and with "defrauding an aged and penniless Irish woman" of \$50,000; claimed Long was "merely the front for the Long gang of racketeers who specialized in liquor and slot machines" and had reputedly handled illicit liquor himself in past years; and when the odor got too strong we ran Ben Adams out of Charleston."

Means asserted one of the "selling points" for stock in Long's oil company was described as "a personal letter from governor Johnston as a stockholder" "advocating the company's stock."

He suggested that the legislature call on the governor for a statement on the matter so that if untrue he may "let the people know he has no part in such a racket."

Asserting "the other two are Hall of Anderson and John Gary Evans, whom I don't know at sight," Means said. "This ring" must be broken "or the governor had just as well resign to the people today."

Means told the senate Grace was responsible for an address to the legislature in which the governor assailed Charleston, "charged the highway commission with 'ring rule' and 'stirred class prejudice'."

"The governor is not responsible," he said. "The governor's only offense is lending himself to such a man."

Describing Grace, a political opponent, as "30 per cent genius, 30 per cent rattlesnake, and 40 per cent jackass," the Charleston senator asserted:

"I read the governor's speech in the Atlanta American two or three days beforehand over the signature of Representative Ben Adams of Richmond."

"The same speech has been written and spoken by Grace at Charleston since I was a boy. . . . The speech probably was made the first time by Cain when he was building up propaganda to hit Abel with the military."

Former Treasurer Of County Passes

The announcement of the death of Daniel Murdoch McCaskill at his home near Lakeview in this city at 12:30 Tuesday brought sorrow to a wide circle of acquaintances and probably one of the largest family connections in this county. He had been in failing health for a number of years and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. McCaskill was born near Bethune, then called Lynchwood, June 8, 1871, the son of the late Charles Wesley and Mary Murchison McCaskill, and after a course at Clemson College he came to Camden, where he was a salesman in the employ of D. E. Hinson—later going with other firms. About thirty years ago he entered politics and in 1906 he was elected treasurer of Kershaw county, without opposition, receiving a vote of 1,730, succeeding W. R. Hough, who did not stand for re-election, and served in that capacity for twenty-three years. He wielded a powerful influence in county politics all of those years. Several years ago he made a state-wide campaign for the office of railroad commissioner, and was not only well known in his home county but had a wide acquaintance throughout the state. He had a pleasing personality and made friends with all classes.

He was twice married—first to Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, member of a prominent and influential family, of this county. To this union was born a daughter, now Mrs. F. N. Wimberly, residing at Monck's Corner. His second marriage was to Miss Bessie Lee Walker, of Bamberg, who with two sons—Daniel M., Jr., and Charles W. McCaskill, survive. There are also two brothers—Samuel A. McCaskill, of Camden, and C. K. McCaskill, of the Antioch section, and two sisters—Mrs. J. D. Galloway and Mrs. J. M. Chewning, both of Bishopville.

He was a member of the Methodist faith and his funeral was held from the Lyttleton Street Methodist church in this city Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His former pastor, Rev. C. F. Wimberly, now stationed at Allendale, was assisted by Rev. T. W. Godbold, of Rembert. The burial was in the family plot in the Quaker cemetery in this city.

Serving as pallbearers for the deceased were: J. H. McLeod, A. Clyde Drawdy, Harry L. Schlosburg, R. L. McCaskill, T. B. Bruce, B. P. DeLoache and J. H. Clyburn.

To Fix Christmas Baskets All members of the Camden B. T. U. are requested to be present Sunday, December 22, at 8:45 o'clock at the Camden Baptist church for the purpose of fixing baskets of fruit for distribution among the underprivileged children, on Christmas morning.

Johnson To Address Class The Men's Bible Class of the Lyttleton Street Methodist church will have with them on Sunday, December 22, M. M. Johnson, who will make an address at 10 o'clock. All members are urged to come out Sunday.

Changed Name of Club On Friday, December 13, the Camden Masonic Club in a meeting decided upon motion to change the name of the club to "Red Fez Club."

In an election of officers the following gentlemen were named: J. H. McLeod, president; F. N. McCorkle, vice president; W. F. Nettles, treasurer; L. L. Wall-nau, secretary; on the governing board will be: A. S. Karesch, M. M. Johnson, Dr. John W. Corbett, A. S. Llewellyn and M. H. Deal.

After the business hour a delightful oyster stew was served, which had been prepared by John Wilson.

Holiday Ball At Camp The officers and members of Co. 4471 cordially extend an invitation to the public to attend the Holiday Ball given at the Recreational Hall at the CCC Camp at Bishopville on December 27. Charles Horton and his Hollywood Hotel Orchestra will furnish the music. Chaperones in attendance.

TO OUR DELINQUENTS In November The Chronicle put on a subscription campaign, to increase its circulation and at the same time collect some of the many back subscriptions on our list. Quite a number of men and women made a thorough canvass of the county during this drive and prizes were awarded the ones having the most credits. The campaign added many hundreds of new names and many old subscriptions were brought up to date and paid in advance but many were not paid up and these are being cut off our mailing list. So please look at the label on your paper and see if your name is credited with the correct amount you paid in. If not drop us a card and we will look into the matter. Another year is beginning and we will bring our list up to date, thereby dropping many names from it, so do not blame your postman if you miss The Chronicle from now on, if you are behind in your payments.

of South Carolina in his fight on the highway, but the people don't realize the seriousness of this issue affecting their personal liberty.

Awarded Custody Of Her Young Son

York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Kenner Hertford of West Point, N. Y., today was awarded custody of her seven year old son, Richard H. Hilton, at the conclusion of a habeas corpus hearing before Judge J. Henry Johnson who also ruled B. M. Lee of Fort Mill, the lad's custodian, in contempt of court for having disappeared from court with his ward Saturday.

After making a tearful explanation of his act, Lee was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and spend 24 hours in jail.

When 11 months old the child had been placed in the custody of Lee and his wife by Richard H. Hilton, Sr., then commander of the South Carolina department of the American Legion, shortly after an estrangement from his wife. The father was drowned about two years ago in a motor-boat accident.

As the mother wept with joy, Lee told Judge Johnston amid sobs: "I was desperate. The boy kept saying 'Don't let them take me away from you, Daddy Ben.' He prayed that he would be left with me. I didn't mean any disrespect to the court in leaving. I'd part with everything I have for the boy."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee showered kisses and caresses upon the child before yielding him to his mother, as Lee was led away to begin his overnight jail sentence, the child called to him: "I'll write you—and come to see me."

"God knows, I wish I did not have to punish this man," Judge Johnston said before he passed sentence, but pointed out he felt compelled to do so to uphold the majesty of the law. Lee said he had taken the child to Charlotte, N. C., in hopes of obtaining affidavits there from a policeman to support his contention that Mrs. Hertford, now the wife of a mathematics instructor at the United States Military Academy, was unfit to rear the child.

Judge Johnston said the sole issue of the proceedings was to determine the fitness of Mrs. Hertford for her son's custody. The judge said no evidence to the contrary had been produced by the Lees or C. Ross Rutledge, the child's legal guardian, who also had sought the youth's custody. He added that affidavits of 14 persons at West Point, most of them by members of the military academy faculty, testified to the exemplary lives led by the Hertfords.

Two years ago Judge E. C. Dennis ruled the mother was not a fit person to have the boy and left him with the Lees but gave Mrs. Hertford the prerogative to renew her application for him two years later.

Captain Hilton, the lad's father, was awarded the Congressional medal of honor for valor in France during the World war, in which he lost an arm. Mrs. Hertford left tonight for West Point with her son.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church There will be services at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church this coming Lord's day as follows: Bible school at 10 a. m.; church worship at 11 a. m.; B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will bring an appropriate message for the Christmas season Sunday morning. This will be our last worship service this year, and we urge that we avail ourselves of this opportunity of worshipping together in the Christmas spirit. The public is invited to worship with us.—Luther Knight, pastor.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 22, A Douglas McArn, pastor, Church school at 10 a. m. Instead of the regular classes a Christmas program will be given by the children of the church at this hour. A Christmas tree with presents for the children will be had also. Morning worship at 11:15 with Christmas music and sermon. On Sunday evening at six o'clock, "Simeon's Desire Fulfilled," a beautiful Christmas service will be given in the church building. Church Night Thursday evening at seven-thirty. Every one is cordially invited to all services in this church.

Bethany Baptist Church There will be services at Bethany (Westville) Baptist church on next Lord's day as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m., with Superintendent H. B. Gaskin in charge; preaching service at 11 a. m., the pastor in charge. The theme will be: "The First Christmas." B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m., T. C. Fletcher, director. Every member is urged to be present and visitors are always welcome.—J. D. Gullede, pastor.

Noted Sportsman Visits Camden

F. Ambrose Clark and R. Grainger Gaither, of Westbury, Long Island, N. Y., visited Camden last Friday to inspect the new stables for winter training quarters for Mr. Clark's spring of race horses, and a house to accommodate his racing retinue. These buildings are now nearing completion at Camden's Springdale Course.

The stables will have twenty-five box stalls. The house will have quarters for a superintendent, six riders, numerous grooms, night watchman and blacksmith.

Mr. Clark's string of twenty-four horses wintered and trained here last year, under the supervision of H. Grainger Gaither, and led all others on the big tracks in winning twenty-two steeplechases.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Gaither were guests at the home of Harry D. Kirkover, chairman of the committee of the Springdale Course.

Mr. Clark went from Camden to Aiken, and from there will go to Tallahassee, Florida, where he will join Mrs. Clark for two weeks' shooting on the estate of Mrs. Harold Fowler. Mr. Gaither returned to Westbury.

Banks To Observe Holiday The two banks of the city—The First National Bank and The Commercial Bank of Camden, will observe Christmas day and the following day, December 25 and 26 as holidays. All patrons of these institutions please bear this in mind when making your deposits and getting change on Christmas Eve so that no one will be inconvenienced.

Meeting of Teacher's Association The December meeting of the Teacher's Association was held at the school auditorium last week. Rev. Bryce Herbert, of Bishopville, made an excellent talk on the Christmas spirit. Dr. Josiah Morse, of the department of psychology of the University of South Carolina addressed the high school group. Mrs. Kathleen Watts, county superintendent was the recipient of a lovely gift of silverware by the association for her untiring work in the schools of our county, the presentation was made in a charming manner by Rev. J. B. Caston. The school group presented a lovely Christmas pageant, that was enjoyed by the assemblage.

APPRECIATES THE LIGHTS The Chronicle has a very dear friend who has been coming to Camden for many years. She has traveled extensively and is a keen observer—so much so that she has dropped in occasionally and chided us in a good-natured way as to "Why don't you wash those front windows?" Well, anyone who knows the workings of a print shop know that they are too busy to pay attention to such details as that—and that's that, but she sends us a letter which we highly appreciate and we know that the "City Fathers" responsible for the Christmas lights on our streets will join in the appreciation. She writes:

Editor Camden Chronicle: "When I saw the lights turned on in our little town I felt quite a thrill for the sight was a very beautiful one, and I, for one, would like to have those who are responsible for it, know how much I appreciate their efforts—how much joy the lights brought to my heart, and I hope to many others. I am very proud of our little town—'Main Street,' anyway, which has a very clean, well-cared-for look, and, of course, such is the results of having those who are on it take pride in their stores—the latter, which to my mind, are about the nicest appearing anywhere's around. Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year. To those outside of your office I am just an

"Appreciative Citizen."

The Return Letter Letters containing one hundred Christmas Health Seals have been mailed to many persons throughout the county. It was hoped that these seals would be accepted and used on letters and packages at the Christmas season. A stamped envelope was enclosed for the return of one dollar for these seals. We urge everyone who received the seals to accept them and to send in their dollar in the enclosed envelope, right away. The money from all Health Seals and Bonds purchased now will help us to keep up a full time program against tuberculosis in our county, under a skilled worker. Money for health bonds and seals may be sent to Miss Lal Blakeley or Miss Sarah Wolfe at Camden; to Mrs. Fred Culvern at Kershaw or to Rev. J. N. T. Keels at Bethune.

Dr. William Preston Frew has entered upon his 26th year with Trinity College, now Duke University at Durham, N. C. He is president of the institution.

Visitors Enjoying Fine Quail Shooting

Quail shooting at Camden this season is said to be the best in twenty years, and is attracting sportsmen from all parts of the country, many of whom are stopping at the Hobkirk Inn, which has been opened since early in November.

The Court Inn, a modern hotel in an ante-bellum setting, constructed around the DeSaussure mansion which is over one hundred years old, surrounded by the nationally-known DeSaussure gardens and with the Sarasfield golf course adjoining, opened on December 11 for its thirty-fourth season.

R. Rea Ball, lessee, who, in the summer, operates the Sheldon House at Pine Orchard, Connecticut, and Arthur Langdon, assistant manager, who is manager of the Maplewood at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, arrived prior to the opening date, and have completely renovated the Court Inn inside and out. New carpets, new furniture, new draperies and new china-ware have been installed. A force of gardeners have put the walks, arbors, flower beds and shrubbery of the beautiful gardens into first-class condition, and the eighteen-hole Sarasfield golf course has also been worked into fine shape.

Karl P. Abbott, owner of the Kirkwood Hotel, the largest of Camden's tourist hotels, one of the Abbott chain, is expected in Camden any day to arrange for the opening of the Kirkwood on or about January 4. It is said that Kenneth W. Foley, during the summer manager of Mr. Abbott's Forest Hills hotel at Franconia, New Hampshire, will be manager of the Kirkwood this season.

Guests of the Hobkirk Inn who have enjoyed the wonderful quail shooting this season in the thousands of acres of pinewoods and fields surrounding Camden include Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Crocker of New York city, who did their hunting at Bloomsbury, a beautiful old plantation, as guests of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Weeks; George R. Packard, Jr., and James M. Large, of Philadelphia, who brought their own dogs with them and who had such fine sport that they are coming back again later in the season; Aubrey T. Barnes of North Egremont, Mass., who also said he was coming back to the Hobkirk later in the season; W. C. Morck, of Englewood, N. J., and T. P. Avery, of New Haven, Conn., who killed the legal bag-limit of quail each day they went hunting. Mr. Avery, who is one of the Freshmen football coaches at Yale, went on to Georgetown, S. C., to shoot ducks.

Other recent arrivals at the Hobkirk Inn are: Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Watson, Boston, Mass.; Miss Emily Morris and Miss Elizabeth Blocum, Woolcott, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gould, Andover, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ingalls, Orange, N. J.; Mrs. George Dunin, Washington, D. C., and her daughter, Mrs. Ira T. Wyche, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Fitzgerald, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Miss Grace L. Griffin, Miss Maude Bonfield, Miss Olga Hansen and Livingston Griffin, Lakewood, N. J.; Henry Hopper, Wyckoff, N. J.; A. H. Brauvels, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Steele, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Mrs. Steele's mother, Mrs. A. R. Thompson, of Penn Yan, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Guare, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. James E. Clarke, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Alfred E. Sears, Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. George T. Hartshorn and Miss F. N. Roberts, Taunton, Mass.

At the Court Inn the first reservation for the opening day were from Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Jarvis and Dr. and Mrs. J. Dodge Peters, of Great Barrington, Mass.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith, of Rye, N. Y.

The Mill street cottage of the Court Inn has been rented for the season by Mrs. Oliver Wren and her daughters, the Misses Olive and Gertrude Wren, of Frederick, Maryland, who have arrived in Camden.

Others at the Court Inn are Mrs. I. B. Valle, Philadelphia, and Mrs. G. Arthur Bolpe and Miss Kathryn Carrigan, Atlantic City, N. J.

Death Removes Aged Bethune Lady

Bethune, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Ellen McDonald, 86, widow of John McDonald, died at her home here early last Thursday morning after a brief illness. She was the daughter of the late Wiley King and Elizabeth Moore King, of Darlington county, Union section, where she was born and reared and lived for a number of years after her marriage. She was a life-long and consistent member of Union Methodist church.

About twenty-six years ago the family moved to Bethune, where she has maintained her home until her death. Despite the fact that she was the oldest female citizen of this community, she was active and alert and able to look after her household affairs.

Up to the end of her long and well spent life she manifested a lively interest in social, civic and religious affairs. Her unusually keen sense of humor and delightful wit, added to varied experiences of long years gave her a rich philosophy of life. She stood squarely for the right and made no compromise with wrong.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Union Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. T. E. Williams of McBoe, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Johnson, Hartsville; the Rev. Mr. Floyd and Rev. W. V. Jerman, of Bethune. Interment was in the church cemetery where a profusion of lovely flowers bore mute testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

Six grandsons acted as pallbearers—Osborne, Morrison, Arthur and Pete Graham; Jack McDonald and Bethune McLaughlin.

Surviving are three daughters—Mrs. J. A. Graham, of Smoaks; Mrs. A. B. McLaurin, of Bethune; Mrs. L. M. Yarbrough, of Hartsville; two sons—Carl McDonald and John McDonald, of Hartsville; twenty-four grand children; nine great grand children; two brothers—Ervin King, of Manning, and T. H. King, of Hartsville.

Bandits Caught After Bank Raid

Charleston, Dec. 14.—Three youths held-up the Connor and Wiggins depository at Moncks Corner this morning and within three hours were in the hands of the law. Charleston police have recovered \$2,640 of the loot, which the bank estimated totaled \$3,850.

Deputy Sheriff Clarence L. Woodward, of Berkeley county, spread the alarm to authorities here. His son, Blease Woodward, nineteen, is one of the captured trio.

"I wish he had been killed," the elder Woodward told Chief John J. Healy, of Charleston police detectives, when the youths were brought here. The others are Alken Murphy, 21, prize fighter and former Berkeley resident, and John Boyd, nineteen, both of Charleston. Boyd has made a confession, Chief Healy said, and his chief concern seems to be for what his grandmother thinks when she reads about him in the newspaper.

Woodward said he merely was the driver, Healy said, though the police doubt his statement. Murphy, Healy said, has implicated himself.

Boyd was captured at Moncks Corner soon after the robbery occurred at 9:15 a. m. when the carefully laid plan somehow went awry. The two others, who had calmly ridden around the streets of Moncks Corner after the robbery, were caught at 11:50 a. m. in a cunning police net spread over highways entering Charleston. They had the money in their car.

News Of Interest In And Near Bethune

Bethune, Dec. 18.—The December meeting of the Methodist W. M. U. was held at Mrs. L. M. Best's. Officers for 1936 were elected as follows: President, Miss Mary Arthur; vice president, Miss Louise Tiller; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Clyburn; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Davis.

Among the grand children coming to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Ellen McDonald last Friday were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham, Dobson, N. C.; Mrs. T. W. Cooley, Swansea; Osborne Graham, Baltimore; Mrs. Marion Chilton, Ararat, N. C.; Pete Graham, Pilot Mountain, N. C.; Miss Mary Ellen McLaurin, Flora Mc-aid, Limestone College; Jack McDonald, Carlisle Fitting school, Miss Joe Donald College; Miss Frances McDon-Graham, Mt. Pisgah, and the Yarbrough and McDonald grand children from Hartsville and Darlington.

Circles One and Two of the Baptist W. M. U. were entertained by Mrs. W. W. Mungo and Mrs. Steve Catoe last Monday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Gardner, of Clyde, made a very interesting talk at the Baptist church Wednesday evening, having been invited by the Missionary Society. Miss Gardner is leaving for New York on the afternoon of the 25, and will sail for Nigeria, Africa, on the 28, where she is being sent by the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention.

Postoffice Window Open Saturday P. M.

For convenience of shoppers mailing packages and receiving mail on tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, at the Camden post office I wish to announce through the columns of your paper that the general delivery window will remain open until 5 p. m. says Postmaster C. P. DuBoe.