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## Yankee Troops Like The South

"Southern hospitality" is no longer just a phrase to thousands of Yankee troops participating in the First Army maneuvers who are in the Southland for the first time in their lives according to officers at Public Relations headquarters here. These men from the Northeastern states had read and heard about the famed southern hospitality—but now they are getting a real taste of it. And they like it.

Marching, riding, maneuvering over the 6,000,000 acre "battlefield" in the Carolinas, the men of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum's army are daily coming into close contact with the natives of these parts—establishing friendly relations and building up a basis of mutual understanding, the value of which is incalculable.

All out—that's the attitude the people of the Carolinas have taken with regard to entertaining the soldiers. They have opened up their hearts and their homes to these visitors—men who are far from their families, from the familiar bluff hills of New England. These soldiers could be mighty lonesome lads were it not for the warmth of the southern hospitality.

One man last weekend had a typical experience while sauntering down the shady streets of the town near his camp. He had nothing to do and but little money in his pocket. A friendly voice from a nearby porch called to him: "Come on up here, soldier, and talk a while."

Naturally, the man accepted and was virtually adopted. He was taken to a football game Saturday afternoon, a movie that night, church Sunday morning. He wanted to return to camp after Sunday dinner but his kindly hosts insisted he stay for supper.

Southerners are constantly offering automobile rides to First Army soldiers. Even grandmother and mother are in the spirit of the thing. On their way to town for shopping, they often stop and pick up a couple of service men trudging a hot and dusty road. Simply because a car is filled nearly to capacity makes little difference. Everyone squeezes together to make room for soldiers. The sight of mother and father with two little children, plus junior and his girl friend out in the family car stopping to take some soldiers along with them has been witnessed many times.

To keep the men entertained, country club members are turning over to them their clubs, balls and links wholesale during weekends. Hotel rates are cut, homes are opened up, dances staged and movies, bowling, roller skating and football games financed. In fact, anything within reason, and some things that aren't, are made available, somehow or other.

The churches, of course, always welcome those who need companionship. Invitations to attend any of the week day or Sunday services are given out almost every time there is a gathering of soldiers.

Here's a welcoming speech by the spokesman for a county club in which a U. S. O. dance was in progress:

"You all are welcome here and we want you to go ahead and have a fine time. Pretty soon we'll arrange another affair like this one and you can come back again, but meantime we'd like to get to know you boys better. (Please turn to page three)

## New Features To State Fair

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 17—The South Carolina State Fair, which is to be held in Columbia October 20-25, has stepped-up its program in many ways for the 1941 show. Worthwhile features have been retained and improved, and new ones added to make the fair the best yet; according to Paul V. Moore, secretary.

Mr. Moore is especially proud of the show he has booked for appearance each night before the grandstand. It is a George Hamid, Inc., production. Hamid operates the famous steel pier at Atlantic City. His "Roxotte Revue" is, in Moore's opinion, the finest grandstand show the fair has ever offered, and that, he said, "is saying a whole lot because it is generally thought that the grandstand shows have been exceptionally good in the last two years". Mr. Moore also has booked fireworks, the bill to change every night, as an extra feature.

The revue will be seen afternoon and night throughout the week, with three shows, no doubt, on Thursday to take care of the great crowds.

## Camden Station Is On The Air Daily

Camden radio fans who have listened to the radio programs coming from the studio at the Kirkwood are extending many remarks of a complimentary nature to the radio section of the Public Relations headquarters.

Sunday evening the writer was an invited guest at the broadcast from the Kirkwood lobby through the medium of Station WPTF at Raleigh and the half hour of entertainment offered was about the most interesting we have heard in years.

The broadcast opened with the announcement "The First Army Is On the Air" and was followed by martial music by the 109th Artillery band. Then came a vocal selection by a young man with a voice as sweet and clear as that of Lanny Ross. Next came a piano selection, followed, in turn by another band number, a vocal number and then a ten minute quiz period.

In addition to the officers of the headquarters there were a number of invited guests present to witness the broadcast.

For the benefit of those who might like to tune in on the Camden broadcasts the station is on the air at 1:30 to 1:45 and 5:55 to 6 p. m. daily on Station WSOC at Charlotte and on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 6:15 to 6:30 on Station WPTF, Raleigh. From 6 to 6:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays the broadcast is heard from WPTF.

Sunday evening there is a half hour program from 8:30 until 9 p. m. over Station WPTF. Dial 680 on your radio.

## 1941 County Fair Is Fine Exposition

The 1941 exposition of the Kershaw County Fair association, in progress this week at the fair grounds here, has proven to be one of quality.

On Monday and Tuesday the fair grounds were in the hands of exhibitors who rushed their displays into shape so that on Wednesday the fair became a public affair.

The various buildings are brimming with pleasing and instructive displays and in the cattle exhibit the entries exceed in number and quality the showings in previous years.

The mirth and fun features are offered by the Greater Lawrence shows and are comparable with the offerings usually seen at fairs of this character.

On Wednesday night the Zemp football stadium, adjoining the fair grounds, was filled by an interested crowd of fans who came to watch the gridiron struggle between the Camden reserves and the Chester High reserves.

Thursday afternoon featured a dog show which attracted a large entry list and was one of the most outstanding ever offered at the annual fair.

The free acts and the midway attractions draw a heavy patronage from the fair visitors. Nightly the fireworks display adds color to the affair.

Friday is children's day at the exposition and thousands of children from all over the county are guests of the management. Saturday is the day given over to the colored children of the city and county.

Chairman Dewey Creed and his committees are elated over the success which has attended the fair this season.

## Fire Damages The Trotter Greenhouse

Fire of an unknown origin caused considerable damage to the Trotter greenhouse on South Broad street Monday afternoon.

The fire was discovered by some colored men who were passing and they reported it to the fire headquarters. Because the nearest water hydrant was several blocks away a stream from the booster tank of the pumper was used.

The east end of the greenhouse was destroyed.

## Nurses To Go On Eight Hour Duty

The private duty nurses of the Fourth District of South Carolina recently voted to go on 8-hour duty, beginning Saturday, November first. Camden is in this district and this notice is to inform the public of the change. Prices will remain the same.

## Camden Bullpups Slaughter Chester

A fine little football machine, traveling under the title of "Camden Reserves", strutted a lot of good football before several hundred fans at Zemp stadium Wednesday night to gallop over the Chester Reserves by a 32 to 0 score. And take, it from us, the score could easily have been doubled.

The game was scarcely a minute old before the Bullpups, coming stars of the Camden Bulldog roster, had rung the bell for the first touchdown. It was Jennings who put up a beautiful run to flash into pay dirt. Cox took the ball, tucked it into his tummy, and whammed into the line to go over for the extra point.

Ernest Parker added the next touchdown a few minutes later and Jennings plunged through the line to add the extra point.

Before the half expired Rush had taken the ball over for a third marker for the Bullpups and it was Carol Cox who battered his way through the Chester line to make the count 21 to 0.

All this happened in the first quarter. In the second and third quarters the boys fussed around and got a lot of good exercise. In the fourth period the Pups got mad again and sailed into pay dirt for his second and the Camden fourth touchdown. The effort for the extra point failed. Later in the period Ernest Parker scored his second touchdown of the evening and again the extra point try failed.

The game served to indicate to the fans that the Bulldogs have some good material in the reserve ranks for future football promise.

The Chester lads were willing, but they were completely outclassed by the local yearlings.

The starting lineups were as follows:

Camden:—E. Parker and Huggins, ends; S. Connell and Brown, tackles; Sheheen and Shirley, guards; W. Connell, c.; Jennings, C. Cox, Waters and Thornton, backs. Huggins was captain for the evening.

Chester—Robinson and Lewis, ends; Roof and Roach, tackles; Dawkins and Heart guards; Cameron, c.; Wall, Lee, Robinson and J. Robinson, backs.

## Asks Girls To Aid With Dance Program

Mrs. Leon Schlosburg, president of the Legion Auxiliary and working with Mrs. John Mullen in a program of Saturday night dances at the old armory, the affairs to be given for the soldiers, in a statement this week, makes an appeal to the young ladies of the community to cooperate with the dance committee.

"These dances will be featured by a fine dance orchestra from the public relations headquarters and will be properly chaperoned," said Mrs. Schlosburg.

"I feel that it is the duty of the young women to cooperate with us in this part of the defense recreational program. The dances will be carefully supervised and we are certain there will be nothing objectionable to occur."

"There will be no excuse on the plea that any young lady is without means of transportation to and from the dance, for we are prepared to send cars for all who so desire. All they have to do is to call me by telephone and I will see that a conveyance is provided."

"I hope all of the young ladies of Camden and community will show their patriotism by cooperating with us in making these dances a success."

## High School Bands Compete at Fair

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 14—High school bands with their charming majorettes are coming to the State Fair, Columbia, in full force Friday, October 24 to compete in the second annual state-wide contest.

The first band will do its stuff promptly at 1:30 p. m. on Friday, which is school day, at the fair and if advance interest is any indication of the entries, the competing bands will be many more than those who took part in the first successful state-wide contest at the State Fair last year.

E. T. Gavin, director of music of the Columbia public schools, is to be the chairman of the committee in charge. Ten points will go for the playing of the march selection and 90 points for marching technique.

"The scoring has been arranged this way," said Paul V. Moore, secretary of the fair, "so that any band, large or small, new or old, may have equal opportunity to win any of the prizes."

First place prize is \$75; second, \$60, third, \$50; fourth, \$35, and fifth, \$25. Bands should not wait on an invitation to compete. It is not an invitation affair. Every school band in the state is eligible.

## Bulldogs Triumph Over Lancaster

(By the Skipper)

A Bulldog team, whose chief assets included some hard-running backs, brilliant passing, some deceptions and a plethora of gameness, helped Camden to trounce a heavy Lancaster high team before a capacity crowd at Zemp stadium Friday night, by a score of 20 to 0.

It marked the fourth straight win for the Bulldogs and kept their 1941 gonfalon whipping in a victory breeze.

It was a perfect autumnal night and the sellout crowd jammed grandstand and bleachers and overflowed in the northern end zone and along the sidelines adjacent to the stand and bleachers. Lancaster fans, 1,500 or more, headed by a snappy band, jammed the enemy side of the field.

The invading hordes descended upon this ballwick early in the evening and sallied forth to lay their wagers on the game. They were a cocky bunch of good people and they "knew" their warriors were going to bring home the bacon. The overwhelming scores piled up against opposing teams, two of them Class A squads, had raised the hope of the Lancaster crowd to a high pitch.

Camden fans were doubtful. The scoring power of the invaders in other games having impressed them to the extent of fear that this dark horse gang from the neighboring county were going to dish up gloom in double doses. This fear in the Camden ranks was intensified when the visitors took the field to warm up. They looked like college players; big rangy and with lots of spark and dash.

But after five minutes of play in the opening quarter the Camden fans sat back with real relief. For the lighter but canner Bulldogs were holding like a stone wall and they were also ripping through the allegedly stonewall of the visitors.

The greater part of the period was actually a sparring match with both teams playing cautiously. But in the closing minutes the Bulldogs came to life. They started to march. Two successive downs featured by a beautiful play.

## Harvest Ball Tonight To Be Colorful Event

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## Black River Road Will Be Paved Soon

Construction of 9.46 miles of new highway on what is known as the Black River road will start this fall. This road is known as Highway 526 and extends from 521 south of the city to the junction of Highway 44 at the Pisgah church.

The road will be of earth type base course and will have a number of relocations where sharp curves prevailed.

The surveying on this road has been completed and the contract will probably be awarded in a few weeks. Bids were called for last week by the highway commission.

The Black River road paving project has been a pet affair of the Camden and Kershaw county chamber of commerce for several years, as the highway taps one of the most prolific agricultural areas in the community. The success of having the road listed for improvement is due to R. M. Kennedy, Jr., of this city.

## Gano Series To Start On Sunday

The first game of the Gano series, in honor of Colonel and Mrs. William Gano of the Public Relations headquarters of the First Army, U. S. A., will be played at Seaboard Field on the U. S. Highway No. 1 Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Colonel Gano is to toss in the willow for the start of the game. Mrs. Gano and members of his official staff will occupy seats of vantage during the game.

The full military band of the 109th Coast Artillery will be present and offer a half hour concert program before the game and will also play between chukkers.

Manager Cyril Harrison of the Camden polo club has announced the game as being played between the Ramblers and the Palmettos. In the lineup of the Ramblers will be Moultrie Burns at No. 1, Charles DuBose, Jr. at No. 2, Cyril Harrison at No. 3 and Anacrum Boykin at No. 4. The Palmettos will lineup with Kirby Tupper at No. 1, Charley Robertson at No. 2, Carl Lightfoot at No. 3, and Joe Bates at No. 4.

The games will be in charge of the American Legion and the admission fee will be but 25 cents. Charley Little will be seen in the role of referee.

As previously announced, the Seaboard Field, or better known as the No. 3 field of the polo club is located opposite the passenger station of the Seaboard railway. Entrance for motor cars is on a roadway leading from U. S. Highway No. 1, just a few yards west of the railroad overhead bridge.

## Yellow Silks Trounce Blues in Polo Opener

After six chukkers of rapid action on the turf of the No. 2 polo field Sunday afternoon, the yellow silks of Town grabbed a 5 to 3 verdict over the blue of country.

It was a game featured by one of the largest opening game turnouts in many years and while an extremely dry field produced dense clouds of dust and obscured the players and mounts, the crowd got a big kick out of the sport.

The tardy arrival of Kirby Tupper made it necessary to start the game with three players to a side and with Joe Bates being accommodated by Burns, Robertson and Harrison of town. In the fourth chukker Tupper made his debut and the last half of the game found both teams at full strength.

The game was played on the flat, as the teams were quite evenly matched in goal strength. Burns opened the scoring for the 1941-42 season with a neat shot after Harrison had poled a long assist, the ball rolling directly in front of the uprights from which point Burns took it over.

Harrison quickly followed with a goal and when the chukker ended the yellows were ahead 2 to 0. Town widened the gap to 3-0 with another goal by Harrison in the second.

Country went scoreless in all but one chukker, that being the fourth when C. P. DuBose, Jr. poked the ball home for the lone count of the game for the Blues up to that time. Bates scored for the town team in the same chukker making the count 4-1 when the period ended. Town added a fifth counter in the fifth frame while country went scoreless.

In the sixth the Country foursome (Please turn to page two)

## "Buddy" Denton In Cleaning Business

When W. R. (Buddy) Denton isn't working as chief of the Camden fire department, he is busily engaged in operating one of Camden's most up to date dry cleaning establishments. And when Buddy embarked upon this business program he located his dry cleaning business in a building directly across the street from the fire headquarters.

"All I have to do when we get a fire call is to hop out the front door, take a hop, skip and jump across the street and leap on to the rear of the big pumper as it rolls out of the fire house and starts on its errand of rescue."

Denton has equipped his establishment with the very latest in dry cleaning machinery and all of it is spic and span new. Within a few weeks time he has built up a splendid business and is prepared to take care of any kind of dry cleaning and in any degree of volume.

## Messy Coordination; Soldiers Missing

After elaborate preparations had been made to care for 500 or more soldiers over the week-end, Camden, swamped with unheralded troopers the week-end previous found but a half hundred arriving to avail themselves of the round of fun planned for.

As a result of the second fiasco growing out of the program of allotting soldiers to Carolina communities, Camden citizens and especially the special committee having in charge the entertainment program are beginning to have doubts as to the efficiency of certain agencies.

On October 1 Camden was informed that no troops would be assigned here for Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5. Late Saturday afternoon on October 4 over a thousand soldiers arrived and the city was hard put to see that they were cared for in a fitting manner.

The matter occasioned much indignation and the Camden committee took extra pains last week to see that all agencies were contacted and a definite number of soldiers assigned to Camden. The USO promised not more than 500 but later an official of this organization phoned that the city best be prepared to handle double that number.

As a result eating houses, drug stores and other places where the soldiers gather added to their stocks. The Camden committee arranged for band concerts, entertainment of various kinds, swimming parties, information booths were set up. Service centers in all parts of the city were established, nearly a hundred citizens motored to the Hampton Square to pick up soldiers to care for in their homes.

And but 57 arrived. Camden is not angry, not amused, but disgusted.

From 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the 57 soldiers and officers arrived the Camden committee was busy. The chairman, Major J. W. Cantey, with Mrs. Cantey, Colonel Wall, Mrs. John Mullen, Frank Heath, Marvin Reasonover, H. A. Small, Father Ed. Burke, Mrs. James Porter, with Privates Harold Mates and Peter Drast at the armory were waiting for the arrivals.

The small group arriving at four o'clock were taken to the Hermitage Lake where they enjoyed a swim. Later they were taken in charge by citizens who opened their homes for them.

The band concert took place but there were no soldiers present. In fact, but a small number of citizens heard the music. Hundreds who would have liked to hear the band had to work. Others had shopping to attend to.

Camden was all dressed up in flags and bunting. Big signs at Broad and DeKalb streets pointed out the direction to historic points.

No, Camden was not angry. Camden was not even amused. But Camden was disgusted.

## Conscience Makes For Cash Return

Thirty six years ago a colored woman journeyed from Camden to New York. She was accompanied by a child whom she said was under 12 years of age.

Saturday the Seaboard agent here, Councilman J. E. Ross received a letter with a money order for \$12.06. The letter was from the colored woman who journeyed north 36 years ago and it was the difference between full fare and half fare of the child.

The writer of the letter signed herself as Patience Faith and gave her address at 217 W 123 street, New York city.

The letter to the Seaboard agent follows:

"Dear Sir: Inclosed you will find money order for \$12.06 covering fare of a child brought from Camden in 1905. I passed her on half fare and she was of the age to pay full fare. So I am sending you the difference. Through the teachings of Father Divine we are paying all past debts and endeavoring to live righteously. Only his Mind and Spirit can renovate these minds of the people. I am sending you a "New Day". Kindly write Father Divine on receipt of this.

Sincerely,  
PATIENCE FAITH.

"I am sending you the money by the teaching of Father Divine. I don't exactly know what the fare was at that time. And the "New Days" I am sending you you will get them once a week for three months. Down there used to be my old home."