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Friday, October 17, 1941



PLENTY OF JUNK

Uncle Sam is pleading for steel scrap for defense purposes. Junk dealers around Camden have plenty of steel piled in their yards, waiting for the market to attain a new high before disposing of it.

We agree with Governor Maybank who several years ago spoke of these eyesores and recommended steps be taken to remove them or curtain them.

It is a crying shame to look at the mass of auto wrecks stored along South Carolina highways. Camden and Kershaw county have their share. Even in the city there are eyesores of this character.

Why doesn't Uncle Sam step in and take over this scrap metal. Why wait for higher prices if the need for steel is so acute.

REVENGE

(Written For The State)

Company H. commanded by Capt. C. H. Yates, Jr., played havoc with the new system devised by the colonel of the Thirteenth Infantry, Col. Sumner Waite, when H company captured a Bantam car and its bicyclist.

Colonel Waite had originated a new method of sneaking into the various command posts of the Thirteenth division by the use of Bantams. These Bantams would sneak up to the enemy lines and then the men on bicycles would silently creep into the enemy lines. This time, though, Captain Yates and his men saw them, captured the rider and when the Bantam attempted to find its scout, captured Bantam, driver, men and all.

This time, it seems that the men of H company were one jump ahead of Colonel Waite and his "bicycle blitzkrieg!"

NAZIS WIN AND LOSE

Germany may be winning the battle abroad, but she is not going to win the war. It is fully expected that Moscow will fall and Stalin and his government will have to retreat behind the mountains.

But these Germans in Russia will be in the same situation as the Japs in China. Japan does not rule China today. They have bogged down, and so Germany will bog down in Russia. The Nazis are already short of food.

Much of the rolling stock is gone—there are no good roads which means that Hitler is going to have a big job in maintaining himself.

There is no question but that the progress made by the Nazi in Russia is gradually weakening the Nazi machine. We look for the Germans to take Iran, Iraq and even Egypt, but in none of these countries can they add to their food stores. Hitler is not being received in any conquered country as Napoleon was—as a hero. Hitler will be defeated through starvation of an economic nature. For America will clear the seas and through air supremacy.

"ONLY THE SCUM AT THE TOP"

Brenden Bracken, British Minister of Information, may be giving the

400 Soldiers To Come For Weekend, Mebbe

The Chamber of Commerce has been advised that a total of 400 men from the 44th Division will arrive in Camden Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock to spend the weekend here.

This information came from Lieutenant Thomas R. Hilliard, who is attached to headquarters of the Second Army corps at Fort Bragg.

The 400 men will come here from Wadesboro, N. C. According to the plans of the local committee, the convoy will be met at the new army, the soldiers welcomed to the community and the program of recreation outlined to them.

COLLINS ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL OF 1941

The Kiwanis Club of Camden is happy to sponsor again this year the Collins Entertainment Festival, beginning October 30. This program was a big success last year, and from the advance notices, it should make a big hit with Camden audiences this year.

On October 30, The Madrigal Singers open the Festival appropriately in Old English costumes of the Drury Lane period, singing the traditional Madrigals of the 16th Century. They will also sing some of the modern Madrigals, including the well known "Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day," from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado." Music lovers will remember this selection as one of the best compositions written by those famous light opera composers.

The second part of the program will be given over to a salute to Pan America, singing the well-known conga and tango rhythms of our sister republics, performed to the staccato rhythms of the moraccos and rhythm drums.

The third part will consist of song hits from light operas and recent motion picture successes, lovely ballad numbers and the stirring march songs of these Broadway and Hollywood productions in appropriate costumes.

The Collins Entertainment Festival will present during their engagement in Camden, other very entertaining programs including Robert M. Zimmer, deep sea diver who has won 33 championships in swimming and diving, and has recently been in the Bahamas making under-sea movies. Also the Victor Charles Marionettes. On the final program, "The Mollusc", a revival of Hubert Henry Davies' comedy success acclaimed by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt by declaring it should be revived at least every five years in America.

The public will have a variety of entertainment in store for them during this Festival. Season tickets for all four of these programs may be bought from members of the Kiwanis Club. Proceeds will go for the benefit of under-privileged children.

Remember the date, October 30, at the Haiglar Theatre.

British some good advice when he tells them to "get it out of your heads that Germany's war is directed by Hitler."

Mr. Bracken says that Prussia was, in her beginning, a nation of warmongers, was the same now and would always be the same. "The present war, he says, "is directed by those cold, skilled professional soldiers who have brought upon Europe five terrible wars in a hundred years." Hitler, he adds, "is only the scum at the top of the water."—Sunter Item.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19, A. Douglas McArn pastor. Church school with a Bible class for every age from two years old up to 19 a. m. Morning worship with anthem, prayer and sermon at 11:15. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

CAMDEN ROTARIANS ENTERTAIN DISTRICT GOVERNOR HUNTER

The Camden Rotary club was honored last Thursday by the presence of District Governor Ty Hunter, of the 190th District Rotary International, in an official visit. The Governor was presented by President Moutrie Burns. Before the Rotary meeting the Governor played a game of golf and made a good score. He said he was peculiarly happy to be in Camden, for it was here that his name was placed in nomination and elected to the high office at the conference held at The Kirkwood Hotel last spring. His subject was "Seeing Rotary Through Its Objectives." A man is not judged by what he has or wishes to have but what he sets out to accomplish. He then quoted from the four objects of Rotary International and what Rotary had in mind when they set out those four objectives.

First, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. "Take this as an opportunity for service because he profits most who serves best." So widen your circle and increase your friends. Rotary would have you discover one another and thereby find that our neighbor is a better man than we thought.

Second, high ethical standard in business and profession. Rotary stands by as a friend and offers to promote peace, friendship and goodwill, as has been said: more Rotary, more friends. Rotary has entered into a compact. Let's have high ethical standards. Dignify your occupation. Build respectability around your job wherever it may be.

Third, exemplifying ideals through your membership in Rotary. Seek opportunity to be helpful to humanity.

Fourth, the advancement of peace, international goodwill and understanding. The Rotary club does not have big international problems to handle—it's not our duty. He cited a case of goodwill and understanding emanating within his own home club. A naturalized American citizen and a member of the club having been criticized, all of which was completely worked out by reason of this fourth object of Rotary, and as a final thought the governor said, let's find out the history, the strength, the successes of Camden, then do the same for the county—next the state and finally America, and be ever mindful of our four objects and thereby make a first-class Rotarian and citizen. The Governor was warmly received and given a rising vote.

Hamilton Osborne, of Columbia; S. O. Murphy, of Batesburg-Leeville and Verd Peterson, of Columbia, were visiting Rotarians.

IMPORTANCE OF WOOD TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Have you stopped to think of how many articles a school child must have that are made from wood products? Almost everything the student comes in contact with is either or all part wood—the paper for writing, the books, pencils, all or part of the building itself, desks, even some of the clothes they wear are made of wood product.

If we continue to deplete our forest resources as we have in the past, the school children of the next generation or so will not have these products. Are we going to continue this wasteful cutting of our woodlands and deprive our grandchildren of these things? We can always have a bountiful supply of these and other products if we cut our woodlands wisely and only when the trees are ready to be harvested.

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The State Forest Service will be glad to assist you in any problem relating to Forest Management.

Grace Episcopal Church

The services for Sunday, October 19, will be as follows: Holy communion at 8:00 a. m.; church school at 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon by the rector at 11:15. At 5:30 p. m. the parish will entertain the young men of the Southern Aviation School—British and Americans—to Sunday evening supper. Cars will be on hand to take them back to the school in good time. Meeting of the Young People at 7:00 p. m.

Former Governor Buried on Friday

Liberty Hill, Oct. 9.—John Gardiner Richards, governor of South Carolina from 1927 to 1931, and a member of the South Carolina tax commission since 1935, died at his home here this morning after months of illness. He was 77.

Mr. Richards was taken ill March, 1941, but in recent months had improved steadily and was up and about daily. Monday night he went on a fox hunt, one of his favorite sports. Wednesday he had a slight heart at-



JOHN GARDINER RICHARDS

tack but had apparently recovered, and this morning seemed in his usual health. He was resting on the bed after breakfast, as has been his custom since his illness, with Mrs. Richards and his daughter, Mrs. John Wells Todd, of Laurens, in the room. Mrs. Richards had asked him how he felt, and to his reply "So-so," she said she would rub his hands. He died a moment later. His death came on the anniversary of that of his only son, Stephen M. Richards, who died at a training camp during the World War.

As governor Mr. Richards signed the \$65,000,000 highway bond act which resulted in the development of the present state-highway system, recognized as one of the finest in the nation. He also sponsored a movement to develop the natural resources of the state and South Carolina became known as the "Iodine State" while he was in office.

He was the first governor elected after the constitution was amended to increase the term from two to four years and to declare the incumbent ineligible for re-election.

The early part of his administration is remembered for his efforts to enforce the state's antiquated blue laws. A profound and devout church member, he tried hard to halt Sunday amusements but met with little success.

Mr. Richards sought the governorship three times before he finally won election over eight other candidates. He ran in 1910, 1914 and in 1918.

At the conclusion of his term in 1931 he retired to his farm and boyhood home but was soon back in public life when Governor Olin Johnston appointed him a member of the state tax commission. Ironically, Mr. Richards had advocated the abolishment of this commission during his administration. In after years he said that while he was sincere, he had made a mistake.

Mr. Richards, born at Liberty Hill, September 11, 1864, was the son of the Rev. John Gardiner and Sophie (Smith) Richards; he attended the preparatory school there and at Bingham Military Institute at Mebane, N. C., in 1884, taking a leading part in athletics. After returning to his home he continued outdoor sports, being prominent in lancing tournaments and fox hunting. On June 12, 1888, he married Miss Elizabeth Coates Workman, of Camden.

His political career began when he was elected magistrate in 1892, holding this office for eight years; he served as a member of the house of representatives 1898-1909, being chairman of the ways and means committee several years. He was a trustee of Clemson college 1905 to 1910.

In 1910, Mr. Richards was elected to the state railroad commission (now the public service commission). He remained on that body for eight years, during which he was chairman of the National Association of Railways and first president of the South-

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eastern Association of Railroad Commissioners. In 1922, he returned to the commission and served until elected governor four years later.

At the time of the World War, Richards was a member of the executive committee of the state council of defense.

Mr. Richards was an admirer and a close friend of the late Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman, and was the foremost leader in the movement to erect a monument to Tillman on the State House grounds. He was chairman of the Tillman Memorial commission and one of his last public appearances in Columbia was at the unveiling of the Tillman monument in May, 1940. Associate Justice James F. Byrnes, then Senator Byrnes, made the address of the occasion.

Although a staunch prohibitionist, Richards, as a member of the state tax commission, helped to administer the state's liquor laws.

He served both as a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian church and often filled the pulpit if the minister was absent.

His only son, Stephen M. Richards, died of pneumonia at Camp Dodge, Iowa, while in service in the World War.

Mr. Richards took great pride in his home and his family, and while he delighted in politics and in meeting people in his office and at campaign meetings, he was never so happy as when at home at Liberty Hill, in the midst of his family, entertaining visitors.

Until illness weakened him last March, he made the trip from Liberty Hill to Columbia and back again four times each week, and the distance from Liberty Hill to Columbia is approximately 50 miles.

On September 11, the occasion of his 77th birthday, a birthday party was held at the handsome old home at Liberty Hill. His wife, his children, his grandchildren and friends gathered about him as he cut the birthday cake and goodwill and merriment reigned.

(By R. E. Grier, Staff for The State) Liberty Hill, Oct. 10.—On a sunny slope in the quiet churchyard here at Liberty Hill, amid scenes he had

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