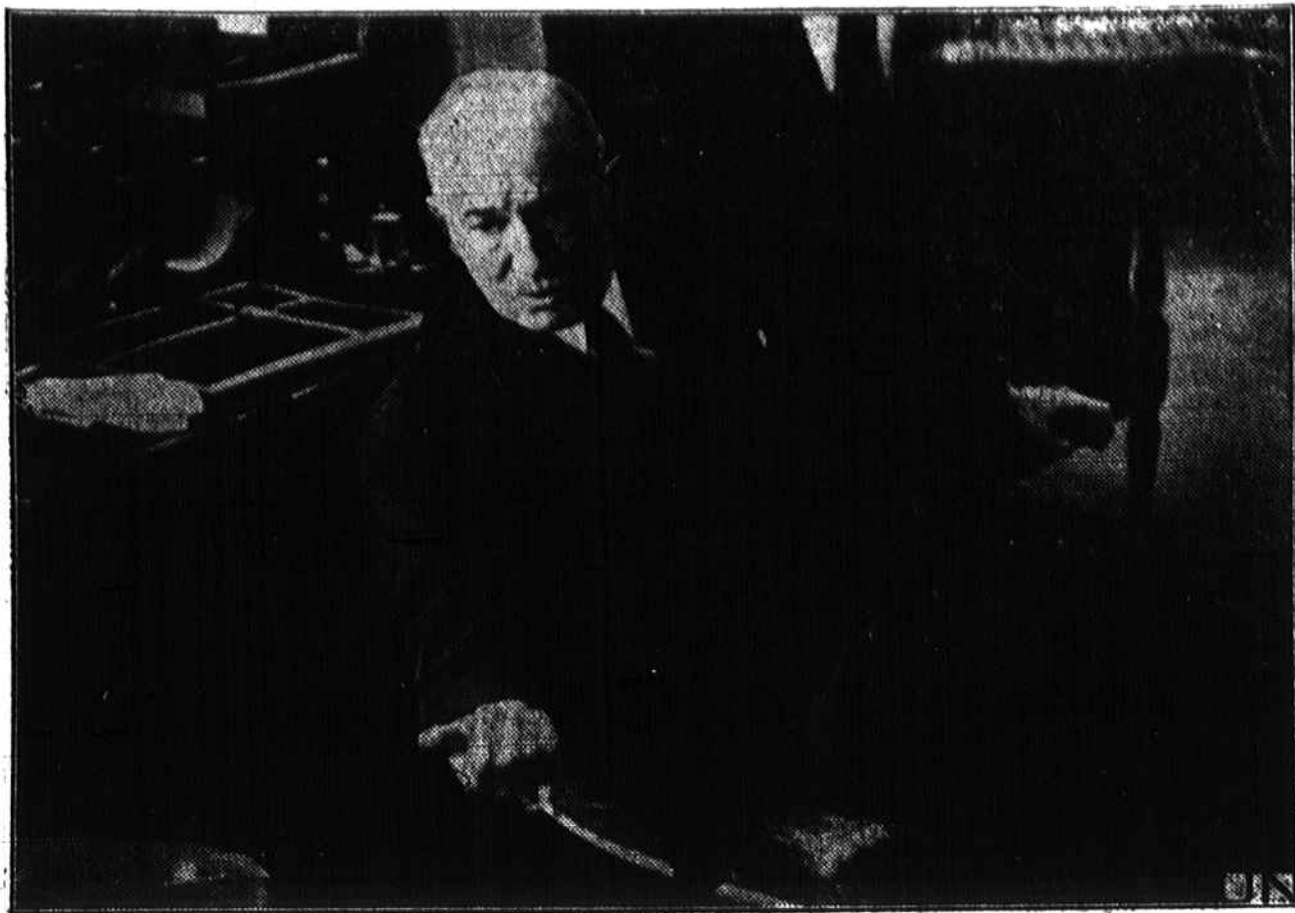


President Eduard Benes



OFFICIAL GUEST OF PRES. ROOSEVELT at the White House is Pres. Eduard Benes of the Czechoslovak Republic, shown here in a New York hotel, a few hours before he left for Washington. He is in the U. S. to thank the President and the American Government for aid given to the Czechoslovak Government and people since the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Germans, and to confer with the President and Secretary of State Cordell Hull on all questions of the war and future peace, especially as they concern his country. Considered one of Europe's ablest statesmen, Pres. Benes has worked hard and long for cooperation among the nations of Europe, was a constant champion of collective security before the League of Nations.

Camden Hospital Scores High In Duke Analysis

America's Dead Will Be Honored On Poppy Day

America's dead of two wars will be honored tomorrow when millions of Americans will wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance and tribute. Here, as in other cities throughout the country, women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets at an early hour with baskets of poppies. A large corps of volunteer workers has been organized by Mrs. John Mullen, poppy chairman, to distribute poppies to everyone in the city.

The poppies have been made by disabled war veterans at Veterans hospital, Columbia, who have been working at their beds and in the hospital work room during the winter and spring. This occupation has helped them pass the long hospital days pleasantly, has enabled them to earn money and has been valuable in promoting recovery.

While distributing the memorial flowers, the Auxiliary women will receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary rehabilitation and welfare funds. All of the money contributed will go into these funds, the Auxiliary workers serving without pay. Poppy contributions for most important part of the funds which support the vast humanitarian efforts of the Legion and Auxiliary for the disabled veterans, and children of the dead and disabled of both wars.

More than 13,000,000 poppies were distributed by the Auxiliary last year and the number worn tomorrow is expected to be substantially larger. The local Auxiliary Unit is prepared to supply a poppy to everyone in the city, and believes there will be few who will fail to honor the war dead and aid living war victims by wearing the little red flower of remembrance tomorrow.

Service Club Did It's Good Deed For Soldier Boy

Victor Richardson, 19, a member of the engineering battalion recently encamped near the Wateree bridge while engaged in maneuvers, had a birthday on Sunday May 16.

In far away Portland, Maine, the mother of this khaki clad lad wanted to say hello to him on this anniversary day. A letter from him had informed her that he was in camp near Camden. So this mother, lonesome for the sound of her boy's voice, asked the Portland operator to try and get him to a telephone.

The Portland operator called the local service club that evening, but Victor Richardson was not there. In fact, Mrs. Lindsay, the club mother, did not know Victor from hundreds and hundreds of other soldier boys who came to the club.

But she had an idea. She made inquiry of every soldier entering the club: "Do you know Victor Richardson?" Monday passed without any result—then Tuesday but on Wednesday a soldier to which the query was made replied "Sure, he came to town with me this afternoon."

And so it happened that when Victor was brought into the club by the boy who knew him, he was told to call the Portland operator. He did so and soon a mother up in far away Maine had the joy of extending her love and a birthday greeting to her son.

"Where is the Western Union office?" inquired Soldier Boy Richardson, after he had concluded his telephone chat with his mother.

Being directed to the Western Union, Richardson rushed out and returned a few minutes later waving four ten dollar bills in his hand. It was his birthday gift from his mother.

Seaboard Railway Announces Schedule Changes For Camden

Changes in the Seaboard Railway schedule of passenger trains operating through Camden, as announced by J. L. Carter, division passenger agent, effective as of May 23, are as follows:

Southbound: Train No. 1, 10:38 a. m.; Train No. 191, 12:07 p. m. and Train 107, (conditional stop) at 1:26 a. m.

Northbound: Train No. 108 (conditional stop) 2:04 a. m.; Train No. 4, 6:46 a. m.; Train No. 192, 3:25 p. m., and Train No. 2, 7:45 p. m.

Governor's Secretary To Address Kiwanis

Eddie Cantwell, private secretary to Governor Olin D. Johnston, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis club meeting at the Thomas Tavern next Tuesday, June 1.

Cost Per Patient Per Day Statistics of Revealing Nature.

The Camden hospital scored unusually high in the statistical analysis of the cost per patient per day recently compiled by the Duke Endowment in a group of eight hospitals with schools of nursing and admitting both white and negro patients.

The eight hospitals listed in the group include the Camden hospital, the Mullins hospital, the Saunders Memorial hospital, Florence, the York County hospital, at Rock Hill, the Anson Sanatorium at Wadesboro, Grace hospital at Banner Elk, the Leaksville General hospital at Leaksville, and the Rutherford hospital at Rutherfordton.

In the classification of operating expenses and based upon per patient per day averages and under the head of administration the average for the eight hospitals mentioned is 39c while the Camden hospital is 38c. In the matter of the dietary the average of the eight hospitals for food was \$1.32 while the Camden hospital figure was \$1.35. Salaries, supplies, miscellaneous under the dietary analysis show the average for the eight hospitals to be 27c and for the Camden hospital 23c.

Under the section "house and property" the average for the eight hospitals is given as 94c and for the Camden hospital \$1.03. This unit lists laundry, plant operation, housekeeping, fuel, power, ice and water together with salaries, supplies, miscellaneous.

Under the listing of professional services which includes medical and surgical, pharmacy and drugs, nursing service, X-ray—radium and laboratory the average for the eight hospitals is \$1.67 and for the Camden hospital \$1.60.

This shows that the daily per capita cost per patient including administration dietary, house and property and professional services to be \$4.32 as an average for the eight hospitals and \$4.59 for the Camden hospital. The comparative figures given in the compilation show that in 1941 the total was \$4.15 for the Camden hospital.

Interesting statistics are offered in the survey relating to patients. This table shows that the average number of beds for patients in the eight hospitals is 57 and the Camden hospital has 58. The patients per day, newborn included, shows 32.7 for the eight hospital average and 35.3 for the Camden hospital. In the matter of per cent of beds occupied the eight hospital average is 57.4 and the Camden (Please turn to page eight)

Bond Booth Will Be Moved; Not Be Used Until Fall

Camden's little "white house," somewhat the worst for wear due to careless transportation, will be relegated to a side lot for a few months.

The little "white house" which has been used for bond sales, etc., and is located in front of the post office, may be placed upon a city lot, repaired and made ready for the fall drive—whatever they will be.

Mrs. Lee Little, who has been in charge of the city bond sales announced Thursday morning that the booth would not be used again until next fall.

Red Stamp J Good Until July 1

Columbia, May 26.—Instead of expiring on May 31, as scheduled, red stamp J in War Ration Book two, will be valid throughout the month of June for the purchase of meats and fats, it was announced today by the state Office of Price Administration.

This change, OPA officials said, was made at the request of food retailers, who anticipated a rush on the Saturday before Memorial Day and feared that difficulty would be experienced in handling the usually heavy volume of buying. Red stamp J became valid Sunday, May 23.

Jurors Drawn For Court Common Pleas

Jurors have been drawn for Kershaw County Court of Common Pleas, which convenes Monday, June 14, with Judge G. Duncan Bellinger presiding. The following jurors are to report on Tuesday, June 15:

Claude Bell, J. D. Humphries, N. B. Welsh, J. R. Hunter, L. C. Threant, John W. Hornsby, Carl E. Bennett, E. H. Reese, C. E. Davis, B. C. Catoe, Calvin Hinton, Otis L. Eddings, W. L. Smith, John H. Watkins, J. E. Koon, R. E. Burns, F. S. Jones, H. S. Higgins, J. B. Johnson, Broadus Peach, T. W. Bowers, Allen Gardner, J. R. Anderson, Eugene Baker, John Parker, J. E. Robinson, R. W. Spangars, J. L. Paschal, T. C. Darman, R. E. Fale, O. S. Horton, H. W. Bullock, John Hinson, Tommie Horton, W. C. Catoe, James A. Deese.

Lawrence Rose, Chairman of County Board, Injured In Crash

Popular County Official and Two Others Taken To the Hospital.

Lawrence Rose, chairman of the Kershaw County Board of Directors, was injured and taken to a Columbia hospital while Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCutchen, prominent residents of Bishopville, were painfully injured in a triple collision of automobiles on U. S. Highway No. 1 a mile and a half east of Blaney Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

A. L. Cook, Columbia resident, was taken into custody by Sheriff J. H. McLeod and brought to the Kershaw county jail where he was booked as a hit and run driver.

Authorities charged that Cook, who was driving his own car sideswiped the car driven by Mr. Rose, causing the Rose car to crash into the car in which the McCutchens were riding. The Rose and McCutchen cars were badly damaged in the crash but Cook's car escaped much damage. It is said Cook fled the scene of the wreck but was caught the other side of Blaney and held for Sheriff McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutchen were brought to the hospital here where it was found that Mrs. McCutchen was the more seriously injured of the two. Three soldiers said to be riding in the McCutchen car escaped injury.

At last reports Mr. Rose was recovering from his injuries and expected to be able to leave the hospital this week.

Commencement At Baron DeKalb

Sunday afternoon, May 30, in the Baron DeKalb High school auditorium the commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. B. Garret of the First Methodist church of Lancaster.

The final graduation exercises will be held Tuesday evening, June 1, at which time Dr. Sylvester Green, president of Coker college, will deliver the commencement address.

Members of the graduating class are: Jewel Hornsby, Nancy Lee Owens, Betty Horton, Jean Barfield, Margaret Bowers, Marlowe Burch, Louise Hearson, Edith Hunter, Annie Ruth Moseley, Mary Napper, Eloise Truesdale, Mary Ruth Watson, Sara Frances Williams, Leila Workman, Margaret Young, Harvey Lee Baker, James Horton, Jr., Bobby Smyrl and Tommy Stover.

Honor students are: Jewel Hornsby, valedictorian; Nancy Lee Owens, salutatorian, and Betty Horton, third honor graduate.

Capt. R. M. Richards Is In South Pacific

R. McKain Richards, son of Supt. of Schools and Mrs. J. G. Richards, Jr., has recently been made a captain in the United States Marine Corps. Captain Richards is a graduate of Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama, and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Captain Richards has been on duty in the South Pacific since April, 1942, and has many friends in Camden and the state who will be interested in hearing of his promotion.

Major Hauprich Youngest C. O. In Southeast Area

Leonard Hauprich, Commander at the Southern Aviation army post is now a major, having been promoted from the rank of captain several days ago. Major Hauprich is 24 years of age and is said to be the youngest commanding officer at any post in the south east.

Major Hauprich comes from Gary, Indiana, and was educated at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana. Major Hauprich, always interested in flying from the time he was a mere boy, was a member of the Purdue Glider club and was in the first class at Purdue to receive civilian pilot training.

Major Hauprich received his primary training at Glenview, Ill., and received his basic and advanced training at Maxwell Field. At the latter field he was an instructor for some time and then came to the Southern Aviation school where he became Assistant Airforce Supervisor. He has steadily progressed and in less than two years not only had become post commander but also rose to the rank of major.

Pulp Wood Needed For War Production

The War Production Board wants farmers and other timber owners to know that there is a need for greater quantities of pulpwood to help win the war.

The Army, the Navy, the other armed forces, and essential civilian needs will require some Fifteen Million Tons of paper and paperboard in 1943. To meet this tremendous demand, farmers, pulp industrial plants, and other owners of forest lands are urged to step up pulpwood production, a vital war job the home front must do.

It will take about two and one-quarter million cords of pulpwood to manufacture the paper needed in 1943 to package the food, supplies, and munitions for overseas shipment. Much of this paperboard for packaging is made from Southern pines. Enormous quantities of pulpwood are needed also for the manufacture of smokeless powder, shell cases, military textiles, heavy-duty multi-walled paper sacks, photographic film and paper, medical supplies, plastics, etc.—all essential war uses.

Farmers can help by harvesting their timber crop now. Along with the need for pulpwood there is an essential war need for sawlogs. In harvesting the woodland crop the (Please turn to page four)

Cadets Enjoy U.S.O. Vodvil Show

Cadets at the Southern Aviation school on Wednesday night were entertained by the USO traveling vodvil troupe.

The troupe included an excellent singer, accordion player, acrobatic dancer and a team which offered an amusing take off of a magician. The show was largely attended and the various numbers well received.

Meeting Called To Formulate Plans For Welfare Work

There will be a joint meeting of the Red Cross, the OCD and the Department of Public Welfare Monday, May 31, at 8:30 o'clock in the Sunday school rooms of the Presbyterian church to perfect plans for administering the program of Civilian War Assistance under the State Department of Public Welfare.

The Civilian War Assistance Program is being organized to relieve distress in case of an emergency as a result of enemy action. A corps of volunteer social workers will be trained and attached to the local department of public welfare to help with the efficiency of the program to accomplish the work quickly.

Combined with this meeting will be the regular monthly meeting of the Citizens Service corps. A report from the Block Leaders on the progress of the Victory Garden campaign will be made. All senior and junior block leaders are requested to be present.

Kershaw County Ranks 20th In Ration Books In Use

Columbia, May 26.—A total of 1,895,607 copies of War Ration Book 2 were in use in South Carolina on May 1, 1943, it was shown by a tabulation made public today by the State Office of Price Administration.

The tabulation was compiled from the initial registration figures, plus late registrations during March and April, and subtracting the number of ration books surrendered for various reasons since the initial registration was completed.

Charleston led all of the state's 46 counties, with 161,006 books in use, and Greenville easily took second place with 145,964. Spartanburg ranked third with 134,472, while Richland was fourth with 117,783. No other county had as many as 100,000 books in use on May 1, the tabulation showed.

Kershaw county ranked 20th in the state with 32,666 copies of War Ration Book 2 in use.

On the basis of this tabulation, allotments for industrial users of sugar in six counties were increased, as follows: Aiken, 10 per cent; Charleston, 30; Dorchester, 10; Greenville, 10; Richland, 20; Spartanburg, 10.

Public May Watch Physical Fitness Program At High

Exemplifying the results of the physical fitness among the students of the Camden High school together with the accomplishments in the building up of the Camden High school band, a program will be given on Monday, May 31, to which the public is invited.

The program will open with a military drill on the baseball diamond of the city league at 9:10 a. m. and will continue until 10 o'clock. Following there will be a band concert in front of the high school from 10 to 11:30.

The band concert will be followed by an obstacle course on Laurens St. from 10:30 to 11 o'clock. This exhibition will be followed by military exercises in the gymnasium from 11 to 11:30 a. m.

Men outnumber women nine to one in Alaska.

Sixty Young People To Graduate Here June First

Camden Seniors To Leave School Life For Life's School.

Sixty young men and women will leave school life to enter life's school when the graduating exercises of the Camden High school class of 1943 are held Tuesday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The commencement program is to be held on Sunday evening, May 30, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium.

Baynard Boykin is president of the graduating class, while vice presidents are Bill Burns and Mary Kennington. Boris Rush is secretary and Frances West treasurer.

The list of girl graduates are as follows: Frances M. Anderson, Emma Brunson, Emily T. Cameron, Margaret Cunningham, M. Clarice Dabney, Lucie Denton, Sybil E. Drakoford, Shannon DuBose, Doris Gregory, F. Margaret Gregory, Rhetta Halsall, Marie Gaskin, Mary Helen Hasty, Thelma C. Hayes, Sidney Jones, Louise M. Jordan, Mildred Keith, Mary E. Kennington, Peggy F. Little, Margaret E. Mahoney, Dorothy L. Marshall, Aleese McClain, F. Lois McKenzie, Elizabeth L. Muller, Barbara Anne Ogburn, Mary Carolyn Owens, Margaret Pearce, Doris Carolyn Rabon, Annie Robinson, Mildred V. Rosborough, Boris Lynn Rush, Frances West and Elizabeth Wilson.

The boy members of the graduating class are: William Baynard Boykin, James Branham, Bill Vance Burns, Joe Christmas, Andrew B. Cox, James L. Creed, Cleery B. Cunningham, Jack E. Davis, James C. Edgings, Jr., C. Stanley Harris, Sam Hammond, Allen Gilston Huggins, Joseph C. Jackson, Thomas Clyde Masseau, Francis N. McCorkle, Jr., James Albert McDowell, Edward Niles McDowell, Jr., Fred William Mullen, Ted Theodore Patterson, T. J. Peach, Jr., L. Polson, Jr., Marvin Rabon, Robert B. Thompson, Thomas H. Thornhill, William T. Waters, Harold Waits and J. Lantye Williford.

Post-graduate certificates will be awarded to Sarah Barnhill, William Watkins and Carolyn Pitts. (Please turn to page two)

Grammar School Commencement Is To Be Held Tuesday

Commencement exercises of the Camden Grammar school will be held Tuesday, June 1, at 11 o'clock in the morning in the auditorium of the grammar school.

The program will open with the singing of "America" by the students and chorus after which Rev. A. D. Arn will lead in a devotional prayer. In turn will be the singing of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the chorus. Miss June Mey will offer a recitation, "Playing the Game" and will be followed by solo songs, "Greek March" and "Greek Waltz" by Sophia Beleos.

Supt. J. G. Richards will then announce the honor roll which will be followed by two songs by the chorus, "Old Folks At Home" and "Massa's the Cold, Cold Ground." A reading of "The Building of the Ship" then will be given by Sophia Beleos.

Mrs. Kathleen Watts, County Supt. of Schools, will then award the medals after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the chorus. Mr. Richards will continue the announcement of the honor rolls.

The exercises will close with the singing of two songs "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Let's Bring New Glory to Old Glory."

Cadet France Outstanding In Aviation Post Test

An athletic tournament, featuring tennis competitive tests, conducted the Southern Aviation air post, resulted in a new record of two minutes and one second being established for a 550 yards 16 obstacle course by Cadet F. K. Richter of D squadron.

Let H. M. France former Mississippi athletic star, was second and Let S. Polansky was third and Cadet R. N. Duncer was fourth. Cadet France also took first place in the chinning contest, chinning himself 15 times in 20 seconds. Cadet B. Williams was second and Cadet B. Thompson third.

In the Burpee class, Cadet A. G. Art was first, Cadet E. J. Revard second and Cadet F. Uzdrowski third. Top honors on the basis of winnings on all tests went to Let France with Cadet Bolanes second and Cadet J. A. Uzdrowski was third.