

the war dead  
aid the War's  
Victims—  
A Poppy

# THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE

SATURDAY is  
Poppy Day  
IN CAMDEN  
WEAR ONE!

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## County Take Over Woodward Airport From Government

### CRIPPLED DEATH OF FREE AUTOISTS MUST KEEP CARS IN TRIM LAW REQUIRES BRAKES, HORN AND LIGHTS TO CONFORM TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED

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...highways must be  
...with good, efficient  
...horn and also full operat-  
...lights and tail lights.  
...buses and automobiles  
...passengers for hire have  
...laws to adhere to.  
...shop patrolmen have  
...watch out for cars oper-  
...proper brakes, horn  
...motor vehicle inspection  
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### LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT WILL GO TO CAMP

Will Spend Two Weeks At  
Fort Jackson, Columbia,  
July 6 to 20

The Kershaw county unit of the South Carolina National Guard will attend summer field training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, from July 6 to 20, according to an announcement sent out from the headquarters of the Third Army in Atlanta. The headquarters of Battery B, 713 Anti-Aircraft Battalion of the South Carolina National Guard is located in Camden.

Capt. Robert David announces that the battery has secured uniforms and most of the equipment in at hand. More men are needed to bring the battery up to its full quota.

Those wishing to join the battery can report at the armory on any Monday or Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock as the battery drills each of these two nights every week.

Decision to have the estimated 4,000 members of the National Guard in South Carolina train at Fort Jackson was made at a conference held in Atlanta between National Guard representatives of South Carolina, headed by Brig. Gen. James C. Dooler, state adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Crump Garvin, executive for civilian components, headquarters Third Army. Those accompanying General Dooler to the conference were Col. Paul R. Miller, senior state instructor; Col. John F. Moore, U. S. state maintenance officer, and Lt. Col. Grover C. Cooper, U. S. property and disbursing officer.

Plans for training, as worked out at the conference, call for the supply of the latest and finest equipment to the South Carolina troops through the National Guard Bureau. Though training of the units is under the supervision of the Regular Army, the National Guard is state-controlled, except when called into active federal service during a national emergency, it was explained.

When not in federal service, National Guardsmen are paid according to Regular Army pay tables—one day's pay for each weekly armory drill and 15 days' pay, plus allowances, for each annual period of field training.

### Murderer Makes Escape From Camp

Moses Elm, sent to the road gang for life for the ax-slaying of Allen Young, North Carolina negro, made his escape from the Kershaw county road gang early Thursday and as yet no clues as to his whereabouts have been obtained. Elm, a local negro, killed Young by splitting his head open with the ax, after he found Young in company with his Elm's girl friend.

No details as to how Elm made his escape from the convict camp near here was forthcoming. Elm was sentenced here last October.

### County Unit Is Appropriated Large Sum

The state legislature, last week, appropriated \$500 to the Kershaw County Library unit, which was opened for the negro citizens of the county on May 5. The money is to be spent during the first half of the year, which will be between now and July 1.

One hundred eighty-six persons already have registered in the unit. The number of books has now reached the 400 mark.

### New Equipment Is Secured By Gene Moseley

The Gene Moseley Construction Company, Inc., of which Eugene L. Moseley is president and treasurer, has just received a consignment of road building machinery that provides the company with adequate resources to carry out any contracting job, large or small.

Included in the equipment just received and already in operation on a highway project in Marlboro county are: a "caterpillar" Diesel D-7 tractor, a "caterpillar" scraper, 3 cubic yard capacity, a LaPlante Concrete bulldozer, caterpillar Diesel D-6 tractor with bulldozer, link belt LB-50 drag line with 30 foot boom, Adams motor grader, and five tractors trucks with 3 cubic yard dump bodies.

### Jess Barnett, 70, Given Summons

Jess Barnett, retired night superintendent of the Southern Cotton Oil company plant here, died at his residence in DuBose Park at 8:45 o'clock this morning, after an extended illness.

He was born in Mills River, N. C., September 23, 1877.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dora Knapp Barnett, Camden; one daughter, Mrs. Clement R. Duncan, Orangeburg; two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held from the Korney Funeral home Friday, May 23, at 9 p. m. Rev. A. Douglas McArn officiated. Interment was in the Quaker cemetery.

### "Challenge Of The Cross" Will Be Given At First Baptist

At the evening worship hour on Sunday at 8 o'clock the "Challenge of the Cross" will be given at the First Baptist church. This is an appeal for rededication of life to Christ. It is being presented by the following members of the Training Union: James Anderson, Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. Edna Watkins, Mrs. M. L. Allen, Mrs. Jake Brown, Grady Fricke and Guilford Trapp. The youth choir will assist in the program and Ellis Rowell will sing, "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

This is a most impressive portrayal of the cost of a life of service to Christ and it is anticipated that a large audience will be present. Miss Mabel Starnes is directing the program and Mrs. O. Floyd Montgomery is in charge of the music for the service.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This organization exists for the sole purpose of helping people, who are alcoholics, to overcome the drink habit. Alcoholics Anonymous groups have been formed in many towns and cities and through their influence many people have been liberated from strong drink. Representatives of a nearby group have offered to come to Camden to help start a group here, if as many as two persons will express a desire for their help. All correspondence in this regard will be treated in strict confidence. Anyone who is interested in making contact with representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous in the near future, is invited to drop a line to Alcoholics Anonymous, Camden, S. C.

### BARON DEKALB GLEE CLUB

The girls' sextette of the Baron DeKalb school Glee club will sing sacred selections at the morning service at Bethesda Presbyterian church on Bethesda, May 25, at 11:15. The sextette is under the direction of Miss Gene Williams. The public is cordially invited to hear the sextette.

### Richardson To Be Present When Pres. Truman Signs Bill

President Truman has invited Congressman James P. Richardson of the Fifth district of South Carolina to be present when he signs the Greek-Turkish aid bill at the White House this week. Congressman Richardson, as a high-ranking minority member of the house foreign affairs committee, played an important part in steering the bill through the house.

### COMMISSION, WITH W. R. GETTYS AS CHAIRMAN, NAME JIM DARBY AS MANAGER OF FLYING PLANT

### THREE HANGARS AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE UTILIZED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES—MANY BUILDINGS WILL BE RETAINED AT THE AREA

### Saturday Will Be Annual Observance Of Poppy Day

"Honor the war dead and aid the war's victims," will be the theme of the annual observance of Poppy Day here tomorrow. Every person in Camden will be asked to wear a memorial poppy tomorrow and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Preparations for Poppy Day were being completed today by a large committee of American Legion Auxiliary women, headed by Mrs. John Mullen, Poppy chairman. Volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating groups will be on the streets at an early hour tomorrow distributing the poppies and receiving the contributions.

"Although the second World War is slipping rapidly into the past, we believe that the memory of the young men who gave their lives in that conflict is still fresh in the minds and hearts of all of us," said Mrs. Mullen. "The dead of the first World War have been gone for 23 years, yet we remember their service and sacrifice. The poppies which we will put on tomorrow will show that we have not forgotten and are grateful for their defense of our country.

"We must not forget, either, those who live in suffering and hardship because of war wounds and illness, the disabled veterans, or their children and the children of those who have died. The contributions we made for the poppies go for their welfare, for help which can come to them only through this means.

The poppies to be distributed here have been made by disabled veterans at Veterans Hospital, Columbia. Auxiliary workers will all be unpaid volunteers, permitting the full amount of all contributions to go into the Auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare work.

Poppy Day here will be part of a nation-wide observance in which an estimated 125,000 Auxiliary women will distribute approximately 25,000,000 poppies tomorrow.

Industrial stones now account for about 20 per cent of South Africa's diamonds.

### GUN DUEL FOLLOWS FAMILY BRAWL; HUSBAND PUTS BULLET INTO BRAIN OF HIS WIFE

### One Boy From Each County To Attend Camp

Kershaw Youths, Wishing To  
Attend, Must Write To  
Ranger Smith at Once

Who will be the lucky Kershaw county boy to attend the second forest camp, to be held at Camp Juniper during the period July 23 through August 2?

The district forester, Albin A. Lebecky, in a letter to Forest Ranger L. E. Smith of this city, states that he wants one boy from 12 to 15 years of age from each of the counties in the district to attend the camp as a guest of the state commission of forestry. The boys will be sent as they were last year and any boy who wants to attend should write to Ranger L. E. Smith, stating in his own language why he would like to attend the forestry camp. In this same letter the approval of the parents must be given—coming signed by them.

So you boys of Kershaw county who want to attend this camp, write to Ranger Smith at once. Your letter will be given every consideration.

### Lula Mae Grooms Misses With Shot Gun Blast. Willie Grooms Gives Himself Up Later

A gun battle in front of the tenant cottage of Willie and Lula Mae Grooms, colored, between 2 and 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning ended with the death of Lula Mae with a bullet in her brain.

The shooting, according to Sheriff Gib DeBruhl, was the result of a family brawl during which the wife used a shotgun and the husband a 22 caliber rifle. Phillip Wilson and Carolina Starnes, witnesses of the affair told the sheriff that Lula Mae fired and missed, Willie then fired, the bullet hitting his wife instantly. The two were 30 and 25 years of age respectively and have one child, a girl.

Sheriff DeBruhl, who was in the Lagoff area at the time, quickly reached the scene of the killing. Grooms was nowhere to be found, having fled when he saw he had killed his wife.

At 6:15 Sunday morning Grooms appeared at the county jail and gave himself up. This was the fourth fatality through violence in this area in less than two weeks.

### Farm Bureau Plans Big Fish Fry

The annual fish fry held by the Kershaw county Farm Bureau will be held at the 4-H club camp on Wednesday afternoon, May 23, at 5 p. m.

All farm bureau members are urged to bring their wives and any farmers who might be interested in joining the Farm Bureau.

Flake Shaw from the North Carolina Farm Bureau will be the guest speaker, and E. H. Agnew, president of S. C. Farm Bureau, will also be present for the meeting.

Make your plans now to attend and enjoy this fine fish fry.

### THE BUILDINGS BURNED BLAZE AT CLYBURN FARM

Department Sum-  
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Combating Flames

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### Randall Pitches One-Hit Ball To Down Chiefs 4-2

Record Crowd Of 1,500 Fans  
Jam Legion Park To Wit-  
ness League Opening

Morgan Randall, a classy right hander, who tosses a baseball with the accuracy of a man pitching quills, pitched eight zeros around the necks of the Camden Chiefs here Friday night, before an opening night crowd of some 1,500 fans, the largest in Camden baseball history, and left them gasping for fans.

While Randall was stringing up the Chiefs, the Lake City wrecking crew helped themselves to a 4 to 2 victory behind the one-hit pitching of their ace hurler.

Rube Wilson, who in his previous initial appearance on the hill for the Chiefs, had set down the Hartsville team on May 9 with a one-hit performance, fed Chief Marshall of the Lake City gang home run ball in the third round, and three runs and the ball game went into the record. The visitors counted four runs in that frame and while Camden gathered two markers in the same round on a momentary spree of wildness on the part of the peerless Randall, it was all the scoring that took place in the ball game.

Camden lost the fracas on errors. Flanniken was safe on Blalocks boot, Ruffin lofted a weak fly to third, Bishop was safe on Anderson's error and Hurst singled home the first run with a sizzling single. Then with two men on Marsalla drove the ball over the right field fence for a homer. Wilson steadied and retired Thompson and C. Ruffin on strikes after Randall had reached first on Les Robinson's error.

In the last of the same inning Anderson flew out to left, Wilson walked, Walton walked, Hayes was safe on an error that scored Wilson. Les Robinson flew far to right and Walton scored. Mims ended the inning by a pop drive to short. From that inning on it was hitless baseball.

Camden started a rally in the ninth when Mims was hit by a pitched ball. He stole second and went to third on a passed ball. Blalock popped out to first and Byers and Hunter fanned to end the ball game.

The line score:

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| Camden     | 4 |
| Hartsville | 2 |

...Whitaker, Mrs. H. E.  
...Mrs. Kathleen Watts,  
...Chamber of Commerce,  
...attendance.  
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### DAVIS IS FOUND GUILTY DIES IN CHAIR JUNE 20

### 27-Year-Old Negro Must Pay Penalty For Sex Crime

William A. Davis, 27-year-old Sumter county negro, was found guilty of rape of a prominent Sumter society matron by a jury in general sessions court at Sumter last Thursday and was immediately sentenced by Judge J. Frank Estmon to die in the electric chair at the state penitentiary on Friday, June 20.

The jury was given the case by Judge Estmon at 4:16 and returned its verdict in 11 minutes.

Davis heard the verdict without changing expression. Before sentence was passed, when asked if he had anything to say, he shook his head.

Only a few spectators were in the court room when the verdict was handed down and there was no demonstration. Davis was quickly handcuffed and returned to the county jail by a group of officers.

Lauds Attorneys  
After the removal of Davis, Judge Estmon commended the attorneys who took part in the trial for their fairness and efficiency.

The defendant, Judge Estmon said, was shown the utmost consideration from start to finish and the entire handling of the case reflected great credit upon the people of this community and the entire state.

The crime for which Davis will pay with his life was committed on the night of April 15. Davis was arrested early on the morning of April 19 and taken to the state penitentiary in Columbia where he made a complete confession. This confession was introduced as the principal evidence against him. Davis did not testify.

### Weather Stages Many Tricks To Bewilder Folks

Rears From a 36 Degree  
Reading To a Figure of 94  
On Thursday Last

A dash of cold—and a dash of hot. We must have weather—whether or not.

A slash of rain, a reek of smoke. A jigger of mist—This is the joke.

Yes folks, Camden weather the past several weeks has been just one thing after the other—ranging from a 35 degree temperature of last week Saturday to a 95 reading of last Sunday.

Imagine that—a difference of 53 degrees—all in a seven day period—and during the merry month of May.

Camden was just about as hot as any place in the USA on Sunday, as San Antonio, Texas, and Augusta, Ga., reported 94 reading.

Over in Sumter some thermometers registered 97 degrees on Thursday but official readings were five degrees below that.

Baseball fans who attended the Lake City and Hartsville games week before last sat and shivered in the icy blasts. Then on the following Tuesday they enjoyed a white shirt and shirtwaist party at the ball lot.

### Jerry Hoffer Is To Be Examiner

J. E. Hoffer, Jr., was appointed as a private pilot examiner by the Civil Aeronautics Administration May 19, according to announcement from that body.

In filling this position of trust, Mr. Hoffer is now authorized to give flight tests to applicants for a pilot license and to issue licenses to those meeting the requirements.

Such an appointment is an honor and an expression of faith in the examiner's ability, integrity and judgment.

BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Sunday, May 25  
A. Douglas McArn, Pastor  
Church school at 10 o'clock with a Bible class for every age. The nursery class for little children continues through the preaching service. Morning worship with prayer, sermon and anthem at 11:15. Services for children and young people at 4 o'clock. Midweek service Wednesday at 7 p. m. Devotions in church daily. Services to attend these are:

### Leaguers in Monday

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...Monday night at the  
...useful lot when the  
...le the Sumter Palmetto  
...same time being 8:15

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...rtsville on Tuesday for  
...with the Sonoco team  
...to Florence on Thurs-  
...for a game there. Both  
...teams. Tentative plans  
...an exhibition game on Fri-  
...May 30, with Great

### Meeting Highway Asso.

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