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Two New Nominees For The House



W. R. Gettys



Ezell Kelly

County Will Have Two New Members of House

Neither of Kershaw county's two new nominees for the House of Representatives has had any previous legislative experience but one of them, Ezell Kelly, served for four years as an attaché of the House. He was keeper of the Speaker's room from 1928 to 1932 when John K. Hamblin, of Union, was Speaker of the House.

Mr. Kelly's father, Newton Kelly, was a member of the House for several terms. He was first elected in 1912 and served two or three terms after that.

Mr. Kelly was born five miles west of Lugoff and has lived in Kershaw county all of his life with the exception of six years which he lived in Columbia.

From 1934 to 1946 he was a dealer for the Watkins Products but retired two years ago when a knee operation caused him to have to quit driving. He is financial secretary of Camp No. 1076 of the Woodmen of the World, a position he has held for the past four years. He is also a Mason.

Mr. Kelly has been clerk and treasurer of the Hermitage Baptist church for the past ten years and taught the men's Bible class one year. He is a former choir director of the church and is now assistant director.

His recent race for the House was the third which he had made. Two years ago he was defeated by 32 votes. He is married but has no children.

William R. Gettys, the other nominee, is a young attorney of the city, a member of the law firm of Gettys and Shannon. He was born in Columbia, August 31, 1913, the son of the late J. Team Gettys and Mrs. Annie Reese Gettys. He attended The Citadel 1932-33 and graduated from the University of South Carolina law school in 1938 and began the practice of law in Camden.

On October 1, 1939, he enlisted in the Marine Corps with the rank of second lieutenant. He served throughout the war and came out May 1, 1946 with the rank of major. He ran for the House two years ago, so that this year was his second venture in politics.

He married Miss Hazel Hopkins, of Hopkins, and they have two children, William and Catherine. He is a member of the Lutheran Presbyterian church.

Annual Fall Rally Of Leroy Belk Post Monday Afternoon

About 250 people are expected to attend the annual fall rally of the James Leroy Belk post of the American Legion which will be held Monday, Labor Day, September 6 at the 4-H Club house beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Swimming in nearby Lake Shamokin will be enjoyed in the afternoon, and a catfish stew will be served beginning at 8 p. m.

A special invitation is being extended to all eligible veterans in the Camden area to attend this outing, which will mark the beginning of the Legion's annual membership drive. Members are being urged to bring with them any prospective members.

Preparation of the stew will be in charge of Vice Commander Clyde David.

Bagley To Open Flying School At Woodward Airport

Henry J. Bagley, Jr., former war training service instructor at the Cannon airport at Charlotte and in charge of the Lexington, N. C. airport at Lexington, N. C., since March, 1946, will open a flying school at the Woodward airport here next week.

Mr. Bagley is bringing four Aeronca Champion planes and one Aeronca Chief to Camden with him. He will also install a complete layout of aeroplane service equipment.

During the last world war Mr. Bagley was flying C-45's in China for four years. After getting out of the service after the war, he opened up the Lexington airport. He is married and has one daughter, four years of age.

His present plan is to open his school of flying and also giving plane trips on Sunday, September 6.

He is seeking to get a GI program in flying started here.

Music Award Is Won By Thompson

At the closing exercises of the Deerwood Adirondack Music Center at the Saranac, N. Y. Inn, Ed. Thompson of Camden received the award for the student making the most achievement in voice during the summer term.

This summer he studied voice under Sherwood Kains from Cincinnati, noted teacher and chorus director.

Mr. Thomas studied mainly the solos from the oratorios and cantatas, Messiah, Elijah, St. Paul, Judas Maccabeus and the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Registration Is To Be Continued Through Month

Books To Be Carried Over County In Order That All May Have Chance To Qualify To Vote

In order that an opportunity may be given to all citizens of the county to register for the general election to be held in November, the books of registration will be carried to several points in the county during the month of September.

The schedule for the points in the county follows:

- Blaney—Sept. 11
- Liberty Hill—Sept. 14
- Rabon's Cross Roads—Sept. 18
- St. Pigeon—Sept. 17
- Kershaw—Sept. 14
- Antioch—Sept. 21
- Bethune—Sept. 25

The books will be open at the court house in Camden on all other week days except the above. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

In announcing that the books would be open all of September and would be carried to various points in the county, Senator R. M. Kennedy said that this was being done for the purpose of making it convenient for all citizens to register. "For this reason," he said, "we are allocating Saturdays to Blaney, Bethune and Kershaw."

Senator Kennedy said that it was highly important that all citizens in the county register for the November election as there will be four tickets in the field for President.

This will be the first time that there has ever been anything like a contest in the presidential race in South Carolina.

Power To Be Cut Off Three Hours Here On Sunday

Electric service will be cut in Camden on Sunday, Sept. 6, from 5:30 a. m. to 5:35 a. m. and again in Camden and the surrounding area from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

The purpose of the interruption, according to L. H. Harvin, manager for Carolina Power & Light Company in this area, is to permit the company to make changes in its facilities preliminary to increasing the capacity of the Cobb street substation.

"Increasing the capacity of the Cobb street substation," said Mr. Harvin, "will make available a considerable increase in the amount of power being delivered to the city of Camden at present."

Mr. Harvin expressed the hope that these interruptions may result in a minimum of inconvenience to users of electricity in the Camden area.

Dove Season To Open Sept. 16

The dove season will open on September 16 and close on October 5 and will open again on December 20 and close on January 8.

Mrs. C. M. Hough, game warden, calls attention to the fact that the bag limit is 10 doves and that mourning or turtle doves can be hunted from 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

The season for rails, clapper rails, marsh hens and gallinules opens October 1 and closes November 29. The season for ducks, geese and coot opens December 10 and closes January 8.

City Gets Respite From Awful Heat

Relief from a severe heat wave during which the temperature went up to 101 came to Camden Tuesday night when local people were able for the first time in a week to sleep comfortably without the aid of fans.

Wednesday was delightfully cool and Wednesday night the thermometer dropped down to the chilly point, forcing local folks to pull out some more cover.

The highest point reached during the heat wave was 101 degrees, the thermometer going this high on Sunday, Monday was just two degrees cooler, the high for that day being 99.

Local Talent Show Planned On Station

Radio Station WACA is planning to put on a local talent show on a 30-minute program each Saturday and says it can use from six to eight units each Saturday.

The show will be competitive, selecting the best person or persons to participate on future programs.

The show will be under the direction of J. L. McWhorter, recent graduate of Duke University, who he was with the Duke Players.

No Sunday School For Young Children

Again next Sunday there will be no Sunday school classes in the city churches for children under 16 years of age because of the polio situation.

PREACH AT BLANEY The Rev. H. L. Spell will preach at the Blaney Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Machinery Being Installed

Whiting Products Will Begin Operations Next Week In Camden Plant

Whiting Products will begin operations next week in its plant on Mill street, the machinery from its plant in Hartsville having been moved here this week and is now being installed. The company will make textile supplies, and for the present will concentrate in textile trucks and oil drum stands.

The new industry is headed by William S. Whiting, a former engineer with the Sonoco Company of Hartsville. The plant is located in a brick building on a tract of land which was purchased from the Guy Lumber Company.

Mr. Whiting said Wednesday that while the company will for the present confine its products to textile trucks and oil drum stands, it has very ambitious plans for the future but that it may be several months before these plans are realized.

The company will have an exhibit at the Southern Textile Exposition which will be held in Greenville on October 5.

Under the firm name of Whiting Machine Works, Mr. Whiting has been operating in Hartsville for some time and has built up a large business for his textile trucks and oil drum stands.

In Camden it is expected that the real expansion of the company will come, however, when other products are put on the market. When the company is in position to put out these products it is expected that it will be in position to give employment to many more people and will require expanded facilities also.

The company is locally owned.

447 Register In First Three Days Under Draft Law

Heaviest Rush Is Expected When Teen-Age Group Is Reached—Will Continue Through Sept. 18.

A total of 447 men had registered with the Kershaw County Selective Service Board through 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The registration began Monday morning at the building of the James Leroy Belk post of the American Legion which is being used by the draft board as headquarters.

On Monday the 26-year-old men were supposed to register and the 25-year-old men on Tuesday and Wednesday but men of all ages from 18 up to 28 presented themselves during the three days and all were permitted to register then.

Miss Susie Watkins, the chief clerk of the draft board, is in charge of the registration and she has been assisted this week by a staff of volunteer workers, most of them furnished by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

The registration period will continue through September 18 and the following schedule is for the remainder of the period:

- Sept. 2-3—Men born in 1924
- Sept. 4-7—Men born in 1925
- Sept. 8-9—Men born in 1926
- Sept. 10-11—Men born in 1927
- Sept. 13-14—Men born in 1928
- Sept. 15-16—Men born in 1929
- Sept. 17-18—Men born in 1930 before September 19, 1930.

It was announced Wednesday that 10,000 men would be called into service under the Selective Service act in the month of November. This will be the first call under the new draft law.

Legion Post Plans Membership Drive

The James Leroy Belk post of the American Legion is planning an intensive membership drive, which will start on September 6 with the annual fall rally at the 4-H Club.

The Camden post has been assigned a quota of 431 members and Commander Joe Jenkins has expressed the hope that the quota will be reached early in the drive.

To stimulate further interest in the drive, formation of a local "Go-Getters Club" has been announced. To qualify for membership a Legionnaire must secure 15 paid memberships during the current year.

Buckingham Dam To Be Bitterly Fought

A large group from Camden, headed by Mayor Henry Savage, Jr., went to Columbia Thursday prepared to bitterly fight any attempt to revive the Buckingham Landing dam project to a finish.

The proposal was thought likely to come up at a hearing to be held by U. S. Army Engineers in the Federal court building Thursday.

Carillon Bells Are Now In Use

The Carillon bells given to the Lytleton Street Methodist church by the children of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Zemp were installed last week and were played for the first time during the week.

They were used for the first time in the interior of the church at the Sunday morning service.

A formal dedication service will be held later, the pastor, Rev. H. L. Spell, announced Sunday morning.

Would Observe Centennial Of Burying Ground

Observance Within Next Year With Suitable Ceremonies Discussed By Cemetery Assn.

At the annual meeting of the Cemetery Association held last week the suggestion was made that the centennial of the Quaker cemetery be commemorated within the next year with suitable ceremonies.

The proposal was that original corners of the burying lot be marked with granite posts, that a table be unveiled and the driveway through the original "God's Acre" be named after its donor, Samuel Wiley. The Quaker burying lot was established in 1750.

At the meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Col. E. C. von Truckow, president; Mrs. Alfred McLeod, vice president, succeeding Mrs. W. A. Metts, who removed from the city; Mrs. E. P. DeLoache, second vice president; Mrs. U. N. Myers, treasurer; Mrs. L. I. Gutin, secretary; and John K. DeLoache, counsel.

On the standing committee besides the president ex officio are Mrs. Edward DuBose, Mrs. A. C. McKain, Mrs. C. C. DuBose, Miss Bessie Young, N. R. Goodale and A. F. DuBose.

The president of the association made a report on last year's activities and in the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. U. N. Myers, gave an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. A. B. Humphries for his gift of land to the cemetery for burial purposes was adopted.

Kiwanis Clubs Of Nation Give Life In America Boost

More than 2,000,000 patriotic pamphlets, based on a wide variety of subjects and designed to show that "It's Fun to Live in America," have been distributed by Kiwanis clubs from coast to coast since the first of the year.

This announcement was made today by Unwin Myers, president of the Kiwanis Club of Camden, who said the purpose of the pamphlet campaign is to stress the importance of maintaining the individual enterprise system in the United States.

Each of the seven pamphlets that have been issued up to this time have made dramatic comparisons between America's form of government and the totalitarian theory of centralized control of business, industry, agriculture, the church, home and school, Mr. Myers stated.

Kiwanites throughout the nation are using the pamphlets as inserts with payroll envelopes, statements, checks, and other correspondence. When this phase of the campaign comes to a conclusion in December, it is estimated that nearly 15,000,000 leaflets will have been circulated.

The Kiwanis program has won the endorsement of leaders in business, industry, education and government. A number of plant publications are reproducing the various pamphlets and countless thousands have been distributed to school children with the thought in mind that "teen-agers" must realize the opportunities that prevail in America.

Mr. Myers said the campaign was inspired by Kiwanis International's 1948 administrative theme "Citizenship Responsibility—the Price of Freedom," and one of this year's objectives which calls upon clubs to "Develop an informed public opinion to combat all ideologies opposed to the democratic principles upon which our nation are founded."

The program is being directed by the service organization's International Committee on Public Affairs for the United States.

Cotton Growers To Meet On Quotas

President West of the Kershaw County Farm Bureau has been asked to bring one leading cotton farmer from Kershaw county to Columbia to a meeting on Sept. 7 at which time state cotton growers will give their opinions about 1949 marketing quotas.

The secretary of agriculture will decide shortly whether to proclaim marketing quotas for next year and has asked for statements from growers in all cotton states.

Truman Supporters Will Meet Tuesday

An advertisement in this issue of The Camden Chronicle announces that there will be a meeting of all citizens who wish to remain loyal to the National Democratic party at the Court House at 10 a. m., September 7.