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New Cafeteria At Baron DeKalb School Opened

Informal Open House To Be Held On Friday Evening

An informal open house ceremony at Baron DeKalb School Friday night will provide for parents and school supporters of that community an opportunity to visit and inspect the school's modern, new \$18,000 cafeteria, to tour the school, visit with teachers and enjoy a planned program in the school's auditorium.

More than 300 Baron DeKalb pupils thronged into the new cafeteria on Monday, Jan. 2, its first day of operation. The well equipped brick building, built as an annex to the school, seated 150 of the pupils at a serving table in a brief 45 minutes had nutritionally fortified each one for the remainder of the school day.

Miss Mamie Smyl directs the operation of the new cafeteria, with the assistance of co-workers Mrs. G. B. Peach and Mrs. John Cook.

E. A. Williams, superintendent of Baron DeKalb schools, announces that every person in the community is invited to the informal open house Friday night. Refreshments will be served the guests as they arrive, and school officials will be on hand to point out the outstanding features of the school's newest addition.

Teachers will be in their classrooms during the Open House hours to give visiting parents an opportunity to meet their children's instructors and to discuss school work. A film on the subject, "Community Spirit," and an appropriate program will be given in the auditorium.

The cafeteria was constructed with money obtained through a community bond sale, by the General Engineering Co. of Florence at a cost of \$14,000. Modern accommodations for 150, added an additional \$4,000 to the cost of the building.

Five-Year Forest Fire Protection Plan For County

A five-year forest fire protection plan for Kershaw county has just been completed for the period 1950-55. The plan, part of a state-wide survey of fire control facilities and equipment, is conducted by the State Commission of Forestry and the U. S. Forest Service. It is designed to revise the past five-year plan where necessary to provide for additional manpower and equipment to adequately safeguard the woodlands of the county from destructive woods fires, said L. E. Smith, county ranger.

The people of the county, with the aid of the local fire fighting organization and such equipment as could be provided by the forestry commission, have greatly reduced the area burned annually by woods fires. Still, nearly 5,000 acres occur each year in the state, burning 150,000 acres, and the county shares the loss. There is an urgent need to strengthen the local fire control organization in order to minimize damage to the valuable forest crop.

One of the greatest forward steps planned, said Mr. Smith, is the installation of two-way radio in each of the fire detection towers and in the vehicles of each of the fire fighting personnel. This will increase the mobility of the fire fighters nearly 100 per cent. Two-way communications for reports of fire occurrence, the organization must stand by their headquarters during hazardous fire weather for calls from the towers. Radio will permit them to maintain constant contact with the tower from the remotest part of the county. Thus, they will be permitted to render twice as much assistance to landowners as is now possible.

Additional fire crews would be placed on duty during hazardous fire weather to assist landowners in fighting fires. Ranger Smith states that present finances limit the employment of these crews. Frequently, the number of smokes reported by towers exceeds, often by a factor of two, the number of men available to go to the assistance of the landowners, he said.

Fire tools with which to equip organized community volunteer fire crews is at present inefficient. Many crews are without any tools. These tools receive hard usage in combating blazes, and must be replaced every two to three years, and the supply must be increased. In addition, heavier tractors and plowing equipment must be purchased to combat fires in areas where heavy pine trees, leaves and other fuels are present.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC
The regular tuberculosis clinic will be held Wednesday, Negroes will be admitted from 9 to 11 and whites from 11:30 to 1.

Much Damage Done By Woods Fires In Past Six Months

N. L. Peach, Camden district forester, says that during the first half of the present fiscal year, July 1 to Jan. 1, fires burned some 1,167 acres in the six counties comprising the Camden district: Kershaw, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Lee, Richland and Sumter.

In Kershaw county there were 11 fires burning 66.7 acres with damage estimated at \$148.

Sumter county suffered most heavily, there having been 20 fires in that county burning 591.7 acres with damage estimated at \$1,336.

Mr. Peach says that the most dangerous part of the woods is still about February, March and April. High winds in these months, he said, can be disastrous to timber, especially the young growth.

Balloting Will End Wednesday

Last Chance For Citizens To Express Preference For City Hall Tower

Balloting on the City Hall tower will end Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock at which time the ballot box will be opened and the votes counted. Another ballot appears on the front page of this issue of The Chronicle for those who may not have yet voted.

A. C. McKain, president of the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, and Jim Darty, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, have agreed to count the ballots on Wednesday evening.

Much interest has been taken in the election and a rather heavy vote has been cast. To supply the demand for ballots The Chronicle printed extra ballots and there have been many calls for them.

Three plans are being voted upon.

Plan No. 1 would leave the tower as it is now but would call for replacing the necessary timbers to make it sound and refinish the exterior. The estimated cost for this plan is \$15,000.

Plan No. 2 calls for decreasing the tower in size and slightly restyling it to more of a mission-type styling. The estimated cost of this plan is \$11,000.

Plan No. 3 calls for decreasing the size considerably, a simplified styling and a spired roof. The estimated cost of this plan is \$7,500.

Seal Sale Returns Still Coming In

Although the campaign has officially closed, returns from the Christmas Seal campaign of the Kershaw County TB Association continue to come in, Mrs. Oscar Smyl, executive secretary, said this week.

Many who overlooked sending in their checks during the holiday rush, have mailed in checks during the past week.

There are a great many who have not yet sent in their returns and it is hoped that they will yet do so as the money is badly needed by the association to finance its fight against tuberculosis in the county.

Mrs. Smyl said that the association was deeply indebted to all who had assisted in the campaign and that it wished particularly to thank Mrs. Grainger Gaither, the campaign chairman, for her splendid leadership.

Caleb Clarke Moore Died In Darien, Conn.

News has been received in Camden of the death in Darien, Conn., on Dec. 20 of Caleb Clarke Moore, a native of Camden.

Annual Session Of Legislature Starts Tuesday

Many Very Interesting Issues Scheduled To Come Up

Kershaw county's three members will be present at the opening session of the South Carolina General Assembly on Tuesday at noon. Senator R. M. Kennedy, Jr., and Representatives W. R. Gettys and Ezell Kelly plan to go over to Columbia Tuesday morning.

One of the most important local matters that will probably come up during the session will be the school district reorganization measure. A committee appointed at the last session of the General Assembly has been at work during the past year considering reorganization and consolidation plans, which will be submitted to the delegation during the present session.

First piece of business for the senate will be election of a clerk to succeed James H. Fowles, who died during the summer after 24 years in the post. His son-in-law, L. O. Thomas, of Columbia, who has been general desk clerk for several years, and Reading Clerk Lane L. Bonner are candidates to succeed him.

Immediately behind the clerk's election for the senate is a scheduled vote on confirmation of Governor Thurmond's appointment of Miss Faith Clayton, of Central, to the state industrial commission. This vote is set for next Wednesday.

Miss Clayton's appointment, which cannot become effective without senate confirmation, touched off a prolonged filibuster last year. Opponents of the appointment succeeded in putting off any action until this session.

If Miss Clayton is confirmed, she will succeed Commissioner L. E. Hyatt, of Spartanburg. His term expired last July. She has been in the state since she was a child.

Another top matter due for early action is the election of a secretary of state to finish out the unexpired term of W. P. Blackwell, who died in office two months ago.

Thurmond appointed P. T. Bradham, Clarendon county clerk of court, to serve until the legislature elects Bradham a candidate for election, as is also House Reading Clerk O. Frank Thornton, of Clowes, and Fairfield county Clerk of Court W. W. Lewis.

The election will be at a joint senate-house session. The house ways and means committee is expected to introduce the 1950-51 general appropriations bill simultaneously with the session's opening.

Committeemen came here last Monday night for pre-session work on the bill, which they finished yesterday. Faced with declining state tax revenues, they yielded to economy by agreeing to an overall 8 per cent cut from current general fund appropriations of \$74,018,992.

Demands for increased appropriations, particularly for such items as school teacher salaries and a school building program, are almost sure to be heard from other legislators, however.

There already are several proposals for increased taxes, such as a general sales tax and a one cent hike in the present six cents-a-gallon gasoline tax.

School teachers are backing the sales tax proposal to finance their proposed pay increase and other school costs. The highway department wants the extra cent gas tax to continue its farm-to-market road construction program at present levels.

Topping both senate and house calendars is the state government reorganization commission "reorganization plan No. 1." This plan, calling for a central purchasing agency for the state, was submitted last year.

The commission has announced that "reorganization plan No. 2" may be expected within a few days. It has not announced what this plan embodies.

Other plans may be expected "from time to time," the commission indicates.

Major controversial bills hanging over from 1949 include one to increase the gasoline tax, legalize parimutual betting on horse and dog racing at "incorporated" (Please turn to page four)

Newcomers May Buy Tickets To Concert Series

Any One Not Living In City During Campaign Eligible

Newcomers to Camden and winter residents may still get tickets for this season's community concert series, according to a recent ruling of the concert association's Board of Directors.

Previously, the by-laws of the organization strictly prohibited the sale of tickets after the close of the annual week-long ticket campaign. The new ruling provides, however, that "anyone who was not in town at the time the tickets were sold in the spring, and who desires a membership may obtain it by contacting Mrs. Richard Kirk, secretary of the association."

The association added in the new ruling that tickets for individual concerts would not be sold, but that tickets for overnight guests of members could be secured from the secretary.

The current season will bring three concert artists to Camden. Dates for the concert series are: Jan. 9, The Revelers, world's most famous male quartet; Feb. 18, The Teltschika, duo pianists; March 24, Edwin Steff, American baritone.

At the board meeting, held Friday, Jan. 6, plans for the coming membership campaign were discussed, and March 6 was set as the opening date for the drive's opening. Mr. Abbott Lake, representative of the national Community Concert Association, led the discussion.

Ticket-holders for the Camden community concert series have the privilege of attending concerts in nearby towns, the local association announced. Among the concerts in neighboring towns where reciprocity arrangements may be enjoyed are: Jan. 23, Kingstree, Columbia Boys' Choir; March 14, Sumter, The Stephens Quartet.

March 20, Florence, Edna Phillips, coloratura soprano; April 20, Sumter, William Primrose, violinist.

Other reciprocal dates and artists will be announced later, the director said.

Fine Program Is Presented By P. C. Choir On Sunday

A robed choir of 25 voices from Presbyterian College presented a unique program of music at Bethesda Presbyterian church Sunday morning before a capacity congregation of morning worshippers and music lovers.

The well trained organization, under the direction of Dr. Edouard Patis, presented a carefully selected program of 18 short numbers chosen to expound the beliefs set forth in the Apostle's Creed. Using readings based on The Scriptures to link the program around the central theme, the group set a well-defined mood of worshipfulness.

Musically, the program was a credit to the group and their college. The soloists performed well, and each of the varied numbers was well interpreted. The entire program was sung from memory, and the group's attention to and response to the director could not be criticized.

Originally it is welcome as ability in a sacred program by a college glee club. The freshness of the approach and the effectiveness of the presentation made the program a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring one.

Vernon H. Galloway, Camden Man, Cited Outstanding Work

M-Sgt. Vernon H. Galloway, son of Rev. W. A. Galloway, Camden, has been awarded the certificate of achievement for outstanding and exemplary performance of duty by Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, commanding general of the Third Infantry Division.

Sgt. Galloway is a veteran of World War II, having served in the European theater for 22 months with the 69th Field Artillery. His present assignment is with Service Battery, 9th Field Artillery.

He is authorized the American Theater, American Defense, E. A. M. E. T. Campaigns with 5 stars, Good Conduct, Victory Medal and the Occupation of Germany.

Richard's Critical Of Truman's Talk
Representative J. P. Richards of the fifth congressional district is quoted in Washington dispatches as having said of President Truman's address to Congress on Tuesday that the President "had traveled all the way from Dan to Bethesda and provided a chicken in every pot along the way. The only thing he failed to produce was money to pay for the chain and the taxpayer will soon be asked to do that."

At H. A. Luro Stables

Foreign Horses Here For Winter Training

The last of a capacity 32 horses arrived at the H. A. Luro stables in Camden last week to take up winter training schedules, Trainer Charles Whittingham said last week, and described some of the outstanding horses to be quartered in the stable under his and Owner-trainer Luro's care.

Horses from four of the outstanding nations in the turf world—Argentina, Brazil, France and Chile—are among the recent arrivals, and many of them bring records that mark them as racing successful and highly promising newcomers.

Heading the Argentinian delegations at the stable is White Milk, chosen the top 3-year-old filly in Argentina this year. White Milk was flown from Argentina to Miami, and traveled to her winter home here by van. She is owned by Arnold Hanger. Mill River Stable will be represented by nine horses at Luro stables. The Mill River horses will be headed by the good mare

Caleb Whitaker Cotton Fire At Passes Suddenly Wateree Mill

Funeral Services For Well Known Citizen On Tuesday

Caleb Clarke Whitaker, outstanding citizen, former city councilman and a leading realtor of the community, died suddenly at his home, 1516 Fair-street, Sunday.

Born in Camden 78 years ago, a son of the late John and Elizabeth Clarke Whitaker, he has taken an active interest in civic affairs for many years. He was a charter member of the Camden Rotary Club, for years was prominent in the Chamber of Commerce activities and held the office of city councilman with distinction.

A rugged individual and in good health, his death came as a decided shock to the community.

Mr. Whitaker leaves his widow, Mrs. Harriet Shannon Burnet Whitaker; two sons, Caleb C. Whitaker, Jr., and Dr. Andrew B. Whitaker, of this town; two daughters, Mrs. Harriet W. Moore of Camden and Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Buhrmaster of Schenectady, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. H. W. deSaussure of Charleston and Mrs. W. S. Burns of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Whitaker was a member of Grace Episcopal church and was member from time to time for many years of the vestry of the church.

Funeral rites will be held at Grace Episcopal church Tuesday at 3 o'clock with Rev. Stiles Lines officiating. Burial will take place in the family plot in Quaker cemetery.

Friends of Mr. Whitaker will recall him with admiration of his courtesy and gallantry. He was a man of strong principles and rugged personality.

Mr. Whitaker's acumen in business matters, particularly real estate, resulted in his being consulted on many matters of major importance involving the future of Camden. He was identified with some of the most forward movements in the community.

Active pallbearers will be John Whitaker, Jr., A. Burnet Whitaker, John W. Lenoir, Henry Clarke, Andrew Marion and Lawrence Whitaker.

Fewer Marriages In County In Year

At least 14 per cent more people stayed single in Kershaw county in 1949 than they did the previous year, according to year-end tabulations of marriage licenses issued through the office of Probate Judge N. C. Arnett.

The records show 307 couples, white and colored, were solemnized last year, while the number in 1948 totaled 356. In the other end of the marital department, that which seeks to untie what has been tied, the divorces filed totaled 27. Of these 27, 14 have been granted, and 13 are pending.

Property was exchanged with surprising briskness during the past year, according to Ed Ogburn, the county's Clerk of Court. The total number of land deeds for the 12-month period teetered very close to the 1000 mark. The exact number passing through that office as of Dec. 15 came to 991.

Basketball Games On Tuesday Night
The Camden High basketball team will play Kershaw Tuesday night in the high school gym. The first game will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Pruning Trees On Broad And DeKalb Streets

Work Being Done Under Supervision Park And Streets Commission

Limbs, dead twigs, and branches fell freely last week as shaggy trees along Broad and DeKalb street got their first professional crew cut in years at the hands of tree-pruner Jim Keough and his six co-workers.

According to the city, the trees lining Broad and DeKalb streets from city limit to city limit will undergo the thinning treatment. The sawing, clipping process will probably be in progress for several weeks.

Jim Keough, job supervisor for the Norman Armstrong Co., Inc., of White Plains, N. Y., has been in the tree thinning business for ten years.

"Camden has a number of fine trees," he remarked, as he painted a freshly cut limb stump with tree wound dressing, "but they could have had a lot better care."

Virtually all of the limbs removed by the pruners are dead and worthless, the workers told. Each tree wound is immediately painted with a special tree dressing, which contains antiseptic, preservative and everything that would be soothing to a fresh-cut tree.

The six workers who will help Foreman Keough give Camden's trees their needed clipping are Howard Houle, Thomas Taylor, John Heher, Jim Delano, Frank Carberry and Jack Dasler.

The work is being done under the supervision of the streets and parks commission. Members of the commission say that they wish they had the funds with which to have all of the streets of the city covered by the pruners.

It is urged that any citizens who have trees on their property that they would like to have pruned consult the commission while the pruners are here as it would be possible for the citizens to engage the services of these expert tree men now.

Camden High Cage Teams Split Twin Bill With Olympia

A near capacity throng of cage fans jammed the high school gym last Thursday night to witness the boys and girls teams of Camden and Olympia High clash on the maple. It was by far the largest crowd of the season or of several seasons past, and about 60 per cent came from Columbia.

The Camden girls racked up their tenth win of the current season and their third in conference play by taking a thrilling game, 38 to 32, with a diminutive Miss named Cassidy, co-captain, taking scoring honors with 13 points. Elliott, the other co-captain, and Mims each checked in with ten points.

The boys went down to a 41 to 30 lacing from the sharpshooting gentry from Columbia. At the quarter the score was 11 to 5 in favor of the invaders and they never relinquished the lead. At the half they led, 21 to 15.

Camden was weak on shooting, particularly in the free shooting. Kemper missed four in a row in the early stages of the game and the work of most of the others was off the mark completely. Geyle Kerr managed to stage several of his famed one-hand shots successfully.

It was a good game, in fact, both of the cage scraps had lots of thrills and interest, repaying the fans for their attendance.

Merritt and Huff paced the winning invaders with 12 and 11 points respectively. For Camden it was Gayle Kerr with 9 and Dixon and Cox each with 8. Kemper tossed in 5 points and Mahoney was goose-egged. Kerr and Cox were splendid in their floor work while for the invaders Ritchie, a guard, was outstanding.

The girls game was sensational with Camden pulling ahead in the final quarter to widen a gap that at times had been only a matter of two points. Elliott of Camden and Cassidy of Olympia vied for field score honors with the Olympia shading the Camden miss by one goal, getting six as against 5 for Cassidy. Cassidy had three free shots that went home while Kelly listed but one. Hallman of the Olympia team, a reserve player, gathered 9 and Norton 5. Thomas had 2 and Gibbs 2 for the visitors.

Thompson, who played a good defensive game for Camden, registered 3 points while Kelly posted 10. Mims also had 10. The work of Caulder and Boykin, Camden guards, was splendid, the visiting forwards having to rely on long shots in order to score.

Camden's subs consisted of Langley with 2 points, Myers and Haigler.

Camden boys suffered from a shooting lull. The players had