

## Optimists Break Ground For Educational Building

Present for the breaking of ground for the new educational building of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday morning were, reading from left to right, T. C. Gladden, Ross, S. P. West, Alvin Christmas, A. W. West, John Laney, DaCosta Brown, J. Crawford, Miss Margaret Cox, Gerald Garnett, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. E. Williams, Jewell Garnett, M. E. Forte, and Rev. O. F. Montgomery.

## Camden Praised Horse Center Thayer Book

Thayer relates his own experiences here as a winter visitor.

Camden: Fashionable winter resort for jumpers, the way the bold-lettered magazine reads that introduces a lengthy description of this nationally famous center of activity in the recently published "Steeplechase" by Bert Clark Thayer, photographer. Thayer, a special nod of approval, he goes off the record and tells his readers of his experiences here as a guest of the winter colonists. Camden will always be remembered by me with not a little fond sentiment, for I was thoroughly exposed to its charms during a few days visit in winter of 1935. Thayer had seen some foal photos I'd done for my own commercial studio and me if I wouldn't like to take a few days vacation in a full town in South Carolina magazine's expense and back a few pictures. The Southern hospitality and full days of being a part horse activity there did this brief visit and subsequent winters there will always ease turn to page eight.

## Heavy Vote Is Cast

# Overwhelming Majority Run Up For Plan No. 1 To Save City Hall Tower

By an overwhelming majority the citizens of Camden have voted to keep the city hall tower as it is by replacing the necessary timbers to make it sound and refinishing the exterior. The vote was so decisive as to leave no doubt as to how the people feel, 193 out of a total of 224 votes having been for this plan. There were two votes to tear the tower down.

## Town and County . . .

### Returns To Duty

Seaman Jim Team returned to duty at the Brooklyn Naval Base Tuesday night following a 30-day leave spent in Camden with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Team.

### Bank Director

J. Lane Woodcock has been added to the board of directors of the First National Bank of Camden. Mr. Woodcock, a member of the local bar, is a member of the firm of Gettys, Shannon and Woodcock.

### Choral Practice

The regular Monday night practice of the Camden Choral Society will be held this week in the Lytleton Street Methodist Church Educational Building. After a brief practice, scheduled to begin at 7 p. m., the members will join the annual meeting of the American Red Cross in the church auditorium.

## Records Broken

# Camden's 1949 Postal Receipts Were Highest In City's History

Camden postal receipts in 1949 were the highest in history of the local postoffice, even exceeding the war years when the aviation cadets were located here and maneuvers were being conducted in this section, according to figures compiled by Acting Postmaster Benton.

Postal receipts last year totaled \$51,849.55 as compared with \$44,263.11 the previous year, a substantial gain. The highest total had ever been in a single year prior to last year was in 1944 when they soared to \$49,263.11, a war condition. In 1945 they totaled \$47,847.10, in 1946 they dropped to \$41,804.46 and in 1947 there was a further drop to \$41,426.30.

Year	1948	1949
January	\$ 3,900.08	\$ 4,137.46
February	3,616.70	3,745.41
March	4,048.13	4,362.11
April	11,584.49	12,244.98
May	3,654.62	4,216.27
June	2,448.86	3,960.01
July	3,388.60	4,077.27
August	3,491.88	12,353.55
September	3,078.81	3,359.24
October	3,118.76	3,570.63
November	3,121.40	3,735.00
December	9,318.77	10,684.87
Total	\$ 41,426.30	\$ 51,849.55

## Parallel Parking On DeKalb Street May Be Instituted

The State Highway Department has written the city a letter in which it very strongly urges that parallel parking be instituted in the business sections of DeKalb and Broad streets.

City Council will take up the matter at its meeting on Friday afternoon. It is said that Council members may be disposed to adopt the suggestion for DeKalb street but it is not thought that they will look favorably upon the suggestion for Broad street.

The highway department has vetoed the "no left turn" restrictions at the intersection of Broad and DeKalb streets and the city has abandoned them.

The balloting created wide interest as is indicated by the total vote cast. A total of 224 votes were cast but ten votes were set aside by the tellers as irregular. The vote by plans follows: Plan No. 1, which called for keeping the tower as it is now but making it safe, received 193 votes. Plan No. 2, which called for decreasing the tower in size and slightly restyling it to more of a mission type styling, received 20 votes. Plan No. 3, which called for decreasing the size of the tower considerably and a simplified styling, received 9 votes.

These were two votes to tear the tower down and ten irregular votes. Interest in the voting was indicated by the fact that there were more votes cast in this election than in the bond issue election, when only 200 votes were cast.

## McIlwain Will Manage Camden Builders Supply

Robert McIlwain, of Lancaster, has become manager of the Camden Builders Supply Company, succeeding the late R. E. Perry. Mr. McIlwain has been in the builders' supply business for the past twenty-five years, having been connected with the Builders Supply Co., of Lancaster.

He has been actively identified with the civic and religious life of Lancaster. He has been an elder in the Presbyterian church and is a member of the Lancaster Civitan Club.

Mr. McIlwain announced that his company would start work at once on a modern office and sales room at their plant on West DeKalb street.

## Ground Broken For New Sunday School Building

### First Baptist Church Is To Have New \$100,000 Educational Plant

Standing in the center of a tight semi-circle of officials of the First Baptist church, J. D. Crawford, chairman of the building committee, formally turned the first earth Tuesday, Jan. 10, in beginning the construction of the Church's new \$100,000 Educational Building.

The brief, simple ceremony, attended principally by deacons and committeemen, consisted of a short scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, Rev. O. Floyd Montgomery.

Announcement of definite plans for the construction of the Educational Building came at the close of the recent three-week revival staged at the church. Estimates were made on plans drawn by Architect Ralph Little, and the construction contract was awarded the Atlantic Building Corporation of Columbia for their low bid of \$92,993.

The forced hot water heating system to be used in the new building will be installed by W. B. Guimarin and Co., of Columbia for an estimated \$6,886.

The large, two-story building, which will be located in the rear of the church will extend from Lafayette almost to Walnut street. It is to be constructed of brick and structural tile, and will include steel bar joists and concrete floors.

Six assembly rooms, one large recreation room, a kitchen and 20 classrooms will be contained in the new building. Architect Little's proposed plans included a wing to be built on the north side of the building, but present building plans do not include it. The additional wing will be added, however, at a later date, church officials say.

The members of the building committee present at the ceremony were: J. D. Crawford, chairman; John Laney, A. W. West, DaCosta Brown and M. E. Fort.

Members of the board of deacons who attended the groundbreaking ceremonies were: T. C. Gladden, J. E. Ross, Sidney West and Alvin Christmas.

At the 11:15 morning service at Bethesda Presbyterian church on Sunday, Jan. 15, Oscar DeHainaut will be guest soloist. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Amalgamations Are Urged

# Changes In County School Set-Up Recommended In Report Of Committee

Division of the county into seven high school districts from the approximately 36 school districts, amalgamation of the Antioch High School with the Midway High School and the taking over of the school buses by the county are among the recommendations which will be contained in the report of the school district reorganization committee to the Kershaw county legislative delegation.

## Annual Meeting Of Red Cross

### General R. C. Richardson Will Be Speaker At Annual Meeting

Lieutenant General R. C. Richardson, retired, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Kershaw County Chapter, American Red Cross, to be held at 8 o'clock Monday night, Jan. 16, at the Lytleton Street Methodist church.

A program of music, a report of the county Red Cross's progress and plans, and the installation of new officers will also be included on the program.

The complete program, as planned, will be as follows: Call to order, Andrew B. Marion, chairman.

Invocation, Rev. Herbert Spell, Solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Mrs. William J. Hoffman, Mrs. James M. Gandy, accompanist.

Pledge to flag, Boy Scouts. Invocation, Mrs. Spangler, Auditor, Mrs. James M. Gandy, accompanist.

Welcome, Mayor Henry Savage, Jr. Report of 1949 Annual Meeting, Mrs. E. C. vonTresckow, recording secretary.

Report of treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Watts. Junior Red Cross song, American Red Cross, Juniors, Mrs. Charles Salmond, accompanist. Reports of chairman.

Home service, Mrs. F. D. Goodale. Volunteer services council, Col. E. C. vonTresckow.

Disaster relief, Lane Woodcock. First Aid, Dr. A. W. Humphries. Accident prevention, Arthur Stokes.

Junior Red Cross, Miss Ada Phelps, City Schools, Mrs. Theresa H. Bell, County Schools. Solo, "The Rose Of No Man's Land," Mrs. William J. Hoffman, Mrs. James M. Gandy, accompanist.

Introduction of speaker, Andrew B. Marion, chairman. Address, General R. C. Richardson.

Introduction of 1950 Fund Campaign chairman. Report on nominating committee, Allison DuBois, chairman.

Installation of officers. Recognition of county chairman. "America The Beautiful," Mrs. James M. Gandy, accompanist. Benediction, Rev. Stiles B. Lines.

## McConaughy Talks To Civitan Club

John B. McConaughy, associate professor of political science at the University of South Carolina, told the Camden Civitan Club at their regular semi-monthly meeting in the Hunt room of the Sarsfield hotel Monday that the Marshall Plan was this country's most powerful weapon against communism in Europe.

## New Officers Local Packing Company

Supreme Products Company, Camden, S.C.

## Austin Sheheen New President Of Supreco

### New Directors Added To Board And Plans Made For Increased Trade

Austin Sheheen, well known young business man of the city, has been elected president of the Supreme Products Company of Camden, several new directors have been added to the board and plans are being made for a vigorous campaign to popularize the products of the company.

H. A. Rabon has been named as vice president of the company, and George W. Haiglar, who recently assumed the position of general manager, will continue in that part.

Directors of the corporation are the three above named officers and Henry Savage, Jr., J. C. Gillis, E. T. Bowen, Lathan Gettys, Joe M. Upchurch and R. M. Kennedy, III.

In preparation for the increased business, the company has finished installation of a rendering plant which will enable it to slaughter as frequently as the occasion demands and has installed a new electric meat saw.

The company is offering to the livestock growers of the Camden area a daily livestock market, five days a week. Growers can bring their livestock to the company at any time and sell at market prices, thus eliminating the necessity of carrying same elsewhere and paying commission prices.

An effort is to be made to popularize the products of the company locally. The company insists that its products will compare most favorably with those of any other company and local people will be urged to use them because in doing so they will be assisting a home industry.

Officers and directors of the company are greatly encouraged over the outlook and believe that the company is bound to grow and become one of Camden's important industries.

Mr. Haiglar, the new general manager, has had many years experience in the packing business.

## Collectors Club Meets Wednesday

The Camden Collector's Club will hold its first 1950 meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18 in the Hunt room of the Sarsfield hotel. The Junior division of the club will meet at 7:30 with the regular or Senior division meeting at 8:15.

All members of the club are urged to be present at this meeting as several important business matters are to be discussed. The regular meeting will be followed with a stamp exchange stunt. The club will also present a mint Theodore Roosevelt 3c C. Z. stamp to all members in attendance. Details of the Swap stunt will be announced in Tuesday's Camden Chronicle.

## General Assembly Convened Tuesday

The 1950 General Assembly got off Tuesday to a busy start. Initial sessions were crisscrossed with activity.

In the house, the ways and means committee introduced a \$105,844,948 appropriations bill for 1950-51.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond sent up the state government reorganization commission's "reorganization plan No. 2". As predicted in The State Sunday morning, the plan calls for sweeping changes in state financial administration.

## Interruption In Power Fri. Night

L. H. Hardin, manager of Municipal Utilities, announces that there will be a total interruption of power supply to the city Friday, Jan. 13 from 12 o'clock midnight to 2 a. m. This is necessary to permit cutting in new feeder lines occasioned by the growing load, he said.

DATE NOT NAMED. Elsewhere in this issue of The Chronicle will be found a story saying that the annual gymkhana would be held Jan. 29. This announcement seems to have been premature as JayCee officials say the date has not yet been chosen.

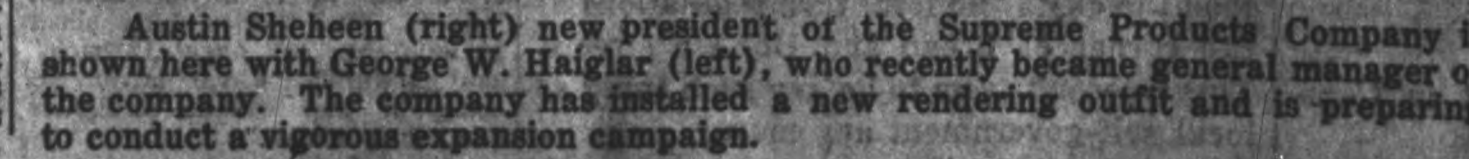
## Coming Events

Saturday, Jan. 14. Formal opening ceremonies of new Atlantic Greyhound Bus Terminal, E. DeKalb St., 2 p. m.

Sunday, Jan. 15. Services in most churches of city, 11:15 a. m. Polo, Kirkwood field, 3 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17. Kiwanis luncheon, Thomas Tavern, 1 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18. Camden Collectors Club, Hunt room, Sarsfield hotel, 7:30 p. m.



Austin Sheheen (right) new president of the Supreme Products Company is shown here with George W. Haiglar (left), who recently became general manager of the company. The company has installed a new rendering outfit and is preparing to conduct a vigorous expansion campaign.