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Panthers To Play For State Title Here

The McCormick Panthers will meet Gable Thursday night, Nov. 25, on the local field in a play off for the State "C" title. Gable won the Lower State title last week and, from all reports have a good, hard fighting team that will be trying to upset the undefeated Panthers. Kick off time is 7:30 on the Dorn Field.

Parkville News

Mrs. Sue Self, Susan Wood, Mr. Mid Self and Mid, Jr., spent Sunday with Mrs. Self's brothers at their farm home, "Live Oak," near Blackstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bass spent Sunday in Abbeville with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cartledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown of Spartanburg spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Savage the past week. Little Sammie Brown, Jr., returned home with them, after spending several weeks with his grandparents.

Mrs. Lee McKie, Mrs. Mattie Bass and Annie McDonald attended the Eastern Star meeting in McCormick on Thursday night.

Mr. Bob Edmunds, Mrs. Betty Barrett, Mrs. Nina O' Cain and son, Bobby, of McCormick, were visiting friends and relatives here on Thursday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Blackwell, Mrs. Richard Blackwell and Mrs. Mildred Wood made a business trip to Augusta on Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Ellison of Anderson spent Sunday with his brother, R. A. Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dalley spent the week end with relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks of Augusta paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Parks on Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Mattie Bass and Miss Betty Russell were shoppers in Augusta on Saturday.

Little Mary Edmunds of McCormick spent the week end with Linda Parks.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wood over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Creswell and children, Mrs. T. R. Wood of Augusta, Tom Robert Wood of Iceland, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bodie of McCormick, Mrs. Erlene Wall and family of Plum Branch.

County Chairman J. Fred Buzhardt Takes Firm Stand On Party Dispute

County Chairman J. Fred Buzhardt of the McCormick County Democratic Executive Committee has written Mr. R. S. Rogers the following letter in reply to an inquiry as to where the party in this county stands in relation to the pro-Truman group:

McCormick, S. C., November 15, 1948.

Mr. R. S. Rogers, 202A Owen Building, 325 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Sir:

Reference is made to your form letters, one of which was dated November 8, 1948, and the other not dated.

Since you seem to be somewhat in the dark concerning the affairs of the Democratic Party of South Carolina, I wish to state that I was elected County Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for McCormick County at a County Convention of delegates representing the various precincts in McCormick County, and I know of no authority vested in you by the State Convention or the rules of the Party to call upon County Chairmen, Executive Committeemen, or any other Democratic Party officials to call meetings or do anything else. The Democratic Party in McCormick County is adequately organized, and we in this county followed the lead of the State Democratic Convention to the tune of about eight hundred thirteen (813) to thirty (30) votes. The Democrats in this County will continue to run their affairs without the benefit of any advice from you or any dictator from without the State.

It seems to me that it is about as ridiculous for you to attempt leadership and issue directives to the officers and members of the South Carolina Democratic Party as it would have been for Judas Iscariot to attempt to reorganize and direct the activities of the Eleven after he had betrayed our Master.

I notice in your letter you state: "... we have furthermore agreed that certain leaders in the

Service To Others Entire Purpose Of Legion Auxiliary

"Service, Not Self!" That is the motto of the American Legion Auxiliary.

"There is nothing material for one's self to be gained by joining the American Legion Auxiliary. The whole purpose of the organization is service to others—to disabled veterans, to needy children of veterans, to the community and to the country. If a woman joins thinking she is going to get something out of the auxiliary she will be disappointed because the auxiliary is for 'Service, Not Self.'

"We work closely with the men of the American Legion in their great unselfish program for the benefit of all veterans, for dependent families of veterans, for the progress of our town and the security of the country from war and communism.

There is something for every woman to do who wants to take an active part. Social activities brighten our program and warm friendships are formed in our work, but the real appeal of the auxiliary to its membership lies in doing things for others. This appeal is so strong that nearly one million women enrolled in the American Legion Auxiliary for 1948 and we are expecting that figure to be exceeded for 1949."

We are inviting all eligible women to join the Auxiliary at this time.

Mrs. J. K. White, President.

betrayal of our party into the hands of the Dixiecrats must be removed from their official positions." I feel that the shoe is on the other foot and that a small bunch of self-serving individuals attempted to defy the people of the State of South Carolina and assume control of a Party which belongs to the people.

Regular Precinct meetings will be held in McCormick County in 1950, as provided by the rules of the Democratic Party, and I can assure you any attempt upon your part or the part of any other outsiders to interfere in our County will be resented and opposed to the utmost.

Yours truly,
J. Fred Buzhardt.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

WITH "unpack" as the watchword, official Washington is eagerly taking an active part in the plans for one of the most elaborate inaugural ceremonies in presidential history as President Harry S. Truman, now ensconced in a temporary White House, holds serious meetings with his cabinet and heads of governmental agencies in preparation for the coming session of the 81st congress.

The inaugural ceremonies in 1940 were more or less perfunctory and were almost nil in 1944 during the war, so Washington hasn't had a real inaugural with all the trappings since Roosevelt's first term 17 years ago, back in 1933.

The only fly in the ointment of an otherwise harmonious session of the congress is the question of what the Dixiecrat senators and congressmen may do with the President's progressive program. There is little doubt but that he will send to the congress much the same 21-points that he presented to the 79th and 80th congresses. In the 79th a coalition of southern Democrats and northern Republicans prevented action. In the 80th, with clear control, the Republicans, along with the help of some of these same southern Democrats, smashed his program.

However, there is little question but that these southern leaders, many of whom remained loyal to the President in the campaign, have been somewhat chastened and that the President will go to the congress this time with the same fighting spirit as leadership with which he went to the people of the nation and received their mandate in a victorious election.

Despite the narrowness of victory, some 2,000,000 popular votes, observers here regard the outcome as no less a mandate from the people on high prices, on farm price support, on federal aid to education, a national health bill, repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and extension of the New Deal reform, than if the voting majority had been larger. Also, Republican-senatorial liberals such as Aiken and Flanders of Vermont, Tobey of New Hampshire, Ives of New York, Baldwin of Connecticut, Lodge of Massachusetts, Morse of Oregon, Thyne of Minnesota and Young of North Dakota may join the Democratic majority to offset whatever southern losses there may

Mrs. G. A. Lewis Claimed By Death

Mrs. Emma Bowen Lewis, 73, widow of the late G. A. Lewis of McCormick, passed away Wednesday afternoon, November 17, at 1:20 o'clock at the University Hospital, Augusta, Ga. She had been in declining health for several years. She suffered a broken hip five weeks ago, when she was admitted to the hospital.

She was born on December 7, 1875, the daughter of the late F. Ed Lawton and Elizabeth Deane Lawton of well-known Abbeville County families. She was a member of the Episcopal Church at Willington.

She is survived by one son, Joseph S. Bowen, McCormick; one grandchild; one sister and four brothers, Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Greenville, Frank Lawton, Jacksonville, Fla., Walter Lawton, Myrtle Beach, Lucian Lawton, Hartwell, Ga., and Eddie Lawton, Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted at the McCormick Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Dr. L. K. Simpson officiating. Interment was in the McCormick city cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. L. Smith, G. H. McCain, D. C. Talbert, M. C. White, J. T. McGrath and C. H. Huguley.

Strom's Service.

Funeral Services Saturday Afternoon For L. D. Cooper, Sr.

Funeral services for Luther Duncan Cooper, Sr., who was killed Thursday morning when a C. and W. C. railroad freight locomotive exploded near Clarks Hill, S. C., were conducted at Platt's chapel in Augusta, Ga., Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. R. Turner and the Rev. Max L. Atkins officiated. Interment was in Westover Memorial Park cemetery, Augusta.

Mr. Cooper was the engineer on the freight train which was headed towards Augusta from Spartanburg when the explosion occurred. His fireman, Albert Brooks, Negro, of Augusta, died a few minutes after arrival at University hospital, Augusta. Brakeman Z. H. Owings, of North Augusta, suffered bruises and burns when he was hurled from the cab of the engine by the force of the explosion. He was not seriously hurt, it was said. No cause has been assigned for the explosion.

Mr. Cooper was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cooper, Jr. near Plum Branch and McCormick, and attended school at Plum Branch. He held a position with the McGrath Brothers shop and garage in McCormick several years prior to beginning his railroad career as fireman on the Georgia Railroad early in 1912, later in the year coming to the C. & W. C. Railroad as fireman and being promoted to engineer in 1917. He had been on the run between Augusta and Spartanburg for a number of years. On May 15, 1913, he was married to Miss Lennie McGrath of McCormick and they had resided in Abbeville ever since.

Pallbearers were Joe E. Bruker, T. O. Drexel, C. J. Ergie, L. B. Willis, M. J. Ivey and W. C. Parks; honorary, R. W. Marye, N. B. Oliver, G. F. Tedards, L. L. Comp-ton, L. W. Funk, E. G. Jones, W. E. Bartlett, J. J. Dorn, J. E. Bruker, Sr., F. B. Sullivan, G. W. Washington and W. H. Murphy.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lennie McGrath Cooper; two sons, Luther Duncan Cooper, Jr., and Lawrence D. Cooper of Augusta; three brothers, Clark Cooper of Orlando, Fla., William Cooper of Cocoa, Fla., and Douglas Cooper of Orlando; two sisters, Miss Irene Cooper and Mrs. Margaret O'Neal of Charlotte, N. C., and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Cooper of Augusta.

McCormick Wins Upper State Football Title

The McCormick Panthers won the Upper State Championship last Thursday night at Clinton by defeating a hard fighting Paris 12-0.

The Panthers, who have literally run over their opponents in some games this season, had to fight hard for this one.

McCormick received the kick off and started a typical drive to the goal. McDonald took the ball on an end around and scored. Creighton then tried for the extra point but Paris stopped him. Paris returned the kick off to their own 40 yd. line. Paris punted to McCormick's 11, and throughout the rest of the half McCormick stayed in the hole. Paris drove down deep in McCormick's territory three times but couldn't get over.

In the second half McCormick kicked off and Paris returned the ball to their 30. Paris punted and McCormick took over. McCormick then drove down in Paris' territory on short line plunges. Calvin Lanford took the ball and hit the center for the score. The extra point try was no good. Paris returned the kick off to their 40 and started driving down the field. Joe Brown intercepted one of their passes and McCormick went to Paris' 10 before they were stopped. Paris tried to pass their way out of the hole but Lanford intercepted and McCormick went to the 20. Later on Creighton intercepted another Paris pass. The game ended with

S. C. A. School Of Administrators To Meet Dec. 10-11

Columbia, Nov. 18.—The South Carolina Association of School Administrators will hold its annual meeting in Columbia, December 10-11, President Gordon H. Garrett of North Charleston has announced.

The SCASA, a department of the South Carolina Education Association, is composed of superintendents and principals of schools throughout the state.

Many administrators from McCormick County are expected to attend the meeting, which will center its discussions around the recommendations of the South Carolina Survey Committee.

Mr. Garrett said the SCASA would consider resolutions on the committee's recommendations state constitutional amendments and new laws designed to guarantee adequate educational facilities to children throughout the state.

In a letter to members of the association, the president said: "South Carolina stands at the crossroads in education and the future of education in South Carolina depends in a large measure on us."

The meeting will coincide with a special session of the Education Association's Council of Delegates, called for December 11 to consider making the survey recommendation the 1949 legislative program of the teachers' organization.

McCormick deep in Paris' territory.