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## Col. Hoyt Rockafellow Receives High Honors

### Awarded Legion of Merit For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct

The army's second highest award achievement, the Legion of Merit, has been presented to Col. L. Hoyt Rockafellow of Camden, by Colonel E. Duggins, commanding officer of Guirre General Hospital where Col. Rockafellow is a patient. The Legion of Merit was awarded to Col. Rockafellow for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 27, 1943, to October 11, 1944." The citation accompanying the award reads, in part: "Appointed adjutant general, Sixth Army, at the time of its activation, Col. Rockafellow organized the adjutant general's section with exceptional foresight and skill. He established an administrative procedure on a sound operational system, which effectively solved the many unanticipated problems incident to a rapidly expanding and constantly changing army during its expansion, training and operating phases in the Southwest Pacific area. By his thorough professional knowledge, discerning judgment and astute leadership, Colonel Rockafellow was eminently successful in maintaining a prompt and accurate administrative system within the 6th Army. Colonel Rockafellow, a veteran of 18 years in the army, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1918 and served in the Army of Occupation in Germany following the war. The colonel's wife and two daughters, Frances and Margaret, live at Broad street, Camden.

## Grass Under Feet of Citizens Aiken County

### Ready Start Post War Memorial Building Project For Area

Recent announcements from Mayor W. T. Redfern and Mayor McCorkle, relative to the building of a community building as a memorial to the dead of World War I, through cooperative effort of the city and county governments created no end of favorable comment through the city and county. Aiken county got the jump on the city of the state by creating Aiken County Memorial Commission an act that received ratification approval by the committee on Local Acts of the South Carolina legislature. The act, introduced by State Senator Brinkley, provides for the terms of office of its members, for the equipment and furnishing of the building at Aiken, as for the maintenance of said building and the financing of its purposes. The act further provides for the assessment and sale of bonds and the levying of taxes to pay the same and the acceptance of grants and gifts used in carrying out the provisions thereof. It thus getting an organization and the necessary law put on record, Aiken county is all set to proceed just as soon as the lessening of war restrictions permits the use of materials. This is discharging a post-war project.

## Trucks Crash At Corner, Driver Injured Signs

What might have been a tragic accident took place Sunday night at the corner of North Broad and Chestnut streets, when two cars collided and a concrete wall was partially demolished. The car driven by Theodore Collins, 26, going north on Broad Street, struck a car driven by Albert J. Carter, 40, going south on Chestnut street. Carter did not stop for the Collins car. Collins was going at a rate of speed which projected his car over the Chestnut curb, through a concrete wall and some 20 feet into the yard. The car driven by Charles Conyer, 34, struck by a car driven by a Mrs. Crolley at Fair and Chestnut Saturday afternoon. Both cars damaged.

## Man Sought Here Serious Charge

County authorities here are requested to be on the alert for Harry McCutchen, a negro by Lee county authorities on the charge of assault with intent to kill, at the time of the crime being committed at Lee county. McCutchen is described as being 23 years of age, eyes, black hair, height 5 feet 6 inches and weighing about 150 pounds.

## Margaret Clarke Doing Great Job In Big Hospital

### Has Complete Charge of the Hobby Shop in California Naval Unit

She's just a wisp of a girl, this WAVE they call Lieut. (jg) Margaret Clarke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Clarke of the Camden Episcopal church, for she only weighs about 100 pounds. But she rates as tops as an occupational therapist and as such, she is doing a major job in the Ahwahnee hospital near Fresno, Calif. For Lt. Clarke has charge of the hobby shop in this big naval hospital and she instructs shop workers in wood, metal and leather craft, having eight classes of one hour each day. Lieut. Clarke, a graduate of Graceland High school at Marquette, Michigan, and later of the occupational therapy course at Milwaukee Downer college is enthusiastic over her work, which has to do with over three hundred or more convalescent young sailors and marines recovering from overseas injuries, who are just as enthusiastic as their WAVE instructor in the activities of the hobby shop, made possible through the efforts of Valley Elks Commission, representing some 12 Elks lodges in the San Joaquin valley. When the Elks learned that the wounded and sick men at the hospital lacked entertainment and recreational facilities they got busy and now they have professional entertainments twice a month and also four dances a month. The Elks got together a complete supply of wood working tools and machinery and set up a hobby shop. The Elks keep the patients supplied with materials and are continually adding tools and equipment. Right now the men are making 1200 gavel sets of Mansanita wood and these gavel sets are to be sent to each of the 1200 Elks lodges in the nation. Each lodge will be expected to contribute toward the shop expenses.

## Negro Driver Is Held In Killing Of Antioch Youth

### Inquest Reveals Motorist Fleed Scene After Hitting A Negro Boy

Davie McDaniel, Sumter county negro, has been held for trial by a coroner's jury following an inquest into the death of a ten year old Negro boy near the Antioch church in the DuBose section of the county. Testimony at the inquest brought out that Tommie Heriot, the Negro boy, was riding his bicycle when McDaniel, traveling at a high rate of speed in his car, struck him. McDaniel, it is alleged, did not stop after striking the boy, but fled the scene. Authorities, getting the number of the car license from witnesses, followed McDaniel to Bishopville but lost trace of him there. The next day, acting on a tip, they went to Hartsville and took McDaniel into custody just as he was to board a train for New York.

## Episcopalians At Diocesan Meeting

### Given Important Committee Assignments For Year

Camden Episcopalians received important committee assignments at the annual council of the diocese of Upper South Carolina, held at Trinity church Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. Maurice Clarke, Grace church rector, was named as a member of the standing committee and also as one of the bishop's examining chaplains. R. B. Clarkson was named as a delegate to the provincial synod and Ralph N. Shannon was named as a trustee of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.

## Rutledge Street Is On the March

The R. E. Stevenson stables on West Rutledge street have been in the hands of workmen and bricklayers the past week, an entire new front to harmonize with the front of the Stevenson block at the west, being put in place. Rutledge street has been featured by many improvements over the past several months. The new Pontiac garage to be operated by Whit Boykin, the new quarters of Whitaker and company, the Pat Orr storage warehouse, the new home of Standard Paris, the freer locker plant, together with several new stores are among some of the added improvements.

## HENRY D. NILES, VETERAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, DIES

Henry Dixon Niles, 64, newspaper publisher and editor for several decades, died at his home on North Mill street Monday morning at 8 o'clock following an extended illness. And thus passes a character who has been indelibly linked with Camden progress and affairs for more than thirty years of active and untiring participation.

As publisher and editor of The Camden Chronicle, he gave freely of his time and the columns of his paper toward all affairs of civic betterment and constructive ideas. His faith in Camden and Kershaw county was unbounded and he was ready at all times to do his share in the upward trend of the community.

He was of the conservative and retiring type, traits that endeared him to a wide following of friends. His retirement from active participation in the newspaper work early in 1943 was greeted with genuine regret.

Not only an able writer, he was an expert linotype operator and combination man. He knew the printing trade and during his long period in the promotion of The Chronicle he gained an enviable niche in the affairs of the community.

Mr. Niles, son of the late Arlo V. Niles and Martha Ann Creber Niles, worked at his trade at Aiken, S. C.; Madison and Newnan, Ga., and Greenville, S. C., before he acquired The Chronicle, going into a partnership with E. N. McDowell and purchasing the paper from W. L. McDowell. Later he bought out the interests of E. N. McDowell and became the sole owner of the paper and printing plant.

Besides his widow, Banna Green Niles, he leaves a son, Sergeant Henry D. Niles, Jr., who is a gunner on a B-17 and now stationed in England; also two sisters, Mrs. Frank Spann of Moss Point, Miss., and Mrs. W. L. McDowell of Aiken, and one brother, Arlo V. Niles, of Atlanta, Ga. He was married to Miss Banna Green of Newberry, June 10, 1922.

Mr. Niles enjoyed the respect and esteem of the newspaper fraternity of the state, while those directly connected with him in the trade, carried a deep affection and admiration for him.

Evidence of the popular esteem in which he was held was exemplified by the many who gathered at the Niles home on Mill street Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral rites which were conducted by Rev. A. D. McArn of Bethesda Presbyterian church at 6 o'clock. Burial took place in Quaker cemetery.

Friends from out of the city in attendance at the funeral were: Mrs. Gary Martin and daughters, Emily and Banna Piester, of Spartanburg, Mrs. J. R. Green and Mrs. W. O. Miller of Newberry, N. C. and Mrs. T. P. Green and daughter, Louise, of Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. L. W. Green of Wilmington, N. C., Miss Kitty Wilburn of Union, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDowell of Bethune, Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee Lowry of Chester, Mrs. J. E. Williams of N. Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Reames of Sumter, and W. R. Cunningham of Bishopville, and Mrs. Hoyt Mackay, Pageland.

The active bearers at the funeral were: Joe E. McKain, C. P. DuBose, Jr., E. N. McDowell, Sam Mickie, Joe Mickie, Cooley Gillis and Dr. D. C. Hinson. Honorary bearers were: H. G. Carrison, Sam Karsah, DeCosta Brown, J. M. Villepique, T. Lee Little, W. L. Goodale, S. C. Clyburn, N. C. Arnett, E. L. Moseley, Wiley Hogue, F. N. McCorkle, J. G. Richards, R. M. Kennedy, W. T. Redfern, W. R. Zemp, Thomas Ancrum and C. P. DuBose, Sr.

## Fresh Dry Foods Plant Processed 170,000 Bushels

### Co. E, State Guards To Stand Inspection

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the Annual Federal Inspection of the Co. E, State Guards, at the Camden Armory tonight, Friday, May 25, at 8 o'clock. Lieut.-Colonel John T. Hill will be the inspecting officer.

### Camden Dehydrated Sweet Potatoes Are Shipped Overseas

The Fresh Dry Foods, Inc., plant on East DeKalb street, has been shut down for the summer months after seven and a half months of uninterrupted dehydration of sweet potatoes. The plant will resume operations on September 1, when another supply of sweet potatoes is available. During the seven months and a half operation just concluded the plant turned out 170,000 bushels of sweet potatoes and paid out in salaries during the period over \$100,000. All of the products of the plant were placed in sealed containers and shipped to the armed forces overseas. The plant will be given a complete overhauling during June, July and August. Working three eight hour shifts daily, the machinery has been in almost constant operation for the past seven and a half months. The company is now prepared to discuss contracts for sweet potatoes.

## Camden Softball Team Looks Like Real Powerhouse

### Opens Season Against Strong Mullins City Team Tonight

Camden sport fans will be glad to hear that some interesting softball games will be offered the fans here this summer as a result of the organization of the Camden softball team, which makes its debut against a powerful Mullins city team at Mullins tonight. The team is made up of former Camden softball stars of past years and includes members of the merchants team that won the city championship two years ago when the sport was in its heyday here. The pitching staff is headed by Carricker, a Charlotte lad who is employed at the Defense plants unit at the airport and who has one of the fastest deliveries ever dished up to local fans. Arthur Robinson, the Pet Gray of the independent ranks, will alternate on the mound with Carricker. When not pitching these two players will work in the outfield. In the catching department will be Eddie Carrison and Carol Cox. Hancock and Bundrick will be available for first base assignment. Jiggs Parker, voted the most valuable player in the city league two years ago, will work at second, alternating with Bo Hicks; World war vet. Tarant will take care of third base and Bill Sims will be seen in the short field. In the outfield will be M. Sinclair, Tommy Bruce, Robinson Hudson, Boon, etc. (Please turn to page eight)

## General Sessions Court To Convene Monday, June 11th

The Court of General Sessions for Kershaw County will convene at Camden Court House on Monday, June 11, 1945, with His Honor, Judge G. W. Bellinger of Columbia, presiding. The following petit jurors are to report at 10 o'clock, June 12, 1945: J. C. David, Wiley L. Baker, J. H. Davis, W. E. Faulkenberry, J. T. Bowers, R. M. Ray, Furman Broughton, J. G. Gardner, Sam Davis, Jr., H. H. Holland, R. E. Perry, J. A. Bell, J. H. Small, Jessie C. Owens, J. E. Mangum, B. W. Marshall, W. F. Stokes, Barron L. McCaskill, Walter Branham, D. K. Lee, L. P. Branham, N. L. Lilly, Mack Branham, L. W. Boykin, 2nd, S. R. Kirkland, Grover C. Rush, J. M. Croxton, Hazel Sowell, D. C. Dixon, Louis Lomansky, B. K. Rose, John W. Hornsby, Howard Outlaw, J. Walter Stover, W. J. Denton and Heyward Vincent.

Italy has 21 universities of which 17 are under state control. They have an annual enrollment of between 20,000 and 25,000 students in the various branches.

## Col. Martin Bateman of Camden, Given Decoration



COLONEL MARTIN A. BATEMAN

### Is Awarded the French Croix de Guerre With Palm By French

Colonel Martin A. Bateman, son of Mrs. Janie R. Bateman of Camden, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm by the government of France for "excellent service rendered in the course of the campaign for the liberation of France." The presentation was made by General Rene Bouscat of the French army.

Only a short time previously, Col. Bateman was awarded, at the direction of the President of the United States, the Legion of Merit, "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding duties." He also wears the Bronze Star.

A command pilot, with more than a dozen years of active duty as an airman and over 3,000 hours of flying time to his credit, Col. Bateman entered the U. S. Army Air Forces immediately following his graduation from the Citadel in 1932. He has been stationed at various fields in the U. S., and was on active duty in Hawaii for two years. He has been in the European theatre of operations since Jan., 1944, and at present is commanding officer of the Air Technical Service command's 302nd Transport Wing.

## Hughey Tindal Free Of Prison Camp Of Nazis

### Camden Young Man Heard From After Silence of Seven Months

Sgt. Hughey Tindal, Jr., who had not been heard from by his mother and wife here since last November, is safe in France.

After members of his family were beginning to fear that he had been killed or died while a prisoner of the Nazis, news of his being alive and well came almost simultaneously from three sources, a Chaplain in the army, the Red Cross and a letter from the young man himself.

Sgt. Tindal has been a prisoner of war since Sept. 18, 1944, when he was shot down over Italy. When last heard from prior to receipt of the news of his safety last week, he was at Stalag Luft IV in Germany.

Sgt. Tindal is a son of Mrs. Marie Tindal of this city and the husband of the former Miss Helen Burns.

Sgt. Tindal is awaiting transportation home from France. His wife and mother are hoping he will be here in June.

## Would Remove Taxi Cab Stands From Highways

### Excellent Idea To Be Suggested To the City Taxi Commission

Several of the local taxi cab lines have contacted the city taxi commission with a plan that in the eyes of this paper, is a most meritorious one. The plan contemplates utilizing the empty lot north of the post office area for a taxi stand, eliminating the use of a part of the east side of Broad street for taxi purposes.

Camden is one of the few communities left in which taxi lines are permitted to utilize parking space on the streets for business purposes. In practically all communities with modern tendencies, taxi lines are acquiring their own lots and keeping non-active cabs off the streets.

It is understood that several of the taxi lines now using Broad street just north of the post office as a taxi stand, have arranged to rent the vacant lot and provide a modern taxi stand. However, they want the city to remove all other taxi cabs from parking privileges on the street.

## Bethune School Closing Begins

The closing events of the Bethune school will continue with the piano recital on Friday evening, May 25, at 8:45 o'clock.

The graduating sermon will be preached by Rev. W. L. Baker, pastor of the Bethune Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, June 3, at 12.

The address to the graduates will be delivered by Dr. Harry H. Clark of the University of South Carolina on the evening of June 6, at 9 o'clock. The class valedictorian is Margaret Delle Braswell, the salutatorian, Joyce Geraldine Fowler.

The grammar school operetta, "Sunny of Sunnyside," was given on the evening of May 11. On April 27, the Juniors and Seniors presented the play, "For Pete's Sake."

The Juniors gave the annual Junior-Senior banquet on Friday evening, May 4.

## Heart Attack Proves Fatal To Kennedy Blakeney

### Death Claims Well-Known Resident At the Age of 52 Years

Anthony Kennedy Blakeney, 52, died at the Camden hospital Sunday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock, following an illness which assumed serious proportions a week before.

A son of the late Eugene DuBose Blakeney and Elizabeth Kennedy Blakeney, he was a native of Camden and outside of a few years spent in schooling and in Charlotte, N. C., has made Camden his home throughout his life. A graduate of the Camden High school, he was educated further at Baylor Military Academy, University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

He leaves, besides his wife, three daughters, Henrietta Shannon Blakeney of New York; Elizabeth Kennedy Blakeney of Winthrop college, and Louise DuBose Blakeney, at home; three sisters, Mrs. E. L. Williams of New York, Mrs. Ernest M. Spong of Columbia and Washington, D. C., Mrs. Joseph K. Lang, Jr., of Columbia and Camden, a brother, Eugene DuBose Blakeney of Charleston, and a stepmother, Mrs. E. T. Blakeney, Sr.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock from Bethesda Presbyterian church, Rev. A. D. McArn officiating with interment at Quaker cemetery. The bearers were Lt. Commander Shannon Heath, Charles P. DuBose, Jr., Roscoe W. Bousal, Ralph N. Shannon, Charles H. Zemp, J. W. C. Boykin, Kirby Tupper and Charles G. Moller.

## Hears Husband Speak In Mike Far Across Sea

### Mrs. Alton G. Brown Hears Husband Broadcast From France

Mrs. Alton G. Brown, 1725 1-2 Fair street, heard a recording of her husband's voice from Radio Station WIS Saturday morning, the recording having been made at an advanced base in France where Major Brown is stationed as head of a hospital unit.

The recording was in the nature of an interview with a broadcasting announcer propounding questions to Major Brown that were pertinent to the work of the medical corps.

Major Brown was on the air for five minutes and it was a most unique experience for Mrs. Brown and her two children, who had not heard his voice since October, 1942. He has been overseas for the past 31 months. He has seven battle stars to show for his experience in fighting areas. Before entering the service Major Brown was on the faculty of the medical college of Charleston.

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