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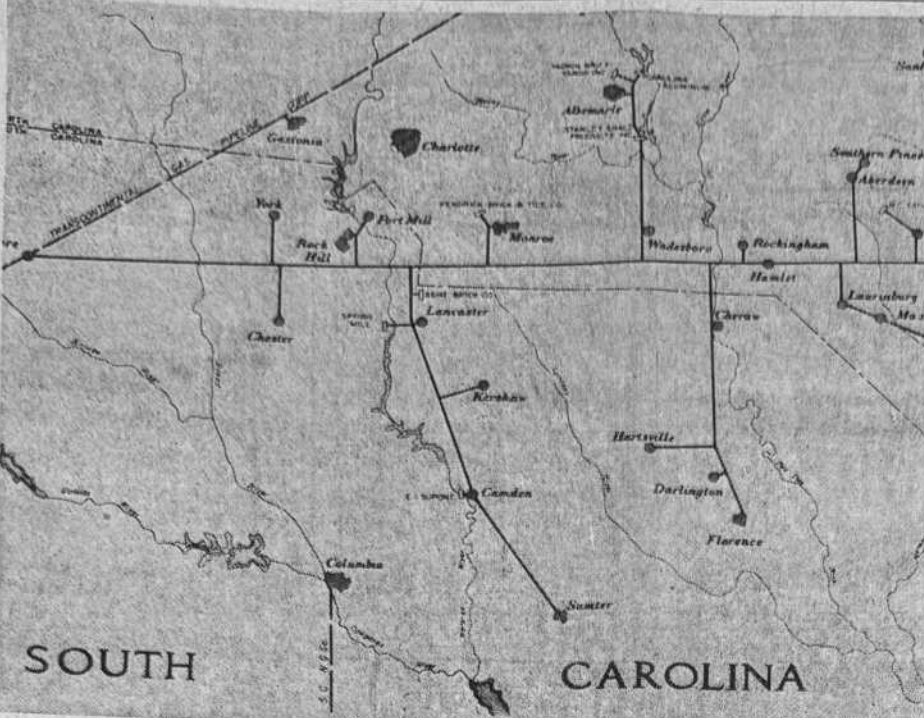
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The above map shows some of the area which of the corporation principal laterals will extend to the Lancaster-Camden-Sumter area.

Youth Center Assured For Early Date; Plans Forming

Concrete steps are finally being taken to make definite preliminary plans for the early construction of a Youth Center for the town of Kershaw.

County Buys Six Trucks And New Road Tractor

Purchase of six dump trucks from the Kershaw Motor company was made by Lancaster county the first of the week. Delivery is expected within two or three days, it was stated according to information released by county officials.

Post Office Closing On Wednesday Told

Announcement has been made by Postmaster Henry Lewis Glyburn that the Kershaw Postoffice will close at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays until further notice. The postoffice will also continue closing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Rev. Tommy Gibbons To Preach Damascus Revival April 22-27



Rev. Tommy Gibbons, youth Kershaw minister, is to be guest preacher for the annual spring revival of Damascus Methodist church, Westville, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. A. M. Jones. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. Sunday evenings, April 22 and continue through Friday evening, April 27. Services will be held each evening at 8 p. m.

A committee composed of representatives from the Recreation Board, the P-T-A, and the town met this week for a briefing on the financial status of the proposed project.

According to a report, following the meeting, the funds now on hand and those definitely promised by the two counties, clear the way for the committee to proceed with a site selection and other advance details.

Several members were appointed to visit various Youth Centers throughout the state, and after a study of these buildings, submit to a competent architect the suggestions for a plan considered best for local needs.

Growing need for the recreation center for young people is spurring the committee on to immediate action.

At the last meeting of the Kershaw P-T-A, the membership voted unanimous endorsement of the Youth Center project, after hearing Mayor Arthur L. Jones, main promoter of the project, explain the current situation. Mayor Jones expressed appreciation to the group for its cooperation in securing the long-needed facilities.

Three Kershaw Bills Passed

Three Kershaw county bills became law during the final hours of the General Assembly's recently adjourned session.

One of the measures was the Hospital Board, act which provides for the appointment of members of the Board, and ratified some of the board's contracts.

Another extended the jurisdiction of the juvenile, domestic relations and special court of the county, and a third pertained to magisterial districts, and magistrates and their jurisdiction.

Paul Puckett Resigns To Go To Hickory

The resignation of Paul E. Puckett as Minister of Music was accepted with regret by the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Camden last Sunday morning.

Mr. Puckett will go to the First Baptist Church of Hickory, N. C., where he will be Minister of Music and Mrs. Puckett will be organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Puckett have been with the First Baptist Church of Camden for the past three years, having come to Camden from Lancaster where they had been with the First Baptist Church of that city.

Calendar Of Events

- Week Beginning April 19, 1956
- Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Adult choir practice, First Baptist church.
- Center Theater, "Anything Goes" starring Bing Crosby, Donald O'Connor, Milti Gaynor and Jeanmarie.
- Friday, 3:30 p. m., Baseball, Kershaw vs Indian Land here.
- Foster's Drive-In, Jackpot \$340.00 on screen "The Big Knife", starring Shelley Winters and Jack Palance.
- Saturday, 8 p. m., "You're Only Young Once", senior class play, Mt. Figsah.
- Sunday, 2:30 p. m., Kershaw County Singing Convention, Pleasant Hill Baptist church, near Bethune.
- Monday, 7 p. m., Intermediate G. A.'s meet at the First Baptist church.
- Center, "Goodbye My Lady", starring Walter Brennan and Brandon DeWilde.
- Foster's Drive-In, "Storm Fear" with Cornel Wilde and Jeanne Wallace.
- Tuesday, 10 a. m., Morning circle, First Baptist, meets with Mrs. Wilson Taylor.
- 2:45 p. m., Junior Choir rehearsal, First Baptist church.
- 3:30 p. m., Afternoon circles, First Baptist church meet.
- 7:30 p. m., Evening circles, First Baptist church, meet.
- Wednesday, 7 p. m., Intermediate choir rehearsal, First Baptist church.
- 7:30 p. m., Prayer meeting, First Baptist and Presbyterian.
- 8 p. m., Prayer meetings, First Baptist.

Harvey Parker Is Invited To White House Conference

Harvey L. Parker of Marion, N. C., Kershaw native, has received an invitation from the White House requesting his attendance at the President's Conference on Occupational Safety, according to announcement received this week. The Conference will be held May 14-15-16.

Parker, who is safety director at the Marion Manufacturing Company, plans to accept the invitation.

Parker is the son of Mrs. Z. P. Parker of Kershaw and the late Mr. Parker.

Area Takes Two Top Awards In Oral Interpretation Contest

This area took first and second place in the Oral Interpretation contest for District four of the High School League, which was held in Chester on April 6.

Sandra Cook of Kershaw placed first in the contest and Louise Abastance of Heath Springs was second place winner. A representative of the Chester High school placed third.

Conservation Award Is Won By Garden Club

Recognition of outstanding work was accorded the Kershaw Garden club at the 26th annual convention of the Garden Clubs of South Carolina held recently in Greenville. The Mrs. Albert Storm Conservation Award, one of the most coveted honors offered by

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ACCEPTS PRIZE—Mrs. J. W. Richards, Kershaw Garden Club president, is shown above with Mrs. Albert Storm, giver of the Conservation award, which was won by the local club and presented in ceremonies at the State Garden club convention in Greenville last week.

Pipeline Corporation To Apply For Gas Franchise

In announcing that the Trans-Carolina Pipeline Corporation would apply for a franchise for the distribution of natural gas next week, Chester Roysh, spokesman and vice president for Trans-Carolina, said that his company was prepared to commence construction of a gas system within the city as soon as a supply of gas is obtained from The Federal Power Commission in Washington. Mr. Roysh pointed out that the eastern portions of North and South Carolina are one of the largest population centers in the United States that have not had the benefits of natural gas for home-owners and industrial users. He noted that in surrounding areas where natural gas has been available in quantity through adequate distribution facilities, the growth pattern had taken a decided upward turn. Those cities where natural gas has been unavailable have been greatly hampered in their efforts to attract desirable industries.

P-TA Re-Elects Slate Of Officers For New Term

At the annual meeting of the P-T-A held last Thursday evening, the slate of officers for the coming year was elected.

Reciting the verses of the poem were Marco Sullivan, Wylie Hillton, Alan Mullinax, Billy Shaw and Bob Fletcher.

Dressed in the costumes of the period were the couples Larry Elliott and Marie Hegler, Jimmy Mothershead and Sandra Morgan, Dennis Mangum and Patricia Blackwell, and Rhett Perry and Nancy Sowell. These, with the entire class, sang a chorus "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". To the strains of the song, a pantomime ball game was enacted with Edward Barfield as the batter, Kenny Faile as pitcher, Tommy Christmas as catcher and Larry Owens as umpire.

Miss Mary Kate Parker was piano accompanist for the delightful skit.

The second portion of the program offered a number of science demonstrations (chemical), as follows: Indicator solutions—Fandy Floyd and Lanny Estridge; Magnesium and Thermit Ignition—Edward Blakeney; Oxidation of sugar with acid—Emerson Coates; and Potassium Chlorate volcano—Alan Mullinax.

Bringing the program to a close was a devotional talk by

Charlie B. Steen Passes Suddenly

Charlie B. Steen, formerly of Mt. Croghan died suddenly in Lancaster Saturday afternoon, April 14, while visiting with friends. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at Fair View Baptist church near Jefferson at 4 o'clock April 15 with Rev. J. T. Outen of Kershaw, and Rev. Thomas Tillman Lancaster officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Born in Chesterfield county son of Bill Steen he was a retired farmer and had lived near Kershaw for the last several years.

He is survived by his wife, Ester Deason Steen; one son, Earl Steen of Kershaw; a brother, Barney Steen of Mt. Croghan; two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Melton of Pageland, and Mrs. Martha Jordan of Mt. Croghan.

The team was unopposed in District 4, and automatically became winner. A practice session was held against Lancaster High, a class A school.

In a debate in Camden, Friday afternoon, against University of High School of Columbia, the Kershaw team won both the affirmative and negative debates. This eliminated District 13 competition. Tuesday, April 17, at 3 p. m., the local teams met Simpsonville High at Presbyterian college, Clinton. The match resulted in a tie, with the affirmative teams of both schools winning, and the negative teams losing. The executive secretary of the High School League will determine the next course of action for the teams.

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Supply Bill Passed Final Minutes

Reached in the final minutes before adjournment in the State Legislative session between the Lancaster county Senator and Senator, gave the county a new supply bill to reports issued last week.

shortly and a complete report given at that time.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Home At DeKalb

A fire that was discovered about 1:30 a. m., Wednesday reduced to ashes the residence at Kim's Turkey Ranch, near DeKalb. Several small out-buildings including the pump house, were also destroyed.

The occupants discovered the blaze in the living room when smoke fumes roused them from sleep. Faulty wiring is believed to have caused the fire.

Only a few winter garments were destroyed. All the household furnishings were salvaged. Lee Kister of Camden is owner of the farm.

Janie Brewer Also To Girls State Delegate

Janie Brewer will accompany Miss Bell as representative from Kershaw.

A juror in Kershaw High school Janie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Brewer.

In addition to an excellent academic record she is active in extra-curricular affairs of the school. She is a member of the Beta club, the Glee Club and High School Sextet, K.A.A., the band, the Science Club, the Future Teachers club, the Debating Team. She is a member of the Dramatics Club and played the lead in this year's Junior class production of "I Remember Mama". She is also a Majorette.

In the 1955 Pageland Watermelon Festival, Janie represented the town of Kershaw, and was one of the finalists in the beauty contest.

A member of the First Presbyterian church, she is active in the Youth Fellowship organization.

Janie is also an accomplished young horsewoman and has taken many prizes with her horses in shows throughout the Carolinas.

Janie and Nancy Glenn will leave June 4 for Columbia, and remain until June 10 when the 1956 Girls State will come to a close.

Lighting In Residential Areas Is Not Up To The Need

There is lack of cooperation between the town officials.

Cooperation between merchants and businessmen is not all that could be desired.

All of these are deficiencies which make the community undesirable both for industry and for plant employees and officials who would come to live in the town.

Kershaw stands at a crucial point in its history. A wrong choice can mean that the town stands to choose a rut-like existence.

Debating Gets Attention Again At Kershaw High

Much interest is being occasioned at Kershaw High school by the revival of the art of debating.

For many years, debates were one of the highlights of the school year, and the auditorium would be packed on evenings when a lively subject was scheduled for discussion.

The 1956 renewal of debating places the local school in competition with class B and C schools of the state.

Members of the Kershaw High team include on the affirmative side, Jean Brewer and James Twitty. On the negative, Max Clyburn and Knox Lee Jr.

Current subject, or proposition, is: "Resolved: That Governmental Subsidies Should Be Granted According to Need."

High School Graduates Who Qualify for Additional Training.

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