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Former Camden Man Dies at Columbia Home

There are many in Camden who are saddened by the death of Mr. W. Thornley Walker which occurred at his residence in Columbia Friday morning. Mr. Walker was born in Camden September 8, 1874 and lived here until early manhood when he moved to Columbia and resided there until his death. Mr. Walker began his career as a printer and newspaper man on the Watergeree Messenger when a mere youth and was a member of the Messenger force under the management of the late C. W. Birchmore, Sr., for a number of years. Following is a news story of Mr. Walker's death which appeared in the Columbia State of Saturday, February 24:

"Funeral services will be held Sunday for Walter Thornley Walker, clerk of the joint committee on printing since it was created approximately ten years ago, who died yesterday morning at his home here in his 60th year. He had been ill about three weeks.

Mr. Walker also was clerk of the senate finance committee, and the senate and house adopted a resolution of regret at his death, paying tribute to his service to the state and the legislature.

Mr. Walker was the son of Thomas B. and Matilda Walker and was born in Camden, September 8, 1874. He married Miss Carrie Alice Dixon in 1893. After receiving his education at the McCandless private school in Camden, he entered the printing business in Camden on the Watergeree Messenger. He came to Columbia 35 years ago and took charge of the printing at the Epworth orphanage.

With The State. For several years, he worked with The State company, on the newspaper and in the job department. He then became foreman of the Columbia Record composing room. Mr. Walker then became connected with the Intertype company. He gave up this position to become clerk of the joint committee on printing and served in this capacity until his death. He was also a partner in the Lexington Dispatch-News, which he purchased in 1919 with the late Ira M. Sligh.

Mr. Walker leaves a wide circle of friends throughout the state who mourn his death and feel that with his passing they have lost a true and sincere friend.

Mr. Walker was an expert printer and an efficient foreman. In addition he was a good business man. So he took to the committee on printing excellent qualifications from a professional standpoint. He was a good mixer, an affable and considerate man, and so from the very start he was a success in his official position. He served the senate finance committee with the same care and intelligence as he did the printing committee and for years he had been invaluable to these two groups.

Mr. Walker, while popular in official circles, was popular too among other groups, and his death will be greatly regretted. He was a member of the Main Street Methodist church and an upstanding citizen.

Funeral arrangements were not completed last night, pending the arrival of relatives, but the funeral will be held some time Sunday, however.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Dixon Walker; five sons: Thornley Edmund, Roanoke, Va.; Joseph C., Port Eades, La.; Henry Dixon, Columbia; Robert L., Rock Hill; Walter Thornley, Jr., Columbia; one daughter, Mrs. M. J. Umont, Columbia; two sisters, Irene Walker, Columbia, and Mrs. S. L. Young, Dazell; and five grandchildren. Also surviving is a half-sister, Mrs. Essie Singleton, Columbia.

Sorrow in Houses. Members of the house and senate of South Carolina joined yesterday in expressing sorrow at the death of Mr. Walker, for years clerk of the senate finance committee and also clerk of the joint committee on printing, composed of members of the two houses.

In addition to the resolutions of sorrow and sympathy to members of the family, the senate adopted a resolution, introduced by John F. Williams, Aiken, president pro tem, instructing the clerk to send an appropriate floral design.

The concurrent resolution in the

CWA State Head Warns of Irregularities

Following the arrest several days ago of a CWA timekeeper, who was let out on bond after being bound over to federal court charged with padding a payroll, Malcolm Miller, state administrator, issued a general warning emphasizing that prosecutions would follow any alleged irregularities found in the state.

In the case at hand the arrest was made following investigations made by a special agent of the government from Atlanta with co-operation with state and Richland CWA administrations.

"Every instance of any irregularity concerning the expenditure of funds entrusted to is being investigated and prosecutions are being entered against anyone where we believe the evidence shows there has been a misappropriation of funds," Malcolm J. Miller, state civil works administrator, said.

"Inasmuch as we are spending nothing but federal funds, any irregularity is nothing less than a federal offense. Every violator will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," the state administrator added.—The State.

house, introduced by Calhoun Thomas, Beaufort, and R. M. Newton, Anderson, both members of the joint committee on printing, was as follows:

"Whereas, God in his providence, entered the home of W. T. Walker, and removed therefrom by death a sincere, faithful and lovable character, and

"Whereas, in the passing of W. T. Walker, for 20 years clerk to the joint committee on printing and for some time clerk to the finance committee of the senate, the general assembly of the state of South Carolina and the state at large has suffered the loss of a faithful, courteous and efficient public official; the community a lovable character and the home a devoted, kind and sympathetic father and husband. Now, Therefore

"Be It Resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring:

"That we deeply feel the loss sustained in the death of W. T. Walker, who departed this life about 7 o'clock on February 23, 1934, and unanimously take this method of publicly expressing our confidence in this tireless, faithful and efficient public official and extend to his family our deepest expressions of sympathy.

"Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the journal of the house and a copy sent to the family of the said W. T. Walker."

In the Senate. The senate finance committee, of which Mr. Walker was clerk, introduced the resolution in the senate, it being as follows:

"Whereas we have learned with deep regret of the death this morning of W. T. Walker, clerk of the joint committee on printing and clerk of the finance committee, and

"Whereas, Mr. Walker has for a long period of years, rendered faithful and efficient service to the state of South Carolina and to the legislature. Now, Therefore,

"Be It Resolved by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, "That the legislature of the state of South Carolina deeply regrets the loss of this faithful and valuable servant and extends to the family of the deceased its deepest sympathy at this time.

"Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. Walker."

The resolutions were adopted in both houses unanimously.

By their presence and bounteous floral offerings, numerous friends of Walter Thornley Walker, 59, yesterday afternoon paid final tribute to the beloved Columbian at his funeral services, conducted from Main Street Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Garrett.

Mr. Walker endeared himself particularly to the members of the printing craft. Coming to Columbia 35 years ago he worked successively in the printing business for Epworth orphanage, The State company, the Columbia Record and the Intertype company before taking the position of

Bethune News Items

Bethune, Feb. 26.—The Bethune chapter U. D. C. met at the home of Mrs. Boyce Baker Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. T. R. Bethune, presiding.

A telegram was sent from the chapter to Gen. E. N. Yarbrough, Confederate Home, Columbia, a former resident of this place, in recognition of his 91st birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Margaret Marion, historian, was in charge of an interesting program on the life and works of Sidney Lanier.

Mrs. Harding of Atlanta, house guest of the hostess, was an honor guest.

Patriotic colors honoring the Father of Our Country were effectively used in the delicious block ice cream and frosted cakes. Favors were tiny silk flags.

Miss Harriett Nelson Mays and brother, D. M., Jr., entertained the local chapter C. of C. Thursday afternoon. A card was sent Gillam B. King, Confederate veteran, in honor of his birthday anniversary and for whom the chapter was named.

A delightful sweet course was served during the social hour.

The parents of the Young People of the Presbyterian church were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. B. McLaurin Friday evening.

The lower floor was thrown en suite and effectively decorated with United States flags and miniature hatchets.

Old fashioned songs were sung by a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bethune, Miss Stella Bethune and Mr. J. A. McCaskill, Misses Margaret McLaurin and Jerry Davis costumed as George and Martha Washington danced a Minuet Old fashioned games were enjoyed and the local string band played lively airs. Punch and cakes were served.

June Truesdell, who is engaged in work at Anderson spent the week end at his home here.

W. E. Davis and Jennings Watford, students of Cochran, Ga., were guests for the week end of their parents here.

Mrs. D. M. Mays and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Barr spent Friday in Augusta.

Mrs. W. R. Rozier and Misses Bessie and Alice Rozier attended a dinner at the home of their brother, A. B. Rozier at Cayce Thursday given in honor of Gen. E. N. Yarbrough of Columbia.

Miss Ruth Estridge of Kershaw was the week end guest of Miss Mary McKinnon.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Kershaw County Basketball Tournament will be held at the Armory Hall, Camden, February 28, March 1 and March 2. Eight girls' teams and seven boys' teams representing all High Schools in the county will compete in this tournament. Games will be played from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M. Wednesday, February 28, from 5 P. M. to 9 P. M. Thursday, March 1, and the finals will be played Friday, March 2, from 7:30 to 9:30.

Admission is 10 and 25 cents.

A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means to thank my many friends at Kirkwood and the surrounding community for remembering me in my recent trouble, when I lost my home by fire. To me, you have been a blessing and your kindness shall not be forgotten.

Harvey Davis and Family.

clerk of the joint committee on printing, clerk of the senate finance committee, positions he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of Main Street Methodist church and Columbia Typographical union No. 34.

Pallbearers for his funeral were: Active, Thos. Crenshaw, Arthur St. J. Simons, John Sloane, Olin D. Johnston, Harry Carey and Nat Turner, honorary, Harry Schirmer, C. H. Girardeau, Dr. W. E. Caughman, J. F. George K. Nelson, Dr. Eugene F. Zemp, Charles S. Henry, Reese Wood, John K. Aull, members of the joint committee on printing of the general assembly, members of the senate finance committee, members of the house ways and means committee, members of the general assembly and state officials. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.—Monday's State.

Explains Attitude on Teachers' Salaries

Laurens, S. C. Feb. 23, 1934

Editor the Watergeree Messenger: An erroneous interpretation on the part of some about my attitude concerning an increase in teachers' salaries has gone out as a result of the quotations of certain passages from my letter to the Honorable J. A. Spruill. For that reason I consider it wise to publish the entire text of the letter for the correct information of the citizenship generally.

Of course I could have gone to the General Assembly and said to that body you must do so and so, thereby, probably arousing a hostility which would be very hard to overcome. It has always been my opinion that a smooth, gentlemanly approach to a business proposition is soundest.

C. K. WRIGHT.

The text of the letter follows: Laurens, S. C. Jan. 31, 1934.

Honorable J. A. Spruill, State House, Columbia, South Carolina.

My dear Mr. Spruill: This letter, I assure you, is written out of a spirit of cooperation and patriotic service.

There is at this time, so I am informed, a Bill pending in the General Assembly whereby teachers' salaries would be raised ten per cent for next year, and it is about this that I write.

The true teacher of the State is not only concerned about the welfare of the schools, but in addition to this institution, she is concerned about the welfare of all legitimate departments of State government. We are therefore, not asking for anything this year which will in any way place in jeopardy the credit of the State, its taxing system, or any of its governmental functions. However, if those close to the facts feel that teachers can be paid a little more without placing any extra burden upon the taxpayers of the State, and at the same time carry on the other departments of state, then there will be no more appreciative body than will be the teachers. On the other hand, if the General Assembly feel that there can be no increase at this time, the teachers will carry on. We realize more fully than any other group that the children of the State must not become vagrants upon the streets and highways and a charge upon society.

We know that schools must be kept open. We have demonstrated that principle over the past two years when the school would certainly have closed but for the high patriotic service of the teachers. Many of us went month after month without compensation, or the hope of compensation. We are willing to sacrifice again if the State calls upon us to do it.

We leave the case in the hands of our friends in the General Assembly, feeling that they will do the best they can for the State at large.

If there is any information which I can give, or if there is any suggestion which you desire from the teachers, I shall be pleased to cooperate with you.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours, C. K. WRIGHT,

President S. C. Education Association

AN INJUSTICE (Editorial in Laurens Advertiser)

And so, Supt. C. K. Wright is being censured as a "demagog" and as going back on the teachers because he wrote an uncommonly sensible letter to a member of the legislature in which he said that the state teachers will "carry on" regardless of whether their pay is raised.

Unless one is to deny that taxes in South Carolina are already a grave menace to the state, he or she, whether a teacher or not, cannot fail to commend his statement that the teachers "were not asking for anything that would jeopardize the credit, taxing system or other functions of the state."

To disagree with his statement would be as much as saying that the teachers demand an increase in pay regardless of its effect on the state's credit, taxing system and other functions. Or, in other words, the teachers would take the crumbs out of the mouths of the taxpayer's children if

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, Feb. 26.—February is almost passed out and it has brought all sorts of bad weather—hard freezes, rains, wind and ice, if the next three weeks keeps up as the past, the "ground hog" legend of "six weeks" more of winter" will certainly be fully justified on this occasion and the antiquated superstition of legendary lore will score one—but we surely hope that the United States Weather man will send us more pleasant weather quite soon.

Billy, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins was knocked down by passing automobile on Saturday evening on Highway 97, near his home. He was quite badly shook up, but not seriously hurt. He was riding a bicycle. The automobilist stopped and rendered what aid he could and offered to pay the damage to the machine.

Ben Ealy, young colored man working for "Abe Hilton near here, was right badly hurt by a "run away" mule last week. He was carried to the Camden hospital for treatment. We have not heard he extent of his injuries.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Judge Blakeney, whom we have known from boyhood. For over fifty years he has been a notable figure in Kershaw county affairs. Mr. L. P. Thompson attended the funeral on Saturday.

Gov. John G. Richards and Mrs. Richards had as guests on Sunday several of their children and grand children and Mrs. Roseborough, sister of Mrs. Richards.

Misses Margaret and Nelle Hammond of Stoneboro were Sunday visitors in the home of their aunt, Mrs. H. S. Higgins.

MRS. J. B. GODWIN DIES AT CAMDEN

Mrs. Carrie Beckham Godwin, 50, wife of J. B. Godwin of Suffolks, Va., died Monday at the Camden hospital after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Godwin is survived by her husband and two sons, J. B. Godwin, Jr., and Hugh Godwin; and the following sisters and brothers, Mrs. R. E. Rollings, Mrs. W. F. Russell, Jr., Mrs. R. L. Bell, all of Camden; Dr. Simon Beckham, Hartsville, the Rev. E. H. Beckham, Pinewood, the Rev. W. A. Beckham, St. Matthews, J. A. Beckham, Santuck, J. C. Beckham, Shelby, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Russell at Camden at 2 o'clock Wednesday with interment in Kershaw cemetery.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The following services are announced at the First Baptist Church for week beginning March 4:

Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge, public worship conducted by the pastor, J. B. Caston at 11:15 A. M. Subject: "A Christ Like Character. At the evening hour 8 o'clock Rev. J. P. Graham will have charge of the service. Regular monthly meeting of the board of deacons on Monday evening at 8. Weekly teacher's meeting Tuesday evening at 8. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 8. B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

OYSTER SUPPER

The DeKalb Home Demonstration club is having an oyster supper, March 2, 1934 beginning at 7 o'clock in a vacant house on Mr. Shelby Truesdale's place.

Everybody is invited. Proceeds to be used for benefit of club and church.

necessary to gain further emoluments. That is not the attitude of the teachers and Mr. Wright said so.

Supt. Wright, as can be judged by his numerous speeches to teachers and civic bodies in the state, has been a strong advocate of improved educational facilities and adequate pay for teachers in South Carolina. He has always been frank in his statements and liberal in the views he has advanced. To take a statement from him and twist it to create an impression that is different not only from what he intended but what he said is very unjust to him.

Judge Blakeney Died Friday

At 2 o'clock Friday morning death called from his labors Judge E. D. Blakeney, for many years one of the ablest, most successful and colorful lawyers of the Kershaw and Lancaster county bars. Judge Blakeney had been in failing health for a year or more, but had only been confined to his bed for a few days, and his death comes as a shock to his large circle of friends within and without the confines of this immediate section.

Eugene DuBose Blakeney was born at Cheraw, South Carolina, on January 3, 1862, the son of Brigadier General James White Blakeney and Virginia DuBose Blakeney. His father, an eminent soldier and lawyer, practiced his profession at Cheraw, being a partner of Bishop Gregg, who wrote Gregg's History of South Carolina. His mother was born at Darlington, S. C., and was a member of the distinguished family of her name residing in Darlington, Sumter and Kershaw counties. His father, who was at that time a member of the South Carolina general assembly, died about the close of the Civil War, and his mother removed from Cheraw to Camden, where Judge Blakeney spent most of the days of his boyhood and early manhood. He was educated under private tutor and at Cokesbury College, later studying law in the offices of the late J. Thornwell Hay. After practicing his profession for some years in Camden he removed to Kershaw, when that town was in its infancy, and for many years there he enjoyed one of the widest and most lucrative practices of any attorney in this part of South Carolina, having been consulting counsel in a large number of most noted homicide cases.

most important civil litigation in Kershaw, Lancaster and Darlington counties. He moved back to Camden in 1918, and re-established his offices here, retaining, however, his practice at Kershaw, and in spite of his failing health he served his wide clientele until just a few days before his death.

Judge Blakeney was an able, learned, fearless, aggressive thorough lawyer, who throughout his many years of practice enjoyed the respect and admiration of the Bench and Bar alike. Devoted to his profession and his family, he had few outside interests, but was always ready to render unselfish public service when his help and counsel were required. He was for a number of terms mayor of Kershaw, but steadfastly refused other public office. He, however, a number of times represented his county in the state Democratic conventions.

On November 9, 1887, he married Miss Lillian Kennedy, of this city, and to this union were born two children, A. Kennedy Blakeney, of Camden, and Mrs. E. L. Williams, of New York City. Mrs. Blakeney died on January 12, 1896, and on January 18, 1898, he was married to Miss Rosa Pearce, and to them were born three children, who, with their mother, survive him: DuBose Blakeney, of Camden; Mrs. Ernest Spong, of Columbia; and Miss Mary Lee Blakeney, now a student at the University of South Carolina.

Interment was in the Quaker cemetery at Camden, and services were held at the Presbyterian church at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday. The active pallbearers were J. B. Zemp, C. P. DuBose, Sr., John K. DuBose, C. P. DuBose, Jr., John Bell Towill, Charlie Herbert Zemp, Charles DeLoache, James W. Blakeney.

The entire Camden bar, together with Senator George K. Laney, of Chesterfield; Roach S. Stewart, of Lancaster; Solicitor A. F. Spigner, of Columbia; John T. Stevens, Kershaw; W. T. Blackmon, Kershaw; W. T. Redfern, C. J. Shannon, J. S. Lindsay, W. F. Nettles, Sr., H. G. Carrison, Jr., W. L. DePass, J. R. Belk, J. H. Clyburn, G. C. Welsh, J. G. Richards, Dr. John W. Corbett, J. H. McLeod, J. Gardner Richards, Jr., and W. F. Stevenson, served as honorary pallbearers.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. conducted by Dr. A. W. Humphries. Twenty minutes for devotional, and the class study will begin at 10:20.

Preaching by the pastor at 11:15. Theme: "The One Baptism." Preaching at 7:30 P. M. Theme: "How This Baptism May Be Attained."

Special music by the choir and violinist, Newell Wimberly.

C. F. WIMBERLY, Pastor.