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## LARGE CROWD ATTENDS MEETING OF TEACHERS

Gathering in Barnwell Saturday Thoroughly Enjoyed by All.

The monthly meeting of the Barnwell County Teachers' Association was held at the auditorium of the Barnwell High School Saturday. One of the largest crowds of the school year was present at this meeting which speaks well, considering that the day was quite cold.

After the opening song, Rev. L. K. Simpson, of North, conducted the devotional exercises. Dr. Jones, of Barnwell, was scheduled for this part of the program, but was unable to be present on account of sickness. Rev. Mr. Simpson, who accompanied Rev. Mr. Crain, was called upon to read the scripture and offer the prayer.

The Boy's Chorus of the Williston High School gave several selections and demonstrated that the Williston school has some exceptional vocal talent in its student body. This chorus was accompanied on the piano by Miss Edna Lott, music teacher and director of the choral club.

An unexpected treat on the program was an address by Prof. Bolen, head of the Extension Department of Winthrop College. Prof. Bolen came to Barnwell in behalf of the Music Memory Contest which is being put on by the Extension Department of Winthrop this year, and his visit coincided with the teachers' meeting; so he was given an opportunity to discuss this contest before the teachers of the county. In his address, Prof. Bolen stressed the part that music has played in the development of the social and economic life of European nations, and that this contest was but the giving to music its proper place in American life. He said that this contest would further interest in the classical music by the great composers and tend to form a partnership in human endeavors.

Mrs. A. H. Ninestein, of Blackville, County Organizer of School Improvement Associations, was on the program to discuss her work, but she was ill and her message was read by Miss Steele. This is a work that has not been given a proper showing in our school life, and it is to the interest of every school to line up the parents of the children in the schools for a part in the school life. There are many things that an organization of this kind can do and is doing.

The other musical number on the program was rendered by the Blackville teachers. This number consisted of a violin solo by Miss Bruce, with piano accompaniment. Miss Bruce has given several numbers at teachers' meetings in the past and never fails to win applause.

The principal speaker of the day was the Rev. J. Dean Crain, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Columbia. Mr. Crain is perhaps the most original speaker that has ever spoken in Barnwell. He is one of the few humorist preachers in South Carolina today. His address was filled with quaint sayings, odd anecdotes, and simple illustrations. He is a man who never smiles when he is talking, but who keeps a ripple of laughter continually swaying his hearers. He is choked full of sunshine and is gifted with the ability to impart that sunshine to others. To say that his address was enjoyed is putting it very mildly.

At the close of the meeting a delightful dinner was served the teachers and visitors by the women of the Methodist Church.

## Washington's Birthday Party.

A Washington's birthday party will be given at the Barnwell Methodist Church parsonage February 22, the proceeds being for the parsonage and church improvement fund. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and especially to the older folks. There will be various amusements and free refreshments. The following invitation has been issued:

Missionary Circle Number Two Takes this means of asking you To help them celebrate

The birthday of Washington, great. At the parsonage on the date February 22nd, at the hour of eight. Bring pennies with you to the door To the amount of your age—nothing more.

If you find you cannot come, Please send the money by someone.

The days gain 11 minutes in sunshine this week.

## BARNWELL COUNTY MEN MAY RECEIVE CLEMENCY

Board of Pardons Recommends Suspension of Sentence for Three.

Executive clemency is recommended in 24 of the 82 cases considered by the State board of pardons at its January meeting, three of them being applications from Barnwell County men. Gov. McLeod has taken the report under advisement and will act upon the cases in his discretion. Recommended for clemency from this county are:

Richard Bradley, of Barnwell, convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill. "This petitioner," the board says, "was tried and convicted in his absence and sentenced to serve three years. He has now served one year. An examination of the record would indicate that there is considerable doubt concerning his guilt. The board, therefore, recommends that he be given a suspended sentence during his good behavior."

Luther Chavous and Willie Frederick, of Barnwell, convicted October, 1923, of forgery and sentenced to serve two years. The case involves the attempted forgery of two small checks, no money being obtained. Board recommends suspension of sentences during good behavior.

Later. — Chavous, Frederick and Bradley have been granted suspended sentences during good behavior.

## BARNWELL MEN SERIOUSLY CUT IN FIGHT AT HOTEL

M. N. Holland Inflicts Serious Wounds on Brabham and Bessinger.

Shelley Bessinger and Coy Brabham, of this city, were seriously cut by Marvin N. Holland, it is alleged, Thursday night. Both men were wounded in the neck and fourteen stitches were necessary to close the gash in young Brabham's neck. The knife came very close to severing his jugular vein. The wound in Bessinger's neck, while not so long, was said to be deeper and equally as serious. The wounded men bled profusely, leaving a trail of blood from the hotel to a local drug store, where they were given medical attention.

The difficulty occurred in a room at the Hotel Diamond which had been engaged, it is said, by a traveling man from Augusta. There were several eye-witnesses. Those involved in the trouble were placed under bonds for their appearance for trial. It is understood that Brabham and Bessinger are recovering from their injuries.

## Sunday School Class Meets.

The Jennie Bates Hagood class of the Barnwell Methodist Sunday school held its initial monthly business and social meeting Thursday afternoon, February 7th, at the Parsonage, with Miss Johnnie Atkinson, the teacher, as hostess. Fourteen members of the class were present. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Ed Woodward and plans for the year were discussed. The following are the officers for the year:

Mrs. Ed Woodward, president; Mrs. A. L. Lowman, secretary; Mrs. Nora Hogg, treasurer; Mrs. Norman Dicks, Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Harvey, Devotional Committee; Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Miller, Membership Committee.

At the conclusion of the business, the names of those present were written on hearts and each person asked to draw one. It was explained that the class would play the "Pollanna" game during the month by giving the one whose name they drew as many things to be "glad" over as possible, without letting it be known who was giving the "gladness." At the March meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Norman Dicks everyone will be given the opportunity to guess who served her name.

The hostess served nut cookies and hot chocolate.

## Lee-Butler.

Elko, Feb. 7.—The following cards have been received in Elko: "Mr. and Mrs. William Lowell Butler announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Mr. Edwin LeRoy Lee, of Elko, S. C., on Saturday, February 2nd, at Greenville, South Carolina." Mr. and Mrs. Lee will make their home in Elko.

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## AN EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES FORCES SCHOOL TO CLOSE

Sixty Pupils of Dunbarton High Schools Absent Monday Morning.

Dunbarton, Feb. 12.—An epidemic of measles forced the Dunbarton High School to close for this week. Last week several cases were reported and some fifteen or twenty children were out by the end of the week. It is estimated that about sixty percent of the one hundred and twenty-five pupils has never had this disease. When school opened up Monday there were about sixty pupils absent, due either to measles or measles in the home; so the trustees decided that the best thing to do under the circumstances was to close down for this week at least. If conditions are improved the school will re-open next Monday.

A telephone message received in Dunbarton early Monday morning stated that Mr. Henry C. Rountree, of Charlotte, N. C., was dead. Mr. Rountree is a native of Dunbarton, having gone to Charlotte about five years ago to engage in the automobile business. His death came suddenly, or rather unexpectedly. His relatives here had a letter from Mr. Rountree a few days ago stating that her husband had the grippe, but just what complications set in to cause his death has not been learned at this writing. A host of friends in this part of Barnwell County extend to his wife and parents their deep sympathy in this dark hour.

The friends of Miss Jane Owens are glad to hear that she is back at school after having been in bed for several days.

Winton Whaley, son of Mrs. Mattie Whaley, is very sick with pneumonia. In addition to Winton, two more of her sons, Franklin and Eugene, have the measles. Her friends are sympathizing with Mrs. Whaley, and wishing for her sons a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dicks, and Mr. C. H. Dicks were business visitors to Augusta last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King attended the Barnwell County Teacher's meeting last Saturday.

The town election comes next Friday. At a meeting of the citizens of the town last Wednesday night at the school house the following officers were nominated to run in the election Friday: For Mayor: B. F. Anderson, C. H. Dicks, and E. D. Dicks; for Wardens: P. J. Hiers, J. L. All. Dr. L. W. Anderson, W. H. Dicks, H. H. King, E. F. Owens, R. H. Burckhalter, B. A. Rountree, S. D. Rountree, and H. S. Anderson. One Mayor and four Wardens will be elected at that time to serve the town for the year beginning March first.

The people of Dunbarton and vicinity were very much disappointed when they learned Saturday that the Rev. Webster Garvin, of Chester, felt that he could not accept the call extended to him some time ago to accept the Dunbarton field of Churches. The folks here were much impressed with Brother Garvin, but feel that his decision to remain with his people at Chester was the result of much prayer and deliberation.

The Rev. H. P. Bennett has been invited to preach at Dunbarton next Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock. The people from Joyce Branch, Meyer's Mill, and Lower Three Runs have been invited to attend this service. The pulpit committee is trying to arrange preaching services at convenient times for the field as long as we are without a pastor, and thus the committee has invited Rev. Bennett for Thursday night, so as not to interfere with his regular preaching engagements on Sunday. The public is cordially invited to worship with Cypress Chapel next Thursday night.

Members: P. J. Hiers, H. H. King, L. Hiers, Jr., and Ralph Killingsworth motored to Augusta, Friday afternoon.

## Presiding Elder Here.

The Rev. John H. Graves, presiding elder of the Orangeburg District, preached at the Barnwell Methodist Church Sunday night to a large and appreciative congregation. At the close of the service, the First Quarterly Conference for the current year was held and exceptionally good reports were submitted. The splendid showing betokens a year of progress. The pastor, Dr. Atkinson, the officers and the entire membership are praying and working to that end.

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## 4 COUNTIES ORGANIZE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Schools in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell and Bamberg Organize.

At the teachers' meeting in January, a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of organizing a league of high schools in this section of the State to control athletics and facilitate a schedule of games. Under the present State high school league there is very little chance of a small high school getting any recognition for its work in athletics owing to its inability to put out a team that can combat with those put out by the larger high schools of the State. This committee wrote to ten or twelve high schools in Allendale, Aiken, Barnwell and Bamberg Counties relative to the proposed league and the majority of these school officials were in favor of its formation.

Last Saturday, at the close of the Teacher's Meeting, representatives of schools interested in this league met and a committee was appointed to draw up a tentative constitution and submit it to the schools for approval. This will be done this week, and it is hoped that the league will get under way for the baseball season this spring.

A word is necessary relative to this league. It is agreed that the present tendency in high school athletics, to get the best players in a town to go to school for the required ten days in order to be eligible to play on the football or baseball team has to be checked or high school athletics will be killed. The state high school league tries now to remedy this evil in the schools that are members of the state association, but the majority of schools in this section, not having teams of championship calibre, deem it throwing away money to join the state high school league, and thus the evil of schools playing ringers can not be handled by the state league. This association, then, is not to try to supplant the state league, but is to co-operate with it to the extent of getting schools that are not now members of the state organization to adopt the same principles of fairness and eligibility that the state league stands for. This is a local organization and will take in all the schools in the four counties that will conform to its rules. Games are more interesting when schools are pitted against schools, and not towns against towns; when boys are playing boys and not boys playing men.

This league will not restrict schools to play teams in the league only, but will be allowed to take on their schedule other teams that they would like to play, but it does mean that teams that play each other in league games will have to play only bona fide students and conduct their play according to the rules of the league. This is a step in the right direction and the school superintendents and coaches are to be congratulated on this stand for clean and manly sports in our high schools.

## "THE BIRTH OF A NATION" IS COMING TO BARNWELL

Spectacle, Romance, Drama, Comedy and Tragedy Are Combined.

"The Birth of a Nation," D. W. Griffith's epochal film sensation, will be the offering at the Vamp Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 18 and 19 under a United Artists Corporation release.

For many years American dramatists wrote plays of particular States, cities or localities, ranging from "Alabama" to "The Henrietta" and from "Way Down East" to "The Great Divide." But no one man seemed to grasp the whole spirit and genius of America until David Wark Griffith picked a suggestion for his theme out of Dixon's "The Leopard Spots" and "The Clansman" and started to develop it.

A remarkable thing about Mr. Griffith's plan is that words (except for leaders and titles) did not enter into it. Perhaps words had cramped rather than aided previous fictionists and dramatists. At any rate, he replaced speech by music, and the old fashioned stage action and scenery by the pictorialized action of thousands of players in the great out-of-doors. In brief, he staged the great battles, struggles and critical events of 1861-'70 under natural conditions as nearly as possible similar to the original.

Blackville, Feb. 8.—Blackville High School girls' basketball team crowded itself with glory by romping over Denmark High on the local field this afternoon to the tune of 58 to 4. The game was never in doubt for the locals staged a walkaway from the start. The great and outstanding feature of the game was the classy and brilliant work of Martha Still for Blackville, who scored goals for a total of eighteen points in the first quarter. Adding fifteen more to her credit or forty-eight points in all during the entire game. Gladys Welis again made an excellent showing securing four goals while Margaret O'Gorman is accredited with one. The three goals or four points going to Denmark is credited to Dorothy Crum and Helen Brooker, while the good playing of Lena Stevenson and Dorothy Matthews for the visitors, also featured. Quite a goodly number of Denmark fans were in attendance.

## B. Y. P. U. Convention.

The Southern Section B. Y. P. U. Convention will be held with the Blackville Baptist Church, Feb. 22, 23 and 24. The hospitable people of Blackville are offering entertainment for the pastor and three delegates from each Senior Union, the leader and three delegates from Junior and Intermediate Unions, and for the pastor and two delegates from every church that has no B. Y. P. U. in the Southern B. Y. P. U. Section. All delegates must notify Miss Juanita Matthews, Blackville, S. C., before Feb. 18th.

A fee of 50c will be collected. This fee is for incidental expenses of the convention.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY AIR TELEPHONE TEST HELD

Barnwell Radio Fans Hear Talk Between Havana and Los Angeles.

Radio fans who were fortunate enough to be listening in Friday evening from 10:45 to 11:20 p. m. to the several stations broadcasting together heard the first combination radio and telephone transcontinental test given before the Bond Club at Chicago by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company by Gen. J. J. Cartey, vice president of the company.

The test was very successful, and those who listened received the thrill that all radio fans look for when Chicago said "Hello, Havana; hello, San Francisco," and those two stations, coast to coast, talked back and forth.

A roll call was then given from the different stations along the transcontinental route from Chicago answering in rotation. Mr. Caldwell at Havana, Mr. White at Key West, Mr. Wiley at Palm Beach, then Jacksonville (the temperature there was announced cold at 48 degrees), then Denmark, S. C., Charlotte, Lynchburg, Va., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Canton, Ohio, Terre Haute, Kansas City, Newton, Kansas, Garden City, Denver, Rawlins, Wyo. (announced that they had two inches of snow), Salt Lake City (said it was 8:55 p. m. and cold), Winnemuka, Nev., Sacramento, then San Francisco, Mr. Bates.

A violin selection was given at Havana for the other stations, then San Francisco played "Home, Sweet, Home," on the chimes. The applause could be heard-in at the meeting in Chicago. As each station hung it reported good-night to Chicago and taps were played at San Francisco at 8:11 p. m. (11:11 here.)

This was the first test of its kind and the voices which were relayed and broadcasted from New York, Washington, Havana, Chicago, Los Angeles, Oakland and other stations so that millions listened on the talk from Havana to San Francisco through 5,000 miles of land wires and is a demonstration of the power of radio for communications. All of this was as clear and loud as if the speakers were in the room with the listeners, and regular conversations were carried on between Chicago and Havana and the Pacific coast. In his talk at Chicago, Gen. Cartey gave the history of the telephone and delivered a talk on the past and future uses of radio telephones.

Mr. Terie Richardson, of this city, using a Radiola V, received the entire program, as did other local radio fans who happened to be listening in at the time.

## BLACKVILLE TEAM WINS

Walks Over Denmark by the Score of 58 to 4.

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## BUSINESS DISTRICT IS THREATENED BY BLAZE

Four Stores on Wall Street Destroyed by Fire Saturday Morning.

Fire which was discovered about one o'clock Saturday morning for a time threatened the destruction of Barnwell's business district and resulted in the loss of four stores on Wall Street. The blaze originated in the store occupied by Trustee Hankinson, colored, who operates a negro restaurant, and evidently started from the cookstove. Mrs. Brooker, night telephone operator, was awakened by the bright light of the leaping flames shining through the window in the rear of the telephone exchange, and gave the alarm. Owing to the flimsy construction of the buildings, however, all four stores were a mass of flames by the time the volunteer fire-fighters arrived on the scene and a high wind blowing directly out of the North drove the sheets of fire against the adjoining two-story building. For a time it

looked like the entire business district was doomed to destruction, but the usual efficient work on the part of the fire department confined the loss to the block of four one-story buildings, but not until the law offices of Harley and Blatt had suffered a small amount of damage, mostly from water. The principal loss to them was the damaging of records, the law library escaping with only minor damage.

The buildings burned were owned by Col. J. E. Harley, who estimates the loss at about \$5,000, which is partially covered by insurance. He stated Saturday morning that he would rebuild at once, replacing the former stores with more substantial structures.

Three of the store-rooms destroyed were occupied by negroes, the fourth being vacant. The store of Messrs. G. M. Hogg and Powhattan Harley, located directly under the offices of Harley and Blatt, was damaged somewhat by fire and water.

The volunteer fire department has again rendered exceptional service to the city and its members have come in for no small amount of well deserved praise. A common expression heard here is that, considering equipment, Barnwell has the best fire department in South Carolina. They have proved their worth on more than one occasion, saving property owners thousands of dollars.

## DR. A. B. PATTERSON WILL OFFER FOR STATE SENATE

Former Member of Legislature to Make Campaign This Summer.

"Yes, I am going to make an active campaign for the State Senate this summer," said Dr. A. B. Patterson Monday morning in reply to an inquiry by a representative of The People as to whether or not he is planning to re-enter politics. A report has been current around Barnwell for several days to the effect that Dr. Patterson would be a candidate in the coming primaries for either a seat in the House of Representatives or the Senate, and his statement Monday confirmed the report that he is to be a candidate. He promises to wage a lively campaign and to make things interesting on the hustings this summer. Dr. Patterson has represented Barnwell County in both branches of the General Assembly. It is also rumored that Col. Edgar A. Brown, of this city, at present a member of the House, will also throw his hat in the ring for the Senate, while still another rumor is to the effect that Mr. E. C. Matthews, of Blackville, chairman of the Board of County Directors, will also be an aspirant to this office. These rumors are given for what they may be worth, but have not been verified.

Thus it will be seen that the political pot has already begun to simmer and promises to reach the boiling point early in the summer. Various men are being spoken of as possible candidates for the various offices to be filled this year, and political developments will be watched with interest. From what can be learned, the campaign this year will be a "warm" affair.

"And what has become of the old-fashioned chap who used to carry a rabbit's foot in his pocket as a good luck charm?" asks The Carolina Citizen. He now carries accident and health insurance.

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