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YOUNG BAPTISTS VISIT BLACKVILLE

SOUTHERN SECTION CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION

Surrounding Communities Combine to Entertain Large Number of Delegates.

Blackville, Feb. 23.—More than 350 delegates from Orangeburg, Batesburg, Charleston, Aiken, North Augusta, St. Matthews and other unions are here for the Southern section Baptist Young People's union in session here and are being entertained by the Baptist churches of Blackville, Bamberg, Denmark, Barnwell, Williston and Elko. Other delegates are expected to be present for the Sunday sessions tomorrow.

Buel Webb, president, is in charge of the meetings.

The Rev. C. E. Burts, D. D., secretary-treasurer of the Baptist general board, Columbia, delivered an appropriate address, which was an inspiration to his many hearers to do Christian work.

A reception was held in the parlors of the Blackville Baptist church, which added greatly to the joy of the occasion. Afterward the delegates attended a play especially presented in the high school auditorium for the delegates.

The program today consisted of varieties. The president told of the success of the unions, many of which are reported A No. 1. The three state banners are held in this section, one by Blackville Baptist church and two by the Citadel Square Baptist church in Charleston.

State Superintendent A. L. Baggott gave the keynote address, saying that all young church members should be trained in accordance with the ideals of the B. Y. P. U. He showed the necessity for many more unions in the state, recommending as many as ten in large churches.

James W. Merritt, former president of the B. Y. P. U. in Georgia and now Sunday school field secretary in that state, was the principal speaker this morning.

The Bamberg church furnished supper this evening for the convention and neighborhood towns shared in the entertainment. After the meal a period of stunts was in order.

Mr. Merritt will speak at the morning session tomorrow.

Five hundred delegates were entertained at lunch today by the Barnwell and Elko unions and in the afternoon B. Y. P. U. methods were discussed.

This evening the address of the occasion was by the Rev. Furman H. Martin of the First Baptist church of Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, who are to sail for China shortly as missionaries, will address the convention tomorrow, a full program having been arranged for the day.

Mrs. Jennie Sanders Bates

Strong in the faith of a true Christian and triumphant in the sweet expectation of eternal joy and peace, Mrs. Bates passed to her heavenly crown Dec. 22, 1923, after several weeks of declining from paralysis. She was the daughter of Jesse C. Sanders, Sr., and Mrs. Rivanna Creech Sanders, and was the beloved and devoted wife of James W. Bates, of Yonema, S. C. In her death, Mt. Olivet Church, in whose cemetery she sleeps, has lost one of her most active, consecrated and Christlike members.

No mother could be more devoted than she was to her husband, children and friends and to the Kingdom of her Lord and Savior. She has left many relatives who will always cherish the fondest memories of her affection, beautiful character and amiable disposition. She was most industrious, hospitable and kind—ever thoughtful of the temporal and spiritual wants and welfare of her neighbors and co-workers in the vineyard of her Savior. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," shall ever be true of this lovely saint.

R. W. Sanders.

Birth of Baby Announced.

Olar, Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Black, of near Barnwell, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a fine baby boy at their home February 16th.

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GUNTER ANNOUNCES FOR CONGRESSIONAL HONORS

Solicitor of Second Judicial Circuit Would Succeed Byrnes.

Aiken, Feb. 25.—The announcement that James F. Byrnes would enter the race for United States senator from South Carolina was followed by the announcement of Solicitor Robert L. Gunter, of the second judicial circuit, that he would offer for representative in the place of Mr. Byrnes.

Mr. Gunter has served as the solicitor of this district for the past 14 years and has upon several occasions been highly praised for his efficiency by the presiding judge in open court. He is a native of Aiken County, and is 52 years old.

For several years he taught school in the Wagener section to earn money for his college training, which he received at Newberry College and the University of South Carolina. He also took a post graduate course at the University of Michigan.

To Constitutional Convention.

When 25 years old he was chosen a member of the State constitutional convention, and served in the House of Representatives of this State during the years 1901 and 1902.

B. B. Hare, of Saluda, and Edgar A. Brown, of Barnwell, it is understood, will contend against Mr. Gunter for the vacancy made by Representative Byrnes.

Today an announcement also came from John Edwin Stansfield, of the Aiken bar, that he would be a candidate for the place of Solicitor which will be made vacant by Mr. Gunter. Mr. Stansfield is a native of Aiken County. He was born in Graniteville and graduated at the school there. He received his college training at the University of South Carolina, graduating with honors and finished the course of law at the law school of that institution in 1916. He has been practicing law at Aiken since 1916 and has often assisted Solicitor Gunter in prosecutions.

When interviewed today, State Senator John F. Williams stated positively that he would not enter the race for Congress despite rumor to the contrary. It is rumored that Cole L. Blease will not enter the race against Byrnes.

Death of Little Hazel Delk.

Blackville, Feb. 25.—On Sunday night, Feb. 17th, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Delk and bore away their dear little twelve months old baby. Hazel was sick only one week, but God knew best and took her to that precious home beyond, where no death nor tears shall ever come. All that loving hands and tender nursing could do was done, but of no avail. We cannot understand why she was taken, but some day in the better land will read the meaning of our tears. 'Twas hard, so hard, to give her up, but there is consolation in our belief that it is His will and not ours. Hazel was laid to rest in the Double Pond cemetery Monday afternoon, Feb. 18, the Rev. D. W. Heckle conducting the funeral services.

Dear little hands, we miss thee so. All through the day where ere we go—

All through the night how lonely it seems

For no little hands to wake me from my dreams,

We miss thee all through the weary hours—

We miss thee as others do sunshine and flowers.

Daytime or night time, where ere we go,

Dear little hands, we miss thee so. Aunt.

Hear President Coolidge

Barnwell radio fans heard President Coolidge deliver an address Friday night in commemorating the birthday of George Washington. His speech, which was delivered in his study at the White House, was broadcast from stations in Washington and New York. The reception was exceptionally clear.

The Ground Hog Was Right.

The ground hog has been vindicated as a weather prophet. Some of the coldest and most disagreeable weather of the entire winter has visited this section since the little animal emerged from winter quarters on February 2nd and, becoming frightened at his shadow, returned for another nap of six weeks.

GRAND JURY FINDS POOR YARD IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

Also Finds That the County Chain Gangs Are Doing Good Work.

The following is the Presentment of the Grand Jury which was made at the Court of General Sessions, which closed last week:

To the Honorable T. S. Sease, Presiding Judge:

Grand jury for the county having performed all of its work for the present term begs leave to report as follows:

We have passed upon and returned to the court all indictments handed us by the Solicitor.

We have made an investigation of the different county offices and find them to be in proper shape and that the county officers are duly performing the duties of their respective offices.

We have made an inspection of the county jail and find it in the usual well kept condition. We desire to compliment Mr. Main, the jailor, for the efficient service he has so long and faithfully rendered his county in this capacity.

We have made an inspection of the county Poor Yard, which is operated under a board of regents and we find all of the inmates being properly cared for and well satisfied with their condition. We interviewed the Superintendent, Mr. Allen J. Owens, and Mrs. A. A. Lemon, one of the regents, and went over with them their work there. We desire to extend to them the thanks of the county for the service they render in caring for the unfortunates entrusted to their care. We recommend that a reporter be sent to the Poor Yard to make certain necessary repairs such as building steps for some of the houses, and that the board of directors of the county make provisions for providing lumber to make such necessary repairs at the Poor Yard. We also recommend that benches be built for the dining room, as these are badly needed. We also recommend that the inmates at the poor yard be each given a small amount of work each day to perform such as they are capable of performing in the way of cleaning the yards and keeping the premises in a clean and slightly condition. We recommend further that the superintendent of the poor yard require all inmates of the poor yard to first get permission before leaving the premises, as we understand that some of the inmates, whenever they feel so disposed, go off and do not return until it suits their convenience.

We have made an investigation of the county chaingangs and find that they are doing good work. We find the stock being well taken care of. There are one or two matters which we desire to call to the attention of the proper authorities, which matters have on previous occasions already been called to the attention of the proper authorities by former grand juries of this county, and that is to say we recommend that chaingang number one, be equipped with a sanitary kitchen. This kitchen should be furnished immediately and put into use. We earnestly urge the county directors to furnish such a kitchen. We have made, as stated above, this recommendation several times, but no action has been taken thereon. Another matter that we wish to recommend is that chaingang number two be furnished with a new cooking stove. We further recommend that the prisoners of the chaingang be given more varied diet and that from time to time there be purchased for their use, fresh vegetables, such as turnips, cabbage, sweet potatoes, etc., and that they also be furnished from time to time with fresh meat.

We have in the past requested the proper authorities to have the court house square cleaned up and put in a more presentable condition. This recommendation apparently has gone unheeded, and we recommend that the yards be cleaned up of all trash and that the court house square be not made a dumping ground for property of no service to the county.

We urge that all magistrates be careful to bind over all necessary witnesses in cases sent to the court of general sessions and that they also before each term of the court of general sessions make it their business to notify these witnesses if possible of the importance of their being on hand when court convenes. Along this same line we recommend that whenever a case is continued and witnesses be excused until the next term of court on account of said con-

DENMARK PUBLIC SERVICE CO. MAY ENLARGE FIELD

Representative of Bonding Co. Visits Section to Be Developed.

Special to The Barnwell People.

Denmark, Feb. 26.—The Edisto Public Service Company, of Denmark, is making arrangements to develop their business on quite a big basis and Mr. S. N. Blake, of Boston, who represents a big Eastern Bonding Company, was down here all of the past week looking over the territory served by this company and the territory which they propose taking in when the development is completed. The Edisto Public Service Company is now furnishing light and power at Denmark, Blackville, Olar, Lees and Govan and they have recently closed contracts with some other towns. In addition to operating a power plant they also manufacture ice and have one of the largest ice plants South of Columbia. This concern has arrangements under way by which they will soon be able to furnish an unlimited amount of power to its customers, as they are working on a hydroelectric power proposition which will give them all the power needed for this section. "Bob" Easterling, who operates this concern, says that while he is in business to make money that he is sure that there is no one thing that will do more to develop this country than cheap electric power and if there is any way to get cheap power in this territory he expects to do it. He says that this is a fine farming country and that what is needed is a home market for the surplus farm products and if there are lots of manufacturing plants this will afford a market for this surplus and the only way to get these plants is to have cheap power.

Republicans Meet Here.

At a meeting in Barnwell Wednesday of last week of the Republicans of the Second-congressional district, John M. Jones, of Saluda, was elected a delegate to the national Republican convention. W. A. Jackson, of Aiken, was elected alternate.

Joseph W. Tolbert, state chairman, made a speech as did others. A resolution endorsing Coolidge for president was adopted and the delegate is to stand by Coolidge for the nomination as long as he is in the race.

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Continuance, that the sheriff do resumption said witnesses for attendance in due time.

We are advised that the county legislative delegation is making efforts to reduce court expenses by reducing the number of weeks of court held each year. We heartily agree with this movement and recommend that something be done immediately in this regard. We understand that under the present law we have fourteen weeks of court, which in our opinion is nearly twice as much court as is necessary to attend to the business of the county. Our court expenses are enormous, compared with the size of the county and we believe that by reducing the number of weeks of court in Barnwell County, that a considerable sum of money can be saved to the county and at the same time all of the court business of the county be transacted.

It has been called to our attention by the supervisor of roads and by the county physician that a prisoner on the chaingang, to-wit: Charlie Taylor, who has been upon the chaingang for sixteen years, is suffering from Tuberculosis. The county physician reports to us that he has been treating him constantly for the past year and that he is unable to continue to work at hard labor and is an expense to the county. The supervisor also advises us of the same state of facts relative to this prisoner. We recommend that the proper authorities of the county make application to the governor for a parole, turning good behavior of this prisoner.

We wish to express our appreciation to the presiding judge for the courtesies extended us and for the manner in which he has conducted this court.

We desire to thank the solicitor and other officials for the assistance which has been rendered us by them in our deliberations; all of which is Respectfully submitted.

R. J. ROUNTREE.

Foreman.

Barnwell, S. C., Feb. 19, 1924.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO CONVENE MARCH 3RD

Judge T. S. Sease to Preside at Scheduled Three Weeks Term.

Beginning Monday, March 3rd, the Court of Common Pleas, with Judge T. S. Sease presiding, will convene at Barnwell for a term scheduled to last three weeks. Petit jurors for the approaching term have been drawn as follows:

First Week Jurors:

- W. L. Cave, Barnwell.
- L. C. Fowke, Red Oak.
- L. E. McCormack, Blackville.
- Aiken O. Hair, Blackville.
- D. C. Birt, Barnwell.
- S. M. Baxley, Bennett Springs.
- W. C. Cunningham, Williston.
- W. F. Duncan, Bennett Springs.
- H. M. Thompson, Williston.
- Clyde Vickery, Barnwell.
- S. W. Trotti, Rosemary.
- Owen Ferguson, Red Oak.
- Shelly Black, Barnwell.
- Luther Black, Barnwell.
- A. A. McAllister, Barnwell.
- N. D. Coclin, Barnwell.
- J. C. R. Grubbs, Georges Creek.
- Henry F. Odom, Barnwell.
- A. J. Bonds, Georges Creek.
- C. H. Smith, Williston.
- J. A. Shipes, Blackville.
- R. O. Cave, Richland.
- Leonard H. Martin, Blackville.
- W. S. Guess, Blackville.
- R. S. Fitzpatrick, Barnwell.
- Alonza Bates, Williston.
- P. G. Eubanks, Blackville.
- E. H. Hartzog, Blackville.
- G. P. Hoeg, Barnwell.
- J. A. Tucker, Georges Creek.
- W. H. Baxley, Barnwell.
- M. A. Harden, Great Cypress.
- B. O. Norris, Great Cypress.
- Reuben F. Lott, Williston.
- Aubrey S. Bolen, Williston.
- J. H. Sweet, Bennett Springs.

Two Alarms of Fire.

Sunday in Barnwell was featured by two alarms of fire, both blazes occurring at the same place—the residence occupied by Mr. Tom Bolen on East Main Street. The first alarm was sounded about nine o'clock when it was found that the roof of the dwelling was ablaze near a chimney. A few buckets of water and the use of a hand fire-extinguisher soon had the fire under control. The second alarm was sounded shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon. It is thought that the second blaze was either a "hang-over" from the fire earlier in the day, which had smoldered for several hours unknown, or was caused by a spark from the chimney, as was the case in the morning. Very little damage resulted from either fire. The house is owned by Mr. J. H. Lancaster and is situated on the corner of Main Street and Marlboro Avenue, next door to the residence of Mrs. T. S. Cave.

Two Deaths Near Williston.

Williston, Feb. 22.—This week saw the passing of two very old people of this section. Less than 48 hours before the death of Captain Hankinson, Mrs. Eliza McDonald, aged 85, passed away. She died Saturday, February 16th, after a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Parker, near Williston. She was the widow of the late Ira McDonald, of Barnwell County, who died in Jacksonville, Fla., about four years ago. Mrs. McDonald is survived by one son, J. H. McDonald of Williston, and one daughter, Mrs. T. F. Parker. She had been a loyal and consistent member of Long Branch church for many years. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at the Williston cemetery followed by interment there.

Williston Girls Lose.

Blackville, Feb. 22.—Williston High School girls' basket ball team met its Waterloo, on the local field this afternoon, Blackville beating them 18 to 13. This makes the second clash between Williston and Blackville this season, the first game having resulted in a deadlock of 12 to 12, at Williston. The game was featured by the brilliant work of the Misses Martha and Pura Still. The visitors put up a plucky fight with the spirit of never say die and the wonderful exhibition displayed by Miss Elmo Cusery and Miss Kate Odiorne, who did the best work for their team, stamp them as fine performers.

The days gain ten minutes in sunshine this week.

BYRNES WILL RUN FOR U. S. SENATE

DECLARES HE WILL BE IN PRIMARY THIS YEAR.

Has Spent Thirteen Years as Congressman from 2nd District.—Makes Formal Statement.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representative James F. Byrnes, of the Second South Carolina district announces today that he will be a candidate in the primary election this year for the senate of the United States.

Senator N. B. Dial, who is completing his first term, announced last fall that he would be a candidate to succeed himself. Former Gov. Cole L. Blease had likewise announced.

The formal statement of Byrnes follows:

"In the approaching primary election it is my intention to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States senate from South Carolina.

"With my experience of more than 13 years as a member of congress and my intimate acquaintance with many members of the senate, with whom I served for years in the house it is my hope that, if elected to the senate, I can be of real service to our state."

Senator Dial, when apprised of the announcement of Mr. Byrnes, declared briefly that the office was the property of the people and theirs for disposition. He referred to the fact that he was serving his first term and that it had been an exceedingly busy term. He will make an aggressive campaign, he added.

That Mr. Byrnes would be a candidate has been understood for several months. It is learned that he has surveyed the field and is confident that he will be elected. He has served conspicuously for many years and is unquestionably one of the Democratic leaders of the house. He likewise will make an aggressive campaign and South Carolinians in the capital expect the most interesting senatorial race in the recent history of their state.

Mr. Byrnes is from Aiken. A brief sketch of his career follows: At the age of 15, in order to contribute to the support of his widowed mother, he left school and entered a law office as office boy. At night he studied shorthand and later served as stenographer in the same office. In 1900 he entered a competitive examination and won the appointment as court stenographer of the Second circuit. While serving in this capacity, he studied law. In 1908 he was elected solicitor and, after serving two years, was elected to congress.

In the house he first served on the banking and currency committee and took an active part in framing the federal reserve act offering the provision to rediscunt agricultural paper. He was one of a committee of five that framed the first bill to pass the house granting federal aid in the construction of roads. During recent years he has been a member of the appropriations committee and has been active in framing legislation reported by that committee and in the debates on the floor of the house.

Mr. Byrnes was a delegate at large to the last Democratic national convention and represents South Carolina on the Democratic congressional committee. He is a member of the Episcopal church, is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of other fraternal organizations.

Senator Dial is of Laurens. He was a delegate to the convention, which nominated Grover Cleveland for his second term.

Later he was offered but declined the consulship at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1912. He was a candidate for the senate but was defeated by the late Senator B. R. Tillman. He was again a candidate in 1918 and, after the death of Senator Tillman, was elected overwhelmingly over Mr. Blease and J. F. Rice. He is a member of the committees on commerce, enrolled bills, postoffices and post roads and revision of laws.

Ashleigh Items.

Ashleigh, Feb. 25.—Miss Lucile Morris, of Savannah, has been the guest of relatives here for several days.

There has been a number of cases of measles in this community but all of the patients are up again.

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