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LOCAL SCHOOL CLOSED BECAUSE OF MEASLES

Fear of Epidemic Causes Board of Health to Take Action.

Fearing an epidemic of measles such as visited Blackville and Dunbarton, the local Board of Health closed the Barnwell High School on Monday until further notice. Several cases of this disease have developed here in the past week and many children have been exposed. The order of the Board also prohibits school children from attending the theatre, church or Sunday school until the danger is considered past. It is also understood that stricter quarantine regulations will be put into effect.

It is not known just how long the local school will remain closed. In Dunbarton it was necessary to keep the school closed for three weeks before the epidemic subsided.

Measles has not been confined to any one section, but is said to be prevalent throughout the county and State, and of course has been worse in some sections than in others. A local physician stated a few days ago that he could not understand the attitude of people towards this disease, as statistics show that more deaths result from it than from smallpox.

Death of Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

The people of Barnwell were greatly shocked and grieved Friday morning to hear of the death of Mrs. Sophie Matilda Patterson, wife of Dr. A. B. Patterson, of this city, which occurred at her home in Barnwell at 1:15 o'clock that day after an illness of only a few hours, following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Patterson, who was born Oct. 18, 1848, at Grahamville, Beaufort District, was the daughter of the Hon. Robert Lawrence Tillinghast and Mrs. Sophia Wilson Tillinghast. She was a woman of remarkable personality and could converse intelligently on practically any subject. She was an active church worker and will be missed not only in the home but in the church and community.

Her body was laid to rest Sunday afternoon by the side of her son, Robert Bethune, who died in 1884, the Rev. Mr. Brayshaw conducting the funeral services in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and sympathetic friends. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. E. J. DaCosta, of Columbia, Misses BeBee and Mary Patterson, of Barnwell; her grand-nephew and adopted son, Mr. Henry Clifford Harrison, of Columbia; one sister, Mrs. John J. Bronson, of Barnwell, and one granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth DaCosta, of Columbia, who have the sympathy of many friends at their bereavement.

Mr. Brayshaw Held-up.

The Rev. Mr. Brayshaw, of Orangeburg, who was called to Barnwell Saturday to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. A. B. Patterson, was the victim of a hold-up while returning home that night. While crossing the bridge over the Edisto River, two young white men commanded him to stop and after ordering him out of his car proceeded to search him for money. He had only two dollars in his pocket, which were taken, but the thieves allowed him to keep his watch and a small gold cross. He said that the small amount of money and the gold cross led the men to believe that he was an impecunious Catholic priest. The robbers overlooked several checks that Mr. Brayshaw had placed in his prayer book, but of course these would have been worthless to them.

Another Cold Spell.

Tuesday was one of the coldest days of the winter, thermometers exposed to cold winds registering as low as 23 degrees early that morning. The wind began to blow Monday and as it increased in force, the mercury began to fall. At dark the reading was 36 degrees, a further drop of 13 degrees coming during the night. This cold will naturally delay the asparagus season and will damage early gardens.

Box Party Tomorrow Night.

The Galilee and Reedy Branch schools will give an entertainment and box party at the Reedy Branch school house tomorrow (Friday) night, March 14th. There will be an address by some local speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend.

EVENTS OF PAST WEEK IN AND AROUND BLACKVILLE

Several Homes Being Renovated.—Two Young Men Join Navy.

Blackville, March 10.—Mr. J. Emerson Ford, Superintendent of the South Carolina Sunday School Board, of the Methodist Church, gave a very instructive discourse at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, basing his talk on the words "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

The Rev. M. W. Hook, of Denmark, was a distinguished visitor at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon and made an earnest and eloquent prayer.

The Rev. L. H. Miller will assist the Rev. H. E. Hitt this week in a revival in the Allendale Baptist Church. Mr. Charles Miller, brother of Rev. Miller, will conduct the song services. He is a singer of considerable note and is a great addition to a revival. The Rev. Mr. Hitt will fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church here next Sunday and everybody is cordially invited to attend services.

Mr. J. C. Haltiwanger, principal of the Govan school, was a visitor here Friday.

Engineer Watts and his interesting family are among the new comers in Blackville and have apartments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fickling.

Harry Arthur Buist and J. R. Johnson, two of Blackville's popular boys, joined the U. S. Navy several days ago and left Monday for Columbia. From there they will go to Hampton Roads, Va., for training. Their many friends feel sad at their departure from Blackville, but wish them much success and happiness in their new environment.

Misses Sara Fickling and Eugenia Still, of G. W. C., spent the week-end here with their parents.

Mr. W. G. Halford, formerly of Blackville but now holding a position with the Crescent Drug Co., of Beaufort, was a visitor to his parents' Sunday. He was accompanied by three Beaufort boys, Messrs. Crosby, Mann and Black. They made the trip by automobile and expressed much appreciation for the splendid highways in this section. From Blackville they motored to Bamberg to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. Charles Rentz, of Bamberg, was a business visitor here Monday. Mrs. J. B. Keel and daughter, Miss Marian Keel, spent the week-end in Elko visiting Mrs. Norman Youngblood and Mrs. Alonzo Bates.

Mrs. Harold Buist, of Washington, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Marie Meyer.

Friends of Mrs. R. B. Fickling will be delighted to learn that she is at home from the Baptist Hospital, and is much improved in health.

To the delight of his many friends, Mr. J. H. Sanders is able to be out again after a spell of illness.

Mr. J. A. Creech has purchased the former home of Mrs. Lottie Rowe Buist and is having it repaired and repainted.

Mayor J. V. Matthews is having his home repainted.

Mrs. John Ladd and her charming daughter, Mary Elizabeth, of Charleston, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Whaley.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Hay and several friends motored to Blackville Friday afternoon to see "The Birth of a Nation."

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Delk and family are among the new residents in Blackville and are occupying the Henry Sanders' residence.

Friends of Mrs. Agnes Sweat and her son, Allie Sweat, will regret to learn that they have recently moved to Boston, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hair are repairing their home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hitt, of Elko, were business visitors here Saturday.

Friends of Mrs. W. B. Johnston will learn with pleasure that she is improving after a serious illness.

The Windy Hill Creek concrete bridge and the Whaley Creek concrete bridge are completed, but not open for traffic.

Miss Mildred Owens, of White Pond, was the week-end guest of Miss Eunice Turner.

Mrs. Ronald C. Gyles and her interesting children have returned to their home at Tarboro, N. C., after a visit to home folks here.

Messrs. C. J. Martin and G. Cull Still made an interesting automobile trip last week to North Carolina. Some folks are under the impres-

C. KEYS SANDERS TO MAKE RACE FOR CLERK OF COURT

Ex-Soldier Has Had Many Years Experience in Clerical Work.

The political pot in Barnwell County is beginning to boil. Elsewhere in this issue of The People will be found the formal announcement of Sheriff C. Keys Sanders as a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court. Sheriff Sanders is too well known to the people of the county to need any introduction at the hands of this paper, and he states that if there are any now who do not know him, they will have the pleasure of making his acquaintance before the campaign is over.

The friends of Sheriff Sanders believe that he is well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires. He had 14 years experience in clerical work for the Southern Railway Co. and was recognized as one of the best accountants in the service. During the war he was in charge of railroad transportation at Camp Jackson for one year prior to going over-seas and rendered exceptional service to the government. He was honorably discharged from the army with the rank of first lieutenant and now holds a commission in the reserve corps. When Capt. J. B. Morris resigned as Sheriff, Mr. Sanders was appointed to fill the unexpired term by Governor Cooper, being elected to a full term the following year. He enjoys the distinction of being the youngest Sheriff in the State, being only 26 years of age at the time of his appointment. He states that he will make an active campaign from start to finish.

Court of Common Pleas.

The Court of Common Pleas convened here Monday with Special Judge Simpkins presiding. Practically all of Monday was given over to arguments in the injunction proceedings of Dr. A. B. Patterson against the Barnwell County Medical Association, which resulted in a ruling in favor of the Association.

In the case of J. B. Colt Co. vs. W. F. Weeks, suit on note, a verdict was returned for the plaintiff for \$193.05.

When The People closed its forms the Court was engaged in the trial of the case of Miss Bettie Matthews vs. Southern Railway Co.

Second Week Jurors.

- C. B. Ellis, Jr., Bennett Springs.
- E. D. Robertson, Barnwell.
- J. G. Matthews, Blackville.
- H. L. McClendon, Blackville.
- J. W. Odom, Williston.
- J. Lee Lancaster, Blackville.
- H. A. Prevonga, Barnwell.
- M. M. Mazursky, Barnwell.
- W. H. Gilliam, George's Creek.
- C. F. Black, Blackville.
- G. T. Boylston, Blackville.
- Levy-Creech, George's Creek.
- Micahy Birt, Red Oak.
- W. S. Hall, Williston.
- D. L. Merritt, Williston.
- Charlie Brown, Jr., Barnwell.
- C. C. Cheek, Barnwell.
- C. F. Molair, Barnwell.
- D. C. Bush, Four Mile.
- C. G. Youngblood, Four Mile.
- A. E. Corley, Richland.
- Kit McDonald, Blackville.
- J. W. Browning, Blackville.
- Lawton H. Still, Blackville.
- H. M. Cook, Red Oak.
- T. J. Hiers, Sr., Bennett Springs.
- C. P. Morris, Great Cypress.
- S. F. Hogg, Great Cypress.
- Willie T. Duncan, Four Mile.
- R. B. Moore, Red Oak.
- Jenkins Jones, Barnwell.
- S. J. Carroll, Barnwell.
- W. H. Johnston, Great Cypress.
- R. L. Ussery, Barnwell.
- S. V. Brown, Barnwell.
- R. M. Kearsse, Barnwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Price and Mr. Josh Baxley left Tuesday in the former's car for a visit to relatives and friends in Laurens.

It is noted that the cold spell this week may aid in exterminating the boll weevil, but Capt. Jim Guess, of Denmark, says that after one of the severest cold spells of this winter, he found him "cozily huddled" in his wood pile.

Mr. T. O. Reynolds and family are new comers in town. Mr. Reynolds is the baker here.

School will close for this week on Wednesday in order for the teachers to attend the teachers' meeting in Columbia. They are looking forward with much pleasure to this important occasion, the pupils are rejoicing over the holidays and many pleasures are being planned.

B. H. DYCHES ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SHERIFF

Former Supervisor of Barnwell County Re-enters Political Arena.

Mr. Boncil H. Dyches, of Blackville, former Supervisor of Barnwell County, has re-entered the political arena, and elsewhere in this issue of The People will be found his formal announcement as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this county. During his incumbency of the Supervisor's office, Mr. Dyches made a wide circle of friends to whom his announcement will be of great interest. He was a capable and efficient Supervisor and his friends believe that he would make a fearless Sheriff. "Bonnie" as he is known to his more intimate friends, states that he will make an active campaign and will leave no stone unturned in his race for office.

Mr. Dyches is the second candidate to formally announce for this office, Capt. J. E. Morris, of Barnwell, having "thrown his hat in the ring" last week. As stated in the last issue of The People, the race for Sheriff promises to be a very interesting one.

Another announcement of interest to the voters of Barnwell County is that of Comptroller General Walter E. Duncan, of Aiken, as a candidate for Congress to succeed Hon. James F. Byrnes. Mr. Duncan is well known throughout the Second District and will no doubt make a good race. His entry will no doubt split the Aiken County vote and give candidates from other sections a much better chance.

NEW GRIFFITH PICTURE COMING HERE THIS WEEK

"Orphans of the Storm" Has Been Booked at the Vamp.

What is rated the most important motion picture deal of the season is the contract consummated by the Vamp Theatre for D. W. Griffith's film, "Orphans of the Storm."

Through an arrangement made by Manager M. C. Diamond, of the Vamp Theatre, this spectacular interpretation of "The Two Orphans," released through United Artists' Corporation, is insured exclusive first run-time at his house. The engagement is for Thursday and Friday of this week, March 13th and 14th.

"Orphans of the Storm" is the latest triumph of the genius who produced the series of master films beginning with "The Birth of a Nation" and running through such successors as "Intolerance," "Broken Blossoms" and "Way Down East."

Its metropolitan debut in the house reserved for Griffith premieres was the holiday event of the New York theatre world. Since then a Griffith presentation has been arranged for progressively in other important centers of the country, and the picture is booked as a strictly "big-time" proposition. The reception given it in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and other large cities has been an echo of the praise won by it in New York.

"Orphans of the Storm" is D. W. Griffith's biggest," says Manager Diamond, of the Vamp. "It is the most brilliant spectacle ever produced in America, and that leaves nothing to be said. Based on the stirring melodrama 'The Two Orphans,' with a record of a half century's success, the Griffith film utilizes every bit of dramatic action in it and displays it against a Titanic background of action and atmosphere of the period—the French revolution. They have hailed 'Orphans of the Storm' as a moving story, swift in action, wonderful in historic interest, and filled with a masterly sense of suspense and climax. From my inspection of the picture I more than share the enthusiasm of the critics."

Not only has a great spectacular undertaking been accomplished in the new Griffith film, but it is played by a notable cast. For the first time since the "Hearts of the World," the two Gish sisters are in one film, as the two orphans.

Other players are the sensationally magnetic Joseph Schildkraut, star of the stage success "Liliom," Monte Blue, Frank Losee, Sheldon Lewis, Sidney Herbert, Creighton Hale, Kate Bruce, and other Griffith selections. The big feature of the production, besides the heart interest, is the tremendous scope of the Reign of Terror portrayal. The last half of the film is described as a soul-stirring whirl of acute suspense.

Prices 30 and 60 cents.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Lieut. Murray Smith, U. S. N., Arrives for Visit to His Parents.

Williston, March 8.—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Carter and children, of Bamberg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Latimer Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Way, of Ridgeville, spent part of last week with Mrs. Clothilde Thompson.

Miss Georgia Sawyer, of Johnston, is visiting Mrs. T. M. Willis.

Lieut. Murray Smith, of the United States Navy, now stationed in the Caribbean Sea, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith. He was joined by Mrs. Murray Smith in Atlanta from where they both came to Williston, Mrs. Smith having made the trip across the continent from California.

Miss Janie Matthews, of Augusta, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Matthews.

Mrs. E. C. Smith has returned to Bainbridge, Ga., after visiting Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy.

Mrs. Glenn Darbyshire and daughter have returned to their home in Moultrie, Ga., after visiting Mr. and Q. A. Kennedy.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and daughter, Laura, spent Tuesday in Greenwood.

Judge J. Henry Johnson, of Allendale, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson. His friends will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his recent illness.

In the absence of Mr. H. R. Murchison, who filled an appointment for Dr. Wells in Sumter, Mr. A. T. Ellsberry, of Marion, Alabama, a student at the Columbia Seminary, filled the pulpit of the Williston and Barnwell Presbyterian churches Sunday and was the guest of Mr. W. B. Powell.

Mrs. J. A. McCue, of Bamberg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Walsh. Mrs. Walsh's friends will be glad to know she is able to be up after her recent illness.

Miss Myrtis Thompson, of Colliers, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith and family and E. D. Quattlebaum motored to Ridge Springs and Batesburg last Saturday.

Mrs. C. F. Rizer, Mrs. L. A. Hartzog and Mrs. R. Fair Goodwin, of Olar, were visitors in Williston last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cunningham, of Liberty Hill, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cunningham.

Mrs. W. W. Molony, Miss Lucyle Molony, Miss Katie Lee Steele, Mrs. Dewis Grubbs, of Blackville, were visitors in Williston last Thursday.

Mr. C. C. Whittle and family were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith.

Mr. H. F. Jackson, of Columbia, was a week-end visitor of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith.

A marriage of interest to their many friends was that of Miss Lizzie Lowe to Mr. Lewis Wallace, which was solemnized at Barnwell February 16th. Both of the contracting parties are from Barnwell County.

S. E. Moore and W. C. Birt, of Snelling, were visitors here Tuesday.

L. E. Lagrone, of Johnston, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stuckey and family, of Eastover, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Prothro.

Mrs. J. H. White, of Columbia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Mellichamp.

Mrs. A. M. Kennedy is visiting Mesdames Julian Clements and Perry Gills in Charlotte.

J. H. Randall, after visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Randall, has returned to Atlanta.

Walter Griffin, of Egypt, Ga., was a recent visitor in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Weimertz and son have returned to their home in Savannah after visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Porter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Boylston, Misses Alice and Alberta Boylston, of Williston, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birt at Snelling.

J. W. Jones, of Ridge Springs, general manager of the South Carolina Asparagus Growers' Association, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy, J. E. Kennedy and Dr. J. L. Smith left Thursday for St. Petersburg, Miami and other points in Florida. They are making the trip by motor.

BUDGET OF INTERESTING ITEMS FROM DUNBARTON

Mad Dog Causes Scare Among People.—Measles Epidemic Subsides.

Dunbarton, March 10.—A mad dog came through the vicinity of Dunbarton some weeks ago, biting every dog he came across. The owners of these bitten dogs gave them the anti-toxin against hydrophobia, but since then one of these dogs has gone mad. The people here are cautiously regarding every canine in the neighborhood, and quite a number of the smaller children will have to forego playing in the yards for sometime.

Among the new automobile arrivals last week are the following: Messrs. H. H. King, of Dunbarton, and A. L. Lowman, of Donora, preferred the familiar and famous make, while Mr. A. T. Beard, of Donora, annexed a Hudson coach.

The local talent of Dunbarton is getting up a minstrel which will be given in the near future. Dunbarton has some remarkable talent for minstrel work, and the announcement that the young men are putting on a show will be interesting to quite a number of people in Barnwell County.

The number of cases of measles is fast dwindling, due to the fact that about everybody has had it now. The attendance at school this week is better than it was last week, and it is believed by next Monday about the regular average attendance will be in school.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greene will be pleased to learn that this family, all of whom had the measles at one time, is getting along nicely now. The children hope to be at school probably the latter part of this week.

Mr. T. E. Killingsworth and family have moved into town and are now occupying their beautiful home on Bay Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King attended the teacher's meeting in Williston Saturday, after which they motored over to Healing Springs to visit Mrs. King's mother.

The Radcliff Chautauqua will be here next month. We are all looking forward to it, and from present indications the measles will all be a thing of the past, so that there will be nothing in the way to keep the people from going. Dunbarton is probably the smallest town in this section of the State to attempt to put on a three-day chautauqua and if it goes over successfully it will be an advertisement of the push, pull and pep of our community. Let's put it across!

Death of Mr. W. H. Lancaster.

Blackville, March 10.—Sunday, March 2nd, at noon, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linnie Hair and called away to a better home above Mrs. Hair's uncle, Mr. Billy Lancaster. He was about 70 years of age and was sick about two weeks with measles, which developed into pneumonia. All that loving hands and nursing could do was done. His body was laid to rest in the Double Pond Church yard on the following day, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. L. H. Miller, of Blackville. Mr. Lancaster was a member of the Double Pond Church and lived a Christian life. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Still and Mrs. Nancy Dyches, two brothers, Messrs. Larkin and Darling Lancaster, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Not now, but in the coming years, it may be in a better land. We'll read the meaning of our tears, and there, sometime, we'll understand.

One Who Loved Him.

Slight damage was done to the drug store of Dr. Max Bronson on Main Street Thursday afternoon by fire of unknown origin. The blaze started under the floor near the prescription case and was burning merrily when the volunteer fire department arrived, and quickly had the fire under control.

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Notice.

The County Board of Equalization will meet in the Auditor's office on the fourth Tuesday in March, 1924, for any business that may properly come before it.

W. H. Manning, Auditor.

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