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WILLIAM P. BEST IS FATALLY SHOT

FORMER BARNWELL BOY DIES FROM WOUNDS.

Victim of Distressing Accident in Columbia Laid to Rest Here Thursday.

The body of little William Pate Best, youngest son of the late C. Arthur Best, Esq., of Barnwell, was laid to rest Thursday afternoon in the Barnwell Baptist Churchyard, Dr. W. M. Jones conducting the funeral services in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and sympathetic friends. Will was the victim of a most distressing accident, which occurred at the home of one of his friends Wednesday night. He was born in this city and had many friends here who were shocked to learn of his death. The following account of the accident appeared in The State of April 13:

William Pate Best, 14, was fatally wounded last night about 8:30 o'clock when he was accidentally shot by Edwin Salley, 18, a fellow high school student, at the Salley home, 1700 Senate street, where young Best, who lived with his mother and brother at 1012 Marion street, was visiting. He died about midnight at the Baptist hospital.

The mortal injury was sustained, according to Mrs. Katherine Salley, mother of Edwin, when young Salley tried to pull out the magazine of his 25 caliber pistol. The pistol discharged, she said, while the young man had it in his lap, and the bullet entered the left side of Best, who was sitting on a lounge by Salley, and passed through his body.

Young Best was carried to the Baptist hospital in an ambulance soon after the tragedy. He was placed on the operating table immediately and everything was done to save his life. The bullet, it was found, injured the spleen, stomach and liver.

Young Salley was not in any condition to be interviewed last night but his mother related the details as they had been told to her by him. William Best and several other young boys were in Edwin Salley's room looking at some photographs taken by Salley last summer. One of the group suggested that the boys take a walk around the block and young Salley went into his mother's room to get a pistol, which Mrs. Salley said was kept for a protection, and to place it in a pocket which the young man had attached to his couch, which he slept on. Edwin told his mother that he took the revolver from the place in her room, where she always kept it, in the daytime, and after entering his sleeping quarters sat down on the lounge, remarking that his "gun" was dirty and would have to be cleaned. He said that in removing the magazine to inspect the pistol, the weapon accidentally "went off."

An alarm was given as soon as the boy was shot, and Dr. I. D. Durham, who lives on the same block with the Salleys, was summoned. William was conscious when the ambulance arrived to transfer him to a hospital. The wound was not bleeding, but he was spitting up blood from a hemorrhage. He is said to have talked freely on several occasions asking Edwin Salley to give him water.

Young Salley was almost frantic after the accident, making the statement to his mother that he wished it had been he, himself, that had been shot, instead of William.

William Pate Best was in the eighth grade at the Columbia high school. He was a very likable boy and had many friends. The tragedy last evening will cast a gloom over the circle in which he moved. Besides his mother, Mrs. L. K. Best, he is survived by two brothers, James Best, an operator for the Associated Press in Savannah, and L. K. Best of Columbia.

Young Salley is a senior at Columbia high.

Farmers Are Busy.

Farmers have been taking advantage of the warm, Springlike weather of the past few days to plant cotton, cucumbers and other crops. Fears were expressed last week for cucumbers that were already up, as heavy frosts visited this section Wednesday and Thursday. However, the young plants seem to have weathered the cold very well.

WOMEN OF KU KLUX KLAN PARADED IN BLACKVILLE

Tremendous Crowd on Hand for Big Celebration Last Week.

Blackville, April 4.—One of the largest crowds that ever assembled in Blackville and representing five South Carolina counties, was here Tuesday night to witness the first appearance of the Women Ku Klux Klan in parade and open air naturalization in South Carolina.

The parade was spectacular and thrilling, being headed by a large decorated automobile bearing the "Stars and Stripes" and a five-foot electric cross on the front of the car.

With a very large number of women clad in clan attire composing the line of march and the city electric lights extinguished for the special occasion, the brilliant illumination from the huge electric cross added color and luster to the scene.

A tense hush of silence seemed to grip the crowd as the marchers approached Main Street and continued until they diverted their course and wended their way to the school house square where they held an open air naturalization service under a flaming fiery cross, initiating a goodly number of aliens into the order.

SPRAY FRUIT TREES IS COUNTY AGENT'S ADVICE

Schedule of Spraying for Control of Worms and Brown Rot.

County Agent Boylston has the following to say in reference to the schedule of spraying for control of worms and brown rot in peaches, etc.:

"It will not be long now before it will be necessary to make the first Spring spray on our orchards. When about three fourths of the petals or pink part of the flowers have fallen the peach trees should be sprayed with the following mixture: 1 lb. of powdered arsenate of lead, lime water from 3 lbs. of unslacked burnt stone lime to each 50 gallons of water.

"The second application: When the 'shucks' are shedding or when the small peaches are exposed, use same as first application.

"Third application: Two weeks after the second application, or about four weeks after the petals have shed, apply self-boiled lime sulphur 8-8-50.

"Fourth application: Four weeks before each variety is due to ripen 8-8-50 self-boiled lime sulphur plus 1 lb. of arsenate of lead to each 50 gallons of lime sulphur solution.

"The early varieties should be sprayed three times, using first, second and fourth applications listed above and apply them at the time noted above. For added protection against brown rot, self-boiled lime sulphur should also be used in the second application on the early varieties.

"The directions for spraying material is as follows: The 8-8-50 self-boiled lime sulphur recommended above is made by placing 8 lbs. of good unslacked stone lime in a 50-gallon barrel and pour over it enough water to start it to slacking; when it begins add the 8 lbs. of sulphur and then add water from time to time to keep the mixture from becoming dry, at the same time not too much water to drown the lime out. After this mixture has boiled for about five minutes cool it by adding water, then strain it into spray tank and dilute with water to 50 gallons. The mixture should be cooled off before red streaks occur in the mixture to any extent, as this is an indication of over-heating.

"The powdered arsenate of lead which is used in preparations of 1 to 50 should first be made into a thin paste before adding it to the spray tank.

"Several of the drug stores and hardware stores in the county will have for sale sulphur and arsenate of lead, and also some of them will have the fresh unslacked lime.

"If one is interested in having peaches in the Spring and Summer which are not wormy and not rotting badly with brown rot, it is very necessary to follow the above outline and I will suggest to these folks who are interested in caring for their peaches in the Spring that they take a clipping of this and keep it for reference until the spray season is over."

Col. and Mrs. Harry D. Calhoun are spending this week in Savannah, where the Colonel is attending the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association and the T. P. A. Convention.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR CHATAUQUA

Location Has Been Selected for Tent. Program Announced.

Dunbarton, April 8.—The tent for the Chatauqua will probably be placed on Mulberry street in front of Mr. H. H. King's residence. This location is ideal as it has a natural incline with no obstructions. It is also close to the electric light line. The committee is arranging to have a nursery for the convenience of those who have children and who would not be able to go unless they could feel that these children would be looked after by some mature person. Mr. King has consented for the committee to use his home for this purpose. Several colored women will be placed in charge of the kiddies so that the parents may feel safe while attending the shows.

The program for the Chatauqua will be as follows: First day: A concert by the Plymouth Male Quartet and lecture by Dr. Harry Habschman in the afternoon; that night Dr. Habschman will again lecture and the same quartette will conclude the performance. Second Day: The Sprague players in a one-act comedy and a lecture by Dr. Daniel H. Martin; that night Dr. Martin will lecture and the Sprague players will give play "Rip Van Winkle." Third Day: A concert by the Clark Novelty Company and a lecture by Dr. Albert Marion Hyde in the afternoon, and at night another lecture by Dr. Hyde and concert by Clarke Novelty Company.

This program is well balanced and the people in this section will do well in buying a season ticket and taking in every one of the performances.

The people of Dunbarton are pleased to see that the town is working the streets. This city purchased a road machine and tractor some months ago for this purpose, and the authorities state that in the future the streets will be kept in good condition.

Miss Hilma Rice and Mrs. Futch Sweat, of Meyer's Mill, visited Magnolia Gardens at Charleston last Friday. They claim they had a delightful trip in spite of the inclement weather, and that the Gardens are worth the trip to see.

Mr. H. H. King has joined the squad of radio fans and is now listening in at every chance to the voices of the air.

The Dunbarton school was represented at the spelling contest in Barnwell last Friday night by Aubrey Rountree, of the grammar grades, and Franklin Whaley, of the High School. They did not win, but are proud of the fact that they weren't the first to sit down.

The furniture in the hotel was sold last Saturday afternoon. A few people bought articles, but most of the furniture was bid in by Mr. B. F. Anderson. It is reported that the hotel building was to be sold last Monday, but at this writing it could not be learned who bought it.

Mr. W. A. Dicks has joined the list of satisfied owners and is now riding around in a new Ford.

Dunbarton was blessed last Saturday by a barber, Mr. Brigham. It is hoped that he will consider making his home here, and the trade from this town and surrounding country should be sufficient to make it attractive from a financial standpoint.

Preaching next Sunday as follows: Lower Three Runs at 4:30 p. m., Meyer's Mill at 11:30 a. m., and at Dunbarton at 8:00 p. m.

Ships Fine Asparagus.

Some extraordinarily fine asparagus was shipped from Barnwell Saturday afternoon by J. E. Harley, Jr., a son of Col. J. E. Harley, of this city. In fact, it was said to be as fine as any ever grown in Barnwell County and was cut from a field of very young "grass." It graded "colossal" and required only about 16 stalks to make a bunch.

Barnwell is making rapid strides in the growing of asparagus and with the increasing acreage each year in this profitable crop this particular section is going to make some of the older shipping centers "sit up and take notice" in the not distant future. Quite a number of new fields was planted around here this year and when they begin to produce a large quantity of grass will be shipped out each day during the cutting season. It is said that a carload or more could be loaded here daily now.

Send your Job Work to The People.

BLACKVILLE SCHOOL WON HONORS IN SPELLING-BEE

Miss Sara Storne and Meldred Still to Represent County.

A spelling contest to select the best spellers to represent Barnwell County at the State Spelling contest to be held at Winthrop College next July was held in the Barnwell High School auditorium Friday evening, April 4th. In spite of the dark gray clouds and the continued downpour of rain, representatives came from all sections of the county. All the schools throughout the county had local contests, and it was an excellent set of spellers. Quite a number of teachers accompanied their pupils, and in several instances these young folk were accompanied by their parents. The audience was made up largely of out-of-town people.

The judges were Mr. Solomon Blatt and Mesdames A. A. Lemon and T. F. Cummings, all of Barnwell. The first named acted as pronouncer. Fairness to all characterized the contest. Blackville High School carried off the honors for first place in both the high school contest and the grammar grades spelling bee, Miss Sara Storne and Meldred Still being the winners. Second place in the high school contest went to Miss Collins, of Oak Grove school, and two tied for the grammar school second place, Irene Renew, of Long Branch school, and Harry Neal Jenkins, of Kline school. The entry sheets showed the following names:

High School Contest—Julian Ellis, Barnwell; Kathleen Ray, Friendship; James Hutto, Hilda; Estell Collins, Oak Grove; Virginia Boylston, Healing Springs; Julia Warren, Double Pond; Franklin Whaley, Dunbarton; Sara Storne, Blackville; Nina Bell, Williston.

Grammar School Contest—Aubrey Rountree, Dunbarton; Ruby Warren, Double Pond; Elizabeth Weimort, Healing Springs; Frances Towne, San Hill; Lucy Lard, Greenland; Gilmore Black, Galilee; Clyde Powell, Cedar Grove; Irene Renew, Long Branch; Leila Weeks, Hilda; Harry Neal Jenkins, Kline; Evelyn Ray, Friendship; Frieda Towne, Diamond; Cecil Ray, Barnwell; Meldred Still, Blackville; Lybrand Smith, Williston.

The judges announced that all the contestants, except those awarded first and second places, tied for third place.

Double Pond Items.

Double Pond, April 7.—Sunday school was held here Sunday afternoon, a large number being in attendance now after the measles epidemic has subsided.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moody, of Savannah, Ga., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Birt the latter part of last week. They also visited the home of Mrs. Ellen Jones on Friday afternoon.

Miss Ollie Lee Jones spent Wednesday night and Thursday in Blackville. Miss Julia Warren was in Barnwell Friday night.

Mr. Isadore Hartzog and family and Mrs. Ellen Jones motored to Blackville Saturday afternoon on business.

Mrs. Maryann Collins and daughter, Ethel, spent last Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sallie Nix, of this community.

Miss Ollie Lee Jones and Mrs. Fredie Jones were in Hilda Monday afternoon and again Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. B. Weeks and family motored to Blackville Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Telfair Hutto, of this vicinity, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weeks Saturday night and Sunday.

The people of this community are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Jane Delk is ill at present with "flu." Her speedy recovery is hoped for.

May Visit Stone Mountain.

There is a movement on foot by pupils of the Barnwell High School to take the trip to Stone Mountain for the unveiling on June 2nd of that part of the gigantic Confederate memorial which shows the figures of President Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson. The statue of General Robert E. Lee was unveiled some time ago. This trip will be made under the auspices and supervision of Johnson Hagood Chapter, U. D. C., and the Sons of the Confederacy of Barnwell, taking with them the old Confederate Veterans as their guests. A more detailed account of the proposed trip will appear in The People at a later date.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Mrs. W. C. Smith, Jr., Entertains in Honor of Visitors.

Williston, April 5.—Dr. Sidney Ussery, of Norton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Hinson, of Kershaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ussery, of Walterboro, were here last week to attend the funeral of Mr. James P. Ussery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boylston and children, of Allendale, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Garvin, Mrs. J. L. Tyler and Mrs. J. H. Garvin, of the Kitchings Mill section, were in Williston Sunday to attend the Miley-Buie meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Earle and son and Mrs. Gwynne, of Greenville, were visitors this week of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hutto, of Charlotte, were visitors this week of relatives and friends in Williston and Elko.

Mr. Louis C. Harley, of Columbia, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. L. Harley.

Dr. and Mrs. Ashley Weathersbee, of Belton, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Weathersbee.

Misses Hattie Smith and Louise Black, of Converse College, spent the Spring holidays at their home here this week.

Miss Mary Harvey Newsom was home this week for a few days from Coker College.

Harry Cone, of Charleston College, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Wallis Cone.

Miss Louise Black had as her house guests for the week-end the Misses Belton Johnson, of Jackson, Miss., and Helen Hamrick, of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Floyd, of Liberty Hill, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham.

Mrs. E. W. Johnson has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Clark, of Douglas, Ga.

Mrs. W. C. Smith, Jr., entertained Monday evening with a dinner complimenting her guests, Mrs. Murray Smith, of Coronado, Cal., Miss Hattie Smith, who is spending the Spring holidays here and is attending Converse College, and William Harris, of Spartanburg. Her beautiful new home was most attractive.

Mrs. W. J. Woodward and Miss Jennie Simpkins, of Allendale, were visitors this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Folk.

Miss Lottie Toole, of Summit, Ga., is visiting Miss Clyde Powell.

The Rev. W. R. Davis attended the Baptist meeting in Columbia last week.

Messrs. C. S. Crary, of Sreator, Ill., and George E. Stocking, of Rochelle, Ill., both growers and canners of asparagus, were visitors in Williston this week to take a peep at the asparagus business.

Miss Annie Crowder, of Hendersonville, N. C., is visiting Mrs. A. M. Kennedy.

Mrs. James Arthur Kennedy has returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, in Barnwell.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Smith entertained with a delightful barbecue at "The Pool" Wednesday. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. O. P. Earle and son, O. P., Jr., and mother, Mrs. Gwynne, of Greenville; Miss Alene Stevenson, of Greenville; Dr. W. H. Miley, Charlotte, N. C.; H. D. Buie, Red Springs, N. C.; Mrs. W. F. Edwards and Miss Annie Crowder, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. Murray Smith, Coronado, Cal.

General Harry D. Calhoun.

It is no longer Colonel Harry D. Calhoun, he having been elevated to the rank of Brigadier General a few days ago by an appointment received from the Hon. John M. Kinard, of Newberry, who is Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans of South Carolina. General Calhoun says he feels highly honored and will accept the appointment. The next State meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held in Orangeburg May 14.

Gunter for Congress.

The People this week publishes the formal announcement of the Hon. R. L. Gunter, of Aiken, candidate for Congress. When Mr. Gunter first announced that he would make the race, The People published a brief sketch of his life. He is well known to the people of Barnwell County and has numerous friends in this section.

FIRE ENDANGERS MUCH PROPERTY

BUSINESS SECTION OF BARNWELL THREATENED.

Considerable Damage Done to Stock of the J. A. Porter Company Sunday Night.

The business district of Barnwell was seriously threatened for a short time Sunday night by fire which was discovered in the mercantile establishment of the J. A. Porter Company shortly after ten o'clock. The blaze originated in the grocery department in the rear of the store and is thought to have been started by rats and matches or defective wiring. Barnwell's crack volunteer fire-fighters responded promptly to the alarm and in a short time had the fire under control. The fire had evidently been smouldering for some time, as the large plate glass windows in the front of the store were quite hot and one of the glasses in the door was broken by the heat. The greater part of the damage to the large stock of goods was done by smoke and water. While no estimate has been placed on the amount of damage suffered, it will probably amount to several thousand dollars, at least partially covered by insurance.

The store of the J. A. Porter Company is located on Main Street, right in the heart of the main business part of the city, and had the fire occurred later in the night it is probable that Barnwell would have suffered a disastrous conflagration, as a stiff wind was blowing Sunday night. The fire department is to be congratulated for its usual efficient work in subduing the blaze.

The stock of goods of the Sparks Five and Ten Cent Store, adjoining the Porter building, was slightly damaged by smoke.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY AIKEN BAR ASSOCIATION

Judge J. E. Harley Thanked for Able Manner in Which He Presided.

Judge J. E. Harley, who presided at a two week's term of the Court of Common Pleas in Aiken, has returned to his home in Barnwell. Just prior to the adjournment of Court on the 4th inst., the members of the Aiken Bar Association unanimously adopted the following resolution of thanks to Judge Harley for the able and impartial manner in which he conducted his Court:

WHEREAS, The Honorable J. E. Harley has presided at our Term of the Court of Common Pleas now about to adjourn, and it is the desire of The Aiken Bar Association to express the thanks of this Association for the services he has kindly rendered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the thanks of this Association be extended to Judge Harley for accepting the appointment to preside at this term, and for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over us.

2. That we express the wish that Judge Harley may continue in the enjoyment of good health, and that his life may long be spared to follow the practice of the profession he loves and adorns, and to continue his usefulness to our State by presiding over its Courts in the future.

3. That the Clerk of this Court do enter these Resolutions upon the minutes of this Court, and send a copy of them to Judge Harley, as an evidence of the gratitude and friendly appreciation of the members of this Association.

Master Sells Real Estate.

Four sales were made by Master H. L. O'Bannon here salesday, as follows:

John R. Rosier, et al., vs. Ella R. Walker, et al., purchased by Joe Baxley for \$250.

C. J. Hill and P. F. Henderson vs. J. A. Jenkins, purchased by Brown & Bush, plaintiffs' attorneys, for \$500.

Bank of Western Carolina vs. Jos. Carter, purchased by Brown & Bush, plaintiffs' attorneys, for \$200.

L. M. Cave vs. Dunbarton Building Co., purchased by G. M. Greene, attorney, for \$2,000.

Several local fishermen enjoyed trips to the streams of Colleton County within the past ten days.