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PAST WEEK OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The past week has been one of unusual interest to local members of the Episcopal Church. Friday afternoon a convocation was held at the Church of the Holy Apostles from four to six o'clock, at which time the Rev. Mr. Gribben, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Rev. Dr. Starr, of the Church of the Holy Communion, at Charleston, told of the work that the church is doing in the missionary field. In addition to members of the local church, there were several visitors from Blackville in attendance upon the convocation.

At seven o'clock Friday evening an oyster supper was served by the ladies to the men of the church and several invited guests. After supper, Mr. Gribben explained the work of the Episcopal Church throughout the world, his theme being, "The Church Following the Flag." His talk was very entertaining and enlightening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Gribben is a native of Blackville and Barnwell County is justly proud of him. Dr. Starr then explained the work of the church at home, telling what has been done and what it is hoped will be accomplished. Others present also made a few remarks.

Sunday morning, the Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Guerry, Bishop of the Lower Diocese of South Carolina, conducted services at the Church of the Holy Apostles, this being the occasion of his annual visit. Special music was provided and a large congregation greatly enjoyed the beautiful service. Bishop Guerry spoke along the lines of missions and made a profound impression upon his hearers. He has a most magnetic personality and his visits to Barnwell are always looked forward to with great pleasure, not only by the members of the Episcopal Church but by members of other congregations as well. The Bishop also conducted services at St. Alban's, in Blackville, Sunday evening.

The following young gentlemen were confirmed by Bishop Guerry: Beverly Simms, Brown Towles and Ben Davies, Jr.

It is believed that an added impetus has been given to the cause of missions by the visits of these distinguished gentlemen.

UNION MEETINGS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 29-30:

PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Union meetings will be held November 29th and 30th, as follows: Division No. 1 at Colston Branch; Division No. 2 at Joyce Branch; Division No. 3 at Mt. Olivet. Organization at 10:30 a. m. November 29th. The program is as follows:

Query No. 1—Reasons why our churches cannot lessen their support of the campaign closing this year, and the 1925 program? Query No. 2—How is the spiritual efficiency of our churches affected by (1) Our frequent pastoral changes? (2) Our present day policies of church life? Our trend away from historic Baptist principles? Query No. 3—Are our churches meeting the present day spiritual demands made on them? If not, why not?

Division No. 1—Preacher: G. W. Smith; Query No. 1—Rev. W. R. Davis, R. R. Johnston, John C. Matthews. Query No. 2—R. E. Woodward, Rev. L. H. Miller, Rev. J. H. Davis. Query No. 3—F. P. Lee, S. A. Hair, H. Jeff Hair, C. J. Fickling. Division No. 2—Preacher: J. F. Davis. Query No. 1—Rev. O. B. Falls, D. D. W. E. Free, N. H. Fender, Thos. Clayton. Query No. 2—Rev. Walter Black, Rev. G. W. Smith, J. H. A. Carter. Query No. 3—Rev. J. W. Corder, S. G. Mayfield, J. A. Goodson. Division No. 3—Preacher: W. M. Jones. Query No. 1—Rev. J. Guy Martin, Rev. E. H. Johnson, J. W. Bates. Query No. 2—W. M. Jones, J. O. Sanders, W. H. Moody. Query No. 3—J. M. Grubbs, Rev. D. W. Heckle, W. H. Collins, C. F. Carter.

Note:—The moderator of each Union will provide such additional queries as may be needed.

Committee.

Venering Plant Burns.

The plant of the Barnwell Venering Co. was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin about 8 o'clock Tuesday night. It is understood that the loss is partially covered by insurance.

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BATES GRANTED BAIL IN SUM OF \$5,000 BY ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Heyward Bates, of Dunbarton charged with the murder of Cater M. Rountree at Dunbarton several weeks ago, was granted bail by Associate Justice Watts at Laurens Friday in the sum of \$5,000. Messrs. Harley & Blatt, of Barnwell, and James F. Byrnes, of Aiken, represented the defendant, while the State is represented by Solicitor Gunter, of Aiken, and Messrs. Brown & Bush, of Barnwell. A motion for bail in this case was refused by Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, some time ago.

Mr. Bates, who has been confined in the Barnwell County jail since the homicide, was released Friday afternoon. The Dunbarton homicide was the culmination of a difficulty of long standing between Mr. Bates and members of the Rountree family. The case has attracted considerable attention in this section and the outcome of the trial will be watched with much interest. This trial will be the first in which Congressman Byrnes has appeared in many years.

CO. IS REORGANIZED; WILL EXTEND POWER LINES TO WILLISTON

Reorganization of the Carolina Light and Power Company, recently acquired by the J. G. White Co., of New York, was effected at a meeting of the directors held last Friday night, the following being elected: P. F. Henderson, president; W. W. Muckenfuss, secretary; M. H. Hendee, treasurer, and Harry Sudlow, manager. The board of directors will be composed of P. F. Henderson, W. W. Muckenfuss and Charles J. Hill, of Aiken, and George T. Jackson and F. B. Cullley of North Augusta.

Announcement has been made by the company that its power line will be extended from Aiken to Williston, a distance of 21 miles. The line to Williston will serve the Edisto Public Service Corporation, operated by R. A. Easterling of Denmark, and will supply the current for lighting and power in Williston, Blackville, Denmark, Bamberg and other towns. It was also announced that the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric Corporation, which is controlled likewise by the J. G. White Co., will extend its 44,000 volt line from the sub-station, near Graniteville, to Aiken.

This means that in the future Aiken will have all the power that may be needed, not only for lighting purposes, but also for power.

It is a matter of gratification that Mr. Sudlow will remain the managerial head of the local lighting and power company.—Aiken Standard.

MRS. M'SWENEY BURNS TO DEATH AT HAMPTON

Hampton, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Mattie Porcher McSweeney, aged 61, widow of the late Gov. Miles B. McSweeney, of South Carolina, was fatally burned while dressing in her room at the Binnicker hotel here this morning about 7 o'clock, and died this afternoon about 1 o'clock.

It seems as if Mrs. McSweeney's clothing became ignited from the fire in the fireplace, and before any one could assist her, her clothing was a mass of flames.

Mrs. Ellis, an occupant of the room, was in bed but could do little until others reached the scene, it is said, Rufus Belger and E. V. Green, guests of the hotel, heard the screams of the two women. Mr. Belger smothered the flames on Mrs. McSweeney by using a blanket while Mr. Green extinguished those which had spread to articles in the room.

Mrs. McSweeney was a member of the Methodist church and a resident of Hampton. She is survived by one brother, James Porcher, of Atlanta; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Pinckney, of Ladies Island, and Mrs. Walter M. Robertson, of Brunson.

Five sons survive her, as follows: Miles P., and E. D. McSweeney, of Palmetto, Fla.; J. McL. McSweeney, of Nashville, Tenn.; W. M. McSweeney, of Alexandria, Va.; and E. B. McSweeney, of Hampton, the latter named being the publisher of The Allendale County Citizen, the Hampton County Guardian and the Jasper County Record. She is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. Will Elkins, of Fort Belvoir, Ga.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

The People for Only \$1.00 a Year!

The publisher of The Barnwell People has decided to make a 33 1-3 per cent. reduction in the subscription price of this paper, this offer to hold good until January 1st, 1925, after which we will return to our regular price of \$1.50 a year. This special offer applies to old and new subscribers alike. If you are not already a subscriber to this paper, simply send us \$1.00 and your name will be entered on our subscription list for one year. If you are already a subscriber, all that is necessary to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity is to settle up your arrearage, if any, at our regular rate of \$1.50 a year and we will send you The People for the next 12 months for only \$1.00. Not more than two years in advance will be accepted at this special price.

Look at the label on your paper. If the date reads Oct. 23, you owe us for one year and two months at the rate of \$1.50 a year, which is 12 1/2 cents a month, making a total of \$1.75. Thus in order to take advantage of our special offer, you would only have to send us check or money order for \$2.75, which would pay your old account and for one year in advance. In other words, just figure out the number of months you are in arrears, multiply by 12 1/2 cents, add one dollar for another year and we will do the rest.

Think of it, friends! One of the newest weeklies in the State for only \$1.00 a year! Where else can you spend a dollar to better advantage? This figures out less than two cents a copy. You pay more for a postage stamp.

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We could offer premiums as special inducements or we could pay solicitors a commission on subscriptions, but we have decided to give subscribers themselves the benefit. This is just like finding 50¢ or \$1.00, depending on whether you subscribe for one or two years.

Remember, this special offer holds good only until January 1, 1925. After that date the rate will again be \$1.50 a year. Our object in making this special offer is to get our subscription list on a paid in advance basis.

Can you afford to pass up this opportunity We think not.

STORE AND DWELLING BURNED NEAR HILDA; ARREST TWO NEGROES

The store and dwelling of Mr. T. J. Hutto, who lives about two miles from Hilda, were totally destroyed by fire at about 9:30 o'clock Monday night. It was suspected that the fire was of incendiary origin, evidence pointing to George Reglar and James Thomas, two young negroes about 19 or 20 years old. Tracks led from the burned buildings to the home of the negroes. It was found that their shoes were wet and that they fitted perfectly in the tracks, there being a distinguishing mark on the sole of one. Reglar and Thomas, who have been arrested and lodged in the Barnwell jail, deny the charge against them. Mr. Hutto estimates his loss at about \$2,000, with no insurance.

BARNWELL LED OTHER TOWNS IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Barnwell led all other towns in this county in the recent Red Cross roll call, according to figures made public by the committee. The people of this city contributed \$144 and, with Dunbarton still to be heard from, the total for the county was \$250, distributed as follows:

Barnwell, \$144; Williston, \$98; Blackville, \$71; Kline \$35; Elko, \$14.50.

The aim of the committee was for 500 members in Barnwell County. The working committees that have reported to date are as follows:

Barnwell—Perry A. Price, chairman; Sol Blatt, Messdames H. D. Calhoun, R. S. Dicks, W. E. McNab, H. L. O'Bannon, A. A. McAllister, C. B. Ray, W. J. Lemon, Miss Amelia McNab.

Kline—Victor Lewis, chairman; Mrs. B. M. Jenkins, Jr., and Miss Kate Wingo.

Blackville—Messdames J. V. Matthews, Carl Buist, R. A. Ayer, A. B. Hair, T. O. Boland, Sam Buist, U. S. Still, Harry Rich, A. H. Ninestein, Weissinger and Miss Eugenia Still.

Elko—Rev. J. S. M. Finch, chairman; Misses Gretchen Hair and Edith Walker.

Williston—Rev. W. K. Davis, chairman; Misses Jessie and Bessie Willis, Hattie Newsom, Brazleton, Messdames G. W. Whitaker, Wallis Cone, A. M. Kennedy, W. C. Smith, Sr., J. L. Smith, J. E. Newsom, E. W. Black and A. S. Blanchard.

Mr. C. E. Grimes, of the Elko section, was a caller at The People office Saturday.

JAMES E. DAVIS DIED AT BARNWELL FRIDAY NIGHT; BURIED SUNDAY

The Hon. James E. Davis, one of the oldest lawyers in Barnwell County, and for eight years Solicitor of the Second Circuit, died at his home in Barnwell Friday night at 10:45 o'clock after an illness of six weeks. His death was not unexpected as it was generally known for some time that he had little chance of recovery.

Mr. Davis was born at Barnwell September 17th, 1856, the son of James L. and Alba Edwards Davis, and upon reaching young manhood read law under James Aldrich, a prominent member of the bar, being admitted to the bar in 1880. In 1900 he was elected Solicitor for the 2nd Judicial Circuit and served until 1908. January 26th, 1886, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ella Bronson, who survives with one daughter, Miss Josie Davis, of Barnwell.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at his late residence by the Rev. Howard Cady, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles, the body being laid to rest in the Barnwell Baptist churchyard. A profusion of beautiful floral designs covered his last resting place.

BUDGET OF INTERESTING SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Williston, Nov. 25.—The November meeting of Hart's Battery Chapter, U. D. C., was held Friday, the 14th inst., with Mrs. W. C. Cunningham as hostess. There was quite a large number of members present, including several new members, as well as a number of visitors. Mrs. Cunningham was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Croghan and Miss Marie Harley in serving a salad course.

The Williston School Improvement Association held an interesting meeting at the school house Tuesday afternoon of last week.

The friends of Mrs. F. T. Morrill, who underwent an operation at the University Hospital last week, will be glad to know that she is doing nicely.

Mr. John B. Harley was stricken with pneumonia last week. His friends will be glad to know that he is recovering.

Mr. J. L. Boylston has bought the Phillips place, near Williston, from Mr. A. F. Greene. This is one of the most attractive homes in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Cadden have returned from a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Washington, of Au-

CRIMINAL COURT WILL CONVENE AT BARNWELL MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

The December term of the Court of General Sessions will convene at Barnwell Monday, December 8th, with Judge J. K. Henry, of Chester, presiding. Petit jurors were drawn Monday, as follows:

- J. A. Creech, Barnwell.
- V. L. Nevils, Blackville.
- W. S. Thames, Four Mile.
- Curtis Hartzog, Blackville.
- S. J. Bailey, Four Mile.
- A. A. Lemon, Barnwell.
- H. C. Mitchell, Williston.
- J. M. Birt, Blackville.
- J. M. Farrell, Blackville.
- J. F. Ready, Great Cypress.
- A. D. Furtick, Barnwell.
- Byron H. Hair, Rosemary.
- L. O. Cook, Red Oak.
- J. W. Kennedy, Rosemary.
- J. W. Johnson, Williston.
- Lacy Cheek, Barnwell.
- S. G. Lowe, Blackville.
- Brunson Zissett, Barnwell.
- J. B. Keel, Blackville.
- A. O. Sanders, Great Cypress.
- W. R. Rutland, Rosemary.
- A. E. Sanders, Great Cypress.
- J. E. Harley, Sr., Red Oak.
- Thomas Sanders, Georges Creek.
- R. W. Warren, Blackville.
- F. A. Creech, Georges Creek.
- W. C. Cook, Williston.
- W. B. Johnson, Blackville.
- H. L. Buist, Blackville.
- L. A. Plexico, Barnwell.
- Otis Creech, Reedy Branch.
- J. B. Harrison, Barnwell.
- B. M. Smith, Williston.
- Jno. Henry Lancaster, Blackville.
- C. J. Martin, Blackville.
- C. C. Storne, Blackville.

ENTHUSIASTIC RALLY HELD AT BLACKVILLE CHURCH NOVEMBER 18

Blackville, Nov. 24.—Representatives of the various churches of the Barnwell Baptist Association met in a very interesting and enthusiastic rally at the Blackville Baptist church on Tuesday, November 18th, at 11 o'clock.

The purpose of this rally was to inspire the churches to worthily finish the 75-Million Campaign and to lay plans for launching the New Program for the coming year.

Dr. David M. Ramsey, President of Greenville Woman's College, was the chief speaker of the occasion. His subject was "Why the Campaign should succeed." His discussion of the subject was both informing and inspirational. In his address he emphasized that because the Campaign had succeeded, we were embarrassed with our success; that through the instrumentality of the Campaign we have been able to preach the gospel to seventeen new countries; that from the standpoint of results accomplished, the Campaign had been a glorious success. Also that because we stood for religious freedom, the separation of church and state, a spiritual church membership and the full gospel, we had a message that the world wanted and needed. The address was well received.

The churches were well represented by the pastors, organizers, publicity directors, W. M. U. organizations and others. A number of helpful suggestions for successfully putting on the every-member-cavass the list of this month was made. The quota of the Barnwell Association is \$31,553.00, and the prospect that they will reach this goal is promising. In this connection it is planned to make the fifth Sunday meetings in this month helpful in this movement.

W. R. DAVIS, Publicity Director.

gusta, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings, of Saulda.

Mr. Jacob Black was a business visitor in Aiken Tuesday.

Mrs. W. R. Kennedy and little daughter have returned from a visit to her father, Mr. W. T. Riley, Sr., of Allendale.

Dr. J. L. Smith spent last week in Florida.

Mrs. M. E. Givens and little daughter, of Bishopville, were recent guests of Mrs. W. E. Anderson.

Messrs. L. B. Givens and T. R. Pender were business visitors to Johnston last week.

Miss Grace Wilson has returned to her home in Aiken after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennedy.

Dr. David M. Ramsay, of Greenville, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Latimer.

JOSEPH ALLEN PORTER DIED TUESDAY MORNING AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mr. Joseph Allen Porter, prominent merchant and farmer, died at his home here at 10:15 o'clock Tuesday morning, after an illness of only a few hours, his death following a stroke of apoplexy, with which he was stricken about seven o'clock. Mr. Porter retired Monday night in his usual good health and spirits, except that he complained of a headache. Tuesday morning he arose shortly before seven o'clock and after building a fire in the grate, went across the hall to a bathroom. When he failed to return in a short while, his wife went to investigate and found him in a semi-conscious condition in the bedroom adjoining. He soon lapsed into unconsciousness and in spite of all that could be done to prolong his life, he entered into eternal sleep "like one who draws the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Mr. Porter was born at Springfield, this State, January 11th, 1866, his parents being Nathan Porter and Anne Catherine Fanning Porter, both of whom preceded him to the grave. He came to Barnwell in 1890, where he filled several responsible positions before becoming a partner in the firm of Molair & Porter, merchants and cotton buyers. This partnership was dissolved later and Mr. Porter established a business of his own in 1910 which grew to be one of the largest of its kind in this section. His interests were varied. In addition to his mercantile business, he farmed extensively and was a large dealer in spot cotton and livestock. He was also actively identified with various other business ventures. He had great faith in Barnwell and its future and did a great part in helping to develop the resources of this section. His assistance to farmers will be greatly missed by them.

"Joe" Porter, as he was affectionately known to his friends, was a big man—big in mind, heart and body. He was public-spirited in every sense of the word and was always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel in any movement tending to the advancement of his community.

Several years ago he professed his faith in Christ and affiliated with the Barnwell Methodist Church, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

Mr. Porter is survived by his widow, who before her marriage, was Miss Emily Molair; 3 daughters, Mrs. E. F. Bauer, of Barnwell, Mrs. J. L. Widman, of Asheville, N. C., and Miss Blanche Porter, a student at Brenau College; one granddaughter, Miss Jo-Ann Porter; three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Miller, of Mobile, Ala., Mrs. R. L. Miller, of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. M. E. Boylston, of Springfield; two brothers, Messrs. N. D. and J. C. Porter, of Springfield; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced but it is very probable that his body will be laid to rest Thursday morning.

James B. Kearse Dead.

Bamberg, Nov. 21.—James Barnwell Kearse, one of the prominent farmers of Bamberg County and the county's first supervisor, passed away at his home in the Buford's Bridge section yesterday morning, following an illness of heart disease for a week. The remains were interred this morning at the family burying ground. Mr. Kearse was seventy-six years of age, the son of William and Mamie Brabham Kearse, and was a veteran of the Confederate war, entering the army of the South when a mere boy. He was born and reared in the section where he died and has always resided in this county. When Bamberg County was formed he was elected supervisor and he held this position until his voluntary retirement several years later. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura McMillan Kearse, daughter of the late Duffie McMillan, and the following children: Robert Lee, Henry L., Clyde, Miss Ada and Miss Pearl Kearse, Mrs. J. Gordon Brabham, Mrs. Griffin Proveaut and Mrs. Dennis Barker, all of Bamberg County. Four brothers, J. J., J. F., G. E. and R. M. Kearse, of this county also survive.

Quite a number of football fans from Barnwell will attend the Thanksgiving games at Clemson College and Columbia today.