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TWO DIE FROM AUTO WRECK INJURIES

Citizens of Barnwell To Express Opinion on Purchase of Truck

At a meeting of the Town Council Monday night, the Board of Aldermen decided to let the citizens of Barnwell pass on the proposed purchase of a fire truck through the medium of a petition. This matter has been agitated by the members of the local fire department for some time, the contention being made that the present equipment is inadequate to the needs and growth of the city. Some adhesion in this view, but contend that the financial condition of the town does not permit of the purchase at this time, while another group thinks that the present equipment, with the purchase of additional hose, is adequate. The members of the council were unwilling to accept the responsibility for the expenditure of a large amount—between \$6,000 and \$7,000—so the decision was made to submit the proposition to the freeholders.

It is understood that the members of the fire department held a meeting Friday night and decided to resign immediately because the truck had not been purchased, but were persuaded by one of their number to forego such drastic action until the citizens of the town had been given an opportunity to pass on the matter.

The editor of The People, along with other citizens, is proud of the efficient work that has been rendered by the fire department in the past and would regret very much to see it disorganized. At the same time, the deflated condition of the treasury must be taken into consideration, together with the fact that it is said to be necessary to increase the levy 25 per cent. next year to take care of ordinary running expenses and provide a sinking fund to retire outstanding bonds as they become due.

The result of the "poll" will be watched with interest.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

Denmark, Dec. 30.—One of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas season was a birthday and barbecue dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Creech, of this section, in honor of the 47th birthday of the former. It proved to be a reunion of the two families, nearly 100 guests being present.

A 50-foot table was prepared and fairly groaned under its burden of good things to eat, among which were no barbecued hogs. Such a beautiful and bountiful repast is seldom seen nowadays in the old Palmetto State. The good cheer of Christmas time was in the air and Mr. and Mrs. Creech proved to be a most admirable host and hostess, extending a most cordial welcome to each and every one of their guests.

Among the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Birt, of Laurinburg, N. C., Mr. E. H. Grayson, a Confederate Veteran, and Senator and Mrs. Hubbard, of Barnwell, who furnished music for the occasion.

The Rev. Howard Cady left Christmas afternoon for Virginia to spend a few days with relatives. He will be accompanied on his return by his mother, who will make her future home in Barnwell.

WILLISTON MAN ACCEPTS POSITION AT ALLENDALE WITH GULF REFINING CO.

Williston, Dec. 29.—J. Warren Parker, manager of the Gulf Refining Company's station here for several years, will shortly move to Allendale to take charge of the Gulf filling station there. For the past few months Mr. Parker has been conducting a pressing and cleaning business in Blackville, but had not moved his family. His Williston friends regret that he will leave town but wish for him great success in his new work.

Probably the heaviest mail in the history of Williston passed through the local post office this year, as high as twenty bags of mail going out on one train December 23rd.

Christmas eve and Christmas day passed off uneventfully in Williston. Merchants here had a fairly good Christmas trade but the bad weather Christmas eve cut somewhat into business that day. The town is filled with boys and girls back from school and teachers returning to spend the holidays with their families. All places of business were closed December 25 and the town had a Sunday appearance.—Inventory taking on part of merchants and annual meetings with the banks will be the order of the day from now until January 1st, when 1925 business is expected to open up.

All-Abernethy.

Allendale, Dec. 28.—The marriage of Miss Sara Alva All of Allendale and Charles Laban Abernethy of Newbern, N. C., was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at Allendale at 12:05 o'clock, December 19.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. All of Allendale. Miss All finished in music at the North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro, N. C., and later studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Mr. Abernethy is the only son of Congressman Abernethy of North Carolina, and is a Harvard graduate. Mr. Abernethy is engaged in the practice of law at Newbern.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy left at once for New York and Niagara Falls. They will spend a few days with the parents of the bridegroom in Washington on their return, and will be at home in Newbern, N. C., after January 3rd.

Little Boy Undergoes Operation.

Robert, the little son of Postmaster R. A. Deason, of Barnwell, was operated on for appendicitis Saturday morning at a Columbia hospital. The little fellow had been sick for several days and his symptoms became alarming Friday night. He was carried to Columbia Saturday and the operation was performed immediately after his arrival at the hospital. The friends of Robert and his father will be glad to know that he is getting along fine and hopes to be back home in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan Holmes, of New York, spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Maude Holmes.

Santa Claus Pays His Annual Visit to the Children of Barnwell

Match Mr. Chitty.

Not content with paying his subscription two years in advance, The People's good friend, Mr. J. P. Chitty, of the Double Ponds section, has sent in the name of a new subscriber—Mr. H. J. Hair, also of that section. The publisher is glad to send the paper to Mr. Hair and hopes he will enjoy its weekly visits, and also thanks Mr. Chitty for his kindly interest in promoting the growth of The People.

Now, then, if other good friends of The People will "match Mr. Chitty" by sending in their renewals, together with the name of a new subscriber, the editor promises to do his part by giving them a better paper in the future.

Who will be the first?

"My China Doll" at The Vamp

The musical sensation, "My China Doll", with an important cast of principals, including the famous dancer, Barbara Bronell, and large chorus of unusually beautiful girls is coming to The Vamp Theatre January 8th.

From its credentials—reviews from the press of other cities, where it has been presented—there can be no doubt as to the marked merit of this American musical production, the local engagement of which will be played by the original company.

In its brilliant score, written by Charles George, it boasts of twenty some musical numbers and no less than nine are recorded "hits", including "How Do You Do Miss Ragtime," "I Want A Man", "The Big Brass Band", "Jazzmania", "My China Doll", "The Wedding of My China Doll and Me" and the jocular theme song, "The Land of Dreams."

The lyrics are by Mr. George, who is also responsible for the book. The scenes are laid in New York's Chinatown, during the Fete of Lanterns, thence to the Land of Flowers, Melody Town in the Land of Music, the Land of Story Books, and finally to a palatial home in up-town New York.

The story is a romance of love unbound in a novel manner and abounds in novel situations, enabling the players a continuous round of diverting experiences in which to display their joy-making talents.

Much stress has been laid upon the beauty of the large chorus featured prominently as a corps de ballet, for they are exceptional dancers and singers, too.

Fickling-DeWitt

Blackville, Dec. 28.—Miss Sara Fickling was married to Earle DeWitt of Columbia at the home of her father here Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The Rev. L. H. Miller, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony.

They left immediately in an automobile for Charleston and will be at home in Columbia after a few days.

Send your Job Work to The People.

Since the last issue of The People, Santa Claus has paid his annual visit to the children of Barnwell and returned to his home at the North Pole for another twelve months. The jolly old fellow made his first appearance in Barnwell this year at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening of last week at a Christmas tree for the Sunday school children. The following evening the children of the Episcopal Church enjoyed a tree at the Church of the Holy Apostles. That night, Santa Claus visited the homes of this section and left presents of toys, candy, fruits, etc., for his little friends.

It was the editor's pleasure and privilege Wednesday afternoon to call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lemon and see the splendid baskets of fruits, toys, wearing apparel, etc., that had been prepared by a committee of good ladies, under the auspices of the Associated Charities of Barnwell, for the poor families of this community. It was certainly "a sight for sore eyes" and the thought that came to those who saw it was, "This is truly the Spirit of Christmas." The work done this year was along the lines mentioned in last week's issue that The People purposes to do in 1925 and the editor has been assured of the cooperation of the Associated Charities. This year's program was made possible in large part by the generous gift of Mr. Samuel Coffin, of Barnwell, but Mrs. Lemon told a representative of The People last week that contributions from the people of Barnwell will be necessary in 1925 and endorsed this paper's proposed "Good Fellows Club."

Christmas Day dawned cold and cloudy, but the spirit of goodwill was in the air and refused to be chilled by the weather. Those who so desired were given an opportunity to worship at the Church of the Holy Apostles, where services were held at 10:30 a. m. Many attended the Vamp Theatre Christmas night, while for others the day was brought to a close with most enjoyable radio programs.

Attend Marriage in Charleston

Mrs. H. D. Calhoun and son, Mr. James Calhoun, went down to Charleston last week to be present at the marriage of the former's sister, Miss Marguarite Townsend Duncan, and Mr. Frank Osborne Miller, of Fort Valley, Ga. The ceremony was performed at six o'clock in the evening of December 24th, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Duncan, by the Rev. Carey Beckwith, rector of St. Phillips Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller spent Christmas Day with Col. and Mrs. Harry D. Calhoun, leaving Barnwell that afternoon for a wedding trip to Florida and Cuba. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends at Fort Valley. Mrs. Miller has many friends in Barnwell who wish them a long and happy life.

"I always look forward to seeing the paper and feel that I couldn't be without it," were the kind words of Mr. Geo. M. Armstrong, of Florence, accompanying a check for two years' subscription to The People.

Collision Near Fiddle Pond One Night Last Week Results Fatally

BUDGET OF INTERESTING SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Williston, Dec. 27.—A social affair of last week was Friday afternoon, December 19, when Mrs. S. B. Ray entertained with a bridge party in honor of her house guests, Mrs. W. J. Josey and Mrs. Clifton-DuBose of Bishopville.

A salad course with hot coffee was served. Mrs. W. C. Smith, Sr., made the highest score, and was presented with hand painted salt and pepper shakers. The guests of honor each were presented with lovely handkerchiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Armstrong are spending the holidays in Savannah and Egypt, Ga., where they will visit at the latter place, W. F. S. Griffin.

Mrs. E. W. Black and children are spending the holidays with Mrs. M. W. Mims and family, in Spartanburg.

Carroll Johnson and Miss Myrtle Johnson of Aiken were visitors in Williston Monday.

Yancey Weathersbee is home from the University of South Carolina to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Weathersbee.

Wallace Smith of Asheville, N. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owens.

Miss Laura Willis is home from her school at Winnsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kennedy entertained four tables of bridge Thursday evening. A course supper was enjoyed before bridge was played. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy made the highest score for women and was given a lovely handkerchief, while W. T. Willis carried off the honor for the men. The out of town guests were Misses Margaret Warren and Ruth Best of Allendale, Mesdames W. J. Josey and Clifton DuBose of Bishopville.

One of the most delightful recent events was the surprise celebration of the 49th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Matthews on December 15th.

The out of town visitors were: Mrs. W. J. Price and daughter, Mrs. Lula Cain, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burckhalter and daughter of Aiken, who came in with a complete wedding dinner and brought great joy to the happy couple, especially Mr. Matthews, who has been confined to his bed for several years. After spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Matthews their guests departed wishing them many happy returns. Mr. Burckhalter is Mrs. Matthews' brother and the others are close relatives.

Card of Thanks.

Editor of The People: Please allow me space in your paper to thank the Associated Charities of Barnwell for the many things given my family and myself during Christmas. I assure them that everything was heartily appreciated and was most assuredly needed.

Isaac Knoff

Among the new subscribers being added to The Peoples' mailing list this week are the names of Messrs. L. W. Hutto, of Blackville route 2, and Mr. W. S. Grubbs, of Blackville.

J. F. Ferguson, white, and a negro man were fatally injured one night last week on the Barnwell-Allendale highway, when the Ford automobile in which they were riding collided with a buggy driven by a negro near Fiddle Pond. Neither regained consciousness after the accident, the negro dying the next day and Ferguson three or four days later. Although the buggy was demolished, its occupant escaped injury, as did the mule he was driving. It is said that Ferguson was driving without lights. He was a son-in-law of Mr. W. L. Harvey and is survived by his wife and several children.

Withdraws From Law Firm.

Bemberg, Dec. 29.—B. D. Carter, recently elected solicitor of the Second Judicial circuit, announces his withdrawal from the law firm of Carter, Carter and Kearsse, effective Jan. 1st, when he will establish offices in the Herald building, where he will administer the affairs of his office and continue his practice of civil law. This firm is one of the leading legal firms of legal advisers in this section. The senior partner, J. F. Carter, several times a prominent candidate for associate justice of the supreme court, began practicing in 1905. In 1910, B. D. Carter, his brother formed a partnership with him and practiced with him until 1919, when J. Carl Kearsse, present member of the general assembly, was admitted to the firm. Messrs. Kearsse and J. F. Carter will continue to practice as Carter and Kearsse.

J. Q. Hiers, familiarly known as "Quillie" Hiers of New York city, spent several days last week in this section visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hiers was reared near Branchville and left this section 27 years ago. He is the father of the famous Walter Hiers, known to screen-fans as "Fatty" Hiers, who has made a tremendous success in the movies as a comedian. It is a fact not generally known that Fatty is a product of this section of the country.

Lodges Elect at Olar.

Olar, Dec. 27.—Olar lodge, No. 126, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers for the year of 1925: J. O. Sanders, Jr., chancellor commander; Ruby L. Morris, vice chancellor; George Cave, Jr., prelate; J. Frank Fail, master of work; E. D. Bessinger, master of exchequer; M. E. Rizer, keeper of records and seal and master of finance; Q. M. Brabham, master of arms; G. I. Odom, inner guard; H. H. Hiers, outer guard, and A. S. Barker, deputy grand chancellor.

Olar lodge, No. 128, A. F. Masons, has elected the following officers for next year: George I. Odom, worshipful master; S. D. Knopf, senior warden; C. L. Long, junior warden; E. D. Bessinger, secretary; A. F. Morris, treasurer; F. H. Guess, senior deacon; A. J. Sanders, junior deacon, and J. W. Sellars, tiler.

Mrs. W. P. Brabham, of Barnwell, called at The People office Saturday to renew her subscription.

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Sughroe Western Newspaper Union

AMOS DOOZENBERRY, WHO USED TO START MOST EVERY SENTENCE WITH "TH' TIME I MADE MY TRIP TO EUROPE," ADMITS TH' WAR TOOK TH' WIND OUT OF HIS SAILS BECUZ HALF TH' YOUNG FELLERS YOU SEE HAVE BEEN THERE AND TALK ABOUT PARIS, LONDON OR GIBRALTAR LIKE THEY ALLUS LIVED THERE



STUFFY MCGINNIS KIN REMEMBER WHEN YA USTA COULD BUY ENUFF PEANUTS FER A NICKEL TO MAKE YA SICK!



ALEC SPIVENS HAS GOT HIM ONE OF THEM CLATTERBIKES WITH A SIDE CAR ON IT AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON HE MADE THIRTY-SEVEN TRIPS PAST A CERTAIN HOUSE ON HUDSON STREET



JIM TUNK ALLOWS AS HOW HIS MOST THRILLING MOMENT WUZ WHEN HE WHEELED HIS NEW BABY PAST A GROUP OF THREE GIRLS WHO HE USED TO GO WITH!



CHARLES SUGHROE