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Contest Is Held by T. E. L. Bible Class of Blackville Church

Blackville, Jan. 26.—During the month of November, 1924, the adult Bible class for women in the Blackville Baptist Church put on an automobile contest for the purpose of increasing its membership. At the commencement of the contest the enrollment of this class was 33. The class was divided into four groups and each group selected an automobile to represent it. The automobiles selected being the Franklin, Buick, Essex and Ford. The chauffeurs for these cars were Mrs. Nellie Rush for the Franklin; Mrs. Jim Creech for the Buick; Mrs. Mary Blume for the Essex, and Mrs. Edna Faulkner for the Ford. It was the duty of each chauffeur to take on as many passengers as possible for her car and each of the chauffeurs deserve a great deal of credit for the work they did in this contest. The contest counted as follows: For every new member 20 miles were credited to the car in which such new member was riding; every visitor counted two miles; every promise to attend the class which was not kept counted as a puncture, and every refusal to promise to attend the class counted as a blow-out, while every member who failed to make an effort to enlist new members was marked with engine trouble. A lively interest was manifested in this contest throughout the four Sundays, and the class not only grew in numbers but in fellowship. At the close of the contest, the Buick was found to have made the greatest average mileage for the contest and won the banner which was awarded. As a result of the contest, our enrollment grew from 33 to 71. However, we have a rule that when a member has been absent from the class on three consecutive Sundays her name is removed from the active roll and placed on the inactive roll, unless such absence was due to sickness or absence from town. Hence, our enrollment has been reduced since the close of the contest to 51, which gives us an increase as a result of the contest of 18 new members, whom we expect to retain as regular attendants.

Adopts Name of T. E. L.

The women's Bible Class has adopted the name of T. E. L. Bible Class of the Blackville Baptist Church, which initials stand for Timothy, Eunice and Lois, and which is a favorite name of organized Bible classes, the membership of which consists mainly of mothers. Our class has been registered with the S. S. Board at Nashville, and within the next few months we expect to be a standard class.

The T. E. L. Class held its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, the 16th, and despite the most unfavorable weather there was a good attendance. The members of the men's Bible class, together with a number of officers and teachers from other departments of the Sunday school, were our guests.

Most interesting reports were given by the various officers and group captains, which indicated decided progress since the last business meeting of the class. A banner is awarded each Sunday to the group having the best record, the eight point system being used in our class, and Group No. 1 (Miss Marie Boylston being group captain) has held the banner continuously since our December meeting.

Constitution Adopted.

A constitution was adopted for the class and a number of plans made for the coming month. It is hoped that the Eunice Home Department and the Lois Circle of the class will be completely organized by the time we hold our next business meeting. It is our intention to enlist every woman in our church in some branch of the T. E. L. class.

The business meeting was followed by the social meeting. The social director, Mrs. Pearl Mathis, surprised both the members of our class and our visitors with a most laughable dialogue, played by Dr. Carter, Briggs Kammer, C. J. Fickling and Miss Keel, all of whom rendered their respective parts well. Refreshments were then served and were much enjoyed.

Our next monthly meeting will be held February 13th.—Alva Baxley, Class Reporter.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church gave a bridge tournament Tuesday afternoon, the proceeds being for the organ fund. It is hoped that the organ will be installed in the church for the Easter services.

ROOSTER GETS "STUCK IN THE MUD" IN FIELD NEAR TOWN LAST WEEK

There were many stories going the rounds last week about automobile drivers whose cars were mired in the mud of the public roads in this and adjoining States, but the experience of a Barnwell County rooster caps the climax. The chicken in question is on a farm near this city and one day last week was "foraging" in a field near the barnyard. The ground was very soft and very soon the rooster was stuck hard and fast in the mud. His efforts to extricate himself only serving to get him in deeper. A negro farm hand, seeing the plight of the rooster, went to his rescue and in turn was caught in the bog. Both were in the same fix as Bro. Rabbit when he attacked the Tar Baby, as related by Uncle Remus. And to quote Uncle Remus: The People is giving the above facts as they were given to us.

Eclipse Created No Excitement in This City; Radio Is Heard

The tryst of Sol and Lunar, or, in plain English, the eclipse of the sun Saturday morning, created no excitement in Barnwell because of the fact that, as far as observers in this city were concerned, the phenomenon was more or less obscured by clouds. It was viewed by many people, however. The eclipse, which was only partial in this section, was total in the northern part of the United States and is said to have been a beautiful and awe-inspiring sight, especially at the moment of totality, when the corona of the sun was visible.

Several radio devotees here were interested in the tests conducted by many stations to determine how powerful the signals would be during the eclipse. Quite a number of programs were brought in, some of them over the loudspeaker, with almost the strength and clearness of night-time reception.

Scientists are said to have collected much valuable data in connection with the eclipse and numerous photographs were made of the phenomenon.

BUDGET OF INTERESTING SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Williston, Jan. 26.—Col. and Mrs. R. M. Mixson had as their guests recently Mrs. Rufus H. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Andrews, of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. Robert H. Stanley, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Miss Cora Hutto, after a visit in Blackville, is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Mrs. W. E. Prothro has returned from a visit to relatives in Eastover and to Mrs. Gentry in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stuckey, of Eastover, were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Prothro.

Mr. C. Keys Sanders, of Barnwell, was a recent visitor in Williston.

Miss Mary Robinson, of Rowesville, was a visitor this week of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Willis, Jr.

Miss Virginia Kennedy has returned from Fueman, S. C., where was a smiling this season.

Mrs. P. B. Dick is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Dukes, in Pine-wood, S. C.

Mrs. W. H. Manning invited about forty of the little folks to her home Saturday, January 17th, the occasion being the seventh birthday of her little daughter, Beth. After playing many games, the children enjoyed cakes, fruit and candy.

"The Mikado" Friday Night.

The Davies Opera Company will present Gilbert-Sullivan's famous comic opera, "The Mikado," at the Vamp Theatre in this city Friday night of this week. This production is under the personal direction of Mr. Harry Davies, late of the Henry-W. Savage Castle Square Opera Co., etc. Prices are 75c, \$1 and \$1.50, plus tax. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The People.

Card of Thanks.

We truly thank each and every one of the Reedy Branch community and elsewhere for the kindness shown during the long illness and deaths of our parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Grubbs, Sr., and to Dr. Cecil Ray, of Barnwell, who has stood by for nearly six months.

The Family.

Many Local Bills Are Introduced by Solons in State Legislature

Columbia, Jan. 26.—More than seventy bills have been introduced in the South Carolina House of Representatives since that body has been in session. The greater part of this number have been local bills of minor interest to other counties, but, in the opinion of their authors, of great importance in the locality which they affect. Of all these but few are of State-wide interest.

Due to the fact that the Senate has decided against a lengthy adjournment the matter will probably not be taken up in the House according to opinions expressed at the Saturday session. Such a recess was provided for in a resolution at the first session of the House.

During the past week the ways and means committee, of which Carroll D. Nance, of Laurens, is chairman, has held several meetings. Only one appropriation request has been heard by the committee. That was presented by the State Hospital for the Insane through Dr. C. F. Williams, superintendent of the institution.

New Office Building.

At a joint meeting of the ways and means committee of the House and the finance committee of the Senate, held last week the matter of the proposed new office building for the State was discussed. Governor Thos. G. McLeod and Claude N. Sapp, former chairman of the ways and means committee, were the principal speakers. They presented the needs for such a building and called attention to the action of the last Legislature regarding such an undertaking.

Action was taken during the past week on several matters of State-wide interest. A number of bills have been ordered passed to the third reading, among which is a bill by Representative J. O. Williams of Pickens, requiring a license tax on all dogs in the State. The bill, as ordinarily introduced, placed the fee at seventy-five cents, but it was amended so as to make the amount one dollar on all dogs in the State past six months of age. A bill by Representative McAdams of Abbeville, to reduce the legal rate of interest 1 per cent in South Carolina was also passed to the third reading.

Only one bill has been killed in the House so far. This was a bill introduced by Representative Finklea of Florence, fixing the marriage license fee at two dollars instead of the present fee of one dollar.

Many new bills, most of them of a local nature, however, have been introduced since the House has been in session. There have been few of statewide interest. Chief among those affecting the entire State is a bill by Representatives Brantley and Smith of Orangeburg, to reduce the license fees on certain types of automobiles and to return half of the amount collected to the county in which the collection was made.

A resolution requesting the institutions of higher learning in South Carolina and adjoining States to accept those students who were expelled from Clemson College during the "student strike" at that institution not so long ago, was unanimously adopted by the House. The resolutions which also expressed hope, on the part of the House, for a successful administration for Dr. Sikes, new head of Clemson, was introduced by Representative Lee of Darlington.

By a vote of ten members of the House several bills that have been reported upon favorably have been ordered placed on the calendar.

Among these is a bill by Representative Senseney of Charleston, that would exempt all railroad men in the State from jury duty, and several other bills. Another is that by sixteen members of the House providing that the matter of calling a constitutional convention be placed before the people of the State at the next election and one by Representatives McKissick of Greenville and Williams of Pickens, calling for a check on all automotive vehicles in the State for the purpose of determining what percentage has escaped taxation. There have been many others.

Swimming Pools.

Many bills have been introduced. The majority of them concern local matters. There have been a few, however, of statewide interest. Chief among these is one by Representative Sloan of Greenville that would prohibit the operation of swimming pools in South Carolina on the Sabbath. There has been another by Representative Jenkins of Richland that would

Charlton B. Lafitte, Native of Barnwell, Was True Southerner

Camden, Jan. 21.—Sunday afternoon, January 18, at 1:50 o'clock, Charlton Brown Lafitte, formerly of Ridge Spring, died here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Vardelle Walsh, Jr. His death, while sudden, was not unexpected, for Mr. Lafitte had been in ill health for some time and at times hovered between life and death. Saturday morning, January 17, he became unconscious while awaiting breakfast and never regained consciousness. His death was peaceful.

Funeral services were held at Ridge Spring Tuesday morning at the Methodist Church, being conducted by the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey, of Gray Court, a former pastor and beloved friend of Mr. Lafitte, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. N. K. Polk. Interment was at the Ridge Spring cemetery. Beautiful floral offerings and messages of sympathy to the bereaved family from all parts of the State bore evidence of the numerous friends that Mr. Lafitte had.

Mr. Lafitte was born in Barnwell, June 15, 1858, being the son of John Hancock Lafitte and Eliza Bruton Lafitte. His mother died when he was only a child and he was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Julia B. Easterling, of Barnwell, who survives him. Having been born in most momentous times he often spoke of the federal occupation of Barnwell by General Kilpatrick and of the exciting times subsequent to the war. He participated in the Ellenton riot in 1876 and was a member of several organizations for the advancement of white supremacy in this State, including the Red Shirts of Gen. Wade Hampton, whom he greatly loved and admired. Having been born during such troublous times Mr. Lafitte was a true Southerner in every respect, and he instilled true patriotism into the hearts of his children so that in the recent conflict his two sons were both in the service, one of them having seen service in France. This was always a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Lafitte and a point of pride as well.

Mr. Lafitte was true to his convictions and was always found on the side of right as opposed to wrong. No one ever doubted where he stood on any question nor doubted his position once he had taken it. He was true to his friends.

Mr. Lafitte was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and at one time was active in Pythian circles. He was a former mayor of Ridge Spring and secretary of the local board of health.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Mary Ashbill Lafitte, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Vardelle Walsh, Jr., of Camden, and two sons. Mrs. Lafitte will continue to make her home with her daughter.

Postal Examination.

A civil service examination will be held at Barnwell February 21st for the purpose of selecting a substitute city mail carrier and an assistant clerk for the Barnwell post office. Further information may be obtained from Postmaster R. A. Deason.

put all county officers on a salary basis. Representative McAdams of Abbeville has introduced a bill that would authorize the State warehouse commissioner to sell nitrate of soda and potash to the farmers of the State. This bill, though reported unfavorably by the judiciary committee, was referred to the agricultural committee. The judiciary committee also reported unfavorably on a bill by Mr. McAdams, that would require the State tax commission to reduce assessments 20 per cent on all farm lands in the State. This matter has been placed on the calendar.

During the past week, by a vote of 110 to 1, the House rejected the proposed, twentieth amendment to the federal constitution that would give the federal government control over child labor. Representative Senseney of Charleston was the only member casting a dissenting vote.

The House will get down to business again at noon tomorrow. Many members of the House have announced that they will offer bills of a constructive nature during the week.

The ways and means committee is due to meet this afternoon for the purpose of resuming work on the general appropriation bill. Officials of the State health department are expected to appear before the committee at its first session this week and present their appropriation request.

HIG SALE GOING FULL BLAST; HUNDREDS ARE REAPING THE BENEFIT

The closing out sale of the J. A. Porter Co. of this city, opened on schedule time Wednesday morning of last week with the largest attendance of any sale that has ever been seen in this section. The store was packed and jammed and for awhile many were unable to gain admittance. All sales records for this section were broken. It is said, and crowds of buyers continue to visit the store, where they are making substantial savings on their purchases.

The success of this sale should prove beyond the shade of a shadow a doubt the worth of advertising in The People, as the announcement of this sale appeared in no other news paper in the county.

Again this week The People is publishing a double-page advertisement calling attention to the many bargains being offered, with a still further reduction in prices. "Specials" are being offered during certain hours of the day during the coming week. To take advantage of these alone would be worth a visit to Barnwell. It will pay you to read every line in the advertisement again this week and act accordingly.

Good Cotton Seed Likely to Be Scarce Says County Agent

Owing to the bad weather which prevailed at picking time last season, a great many of the cotton seed were so badly damaged as to be unfit for planting purposes. Many farmers had not saved their planting seed before the bad season came on; therefore, they are without their supply, or have saved some of those seed which were partly damaged.

One of the most important factors in cotton production under boll weevil conditions is that we secure a good stand fairly early; in order to obtain this it is necessary to plant approximately one bushel of seed per acre that are sound. At this season of the year a great many farmers are interested in securing new varieties of cotton seed that they have heard were better than the types of cotton we now have, or which they think might be better and want to try them. The results that have been secured in this State show that where land is not infested with wilt no better cotton can be planted than Cleveland Big Boll, and for those lands which are infested, wilt resistant cotton, such as Dixie Triumph or Dixie Big Boll, should be used. Very favorable results last year were gotten with Dixie Big Boll cotton, one farmer producing more than a bale per acre on 100 acres of cotton. Such varieties as King, Half and Half and Cook's Improved have not given the results wherever tried, and I strongly advise against using all these different varieties of cotton to plant. We have a fairly good supply of seed in the county with different farmers that may be secured at reasonable prices. It is unnecessary to send off long distances to buy seed of unknown worth. I shall be glad to advise and assist anyone in securing pure seed from those farmers in this section who can furnish seed of proper value for planting. Begin now to get the supply of seed needed and take this matter up with me in order that I may assist you as much as possible in getting seed for planting the most important cash crop we have in Barnwell County.—By County Agent, Harry G. Boylston.

Many Trains Through Barnwell.

Many trains have passed through Barnwell during the past week or ten days, due to washouts of other lines of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line railroads. Numbers of these are solid Pullman trains from the North, loaded with tourists for Florida. On account of washouts between Charleston and Savannah, the Atlantic Coast Line's fine trains on that division have been routed by way of Barnwell. It is not known when normal service will be restored.

Barnwell Man Swallows Tack.

While recovering the top on an automobile one day last week, Mr. Gilmore S. Harley, of this city, swallowed a tack, several of which he had in his mouth at the time. A few days later he complained of internal pains and went to a Columbia hospital. The tack was located through the medium of the X-ray and was removed. Mr. Harley returned home Sunday.

Former Barnwell Man Has Narrow Escape as Car Plunges Off Road

Springfield, Jan. 26.—Mr. Julian C. Porter, formerly of Barnwell and a brother of the late Mr. J. A. Porter, of that city, accompanied by Mr. J. C. Goodwyn, of Virginia, and Israel Garvin, colored, narrowly escaped death on Monday night of last week as they were crossing John Town Mill.

The causeway had washed completely away from the foot of the bridge about 20 feet wide and 15 feet deep. Mr. Porter, being unable to see this, his car plunged into the waters below. The curtains were up, making it difficult for them to release themselves from the car. Mr. Goodwyn cut his way through the top and climbed upon the top of the car. His head was then out of water. He reached down and pulled the negro up, then went down and pulled Mr. Porter up. Mr. Goodwyn then swam to the embankment and called to Mr. Porter to jump and swim out. This he did. They then called to the negro to swim out and he replied that he could not. The men told him they would have to leave him, as they were wet and cold and had to find refuge somewhere. They had gone only a few yards when they heard the negro hit the water. He, too, swam out safely and they walked on to Salley, a distance of two miles. Friends there brought them on home.

After the water had subsided sufficiently on Thursday the car was pulled out of the creek, almost completely demolished. Mr. Porter and the negro owe their escape to Mr. Goodwyn's presence of mind.

Kline School Honor Roll.

Kline, Jan. 27.—The following is the honor roll of the Kline school for the last month:

- First Grade—J. F. Ready, Jr., Myrtle Creech, Mammie Sue Padgett, Martha Morris, Emilee Morris. Second Grade—Jack Sanders, Otis Sanders, Gertrude Hogg, Hughlon Creech, Jessie Sanders. Third Grade—Lloyd Moody, Mazie Sanders, Lois Sanders, Willie Braxton, Winnie Padgett. Fourth Grade—Thomas Hogg, Irene Johnson. Fifth Grade—Vergie Mae Moody, Oneda Moody. Sixth Grade—Billy Bradley, Mary Hogg, Louise Johnson, Mildred Lewis, George Sanders. Eighth Grade—Mildred Thomas, Gladys Lee, Mary Moody, Ben Harley. Ninth Grade—Lille Mae Thomas. Tenth Grade—Basil Jenkins.

Carter Elected Senator.

Bamberg, Jan. 24.—In the Democratic primary held Friday to nominate a successor to the late Senator James B. Black, J. F. Carter, a prominent attorney of Bamberg, was nominated over Ex-Senator S. G. Mayfield, of Denmark. Four boxes not counted are all small and Carter appears nominated by a large majority. Carter led in all but two precincts. The lieutenant governor has ordered an election for Tuesday, January 27. Democratic nomination, of course, is equivalent to election. Mr. Carter is a highly educated man and a very capable lawyer and should make a good Senator.

More Rain Likely This Week.

More rain is probable in this section during the week, according to the forecast issued by the United States Weather Bureau at Washington. The forecast is as follows:

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Rain about middle of week; temperature near normal most of week except for cool spell latter half.

Has Narrow Escape.

J. Julien Bush, Esq., of Barnwell, had a narrow escape from a "ducking" Saturday, when a bridge over Duck Pond, near Estill, gave way under the weight of his Buick touring car and settled to the surface of the water. Several negroes who were passing in a wagon assisted in rolling the machine from its dangerous position.

Court Convenes Feb. 16th.

Court will convene at Barnwell on Monday, February 16th, at which time Solicitor Berte D. Carter, of Bamberg, will make his debut here in his new official capacity. Grand and petit jurors will be drawn Monday and will be published in The People next week.