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SESSIONS COURT CONVENES HERE

J. W. SANDERS IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE.

Much Interest Manifested in Trial of Fred Snelling for Murder of Dock Gantt.

The Court of General Sessions convened here Monday morning with Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, presiding. Five cases were disposed of the first day—one for murder and four for violation of the prohibition law.

J. W. Sanders, State constable, who was charged with the murder of Richard McMillan, a negro, several weeks ago, was acquitted. McMillan was killed by Mr. Sanders when he resisted arrest in connection with an arson case near Kline.

Dick Burgess was convicted of violating the prohibition law and a sealed sentence imposed. Robert Cave, a young white boy, pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to eight months at hard labor in the State penitentiary, service at the penitentiary rather than on the main gang being imposed by Judge Rice because of the youth of the accused.

Andrew Jones also pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to eight months at hard labor on the chain gang or in the penitentiary.

Ernest Brown and Clifford Robinson, who pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law, were sentenced to 18 months at hard labor on the chain gang or in the State penitentiary.

The Snelling Case.

Much interest was manifested in the so-called "Snelling case," which went on trial Tuesday morning. Fred Snelling was charged with the murder of Dock Gantt at a negro church near Barnwell several months ago, his mother, Elizabeth Snelling, and two brothers, C. R. and Herbert Snelling, being named as accessories. Two other negroes, Lank Williams and Henry Dunbar, also named as accessories, were not tried, as there was no evidence connecting them with the alleged murder. The State introduced the testimony of seven witnesses, while the defense examined more than 20 Tuesday. The defense closed its case Tuesday afternoon and the opening argument was made by Solomon Blatt, Esq., who is assisting Solicitor Carter in the prosecution, before the Court adjourned for the day. The case was expected to be given to the jury Wednesday morning.

True Bills.

The Grand Jury returned the following True Bills:

J. W. Sanders, murder. Harden West, murder.

W. H. DuWitt, violation of the prohibition law.

Hallie Long, violation of the prohibition law.

Hagood Priester, violation of the prohibition law.

G. L. Knotts, violation of the prohibition law.

James Grubbs, violation of the prohibition law.

Paul Washington, violation of the prohibition law.

Dick Burgess, violation of the prohibition law.

Robert Cave, violation of the prohibition law.

Andrew Hay, violation of the prohibition law.

Andrew Jones, violation of the prohibition law.

Ernest Brown, Clifford Robinson, Oscar Gaines, Steve Drummonds and Nelson Eubanks, violation of the prohibition law.

E. R. Beasley, assault and battery with intent to kill.

John Abney, obtaining goods under false pretense.

Large Audience Enjoys Play.

The Vamp Theatre was packed to capacity Tuesday night to witness the production of "Deacon Dubbs" by the Senior Class of the Barnwell High School and everybody present seemed to be delighted with the performance, it being the consensus of opinion that it was one of the best "local talent" plays seen here in a long time. To compliment the individual performers would be to call the roll of the entire cast of characters, for it was indeed an "all-star cast." The play was under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Butcherhalter and the manner in which the performers acquitted themselves was a high compliment to her coaching.

A substantial sum was realized and the money will be used for a memorial to the Class of 1925.

Interesting Meeting by Local U. D. C.'s

On Friday afternoon, the 22nd inst., was held one of the most interesting meetings that the Johnson Hagood Chapter, U. D. C., has held this year, the meeting being held at the home of Miss Carrie Cohen, with Mesdames W. H. Duncan, H. R. Black, B. R. Moore and S. A. McNab assisting hostesses.

An interesting program was carried out and the large number present thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. This being the last meeting of the season, quite a good deal of business was transacted. Interesting reports were made by Mrs. Victor Lewis, Recorder of Crosses, showing application for three Crosses of Honor by Veterans; also report on Jefferson Davis Highway and Monument by Mrs. John Ulmer, and an excellent report by Miss Anna Walker on Memorial Day exercises which were held in the school auditorium on May 13th, at which time the history prize was presented to little Miss Claire Dicks.

The chapter went on record as favoring the work done by the Barnwell County Council of Farm Women and has offered a prize of \$500 in gold to the club in the county raising the largest amount for school improvement within the coming year.

After the business meeting a historical program was carried out: Sketch of the life of William Gilmore Simms, by Miss Kate Maher Simms; Sketch of the life of Jefferson Davis, by Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

During the social half hour delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches and iced tea, were served. Daisy D. Bennett, publicity director.

Excellent Program by Literary Society

Dunbarton, May 26.—As announced last week, there will be no commencement exercises for the Dunbarton High School, but the closing of a very successful session will be featured by an excellent program by the Woodrow Wilson Literary Society tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. The officers of this society are: Linwood Bush, president, Franklin Whaley, secretary. Ushers, for tomorrow night are Evelyn Rountree, Margaret Kirkland, Ernest Eubanks and Leonard Drummond. The program in full is as follows:

- Invocation. Reading—Mary Kirkland. Music—High School Chorus. Recitation—Gwendolyn Ellis. Recitation—Bernice Drummond. Music—Gladys Bush. Current Events—Louise Greene. Essay—Lula Mae Bush. Music—Louise Williams. Debate—Resolved, That the State should furnish free text books. Affirmative, Beatrice Heckle and Mary Belle Rountree; negative, Beatrice Hiers and Lucille Heckle. Music—Naomi Lowman. Announcements—Supt. H. H. King. Music—High School Chorus. Report of Judges.

Grand Jury Presentment.

The Grand Jury completed its work for the term Monday afternoon and made the following Presentment: To the Hon. H. F. Rice, Presiding Judge:

We, the Grand Jury for Barnwell County, having completed our work for the present term, beg leave to report as follows:

- 1. We have passed upon all indictments handed to us by the Solicitor.
- 2. We have made examinations of the Poor House and the Jail and find the former in good condition and the latter in excellent condition.
- 3. We have also looked into the chain gang and find the same in good condition, the prisoners and mules being well cared for.
- 4. The committee appointed by the Grand Jury from its members to look into the feasibility of joining with Bamberg and Aiken Counties in the erection and maintenance of a Poor Farm for the use of the three counties report to the Grand Jury that they have made some investigations but are not prepared to make their final report to this body.

We thank your Honor and the Solicitor for the courtesies extended us and the help rendered us in the performance of our duties.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. ROUNTREE, Foreman. May 25, 1925.

COMMENCEMENT AT BLACKVILLE

GRADUATING EXERCISES WILL BE HELD TONIGHT.

Annual Address to Senior Class Will Be Made by Dr. Marshall. Excellent Program.

Blackville, May 26.—Another successful session of the Blackville High School will come to a close Thursday night, with graduating exercises by the Senior Class. The commencement exercises began Thursday night, the 21st inst., with an enjoyable program by the pupils of the primary department. Tomorrow (Wednesday) night, the pupils of the intermediate department will present a play entitled "Some Class," in four acts. The cast of characters include the following: Sam Mathis, Elizabeth Baxley, Theresa Funderburg, Josephine Morris, Ralph Delk, Vello Still, Tracy Willis, Miriam Hutto, James Buist, Joe Halford, Etta and Hettie Mathis, Ethel Hightower, Sara Matthews and Kattie Duncan.

The program for Thursday night is as follows:

- Invocation. Salutatory—Ruby Bates. Class History—Samuel H. Still. Class Prophecy—Mattie Mae Still. Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1925—Claude Ray. Valedictory—Judson Sanders. Moon of the Springtime—Chorus. Annual Address—Dr. Marshall. Presentation of Diplomas. Presentation of D. A. R. Scholarship Medals. America. Benediction.

Mr. W. M. Hartin, of Plant City, Fla., was a visitor in the city last week. He is now connected with the Plant City Realty Co., dealers in real estate, groves and subdivisions.

BANKERS POSSESS KEY TO SITUATION

GOVERNOR McLEOD TALKS OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

Declares Agriculture Must be Aided by Bankers and Manufacturers in Speech at Aiken.

Aiken, May 19.—More depends upon the bankers of the State probably than upon any one other class of business men in the solving of South Carolina's economic problems, declared Gov. Thomas G. McLeod, speaking at an old fashioned and sumptuous barbecue dinner at the Aiken Agricultural Club given for the bankers of the Second Congressional District, group two of the South Carolina Bankers' Association meeting in Aiken today.

Other States, Governor McLeod declared, are confronted with problems not unlike those of South Carolina, but other States, he added, do not advertise those problems as is done in South Carolina, where, he declared, "We have been trying to solve them by expediency."

Agriculture, he said, must be aided by the bankers and by the manufacturers so that South Carolina farmers will not be entirely dependent upon the successful production and the successful marketing at a profit of their cotton.

"Every banker," he said, "should constitute himself the guardian of his community in order to make its agriculture more productive." And if necessary, "the present system of having agriculture paper fall due in the fall of the year in accordance with the old custom," should be changed. Reverting to the economic problem of the State, Governor McLeod said that the idea that by destructive measures the problem can be solved is entirely wrong.

Needs Team Work. "The tearing down process is all

Another Large Still Captured in County

The second to the largest still ever captured in Barnwell County was taken in a raid Monday afternoon of last week near the Joyce Branch section, in the Western part of the county. Sheriff Bonell H. Dyches, with his deputy, W. A. Hayes, State Constable J. W. Sanders, W. P. Sanders and R. B. Fears, made the raid, which might be termed successful in every particular.

The still is said to have belonged to a white man, but negroes were operating it at the time. Five were at work but all of them fled. One was arrested in the chase that followed and confessed. Since then, however, three other men who were recognized at the still have been captured by the sheriff and lodged in the county jail. This makes eight men, three of them white men, that Sheriff Dyches, with his working force, has landed in about that many working days.

The still captured last week was 125 gallons capacity. Twenty gallons of liquor had been run, and the entire outfit, together with 1,500 gallons of mash, was destroyed.

Mrs. Calhoun Entertains.

Mrs. L. M. Calhoun entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club last week. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Edgar A. Brown and the consolation was out by Mrs. J. D. Robison. After the games ice cream and cake were served.

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right," he said, "as long as it is a pruning process, but no good when it simply tears down and gives nothing in return. South Carolina needs team work and brain work," he impressed upon his audience of about 200 men and women. "The State's tax problem has got to be solved, but it will not be solved by passing the buck."

So far as the farmers' present plight is concerned, said the governor, "the bankers have the key to the situation," adding as a note of warning that "just as sure as the farms go down, the banks will go down too."

A business session was held at the court house prior to the barbecue dinner, William B. Turner, president of the Bank of Western Carolina, presiding. The address of welcome was made by Julian B. Salley, vice president of the Bank of Western Carolina, Harry D. Calhoun, president of the Home Bank of Barnwell, responding in happy vein.

W. W. Bradley, State bank examiner, followed with a practical talk on "Problems of the Bankers." Mr. Bradley did not speak in discouraged tone but advocated a central banking committee to take the place of the federal loan, which, he said, "did not remain long enough with us."

Former Congressman A. F. Lever, president of the Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, of Columbia, made a stirring talk in which he declared, "We are unwise in letting the impression go out through the great North and East that we are a bankrupt people." Fifty per cent. of the farmers in South Carolina are not today producing as much as their families consume, he pointed out, if clothing, foodstuffs and educational expenses are to be counted in the cost.

Need of Industries.

Mr. Lever impressed the great and crying need of more industries in South Carolina, declaring that the State has not the proper economic balance. "Capital is needed. Laws encouraging the coming into South Carolina of investing capital are sadly needed, as are laws protecting industry as well as agriculture. Possibilities exist for the building up in South Carolina of a property unsurpassed by any State in the Union," he declared, "since the undeveloped resources are here."

E. A. Padgett, of Edgefield, delivered a practical talk on "Overdrafts and Securities," after which officers of the group were elected to serve for the ensuing year, as follows: W. B. Crouch, Saluda, president; Walter E. Richardson, Beaufort, vice president; O. C. Gunter, Saluda, secretary and treasurer. The retiring secretary and treasurer, Lieut.-Gov. E. B. Jackson, of Wagener, received a rising vote of thanks for his services during the past ten years.

Mr. Jackson was later, at a meeting of the newly elected officers, named executive committee man, and Mr. Turner, retiring chairman, was elected chairman of the nomination committee.

FATHER SHOT BY SON ON TUESDAY

LEE SANDERS SERIOUSLY HURT NEAR BARNWELL.

Difficulty Is Said to Have Resulted from Alleged Whipping of Another Son.

Lee Sanders, a white man who lives several miles East of Barnwell, was shot and seriously wounded Tuesday morning by his son, Curtis Sanders, at the latter's home. The injured man was brought to Barnwell for medical treatment and it was found that about 60 bird shot had hit him in the head, left side and left arm, the most serious wounds being caused by one or more shot that pierced his left lung. He was spitting up blood and fearing that pneumonia might develop, Sanders was hurried to the Orangeburg hospital. His son, who is charged with the shooting, was arrested by Sheriff Bonell H. Dyches and lodged in the county jail to await the outcome of the wounded man's injuries.

From what can be learned here of the difficulty, it is alleged that Sanders whipped a younger son Sunday, the boy leaving home and going to the home of his brother, Curtis Sanders. The father went to Curtis Sanders' home Tuesday morning to get the lad and, it is said, again whipped and choked the boy, whereupon Curtis Sanders struck him with the stock of a shotgun and hit him with his fists, succeeding in breaking his hold on the boy. Lee Sanders, so his son claims, then made a motion towards his pocket and fearing that his father was attempting to draw a weapon, Curtis fired one shot at a distance of 30 or 40 yards. It is understood that the wounded man suffers from a mental disease at times.

Kline Graded School to Close Next Week

The Kline Graded School will close a successful session under the direction of Prof. S. C. Dunlap next week and appropriate exercises will be held Thursday and Friday nights, June 4th and 5th. Thursday night's program will be featured by an address by the Hon. J. H. Hope, State superintendent of education. Friday night the high school department will present "A Box of Monkeys." The program for the two nights is as follows: Thursday, 8:00 P. M. Address—Supt. J. H. Hope. Open Discussion—County Board and Trustees. Friday, 8:00 P. M. "A Box of Monkeys"—High School Department.

Act 1—Afternoon. Three Choruses by the Primary and Intermediate Departments. Monologue—Mildred Lewis. Dialogue—Melvin Moody and Lucy Sanders.

Act 2—Evening. Cast of Characters. Edward Ralston, a promising young American, half owner of the Sierra gold mine—H. N. J. Chauncey Ogletrope, his partner, second son of Lord Doncaster—H. T. Mrs. Onedego James, an admirer of rank—Mary M. Sierra Bengaline, her niece, a prairie rose—Gladys L. Lady Guinevere Llandpoore, an English primrose, daughter of the Earl of Paynaught—Lilly Mae.

Barnwell High School News.

The Senior play was a splendid success. Each person took his part well, showing that he had had good coaching. Miss Butcherhalter gave much of her valuable time to practicing and to drilling the Seniors.

The music pupils all showed the results of excellent teaching as the music recital Wednesday afternoon was a success. Their technique was good, and Mrs. Cummings had drilled them so thoroughly that all were familiar enough with their selections to play them with ease.

The commencement exercises are to be held at the Vamp Theatre Thursday evening, May 28, at eight-thirty.

D. A. R. Chapter Meets.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 19th inst., the Barnwell Chapter, D. A. R., held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mesdames L. M. Cave and B. W. Sexton. Election of officers was had and the officers were re-elected to serve another year. After the business was dispensed with a delicious salad course with iced tea, followed by mints, was served.