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Olar Man Is Severely Injured by Own Mule

Infuriated Animal Turns from Battle With Calf and Charges Farmer Who Interfered.

Bamberg, Dec. 25.—L. W. Ritter, an aged farmer of the Olar section, is suffering with serious injuries received in a battle yesterday with one of his farm mules. A severe kick on the side of the head rendered him unconscious for a while, and it was at first feared that he had been killed. In addition, he had numerous bites about the body, one of which stripped the flesh from one arm.

Noticing the animal attacking a calf, Mr. Ritter hastened to the lot and made an effort to compel the mule to desist. Instead of being frightened, however, by Mr. Ritter's presence, the mule turned to his owner, delivering a well aimed kick to his head, and then attacking him with his teeth. The kick knocked him down and he was unable to further protect himself. Mrs. Ritter saw the struggle and went to her husband's assistance and the infuriated animal then turned his attention to her, kicking her in the abdomen and rendering her unconscious for a while.

A man on the premises was attracted to the barnyard by the commotion and he promptly secured the family shotgun and poured a load of small-shot into the mule's anatomy, which proved highly effective, the animal then leaving Mr. and Mrs. Ritter and the calf, all suffering much pain from the attack.

A physician was hurriedly secured and the injuries were dressed. Mr. Ritter is about seventy-five years of age and is a life-long resident of Bamberg County.

Gasoline Prices to Tumble in Barnwell

Opening of Northside Filling Station to Be Marked by Reduction of Two Cents a Gallon.

With the opening of the Northside Filling Station at Barnwell Saturday, the 31st inst., the retail price of gasoline and oils will tumble in this city, this concern announcing that, beginning on that day, it will sell gasoline at 21 cents a gallon and motor oil at 15 cents a quart, as compared with present prices of 23 cents a gallon for "gas" and 20 to 25 cents a quart for oil.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31, January 1 and 2, are announced as the opening dates of the new station and on these days a quart of oil will be given free with every purchase of five gallons of gasoline.

This reduction will be welcomed by the automobile owners of Barnwell, who just a year ago were paying 28 cents a gallon for gasoline. At that time The People-Sentinel called attention to the high prices being paid in South Carolina as compared with those in adjoining States and as a result of a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Col. J. E. Harley, of this city, prices were reduced to 23 cents. The present reduction is voluntary on the part of the Northside Filling Station and that concern will doubtless enjoy a good patronage by reason thereof. Attention is called to the half-page advertisement on page eight of this issue announcing the opening of the station and the reduction of prices.



Marian Parker, 12-year old daughter of Perry Parker, chief clerk of the Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank, whose kidnapping and slaying has aroused Southern California and the nation.

Local and Personal News from Williston

Williston, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harvey M. Black and daughter have returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

William J. Parker, of Baltimore, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. S. Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Poythress left Friday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Johnston and Newberry.

Richard Love, of Frostproof, Fla., is visiting relatives in and near here. Mrs. P. B. Porter, of Ashleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Ross, of Blackville, were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mitchell.

Bryan L. Weeks, of Florence, and Miss Clothilde Weeks, of the University Hospital Training School, of Augusta, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Weeks, at White Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Bolick and children, of Hickory, N. C., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Weathersbee.

Miss Celeste Kent, Miss Lois Hodge and Pat Baxley and Tom Folk motored to Columbia Friday afternoon. Pat remained over for the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lil Baxley.

S. T. Hamrick, after visiting his brother, Joe D. Hamrick, returned Wednesday to his home in Forest City, N. C.

Mesdames Ralph Smith, J. T. Jackson, of Charlotte, N. C., Margaret Martin, of New York City, and S. B. Meseley, of Barnwell, were the guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harris and daughter, Kent, are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, of Asheville, N. C., are visiting relatives here. Miss Eloise Quattlebaum will return with them to Asheville for the holidays.

W. E. McCurry is spending the holidays at Toccoa, Ga.

J. A. Walker left Thursday to spend Christmas at Walterboro. Miss Matilda Bostelle, of Groveton, Ga., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Givens, of Bishopville, were visitors Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker.

Miss Ellen Wise, of Aiken, was hostess to the regular monthly meeting of Hart's Battery chapter, U. D. C., of Williston, Friday, December 16. The officers and a few members of the Edward Croft chapter, of Aiken, were present. Roll-call was answered with interesting events about Tennessee. Mrs. J. A. Latimer, president, presided.

Following the routine of business, Miss Ford, president of Edward Croft chapter, gave a short talk and extended a cordial welcome. Mrs. Herbert Gyles, of Aiken, gave a report of the Jefferson Davis Highway banquet at the Charleston convention. Mrs. Latimer briefly related some incidents of the General convention.

James Edwin Kerr, Aiken's poet, entertained those present with a number of his poems.

Mrs. Boland, of Williston, and Mrs. Croft, of Aiken, favored the guests with readings. Little Elizabeth Cunningham recited a Christmas selection. Mrs. W. C. Cunningham read "Little Giffin of Tennessee."

A banquet was tendered the Williston-Elko football team by their coach, Joe D. Hamrick, at the High school dining room Tuesday evening. Mr. Hamrick was toastmaster. The trustees and a few friends were invited guests and short talks were made by W. D. Black, chairman; H. M. Thompson, W. E. Prothro and Dr. W. Cone, of the board; J. A. Latimer; Q. A. Kennedy, Jr.; J. A. Walker, W. E. McCurry, John Miley, C. M. Moore and others, and Gordan Davis, retiring captain of the team.

The dining room was beautifully decorated to suggest Christmas with a large red bell hanging over the table and small Christmas trees at either end. The guests found their places by means of attractive place cards, with a hand-painted football as the ornament. Tall red candles in silver holders were at the four corners and red crepe paper led from the large bell to the trees and candlesticks.

The four-course dinner was served by a committee, consisting of Mesdames A. S. Blanchard, G. J. Trotti, J.

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GOODFELLOWS CLUB SHOWS TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

PROVIDES FOR MANY HOMES IN THIS COMMUNITY.

Baskets Sent to 37 Families and 176 Hearts Were Made Glad by Generous Organization.

The Goodfellows Club, one of the best movements ever launched in Barnwell County in that it reached into the far corners of the county, giving Christmas cheer to those in need and making it possible for old Santa to enter homes which would otherwise have been desolate at this glad season. In and around Barnwell thirty-seven homes were visited by some member of the transportation committee and one hundred and seventy-six hearts made glad through this splendid organization. This does not include the inmates of the County Home, who were likewise visited and bags of fruit, tobacco, etc., given them. The baskets which were delivered to the neediest of these families contained the following: Flour, lard, bacon, grits, rice, sugar, coffee, tomatoes, salmon, Irish potatoes, pork roast, apples, oranges, nuts, bananas, candy and toys for the children. Besides the basket, clothing was given to those in need of such.

Lists were handed the merchants who deal in heavy groceries and they were asked to figure on the various items listed therein and this trade was pro rated and each merchant called upon gave strictly wholesale prices and in this way many dollars were saved which went into other needed articles.

On Bundle Day a committee called at the homes and collected the clothing, those not responding on that day sending generous bundles of clothing to the Court House on Monday following. On Tuesday afternoon a splendid committee of women met at the Court House and went over all clothing, mending such as needed it and dividing the articles into lots, placing all men's clothing, women's, girls' and boys' of the various ages and sizes in separate piles in order that the assembling committee's work might be made lighter on the following day. On Wednesday morning the committees worked faithfully, taking the lists of families and their various needs and making into bundles clothing suitable for that particular family until all clothing was disposed of. In the afternoon another shift came on and weighed out and made into packages all groceries which had been purchased in bulk and the following morning another committee came on and packed the baskets ready for the transportation committee on Friday afternoon.

On Friday afternoon at three o'clock those who were able to attend were invited to be at the Court House and receive his or her basket. Long before the hour arrived many waited on the grounds and promptly at the hour, named the doors were opened to the Court room, which had been heated, and in they came just as if they expected old Santa to be there. It was decided to have no exercises but to give those attending their baskets with just a few words of welcome from the president, Solomon Blatt, and a few remarks by Mrs. G. M. Greene, stating to them what the Goodfellows Club meant and would mean in the years to come.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the various committees who gave almost their entire time during the week to this work and worked faithfully that these needy ones might have a glad and happy Christmas. Both Drs. L. T. Clayton and W. W. King did excellent work in assisting the Application Committee in locating the needy families among their patients and assisted the transportation committee in delivering baskets. The teachers in the various schools leading into Barnwell from the six mile limit made reports on needy families and did good work.

Both Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Moore, of Snelling, worked untiringly in an effort to reach all families within their section and both colored and white families were reached. Quite a number of colored families were reported by the pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rev. A. C. L. Arbouin. Baskets were filled to overflowing and he took this work upon he knew to be in need. On the Honor himself of delivering to those whom

Christmas Passes Very Quietly Here

Birthday of the Prince of Peace Marked by No Untoward Event.— Goodfellows Help.

Christmas in Barnwell passed very quietly and but for the occasional popping of a firecracker and the greetings of friends there was little to mark the day from the other 51 Sundays of the year. Drunkenness was conspicuous by its absence, very few men being seen under the influence of whiskey. For some reason, too, there was a welcome let-up in the shooting of fireworks.

In spite of the talk of hard times, merchants as a rule report a very good trade, with most of their Christmas stock sold to shoppers.

The Goodfellows Club also played a big part in the celebration of Christmas this year, providing for many needy families and causing Santa Claus to visit many homes that otherwise would have been passed by. The success of the club was so great that it is sincerely hoped that the organization will become a permanent fixture in the civic life of the community.

Many homes were brightened by the return of the college boys and girls, while others had visitors during the holidays.

Services at various churches presented an opportunity for those religiously inclined to return thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon them, and all in all the occasion was celebrated in a manner in keeping with the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Roll appear the names of quite a number of Barnwell's colored men and women.

The response by the children of the Barnwell High school was indeed wonderful and many little hearts were made glad by their generosity. So many of these little children who gave did not put their names upon their donations, hence it is impossible to give them credit through this paper. However, the Goodfellows Club is assured of the fact that the children were with it in this splendid work and know that they can be counted on when the time rolls around again for this work next year.

Little Billy Bolen may be small in stature but is certainly big at heart, for he went into his store room of toys and sent up so many that two trips had to be made to carry them into the Court room.

Charles Burkhalter did not forget that little children liked toys and his donation was most generous.

Miss Carrie A. Cave knew that deep down in the heart of every woman has a desire for a new hat, and a large box of hats came from her store. Not to be outdone by this gift, Mordecai Mazursky sent up a large box of shoes and both hats and shoes went into many packages of clothing.

In bringing up the toys from his little son, T. K. Bolen caught the spirit of Christmas and extended to the entire families of all who were to be remembered tickets to a special matinee given at the Vamp Theatre on Saturday afternoon for their benefit. While this invitation did not reach all of the families, yet quite a number of them looked upon the screen for the first time and were amazed that such things really existed. The inmates of the County Home were also invited to the matinee and great was their delight upon viewing the pictures, some for the first time.

One of Barnwell's boys who is making his way in a far off State did not forget when he saw the announcement of the formation of the club and sent in a donation of \$2.00. Reference made to Ben Armstrong, of Bloomington, Ill. And so it was in every way a ready response from a most generous people and one in which every one in Barnwell felt a keen interest, and had a part, for when one looks at the Honor Roll he will see the names of almost every one in Barnwell.

Honor Roll.

If any one's name has been overlooked this paper will be glad to publish such in our next issue. There was so much work attached to an undertaking of this kind that it is possible

Local and Personal News of Blackville

Blackville, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wragg had as their guests, Vert Andrews, of Washington, during the past week.

Henry DeWitt, of Apex, N. C., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Pauline DeWitt.

Miss Mary Martin, of Columbia College, arrived home last Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wragg, Mrs. H. L. Buist and Mr. Vert Andrews, spent last Friday in Orangeburg, where Mr. Andrews visited relatives and places of interest in that city.

Misses Gladys Willis, Virginia Boylston and Oline Ray, students at Winthrop College, arrived here Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. S. H. Still has her two daughters, Mary and Imogen Still, of Ridge Springs as her guests during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Gyles are visiting Dr. Ronald Gyles in Siler City, N. C., this week.

George Boylston, of Atlanta, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boylston.

Mesdames S. G. Lowe, R. A. Gyles and H. L. Buist spent Thursday in Augusta shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Still have as their guest their son, Reddick Still, who teaches in North Carolina.

Leon Brown who attends Georgia Tech, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Brown.

Misses Mattie Mae and Pauline Still, students at Coker College, and Evedon Still, of Norway, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Still.

J. A. Batson, of Orangeburg, visited here this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ninstein.

Jack Hair and Edward Ninstein, students at the University of South Carolina, came home last Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. William Altman spent a few days of the past week in Columbia with her daughter, Mrs. Louise Toney. Mrs. Wyatt Browning and daughter, Ann, of Columbia, are the guests of Mrs. C. S. Buist.

Mrs. Clifford Anderson, who has been the guest of Mrs. C. S. Buist, has returned to her home in Tampa, Fla.

Miss Louise Willis, of St. Matthews, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Strobel.

Mrs. W. C. Buist is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. W. West, in Chester.

Miss Dorothy Wragg, of Barnwell, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wragg.

The following members of the faculty of the Blackville High school are spending the holidays at their homes: Miss Ella Hill at Orange-

burg; Miss Eva Clarke at Estill; Miss Eleanor Durbar at Ellenton; Miss Annie Willie Johnson at Union; Miss Elizabeth Shillito at Batesburg, Miss Emily Ingram at Hartsville; Miss Lila Teal at Chesterfield; Miss Adele Gunter at Wagener; Miss Elizabeth Meyer at St. George; J. C. Turner at Gaffney; W. S. Beckman at Sumter, and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Posey at St. Matthews.

Laurie Buist, of Columbia, spent the last week-end with his mother, Mrs. C. S. Buist.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Groves and the latter's father, Mr. Stuber, of Akron, Ohio, arrived Thursday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. F. P. Groves.

Samuel Still, A. V. Collum, Paul Magruder and William Altman, students at the Citadel, are at home for the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cave, Mrs. Nellie Cave and W. L. Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Sexton and two children, Ben T., and William Clarence, and Mrs. L. M. Cave, all of Barnwell, were visitors in town last Sunday.

Mrs. Daisy Bailey, of Augusta, and Mrs. Francine Holman, of Kitchens Mill, were the guests of Mrs. R. A. Gyles this week.

Meeting to Organize Will Be Held Friday

Effort Will Be Made to Organize a Permanent Chamber of Commerce in This County.

An effort to organize a permanent Chamber of Commerce in Barnwell County, to work in cooperation with the Edisto-Savannah Rivers Development Association, will be held in the Court House at Barnwell tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at three o'clock, according to an announcement by Solomon Blatt, Esq., of this city, who was elected temporary president at a recent meeting, at which time a temporary organization was perfected. At that time only a few persons were present and it was not deemed advisable to attempt a permanent organization. The public generally is invited to attend the meeting Friday afternoon and Mr. Blatt is especially desirous that every township in the county be represented.

Several other counties in the Edisto-Savannah territory have already organized and those who are undertaking the development of this section are very anxious to see Barnwell County fall in line.

There are two methods of financing the organization, one by public subscription and the other by an extra levy of from one-half to a mill on the taxable property of this county. Inasmuch as the latter plan will probably be advocated, it is advisable that as many taxpayers as possible be present to discuss the matter pro and con. This is the plan that has been adopted in most of the counties, as it is not believed that a sufficient sum can be raised by public subscription.

Readers of The People-Sentinel are urged to bear in mind the time, place and date—three o'clock Friday afternoon at the Court House in Barnwell.

To Meet at Allendale. In a telegram received yesterday morning from the Edisto-Savannah Rivers Development Association, announcement is made that a meeting of the association will be held in Allendale at the Court House at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 6th.

Edisto-Savannah Organizing. Six county chambers of commerce have been embodied within the Edisto-Savannah river area, to function in and through a regional organization which has already justified its existence. Rich and various are the possibilities of Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper. The county units, individually and in their corporate capacity, can do much to increase producing and purchasing power, bring in trade and industries, improve marketing facilities, expand manufacturing, diversify farming and promote co-operation.—The State.

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