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County Convention Endorses County Delegation

Memorial Exercises Are Set for Friday

J. Rion McKissick to Speak and Parris Island Band to Play at Rivers' Bridge.

The 60th annual celebration of the Rivers' Bridge Monumental and Memorial association will take place at the Rivers' Bridge memorial grounds, near Olar Friday. This occasion is doubtless the largest of its kind in South Carolina. The usual attendance is about 2,000. Many come from neighboring States. The purpose of the organization is to honor the men and women of the Confederacy.

Dr. J. Rion McKissick, president-elect of the University of South Carolina, will deliver the address. The program will begin at 10:45 a. m. with music by the Parris Island Marine band. At 11 a. m. the meeting will be called to order by the president, Dr. L. A. Hartzog, of Olar. The invocation will be offered by the Rev. Mr. Roof, of Fairfax. Vocal selections will be furnished by the Parris Island Marine trio. Decorating the grave of those who sacrificed their lives at the battle of Rivers' Bridge will conclude the program, after which the audience will be dismissed with taps by the Parris Island bugler. Picnic dinner will be served on the grounds, as usual.

Flowers for decorative purposes will be donated by various schools, U. D. C. chapters and individuals. The president has requested that should anybody wish to pay special honor to any one veteran, that the name of such be attached to the floral offering contributed.

History records very little about the battle of Rivers' Bridge, but the bravery and heroism displayed by about 1,200 men of the Thirty-second Georgia Infantry, Forty-seventh Georgia Infantry and Fifth Georgia reserves in preventing 22,000 of Sherman's army from crossing the Salkehatchie river for a period of two days thereby giving the Confederate forces in other sections an opportunity to increase their strength and the families in the territory to be invaded, a chance to conceal their possessions, is well worthy of mention.

The late Capt. Ben S. Williams, of Brunson, who was a member of a Georgia regiment that participated in this battle, gave the following account:

"In February, 1865, when the last throes of agonizing warfare of four years between the States of America; when the stars of the Confederate States, 'The Southern Confederacy,' had waned in gloom, with exhausted resources; ports blockaded; while still struggling against the mighty and magnificent army of the United States reinforced by citizens of countries beyond our shores and containing within the serried ranks citizens of all races of America; when General Sherman's army had traversed Georgia, captured Savannah and started to march through South Carolina was on and along the eastern banks of the Salkehatchie river.

"I had, during my service in the army, never seen a more advantageous position for resistance of attack than that at Rivers' Bridge, one of the main crossings of the Salkehatchie. At this point about 1,200 Confederate troops, infantry, artillery and cavalry of South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee were placed. February 3rd one corps of Sherman's army, 22,000 men, reached Rivers' Bridge, and assailed our works in an effort to cross. We held our position. The following day, while the battle raged, Major General McLaws in command of our entire weak line, asked Colonel Bacon, of Georgia, in command at Rivers' Bridge, how long he could hold his ground. In my presence, the splendid officer, Colonel Bacon, replied, 'I can hold my position here, General, until next Christmas, if you can keep them off my flanks.' Late in the afternoon the enemy crossed the river above us on our right flank and General Bacon was ordered by General McLaws to retire, 'fall back,' which he did in perfect order with his whole small command.

"There was no hope on the part of any of our commanders that we could halt for any considerable time the overwhelming number of troops of Sherman's army. Our object was to place every possible obstacle in his

Local School Closing Exercises Began Friday

Capacity Audience Witnesses Presentation of Comic Opera by Grammar School Pupils.

"The Magic Bowl," a comic opera in three acts, was presented by the pupils of the Barnwell Grammar School Friday evening in the high school auditorium, as the first part of the closing exercises for the current school year. A large audience was present to see the performance.

At the beginning of the fantasy, Sarah Grubbs, as Dame Everworry, keeper of a candy shop, was displaying her stock of candies to a group of school children on holiday when suddenly Larry Brown, a peddler, sauntered up with strange and beautiful things in a sack. Displaying a magic bowl, he asked each child to take from it a piece of paper. Lila Mae Moore, as Till, Dame Everworry's daughter, drew one which read: "Go to the Square Wood, and you will find your heart's desire."

Till promptly followed the advice, went to the wood, and soon met her brother, Jig (played by Bobby Lee Richardson), who had been lost there some years before by his absent minded father, Mr. Neverworry (played by Charlie Hutto). Jig, who had meanwhile become king of the wood, did not remember his sister at first, but soon his memory revived. He dressed her in a blue bell gown and had her crowned queen. Shortly afterwards, their father and mother came upon the "King" and "Queen" and their court, and they all decided to make their home in the square wood.

Others in the cast included J. C. Inabinet, as Hackety-Hack, a woodcutter; Gene Sanders, as Snare-o, a preacher; Carolyn Phillips as Echo, a wood spirit; Elinor Mazursky, as Whisper, another wood spirit; Clifford Jones, as a squirrel, and Billy Baxley, as the Lord Chief Rabbit.

The school children's holiday chorus comprised: Betty Boylston, Bobby Harley, Richard Peebles, Mary Scoggins, Roland Blackwood, Marion Waltz, Reginald Williams, Louise Beasley, Harold Stevens, Carol Wood, Margie Sanders, Dorothy Greene, Claudia Dicks, Paul Allen, Arnold Levinson, Vera Overstreet, Debra Black, Elmer Lazar, Elma Bessinger, Lloyd Sandifer, Albert Perry Black, Burton Halford, Audrie Strickland, Harold Carter, Tarleton Cave, Cecil Collins, V. B. Sanders, Harold Reed, Aubry Sease, Jean Christie, Leonora Bell, Mildred Sanders, Mary Lee Boyles, Ruth Carter, Brownie Creech, Patricia Dowling, Etherine Hogg, Frances Diamond, Betty Lee Phillips, Sarah Goss, Tabitha Peacock, Inez Collins, Violet Scoggins, Doris Bessinger, Dorothy Cheek and Ehrlist Hutto.

In the chorus of the Blue Bells were Johnnie Hogg, Dorothy Jones, Lillie Mae Cook, Mary Peacock, Louise Boyles and Zelma Bessinger.

The rabbit chorus:—Menkie Holland, Rupert Reed, Maurice Wooley, David Black, Thomas Black, Eugene Brown, Albert Myrick, Andrew Croft and Elven Long.

Sophie Coclin, Grace Barker, Margaret Ellen Vickery, Mary Creech, Emily Ann Easterling, Ila Mae Moody, Sarah Jones, Frances Ruth Brown, Mary Hogg, Mary McLeod Goodson, Gloria Swann Hogg and Vernelle Reed were the chorus of glow worms.

In addition, there were the following candy chorus: Lollypops—Jennie Diamond, Helen Coclin, Evelyn Black, Audrey Williams, Nellie Lou Rountree, Frances Wilson, Marion Lazar, Russell Hoover, Smith Dubose and Ed Sanders.

Licorice Sticks—Ronald Brabham, Ada Christie, Dorothy Goodson, Ta-

way in order to delay his march to Virginia via Columbia and North Carolina. "Only this and nothing more." Though with far inferior force, we would make this and every obstacle as hot as possible.

In the spring of 1876 loyal friends of the Lost Cause exhumed the bodies of the Confederate victims from scattering graves at the site of battle and reburied them in one grave about a half mile distant. It was then that the association was organized, Dr. R. C. Brabham being the first president. Dr. H. H. Wyman made an address on that occasion.

DEMOCRATS ALSO PRAISE OTHER COUNTY OFFICERS

CLUB TAKES NOTICE OF MISS CARTER'S HEROISM

Washington, April 29.—Miss Rosa Elizabeth Carter, attractive young school girl of Ashton, who not long ago rescued Noah Wertz, 70, from a burning car, is soon to receive a cash award and a certificate from the Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte, N. C., for her heroism. Congressman Fulmer, whose attention was attracted at the time of this automobile accident, sought to have a Carnegie medal awarded this girl but he was refused on the ground that there were no eyewitnesses to the accident. The Carolina Motor Club is the AAA organization working in both North and South Carolina.

According to a statement made by Mr. Wertz on November 7th, 1935, about 8:30 a. m., he was proceeding on the paved highway (Hampton and Ehrhardt), about three miles south of Ehrhardt, when his car became unmanageable and turned over. He was dazed by a blow on the head and then the car caught fire.

Miss Carter, appeared and unassisted, with danger to herself extricated him, fought the fire in the car, and then carried Mr. Wertz to a physician at Ehrhardt.

Mr. Wertz said that had it not been for the service of Miss Carter he would certainly have been burned to death.

Well Baby Conference at Barnwell.

A "Well Baby" conference for Barnwell County is to be organized. The first conference will be held on Friday, May 15th, at 9:30 o'clock at the Public Health office, in the Court House. Children of indigent parents, of the county, up to five years of age will be examined by a Pediatrician sent by the Maternity Child Health Department of the State Board of Health. All physicians in the county are cordially invited to register at this first conference. The object of this conference is to promote the welfare of every baby in Barnwell County from birth to five years of age. This conference is to be held once a month and is limited to 20 for this first demonstration conference. A local physician will be in charge after the first conference. Immunization against Diphtheria will be urged.

Wm. A. Huey to Speak Here.

The American Legion Post, of Barnwell, will sponsor a meeting at the Barnwell School auditorium on Tuesday evening, May 12th, at 8:00 o'clock. William A. Huey, Vocational Director, National Youth Administration, of Columbia, will deliver an address. Mr. Huey is well known over the State and it is a privilege to have him come to Barnwell. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Bank Closed Monday.

The Bank of Barnwell has requested us to announce that that institution will be closed for business Monday, May 11th, on account of holiday. It will reopen Tuesday morning as usual.

Farmers are urged to fill out "work sheets" at once. These work sheet blanks are available at the Farm Agent's office.

tum Boulware, Edward Kitchings, Billie Boylston, Inez Davis, Effie Mae Barkner, Louise Peacock, Jimmie Sandifer and Wade Peebles.

Apples-on-a-Stick—Margaret Hoover, Irene Kinard, Eloise Walker, Julia Hadwin, Ellie Lee Kinard, Edrin Mae Kitchings, Derry Rountree, Flossie Moody, Jeannette Morris and Willa Rose Platt.

Lemon Drop—Martha Plexico. Peppermint Sticks—Lula Narvice Grubbs, Doris Rosier, Dorothy Rosier, Sara Ruth Creech, Lloyd Vickery, Miriam Moody, Ima Cheek, Ione Brown, Olena Jones and Hyman Cheek.

The opera was directed and produced by Miss Annie Margaret Zeigler, Miss Grace League, Miss Elsie Ray, Miss Louise McCullough, Miss Sue Carter and Miss Rhoda Wade.

ELECT SIX DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

National Administration Endorsed Wholeheartedly and Cooperation Is Pledged.

The Barnwell County Democratic Convention, in session in the Court House at Barnwell Monday, elected six delegates and six alternates to the State Convention, which meets in Columbia Wednesday, May 20th, and adopted a sweeping resolution that endorsed President Roosevelt for re-election; commended Lieut.-Gov. J. E. Harley "for further political consideration in South Carolina"; commended the county legislative delegation, the county directors, sheriff, auditor and treasurer for the competent manner in which they have handled the taxes and fiscal affairs of the county, and particularly endorsed the record of the delegation and urged "the Democracy of Barnwell County to give them complete and undivided support in their re-election."

The only discordant notes were injected by J. W. Folk, of Williston, who sought to prevent the endorsement of the delegation, and B. F. Anderson, of Dunbarton, who offered a resolution that many convention delegates construed as a reflection on the delegation and another to change the method of nominating the President and Vice-President of the United States. Mr. Folk's motion to strike out the endorsement of the delegation was defeated by a vote of 85 to 38, and Mr. Anderson's two resolutions were tabled by an overwhelming vote.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edgar A. Brown, county chairman, and the invocation was offered by J. L. Croft, of the Double Ponds club. The temporary roll of delegates was then called by the secretary, and after a few substitutions had been made, was adopted as the permanent roll.

On motion of Lieut.-Gov. J. E. Harley, organization was perfected by the re-election of all officers, as follows: Edgar A. Brown, county chairman and State executive committee man; Capt. W. D. Black, of Williston, vice-chairman, and B. P. Davies, secretary.

On motion of E. F. Boylston, of Blackville, the chair appointed the following committee on nomination to select delegates and alternates to the State Convention: E. F. Boylston, P. W. Price and J. W. Johnson. The committee nominated the following and they were duly elected by the convention: Senator Edgar A. Brown, Lieut.-Gov. J. E. Harley, Solomon Blatt, W. C. Smith, J. B. Kirkland and O. D. Hammond; alternates, J. A. Latimer, Paul S. Greene, R. R. Moore, P. W. Price, S. G. Lowe and W. Hayne Dyches.

Capt. W. D. Black, of Williston, then introduced the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Barnwell County has always been outstanding in its leadership in the Democratic party, having furnished many of the outstanding leaders in County, State and National Government and,

"WHEREAS, We are an agricultural people and the present Democratic Administration, under the matchless leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has done and is doing more to rehabilitate the distressed farmers of the South, than any National Administration has ever undertaken to do and the agricultural South is slowly regaining its position in American life.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democracy of Barnwell County wholeheartedly endorse the present National Administration and pledge ourselves to fully cooperate in the reelection of President Roosevelt.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we note with pleasure that our distinguished citizen, the Lieut.-Governor of South Carolina, the Honorable J. Emile Harley, has apparently fully regained his health and is able to perform his duties as Lieut.-Governor, and we commend Lieut.-Governor Harley for further political consideration in South Carolina.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Barnwell Boy Given Verdict for \$10,000

Ray Zisset Was Burned Several Months Ago When He Threw a Lighted Match Into Barrel.

Florence, May 1.—In the case of Ray Zisset, minor of Barnwell County, versus the Hardaway Construction company and the Fidelity and Casualty Insurance company, of New York, tried here Thursday in federal court, a consent verdict for \$10,000 for the plaintiff was agreed upon by counsel.

Of the sum \$3,500 will go to the parents for hospital and doctor's bills, and \$6,500 will be kept in trust for the boy. Thos. M. Boulware, of Barnwell, represented the plaintiff, and James S. Bussey of Augusta, Ga., was counsel for the defendants.

The case grew out of severe burns received by Ray when he threw a match into a drum of asphalt that was on Atlantic Coast Line railroad property. The A. C. L. was also named a party in the suit, but was absolved of all blame in the matter by agreement of counsel.

Special Red Cross Meeting.

A special meeting of the Barnwell County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at the Court House on Monday, May 11th, at 10:00 a. m.

Everyone interested in the Red Cross is urged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of officers for ensuing year, and a general re-organization of the Chapter.

C. G. FULLER, Chmn.

That the Democracy of Barnwell County is proud of the condition in which the County affairs are to be found. Barnwell County is rated as probably the best managed county in the State and is the only County in the State which holds the record of having operated eighteen months on accumulated surplus funds, without having to levy any tax for ordinary county purposes. Barnwell County has a greater proportion of State built hard surface roads than any other county in the State and yet has a very small bonded indebtedness, and the lowest ordinary tax rate among the counties of the State. This, we feel, is due to the faithful services rendered by our County Delegation in the General Assembly, by and with the full cooperation of the County Board of Directors, the Sheriff collecting back taxes, and the Auditor and Treasurer who so competently managed the taxes and fiscal affairs of the county. We desire to commend these officials and particularly to endorse the record of the Delegation in the General Assembly and to urge the Democracy of Barnwell County to give them complete and undivided support in their re-election.

J. W. Folk, of Williston, moved to strike out that part of the resolution endorsing the delegation and gave his reasons therefor. This motion was defeated, 85 to 38, and the resolution as a whole was adopted overwhelmingly.

B. F. Anderson, of Dunbarton, then introduced a resolution that, as stated above, many construed as a reflection on the present delegation, although its author disclaimed any such intention. Spirited replies were made by Senator Brown and Representative Blatt, the former moving to strike out paragraph one of the resolution. This was done, with Mr. Anderson voicing the only dissenting vote. Senator Brown then moved to table the remainder of the resolution, with the same result.

Mr. Anderson then offered another resolution that sought to change the method of nominating the President and Vice-President of the United States, and branding as "undesirable" any legislation "appropriating public funds for the so-called unemployment compensation and social security acts." Senator Brown moved to table this resolution also, and it went the way of its predecessor.

Dr. O. D. Hammond, of the Blackville delegation, offered the following resolution, which was adopted without discussion:

"The Blackville Democratic Club goes on record as favoring a substantial reduction in entrance fees for candidates for office."

There being no further business, the convention was adjourned.

Dead Man's Brother Will Press Charge

Involuntary Manslaughter Charges Against Moyer Dismissed at Preliminary Hearing.

Aiken, May 2.—With the involuntary manslaughter charges against him for the death of Oeland F. Lazar, Augusta printer, and former resident of Barnwell, dismissed, Robert L. Moyer, of the Jackson section is preparing to take his man-killing lion on tour.

At a preliminary hearing here yesterday afternoon, the charges against Moyer were dismissed by Magistrate D. K. Lybrand. The warrant had been sworn out last Saturday night by Arthur Lazar, of Aiken, a brother of the dead man, after a coroner's jury returned a verdict that Oeland Lazar "came to his death from injuries at the hands of a lion owned by Moyer, due to negligence on the part of Moyer." The verdict itself was not sufficient to bring automatic charges.

Moyer said he will go on an extensive trip and will exhibit his lion, Albert, in theatres. He advertises the beast as the "world's best trained lion."

It is probable that the case against Moyer may be further pressed by Arthur Lazar, who said Thursday that it would be placed in the hands of the grand jury regardless of the outcome of the preliminary.

Oeland Lazar was fatally clawed on April 22nd, when he went into the house on the Augusta-Elenton Highway, where the lion is kept in a cage. On his way to Barnwell, he stopped at Moyer's house and talked with the lion's owner. When Moyer left him sitting on the steps of the residence to find him a ride, he went into the other house. Returning, Moyer heard groans, and, rushing to the animal's cage, found Lazar, lying alongside, being savagely clawed. Moyer rushed Lazar to an Augusta hospital, but the man died 18 hours later.

Samuel W. Lowe.

Blackville, April 29.—Blackville's last Confederate Veteran, 90 year old Samuel Warton Lowe passed away at the home of his son, S. G. Lowe on Sunday shortly past midday. He had made his home in Blackville for the past five years where his venerable figure was known and esteemed by young and old. Mr. Lowe walked down town on Wednesday, greeting friends in his old familiar way. But on Thursday, he received the first call of his final summons and never again left his bed. In spite of his years, Mr. Lowe was intensely interested in modern life. He enjoyed radio programs of music and political issues. To the last his mind remained clear and active.

Mr. Lowe was born in Cross Hill, on August 14, 1846. When 16 years old, with the rigid determination that characterized his life, he purchased a horse, which he rode to Virginia, where he enlisted as a volunteer in Lee's army. He was later captured by the Yankees and spent six months in prison in Elmira, N. Y. During the Reconstruction Days, he was actively engaged in the Red Shirt organization, in which he was a lieutenant. With his eyes merry with reminiscences, he loved to recount the happenings of this period in the history of the South. Of the days, when riding through the country to the various ballot boxes, with a change of hat or shirt, he cast another vote to rid his homeland of a threatening menace. He was a most interesting companion, never tiring of his fund of war tales.

Mr. Lowe was married to Miss Ida Florence Pitts, of Cross Hill, who preceded him in death a few years ago. He leaves one son, S. G. Lowe, of Blackville, and five daughters: Mrs. George S. Baker, of New York; Mrs. D. W. Teare, of Champaign, Ill.; Mrs. J. Lee Sims, Mrs. T. H. Moffatt, and Mrs. G. W. Newman, all of Columbia, and a number of grandchildren.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and a Mason.

Mrs. J. Julien Bush returned to her home in Clarendon, Va., last week after spending some time in Barnwell with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, Sr.