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Needy Families Get Christmas Baskets

Generosity of Barnwell People Brightens More Than Fifty Homes During Holidays.

About 58 or more families were made glad during Christmas by the generosity of the people of Barnwell in the filling of lovely Christmas baskets for the neediest families within a radius of five miles of the town. A list of the neediest families on relief was gotten from Miss Phoebe Featherstone, director, and the people of the town were called upon in groups, each group taking a family for Christmas; into this basket went clothing, everything for a Christmas dinner, fruits and toys for the children.

The Barnwell American Legion Post, the Barnwell Fire Department and the women of the Club Market in Barnwell are to be commended for the splendid donations made and the real joy brought to the hearts of families, who, while not on relief, were very much in need of something to make their little ones happy at Christmas time. The Legion Post and the Fire Department contributed \$10.00 each and a committee selected groceries, fruits and toys for quite a number of baskets, and the Club Market, from the special market on Wednesday, gave a generous donation of vegetables, meats, nuts, etc., to go with these baskets.

All donations were sent to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Estes and were distributed from that point. Too much praise cannot be given Mr. and Mrs. Estes for their untiring work in behalf of those in need of Christmas cheer, as well as all who assisted in any way. Every basket sent in was beautifully arranged, even to the sprig of holly and decorations in order that the home in which it entered might catch the spirit of Christmas. Mrs. Estes placed into the basket of each one a copy of the Gospel of St. Luke, calling particular attention to the 2nd chapter in which appeared the story of the birth of the Christ Child.

This Christmas basket project was started by the Fidelis class of the Barnwell Baptist church. At first it was the idea of the class to prepare a few baskets for some of the needy families in and near Barnwell. The Mary G. Harley class then heard about the plan and asked if the members of that class might co-operate. After this class joined in the plan some of the ladies of the other churches expressed a desire to have a part in making needy families happy. A town-wide project then was started, and the Fidelis class, with Mrs. J. Aubrey Estes as teacher, divided the town into neighborhood groups.

1936 Lynching Record.

According to the records compiled in the department of records and research of the Tuskegee Institute there were 9 persons lynched in 1936. This is 11 less than the number 20 for 1935; 6 less than the number 15 for 1934, and 19 less than the number 28 for 1933. Six of the persons lynched were in the hands of the law; 2 were taken from jails, and 4 from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 35 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Five of these were in Northern States and 30 in Southern States: In 30 of the instances the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In the 5 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchings. A total of 69 persons, 7 white and 62 negro, were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Of the 9 persons lynched, all were negroes. The offenses charged were: Rape, 3; attempted rape, 3; murder, 1; activity in share-cropper strike, 1; charge not reported, 1.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Arkansas, 2; Florida, 1; Georgia, 5; Mississippi, 1.

Mrs. Bauer Promoted.

Mrs. Louise Bauer, who has been located at Hampton for the past several months as director of the social welfare work in that county, is being transferred to Clarendon County, with headquarters in Manning. The transfer, which is in the nature of a promotion, will be made within the coming week.

Advertise in The People-Sentinel.

Seen and Heard Here During the Past Week

A Little Sense and Nonsense About People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

A local man commenting on the careless manner in which automobiles are parked along both sides of Main Street. With cars parked two or three feet from the curb, driving on the main drag is about as inconvenient as before the thoroughfare was widened. White parking lines would probably help the situation to some extent—and Main Street merchants could also help the cause by parking their cars elsewhere and leaving the street open for their customers. . . . Policeman Jut Still walking around Christmas Day with a tame young fox squirrel perched on his shoulder. . . . A negro woman in a long evening dress, smoking a cigar on Burr Street Christmas Night. . . . Business as usual in most local establishments Saturday, only one day having been taken for the observance of Christmas. . . . One inebriate who celebrated not wisely but too well walking high, wide and handsome on the day after the day before. . . . Prominent local man holding hands with a young lady on Burr Street Saturday morning. . . . T. L. Wragg, of Columbia, enjoying a bird hunt with his son-in-law, W. L. Molair. . . . A number of attractively lighted Christmas trees in the yards of Barnwell homes. . . . Local driver saying he narrowly escaped being wrecked Christmas Night when a large drove of hogs started across the highway in front of his car about three miles north of town on the Blackville highway. . . . A dispatch from Chesterfield saying that Highway Patrolman Rogers, formerly of Barnwell, was injured (not seriously) when struck by a car while directing traffic around a wreck in which several persons were killed Christmas Eve.

Representative Solomon Blatt expressing confidence in the outcome of his race for the speakership in the election to be held on the opening day of the general assembly, January 12th. . . . Announcement of the "King Edward cocktail"—after imbibing about three, it is claimed that you will be "Gone with the Wind," huh! (Windsor.) . . . The sound of exploding firecrackers conspicuous (and welcome) by its absence. . . . Terie Richardson saying that he still has three or four bales of cotton to be picked. . . . Norman Dicks remarking that three "Sundays" in a row are too much and that he would be glad to get back to work. . . . Announcement that the contract for remodeling the Diamond hotel will be let next Monday, January 4th. The new hostelry, it is understood, will be re-christened "The Edisto Hotel." . . . A ton of turkeys being sold by Barnwell County farmers on Court House Square one day during the holidays. . . . Complaints of the growing scarcity of birds, which appeared quite plentiful at the beginning of the hunting season. . . . And also reports that some sportsmen (?) do not rest until they have killed the last bird in a covey, which probably accounts for the fact that more land than ever before is being posted against trespassers. . . . Fertilizer salesmen—and talk of 7-5-5 and 8-4-4 mixtures.

England-Ellis.

Bamberg, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Bell England, of Bamberg, and Gus F. Ellis, of Dunbarton and Bamberg, were quietly married at non Wednesday at the Baptist parsonage here by the Rev. James Wesberry.

Relatives and close friends witnessed the ceremony. Immediately after the rites, the couple left on a wedding trip to Atlanta and other points.

Miss England is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. England, of the Farrells community of the county, but she has resided most of her life with an aunt, Mrs. Sue Moore at Monck's Corner. She is a graduate of the Berkeley high school and has taken summer school courses at Winthrop, North Carolina State college and Newberry. She has been engaged in teaching in Colleton and Berkeley counties for several years.

Mr. Ellis is a son of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Ellis, of Dunbarton. He has been residing in Bamberg for the last year. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will return to Bamberg, where they have an apartment.

Postal Receipts Up, Xmas Trade Booms

Biggest Business in Many Years Enjoyed by Local Post Office and Barnwell Merchants.

In keeping with other parts of the country, the Barnwell post office reports the largest Christmas business in a number of years, in both incoming and outgoing mail. Postal receipts on Monday before Christmas were especially large, according to Postmaster R. A. Deason, who further states that receipts for the past twelve months have shown a gratifying increase over 1935.

Many post offices throughout the United States have reported record-breaking receipts during the past several months, the Columbia post office being a notable example, and Uncle Sam's increased business is a reflection of improved economic conditions.

Barnwell merchants as a whole report very satisfactory holiday trade, with customers in many instances demanding higher quality merchandise than has been the rule since the beginning of the depression.

Room Built to House Confederate Relics

Rivers' Bridge Articles to Be Encased in Brick Structure on Memorial Grounds.

Ehrhardt, Dec. 27.—Relics of the War Between the States now in possession of the Rivers' Bridge Memorial and Monumental association, will be housed on the historic memorial grounds upon the completion of a \$3,000 brick relic room.

Just a few yards from the iron-fenced grave, where rests the remains of 16 unknown members of Lee's once powerful hosts, will be encased the reminders of the battle in which 1,200 Confederate soldiers held 22,000 Union men at bay on the latter's march through the South. Besides implacements used in the Battle of Rivers' bridge are innumerable other relics of the war.

The relic room is nearing completion and will be one of the most interesting places in this section of the State. The building will be fireproof and the cases in which the relics are to be kept will be glass. The history of each article will be written beneath.

The building of the room and the Rivers' Bridge memorial park is a project sponsored by the WPA. The park is being enlarged with a clearing of undergrowth and evergreen walks. John Jenny, of Fairfax, recently gave the association some land near the grounds that embrace the old breast works, which will also be made into a park.

On the Saltkeatchie River in Bamberg County, the Rivers' Bridge memorial grounds are about seven miles from Ehrhardt. Each spring a celebration of the famous battle is held and hundreds usually attend.

Four booths that will be used alternately each year by the churches in the four surrounding counties are being built in order that the large crowds at the memorial may be supplied dinner. Dr. L. A. Hartzog, of Olar, is president of the association.

Injured by Firecrackers.

Chief of Police Monroe Ross was painfully injured by a firecracker that was thrown by some mischievous boy and exploded in the officer's face on Christmas Eve. Chief Ross's nose was cut and the sight of his left eye was temporarily impaired.

"Sonny" Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Patterson, was also injured about the face when he attempted to throw a lighted firecracker out of a car window. It struck the side of the window, bounded back and exploded in the lad's face, inflicting a painful injury. He was given the anti-tetanus treatment.

A negro woman was cut on the leg by pieces of rock from an exploding torpedo, which was thrown on the sidewalk.

Many people have voiced their opposition to the practice of allowing the indiscriminate use of fireworks on the city streets at any time, and the hope has been expressed that their sale will be restricted and their use prohibited in certain areas before another Christmas season rolls around.

Fulmer Seeks Data on Bases for Crop Cuts

Congressman Thinks Southern States Have Been Object of Discrimination.

Information regarding the allocation of funds under the agricultural conservation act for 1936 has been requested of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Washington by Congressman H. P. Fulmer, after he had been informed that a reduction in payments had occurred in South Carolina.

A letter from a Honea Path farmer explained to the congressman that "they are reducing the base acreage and, also, the yield per acre in such a way that farmers will get from 25 to 50 per cent. less in payment than they were led to believe that they would receive."

Congressman Fulmer pointed out that it was his understanding that the base acreage and yield per acre used in 1934 and 1935 would be used as a basis for the operation of the soil conservation act for 1936.

"I have been informed that the Southern region, that is the cotton States, have been allotted only \$123,000,000 under the act for 1936 and that \$347,000,000 was allocated to the other regions. I respectfully request to be advised as to the basis upon which such allocations were made," the congressman wrote.

He explained that the Southern region was retiring about 40 per cent. of the land throughout the country and that under the allocation the Southern region will receive only about 28 per cent. of the allocated funds.

"There must be some error in computation or an improper and erroneous basis of factors of formula upon which the department has acted," Fulmer said. "I am sure that unless the cotton people get a square deal in line with other sections of the country . . . we cannot hope to get that cooperation on the part of cotton farmers which would be necessary in order for your department to function properly in administering this act."

Pearce-Johnson.

Columbia, December 29.—Of State-wide interest is the marriage of Miss Mary Emily Pearce to Robert Fuller Johnson, which was solemnized at one p. m. December 27, in Shandon Presbyterian church, with the Rev. F. Ray Riddle, pastor, officiating.

Only the immediate families attended the ceremony, which was marked by charming simplicity.

Mrs. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pearce, of Columbia, is a lovely and popular member of the younger set of this city. She is a graduate of Columbia high school and attended Winthrop college for two years.

Mr. Johnson, son of Mrs. H. Ward Johnson, of Columbia, and a nephew of Mayor C. G. Fuller, of Barnwell, is formerly from Conneaut, Ohio. He attended the University of South Carolina, where he was a senior and prior to entering that institution was a student at Ohio Wesleyan for a year. At Carolina, he was an outstanding athlete, having been captain of the football team the past year and winner of the Carolina theatre cup for the most valuable member of the team. Mr. Johnson received honorable mention for all-American end in football this year. He was also a member of the basketball team at the university.

Buys Marlboro Street Lot.

W. G. Hill has purchased the lot on Marlboro Street, located between the residence of Col. Solomon Blatt and J. P. Scoville, and plans to erect a brick home there within the immediate future. This is one of the choicest lots on that thoroughfare.

Material is also being hauled to the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holland, on the street leading to the Reynolds road, preparatory to the erection of a brick-veneer bungalow.

The dwelling that Robt. L. Bronson is having built on his Jackson Street lot is nearing completion and, when finished, will be one of the most attractive homes in that section of the city. Its construction is stucco on hollow tile.

It is understood that the construction of other homes in Barnwell is being contemplated.

Nine Persons Hurt in Christmas Accidents

Two Motor Wrecks and Shooting Scrape Mar Holiday Season in and Near Elletton.

Elletton, Dec. 26.—Two motor wrecks, a home accident and a shooting scrape marred the Elletton holidays. In all, nine were injured.

In one automobile accident, Mrs. L. E. Bush, mother of M. F. Bush, his daughter, Lilla and William Dunbar, all of Elletton, were injured in an automobile-truck collision in Beech Island. Mr. Bush and his wife escaped without injuries. The truck and the automobile side-swiped.

The second accident was below Elletton. It involved a crash between an automobile driven by Jos Proctor and a truck operated by "Red" Rountree, the latter of Dunbarton. Mr. Proctor received a fractured hip and cuts on the head; his wife was badly lacerated about the head and a colored woman who was a passenger in the car had a broken arm.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green, their daughter, Frances, age six, was hurt when accidentally pushed from the porch during play, by her sister, Sarah. Frances suffered a broken arm.

The shooting scrape brought Kid Asbill, colored, to town for treatment for five bullet wounds, all in the leg. He was said by officers to have first cut Moses Green, who did the shooting.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

AT LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH

All members of the Barnwell Baptist Church are urged to begin the New Year in a worthy manner by attending church next Sunday. The pastor urges each member to attend all of the services on Sunday. A special "candle light" service is being planned for the evening worship, at which time the Lord's Supper will be observed. A cordial welcome is extended the public to attend the services which are as follows: Sunday School, 10:30; Morning Worship, 11:30, B. T. U., 6:30, and Evening Worship at 7:30.

J. AUBREY ESTES, Pastor.

Ashleigh News.

Mr. and Mrs. Blease Rosier, Mrs. Lonnie Rosier, Mrs. Eunice Collins and Joe Rosier motored to Columbia Monday on a shopping trip.

Horace Wilson, of Fort Moultrie, spent the past week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Owens and children and Mrs. Aiken Owens were shoppers in Augusta the past Tuesday.

Gordon Hair, of Fort Moultrie, sent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hair.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Osborne and children, of Rock Hill, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hair.

Earl Hair, Gordon and Willie Hair and Jim Osborne motored to Augusta Friday afternoon.

Percy Beasley, of Furman University, is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Ross.

Thomas-Sheppard.

Ulmers, Dec. 28.—The marriage of Miss Lily Mae Thomas and James L. Sheppard took place Saturday morning, December 26th, at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. A. Estes, pastor of the Barnwell Baptist Church, in the presence of the immediate families of the young couple.

The bride was becomingly attired in a navy blue traveling suit, with grey accessories. Her flowers were pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Sheppard is the daughter of Mrs. Mary C. Thomas and the late W. H. Thomas, of Ulmers. She is a graduate of Winthrop College and has recently been a member of the Alcolu school faculty.

Mr. Sheppard, formerly of Augusta, Ga., holds a responsible position with the Meridian Grain and Elevator Co., at Meridian, Miss.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard will be at home at 2811 Seventh Street, Meridian, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Furtick and daughter, Miss Nell Furtick, spent Wednesday of last week in Augusta shopping.

Gives Cheering News to State's Taxpayers

W. G. Query Says Social Security Can Be Provided for Without Any New Taxes.

That social security for the aged, blind, etc., in South Carolina can be provided for in a modest way without the imposition of new taxes was the cheering message brought by W. G. Query, chairman of the State tax commission, to a gathering of legislators from the lower part of the State, Barnwell County officials and others at a barbecue dinner given by Representative Solomon Blatt, of Barnwell, at the Sweetwater Country Club, near here, Tuesday night. Mr. Query said that this assurance was based on the fact that tax revenue from all sources had been increasing by leaps and bounds during the past several months, as compared with the same period in 1935, and that his estimate, made to the State budget commission a few weeks ago, that revenue this year would exceed government costs by a million dollars, was short of the mark and that the State will have an additional "shock-absorber" of another half-million dollars. The tax commission executive, however, warned his listeners that the members of the general assembly must adopt a give-and-take attitude to accomplish the desired results.

The host acted as toastmaster and called upon several members of the general assembly for short talks. Each of the solons expressed his willingness and intention to forget factionalism and work cooperatively for the best interests of the State as a whole.

These dinners have become to be an annual institution in Barnwell and provide a means for the members of the general assembly to meet in a social way, get better acquainted with one another and discuss informally the problems that confront the general assembly.

Mrs. May Cave Fickling.

Funeral services for Mrs. May Cave Fickling, 63, wife of W. A. Fickling, of Blackville, who died at the Baptist hospital Friday night after an illness of several months, were conducted at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the graveside in the Blackville cemetery by the Rev. L. G. Payne, pastor of Eau Claire Baptist church, Columbia.

Mrs. Fickling was a lifelong resident of Blackville and was a member of the Blackville Baptist church. She leaves many friends who will regret her passing.

Surviving are, her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Cromer, of Blackville, Mrs. Archie Zeigler, of Columbia, Mrs. Raymond Abrams, of Whitmire; one brother, H. A. Cave, of Bamberg and her stepmother, Mrs. A. E. Cave, of Whitmire.

Forest Tree Seedlings.

The State Forestry Commission has announced that there will be no planting of forest tree seedlings on private lands by CCC Camps this winter.

Last winter CCC camps engaged in planting up to 10,000 trees on private lands within a 25-mile radius of the camp and this year plans are being made to replant the trees at each one of these plantations which died due to the severe drought during the summer and the lateness of the planting.

Prices last year were \$1.00 per thousand and the planting was done free, and any person who wishes to have his land replanted and has paid his seedling bill can make application to the district forester in Aiken before January 15th.

Gyles Mothers' Club Meets.

Ashleigh, Dec. 30.—The Gyles Mothers' Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Ashleigh school house on Wednesday. Mrs. J. L. Owens and Mrs. D. I. Ross were hostesses.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's prayer, following which Christmas carols were sung. During the social hour a number of games were enjoyed and the hostesses served sandwiches, coffee and cake.

Those who attended the meeting included Mrs. Maxine Eubanks, Mrs. R. A. Patterson, Mrs. Aiken Owens, Mrs. Ethel Still, Mrs. Still, Mrs. H. L. Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Rosier, Mrs. Joe Rosier, Mrs. Townes, Miss Ruby Rosier, Mrs. Eudora Hudson, Mrs. J. L. Owens and Mrs. D. I. Ross.