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### Last Confederate Veteran Succumbs

Basil Manley Jenkins Died in Columbia Hospital Last Week at Advanced Age.

Basil Manley Jenkins, aged 91 years, died at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia at two o'clock Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Jenkins had been carried to the hospital after having fallen and broken his hip on Friday.

He was Barnwell County's last Confederate War Veteran, having rendered distinguished service to the Confederacy during the War Between the States. Mr. Jenkins was born in 1847 at Edisto Island, the son of B. W. Jenkins and Martha Ann Jenkins, but had lived the greater part of his life in Kline, Barnwell County.

He was a leading citizen of his section of the County; a large land owner and farmer and also a business man of that community. He was regarded as one of the leaders in the social, religious and civic life of Kline and the entire County and his passing will be felt by a wide circle of friends in this section of the State. He was a member of the Kline Baptist Church and a staunch church worker.

Funeral services were held at the residence in Kline at three o'clock Friday afternoon with the Rev. Dr. W. M. Jones, of Barnwell, pastor of the Kline Baptist Church, officiating at the final rites. Interment followed in the Kline cemetery.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Pamela C. Jenkins; three daughters, Mrs. Victor Lewis and Mrs. J. J. Ulmer, of Kline, and Mrs. Jesse F. Carter, of Bamberg; one son, B. M. Jenkins, Jr., of Kline; fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers: Charlie Brown, Sr., John K. Snelling, C. F. Molair, G. M. Greene, W. H. Manning, Judge J. F. Carter, Col. J. E. Harley, Col. Edgar A. Brown, Dr. Willie Breland, Dr. H. A. Gross, Col. Sol. Blatt, B. F. Jenkins, C. F. Jenkins, Otis Lyons, Deacons of the Kline Baptist Church, P. W. Price, E. M. Peebles, J. J. Bell, Ira Fales, A. A. Lemon, W. J. Lemon, J. B. Morris, H. J. Crouch, G. W. Manville, Lloyd Plexico, Bernard Plexico, and B. D. Carter.

Active pallbearers: Basil Jenkins, Harry Neal Jenkins, Dick Pate, Wilbur Pate, Victor Lewis, Johnnie Ulmer.

### Christmas Seal Sale.

Mrs. W. J. Lemon, chairman of the mailing list committee for the Christmas Seal Sales in Barnwell, stated Monday that the amount received from the envelopes mailed out to date amounts to \$37.00. She has asked again that the people who received these envelopes make an effort to return them to her by Christmas.

The tuberculosis seal sale is one of the best ways to fight the dread disease and the citizens of Barnwell County will probably receive many times the amount that they give to buy these little seals which are really stamps of health. Barnwell County has a large number of tubercular patients and it is through these seals that they are treated.

Want you help by just placing a dollar bill in the stamped envelope, which is ready for mailing, and drop it in the post office TODAY?

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### Coutry Club Again Changes Manager

Mr. and Mrs. Owens, of White Pond Succeed J. E. Stillwagon, of Aiken.

J. E. Stillwagon, manager and professional at the Sweetwater Club since the early part of last summer, left today for his home in Aiken. Mr. Stillwagon had made many improvements on the local course and his many friends in this section will regret to learn that he has left.

J. P. Scoville, president of the club, stated that club officials had engaged Mr. and Mrs. Owens, of White Pond, to take over the club and operate it. It is expected that the club routine will continue as it has in the past, offering not only golf to its members and guests, but also providing a place for dances, parties and other local and County gatherings.

The greens and the fairways of the course are now in excellent shape, the winter grass on the greens having given them an excellent carpet. Many of the Barnwell County golf enthusiasts, as well as those from nearby Counties have been taking advantage of the ideal weather during the past several months and playing on the course. Mr. Scoville stated that all visitors are welcome at the club from any section.

It is hoped that another exhibition match, such as the one held several weeks ago when Miss Kathryn Hemphill and her brother, Melvin Hemphill, of Columbia, defeated Miss Jane Crum and Mitt Jeffords, of Orangeburg, in a fine eighteen hole match, will be staged soon. When, or who will play, is not known at the present time, but the first match created so much interest and favorable comment that it is hoped that another will soon be held.

### Masons Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 17, A. F. M., held in the Masonic Hall in Barnwell on Thursday evening the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

G. W. Manville, Worshipful Master; P. W. Price, Senior Warden; L. C. Vickery, Junior Warden; Rev. J. C. Inabinet, Chaplain; Lou Cohen, Treasurer; Furman B. Davis, Secretary; C. O. Jones, S. D.; Eugene Davis, J. D.; P. W. Stevens, S. S.; Max Cooper, J. S.; J. U. Jones, Tyler; A. A. Lemon, D. G. M., held the installation services.

After a short business session, during which several matters of importance to the lodge members and the making of plans for the coming year's work were disposed of, the meeting was adjourned.

### Episcopalians Meet.

The members of the Barnwell Episcopal Church held a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruff, on Marlboro Street on Monday evening. The supper was sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Church and was held for the purpose of having a get-together to discuss church matters. A delicious oyster supper was served the members after which several matters of importance were discussed and passed on. At present the local church does not have a regular rector but it is hoped that one will be secured in the near future.

### Mrs. Owings Visits Health Department

Says Records Show That 45 Persons in Barnwell County Need Eye Treatment.

Mrs. Annie B. Owings, Chief of the Division of the Blind, of Columbia, visited the Barnwell County Health Department here Thursday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Owings discussed the plans which she hopes will prove to be most successful in helping the blind, or partially blind, to earn a reasonable income.

According to the records on file in her office there have been forty-five names submitted to her committee for investigation of people who are either blind or partially blind in Barnwell County. These include both white and colored citizens. Mrs. Owings stated that she is most anxious for the people of this County to continue to send in names and addresses of persons whom they know need medical attention to their eyes and that she was just as anxious to get the names of those who are totally blind as of those who are only partially blind.

A worker will be sent to Barnwell County about the first of February to make investigations of cases reported and to advise the people here the best step in correcting this deformity. In the cases of those who are totally blind, workers will be sent to instruct them in various industries which they can operate and which should return them a reasonable income.

### Large Still Captured.

Sheriff J. B. Morris and his deputies, Gilmore S. Harley and C. G. Youngblood, captured on Friday what the Sheriff said he believed to be one of the best outfitted stills ever found in Barnwell County. The still was located near Kennedy's Lake in the northwestern section of Barnwell County and not far from the Aiken County line.

A three hundred gallon copper boiler, completely outfitted, was seized as were some 3,000 gallons of mash and other articles used in the manufacture of illicit liquor. The entire setup gave the impression that the owners and operators were well informed in their business and had probably been in operation at the point where the still was located for some time.

The officers located the still Thursday and spent the entire night in ambush near the spot in hopes of catching the operators but were unsuccessful in their attempt. It is believed, however, that the wanted operators may be located some time in the near future.

Miss Peggy Martin, a student at Staunton, Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Kate M. Patterson, in Barnwell during the holidays.

### Brown Charges That Riot Was Blundered

Barnwell Solon Predicts Legislative Inquiry into State Prison Situation.

Columbia, Dec. 16.—The handling of the attempted break of six penitentiary prisoners, which resulted in the death of Guard Capt. Olin Sanders, drew a charge of "blundering" yesterday from State Senator Edgar A. Brown, of Barnwell.

"It looks like somebody was trying to make a show at the expense of Olin Sanders," said Senator Brown, who is ranking member of the senate's penitentiary committee, which is without a chairman due to the death of Senator R. E. Dennis, of Lee.

Sanders was stabbed to death Sunday morning when the six convicts overpowered him in his office and demanded a car and passage through the prison gates.

Senator Brown predicted that demands for an investigation of the whole prison situation would be made when the general assembly meets next month. He recalled that two years ago, while chairman of the senate penitentiary committee, he led a movement to build a new State prison, even going so far as to offer a site in Barnwell County free of charge.

"But we got no support what ever from the State administration," he said. "We went to Washington and were assured that we could get the money for it from the federal government—some \$300,000—but we got no encouragement or co-operation. As a result, I gave up the committee chairmanship in disgust."

### To Dress "Human Doll."

The members of the Barnwell 4-H Club will dress one of the "human dolls" which various organizations and individuals are doing this year to help the needy.

The human doll idea was introduced to the Barnwell citizens this year for the first time and it immediately caught the fancy of the people. It is understood that through this work there will be many families who will receive clothes and food who otherwise would probably have gone without.

In addition to the dressing of the human doll the club members will join with the members of the Baptist Training Union in the singing of Christmas carols on Christmas eve. The group will go from house to house over the entire residential district and families who want them to sing in front of their homes will signify their wish by having a light in a window or door.

According to Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, secretary of the local leaders club, these are the only preparations and plans being carried out this year by this organization.

### Improvements Made to Barnwell Hotel

G. Bates Hagood, Owner, and L. C. Hutchinson, Manager, Add to Attractiveness.

G. Bates Hagood, local business man and owner of the Barnwell Hotel, and L. C. Hutchinson, recently made manager of the local hotelery, have already made a number of improvements in the interior of the building.

The lobby has been partially worked over, with venetian blinds on each side. The mezzanine has also been freshly decorated with several bridge table sets of chairs and tables, bridge lamps, rugs and other decorations blending with the entire place, having been added. Some minor changes have also been made in the coffee shop and these too have materially improved the appearance of the place.

The heating plant, which was temporarily out of commission, has been repaired and the entire building is now kept warm by steam heat.

Several bridge parties have been scheduled for the hotel during the Christmas season and the manager has decorated his lobby in true Christmas style. A large, well-shaped cedar tree has been installed in one corner, tastefully decorated with Christmas lights, and holly and other decorations have been scattered over the walls of the lobby.

Mr. Hagood and Mr. Hutchinson both stated that they expect to give Barnwell one of the best and most up-to-date hotels of any town in this section of the State. The building was completely renovated last spring with a new front replacing the old one and the interior being completely done over. Several changes were also made at that time on the inside of the building, among these being the changing of the dining room into apartments and the moving of the lobby back into the space formerly used by the picture show. The old lobby was made over into a coffee shop.

### Boy Scout Troop Organized.

Complete organization plans were made at the local school building, during school hours, on Thursday for the Barnwell Boy Scout Troop. There are eleven local boys of scouting age who signed up and it appears that the troop will be most successful.

Johnny Scoville, local resident engineer for the State Highway Department, has been appointed scout master with George R. Evans, instructor of agriculture at the local school, as his assistant. In addition to these two leaders there are also five local business men who form a Scout Committee and who will offer suggestions and other support to the troop. They are as follows: A. A. Lemon, Perry B. Bush, W. H. Manning, Superintendent W. W. Carter and Dr. P. W. Stevens.

The local leaders are already making plans to carry out during the coming year and it appears that these plans will prove most beneficial to the scouts and the community at large. T. R. Pender, of Williston, district officer, was most active in the organization of the local scout unit as he has been active in the organizing of several other troops in this section. The Williston troop, which he helped to organize, is one of the best in this section.

### Lt.-Gov. Harley and Family in Accident

Escape With Only Minor Injuries When Car Skids and Turns Over in Rain.

Lt.-Governor and Mrs. J. E. Harley and daughter, Miss Jaudon Harley, narrowly escaped serious injuries on Friday afternoon when their car skidded, turned around twice and finally turned over just north of the Edisto River on the Barnwell-Columbia highway not far from Springfield.

The Harley's were en route to Columbia when the accident occurred during a rain which had made the concrete roadbed rather slick. Mrs. Harley was driving at the time of the accident and was not running very fast. The car made two complete turns in the road before finally turning over.

Miss Jaudon Harley received a slight cut on the head, the lieutenant-governor received minor leg injuries and Mrs. Harley escaped with only a few small cuts and bruises. The car was practically demolished but fortunately all of the glasses were up and none of them was broken in the accident. This saved the family from possible severe cuts and lacerations.

Mr. Harley was en route to Columbia where he, along with Insurance Commissioner Sam B. King, was to be made an honorary member of the Omieron Delta Kappa fraternity of the University of South Carolina. It is understood that this fraternity selects two of the State's outstanding men each year and makes them honorary members at a banquet held in Columbia.

The Harleys proceeded on to Columbia after having their wounds treated by a physician and returned to Barnwell Saturday night.

### Close for Christmas.

The Barnwell schools closed for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday at one o'clock.

The first part of the school year is considered most successful by Superintendent W. W. Carter and his faculty members. Mr. Carter stated that the enrollment is probably the largest on record and that the attendance has been excellent throughout the first four months.

The holiday will end on Monday, January 3rd, with classes beginning at nine o'clock.

### Library Tea Successful.

The tea given for the Barnwell County Circulating Library and sponsored by the Barnwell County Farm Women's Council, the Barnwell Garden Club, the Barnwell Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Barnwell Chapter of the D. A. R., at the home of Mrs. Lizzie M. Cave on Upper Main Street Wednesday afternoon, of last week, was considered most successful by Miss Elizabeth McNab, Barnwell County Home Demonstration Agent and one of the leaders in this field of work.

### Baptismal Service.

A large number of candidates will be baptized at the Barnwell Baptist Church at the Sunday evening service.

Aaron Green has returned to his home in New York City after spending some time in Barnwell with Colonel and Mrs. Solomon Blatt.

Miss Emily Brown, Miss Betty Brown and Miss Sara Frances Brodie spent Saturday in Augusta.

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