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TRAGEDY IN BARNWELL.

Colored Woman Run Over by an Automobile Wednesday Afternoon and Killed.

A tragedy that caused considerable excitement in Barnwell occurred last Wednesday afternoon between four and five o'clock, when Ella Meyers, a colored woman, who was walking out of town, was run over by an automobile on the hill between Eric's shop and Turkey creek, and sustained injuries about the head from which she died about four hours later.

Dr. R. C. Kirkland and Dr. A. B. Patterson were upon the scene a short while after the injury, the former being the first to arrive and according to his testimony before the coroner's jury found her in an unconscious condition suffering from a fracture of the lower jawbone and of the left temporal bone, the unconscious condition having been caused from concussion of the brain when she was thrown forward on her head.

Coroner J. Staff Halford empaneled a jury of inquest composed of W. F. Holmes, foreman, A. J. Owens, George M. Buist, A. J. Bennett, T. J. Langley and E. G. Bolen, who from the evidence adduced rendered the following verdict: That Ella Meyers came to her death by being run over by an automobile occupied by Shellie Bessinger, Jas. M. Brabham and son. The inquest was held in the court house on Friday, at which seven witnesses were sworn.

The evidence was circumstantial, none of the witnesses being able to positively identify the car or the occupants thereof. There was some testimony that white men were driving the car and that it was going at a rapid rate of speed. One of the witnesses testified that he was going out of town driving a truck and a car passed him going about twenty-five to thirty-five miles per hour; that he did not know who was driving but thought that it was a Buick Six and a similar car passed him on the road coming back about 15 or 25 minutes after the car had passed him going out; that he knew the parties in the car coming back to be Mr. Jim Brabham and Shellie Bessinger.

Messrs. Brabham and Bessinger both deny that they caused the injury to the woman.

Warrants were issued for Brabham and Bessinger Friday morning, and hearing of the action of the coroner's jury they surrendered to the sheriff and employed J. O. Patterson, Jr., and Brown & Bush to represent them. Application was made for bail to the circuit judge at Aiken and granted in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars each.

LONG BRANCH PHILOSOPHY.

We have lived in Barnwell some 30 days and find the town (not full of the salt of the earth) but more richous people than was found in Sodom consequently have all reasons to believe it will stand the test under the same rule that the other place did that you remember got destroyed without remedy; and by the way we see that the Mayor has an ad against hogs and yet up here at the Hewsey place there is a drove that seems to be about as crazy as that big bunch that ran down the steep place some years ago and got drowned, the only difference is we have no place to run them into in order that they may perish in the deep except in the well, it seems however that they will at an early day get pillars roped up and the well curb upset and that they can get in without our assistance.

Riah Mas.

Mr. O. F. Lazar, of this city, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Allendale.

INCOME TAX EDUCATIONAL SERIES.

Story No. 1.

The big Income Tax drive for 1919 is now under way, and every preparation is being made to handle the largest collection in the history of income tax. "I am not waiting for the final passage of the new revenue bill by congress," said Collector D. C. Heyward today, "nor for the new regulations and blank forms to be issued. To get this big tax in and get it accurate and complete, I urge that we all begin now.

"The income tax obligations imposed by the old laws, as well as the measure now in congress, consist of two distinct operations. One is, to file return or statement of all items of income and items of deductions allowable by law, and to do this within the period named by law. The other is, to pay the tax, if any is due.

"Neither of these obligations can be met without a careful review of income and expenditure for the tax year. That is the big job right now, and that is why I say that income tax drive is already under way. Everywhere the pencil is busy. The old year is done; and all its fruits are gleaned; and every person who fared well, or earned a good competence, must analyze his own case in cold figures.

"When the new bill is enacted into law, I will have the proper return forms distributed throughout the district, and everybody will be informed of the date when the sworn return must be filed. It is my plan to send my men out to central locations, and to have them travel through the district, aiding taxpayers in the preparation of the returns and in deciding doubtful points. We will go right to the people with the income tax, and with the cooperation which the public can give the government men, the returns will be filed by everybody who comes under the law's provisions, the right taxes will be paid, and the district will have done its full patriotic duty towards the governments' support.

"Meanwhile, let me say again, there is no need of delaying the preparation of figures. Anything that congress does now will not affect the amount of a person's earnings for 1918. Let us avoid the belated throwing together of figures that may hit or miss. Guesses cannot be accepted as the basis of taxation. It is clearly the duty of every person to compile correct figures and ascertain whether his income for 1918 was sufficient to make necessary a sworn return.

"The year 1918 was a banner year for salaries and wages and the high war prices brought unusual profits to the average small tradesman and to the farmer. The opinion in Washington is that a million citizens and residents will make this year their first income tax returns.

"All signs indicate that the income tax this year will reach nearly every working man and woman, and nearly every merchant, shop keeper and farmer. Not all will have to pay the tax, but nearly all will be obliged to make a sworn statement of the years' income.

"I am therefore advising

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

Common Pleas Court Convened at Barnwell the 27th inst, with Judge Townsend Presiding.

A special term of Common Pleas court will convene at Barnwell, Monday, the 27th instant, with Judge Townsend presiding. The jurors for the first and second week are as follows:

FIRST WEEK JURORS.

Allendale—W. G. Bowers, C. H. Sanders, C. R. Tessier, W. H. Young, J. J. Thomas.
Barnwell—S. B. Carroll
Blackville—C. F. Groves, Hermap Brown, W. G. Howard, W. W. Hair, C. B. Bodiford.
Baldoc—J. R. Harley.
Bennett Springs—C. L. Hiers, Jr.

Georges Creek—J. H. Still, H. J. Deik.

Great Cypress—J. W. Blount, W. F. Hazel, J. W. Goodson, W. L. Harvey, J. A. Moody.
Red Oak—Richard Hay, Jr., R. M. Hay, J. W. Browder, O. R. Ferguson, L. H. Bates.
Sycamore—Jno. R. Loadholt, W. O. McCasky, G. E. Harter, F. P. Cone, J. A. Platts, W. F. Harter.

Williston—N. H. Bolen, J. B. Kitchens, J. L. Shuler, J. W. Johnson, J. J. L. Hair.

SECOND WEEK JURORS.

Allendale—J. G. Stoney, W. H. Fennell.
Barnwell—W. H. Davis, A. J. Owens.

Georges Creek—Jas. Sanders, W. K. Black, L. J. Nix.
Great Cypress—W. P. Morris, J. F. Creech, C. W. Pate, J. R. Harden, M. C. Lee, N. C. Creech, S. F. Hogg.

Red Oak—W. B. Seay.
Sycamore—W. R. Allen, C. C. Bishop, M. S. Brant, J. F. Deer, G. W. Harter, F. W. Manuel, W. H. Loadholt, J. P. Roberts, J. D. Jenny, G. L. Brant.

Williston—G. C. Matthews, A. E. Quattlebaum, B. A. Johnson, R. P. Kennedy, W. F. Usery, J. H. McDonald, H. A. Bolen, T. P. Mitchell, L. T. Beck, A. A. Still, R. A. Porter.

every unmarried person who earned a \$1,000 or over during the year 1918, and every married person, who together with wife or husband, earned \$2,000, to sharpen his pencil and figure out how he stands.

"He must ascertain accurately his gross income from all sources. There's his salary or wages, including overtime pay and any bonus received as additional compensation. A married person having children under 18 who are working, should include the earnings of such children.

"If he sold any property at a profit, the gain must be computed and included in gross income. If here nted any property to other persons, the total rents received in the year must be ascertained, and from that figure a deduction may be taken for taxes paid on rented property, the necessary minor repairs, fire insurance, any interest he may have paid on mortgage, and a reasonable allowance for annual wear and tear of the rented property. The balance is included in gross income for the year.

"Interest on bank deposits, whether withdrawn or added to his bank balances, must be included in all calculations of income. Bond interest received during the year must also be included, except interest on municipal, county or State bonds. Interest on United States Bonds need not be included by the ordinary bond holder who purchased small

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BLACKVILLE STARTS COURT HOUSE MOVE.

Chamber of Commerce would Have Town Displace Barnwell as County Seat.

Blackville, Jan. 16.—An enthusiastic meeting of the business men of the town and farmers from the surrounding territory was held in the school building here last night and a Chamber of Commerce was organized with about 100 charter members.

It was decided in the meeting to put forth an effort to annex part of Orangeburg and Bamberg Counties to Barnwell County and make Blackville the county seat instead of Barnwell as at present. The meeting was well attended by Blackville business men and several neighboring towns were represented.

The visitors from Springfield spoke favorably of the movement, one of the speakers declaring he would only be willing to come into Barnwell County, providing Blackville was made the county seat. The Springfield people are in the extreme corner of Orangeburg County and going by railroad to their county seat have to make two railroad connections.

Twenty-five thousand dollars was raised in a few minutes to bear the expenses of the campaign and it was decided to augment this to \$50,000 if so much be necessary, the Chamber of Commerce guaranteeing that it will not cost the county one cent of expense.

Blackville already has a court house, as this was once the county seat, and it will compare favorably with some of the newer court houses.

Blackville has a modern school building, several splendid churches, a thoroughly modern hotel and numbers of business places and the prospects for making this the county seat are encouraging.

Attorney General Thomas Peoples and James Hammond of Columbia, two former Blackville boys, were present at the meeting. Mr Peoples joined the Chamber of Commerce and contributed liberally to the fund for remodeling the court house and building a jail.

Since the lower part of Barnwell County has been cut off, forming Allendale County, the county seat as it now stands will be in one corner of the county only eight miles from the county line and is 16 miles from the Edisto River, the other edge of the county. By annexing the Springfield territory to the county, that would put Blackville in about the center of the county and add some very desirable territory and valuable farming land to the county.

Canvassing committees were appointed and work will be begun at once upon the project. It is proposed to make a trip to Williston and to Springfield with 50 or more business men in the near future in the interest of the proposition.

MOVE CAUSES DISSENT.

Objection Raised to Blackville's Court House Plans.

The following clipping is from the Columbia State of Sunday and fills the bill so well that it seems any other comment is unnecessary other than to say that it seems the cry now is...

"Speed up, speed up O time in thy flight and give me a court house just for tonight."

Alas my poor Blackville, as Shakespeare said, "Thy cake is already all dough."

Considerable interest was aroused here by the dispatch from Blackville a few days ago telling of the efforts that are being and are to be made to move the county seat from Barnwell

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. YOU'RE THE DOCTOR.

(By Dubois.)

In an obscure corner of the magazine page this sentence may some day arrest your attention, if it has not already done so: "My mother used to mix a mustard plaster."

The following sentences, phrases and clauses tell the why and the whitherfore of the plaster mixing. Tucked away in that little corner was an advertisement of something made to sell, but it was interesting and in a way somewhat instructive.

Newspapers, magazines, periodicals, almanacs, folders and the inside backs of many books are chugged full of advertisements, the studying of which, or even the casual reading will teach many things that otherwise would never be learned.

The phraseology of some advertisements is well worth study for the rhetorical beauty alone. An educated, well read man was once heard to say:

"Those advertisements are literary gems."

Here in this magazine right now are found the following bits:

to that place. Of especial interest was the statement that a visitor from Springfield had "declared that he would only be willing to come into Barnwell County providing Blackville was made the county seat." The people of this part of the county are at a loss to know from whom Springfield received such a pressing invitation to come into Barnwell County that she can afford to tack conditions to her coming, and this intimation that outsiders are trying to take it upon themselves to dictate to the people of the county as to where their county seat shall be located is resented by Barnwell County citizens.

Another statement in the dispatch has caused no little amusement and that is to the effect that, since Allendale County has been successfully voted on, Barnwell "will be in one corner of the county, only eight miles from the county line." The fact that Blackville is on the extreme eastern edge of the county, only about three miles from the Bamberg line, was entirely overlooked. In fact, it was stated in the dispatch that "by annexing the Springfield territory to the county, that would put Blackville in about the center of the county." However, a glance at the map will show the absurdity of such a statement, as the people in the western part of the county would be forced to travel some 35 or 40 miles to reach the county seat, nor would the proposed move bring the court any nearer to the people of the Georges Creek, Reedy Branch, Friendship, Hercules, Great Cypress, Siloam, Snelling, Rosemary and Dunbarton sections.

In the face of ever increasing taxation and the high cost of living, the people of Blackville, in order to gratify their pride, are apparently willing to 'scrap' county buildings that could not be replaced at a cost under \$40,000, offering in their stead an antiquated court house, a relic of reconstruction days that witnessed fights similar to the one that has just been launched. Many of the older citizens recall those fights, with all their attendant bitterness of feeling, which bitterness, it had been hoped, forever dead, but which now promises to flourish in all its former intensity.

"Barnwell."

HUNTERS TAKE NOTICE.

In a letter from Mr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, United States Department of Agriculture, to the News and Courier, information is given concerning the open and closed season for hunting migratory birds. Some of our readers are no doubt uninformed on the subject. This letter states that the seasons and bag limits applicable to South Carolina are as follows:

SEASONS.

Woodcock, November 1 to December 31, both days inclusive.

Doves, September 16 to December 31, both days inclusive.

Waterfowl (except woodcock, eider ducks and swans), coot, gallinules and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, November 1 to January 31, both days inclusive.

BAG LIMITS.

Ducks (except wood ducks and eider ducks), Twenty-five in

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"Irreproachable material." "The principal reason retail prices are higher, however, is the fact that wholesale prices have increased."

"With the war over, the sea safe why resist longer the lure of the East?"

"French has assumed a place of first importance among foreign languages for every American."

"War restrictions have held up industrial construction, the need for which has become more pressing than ever now that peace has come and the country stands at the threshold of the greatest era of prosperity."

The thoughtful reader at once sees that this is not written other than for the reason of calling attention to things helpful for the mind. However, it is the firm belief of many that rigorous study of all advertising columns not only benefits the mind, but is a great help for housekeepers and business men.

In looking through the advertisements one often comes upon things in lighter vein that brings a smile; now just here I will give you what I have just found:

Age Brings Wisdom.

A salesman was selling a bed room clock to a girl.

"I recommend this clock with the illuminating attachment," he said. "It is a very good thing to tell what time your husband comes home, you know."

"But I haven't got a husband," said the girl.

"O, you will have some day," said the salesman.

"Yes, but not that kind of a husband," the girl said.

Then it was that the middle aged matron settled forward and spoke: "My dear child, they are all that kind," she said.

"Young man," saith the young girl, "I'll take that clock."

Amplly Equipped.

"I see Henry Ford is going to start a newspaper."

"Does he know anything about running a newspaper?"

"Must know a heap. I notice he waited until he got \$40,000,000 before arranging to start one."

Now old scouts and dear scoutesses, if you have bogged through the above as far along as this point, maybe, I say maybe, you will enjoy the advertising sections more. WE hope so.