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Christmas Lights Brighten Barnwell

Holiday Illumination Turned on Friday Night for First Time This Season.

The citizens of Barnwell are again cooperating with the local town authorities in the lighting up of the business district with Christmas lights. It is understood that the town and the local merchants are co-sponsors of the project which will give the business district a real holiday dress.

Workmen were busy for several days last week erecting the lights and also setting up two Christmas trees, which will be decorated with strings of vari-colored lights also. One of these trees is in the center of the park, or "circle" as it is locally known, and the other is located at the sun dial, across from the Court house.

Lights have been run from a tall pole in the center of the park along the four walks through the park to poles erected at each of the park entrances. Other lights have been strung from business buildings across the street surrounding the park as well as the street in front of the courthouse. When these lights were turned on last week it gave quite a cheery touch to the local business district.

Other lights have been criss-crossed across Main Street which will help the scene, as the main drag can be seen from almost any position in or around the circle.

Local residents are also putting up their Christmas trees in the windows of their homes and on the front lawns. These add considerably to the cheeriness of the residential section and as soon as all of these are put up Barnwell will be ready for the annual visit of St. Nicholas.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED BY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Barnwell high school library has received several new books during the past few weeks. This year the library has been increased in the number of volumes it contains and a part time librarian has been put in charge so as to help the students in their selection of reading matter.

Miss Betty Lee Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Phillips, of Barnwell, recently donated several books which the students will be glad to have in their collection. Other books have been donated by local citizens in the past few weeks in addition to those put in by the school at the beginning of the term.

The library formerly had not held the position in the school work which it should have had but this year it has been given an important part and the students are responding accordingly. A library club has been formed and a large number of the students have joined, with others signifying their intention to join shortly.

Sells Many Turkeys.

W. H. Moody, Jr., who operates Barnwell County's largest "turkey ranch" near Kline, told a representative of this paper a few days ago that he had sold his flock of over 1,000 turkeys down to about 600 and that he had an order for 200 to be delivered to Swift and Co., of Augusta, Monday. This concern has also agreed to buy all of the remaining birds that Mr. Moody has for sale.

A visit to the turkey ranch is an interesting experience. To see several hundred fine, fat birds in one drove certainly brings up visions of a Christmas dinner de luxe and one can readily understand why Mr. Moody's turkeys command premium prices on the markets after hearing him explain his method of handling this money "crop."

Lodge Moved to Ellenton.

Dunbarton, Dec. 13.—The December meeting of Hopewell Masonic Lodge was held at the hall here Tuesday evening. Because more members live in Ellenton than in Dunbarton, the Lodge has been moved to Ellenton, where future meetings will be held.

After the election of new officers and the transaction of other business matters, a delicious turkey supper was served those present.

INTERESTING PERSONAL NOTES FROM DUNBARTON

Dunbarton, Dec. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb and Miss Dacia Greene, of near Dunbarton, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Greene on Monday.

T. F. Bennett, of Beech Island, was a business visitor here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Denson Dicks and Edward Dicks spent Monday in Augusta.

Friends of Louis W. Bradley will learn with regret of his serious illness at his home near here.

Miss Lois Yarborough, Miss Molly Matthews, Miss Emmie Lee Hair, Miss Mary Workman and Miss Frances Minor were joint hostesses to the members of the Sewing Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Moody. After the social hour, a delightful sweet course was served.

Mrs. Mabel Ellis and daughter, Marian, recently moved into an apartment at the home of Mrs. Carrie Belle Drummond in Dunbarton.

Gary Baxley and Harold Eaves left Monday for Charleston, where they have enlisted in the U. S. army.

W. J. Rogers has been quite ill at his home here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Whaley, of Columbia, spent Sunday in Dunbarton with relatives.

Of interest to a number of friends here is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Verna Eaves to Henderson M. Melville, of Washington, D. C., which was an event of Saturday in Richmond, Va. Of cordial interest also is the announcement that Miss Ermine Cater will become the bride of English Robinson, of Atlanta, this week.

Williston Post Meets.

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Williston Post No. 75, held its December meeting with Mrs. J. E. Williams in Blackville. Mrs. Williams was assisted by Mrs. Harry Martin.

The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. G. W. Whitaker. Fifteen members were present. During this session, the Auxiliary decided to assist the American Legion in sponsoring a band for the members of the Legion and sons of the Legion. The band is under the direction of D. M. Lincul, of Augusta.

A donation was made for Christmas Seals and plans were made for reaching the needy in the communities with Christmas baskets. This is under the direction of the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare committee, Mrs. R. L. Peacock and Mrs. Harry Martin.

The program consisted of an article on "Rehabilitation" read by Mrs. Peacock, and "Christmas Carols" which were sung by members of the Auxiliary under the direction of the music chairman, Miss Ruth Hoffman.

After the adjournment, the hostess served a delicious salad course.

Local Leaders Meet.

A meeting of the Barnwell County local leaders was held in the office of Miss Elizabeth McNab, Barnwell County Home Demonstration Agent, on Saturday morning. This was the regular monthly meeting that these 4-H club leaders hold to discuss plans for the coming month and to take up whatever business may come before them.

Miss Portia Seabrook, Home Management Specialist from Winthrop College, was present and had charge of the meeting. During the business session reports were heard from all leaders and other routine business was disposed of.

Following the business session Miss Seabrook gave a discussion on the lesson for the month, "Keeping Club Girls' Personal Accounts." In addition to the discussion on the lesson Miss Seabrook also gave a short talk on Christmas decorations and suggestions for making the Christmas vacation a most pleasant one.

Local leaders who were present included Mrs. John Keel, of the Elko club; Mrs. Murray Odum, of the Healing Spring club; Miss Virginia Hair, of the Long Branch club; Miss Jennie Gignilliat and Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, of the Barnwell Club.

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Legionnaires Enjoy 2nd District Meeting

Richardson-Walsh Post Is Host to Large Number of Veterans of World War.

The Richardson-Walsh Post, local American Legion chapter, was host to the Second District meeting held here on Friday. A large number of legionnaires were in town for the occasion and a most interesting program was given. T. D. Creighton, Jr., local commander, and the committee on entertainment were highly praised by their fellow legionnaires, as well as the visiting members for the splendid way in which they handled the day's meeting and entertainment.

The following program was thoroughly enjoyed by the legionnaires present:

3:30 p. m.—40 and 8 wreck, Masonic hall.

5:00 p. m.—Post officers conference.

Invocation. Welcome Address—Honorably Solomon Blatt, of Barnwell.

Response—Samuel H. Swint, of Graniteville.

Roll call of posts and membership reports.

Introduction—Bob Fairey, department adjutant.

Introduction of distinguished visitors.

The following addresses were then enjoyed: Honorable Burnett R. Maybank, mayor of Charleston; "Wheelhorses in the post"—Hugh O. Hanna, former State commander of Hampton; "Rehabilitation"—Bruce Stubblefield, of Washington, D. C.; State Commander's Address—J. Earle Bethea, of Dillon; presentation of Jim Bush trophy to the Barnwell Post; Presentation of badges to commanders and adjutants.

7:00 p. m.—Barbecue supper for legion members and guests at Fuller park pavilion.

9:00 p. m.—Dance at Sweetwater Country Club for members, their wives and friends.

Hope to Organize Boy Scouts Today

Expected That Final Plans Will Be Perfected for Organization of Barnwell Troop.

A meeting was held at the local school on Thursday to organize the Barnwell Boy Scout Troop. J. P. Scoville, who was appointed scoutmaster of the group at an earlier meeting, was in charge and led the discussion on the value of scouting and its benefits, not only to the members but to the community at large.

The formal organization was postponed until this week, however, as some of the boys had failed to bring application blanks properly filled out to the meeting. George R. Evans, local instructor who is also helping with the organization of the troop, met with the boys also and was to have discussed the final plans with T. R. Pender, of Williston, district official, so that there would be no hitch in the completion of the plans at the meeting slated to be held Thursday.

There were nine Barnwell boys present at the meeting including the following: Harry Lee O'Bannon, Bubber Stevens, Wingard Carter, Larry Brown, Faust Carter, Harold Carter, Burton Halford, Barrett Boulware and Harry Boylston. It is also understood that several boys from Dunbarton are contemplating joining the local troop.

Mr. Pender, of Williston, is also making an effort to organize a troop at Blackville and should he be successful in his efforts there he will receive the coveted "Acorn Award," an honor that has never been won by anyone in the Augusta Area Council. Mr. Pender is one of the leading Scout exponents in this section of the State and he is to be congratulated upon his fine work along these lines in this section.

First Christmas Dance.

The officers and enrollees of the local CCC Camp were hosts at the first dance of the Christmas season on Friday evening in the recreation hall of the local camp. Quite a large crowd was present to enjoy the occasion.

Prison Break Takes Capt. Sanders' Life

Six Men Fail in Bold Try to Escape from State Penitentiary After Stabbing Officer.

Columbia, Dec. 13.—Six desperate convicts stabbed Capt. Olin Sanders of the State penitentiary guard force to death yesterday in an abortive escape attempt which was foiled by National Guardsmen and an army of hastily-mobilized policemen.

The 61-year-old captain was wounded five times with an ice-pick like instrument after prison officials refused to accede to the prisoners' demand that they be provided with a car and given free passage out of the penitentiary.

National Guardsmen were called out after the men, barricaded in the captain's office, refused to heed the plea of Governor Olin Johnston and other officials that they give themselves up.

Governor Johnston appeared on the scene a short time after the alarm was spread and promised the men immunity from punishment if they would release Captain Sanders and surrender.

Sergeant C. W. Moorman of the prison guard said the six men were: J. V. Bair, alias Jesse Williams, 27, of Sumter; William B. Woods, 24, of Biloxi, Miss.; Roy Suttles, 28, of Simpsonville; Clayton Crans, 28, of Rochester, N. Y.; Herbert Moorman, 41, of Detroit, Mich., and George Wingard of Columbia.

He said the men were serving sentences ranging from 18 months to 17 years. All were convicted of robbery or housebreaking.

As was his daily custom Captain Sanders went to his office in one of the buildings in the prison yard immediately after breakfast. The six men, who were on the yard for the recreation period, approached the captain singly and in couples on the use of asking a favor.

When all were in the office they overpowered Sanders and demanded his automobile and passage out of the penitentiary gate.

Corporal C. L. Christmus of the guard, who was on duty in the prison yard, said several prisoners were unruly early in the morning but the first he knew that anything serious was afoot was about 8:30 a. m. when Captain Sanders called him to the window of his office.

"Charlie, these boys have got me tied up in here," Christmus quoted Sanders as saying.

"What boys?" he said he asked.

"This crowd in here," he said the captain called, "and they have got a gun in my ribs and want a car to get out."

Christmus said he followed the frequently repeated ruling of Captain Sanders that the demands of prisoners in such an emergency should not be heeded and reported the situation to Col. J. S. Wilson, prison superintendent.

The alarm was quickly spread and within a short time more than 200 guards, constables, police and National Guardsmen arrived.

Adjutant General James C. Dozier called out National Guard company H. of New Brookland, a machine gun unit under Capt. A. H. Carter. The soldiers arrived with a supply of tear gas which was used to force the men from the commandeered place.

Colonel Wilson called Governor Johnston who immediately rushed to the scene in an attempt to persuade the men to surrender and release Sanders.

"If you boys will walk out of there and let Captain Sanders walk out first I'll see that nothing goes against your record," the governor said he told the men.

Johnston addressed the men through a barred window of the captain's office.

"I was only a few feet away from them," the governor said. "I could see them plainly and they could see me."

"When I walked up, I had my hands in my overcoat pocket, and one of the men said in a very rough voice:

"Take your hands out of your pockets, there."

"They could have shot me easily if they had had a gun but I was anxious to do anything I could to save Captain Sanders' life."

The governor and guards who

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Shoulder Is Broken by Driverless Truck

Thomas Stewart Injured When Negro Driver Jumps from Vehicle Near Ellenton.

Thomas Stewart, who lives in the western section of Barnwell County, suffered a broken shoulder and other minor injuries late Wednesday night when he was struck by a truck on the highway between the Leigh Banana Case Co., and Ellenton. The truck was allegedly driven by Tommy Chisolm, negro, also of that section.

Sheriff J. B. Morris, who, with his deputy, Gilmore S. Harley, investigated the accident, stated that the negro claimed that something happened to his truck and he jumped from the cab, the truck careening from the road and striking Stewart, who was walking along the highway. Sheriff Morris brought the negro to Barnwell and lodged him in the Barnwell County jail on a charge of reckless driving and driving without a license.

C. JUDSON MARTIN.

Blackville, Dec. 14.—Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mr. Charlie Judson Martin, 73 years of age, who died at his home here Monday after an extended illness.

The services were held at the residence, with the Rev. L. G. Payne officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. D. Walker. Interment was in the Blackville Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was one of Blackville's successful farmers. He had lived here his entire life.

Survivors are: his widow; three sons, Commander C. F. Martin, of the United States navy, San Diego, Calif.; W. P. Martin, Altadena, Calif., and N. V. Martin, Blackville; one daughter, Miss Mary Martin, Blackville; and two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Boylston, and Miss Hattie Martin, both of Blackville.

Reedy Branch News.

Blackville, Route 2, Dec. 11.—The Reedy Branch school has just completed the third month of the session. The school has a full enrollment and splendid average attendance. Mrs. Eulalie Parker has helped this attendance by securing clothing for several needy children.

The school netted a nice sum from "Charlie Mitchell's Mountaineers," who gave an entertainment on December 1st. The schoolhouse was filled to capacity and among the audience were many from Barnwell. This co-operation and interest of Barnwell people is appreciated by the community. Hilda was well represented too, as well as Ashleigh and other points.

The honor roll for November is as follows:

2nd Grade—Julian Black.

3rd Grade—Clayton Baxley.

4th Grade—Francis Black.

5th Grade—Laura Mae Baxley and Elbert Still.

6th Grade—Gladys Dyches.

Still Raided Tuesday.

Sheriff J. B. Morris and his deputy, Gilmore S. Harley, raided a small still in the Big Fork section of Barnwell County on Tuesday morning. The still was located on the Salkehatchie river in that section of the County.

About 120 gallons of mash, a fifty gallon drum, which was used for the manufacture of the whiskey and several feet of copper pipe were confiscated by the officers. Several other smaller articles, which are used by distillers, were also found.

No arrests were made at the time but the local officer stated that he is working on the case and believes that he has a clue which may lead to the capture of the operator or owner.

Block "B" Club.

The Block "B" Club of the local school held its regular meeting on Tuesday in the laboratory. Miss Emily Dicks conducted a very interesting program on "Practice." Those taking part on the program included the following: Sonny Patterson, Bunyan Baxley, Miss Emily Brown and Roscoe Still. During the business session it was decided that the foot ball banquet and the Block "B" party would not be held on the same night.

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STUDENT PUBLICATION WILL ENTER CONTEST

"The Sun Dial," local student publication of the Barnwell high school, has entered the contest sponsored by the Winthrop College Press Club and The State, Columbia daily.

According to the local paper authorities there will be two editorials entered each week and two feature articles. These articles are to be taken from each issue of the local paper. The winners, who are decided by judges, will be announced once a month in a Sunday edition of The State with a reprint of the articles.

For every article thus awarded a winning position by the judges the school will receive a certain number of points and the school which has the largest number of points at the end of the term will be presented with a trophy.

The local paper this year has received many words of praise from the members of the student body, the faculty members and the local citizens. It is hoped, and believed, that the paper will produce some winning articles before this contest closes.

The following members of the staff are heading the paper for this year: editor-in-chief—Miss Sara Frances Brodie; associate editor—Miss Marjorie Goodson; business manager—Miss Emily Brown; asst. business manager—Miss Kitty Plexico; feature editors—Miss Annie Sue Fowke, Miss Paula Mazursky, Miss Sara E. Harris, Miss Margaret Christie and Miss Sophia Coclin; sports editors—Miss Ann Brown and Sonny Patterson; humor editor—Billie Bronson; art editor—W. P. Norris; copy editors—Miss Gladys Black and Miss Martha Ayer Harley; reporters—Miss Sara Jones, Miss June Diamond, Miss Joy Vogel, J. B. Baxley, Miss Jaudon Harley, Miss Lavette Still, Miss Betty Brown and William Jenkins; faculty advisers—Miss Delma Burgess and Miss Margaret Free.

Seal Sale Progresses.

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale is progressing nicely in Barnwell, according to Mrs. H. J. Phillips, chairman, and Mrs. W. J. Lemon, chairman of the mailing list committee. To date there have been nine bonds sold in Barnwell in addition to the returns from the mailing list.

No report is available from the work done at the school house but it is hoped that this return will also be an increase over last year.

Mrs. Lemon, mailing list chairman, stated that to date there has been \$21.00 received from this source with over a hundred of the one hundred and fifty letters mailed yet to be heard from.

Barnwell citizens have responded readily to all worthy charities and it is believed that they will respond to this appeal.

Mrs. Lemon urges those who received letters containing stamps to try to return these before Christmas as, she points out, it will mean additional expense to the association to send out follow-up letters.

Junior Homemakers Meet.

The Junior Homemaker's Association, of the local high school, met on Thursday with Miss Juanita Creech, the president, presiding over the meeting. Miss Ruth Dantzler, local home economics teacher, explained the organization and the constitution of the J. H. A. This Association was formed to replace the Home Economics Club which was organized the early part of the present term. A State Junior Homemaker's Association will be formed in April at a meeting of the home economics girls from over the entire State.

The First Snow.

Barnwell County's first snow of the present winter fell early Thursday morning of last week, and residents were surprised to find house-tops, shrubbery, etc., covered with a light white mantle when they arose.

The snow followed a rain earlier in the night and came hard on the heels of the coldest weather this section has experienced in years.

After a week of bitter cold, the weather began to moderate Sunday, with balmy temperature prevailing the following day.

Another Enjoyable Dance.

The square dance at Fuller Park pavilion Tuesday night was one of the most largely attended and most enjoyable ever given. The dance was attended by both young and old. These dances are becoming more popular each month. The next dance is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 28th, and many are already planning to attend.

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Mrs. Idora Driggers Given \$12,500 for Death of Son in Auto-Train Collision.

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TOYS ARE REPAIRED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NEEDY

Toys are being made or repaired by the WPA sewing room workers in Barnwell to be distributed among the needy children over the County for Christmas presents. The sewing room window on Main Street is filled with toys which have been made with many more still remaining to be made or worked over.

These toys are made from cloth, which is some times stuffed to make dolls or other inexpensive but worthwhile toys. In addition to this kind of work, small articles have been made by some of the workers out of wood. In the wood-articles many toys can be fashioned and, when painted, make an excellent toy which will probably lighten the day for some needy child.

In addition to this work the people of the County have been asked and, according to local authorities, are cooperating to a large extent with the officials in the dressing of a "human doll." Any citizen who feels that he or she is able to take over one person in the County and present them with a complete outfit for Christmas is requested to get in touch with the authorities.

This is probably one of the best methods of helping those who are in need that has ever been used in the County. Many of the local people have already received the name of their human doll and many others plan to get their name within the next day or two. It is hoped that the support of this project will be such that Barnwell County can feel that her citizens have done all they could to help those in need.

Barnwell Minister Loses Father.

The many Barnwell County friends of the Rev. J. C. Inabinet, minister of the Barnwell Methodist Church, will sympathize with him in the death of his father, the Rev. James K. Inabinet, retired Methodist minister, who passed away at his home in Orangeburg County Friday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Inabinet is survived by his widow and several sons and daughters.

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