



RECEIVES RESOLUTION - Rep. James E. Smith, Jr., (D-Richland) presents the S.C. House of Representatives' resolution of appreciation on behalf of the House to Rep. Doug Jennings (D-Marlboro) with Speaker Bobby Harrell (R-Charleston) presiding and Clerk of the House, Charles Reid, at right. Jennings has served as Marlboro's representative in the S.C. House since 1991 and did not seek re-election this year.

Jennings

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one of the finest public servants of our time, and his dedicated service and leadership have contributed greatly to making South Carolina a better state."

Others, who followed at the podium, praised Jennings' legislative and oratorical skills and noted that he always had a knack for bringing people together and finding consensus on difficult issues.

Senator Vincent Sheheen recalled the key leadership role which Jennings played on tough issues like video poker, the removal of the Confederate flag, and the creation of the state education lottery.

He called Jennings "a great friend and mentor to me during my time in the Legislature."

The House also recognized Jennings' many contributions during his service since 1991 with a Concurrent Resolution (H 4985) authored by Rep. Jackie Hayes (D-Dillon) and presented on the House floor by Rep. James E. Smith, Jr. (D-Richland).

During his presentation, Smith noted that Jennings had served as House Minority Leader, as Chairman of every major subcommittee on the Judiciary Committee, as well as First Vice-Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, as well as Co-Chair and a founding member of the House Rural Caucus, promoting the interests of smaller rural counties.

"One of our finest leaders is leaving this House," Smith noted, "but I feel confident that with his energy and his genuine love for our state, his days of being involved and of public service are not over."

Governor Mark Sanford also honored Rep. Jennings and several other retiring legislators with a reception and dinner at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, June 1st.

Sanford presented Jennings with The Order of the Palmetto, our state's highest civilian honor for service.

In the presentation, Governor Sanford told Jennings, "I am certain that your colleagues will have a positive and lasting impression of your effectiveness and dedication to our state when you leave this public service."

"South Carolina is blessed by your committed and faithful service. Thank you for upholding the highest ideals of servant leadership in everything you do. I wish you all

the best in your next chapter."

Rep. Jennings was joined at the Governor's Mansion dinner by his wife, Suzanne, and his children, Douglas E. Jennings, who is at the Charleston School of Law, and Martha Grace Jennings, who now manages the Sona restaurant in Anderson.

Rep. and Mrs. Jennings then were overnight guests of the Governor at the Mansion.

Jennings has served in the South Carolina House longer than any other resident of Marlboro County in recent history.

During his almost twenty years, he represented House District 54, consisting of Marlboro County and portions of Dillon and Chesterfield counties through the years.

Another example of the great respect which his colleagues have for him was shown by their unanimous passage of H 4900, a bill recommending that the South Carolina Department of Transportation name a portion of SC Highway 38 the "Representative Doug Jennings Highway" in recognition of his numerous contributions to our county and state.

The DOT will be naming that portion of Highway 38 from the intersection at the Highway 15/401 ByPass to the caution light in the Town of Blenheim in his honor in the near future.

When asked by the *Herald-Advocate* for a comment this week, Jennings stated, "It has been a great honor and joy to serve my community in the Legislature, and I'm truly appreciative of the many kindnesses shown to me as I step aside from public service."

"I want to thank the people of House District 54 for their votes and support and for trusting me with this leadership position for all these years."

"As we turn the page, Suzanne and I look forward to living in Bennettsville and to finding exciting new ways to be involved. I also look forward to returning to my law practice on a full-time basis to better serve the clients who have trusted me with their legal business."

"And I also want to wish my successor in this job, Rep.-Elect Elizabeth Rogers Munnerlyn, all the best as she begins her service in the House."

Jennings' term expires at the end of 2010.

OBITUARIES

JESSE RAMSEY, JR.

McCOLL - Jesse (J.C.) Calvin Ramsey, Jr., 68, passed away Friday, June 25, 2010, in Pembroke Care & Rehabilitation Center after an illness.

Born Feb. 13, 1942, in Robeson County, NC, he was a son of the late Jesse Calvin Ramsey and Margella Williams Ramsey.

He was a farmer. He loved gardening and truly had a green thumb, and also had a special fondness for stray dogs.

He was married to the late Cora Ramsey.

Surviving are: a brother, Jesse (Buddy) Wayne Ramsey of McColl; sisters, Polly Creech of Bennettsville and Nancy Geneva Galloway of Florence; nephews, Richard Evans Ramsey of McColl, Tony (Elaine) Creech of Wallace and Shanon O. McPhatter of Florence; also a host of friends; and a very special friend, Joanne Backus.

He was preceded in death by: brothers, James Ramsey and Jim David Williams and a sister, Margie Ramsey.

Funeral services were held Sunday, in Berea United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Priest Cemetery in McColl, directed by Rogers Funeral Home.

Visitation was held Saturday in the funeral home.

'D.P.' 'PICKLE' CLARK

CLIO - Daniel Peter "D.P." "Pickle" Clark, 85, died Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Born in Tatum, he was a son of the late James Bascomb and Beulah Stubbs Clark.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Clio. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 33 for 52+ years. He was a member of the Clio Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Clark was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines.

Surviving are: his wife Jeannette Pevey-Clark of Clio; sons, Daniel (Jeanne) Clark of Florence, Freddie McRae of Clio; daughters, Mary Lynn (Kirk Schauer) Adams of Wallace, Rose Marie Smith of Florence, Diane (Ken) Hanke of Clio; a step-son, Lawrence Walters of Tatum; step-daughters, Evelyn Walters of Bennettsville, Sharon (Roy Shropshire) Lee of Cameron, NC, Carole (Steve) Rivers of Bennettsville; ten grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren; sisters, Eunice McCaskill of Clio, and Lois Duncan of Laurinburg, NC; also, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents listed above; his first wife, Sara Margaret Quick Clark; also a brother; and 6 sisters.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 30, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Clio. The family received friends following the service.

Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 250 Williams St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or Trinity United Methodist Church, 300 Society Street, Clio, SC 29525.

Burroughs-Cooper-Kiser Funeral Home is assisting the family.

REV. J. STUART HEPLER

BENNETTSVILLE - Rev. J. Stuart Hepler, 90, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

A Service of Death and Resurrection will be at 2 PM Friday, July 2, at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the family plot at Roselawn Cemetery, McColl.

Visitation will be this evening, (Thursday), 6-8 PM, at Burroughs Cooper Kiser Funeral Home, Bennettsville.

Rev. Hepler was born in Thomasville, NC, on April 19, 1920, the son of the late Early Henderson and Martha Susan "Mattie" Hanner Hepler.

He was graduated from the Fair Grove High School near Thomasville in 1938, and entered Mars Hill College in 1940, transferring after one year to Furman University.

His Furman studies were interrupted by World War II, as he entered the U.S. Army in January, 1943, at Camp Croft. He served three years in the European theatre, participating in the battles of Ardennes and Rhineland.

Upon the completion of his army service, he returned to Furman University, from which he was graduated in 1948. He then attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, graduating in 1952. While there, he met his life partner, the former Anne Elizabeth Roberts of Columbia. They were married on July 2, 1950, in Park Street Baptist Church, Columbia, and celebrated over 55 years of marriage together before her death on May 19, 2006. Stuart is being interred beside Anne on their 60th wedding anniversary.

All of Rev. Hepler's pastorates were in South Carolina: Welsh Neck Baptist Church, Society Hill; Beulah Baptist Church, Horrell Hill; Mount Pisgah Baptist Church near Jefferson; Sand Hill Baptist Church near Varnville; Gum Branch Baptist Church near Hartsville; and the First Baptist Church, McColl, where he retired in 1982 after 14 years as pastor of that church. He continued serving as interim pastor for other churches, including Brownsville Baptist Church near Blenheim.

He was raised in the Methodist church, of which his mother was a member, and the Baptist church, of which his father was a member. He made his profession of faith, received his call to preach, and preached his first sermon in the Methodist church. He was baptized, ordained, and served his ministry in the Baptist Church. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Bennettsville.

Surviving are three sons, Rev. James S. (Beth) Hepler, Jr. of Bennettsville, Robert E. (Janine) Hepler of Laurinburg, NC, and Frank B. Hepler, of McColl; eight grandchildren, James S. "Jamie" Hepler III, Amy Beth Hepler, Matthew M. Hepler, Eric Hatchell, Jessica Hatchell, Jonathan Hepler, F. Byron Hepler, and Cathy Hepler Wells (Joe); and a sister, Hannah Hepler Watford of Thomasville.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Hope Hepler, in 1944, and a brother, Earl H. Hepler, Jr., on May 12, 2010.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 456, Bennettsville, SC 29512.

Burroughs Cooper Kiser Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES E. SNYDER

DARLINGTON - Services for Charles E. Snyder, age 66, will be held Friday, at 3:00 pm at the Chapel of Norton Funeral Home. Rev. Brad Jordan and Rev. John Griggs will officiate, directed by Norton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery.

Visitation will be held tonight (Thursday), 6-8 pm at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Snyder died at his residence on June 29, 2010.

He was born in Carlisle, PA, the son of the late William Edward Snyder, and Anna Beam Snyder.

He was employed by Builders First Source of Florence. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid supporter of the South Carolina Gamecocks and the Lamar Silver Foxes. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Surviving are: his wife of 47 years, Betty Lou Moore Snyder, Darlington; sons: Charles E. (Amy) Snyder, II, Hartsville; Jeffrey (Amber) Snyder, Bennettsville; daughters, Karen (Keith) Lane, Florence, Tracy (Brett) Gandy, Hartsville; brother, William E. (Tootie) Snyder, Jr., Murrells Inlet; sister, Shirley Brown, Carlisle, PA; grandchildren, Charles E. Snyder, III, Kristen Gandy, Miriam Snyder, Catherine Snyder, John Snyder, Bradley Gandy, Hayden Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice, 555 East Cheves Street, Florence, SC, 29506. www.nortonfh.net

DEATH NOTICES -

McCOLL - Gladys M. Jackson, 95, died early Sunday morning, June 28, 2010 in the Dundee Manor after an illness.

LITTLE ROCK - Mrs. Bessie Marie Hunt Chavis, 55, wife of Daniel Chavis, died Sunday, June 27, 2010 in her residence, after an illness. Funeral services will be held 4:00 PM, Friday, in Pee Dee Chapel Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation is 7-9 PM tonight (Thursday), in Rogers Funeral Home.

HIGH POINT, NC - Angela Easterling died June 25, 2010 at the Hospice Home in High Point, NC. Funeral services will be held Friday, at 1 PM at Betha Funeral Home Chapel. The family is receiving friends at 132 Graytown Road, McColl. Betha Funeral Home is serving the family.

CLIO - Julia Swiney died June 30, 2010 at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg, NC. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 11 AM, at St. Peters AME Zion Church. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery. The family is receiving friends at 2674 Hwy 381 South, Clio. Betha Funeral Home is serving the family.

Say "I saw it in the Herald-Advocate!"

Cheraw men charged with burglary in Wallace area

By LYNN McQUEEN

Two Cheraw men were taken into custody here following a burglary last week at a home on Sherril Road in Wallace.

Joshua Hughes, 24, of 611 Second Street, Cheraw, and Willie Banks, 23, of 1512 West Market Street, Cheraw, both have been charged with second degree burglary and grand larceny.

The burglary occurred last week. Items that were taken from the home included a TV and Xbox 360. Deputies doing a perimeter search recovered the stolen items hidden in a wooded area nearby and returned them to the victim.

According to the Marlboro County Sheriff's Office, Banks and Hughes were quickly identified as sus-

pects. Investigators interviewed Banks and several witnesses the same evening, and charged Banks the following day. Hughes was arrested on Monday of this week.

A Sheriff's Office spokesman said the Cheraw Police Department was of great assistance in helping investigators locate the defendants and witnesses, and allowing the use of their offices for questioning.



Banks



Hughes

BDDA

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Leisure on the Lawn on July 15th and Revive After Five on July 29th.

He also invited them, to the Grand Opening of Genesis (a Cheraw Street restaurant) at 10:00 AM on July 6.

Harmon presented information on grants given from the BDDA Business Recruitment Fund. He gave updated Lending Library information and also updated Leadership Bennettsville Lending Library information.

Economic Dev. meeting

Harmon reported that he and Butch Mills, co-chair of the BDDA Economic Enhancement Committee, attended an all-day session on Economic Restructuring held in Manning, on May 27th.

Mills said this was an intermediate class on economic restructuring conducted by Todd Barman of the National Main Streets Center in Washington who talked about developing property inventories, retail business inventories, and common areas.

He also touched on selling our town to developers (or becoming developers), new businesses and property owners.

Mills said that BDDA, as a downtown organization, must get more involved in developing real-estate deals, leasing for prospects, property inventories, market information, action plans, and clustering.

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"As always, we thank Betha Funeral Home"

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Paid by Annette Brown

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