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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Interesting Events of Past Week in Barnwell County Town.

Williston, Aug. 18.—Miss Ruth Givens, of Springfield, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Easterling, the Misses Elizabeth and Caro Easterling, of Barnwell, and Miss Jean Riley, of Augusta, were visitors in Williston Monday.

Mrs. Bryant Weeks, of Charleston, was a visitor in Williston Monday. He is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Weeks at White Pond.

After a visit of several weeks with Mrs. W. O. Spraws, Mrs. O. C. O'Shields and daughter, have returned to their home in Cross Anchor and were accompanied back by Miss Ruth Mims.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Willis spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willis.

Mrs. Carrie Usery and Miss Elmo Usery have returned from a visit to Saluda and other points.

Charles L. Latimer, of Miami Fla., and Miss Annie Mae Martin, of Greenville, were married in Greenville last Sunday by the groom's uncle, Dr. David M. Ramsay, and are spending a few days in Williston with his brothers, D. T. and J. A. Latimer. Mr. Latimer is connected with the A. H. Ramsay Lumber Company, of Miami, and is making the trip to Miami in his car.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carter and children of Bamberg, and Mrs. H. H. Altman and children, of Charleston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Latimer at an all-day picnic at Smith's swimming pool last Friday. Mrs. Morduch Maszuryk and Mrs. Charlie Brown, Jr., of Barnwell, and Miss Lily Maszuryk, of Aiken, were visitors this week of Mrs. A. N. Garber.

Miss Lila Kennedy, of Augusta is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Kennedy.

Miss Lucile Porter spent last week in Bamberg with her cousin, Miss Theresa Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hudson have returned from Gastonia, N. C., where they visited the latter's sister, Mrs. William Hair.

Mrs. Herbert Easterling and children, of Charleston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Weeks at White Pond. Miss Maxine Hair has returned from a visit to relatives in Johnston. Miss Beatrice Hair is visiting in Johnston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fearock and Mrs. P. F. Parker are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Givens in Bishopville and will be accompanied back by P. F. Parker, Jr., and Mary Ellen Parker, who have been visiting there several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Willis, of Augusta, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Latimer and children are spending several days on Sullivan's Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wengrow, of Blackville, are visiting their son, Joe Wengrow.

Miss Eva Wengrow has returned from a visit to Miss Alberta Hancock, of Blacksburg, and Miss Hancock is the guest of Miss Wengrow this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Stringfellow and children, of Atlanta, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smoak.

Mr. Pickens Bell returned to his work in Asheville this week after spending the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hair and children have returned from a visit to the North Carolina mountains and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boyd, at Washington, Ga.

Mrs. D. L. Merritt and Mrs. Sullivan Weathersbee are visiting Mrs. J. M. Russell in Greenville.

Miss Blanche Key has returned to her home in St. Matthews after a visit of several weeks with Miss Annie Teague Merritt, who accompanied her to St. Matthews.

Mr. W. E. Cunningham has returned from Braddocks Heights, Maryland, where Mrs. Cunningham and their son, Ned, have been spending the summer. On their return they stopped over at Liberty Hill, where Mrs. Cunningham and Ned will visit before returning to Williston.

Mrs. J. E. Woodward, of Ellerbe, is visiting her father, Mr. J. D. Kennedy.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Snodling

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"A SAIL"



John Smith in Dallas News.

SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON GROWERS ARE PLEASSED WITH CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N

Members Received Average of Twenty to Thirty Dollars Per Bale More Than Non Members.—Over Ten Thousand Growers Were Members Last Year and Over Fourteen Thousand Will Travel the New Road to Market This Fall.

Over ten thousand South Carolina farmers marketed their cotton through the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association last fall and received an average of from twenty to thirty dollars more per bale than the average received by the non-members of the association. Over fourteen thousand farmers are going to travel this new road to market this year.

Last year was the first year's operations of the association and its first year's record is one which will bring joy to its members. Chartered on June 16 the association had but a short time in which to prepare for its initial year's business but notwithstanding this fact everything was conducted in an orderly manner and the cotton turned over to it was marketed to the satisfaction of the growers. So successful has been the organization that it has won the confidence and commendation of the farmers, banker and business men alike.

What It Is. The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association is an organization of South Carolina cotton growers, on a state-wide basis, formed for the one specific purpose of selling their cotton crop cooperatively.

It is a marketing organization composed only of actual South Carolina cotton growers, landlords and tenants, operated directly by the growers, with the assistance of the best technical cotton specialists that can be employed.

Specifically the Association does the following definite things for the members:

- 1. It grades, classes, staples and weighs each bale.
2. It warehouses and stores cotton wherever and whenever necessary.
3. It sells all of its cotton in even running lots, each grade, class and staple within its own soil.
4. It sells on its own samples and grades.
5. It sells collectively and only when the market demands it.
6. It sells its cotton as directly as possible.

a marketing contract with the grower, representing himself and every other member, in which all members agree to sell all of their cotton through the association for a period of years and during which time all members must deliver all of their cotton to the association, and to no other firm, person or corporation.

The cotton becomes the actual property of the association, in which that he delivers. The association, through its technical cotton marketing specialists, employed by the Board of Directors, handles all of the cotton of its members, in the most profitable way, carrying out the steps enumerated, and providing back the maximum profit to each member.

Answers and Questions. Who belong to the Association? Only men who grow cotton, or who receive cotton as rent.

Who manage the Association? The directors, elected by the members, and who themselves are members and have cotton to sell. Whatever they do is done for the benefit of the cotton of all members as well as for the benefit of their own cotton.

How are the directors elected? The State is divided into ten districts. Each district has one director. The members in that district vote, either in person or by mail, once a year to say who their directors shall be. But there are eleven directors. Who is the eleventh man? He is appointed by the Governor of the State.

Who sells the cotton? The directors employ the best technical cotton salesmen they can find for this purpose, and oversee their work.

What is the membership fee? \$5.00. This is the first and last membership fee ever to be paid.

What does a member obligate himself to do when he signs the marketing contract, now? To sell all of crop through the association for the years, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926.

What happens to the member if the association goes into court to prevent breach of contract? The grower not only has to pay liquidation damages for breach of contract, but he also has to pay all costs of suits and is restrained by injunction from selling outside of the association.

Does the marketing agreement and contract comply to law? Absolutely so. It has been submitted to and has stood the test of inspection by the State courts and the Federal Trade Commission, and it has been examined by competent attorneys and judges and pronounced legal, fair and reasonable.

Why is it necessary to have a long term contract? For a number of excellent reasons. One is to insure that all of the members will stick for that long a time. Another is to insure that the associations will have a definite volume of business, so that an adequate selling organization can be set up and maintained. A third reason is that it will not pay to go into associations of this sort except for a term of years, so that the amount of business done during that time will be sure the overhead expense necessary to get them started. A fourth reason is that competent salesmen and managers cannot be hired for just one year. A fifth and very important reason is that manufacturers, exporters, bankers and others will not do business with an organization that will remain in business for only a short time.

Can a member sign for half or part of his crop? He cannot. Would you want to give any member the privilege of selling half or part of his crop through the association and of selling the other part to a speculator who would work directly against the association? Why are these cooperative associations made so strong? To prevent the weakness from sliding out and to prevent any possible breaking of the associations. Also to prevent outsiders and speculators from tempting, by temporary high prices, members to forsake the associations and thus destroy them.

How is the cotton sold? When delivered to the Association, each bale is graded and classed, and put in a pool with other bales of the same grade and class. These pools of the same grade and class are sold at the highest possible market price, and as directly as possible to spinners.

How does the cotton pool work? All cotton of similar grade and class is put into one lot. Each pool continues for one season. If all of the pool is not sold or contracted for at once, some may be sold at one time and some at another, all at the best possible price. If parts of the pool are sold at different prices, these prices will be averaged, and the average value per pound secured for all the cotton in the pool's paid to each member. It is not fair that one member of the pool should have either a higher or a lower price than every other member, since neither the Association nor any member is responsible for fluctuations in the market.

How much does the association charge for handling, grading, warehousing and selling the cotton of members? Not a cent more than it actually takes to do this service. Each member will get the maximum net proceeds for his crop, less the actual cost of running the association.

Does the association guarantee the member any certain price? It does not. The contract provides that the association will sell the members' cotton at the best price obtainable on the market. Neither the association nor any one else can guarantee what the market will be.

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The Directors of the association are: Harry C. Hamilton, Chairman; W. E. Cunningham, Secretary; J. A. Latimer, Treasurer; J. P. McNair, District 1; J. S. Craig, District 2; J. S. Craig, District 3; J. S. Craig, District 4; J. S. Craig, District 5; J. S. Craig, District 6; J. S. Craig, District 7; J. S. Craig, District 8; J. S. Craig, District 9; J. S. Craig, District 10.

INTERESTING NEWS OF DOUBLE POND SECTION

Members of B. Y. P. U. Enjoy Pleasant Evening.

Double Pond, Aug. 20.—Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. met Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Evelyn Bell, of Orangeburg, visited her aunt, Mrs. Ellen Jones, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Croft spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Warren.

Mr. J. B. Weeks and children motored to Blackville Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ollie Lee Jones was in Blackville Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Miss Ruby Lee Warren spent Sunday with Miss Julia Mae Warren.

Mrs. Sallie Delk and family spent the week-end with relatives in Blackville.

Mr. Freddie Jones was in Blackville Saturday.

Miss Lillian Hutto is spending some time in Blackville.

The people of this community are very sorry to learn that the Rev. J. F. Davis is sick and hope for a speedy recovery.

The B. Y. P. U. social met at the home of Mrs. Ellen Jones last Wednesday night, August 15, a large crowd of boys, girls and grown ups being present, as follows: Misses Ivy and Lula Hair, Lillian Hutto, Ollie Lee Jones, Julia Mae Warren, Bertha and Lila Weeks, Maggie and Annie Belle Collins, Daisy Hair, Messrs. Leon and Telford Hutto, Henry Weston and Freddie Jones, Isadore and Cecil Hartung, R. W. Warren, Jeff and J. C. Hair, Cecil Weeks, Eddie Collins, Milton Delk, Frank and Fred Hair, Collie Yast, Jerry Johnson, R. W. Jones, Sr., and Jerome Martin, Mrs. Louisa Hutto, Mrs. Jennie Hartung, Mrs. Ellen Jones, Mrs. Willie Lee Jones, Mrs. Mamie Warren, Mrs. Fannie Hutto, Mrs. J. E. Bell, little Misses Alice Johnson, Loin and Edith Hartung and Master Norman Warren. While the refreshments were being prepared the guests entertained themselves with music, after which ice cream and cake were served by the union. After refreshments a short program was carried out with songs, readings, story telling, recitations and solos. Several hours were spent in fun and pleasure. Some new members were enrolled.

(Miss) Ollie Lee Jones.

Roads Need Maintenance.

Laurens Advertiser.

Anyone traveling over the highways of South Carolina and even North Carolina these days, over both top soil and hard surfaced roads, must be struck with the need of adequate maintenance of roads already built. It has come to be the idea to measure progress in road work by the number of highways built without regard to the ability to keep them up. Miles and miles of roads in this state and in North Carolina are rapidly going to pieces from lack of funds, while still more miles are being built. We should face the facts. Great sums should not be spent in building roads unless provision is to be made to maintain them. Laurens county roads, about as good on the average as any of the older top soil roads, furnish a sufficient argument for the need of more maintenance funds.

large, appointed by the Governor.

District No. 1—Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties, E. Wallace Evans, of Bennettsville.

District No. 2—Greenville, Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties, J. Wade Drake, of Anderson.

District No. 3—Spartanburg, Laurens, Newberry, Union and Cherokee Counties, J. S. Craig, of Laurens.

District No. 4—Abbeville, Greenwood, Saluda, Aiken, Edgefield, McCormick, Barnwell and Allendale Counties, J. P. McNair, of Aiken.

District No. 5—Darlington and Lee Counties, B. F. Williamson, of Darlington.

District No. 6—Dillon, Marion, Florence, and Horry Counties, A. Victor Bethes, of Dillon.

District No. 7—Richland, Lexington and Calhoun Counties, R. C. Hamer, of Eastover.

District No. 8—Orangeburg, Colleton, Bamberg, Dorchester and Hampton counties, A. R. Johnson, of St. George.

District No. 9—Sumter, Clarendon and Williamsburg Counties, L. D. Jennings, of Sumter.

District No. 10—York, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw and Lancaster Counties, S. E. Goodwell, of Chester.

S. S. CONVENTION MEETS AT GHENT'S BRANCH CHURCH

Excellent Program Arranged for Meeting on August 29-31.

The Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist School-Convention will meet at Ghent's Branch Church, August 29th, 30th and 31st. The following program has been arranged for the meeting:

Wednesday.

11:00—Devotional Exercises, G. W. Warren.

11:30—Address of Welcome on behalf of Sunday School by C. J. Creech. Welcome in behalf of Church by Rev. Walter Black, Pastor.

11:45—Response by F. P. Lee and Rev. C. M. Robertson.

12:00—Roll call and organization.

12:30—Special exercises Double Ponds S. S.; Colston; Heeling Springs Springtown and Bethel.

Intermission for dinner to 3:30 P. M.

3:00 P. M.—Devotional exercises by H. J. Hair.

3:15—Echoes from the state convention by Miss Virginia Hill; Prof. R. C. Burts.

4:15—Special exercises by Otis S. S. Hilda, Blackville, Williston. Appointment of Committees; adjournment.

Thursday.

11:00 A. M.—Devotional exercises by W. R. Bell.

11:15 A. M.—The value of the story in Child training. Miss Elizabeth Nuckles.

11:45 A. M.—Primary Demonstration by Bamberg S. S. Mrs. R. H. Hitt, Sept.

12:15 A. M.—Special exercises by Georgia Creek No. 1, No. 2 Long Branch, Ghent Branch, Adjuvment for dinner.

2:00 P. M.—Prayer and testimony by D. F. Lattimer.

3:15 P. M.—Special exercises by Hunters Chapel, Mt. Calvary.

3:45 P. M.—Address by Dr. G. E. Davis.

4:30 P. M.—Report from committee, adjournment.

Friday.

11:00 A. M.—Devotional exercises by N. H. Frazier.

11:15 A. M.—The Baptist Alliance by Rev. J. Dean Crain.

12:00 M.—Selection from Spring Branch, Elko, Sycamore, Reedy Branch, Greens Academy, Pleasant Hill, Brythart, Barnwell, Seven Pines, Joyce Branch, Cypress Chapel. Adjournment for dinner.

3:00 P. M.—Song and prayer service by W. E. Brant.

3:15 P. M.—"Hiding the Word in Their Hearts" by Miss Elizabeth Nuckles.

3:30 P. M.—Special exercises by Denmark, Friendship, Embree, Ehrhardt.

3:45 P. M.—Benefits derived from this convention by Dr. J. R. McCormick and Rev. M. B. Backley. Adjournment.

MRS. MAGGIE C. HAIR

Prominent Blackville Woman Passed Away Friday Night.

Blackville, Aug. 18.—Mrs. Maggie C. Hair, widow of the late Mr. Judson F. Hair, died about 9 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hal D. Still, after a long spell of illness. She was about 76 years of age.

Before her marriage to Mr. Hair, she was Miss Maggie C. Felder, a member of a prominent South Carolina family. She was a devoted Christian, wife and mother, and was a very useful woman in religious activities. She was a member of the Baptist church here, and belonged also to the Davis-Lee, U. D. C., and to the Joseph Koger Chapter, D. A. R. She was one of the descendants of Joseph Koger and Henry Felder, of Revolutionary fame.

She had hosts of friends who deeply regret her death. Her husband preceded her to the grave about four years ago. They had a short while before his death celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Hair is survived by a large family of sons and daughters: Mrs. Hal D. Still, Mrs. Julius Sanders, of Blackville, Mrs. Walters, of Columbia, Mr. A. B. Hair, of Blackville, Dr. George F. Hair, of Bamberg, Dr. Harry Hair, of Columbia and Dr. Murray Hair, of Greenville. Funeral and interment will take place at the Blackville cemetery.