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Associated Charities -- Doing Splendid Work in Barnwell County

The People takes pleasure in publishing the following report of the Recording and Executive Secretaries of the Associated Charities of Barnwell, which shows in part the splendid work being done by this organization:

Early in the month of May, 1922, an organization known as the Associated Charities of Barnwell was formed, the objects of this society being to look after the poor of this community, to administer aid and relief in cases which were deserving of charity and benevolence, and to better the general social and living conditions of the community.

It will possibly be interesting to our folks to know just what good has been accomplished since that time. For a number of years our people have been called upon throughout the entire year for help in all manner of cases, some worthy and some unworthy, and it was at times hard to determine who deserved help. Our organization has stepped in and taken over this work to a great extent and today we feel that our people have an organization of which they should be proud. We were instrumental in having an ordinance passed by the Town Council requiring a permit to solicit alms or other assistance, thereby avoiding so much promiscuous begging on the streets. When a case is reported a personal investigation is made and, if worthy, relief is furnished at once. We frequently have calls from people living in and around other towns, not only in this but adjoining counties, and, of course, are unable to render aid in as much as our work must of necessity be confined to those living in and adjacent to our own town and community. But in cases of this kind we always take the matter up with some one living in the community from which the relief is asked and in this way help is given. We are hoping in the near future to have a county wide organization which will not only care for those unfortunates around us but will reach out and help the helpless all over the county. If the other towns in our county will organize such a society we can then reach out and meet them on the half-way ground and much good can be accomplished.

We have big hearted men and women all over our county who would willingly give time and effort to accomplish such an end. If you could go with our small handful of workers to some of the destitute cases which we are called upon to administer to you would not doubt for a moment that such work was an absolute necessity. In rendering aid we not only furnish the needed assistance, but it likewise teaches us the value of the personal touch in lives made dreary by poverty and degradation, one of the objects of our organization being to better the general social and living conditions of our community. There are no paid workers in our organization, all work being done gratis and in this way every cent that is paid into the treasury is expended for the relief of the helpless and needy. There are people who live such narrow, self centered lives that it is hard for them to believe that a person would give time and attention to this line of work unless he or she were well paid for it. It is frequently brought to our attention that, in as much as we are paid for this work, we should do just a little bit more. We feel that we are amply paid, not in money but in gratitude from those whom we assist in their hour of need. Now that school has begun we are having numerous calls for second hand clothing and school books and would be glad to receive such donations.

At an early date we hope to have a public meeting in the Vamp Theatre with a splendid program of music and an interesting speaker and give a brief outline of the work being done, which will prove both instructive and interesting.

When the Dental Clinic was put on last September our Board guaranteed payment of \$150.00, the pro rata share of Barnwell, Williston and Blackville putting on a like amount and Dunbarton, Elko and Kline \$50.00 each, thereby giving the children of the county an opportunity to have their dental work done for the small charge of 50c per tooth. In the case of children unable to pay, the work was done free. In January we put on the Adenoid and Tonsil Clinic

Untold Damage Done to Crops and Roads by Heavy Downpours

The incessant heavy rains of the past two weeks have done untold damage to the crops and highways in this State. It is impossible to estimate the damage in this county, but it will amount to many thousands of dollars. The greatest crop damage has been suffered by the cotton crop. Already admittedly short in this section, the production has been further curtailed by the heavy rains. Hundreds of bales, it is said, have been beaten from the plants and seed began sprouting in the bolls several days ago.

Many farmers have lost large quantities of peavine hay, and the pea crop has also been damaged.

The loss in the cotton crop has been partly offset by the recent advance in prices, provided, of course, that the price does not slump again before the remainder of the crop can be harvested and put on the market. It will take a high price for middling cotton, however, to offset the loss in grades.

where quite a number of children were successfully operated on, said operations being done for the small fee of \$25.00.

During the past year we have handled quite a number of cases and not only helped to put them on their feet again but have endeavored to teach them the need of sanitation, etc., in the home.

Last Christmas we put the matter before the Sunday School classes of the various churches of the town and asked that each class adopt a family for Christmas in order that no little child might go lacking at that glad season. Not only classes were eager to adopt a family, but we found numerous individuals anxious to do work of this kind and it goes without saying that the folk who took part in this work had the happiest Christmas they had spent in many a year.

The following families have received assistance from our Association during the past year:

1. Family consisting of eight members, all of whom were ill at one time, except the aged grandmother. Clothing, bed linen, nourishment and washing for several weeks.
2. Husband ill in hospital, wife and three children destitute; part of time wife was ill. Medical attention, medicine and nourishment furnished for several weeks. In this case physicians giving their work gratis.
3. Aged father and mother and two invalid daughters; Nourishment as well as nurse for several weeks.
4. Mother and four children; Mother ill; nourishment furnished for week.
5. Family consisting of nine members; mother in desperate condition; nurse furnished for mother and infant for one week; bed linen, clothing for entire family and nourishment for some time. In this case extraction of mother's teeth found necessary, dentist doing work free.
6. Aged mother died in hospital, family unable to furnish burial expenses; portion of this expense borne.
7. Family of nine; In this home everything was needed; mother in poor health, nurse furnished for sick baby for one week; nourishment, clothing, etc.
8. Three in family; father paralyzed; groceries and clothing furnished.
9. Wife ill with typhoid fever; Clothing, nourishment, ice.
10. Bulgarian milk furnished for sick baby for week or more.
11. Family of six; Three children sick in family; everything needed. Clothing, nourishment, etc., furnished.
12. In this home man paralyzed. Groceries furnished.

The following colored families have received assistance:

1. Colored man with pleurisy needing hospital treatment to save life; money furnished to amount of \$21.00. Man well and able to return to work.
 2. Colored woman with typhoid fever; Nourishment, ice, etc. In many of these cases both doctors and druggists furnished assistance free.
 3. Portion of burial expenses paid for wife of blind man.
 4. Groceries furnished to faithful old man who has a sick son; Bethlehem Baptist Church putting up a like amount to be expended for them.
- Respectfully submitted,
Jennie P. Greene, Rec. Sec.
Mrs. A. A. Lemon, Exec. Sec.

"DOLLAR DEMOCRACY"

"I HAVE GIVEN MY DOLLAR—HAVE YOU?"

To the Democrats of Barnwell County:

From State and National Headquarters we get the most encouraging news for Democratic success this year. However, it is taking lots of money to keep the great issues before the people in the East and West, and each of us—MEN AND WOMEN—is called on to give a DOLLAR and to give it quick. So your county committee begs that you come forward with your dollar, as it is impossible for the committee to see each of you. The money may be left with the local committee in your town or polling precinct, or brought or sent to the Home Bank of Barnwell, and each subscriber's name will be published.

Mrs. J. E. Harley,
Harry D. Calhoun,
County Committee.

Lightning Might Not Strike Twice in Same Place, But Officers Do

It may be true that lightning does not strike twice in the same place—probably because there's nothing left to strike the second time—but bootleggers who thought that the old adage applied to prohibition enforcement officers had a rude awakening Friday. It has been whispered around that quite frequently, after a raid has been made and a still destroyed, the moonshiners would erect a new still on the site of the old one. With this in mind, local officers who destroyed the "twin still" near Barnwell on Monday of last week decided to visit the spot again Friday and sure enough they found about 1,500 gallons of mash and material for repairing the stills that had been destroyed in the previous raid. Moonshiners will probably have to select new sites for their operations after their stills have been raided and destroyed.

Select Sweet Potato Seed at Digging Time

Not enough attention is paid to the selection of sweet potato seed. Most farmers take the very small potatoes from the entire field, bank these up to save for spring bedding. This plan is a very bad one, because there are several bad diseases that will continue from year to year to be present on account of disease being transferred from year to year.

Wilt and black rot are the two principal diseases that we have to contend with. They are fungus diseases and carried from one field to another on seed potatoes of young plants. Wilt can be easily detected by the vines losing their leaves and wilting down. This will be more evident in dry seasons. The inside stem has dark streaks where the fungus has grown into the water channel. The fungus grows down in the potato from the vine and is thus transferred the following spring to the new crop. This disease can best be controlled by selecting seed from vine cuttings and examining closely in order to detect any wilt that might be present as is shown by the dark streaks in the vine and stem end of the potato.

Black rot is also a serious disease; it causes smooth dark brown spots on the potatoes at digging time. The stems of the young plants appear yellow, and the main stems turn black and decay. Seed selection at digging time and treatment of the seed are the best methods for the control of this disease. Treatment of seed will be necessary in the spring, at which time detailed methods will be given. —H. G. Boylston, County Agent.

The Lombard Entertainers.

It is a true saying that the successful man is he who laughs often, lives well and leaves the world better than he found it. Harry Lombard, Organizer and Manager of the Lombard Entertainers can qualify under this digest as a most successful man. He goes a step farther, however, and

Miss Lula Chriesman Has Been Appointed Demonstration Agent

Aiken, Sept. 30.—Miss Lula Chriesman, of Allison, Tenn., has been secured by Miss Bessie Harper, District Agent, as Home Demonstration Agent for Barnwell County to succeed Miss Elma Cave, who resigned to take charge of the Home Economics Work of the Barnwell Schools.

Miss Chriesman will begin work October 1st. Miss Chriesman comes to South Carolina with splendid recommendations. She has had six years experience as a Demonstration Agent. She was also in charge of the Home Economics department at Burritt College, Spencer, Tenn. Speaking of her work there Pres. Scott said: "I have never observed a teacher who had greater influence over students for good than she, and I have never seen a more diligent and conscientious worker."

Miss Chriesman was reared in one of the progressive communities of Tennessee and is thoroughly in sympathy with rural people and their problems.

She will commence re-organizing clubs immediately after her arrival. Anyone desiring any information or help along her line should communicate with her at Barnwell.

Broncho Billy Verne Gets Stiff Sentence

Broncho Billy Verne, a Cherokee Indian, who gave a performance at Dyches' Swimming Pool during the past summer, has been convicted of bigamy in Georgia and sentenced to serve a sentence of from three to six years at the State Farm at Milledgeville. The presiding judge first fixed his sentence at eight years, but many complaints were registered that the sentence was too severe. The judge then allowed four women and one man to express their personal opinion, under a secret balloting system, as to how many years imprisonment the prisoner should serve. The lighter sentence was in accord with the result of the balloting. It is said that this unique method of meeting out justice has never been employed before in the courts of Georgia, and it further marked the first instance wherein a woman was called on for jury service in that State.

makes others laugh and sheds brightness and beauty throughout the programme which is presented by his remarkable company.

For eight years he was baritone with the English Opera Company and is known not only as a singer but also for his ability as a comedian of high rank.

Two artists, feminine and gracious, assist Mr. Lombard in the presentation of a program that is entertaining and delightful and as clean and wholesome as mountain air.

This excellent company will appear as one of the numbers on the Lyceum course at the Vamp Theatre on Friday Oct. 3rd.

DON'T GIN COTTON WET!

Former Governor Richard I Manning has issued the following warning to farmers throughout the State:

"Reports are received from reliable sources that cotton is being ginned wet. This causes gin cut. All cotton ginned wet is rotting in the bale and such cotton is bringing only 10c to 12c, which is a needless sacrifice.

"I, therefore, advise our farmers not to pick cotton until they have three or four days of sunshine, which will bleach it and give it better color and, after it is picked, to stir it every day until it is dry, and not to gin cotton wet.

"The crop is already cut off badly and further sacrifice by bad handling should be avoided."

30 Miles of Barnwell County Highways to Be Surfaced in Year

Contracts for the surfacing of two roads in Barnwell County have been let. One contract provides for the surfacing of the road from Barnwell to Ellenton, a distance of about 20 miles, and the other of the Augusta-Allendale road from a point near Ellenton to the Allendale-Barnwell County line, a distance of almost 11 miles.

Approximately \$215,000.00 is to be expended on the two projects, according to C. H. Morefield, State Highway engineer. Of this amount, \$95,000 is to be paid out on the Augusta-Allendale road project (state highway No. 28) and \$120,000 on the Ellenton-Barnwell road, bridge work included in both cases, Mr. Morefield said.

Contract for the state highway No. 28 project was awarded to W. R. Carson of York and for the Barnwell-Ellenton road to the Newell Construction company. Contracts for the bridge work in each case was awarded to the Funderburk Construction company.

The greater part of both roads will be graded, according to Mr. Morefield, with small portions of each to have sand-clay surfaces. The smaller project will be completed in about ten months, while the longer stretch of road will be completed in about a year.

Moonshiner Plants Prohi Enforcement Officers on Island

Edgefield, Sept. 23.—Prohibition Officer J. P. Hart, who makes Edgefield his headquarters, has had many thrilling experiences during his several years of faithful service, but last Thursday a keen witted bootlegger and distiller "put one over" on him that will not soon be forgotten.

Having received information that distillers were operating on Bostick's Island in the Savannah river, off Hampton County, this State, Mr. Hart, J. W. Sanders and two rural policemen from Georgia prepared to make a raid Thursday. A young man who owned a boat offered to take the men over to the island from the Georgia bank and point out where a large still could be located. The officers accepted the offer. On reaching the island, they left the boat and went to locate their "game," following the instructions given by their informant.

The river was high and water covered much of the island, making a thorough search impossible. But their suspicion was aroused when no still was found at the spot to which the boatman had directed them. Upon returning to where the landing had been made they found that their supposed loyal coworker had returned to the Georgia bank with the boat and left it there within their full view. It was then that it dawned upon the officers that they had been tricked and were now marooned upon an island surrounded by a swollen stream. The men spent 28 hours on Bostick's island without food and with nothing to quench their thirst except the muddy river water. Their discomfort was accentuated by mosquitoes that attacked them day and night. Mr. Hart's hands and wrists showed numberless punctures by these pesky little creatures.

Driven to desperation, Mr. Hart stripped off his clothes and swam across the river, partly against the current, so as to be driven down stream, to the Georgia bank, took possession of the boat and rowed back for his companions. Mr. Hart says that hereafter when he is transported by boat to a lone island one dependable person will be left in charge of the craft so as to insure a return to the mainland.

Brabham-Kipley.

Olar, Sept. 28.—Miss Gladys Carmen Brabham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gordon Brabham, of Olar, was married to Earle H. Kipley September 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Northey, Dilworth, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Kipley holds a responsible position with the Ford Motor Company. The bride and bridegroom are now visiting the parents of the former in Olar. They will make Charlotte their home.

Appeals to Farmers for Heavier Bales; Exports Affected

Columbia, Sept. 29.—An appeal to the members of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to gin heavier bales of cotton and a warning to all growers of the State that unless this is done that it will be almost impossible to sell South Carolina cotton to export was issued last night by B. F. McLeod, general manager of the co-operative association.

Mr. McLeod stated that on cotton weighing between 400 and 500 pounds there is quite a loss to European importers in tare. Their calculations are always based on 500 pound bales and when cotton turns out light they naturally lose the bagging and ties.

Mr. McLeod stated yesterday that a well known cotton exporter had declared that if South Carolina continues its present practice of putting up lightweight bales that it was very probable that within a short time there will be no exporters bidding on South Carolina cotton except at very low prices. This exporter stated that one of his connections had already advised him that they would not buy any cotton which originated in certain sections of South Carolina because most of the cotton coming from those particular sections were lightweight bales.

"This matter in our opinion is a very serious one," said Mr. McLeod, "and we think that the farmers of the State should heed the warning that has been given them. They are losing money by packing these lightweight bales and they are fixing to ruin the export trade of the State. We wish to particularly appeal to the members of our association to gin bales as near the 500-pound weight as possible and we beg to assure them that they are saving money by doing so. For the sake of the State as a whole we trust that non-members will do likewise because if they do not they are going to ruin the sale of cotton for export."

Mr. McLeod also urged the farmers to allow their cotton to dry out for at least four days following the present rains before picking.

"I understand," says the statement issued by the co-operative's general manager, "that there has been some cotton sold by the growers during the past few days for 12 cents a pound—it was cotton that had been picked wet. It seems to me that this warning would be sufficient."

Graded School Opens at Healing Springs; Expect Good Session

Healing Springs, Sept. 25.—The Healing Springs Graded School opened Sept. 1st. Talks were made by the Rev. D. W. Heckle, the Rev. D. K. Garrison, Mr. W. W. Barr, Jr., Mr. H. J. Hair, Mr. B. F. Gardner and T. J. Grubbs, all of whom predicted a successful year for the school. The teachers for this session are as follows: Mr. W. W. Barr, Jr., Springfield; Miss Azilee Mills, Prosperity; Miss Ruth Mims Coggrits, Healing Springs.

The school literary society has been reorganized with the following officers: Henry Lott, president; Fannie Lou Gardner, secretary; Ruby Cain, corresponding secretary; Inez Stansell and Lucile Proctor, censors. The annual revival services of the Healing Springs Baptist Church were conducted by the Rev. N. Neingazer, and the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Foster. The services were largely attended and it is expected that much good will result.

The people of this section are glad to welcome the family of Mr. Cliff Kemp back to Healing Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vickery, of Barnwell, spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Mims.

Miss Pearl Bodiford is at home for a short while before reopening her school this fall.

Miss Ruby Mae Jowers leaves Friday to take charge of her school in Orangeburg County.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gardner and daughters motored to Columbia Sunday and spent the day with the former's mother.

Everybody is delighted to see Mr. Forest Bodiford at home after an absence of several months.

Mr. S. J. Gardner left Sept. 8th for Furman University. Friends wish him a successful year.