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NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Act Becomes Effective Immediately Upon Its Approval by the Governor.—Was Introduced by Senator Patterson.

For the information of its readers, The People is publishing this week the full text of the new county government bill, which was introduced in the Senate by Senator A. B. Patterson, of Barnwell, and passed third reading in the House Wednesday of last week. The Act, which becomes effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor, is as follows:

A BILL to Repeal "An Act to Provide a System of County Government for Barnwell County" known as No. 552 of the Acts of 1922, and approved March 11th, 1922, and all Acts Amendatory thereof, and to abolish the form of County Government thereby established, and to Create a New form of Government for Barnwell County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: SECTION 1. That an Act entitled "An Act to Provide a System of County Government for Barnwell County" known as No. 552 of the Acts of 1922, and approved March 11th, 1922, and all Acts Amendatory thereof, be, and the same are hereby repealed, and the form of Government thereby created is hereby abolished and a new form of Government for Barnwell County is hereinafter created.

SECTION 2. That a Board of County Commissioners of Barnwell County, to consist of five members, is hereby created, to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Legislative Delegation, to include the Senator, for a period of two years, and until their successors are appointed and qualify, at a compensation of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars per annum, each, to be paid monthly.

SECTION 3. The said Board of Commissioners shall elect from their number a Chairman, upon whom shall be devolved by the Board, in its discretion, such executive and official duties as it may deem advisable, and shall each enter into a bond in a Surety Company to be approved by the Clerk of Court in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty.

SECTION 4. That all the duties, obligations and functions heretofore imposed by law upon the County Commissioners which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby devolved upon and vested in the said Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5. That it shall be the general duty of said County Board of Commissioners, for the discharge of which duty full power and authority are hereby conferred, to organize and conduct the administration of the County's business, financial and fiscal affairs upon a systematic, economical and efficient basis.

SECTION 6. That the said Board of County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to employ a competent office assistant, to be known as the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, at a salary to be fixed by Commissioners, not to exceed \$100.00 per month, payable monthly, who shall be required to be in the office of the said Board daily, within reasonable office hours, to keep the books, accounts and records; and to perform the clerical work of said office and to perform such other duties as may be imposed by the said Board.

SECTION 7. The said Board of County Commissioners shall, immediately upon qualifying and entering upon the discharge of their duties, make an estimate of the amount of supplies necessary to and for the needs of the county for the first ensuing month thereafter, and shall continue every thirty days to make such estimate, and shall advertise and let to the lowest bidder who is willing to furnish said supplies: Provided, That said Board shall have the right to let out the said contract to more than one bidder so that exclusive dealers in any one article shall have the right to bid thereon.

SECTION 8. That the said Board of County Commissioners shall meet on the first Tuesday in each month at the Court House to audit, approve and issue vouchers for the claims against the County of Barnwell, and to transact such other business as in their

discretion is proper and necessary, and may meet at such other times, at the Court House or elsewhere, as the business of said Board of County Commissioners may require: Provided, That no contract shall be made, account approved, nor warrant drawn or paid, in excess of the appropriation made for the specific purposes provided, without the written approval of the Legislative Delegation: Provided, further That no warrant shall be paid unless signed by the Chairman and two other members of said Board.

SECTION 9. The said Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to employ counsel at an annual salary of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars; whose duty it shall be to advise the said Board in all matters where legal advice is necessary, and to defend all suits brought against said County, and to bring all actions for said County whenever a cause may arise in favor of said County: Provided, That said Board shall have the right to pay any extra expense that counsel may incur by reason of additional services other than the usual legal services hereinbefore required.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the County Board of Commissioners of Barnwell County to keep on file in their office, open to public inspection, a complete record of all expenditures of the county, and all funds devoted to the building or improvement of roads and bridges in the county arising out of special levies, commutation tax, local bond issues or other sources, and of all moneys and other property of the county, including live stock, machinery, working tools, wagons and carts, the said record to show the dates of receipt and disposal and disbursement of the same, the sources of receipt, the amount or amounts paid for personal property, dates of purchase and sale, by whom sold, name of purchaser, amount sold for, date and manner of loss, if any; and the said County Commissioners shall publish quarterly a complete statement of the same in one of the County newspapers; the said statement to contain a list of all expenditures paid or approved by them during the quarter next preceding such publication, and a statement of all moneys expended in the County for road improvements and other purposes, either by the county or out of the proceeds of local bond issues, special levies or commutation tax; and the custodians of all funds devoted to the improvement or building of roads and bridges in the County are hereby required to file quarterly with the County Board of Commissioners a full statement of all their expenditures in time for the publication of accounts herein required: Provided, That the said County Commissioners shall not be required to publish any items now required by law to be published by the County Treasurer.

SECTION 11. The said Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to employ a County Physician at an annual salary of (\$600.00) Six Hundred Dollars, whose duty it shall be to treat all inmates of County Jail and Poor House and all convicts upon the County chain gang and to provide a diet list for these institutions. The County Physician shall also attend all inquests and perform such other services as are required of the County Physician.

SECTION 12. It shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners to keep a record in their office at all times, open to public inspection, a complete list of prisoners in the county jail, showing the respective dates of their confinement and discharge or removal from said jail; also a complete record of all convicts confined on the public works of the county, showing the respective dates of their confinement and discharge, release or escape, length of sentence of each, and amounts of fines imposed or collected. Such record shall be kept in a book provided therefor by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 13. The said County Board shall procure and keep on hand suitable books necessary for keeping a systematic record of the matters and things set forth in this Article.

SECTION 14. It shall be the duty of all county officers to furnish in

Verdict Directed in \$100,000 Damage Suit

Judge W. H. Townsend, presiding at the March term of the Court of Common Pleas, directed a verdict for the defendant last week in the case of Mary O. Youngblood, administratrix, vs. Southern Railway Co. This was a suit for \$100,000 damages for the death of the plaintiff's husband, Cleveland J. Youngblood in a wreck at Stilton, Orangeburg County.

Others cases disposed of since the last issue of The People are as follows:

Eulie Gleaton vs. Southern Railway Co., suit for \$500 actual damages and \$1,000 punitive damages, in which it was alleged that a defective crossing caused plaintiff's car to choke down on the track, being struck by a train; verdict for the plaintiff for \$365 actual damages.

A verdict was returned for the defendant in the case of T. R. Chisolm vs. W. M. Hair, a suit for \$1,000 damages for injuries received in an automobile collision in Blackville.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of S. H. Porter vs. J. L. Boylston, a suit for damages for the alleged fraudulent breach of a share crop contract.

Mrs. Annie Hall, as Administratrix, vs. C. and W. C. Ry Co., suit for \$100,000 damages for death of plaintiff's husband, W. Stephen Hall, verdict for the defendant.

S. H. Rush vs. W. A. Ross, suit on account for \$146.92, less credits for \$50.00 paid after commencement of suit, verdict for the plaintiff for \$96.92.

Green and Co., vs. Dave Hair, suit on account for \$153.97, verdict for the plaintiff for \$153.97.

Court adjourned sine die Tuesday morning.

Social and Personal

News from Williston

Williston, March 14.—Dr. J. L. Smith is spending a few days in Williston before returning to his winter home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Misses Florrie Lee Scott and Kate Kennedy and R. P. Kennedy motored to Fountain Inn to spend the week-end with Miss Lucile Roper.

Walter C. Cunningham has returned from Florence, where he went as a federal juror. Court only lasted one day.

Mrs. L. H. Hartzog, Mrs. G. I. Odom, Mrs. R. F. Goodwin, Misses Parker and Anderson, of Olar, were visitors here Saturday.

Misses Annie Laurie and Mamie Walsh have returned to Augusta after a visit to relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Merritt of St. Matthews visited relatives here Sunday. Mrs. W. L. Merritt came back with them after spending some weeks in St. Matthews.

Miss Elaine Harley has returned from a visit to Miss Hazel Jackson, daughter of Lieutenant Governor Jackson, in Wagener.

Miss Louie Harvin, of Columbia was a visitor Sunday of Mrs. J. W. Odiorne.

Miss Mary Harley, of Columbia, was the week-end guest of Miss Louise Prothro.

Among the newest residents in Williston are Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Boland and family who moved back to Williston after an absence of about three months spent in Columbia and Ridge Springs. Mr. Boland rebought his barber shop.

Ernest Black, of the Friendship section of the county has recently come to Williston and accepted a position with Thompson Manufacturing company.

One of the most enjoyable parties of last week in Williston was given by Mrs. Carey Smith Friday afternoon. Four tables of bridge were played until late in the afternoon, after which fruit salad, chicken sandwiches and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ray were hostesses to the Bridge club Thursday evening, March 5. Tables were arranged for four. After the games a salad course, followed by a sweet course, was served. Miss Catherine Walsley, of Birmingham, Ala., was an out of town guest.

Whenever requested, all such information pertaining to their respective offices as will enable the County Commissioners to carry into

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Mrs. W. B. Johnston Dies of Paralysis

Blackville, March 13.—Mrs. Hettie Mathis Johnston, wife of W. B. Johnston of this place, died Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnston had been in ill health for over a year and was in a hospital in Columbia for several months. She underwent an operation there and had improved greatly and her friends and relatives had thought she would soon be entirely well again.

She had grown very much better and Wednesday went with a party of friends to Augusta on a shopping trip. She had finished her shopping and was sitting in a rest room in one of the stores, when suddenly she was smitten with a stroke of paralysis. She was rushed to a hospital there, but died a few hours later.

Mrs. Johnston's body was brought here on Thursday morning's train.

Mrs. Johnston was a consecrated Christian woman, had been an active church worker in the Baptist church here, of which she was a member for many years. She was kind to everybody, was a great hand to visit people in times of sickness and sorrow and numbered her friends by the score.

She was twice married. Her first husband was a Mr. Shaw. One son of this marriage survives, Leslie M. Shaw, who lives in Ohio.

She and Mr. Johnston, who survives her, have no children. She was buried in the cemetery here Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The Rev. L. H. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church here, of which she was a member, conducted the services.

Baptists Arrange

Many Conferences

Baptist association leadership conferences are to be held throughout the entire State March 24, 25 and 26, according to the Rev. T. J. Watts, D. D., secretary of the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and colportage of the State Baptist Board. Thirteen groups have been arranged, combining more than 30 associations in the State for these conferences. Well known Baptist speakers have been procured. It is expected, according to Mr. Watts, that these conferences will make possible the raising of funds to bring the fiscal year of the Southern Baptist Convention to a successful close. The second purpose of the conference is to enable the various Baptist churches of the State to complete the securing of subscriptions for the 1925 program which has been only partly subscribed.

While these leadership conferences are not designed for the masses of the membership the combined conferences will probably bring together about 4,000 Baptist people of the State, it is said.

The program for conferences in this section is as follows:

Group 8, Savannah River Association meets at Hampton Church Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a. m. Speakers, the Rev. O. B. Falls, D. D., of Bamberg, and the Rev. L. H. Miller, of Blackville. Colleton Association meets at Walterboro Church Thursday, March 26, at 11 a. m. Speakers, the Rev. O. B. Falls, D. D., of Bamberg, and the Rev. L. H. Miller, of Blackville.

Barnwell Association meets at Double Pond, March 27. Speaker, the Rev. C. A. Jones, D. D., of Columbia.

Mr. U. A. Calhoun Dead.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of U. A. Calhoun at 6 o'clock Friday evening, March 6, at his home in Appleton.

Mr. Calhoun is survived by his widow and four children, Mrs. R. H. Patterson, of Walterboro; Mr. Clarence Calhoun, of Augusta, Ga.; Mr. Herbert Calhoun and Miss Ethel Calhoun, of Appleton.

Mr. Calhoun was born near Appleton April 19, 1858. Almost his entire life was spent in that community. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him and will be missed by a wide circle of friends and relatives.

He was buried at Antioch Christian church Sunday morning. The funeral was very large and the floral offerings beautiful.—Allendale County Citizen.

Mr. D. A. Dyches, of Hilda, is attending Court here this week.

Barnwell County Man Winner in Corn Show

Chicago, March 13.—A woman grew America's best ear of corn in 1924, judges of the National Seed Corn show today awarding first prize of \$1,000 to Mrs. Elsie M. Paulauska, of Waverly, Ill., whose entry was pronounced 100 per cent. perfect. The show was held under the auspices of an agricultural development association.

The announcement of the award came to Mrs. Paulauska on her fifth wedding anniversary. Five years ago she and her husband began farming in Morgan County, Illinois, with only \$25. The couple now has an 160 acre farm, and the prize money came just in time, it was said, for them to pay off their final debt on their land.

The Prize winning ear, Mrs. Paulauska, said, was picked accidentally as she was walking among her corn cribs.

Forty-six States and 1,731 counties were represented by the 27,411 entries. Winners in the State sweepstakes include: Roy O. James of Fal-mouth, Va.; J. A. Patterson of China Grove, N. C., and W. W. Harley of Barnwell, S. C.

Local and Personal

News from Hercules

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Still are the proud parents of a 9-pound girl.

Mr. Theodore Ray spent Saturday night with his friend, Mr. James Creech.

Miss Laura Lain spent the week-end with Misses Bessie and Estelle Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Still and family, of Elko, spent Saturday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morris.

Mr. Hollis Ray, of Columbia, was the guest of Miss Coriene Hiers Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Bodiford is visiting her brother, Mr. O. H. Morris.

Mr. Theodore Ray and Mr. James Creech lost \$10 between Barnwell and Friendship church Saturday night, finder will please return and receive reward.

Mr. Carlyse Morris was the guest Saturday evening of Miss Rosale Reid, at Olar.

Mrs. W. A. Morris, Jr., spent Friday with her brother, Mr. Adrian Still.

Mr. Patrick Morris spent Saturday night in Olar.

Messrs. Theodore Ray, Patrick Morris and Severn Ray made a flying trip to Augusta Saturday afternoon.

Misses Florence Sanders, Lillian Morris and Martha Sanders spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sanders.

Mr. L. M. Hutto and family motored to Augusta Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hiers and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hutto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Creech spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hug-gins.

Miss Lucy Cook was called to her home at Snelling on account of the illness of Mrs. Hollis Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. C. Still, Mr. F. L. Still, Misses Estelle and Mamie Padgett and little Miss Hazel Dyches motored to Walterboro Sunday.

Miss Alice Creech spent Tuesday night with Miss Elmore Still.

Miss Lucy Cook attended the funeral of Mrs. William Grubbs at Snelling Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. James Cook, of Fairfax, and Miss Mabel Harvey, of Denmark, were visitors at Hercules Tuesday.

Mr. R. P. Sanders is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders.

Miss Ida Scheider, of Savannah, is spending some time with Miss Ina Sanders and Mrs. Matilda Grooms.

Mrs. Luther Still and her father, Mr. B. G. Grubbs, and Miss Elmore Still spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Anna Still.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dyches spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dyches, near Hilda.

Mrs. Tom Sanders is spending some time with her son, Mr. Jackson Sanders in Barnwell.

Mr. David Grubbs, of Maine, is visiting his relatives in this section.

The many friends of Mr. C. B. Dunbar will learn with regret, that he is quite ill at his home in Millettville.

OFFICERS OF LAW CONTINUE RAIDS

LARGE COPPER STILL CAPTURED LAST WEEK.

Sheriff Dyches and Deputy Sheriff Hayes Had Exciting Race Sunday Afternoon.

A bricked in copper still of 150 gallon capacity was captured on Harrington's Island, in the Edisto River, on Tuesday of last week by State Constable J. W. Sanders, Deputy Sheriff W. A. Hayes, of Barnwell, Constables George W. Dukes, Gleaton, Reed and Kizer, of Orangeburg County. The outfit was just across the line, in Orangeburg County and, according to Sheriff Boncil H. Dyches, was owned by a man "who lives in Bamberg County, made liquor in Orangeburg County and sold it in Barnwell County." In addition to the still, the outfit consisted of the following articles:

One 40-gallon copper doubler; all copper connections, complete; four 800-gallon fermenters; 3,000 gallons of beer; 10 gallons of liquor; four 16-gallon charred liquor kegs; several buckets and other utensils; meat, lard, flour, and one string of cat fish; three sacks of sugar; two sacks of corn meal, and 100 empty granulated sugar sacks. No arrests were made.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., Sheriff Dyches and his deputy made a raid at the home of Jim Grubbs, a white man, who lives on the Barnwell-Allendale highway. They succeeded in locating 92 bottles of jamaica ginger in Grubbs' barn.

Sunday afternoon, Messrs. Dyches and Hayes had an exciting race with Lee Knotts, a young white man, who the Sheriff suspected of violating the prohibition law. The officers finally succeeded in arresting Knotts, but not before he had succeeded in throwing a number of jars and bottles from his speeding automobile. Sheriff Dyches states that he would break the jars and bottles before throwing them away and that liquor was dripping from his (Knotts') automobile when he was finally overtaken. Knotts was released under \$300 bond.

Sheriff Dyches is to be congratulated on the relentless warfare that he is conducting against alleged violators of the prohibition law and the wish has been expressed by many that, when the cases are brought to trial, the jurors will perform their duty in the same manner that the Sheriff is discharging his.

Ulmer News.

Mrs. Angus Kearshe and Miss Vera Herlong, of near Olar, visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Miss Ada Sanders spent several days in Fairfax last week.

Misses Myrtle Best and Annie Lou Miley, of Limestone College, spent the Spring holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stevenson, of Abbeville, have returned home after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. Allison Sanders spent last Sunday in Orangeburg.

Mrs. Mary McMillan who has been real sick is improving.

Mr. Lynwood Myrick, who is attending a business college in Columbia, spent last Sunday at home.

Mrs. Belle Brant spent last Saturday in Sycamore.

Mr. Edwin Myrick has returned home from a visit to relatives in Augusta.

Resolutions of Respect.

Once again Harmony Lodge No. 17, A. F. M., has been called upon to give up a faithful member to the Great Lodge above. This time we mourn the departure of Past Master, Brother N. C. Grubbs, whose genial presence we miss in our communications.

Therefore, be it resolved: 1st. That we have lost in Brother Grubbs a very choice spirit and a loyal friend and brother, and that while we deplore our loss we believe that it is his great gain.

2nd. That we tender to his bereaved family the sympathy and friendship of Harmony Lodge No. 17, A. F. M.

3rd. That a copy of these Resolutions be mailed to his family, a copy published in The Barnwell People and a copy placed in the archives of the Lodge.

N. G. W. Walker,
Louis Cohen,
Otto R. Evans,
Committee.