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"Newspaper Mortality."

Under the above caption, Monday's issue of The News and Courier contained an editorial that should be read by every subscriber of The Barnwell People-Sentinel, especially those who may think that newspapers can continue to exist on the scale of prices charged several years ago, when the cost of production was comparatively cheap as compared with today's costs. The editorial in question is as follows:

A fact of general importance to the people of the State is noted by the Anderson Mail, which points out that "newspaper mortality in South Carolina has been unusually heavy for the first five months of this year." Newspapers in Abbeville, Easley, Anderson, Florence, Edgefield, Belton and Barnwell having ceased publication since January and a paper at Union having changed from a daily to a weekly. It is well that the public should know the causes back of this mortality and the Daily Mail, which is itself a very live and vigorous publication but which knows what it is talking about, gives the right cue. It says:

"The increased cost of publishing newspapers is responsible for the high death rate. With the exception of white paper, everything that goes to produce a newspaper is as high as or higher than during war days, when everybody felt rich and there was plenty of business. Newspapers are not able to absorb all these increasing costs, with lessened revenue, hence the heavy death list. Many towns which formerly had two and three papers, now have only one. There are but few newspapers in the State making any money; many of them are struggling along hoping for better times, which may or may not come in the near future.

"It is better for a community to have fewer and better newspapers—and that will apply to any other line of business. The present condition of the newspaper business in South Carolina at this time does not offer a great future to those intending to engage in it."

This is a situation of interest, as we have suggested, to the public as well as to newspaper people; for the Daily Mail is absolutely correct when it says that the publication of a creditable newspaper calls today in a measure far beyond that of even a very short time ago for a substantial and consistent support.

Dozens of county papers have disappeared. It is not different as to the dailies. New York publishers found that five morning newspapers in that city could not be made profitable. No city in the South has been able to furnish a living for two morning newspapers. Very few have been able to support two afternoon newspapers. A newspaper reflects the support it is given beyond almost any other institution.

In the Name of Law Enforcement.

The People-Sentinel is neither against the prohibition law nor its proper enforcement, but the killing of people (many of them absolutely innocent of any crime) by over-zealous law enforcement officers is getting to be almost a daily occurrence in this "land of the free and home of the brave." Last week this paper commented on the killing of two men by officers in Beaufort County and since then an officer has been killed in the upper part of the State by an alleged bootlegger. Recently a homicide occurred in North Carolina that has aroused great indignation in the Tar Heel State. The victim was a lawyer of some prominence and the slayer was a detective. Briefly the facts are these:

The lawyer, a Mr. Holt, was returning to his home from Raleigh with a party of friends. Not far from that city the car halted for a moment while one of the men got out. When it started again, the detective, who was passing with another officer, jumped to the conclusion that a liquor deal was in progress. The detective was in plain clothes. When the Holt party, who, it is said, did not hear his command to halt, failed to stop their car, the officer fired at the automobile with the intention, he said, of hitting a tire. Instead the bullet struck Mr. Holt on the back seat and he fell over dead. No member of the

Holt party had been drinking and no liquor was found in the car, whose occupants were highly respectable citizens. Similar incidents have occurred in this State, but fortunately there were no fatalities. Such occurrences bring the prohibition law into great disrepute and make its enforcement much harder.

The Greensboro Daily News makes the following vigorous comment about the homicide in North Carolina and it is pertinent to conditions as they exist elsewhere:

There is no surprise in the Raleigh tragedy because the whole tendency of the methods employed by city, State and Federal officers all over North Carolina has prepared the way and led up to this very event. This is no isolated case, no exception, no unusual experience in North Carolina. It follows the course of incident after incident of almost exactly similar character. It can be matched, save only in its tragic end, in county after county. The section of North Carolina to the north of Greensboro and around Danville and Martinsville, Virginia, has literally been littered with cases of precisely this sort. Greensboro citizens can cite experiences. Citizens of Rockingham, of Caswell and of the other border counties on both sides of the line can testify to personal experiences dodging official bullets from officers gone mad with authority and zeal.

The news columns of the Daily News in recent months have reported case after case where uninformed officers have hailed automobile travelers innocent in every respect and when their hails have not been regarded, have blazed away with pistols ostensibly at tires, actually at anything in the general direction of the automobile. The editorial columns of the Daily News in recent months have contained comment in case after case of this kind. Men, women and children, who were not violating the law in any detail but were traveling peacefully and legally on the highways, have had their tires punctured by nail studded boards thrown in their path, have been held up at late hours of the night by men in citizens' clothes, have been shot at by reckless and irresponsible officers, have had their wheels exploded under them, have crouched in fear for the very bullets flying about their bodies, have had their cars wrecked, have suffered damage, been shocked, insulted, maltreated, bullied and outrageously treated, and all by uninformed men who said afterward that they were officers of the law. It has been a stinging shame and a humiliation, a desperate assault upon the fundamental right of free peoples and an indefensible and outrageous assumption of authority.

It culminates now in a great tragedy, just as every person who has followed the course of procedure knew it was bound to sooner or later. The only wonder is that the tragedy has not come before, that travelers have not themselves defended their persons and their property to the point of death.

The Daily News has no idea that Jesse Wyatt deliberately aimed his pistol at Stephen S. Holt and fired with intent to kill him. It is entirely willing to believe that the officer aimed or thought he aimed at the tires. That makes no real difference in point of exceeding authority. The man is dead and dead because an officer of the law, following the practice of other officers of the law, all running amuck, perpetrated an act for which there is no defence in fundamental human right. The tragedy comes because the people of this State have meekly submitted to the growth of this bullying, shooting spirit instead of attacking, through law, its patent development. And unless the whole question of rights is clearly settled now so that highway travelers may know what to expect, the Holt killing will not be the culmination of a deliberate policy; it will be only the first act of a tragedy which may extend over many sections and send citizen after citizen to his death.

Barnwell Girl Wins Prize.

Miss Catherine Halford, the 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Halford, of this city, won third place in this State in the National Live Stock and Meat Board's Essay Contest, in which 13,000 contestants were entered from all sections of the United States. Miss Halford won a prize of \$5 and also received a certificate of award as a permanent record of her achievement. This is quite an honor, but then Barnwell boys and girls seem to have a habit of making good.

Barnwell Man Opens New Augusta Grocery

The many Barnwell County friends of Mr. A. T. Beard, for many years a resident of this city but more recently of Donora and Aiken, will learn with interest that he has opened a grocery

store in Augusta. The following item appeared in Saturday's issue of The Augusta Chronicle:

A. T. Beard an experienced grocery man of Barnwell, S. C., has moved to Augusta and opened a grocery business at 1624 Fenwick street. He has had twenty-three years experience in the grocery business and is very enthusiastic over the business outlook in this city and section. Mr. Beard and family will reside at 1626 Fenwick street. Mrs. Beard is a sister of Mrs. T. F. Bennett who lives at 1822 Milledge Road.

Ford Motor Company Has Set New Record

The Ford Motor Company set a new record for production Tues., May 19th, when its assembly plants turned out 7,858 Ford cars and trucks in the eight-hour working day. This record is for the United States plants alone and does not include foreign plants and associated companies or the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd.

An interesting thing in connection with this remarkable production is that the company is exceeding its most careful estimates for May. Current Ford billboards, which were prepared sixty days ago, carry the message "7,000 More Since Yesterday." But in actual output the company exceeded this by 850.

Production of the company has been steadily increasing during the last few weeks due to the growing spring business and now output records have been frequent, but none approaching within 100 of the remarkable figure of Tuesday.

On April 28th the domestic plants beat a record of 7,482 established a year ago by assembling 7,594 cars and trucks. This record stood until May 12th when production went to 7,732.

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Barnwell.
By John K. Snelling, Esq., Probate Judge:

WHEREAS, Nina Pearl Love, made suit to me to grant unto her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Ernest Love.

THESE ARE, Therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Ernest Love, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Barnwell on Monday, June 15th, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand this 1st day of June, A. D., 1925.

JOHN K. SNELLING,
Judge of Probate.
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The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than sixteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 4, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Whether there are vacant scholarships in your county or not, the examination will be held on both Friday and Saturday. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks or procure them from the County Superintendent on July 3.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 9, 1925. For further information and catalogue address Pres. D. E. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.

First Cotton Bloom.

Although the editor of The People-Sentinel has heard of two or three cotton blooms this year, the first that has been seen was worn as a bouquet by Mr. W. D. Gantt, of Lyndhurst, who was a visitor here yesterday (Wednesday). He said that the bloom was one that he picked from a field of cotton grown by Deacon Alfred Sanders, a negro tenant farmer on the farm of Mr. A. P. Hay, of Lyndhurst. The cotton was planted in March.

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 Brother J. O. Patterson, Jr., whose genial presence we miss in our communications.

Therefore, be it resolved:
1st. That we have lost in Brother Patterson a very choice spirit and a loyal friend and brother; that while we deplore our loss we believe 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-Sentinel, and a copy placed in the archives of the Lodge.

Louis Cohen,
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J. Jay Vickery,
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J. W. McINTOSH,
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