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## BANKERS TO HAVE A PAID SECRETARY

SEEN AS STEP TO SOLVE TAX  
QUESTION IN STATE.

Head of Barnwell Bank Is Elected  
President.—Duval Named Vice  
President.

Greenville, June 28.—Decision of the South Carolina Bankers' Association at the 25th annual convention, in session here Friday morning, to engage a full-time paid secretary, was said to be the initial step toward the formation of the State into one powerful organization which will have adjustment of the present muddled taxation system as its object in view.

The taking of this decisive step to bring about tax reform was said to be the result of the South Carolina bankers having become weary of smarting under the tax inequalities and determining to use all their force to eliminate these inequalities. The motion to engage the full-time secretary carried this morning by a vote of 58 to 3. Shortly after the vote on the secretary question was taken the nominating committee, headed by W. B. Turner, of Aiken, president of the Bank of Western Carolina, made its report.

As a subsequent following of this report, Harry D. Calhoun, president of the Home Bank, of Barnwell, was elected incoming president of the association to succeed the present president, Senator D. A. Spivey.

D. W. Duval, president of the Bank of Cheraw, was elected vice-president of the association to succeed Mr. Calhoun and Judge B. Hart Moss, of Orangeburg, president of the Edisto National Bank, was reelected association attorney.

There was much discussion this morning about the election of a full-time secretary. The matter was first brought before the convention by John M. Kinard, president of the Commercial Bank of Newberry and a charter member of the South Carolina Bankers' Association.

During the discussion on the subject there appeared to be some opposition and after Mr. Kinard had moved that the secretary be engaged, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole and a full and free discussion ensued.

### Visits Old Barnwell.

Mr. Walter S. Cave, a native of the Green Savannah section of Barnwell County but for 30 years a resident of the city of Savannah, was a visitor in Barnwell Saturday, having come up for "old times' sake" to visit the scenes of his boyhood. He was in Barnwell Saturday and called very pleasantly at The People-Sentinel office. He had also paid a visit to his old home at Green Savannah, which he found very much changed. He told the writer that, when quite a small boy, he caught a trout weighing ten pounds from the pond.

Mr. Cave, who has been a member of the Savannah police force for 27 years, frustrated a daring hold-up in that city a short time ago, landing the would-be highwayman behind the bars.

Having renewed a number of old acquaintances, Mr. Cave decided to keep in touch with this section and asked that his name be added to The People-Sentinel mailing list.

## WILL SELECT A "QUEEN" FOR BARNWELL COUNTY

The Chamber of Commerce of Barnwell has been asked by the Chairman of the Savannah Water Carnival to select a young, attractive, unmarried lady to represent Barnwell County at the water carnival to be held in Savannah July 16, 17 and 18. The lucky girl, who will be known as "Miss Barnwell," will receive free transportation to and from Savannah and will be provided with hotel accommodations while she is in that city, according to a letter received Tuesday by the editor of The People-Sentinel. In addition she will have a chance to win a prize of \$100 in gold, which will be given to the young lady representative having the greatest number of years from her home county in line behind her float in the parade. This float, representing Barnwell County, will be prepared by the Driverless Auto Rental Co., of Savannah, and will be located at the corner of Bay and Montgomery Streets at 3 p. m. on the afternoon of July 16th, where any Barnwell County cars desiring to par-

## Barnwell to Build City Hall and Jail

At a regular meeting of the town council of Barnwell Monday night, plans for a new city hall and jail were submitted by Architect Sams, of Columbia, and after a thorough discussion of the matter, the members of council decided to have the new building erected and appointed a committee to perfect the plans and proceed with the work.

The architect's drawing calls for a four-cell jail and space on the first floor to house the fire-fighting equipment. A room adjoining will also be provided for sleeping quarters for a man who will be in charge of the apparatus. Running water will be provided in each of the cells and the sleeping quarters referred to above, the system of waterworks to be installed consisting of shower baths, etc.

The city hall will be located on the second floor and will be large enough to accommodate various public meetings that are held from time to time.

The construction of the proposed building will be of brick and an effort is being made to have it erected on the site of the old opera-house, which is city property. It is pointed out that this location will add much to the attractiveness of that section of the city.

Upon the completion of the new city hall, which it is estimated will cost \$4,000 or \$5,000, the old guardhouse, long an eye-sore to visitors and residents alike, will be demolished.

### "The Awakening."

At the Vamp Theatre on Thursday, July 2nd, at 8:30 o'clock, the well known play, "The Awakening," by Thos. Dixon, will be presented by a large company of players. The company is headed by Mr. Phillip Hollister, one of the best known character actors on the American stage. He is also an actor of wide experience in the moving picture field. He has surrounded himself with a capable company of experienced players and their presentation of "The Awakening" is a real dramatic treat. The play is a comedy-drama and tells an interesting and thrilling story. Many of the scenes are intensely dramatic and the author has injected into the story a vein of delightful and amusing comedy. There are two comedy characters that keep an audience laughing every minute they are on the stage. The play is being presented here under the auspices of the local Klan and it brings out in bold relief the intents and purposes of the Klan. The play is in four acts and the third act is handled by the local Klan, their ceremony of initiating candidates being given before the public. The general public is invited to see the play and all will feel better for having seen it.

Seats are now on sale at the theatre. Phone No. 3 and your reserved seats will be laid aside for you.

### To Observe July 4th.

The People-Sentinel has been requested to announce that the two local banks, the Bank of Western Carolina and the Home Bank of Barnwell, will be closed Saturday, July 4th, that being a national holiday. Their customers and friends are asked to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

## BARNWELL COUNTY CROPS EXCEL, SAY TRAVELLERS

### Barnwell Fruit Co.

#### Buys New Fountain

The Barnwell Fruit Company has placed an order for a "Frigidair" soda fountain, the first of its kind in South Carolina, according to an announcement made this week by Mr. Nick Coclin, one of the proprietors of this progressive concern. "Frigidair" is the trade name of a 20th century wonder, a new invention that maintains freezing temperatures and manufactures ice by electricity. The units can be bought for soda fountains, refrigerators, ice-boxes, etc. They are operated by small electric motors that are automatic in control. That is, when the temperature rises to a certain point, the motor is automatically started and runs until the desired temperature is obtained.

The new fount just purchased by the Barnwell Fruit Co. is a little larger than the one they have at present, which, by the way, was installed only a year or two ago and at that time was "the last word" in soda fountains. Equipped as it will be with the "Frigidair" unit, drinks will be ice cold at all times, even the syrups being kept at a low temperature. In addition, Mr. Coclin states that the new invention will manufacture his supply of ice in the form of small cubes, just the right size for his purpose.

Mr. M. C. Best, of the Best Pharmacy, also states that he has bought a "Frigidair" unit to manufacture his ice and keep his supply of ice cream perfectly frozen at all times. This is separate from his soda fount, which he plans to replace in the near future with a fount similar to the one just bought by the Barnwell Fruit Company.

The People-Sentinel congratulates these two progressive concerns on keeping just a little ahead of other cities in South Carolina. That, however, seems to be the Barnwell way of doing things.

### Calls Attention to

#### Free Scholarships

Attention is called to the free scholarships that are offered in Barnwell County by various colleges in a letter received this week from Horace J. Crouch, County Superintendent of Education. Seven scholarships are offered the boys and girls of this county—six for the boys and one for the girls. Mr. Crouch's letter is as follows:

Editor of The Barnwell People-Sentinel, Barnwell, S. C.—Dear Sir:

Although your columns have carried the formal notices of the vacant scholarships to the State colleges and universities for Barnwell County, I desire to use space again in your paper to impress the young folk, especially the 1925 high school graduates, of these fine opportunities offered to secure a college education.

On next Friday, July 3rd, an examination to fill a vacancy for a four-year scholarship to Winthrop College will be held at the Court House.

Friday week, July 10th, examinations will be held to fill two four-year scholarships to Clemson College and also a two-year scholarship to Clemson. At the same time, a scholarship examination to the University of South Carolina will be given. The University scholarship is offered for a Normal course. On this day, a four-year scholarship to the Citadel will be decided as a result of a competitive examination. There is also a vacant scholarship for this county to the College of Charleston. This examination will be given on this day.

Here are seven scholarships available for Barnwell County girls and boys—six of these for boys—and I sincerely hope that teachers in the county and patrons will interest their boys and girls, who are ready to go to college, and insist upon them applying for some of these. It is unusual that so many vacancies have occurred the same year. Let's not let these vacancies be filled by boys and girls from the State at large. Full information about the male institutions can be secured from the college presidents direct before the examination.

#### First Watermelon Gift.

The editor of The People-Sentinel is indebted to Mr. W. B. Norris, of the Siloam section, for the gift of a luscious watermelon.

### PROSPECTS IN THIS SECTION ARE EXCELLENT.

Visitors to Other Parts of State  
Is Backward.

That crop prospects in Barnwell County at this time are better than for several years and the cotton crop as a whole is better in this section than it is in other parts of the State, with one or two exceptions, is the consensus of opinion of those who have made recent trips to other sections.

Mr. Terie Richardson, one of the largest farmers in Barnwell County, states that he has visited several counties in this section of the State and that, with the possible exception of certain parts of Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties, this county's crops are the best he has seen.

Mr. Harry G. Boylston, county agent, recently returned from a trip through several counties in the Piedmont section and reports that the crops there are very backward, the best that he saw hardly being on a par with the late cotton in Barnwell County. The crop, he says, is late, is badly in need of rain and weevil infestation is heavy.

Postmaster R. A. Deason returned Sunday from a visit by automobile to Greenville and he corroborates what others have said in reference to the crop situation in this county as compared with that in other sections.

The writer, during the past ten days has had the opportunity of looking at the crops in certain sections of Allendale and Bamberg Counties and along the highway from Barnwell to Columbia, and, taking them as a whole, the cotton crop in Barnwell County is very much better than in any of the sections visited. North of the Edisto River, along the Barnwell-Columbia highway, the crops are late and in many of the fields the stands are poor.

The following is taken from last week's issue of The Allendale County Citizen:

The best crops in South Carolina are grown right through this section, is the opinion of those who have been travelling in various portions of the State in the past few weeks.

M. B. Speir, of Charlotte, N. C., general manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., for North and South Carolina, who was a professional visitor in Allendale on Wednesday, says that the agriculture of this section is better than any he has seen this year, in his territory, and that the prospects for a good crop appear excellent throughout the low country.

Asked his opinion of this section of the State in general, he said: "It has a wonderful opportunity for development, and I believe the people will grasp that opportunity. Agriculturally, it is a splendid country, splendid. It is, of course, altogether a rural section, with no industrial development to speak of, but it is ideal from an agricultural standpoint."

Mr. Speir, in the course of his business, gets all over North and South Carolina, and he says that this section will compare favorably with any part of his territory.

### Convict Violates Prohi Law.

Henry Desseaux, a negro convict serving a life sentence on the county chain gang and who has been doing janitor duty at the Court House as a "trustee," was arrested Saturday night by Policeman Perry Beasley on a charge of violating the prohibition law. It is said that the negro had been suspected of selling liquor for some time and Saturday night Mr. Beasley caught him with the goods. A negro woman, who kicked the bottle of whiskey out of the hand of Mr. Charlie Cook, who was assisting Mr. Beasley in making the arrest, was fined \$15 in the Mayor's Court Monday night. Desseaux was returned to the gang to serve his sentence there.

### Entertains Bridge Club.

Mrs. C. Keys Sanders entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Charlie Brown, Jr., won the high score prize and Mrs. R. S. Dicks got the consolation. Mrs. Sexton, of Columbia, was an out-of-town guest. Fruit salad was served.

Mrs. Perry A. Price entertained with four tables of bridge in honor of her sister, Miss Spann, of Sumter, Wednesday morning of last week.

## Local Officers Raid Still—Make Arrest

Sheriff Boncil H. Dyches, Magistrate W. P. Sanders and Policeman Perry O. Beasley raided a still Tuesday night on Riley Mill stream, a few miles South of Barnwell, as a result of which "Jim" Brabham, a white man, of this city, was arrested for alleged violation of the prohibition law.

Two other men who were at the still succeeded in making their escape. Brabham, who also ran when he saw the officers, tripped and fell over a fallen tree, striking his face on a root and sustaining painful injuries. Sheriff Dyches fell on top of him. The injured man was immediately brought to Barnwell for medical attention and gave bond yesterday (Wednesday) for his appearance at court.

The officers returned to the still, which was a large copper affair, yesterday morning and destroyed the outfit.

## Boll Weevil Fight Shows Good Results

Encouraging reports are being received in Barnwell on results being obtained by farmers in the fight against the boll weevil. Mr. Terie Richardson, of this city, who has about 1,200 acres of cotton, has had very heavy infestation in some of his fields and has tried every known method of control—rapid cultivation, picking up squares, and poisoning, using calcium arsenate in dust form and also mixed with molasses and water. He told the editor of The People-Sentinel a few days ago, that, in a field where the infestation was particularly heavy, the weevils are not as active as they were ten days ago.

Early in the week, the writer was invited by Mr. W. J. Lemon to visit a field of his cotton in which the weevil infestation was very heavy three weeks ago. Mr. Lemon has dusted this cotton twice with calcium arsenate, using about four or five pounds to the acre. There are now very few signs of the weevil and the cotton is fruiting rapidly. The field in question adjoins swamp land and Mr. Lemon states that the infestation has always been quite heavy there since the advent of the weevil several years ago. He has been delayed in dusting the cotton the third time by the wet spell of the past week.

The next three or four weeks will mean success or disaster to the cotton farmers in this section, depending on whether the weather is wet or dry to a large extent. Old cotton has been fruiting rapidly of late and with good seasons during July, an excellent yield should be made in Barnwell County.

## Many Enjoy Annual Picnic at Baldock

Baldock, June 29.—The annual picnic at Baldock on Wednesday was one of the most delightful affairs of its kind that has ever been held in this section. Literally thousands of the people from several counties attended during the day. Dancing was enjoyed both day and night, by hundreds of the younger set of this section.

## VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CLUB MAY MEET AT BARNWELL

Mr. Tracy S. Comstock, of Thomasville, N. C., president of the Virginia-Carolina Field Trial Club, is expected in Barnwell today (Thursday) to look over the proposed field trial grounds near this city, an invitation having been extended to the club to hold their meeting in Barnwell this year. The use of these grounds, which are said to be the finest for the purpose South of Saskatchewan, is made possible through the cooperation of Mr. S. E. Hutchinson, of Philadelphia, who owns or controls a part of the land over which the trials will be run, and the citizens of Barnwell feel very grateful to him for his generous permission.

Mr. Comstock, in addition to finding the proposed grounds suitable in every way for the trials of his club, will meet with a warm welcome and the whole-hearted cooperation of the people of Barnwell in making the meeting a success from every viewpoint.

Solomon Blatt, Esq., who has taken

## COUNTY'S FARMS SHOW DECREASE

NUMBER IS SMALLER BY 600  
THAN IN 1920.

More Negroes Quit Than Whites—  
Number of Horses Also Shows  
Very Large Decrease.

The number of farms in Barnwell County in 1925 has decreased 20 per cent. as compared with the number operated in 1920, according to preliminary figures of the results of the 1925 farm census, just made public by the Department of Commerce. Five years ago, according to the Department, there were 3,105 farms in this county, whereas in 1925 there are only 2,504, a decrease of 601. Of this number, 923 farms are operated by white people and 1,581 by negroes. In 1920, white farmers operated 1,012 farms and negroes 2,093. Thus it will be seen that more negroes than whites have abandoned the farm in the past five years.

Tenant farmers greatly outnumber owners of farms, there being 1,859 of the former and 644 of the latter. In 1920, there were 2,122 tenants and 977 owners. There is only one farm manager in the county this year, as compared with six in 1920, according to the Department's report.

Farm Acreage.  
Farm acreage has shrunk considerably, also. All land in farms is placed at 174,404 acres in 1925, as compared with 222,047 five years ago. This is sub-divided as follows:

Crop land, 1925	119,987
Crop failure	482
Fallow or idle	16,247
Pasture, 1924	5,602
Plowable	1,878
Woodland	2,811
Other	1,113
Woodland not pastured	23,324
All other land	25,491

Farm values have decreased nearly 50 per cent. from the peak of 1920. In that year, land and buildings were valued at \$9,782,020, whereas today they are placed at only \$5,392,275. Land alone is valued at \$4,340,455, as compared with \$7,439,854 in 1920, and buildings at \$1,051,820, as compared with \$2,342,166 five years ago.

Livestock on Farms.  
Livestock on farms has also decreased, the greatest loss being in the number of horses. The figures furnished by the Department are as follows:

	1925	1920
Horses	597	1,123
Mules	3,823	4,483
Cattle, total	3,426	4,364
Beef cows	588	179
Other beef cattle	431	403
Dairy cows	1,561	2,635
Other dairy cattle	846	1,647
Swine, total	11,605	18,229
Breeding sows	1,743	3,098

Principal Crops.  
The principal crops for 1919 and 1924, in acres, bushels and bales, are as follows:

	1924	1919
Corn—Acres	45,265	55,611
Bushels	418,382	527,704
Peanuts—Acres	2,561	30
Bushels	62,160	310
Cotton—Acres	44,260	57,627
Bales	17,406	30,230
Pecans:		
Young trees	2,189	2,314
Trees bearing age	611	1,904

## MORE NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Slowly but surely the subscription list of The People-Sentinel grows larger week by week. Since the last issue of this paper two new subscribers have been added to the list—Mr. W. S. Cave, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Austin Cadle, of San Francisco, Calif. In addition, several subscribers have sent in their renewals, as follows:

Col. H. D. Calhoun, Barnwell.  
Mrs. Jennie O. Black, Barnwell.  
D. P. Key, Meyer's Mill.  
The editor appreciates these remittances and asks that others who are behind with their subscriptions make prompt remittance.