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DIRECTORS ASKED FOR RESIGNATIONS

BROWN GIVES REASONS FOR DEMANDING RESIGNATIONS

Col. Edgar A. Brown has made public the following statement in reference to his and Senator Patterson's action in demanding the resignations of the Board of County Directors:

1920 and went to Columbia in January, 1921, and that year, we appropriated for chaingang, roads and bridges, \$20,000, which was up to that time probably the largest appropriation ever made for that purpose.

LETTERS AND RESOLUTIONS IN PRESENT CONTROVERSY

Last week, Senator A. B. Patterson and Representative Edgar A. Brown addressed letters to the members of the Board of County Directors, requesting their resignations for the reasons stated in the letter.

EXHIBIT "A"

Barnwell, S. C., Aug. 26, 1925. Mr. E. C. Matthews, Chairman, Mr. J. B. Morris, Mr. J. W. Folk, Mr. C. M. Turner, Mr. W. L. Baxley, Members Barnwell County Board of Directors.

Delegation, charged with the responsibility of levying taxes to meet the expenses of the various Departments of the County Government, we are unwilling to make provision for additional funds for roads and chaingang purposes to be expended by the present members of the Board of County Directors.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated. Yours very truly, A. B. PATTERSON, Senator, EDGAR A. BROWN, Member House of Rep.

EXHIBIT "B"

Hon. A. B. Patterson, Senator. Hon. E. A. Brown, Representative. Hon. W. D. Heckle, Representative. After paying August claims we find that we have on hand a balance of Nineteen Hundred and sixty-eight and 59-100 (\$1968.59) Dollars to meet chain gang and road claims for the balance of the year.

COUNTY DIRECTORS GIVE OUT FACTS AND FIGURES

Barnwell, S. C., Sept. 1, 1925. To the Tax Payers of Barnwell County:

In view of the fact that some friction has arisen between the County Board of Directors and the Legislative Delegation as to the conduct of the affairs of the County and the expenditure of County funds, resulting in a demand by Senator A. B. Patterson and Representative E. A. Brown that the County Board of Directors forthwith resign under threat of criminal prosecution if resignations are not submitted by six o'clock today, the Board of County Directors being in regular session today.

It is therefore deemed advisable that the voters and taxpayers of the County should be apprised of the condition of the County's affairs and finances.

On August 26, 1925, the following letter was addressed to the members of the County Board of Directors:

(See letter dated Aug. 26th and marked Exhibit "A") At the regular meeting of the Board of County Directors in session today, the following request in writing was delivered to the Legislative Delegation then in meeting in Barnwell.

(See Request to Delegation, marked Exhibit "B".)

The Legislative Delegation by Sen. A. B. Patterson and Representative E. A. Brown adopted and served on the County Board of Directors the following resolutions, which they stated were in response to the request for assistance in borrowing \$15,000 as above stated.

(See Resolutions, marked Exhibit "C".)

In response to the charge of squandering the County's money, etc., the following figures show expenditures for chain gang and roads and bridges for the year and in the amounts given.

(See comparative statement, marked Exhibit "D".)

In explanation of the expenditures for 1925, the unprecedented rainfall in Jan., Feb. and March of this year necessitated rebuilding and repairing of numerous bridges throughout the County at a higher cost for bridge building material for the reason that heavier material is required to take cars of heavier traffic.

When the present Board of County Directors went into office, the county equipment consisted of 16 mules, a few dump carts and picks and shovels. Since being in office the equipment has been increased to 36 mules, 12 wheelers, a tractor, and other necessary equipment for good road building. We have more than doubled our mileage in road building, have built permanent roads and this additional work and construction has been done at practically the same cost as that of former years.

The office of the Board of County Directors is open every day in the week, and the books of the office showing all receipts and disbursements are open to public inspection.

In addition to the foregoing, more than \$1,000 has been expended for borrow pits, rights of way and damages to crops in connection with the 32 miles of highway that has been constructed in the County this year.

E. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman, Board County Directors.

GET-ACQUAINTED TOUR COMES HERE SEPT. 15TH

50 SAVANNAHIANS TO SPEND NIGHT HERE

Visitors Will Be Guest of City.—Big Barbecue to Be Served Night of September 15.

Savannah, Sept. 2.—The Savannah Automobile Get-Acquainted Tour of South Carolina will take place on September 15 to the 18th, inclusive, and Barnwell, one of the scheduled places, will be visited by the party at 6 p. m. of the first day, September 15.

W. T. Knight, Jr., of Savannah, and general chairman of the proposed tour, is in communication with the Barnwell officials and arrangements are fast being perfected for the reception and entertainment of the Savannah party.

President Solomon Blatt of the Chamber of Commerce has notified the Savannah Committee that he is arranging a barbecue and to house the Savannahians for the night in homes of Barnwell citizens and at the hotel. Breakfast will also be served by the Barnwell Committee.

The Savannah party will consist of one hundred representative Savannahians who will leave in motorcade from the new Savannah River Bridge at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 15th and at Ridgeland the party will divide in half, fifty men in automobiles going by way of Beaufort, Charleston and Holly Hill to Columbia and the other half of the party going by way of Fairfax, Barnwell, Aiken and Edgefield to Columbia.

A complete itinerary and schedule of the tour has been completed by the Savannah committee. The itinerary includes twenty seven towns and cities and four days and three nights on the road. The party of the Eastern leg will spend its first night at Charleston and the second night at Columbia. The entire party will spend the third night at Washington.

To Conduct Services at Episcopal Church

The Rev. Howard Cady, rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, has requested The People-Sentinel to make the following announcement:

"Services for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity will be held as follows at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Barnwell: Church School at 10:15 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon at 11:15 a. m.; Evening Prayer and address at 8:30 p. m. At the morning services will be the dedication of the new organ with appropriate music. All are cordially welcome to worship with us."

lina has a three-fold purpose, as announced by its general chairman, namely to give an opportunity to representative Savannahians to become better acquainted with their neighbors across the Savannah River; to discuss the problem of considerable mutual interest, that is, good roads; and last and third to invite South Carolina people to attend the formal opening ceremonies of the Savannah River Bridge which will take place on October 7th at Savannah.

The tour schedule calls for a stop in Barnwell from 6 p. m. until 7:30 a. m. for supper and breakfast, following which the party will proceed to Blackville.

It is expected that within ten days a list of the personnel of the Savannah party will be ready for public announcement. Only the towns from Columbia down to Savannah via Bamberg and Walterboro will be visited by the entire hundred men.

It is expected that Mayor R. M. Hull of Savannah, several Aldermen, the chairman of Chatham county commissioners and President P. G. Pierpont of the Savannah board of trade, will head the party.

The first day's schedule calls for stops at Okeetee Club, Ridgeland, Hampton, Estill, Alendale and Barnwell. The second day the party will visit Blackville, Williston, Aiken, Edgefield and Columbia.

Mr. J. L. Angley, of Seligmanville, was a visitor here Thursday.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED IN BARNWELL

TWO MEETINGS HELD DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Officers Elected Monday Night and Drive to Be Made for Large Number of Members.

Two meetings of local business men have been held during the past week for the purpose of organizing a local Chamber of Commerce. The first gathering met in the law offices of Harley and Blatt Friday afternoon, at which time the matter was discussed informally. Another meeting was called for Monday at The Best Pharmacy, at which time the organization was perfected and officers were elected.

The feasibility of securing the services of a paid secretary was discussed but it was finally decided that the amount necessary for the right sort of man is not available at this time. The officers elected Monday night are as follows: President, Solomon Blatt; Vice president, Terie Richardson; secretary, B. P. Davies, and treasurer, W. J. Lemon.

Upon motion, it was decided to fix the annual membership fee at \$25 and the following committee was appointed to secure as many members as possible: W. J. Lemon, Solomon Blatt, W. D. Harley and B. P. Davies.

Ministers and public school teachers will be asked to become honorary members of the organization.

Various matters were discussed Monday night, among them being the visit of Savannah business men on the night of September 15th and the Virginia-Carolina Field Trial Association meeting in November. The details of these and other matters must necessarily be attended to by the new organization.

A substitute plan for the paid secretary was offered by Mr. W. J. Lemon, who suggested that the president be authorized to appoint a committee to attend to any necessary work that is to be performed for the advancement of the town and community.

BARNWELL TO BE HOST TO SAVANNAH VISITORS

BARBECUE AND STREET DANCE TO BE GIVEN.

Large Number of Business Men from Georgia City to Be Guests of Local Business Men.

When the party of Savannah men who are to tour this section of South Carolina arrive in Barnwell on the afternoon of September 15th, they will find a most cordial welcome awaiting them. Entertainment plans are already under way and a royal good time is being anticipated.

The two features of the occasion will be a big barbecue supper, followed by a street dance. Preparations for both are already being made and with a competent committee in charge, their success is assured. The "supper" will be held at Vickery Bros. garage, which is an ideal place for such an affair and these two public spirited gentlemen are to be commended for their generosity in granting permission for its use. The street dance will be held on the paved streets around "The Circle," the music to be furnished by a 15-piece band which will accompany the Savannah party.

While in Barnwell, the Savannahians will be the guests of the citizens and everything possible will be done to make their stay a pleasant and memorable one. For those who are unable to find accommodations at the hotels, lodging will be secured in private homes. The visitors will also be served breakfast the following morning before their departure for Blackville and the other towns along their route of travel. They are making this trip for the purpose of establishing more cordial relations between this section and the Georgia City and also to invite the people of South Carolina to attend the formal opening of the Savannah River Bridge in October.

Further details will be announced next week.

Col. Edgar A. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Willis, formerly of Barnwell, but now of San Antonio, Texas, and was appointed to the Military Academy by the Hon. James H. Brown, from the 2nd District of South Carolina.

Among the other appointments and interests, Cadet Willis has taken part in or is credited with the following: Expert rifleman, member of the "W" Squad, leading marksman.

In Spite of Drought Club Market Thrives

In spite of the continued drought, the Club Market continues to flourish. On last Saturday morning, long before the hour set for the opening of the market, housewives were on the ground and the Club women had no difficulty in disposing of all products. Hilda seems not to have been as hard hit as other sections and this club has been furnishing string beans, peas, okra, tomatoes, butter beans, peaches, late melons, scuppernongs, grapes, flowers, as well as eggs, chickens, etc. From Long Branch comes roasting ears, snap beans, peas, sweet potatoes, fresh butter and butter milk, scuppernongs, etc. Hercules section has been hard hit and only such products as eggs, butter and scuppernongs are brought. An amount in excess of \$20.00 was realized from Saturday's sales.

Arrangements are being perfected this week whereby products will be handled on next Saturday in such a manner as to allow all patrons of the market to be supplied, and thereby avoid confusion heretofore had.

Former Barnwell Boy Receives Promotion

Among the new appointments of Cadet Officers and Cadet non-commissioned officers of the Corps of Cadets, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, is that of Cadet James A. Willis, class of 1926, who has just been appointed Cadet Lieutenant.

These appointments are based on a Cadet's work during the preceding three years, and are greatly desired. Cadet Willis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willis, formerly of Barnwell, but now of San Antonio, Texas, and was appointed to the Military Academy by the Hon. James H. Brown, from the 2nd District of South Carolina.