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ALLENDALE JURY ACQUITS BANKER

ONLY ONE HOUR REQUIRED TO REACH DECISION.

Former President of Citizens' Bank of Fairfax Freed.—Defense Offers No Testimony.

Allendale, Nov. 12.—It took a jury just one hour to bring in a verdict of not guilty in the case of the State against J. E. Johnston, on trial for violation of the State banking law in connection with the failure of the Citizens' Bank of Fairfax in 1923.

The case was called here yesterday morning and at the close of the court hours yesterday was still in progress. The jury went out at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon, returning about 45 minutes later to receive further instructions. Ten minutes after going out the second time the verdict of not guilty was rendered.

When the case reopened this morning W. W. Bradley, State bank examiner, was on the stand the prosecution. He testified as to the records of his office and the history of the financial condition of the Citizens' Bank for some time before its failure and the efforts that had been made to save it. J. B. Barker, former cashier, was recalled and asked to testify with regard to a number of loans which had been made by the bank. He had not made them, the cashier said.

After a brief conference Edgar A. Brown, of counsel for the defense, announced that the defense would call no witnesses but would rest its case on the alleged weakness of the case of the State.

Thomas M. Boulware, of Barnwell, offered the first argument for the defense, stating only that the State in its evidence had not brought forth any testimony to prove that the defendant had been aware at the time the deposits had been received that his bank was insolvent and unable to pay its debts. Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh summed up the testimony which had been offered showing the weak condition of the bank for months before its final failure, pointing out that a man of reasonable prudence and intelligence placed in the position of president of the bank could not have failed to be aware of the condition of the bank. Senator R. P. Seanson was the second speaker for the defense listing in his talk a number of weaknesses in the argument and evidence for the prosecution and pointing out what he declared was a bitter animosity on the part of some citizens of the community who wished to see Mr. Johnston suffer because of their own losses in the bank failure. S. G. Mayfield, of Bamberg, of counsel for the prosecution, gave a lengthy and very forceful address in which he spoke strongly and determinedly for law enforcement and asked for a conviction simply on the grounds that J. E. Johnston had disregarded the laws of the State of South Carolina and was, therefore, guilty of a felony. Edgar A. Brown, representative from Barnwell County and Speaker of the House, concluded the argument for the defense in a strong and eloquent address in which he painted a word picture of Mr. Johnston as a pauper, broken by the failure of his bank and living in poverty in Greenville, to which misfortune, he said, was added the branding of his enemies who wished to see him as a convict in stripes to appease their own chagrin at the loss of what he termed a few paltry dollars.

His Honor, Judge H. F. Rice, charged the jury briefly with regard to the law. Mr. Johnston was on trial for his liberty solely on the grounds that he had disregarded the laws of the State and not because of the venom of any of his fellow citizens, he said, charging the jurors to bring in an honest verdict of either guilty or not guilty. In the jury room they conferred for 60 minutes, finally bringing in the verdict of not guilty.

Bridge Tournament a Success.

The bridge tournament given by the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal Church at the home of Mrs. Edgar A. Brown on Thursday afternoon was quite a success. Bridge was played at seven tables, the high score being won by Miss Jean Biley. The consolation prize was cut by Mrs. R. H. Wilcox. Refreshments were served after the games. A nice sum was realized for the organ fund.

Death of Clyde Elzey.

On the morning of October 27, 1925, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Collins at Hilda and took away their only son, Clyde Elzey, aged 16 years. Clyde was sick for only a few days and for awhile previous to his death was thought to be improving. However, he became worse during the night of October 26 and early the next morning his spirit took its flight to eternity.

He was a very amiable boy, a friend to everyone, and will be greatly missed in the community. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, one sister, Mrs. J. B. Black, of Williston, his grandfather and other relatives who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted at the home October 28th by the Rev. W. R. Davis, of Williston, the body being laid to rest in the Denmark Cemetery. A Friend.

Thermometer Takes Tumble.

Weather were followed by a decided Two or three days of Springlike weather were followed by a decided drop in temperature Sunday night after a day of rain and Barnwell residents shivered in real winter cold Monday, which was made more pronounced by a North wind.

Best Team Lost When Denmark Won Friday

The best team lost when Denmark won from Barnwell on the local field Friday afternoon, the final score being 3 to 0. The visitors won when Zeigler kicked a field goal from the 20-yard line and prevented Barnwell from scoring in the last part of the second quarter by tricky tactics that may be good football but certainly displayed poor sportsmanship.

After intercepting a forward pass, Barnwell completed three beautiful passes, carrying the ball to within a few yards of the Denmark goal. There was time enough to run the necessary plays for a touchdown, but each time when the locals had begun to call signals, Zeigler called for time out. Precious seconds being so wasted, a field goal was tried from an acute angle and failed.

Denmark scored in the first few minutes of play after the Denmark quarterback had made a 40-yard run, bringing the pigskin within scoring distance. Barnwell held the visitors back and then Zeigler stepped back and kicked a field goal for what proved to be the only score of the game.

Hercules Locals.

Hercules, Nov. 16.—Mr. C. H. Croft is visiting in this section for a few days, after which he will return to Jacksonville, Fla., where he has been working for the Texaco Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ray spent Sunday with relatives in Elko.

Mr. W. L. Harvey, of the Venice section, spent Sunday with Mr. Hamp Sanders.

Mrs. Lucia Sanders, widow of the Rev. Johnson Sanders, spent several days in Columbia last week.

Mrs. Eva Creech and children returned Sunday from a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Hughes, of Vance. Her friends are glad to know that Mrs. Hughes is much improved from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lottie Still, of the Oak Grove section, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hutto.

Mr. Willie Sanders and Miss Ina Sanders visited relatives at Ashleigh Sunday.

Messrs. Ruby Hiers and Idis Black left Thursday night for Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Dovie Gunnels spent Saturday night with Miss Mary Hartzog.

Mrs. Aiken Creech spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Creech and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Creech.

Mr. Benson Still and Miss Elree Still and mother spent Sunday near Olar.

Quite a large crowd attended prayer meeting here last Wednesday night which was conducted by the Olar folks.

The Literary Society had a very interesting program Friday afternoon.

Some of the people of this section are taking advantage of the cold weather to kill hogs.

In Honor of a Visitor.

Mrs. Harry D. Calhoun entertained with seven tables of bridge Saturday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Miller, of Fort Valley, Ga., who is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Marguerite Duncan. The top score prize, a pair of silk hose, was won by Mrs. Edgar A. Brown; the honor guest was presented with an embroidered linen towel; the consolation prize, a box of Nunnally's candy, was cut by Mrs. C. H. Fowler, and Mrs. L. A. Cave was awarded the booby prize, a package of peanuts. After the games a frozen salad course and tea were served.

Paroled Negro Went on Warpath Saturday

Pinkney McCreary, colored, who was paroled from the county chain gang during good behavior a few weeks ago, went on the warpath again Saturday morning. McCreary, it will be recalled, was convicted of manslaughter several years ago and sentenced to five years at hard labor. He had served about three years of his time when the parole was granted. Recently he has been in the employ of Mr. E. G. Kennedy who has the contract for building the concrete bridge over the Saltkehatchie on the Barnwell-Dunbarton highway.

Saturday morning McCreary was hauling cement for Mr. Kennedy at the Barnwell Oil Mill. According to the latter, the negro was "killing time" and resented what Mr. Kennedy said to him, whereupon he was discharged. The contractor saw him go to a negro house and, suspecting that he went for a pistol, came up town and enlisted the services of Chief J. B. Ross. Together they followed McCreary to the Farmers Ginney and upon the approach of the officers, the negro was seen to hide his pistol in a cottonseed truck. Chief Ross first searched McCreary and failing to find a weapon, looked for it in the truck. The negro was standing nearby and when the officer found the pistol attempted to take it from him. The chief succeeded in breaking McCreary's hold and struck him over the head with his "billy," whereupon the negro advanced upon him the second time but dodged another blow from the officer. Chief Ross then drew his own pistol and ordered McCreary to throw up his hands, which he refused to do until warned by the officer that he would shoot to kill if further resistance were offered. The ex-convict then submitted to arrest and was marched up town to the lock-up. Steps are being taken to have the parole revoked and McCreary was also tried on charges resulting from Saturday's affair. He is what is known as a "bad" negro. The crime for which he was convicted occurred at the Oil Mill and he is alleged to have shot Lige Hayes, another negro, in the back while the latter was at work under a cotton press. It is to be hoped that no further efforts will be made to have his sentence lightened.

Hilda News.

Miss Stella Collins, of Bamberg, spent last week with Misses Oregta Black and Beatrice Collins.

The Rev. Cheving and family, of Olar, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Hartzog Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hartzog and children were the guests of Mrs. Annie Woodward Friday night.

Mr. Sidney Collins spent the weekend with Mr. Roy Collins at Olar.

Mr. Angus Carter and family spent Sunday with his father, Mr. C. F. Carter, at Barnwell.

Messrs. J. B. D. I. and P. H. Hartzog and family were the guests of Mrs. Annie Woodward Sunday afternoon.

Miss Beatrice and Meredith Collins spent Sunday night with Miss Edna and Bertha Mae Collins.

Messrs. D. I. Hartzog and Willie Woodward went to Barnwell Saturday evening.

The Rev. Boggs and Mr. Fred C. Nettles attended preaching services at Salem Sunday.

Mr. Shelly Rowell was a visitor at Mr. Jim Redmond's home Sunday night.

Messrs. Leon and George Hartzog spent the week-end with Messrs. Wilbur and J. D. Hartzog.

Mr. George Delk and family visited his brother, Mr. Isaac Delk, Sunday night.

Thanksgiving Service.

Next Sunday, Nov. 22, marks the closing services of this Conference year. A large attendance upon both these services will lend a heartening contribution to our pastor, who has served his people faithfully and well during the past year and whose services under the providence of God we covet for the years to come.

As Mr. Humphries in attending Conference will not be with us on Thanksgiving Day, it has been requested that on Sunday night a Thanksgiving Service be observed at the Barnwell Methodist Church. Special music and an inspiring message will feature this service, at which time all will be given an opportunity to make a thank offering to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which His gracious providence has bestowed upon us as a nation and as individuals.—Publicity Supt. of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Wind Does Damage.

During the windstorm which accompanied the heavy downpour of rain in this section Thursday afternoon, the large sawmill at J. R. Cheek and Sons' sawmill, near Barnwell, was blown down. No other damage has been reported as a result of the storm.

District Meeting Woman's Auxiliary

The Fall District Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Barnwell Saturday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. About 75 delegates from various parts of the State are expected to be in attendance. Immediately after the meeting, a reception will be held at the rectory, to which the delegates are cordially invited.

The program is as follows:
10:30 a. m.—Holy Communion—Celdbrant—Rev. Howard Cady and Rev. Albert Cooper.

11:00 a. m.—Business Meeting.
Opening Prayer—Rev. Albert Cooper.

Music—by Choir.
Welcome—Rev. Howard Cady.

Greetings to the Church Women of the district—Miss BeBee Patterson, Response on Behalf of the District—Mrs. Albert Cooper.

12:00 M.—Woman's Auxiliary—Prayer—Mrs. John Cart.

Instrumental Solo—Mrs. E. A. Brown.

The Message from the Triennial at New Orleans—Mrs. W. S. Poyner.

United Thank Offering Report—Mrs. R. S. Kirk.

Invitation for the Spring Meeting. Hymn—No. 249.

Departmental Chairman: Mission and Church Extension—Miss Anna Sinkler; Christian Social Service—Mrs. S. A. Wragg; Religious Education—Mrs. W. M. Richardson; Supply—Mrs. W. D. Calhoun; Field—Mrs. William Hane; Publicity—Mrs. Andrew Wallock.

Open Discussion of Auxiliary Work and its Possibilities.

2:00 p. m.—Benediction. Adjournment. Lunch.

Says Ads. Are Misleading.

Elko, S. C., Nov. 16, 1925. Editor Barnwell People-Sentinel:

The full page illustrated advertisements appearing in your paper relative to taxes are misleading. The people of the county need to know the truth about all matters in which they are so vitally interested as they are in the matter of taxes.

The bottlers of South Carolina do NOT pay the 20 per cent. special tax. They charge six cents now for a product that they formerly sold for five cents. That extra cent is the twenty per cent. It is collected by the bottlers but it is PAID BY THE CONSUMERS of soft drinks. Soft drinks are not a necessity but a luxury and every one who indulges in this luxury pays equally with every other user of this luxury. Nobody must pay this tax because nobody has no right to howl over this tax because they do not pay it. Moreover, this tax is not ruinous to the soft drink industry for nobody in this spendthrift age who wants a soft drink is deterred from buying by the extra cost of one cent.

Yours truly,
Clara L. Johnston Illit.

Cark of Thanks.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Collins.

Bridge Club Meets.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Charlie Brown, Sr., last week. Mrs. Charlie Brown, Jr., won the high score prize and Mrs. Keys Sanders cut the consolation. A salad course was served after the games.

County's Cotton Crop Nearly Normal Again

That the production of cotton in Barnwell County experienced a return to the "normalcy" of pre-vee-weil days is shown by the report of the Department of Commerce, which places the number of bales ginned in this county prior to November 1st at 25,741 as compared with 17,913 bales to the same date in 1924 and a total last year of about 21,300 bales. This is the largest crop grown in Barnwell County since 1920, when the yield was about 28,000 bales. It is believed now that the final figures for this county will be approximately 27,000 bales.

The report of ginnings in other counties in this section are as follows:

	1925	1924
Aiken	27,518	22,810
Allendale	13,737	10,355
Bamberg	18,154	10,313
Hampton	11,240	7,529
The State	819,049	533,035

School Issues Paper.

"Hi-Notes," a monthly issued by the Dunbarton High School made its initial appearance Friday. It is an interesting and newsy little sheet. The following items are taken from last week's issue:

With this issue the HI-NOTES makes its first bow to the public. It may be true that it is a very tiny, and probably, wabbling infant, but it is here, nevertheless, crying for recognition.

This issue has been rather hastily prepared, and deals more or less with the educational side of our school. We hope, however, to give some live school news in the issues which are to follow. An editorial staff consisting of pupils will be appointed before the next issue, and whatever training to be derived from the printing of a sheet like this will be given to those pupils who show a talent in that direction. The hearty co-operation on the part of the patrons of the school, the citizens of the town, and the community in general is earnestly sought.

As a fitting climax of "Education Week" will be the big community gathering at the school house next Friday night, November 20th. The affair will open at six o'clock and continue in session until folks get sleepy.

A "turkey supper", with all the dressings will be served up stairs in the school house. This promises to be a "swell feed" and we want you to come hungry and go away filled. Price of the plates will be 75c for grown people and 50c for children. The money realized from this supper will finish paying for the light plant at the church.

On the first floor of the school building will be arranged a program which will be worth while to the patrons of the school. The hand work of the pupils will be displayed on the walls of one of the rooms for the benefit of those who did not get the opportunity to visit the school earlier in the week. In the other rooms will be side shows which will charge a small admission fee, but which guarantee your money's worth. Miss Rice is arranging a musical show which promises to be the drawing card of the evening. But probably the most popular place of amusement that evening will be the prize well which for a nickle one is allowed to let the bucket down and pull up his prize in it.

There will be plenty of fun for the grown-ups as well as the children. We want you to come for supper and stay for the shows, or if you can't eat supper, we want you to come for the program work. Tell your parents and your friends; then come and bring them with you. Efforts will be made to get the school buses to come back late Friday afternoon to bring any of the children who care to come that way.

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MRS. CAIN WILL CONDUCT CLINIC

PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THAT OF LAST FALL.

Encouraging Results of Last Year Responsible for Intensive Clinic Work in 1925.

Encouraged by the results of the Tuberculosis Clinic put on by the Christmas Seal Committee last fall, the Barnwell County Seal Chairman for 1925, Mrs. A. A. Lemon, has again secured the services of Mrs. Lee Cain, field worker for the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association for a month's intensive clinic work this November.

Mrs. Cain will carry on a program similar to the one which she conducted last fall. There were two clinics held last fall at which there were 96 examinations: 53 white and 43 colored. Three active cases and four suspects were found. All of these needed close supervision. In addition to these five were found to have had tuberculosis but were now arrested cases. Two applications were filed for State Sanitarium treatment. During the campaign Mrs. Cain visited in 37 homes where some of the family had been exposed to tuberculosis. She also talked before some of the schools, distributed literature and placed posters over the county carrying information in regard to the symptoms and treatment of tuberculosis.

Since working in Barnwell last fall, Mrs. Cain has conducted clinics in Fairfield, Oconee, Pickens, Laurens, Kershaw, Lee, Calhoun and Dillon Counties. The campaign in Barnwell County this year will last a month, as the results of the short program last year seemed to prove that a more prolonged and intensive campaign is needed in the county.

The program in Barnwell County is under the auspices of the Christmas Seal Committee and the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Double Pong Items.

Blackville, Nov. 16.—Mr. Linnie Hair and family spent Sunday with Mr. Isadore Hartzog and family.

Mrs. Lillie Delk and children spent Monday at the home of Mr. R. W. Warren.

Mr. Henry Dyches and son, John Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiers spent the week-end in Augusta last week.

Mr. Howell Delk was in Blackville Monday.

Mr. Wesley Gilliam and sisters, Maude and Annie Laurie, were the guests of Miss Julia Warren Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jim Redmond was in Blackville Tuesday.

Mr. George Hair and family spent Sunday with Mr. Sammie Hartzog and family.

Mrs. Jim Redmond and children spent Monday at the home of Mrs. R. W. Warren.

Mr. John Chitty and family spent the week-end with relatives in Fairfax.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Croft spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Warren.

Sycamore News.

Sycamore, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and daughter, Vivian of Augusta spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hiers of Ehrhardt spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Deer.

Mr. and George Deer spent Sunday out of town.

Mrs. Esettle Loadholt and daughter, Mattie Lou, and mother, Mrs. Mattie Schausreut, visited relatives in Ehrhardt Tuesday.

Zeke Brant of Denmark was in town Saturday.

Miss Mignie Brabham of Augusta was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cone and baby were in town Saturday.

Mrs. I. B. Bowers and Mrs. J. E. Lightsey motored over to Allendale Friday.

Miss Theina Mack and sister, Eva, of Swasee spent the week-end with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Many friends and relatives left town Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Raymond Tuten at Ulmer.

J. C. Mayer was called to Allendale this week as a jurymen.