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## Sheriff J. B. Morris Throws Hat in Ring

Veteran Law Enforcement Officer Is Candidate to Succeed Himself This Year.

Sheriff J. B. Morris, who was appointed four years ago to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sheriff Boncil H. Dyches and was then elected for the full term, is a candidate to succeed himself, his formal announcement appearing in this issue of The People-Sentinel.

"Cap'n Jack," as he is familiarly known, served as chief law enforcement officer from 1908 to 1919, when he resigned to devote his time and attention to his large farming interests. During that time he led the famous Richard Henry Austin man hunt and succeeded in capturing this desperado in the Savannah River swamps after the negro had killed several white men. May 1st, 1932, he was appointed on Governor Blackwood's constabulary and rendered very efficient service. He resigned this position when he was appointed by the governor to succeed Sheriff Dyches.

During his present term, Sheriff Morris has been instrumental in collecting thousands of dollars in delinquent taxes and has also waged war on bootleggers. He is regarded as an efficient law enforcement officer.

It is not known at this time whether or not Sheriff Morris will be opposed, but at the time this was written no formal announcements for the office had been made.

## Bridge Over Savannah River to Be Built Soon

Survey Is Begun.—Senator Searson Says No Reason Why Work Should Be Further Delayed.

According to a report from Ben M. Sawyer, says The Allendale County Citizen, a surveying party began last week the survey for the long hoped for bridge over the Savannah River between Allendale and Sylvania, Ga. The Burton's Ferry Bridge, long a mirage in the minds of public spirited Carolinians and Georgians, bids fair to become a reality with the gradual disentanglement of the Palmetto State's highway snarl.

In a letter to the Hon. W. E. Wilburn, chairman of the Georgia State Highway Board, May 22, Mr. Sawyer stated:

"During the week commencing May 23, 1936, one of our surveying parties will begin the survey for the bridge over the Savannah River between Allendale, S. C., and Sylvania, Ga. Last week the general assembly enacted a law providing for financing an \$8,000,000 highway program and this department is anxious to let the contract for the Allendale-Sylvania bridge some time this summer.

"Please advise me if Georgia is now ready to finance its share of the cost of this project."

Senator Searson, of Allendale County, who has for several years evinced vital interest in the proposed bridge, said in a statement to the press that he had been "repeatedly assured by our friends who had the matter up with the Georgia Highway Department that Georgia has the funds and is ready to proceed to work on the bridge."

"The election of the highway commissioners from the various circuits in South Carolina should be completed this week," said Senator Searson, "and there is no reason now known to me why actual construction should not commence during the summer." The senator stated that he understood that the surveying party referred to by Mr. Sawyer has already arrived and commenced its work.

### Medal Awarded Miss Coclin.

The medal awarded for the first time this year by Col. Solomon Blatt, member of the local board of trustees, to the member of the graduating class declared the "best all-round" scholar, was won this year by Miss Maria Coclin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Coclin. This will be an annual award and points are compiled on scholarship, popularity, etc. The medal was presented at the closing exercises of the Barnwell High School on Wednesday night by Supt. W. W. Carter.

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## Seen and Heard Here During the Past Week

A Little Sense and Nonsense About People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Several local weather prophets turning over control of the rain situation to Charles Burckhalter, with the fervent hope that he will be more successful than they have been. . . . Idis Brabham, of Hattiesville, in Barnwell Monday to attend the monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners, remarking that his section has been without rain for about two months and that he does not recall a similar condition in all of his 50 years experience in farming. . . . And P. S. Ussery, of the Mt. Calvary section, saying that he has good stands of all crops, that his cotton has been plowed three times and soda applied, and that farmers in his section are anticipating "making a killing" on cucumbers. . . .

Wilson Sanders being presented with a watermelon by friends from Florida who are in Barnwell for the "cuke" deal. . . . College students home for the holidays having round table discussions about prospects for summer fun. . . . Young lady remarking that she carried a crowd of children on a picnic in the hope that it would bring rain. . . .

Two little negro boys swapping punches in front of Joe Grad's old store, with the result that one was knocked through the plate glass window. . . . Sidewalk political discussions, with a few Barkis-minded aspirants sending up "trial balloons." . . . Pedestrians acknowledging a sneaking superstition by walking around a ladder placed against a Main Street store, with a few of the more strongminded expressing their contempt for such things by boldly walking under the ladder. . . . B. F. Gardner, of Healing Springs, in town one day last week and remarking that his eight-acre "patch" of cabbage is bringing him in a good return.

### HEALING SPRINGS SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Healing Springs, June 1.—The commencement exercises of the Healing Springs public school were held Monday night, May 25th, at which time a special program was presented to a large and appreciative audience, closing the most successful year in the school's history. Seven pupils completed the seventh grade and were promoted to the high school department.

The highest average for the year's work was made by Harriet Breeden, with Mary Odom next.

An interesting event of the evening was a declaimers' contest, in which W. P. Still was declared winner and was presented with the Doctor Black medal. This medal is offered each year and a great deal of interest is manifested by the pupils in the award. The Rev. Mr. Chapman, Miss Myra Faust and Miss Edmunds, of Blackville, acted as judges.

A playlet entitled "In Flowerland" was presented in pleasing style.

All teachers have been reelected, as follows: L. E. Whittle, principal; Miss Pennie Williams, Miss Cleo Griggs and Mrs. Ruth Coggin. The trustees are B. T. Lott, L. B. Gibson and L. T. Nobles.

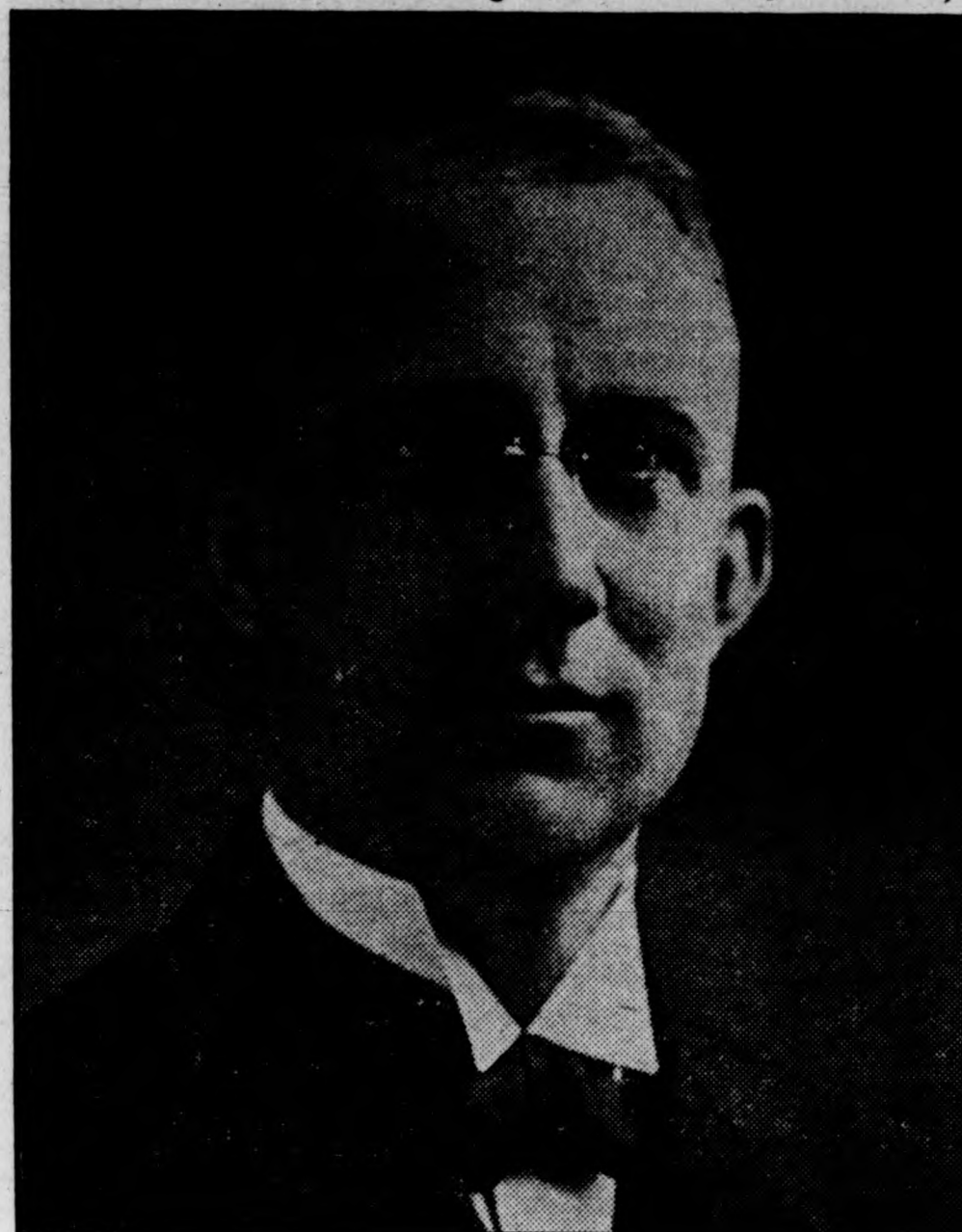
### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 8TH

A city-wide vacation school begins at the Barnwell Baptist Church on Monday morning, June 8th, at 9:00 o'clock. The Rev. Inabinet and the Rev. Mr. Letson are cooperating with the local Baptist pastor, and all the children in town are being invited to attend. The school will be in session two weeks, five days each week, and the hours are from nine to twelve. All the children from four years of age through sixteen are invited. There will be the following departments: Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate.

A committee will be at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon of this week to enroll the prospects. The hour that the committee will be at the church is from five to six. Come and enroll at this time. You will be shown to your department at this time so that no time will be lost on Monday.

We expect this to be the finest school Barnwell has ever had, and we are hoping for the support of everyone in town. J. A. Estes, Pastor.



SENATOR EDGAR A. BROWN  
Barnwell Solon Says That His "Senatorial Aspirations Are in Barnwell County."

## SENATORIAL ASPIRATIONS ARE IN BARNWELL COUNTY

### Winchester C. Smith Makes Announcement

Williston Man Has Made Envious Record During Three Terms in the House.

The Hon. Winchester C. Smith, of Williston, is a candidate again this year to succeed himself as a member of the house of representatives and, like his colleagues, needs no introduction to the voters of Barnwell County.

Mr. Smith was first elected to the lower branch of the general assembly six years ago, being chosen on the first ballot from a field of several candidates. He was unopposed for reelection in 1932 and again in 1934, his record as a representative being such as to merit recognition.

For several years he has been vice-chairman of the powerful ways and means committee of the house and has always played an important part in the fiscal affairs of the State government, having served twice in the past three years on the appropriation bill free conference committee. He was co-author of the bill to reduce the price of license tags and took a prominent part in the passage of the fertilizer bill to have open formulas on all fertilizers sold in the State.

Last year he was elected by the legislature as a member of the rural electrification board, but refused to resign from the house to accept the

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HON. WINCHESTER C. SMITH  
Williston Man Is Seeking Re-election to Fourth Term in the House of Representatives.

## Common Pleas Court to Convene June 15

Judge Hayne F. Rice Will Preside at Two Weeks Term.—Petit Jurors Drawn Monday.

Petit jurors for the first week of a scheduled two weeks term of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County were drawn Monday. Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, will preside at the approaching term, which will convene Monday, June 15th. The first week jurors are as follows:

- Jasper Owens, Ashleigh.
- Johnson E. Lain, Hercules.
- L. A. Cave, Barnwell.
- J. L. All, Dunbarton.
- J. A. Myrick, Jr., Diamond.
- Matthew Lott, New Forest.
- G. K. Fickling, Blackville.
- James E. Bates, New Forest.
- D. I. Ross, Ashleigh.
- S. M. Dyson, Williston.
- Bleasie Harley, Hercules.
- J. Mims Walker, Healing Springs.
- H. C. Swett, Meyer's Mill.
- Calhoun Lemon, Barnwell.
- C. R. Cave, Blackville.
- W. F. Dicks, Upper Richland.
- C. C. Mitchell, Tinker's Creek.
- G. S. Boynton, Kline.
- S. F. Hogg, Kline.
- C. H. Anderson, Elko.
- Kendrick Diamond, Morris.
- L. K. Purvis, Williston.
- W. Furman Creech, Hercules.
- Willie L. Baxley, Reedy Branch.
- G. A. Bonds, Hilda.
- R. L. Boyles, Old Columbia.
- J. W. Walker, Old Columbia.
- F. L. Eaves, Dunbarton.
- J. C. Bradley, Kline.
- L. H. Boland, Williston.
- O. H. Best, Barnwell.
- J. M. Brodie, Barnwell.
- Frank Hartzog, Hilda.
- J. H. Harrison, Kline.
- Allison E. Sanders, Big Fork.
- Abe Ghingold, Barnwell.

Lieut. and Mrs. M. G. Smith, of Fort Bragg, N. C., announce the birth of a seven-pound boy on May 27th. The infant has been named Jno. Michael Smith. Mrs. Smith will be remembered in Barnwell as Miss Elizabeth Deason, daughter of Dr. R. A. Deason.

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virtue of his long service in the legislature he is generally regarded as one of the most influential members of the upper branch and always plays a leading role in the shaping of State-wide legislation. His worth as a legislator is reflected in the number and importance of his committee assignments, which include the following:

Agriculture; banking and insurance; commerce and manufactures; enrolled acts; federal relations; finance; military; penitentiary; privileges and elections; roads, bridges and ferries; rules; transportation; chairman of the powerful banking and insurance committee.

In addition to all of this, however, he finds time to devote to a large law practice and the operation of several farms, but is never too busy to refuse to lend a helping hand to some one less fortunately situated. Honors have been heaped upon Senator Brown in the past. He has served as county chairman named State executive committeeman for some 20 years and was chairman of the State Democratic executive committee for four years, but it can still be said of him "he can walk with kings nor lose the common touch."

The latest evidence of his interest in Barnwell County and its people is the securing of an appropriation for the establishment of a Clemson College experiment station in this county to serve the truck farmers of the western section of the State. This should prove of inestimable benefit to the farmers, as well as providing employment for a group of experts. Senator Brown secured an appropriation of \$20,000 for the establishment of the station, which will probably be located between Blackville and Williston or between Barnwell and Blackville, the site not having been definitely selected at this time. It will be operated with federal funds.

Senator Brown's success can be largely attributed to the fact that he is a leader, rather than the follower of any man, clique or clan, and his success as a leader is due to the fact that he knows the value of co-operation. His hundreds of friends confidently believe that his record is such as to insure his return to the State senate for another term.

## Bronson and Greene Make Announcements

Veteran Officials Are Seeking Re-election.—No Reports of Opposition Are Heard.

Among the formal announcements of candidates to be found in this issue of The People-Sentinel are those of R. L. Bronson, clerk of court, and G. M. Greene, master in equity, and so far this writer has heard no definite reports of opposition to either.

Mr. Bronson, generally regarded as a most efficient county official, was first elected to his present position 12 years ago in a hotly contested race, defeating the late W. H. Duncan, Jr., in the second primary. Previous to that time he had served for a number of years as deputy clerk under the late W. H. Duncan, Sr. His services have proved so acceptable that he was reelected without opposition in 1928 and again in 1932, and at the time this was written (Tuesday) the name of no candidate had been mentioned as a probable opponent. He assures the voters of the county that he will continue to render the same high class service as in the past.

Mr. Greene was also first elected in 1924, and was reelected without opposition in 1928 and again in 1932, which fact is a distinct tribute to the manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. Like Mr. Bronson, no opposition to his candidacy had developed at the time this was written.

Another announcement appearing in this issue is that of Paul H. Sanders, who is seeking reelection to the office of magistrate at Hilda, which he has filled very acceptably for several terms.

## Dr. Fred C. Brinkley Is New Commissioner

Ellenton Physician Elected on 41st Ballot to Succeed C. F. Rizer, of Olar.

Balloting fruitlessly for 40 times in an effort to elect a successor to C. F. Rizer, of Olar, as highway commissioner from the second district, a week-long deadlock was broken Friday morning when the Barnwell delegation and Representative Faber Kearse, of Bamberg, suddenly switched their votes to Dr. Fred C. Brinkley, Ellenton, and he was chosen by a margin of 7 to 2 over W. Frampton Toole, of Aiken.

There were three nominees in the race: Dr. Brinkley, Mr. Toole and Q. A. Kennedy, of Williston. During most of the balloting the vote stood: Toole, 4; Kennedy, 4; Brinkley, 1. Every effort was made to break the deadlock by electing Mr. Kennedy, but Senator Folk, of Bamberg and three members of the Aiken delegation stood firmly by Mr. Toole.

Seeing the hopelessness of prolonging the balloting indefinitely, Mr. Kennedy released his supporters and they promptly swung to Dr. Brinkley, thereby insuring his election, which was then made unanimous.

While Barnwell County can lay partial claim to Dr. Brinkley by reason of the fact that Ellenton is located on the Barnwell-Aiken line, this county has never had a highway commissioner in its own right—the previous commissioners having hailed from Aiken and Bamberg Counties—and it had been hoped to give this county the representation to which it was due by the election of Mr. Kennedy. However it is confidently expected that Barnwell County's road interests will not suffer by reason of the fact that the new commissioner comes from a neighboring county, inasmuch as Ellenton is generally regarded as being practically a Barnwell County town.

### General Clinic in June.

A general clinic will be held on the second Tuesday in June, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., at the public health office in Barnwell, which includes all kinds of cases. This clinic is held on the second Tuesday in each month.

The Well Baby Clinic will be held on the third Friday in June at the public health office in the Court House, Barnwell, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. All children, both white and colored, from birth to five years of age, will be examined. Examination and consultation will be given to 20 indigent cases on each third Friday as above stated.