

# Joyous Christmas

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### Barnwell County Acts to Save Its Timber

Legislators and Citizens Have Roles in Leading Counties of State.—Fire Guard Complete.

Aiken, Nov. 29.—Through the efforts of State Senator Edgar A. Brown, Representatives Solomon Blatt and Winchester C. Smith, and other interested citizens, Barnwell County is rapidly forging to the front of South Carolina counties in worthwhile protection of its timber lands and wooded areas from the fire menace.

Barnwell County is one of the few counties in South Carolina whose wooded areas are afforded county-wide protection. The county has 334,080 acres of land with 166,026 acres being heavily wooded, these lands are being protected by one of the most complete setups for the protection from fires, afforded by any county.

#### Conservation Camps Aid.

With the aid of the members of the civilian conservation corps camp located in the Sweetwater section, more than forty miles of truck trails have been built, these trails are constructed where ever there are more than eight square miles of wooded lands without accessible roads to enable the fire fighters to reach the scene of a fire. On many of these trails, bridges had to be constructed across the many streams traversing Barnwell County. Near Snelling, a bridge 65 feet long was built across Three Runs Creek. This bridge has been declared by officials to be the largest and best constructed bridge that has yet been built by CCC workers in this State.

Three fire towers have been built and connected by more than forty-five miles of telephone lines, these towers are manned by a ranger who is on the lookout daily during the danger season. These men are paid a small salary by the forest commission and given a house in which to live as well as ten acres of land to cultivate. This system of paying the workers is known as the South Carolina plan, and is being adopted by various States.

#### Location of Towers.

These observation towers are located at Reynolds station, on United States highway 78; at Barnwell, near the Charleston highway, and near Dunbarton. The latter site is one of the best tower sites in the State; the Barnwell towers are also connected by telephone lines with the Oakwood tower in Aiken County, thus affording an extra opportunity to aid a neighboring county in fighting a fire near the county limits. On a clear day an observer is enabled to see for more than ten miles in all directions. M. F. Ussery, of Barnwell, is the county ranger and is assisted by R. Grubbs and Roy McElheney. Frank Cuthbert is superintendent of the CCC camp.

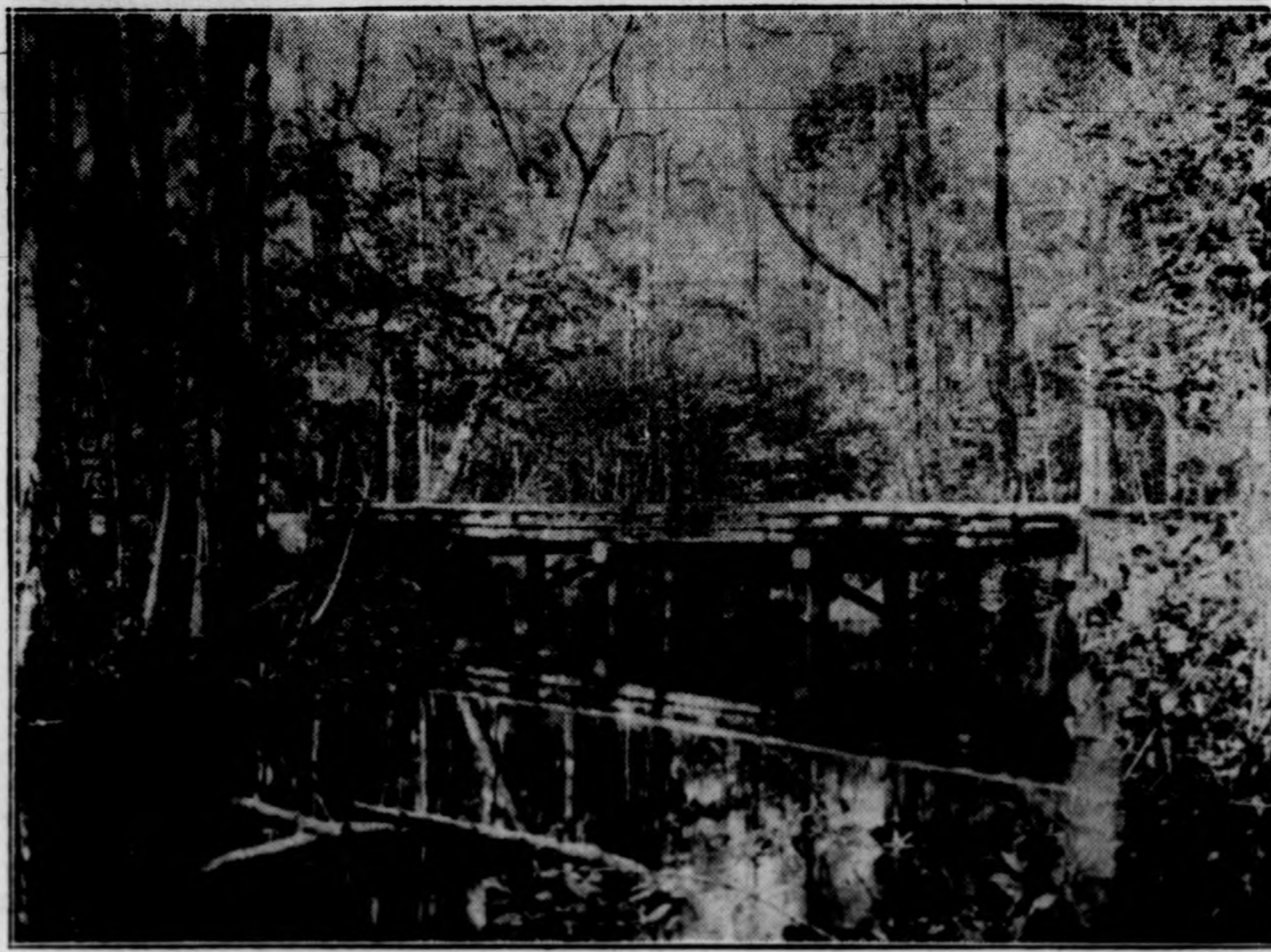
The citizens of Barnwell are striving to secure enough acreage to be donated to the State forestry commission and used as a State forest or park. This fall more than nine hundred acres will be replanted in young pines. This is only the beginning of a system being adopted throughout the State that will enable the landowner to be assured of an ever abundant supply of cord wood and timber.

#### Mrs. O. N. Courtney.

Williston, Dec. 19.—Mrs. O. N. Courtney, 69, died at her home here Thursday morning. She was stricken with a heart attack Tuesday night and her life was despaired of when she failed to rally. She was a member of the Williston Baptist Church and was held in high esteem by a host of friends in the community.

Funeral services were conducted

### Handiwork of CCC Campers in Barnwell County.



The above is a picture of the bridge constructed by CCC workers across Three Runs Creek near Snelling in Barnwell County.—Courtesy of The News and Courier.

### Avocates Holding Cotton for Advance

Congressman Fulmer Would Have Government Withhold Loan Cotton from Market.

Expressing the belief that cotton will advance to 15 cents a pound should the government withhold from the market three million bales of cotton on which it has made 12 cents loans, Congressman H. P. Fulmer has addressed the following letter to the Hon. Lynn P. Talley, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington, D. C.:

"My dear Mr. Talley:

"I understand that your Corporation has in its possession some three million bales of farmers' cotton, on which you have made a loan of 12c per pound.

"I suppose the carrying charges on this cotton at this time would amount to about 1 1/2c per pound, making a total of 13 1/2c.

"In that there is quite a demand for cotton at this time both in the U. S. and several foreign countries, I want to urge that you do not dispose of any of this cotton at any time in the near future for a price less than 13c per pound basis middling 7-8 inch cotton.

"There is quite a little cotton in the country in the hands of farmers yet to be sold. If, therefore, you will properly manage the selling of the cotton that you are now holding it is my firm belief that you will be able to secure between now and the time of the selling of the next year's crop around 15c per pound.

"This will not only be helpful to the farmers who have an interest in the cotton that you have on hand, but will be helpful to thousands of farmers, who, as stated, have in their possession cotton to be sold between now and the next cotton harvesting season.

"This is a very important matter, and, as stated, I am urging your favorable consideration along the line suggested."

#### Will Hold to Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Fulmer, vice-chairman of the house committee on agriculture, was today advised by G. E. Rathell, treasurer of the farm credit administration, that in response to his request no government cotton on which there is now a loan will be sold until after the expiration of this year. If and when it may be deemed necessary to dispose of any of the 3,000,000 bales on which there are now loans up to 12 cents a pound such cotton will only be disposed of at the loan figures plus interest and carrying charges.

#### Mrs. George K. Ryan.

News was received in Barnwell Friday of the death of Mrs. Gertrude Holmes Ryan, 71, at her home in Asheville, N. C. She had been ill several months.

Mrs. Ryan, who had lived in Asheville for about 20 years, was formerly of Barnwell, the widow of George K. Ryan. She is survived by three sisters-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, of Columbia; Mrs. M. M. Ryan, of Wedgfield, and Mrs. W. F. Holmes, of Greenville, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the graveside in the Catholic churchyard in Barnwell.

No. 2: "Dat's awright to visit yer boy-child and he wife, 'cause dey will put up wid yuh, but don't yuh never go to see yer gal-child and her husband', 'cause sure as shootin', dat gal's husband' gwine put yuh to wuk."

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

### Blackville Pupils Present Opperetta

Football Boys Also Receive Block Letters for Work During the Past Season.

Blackville, Dec. 21.—The Blackville Grammar grades presented an operetta, "Cross Patch Fairies" in the High school auditorium on Thursday evening. The attendance was splendid. About 50 children were in the cast. Miss Tomlinson and Miss Katie C. Edmunds directed the singing and lines. Costumes were in charge of the several grade teachers. The Parent-Teacher association sponsored the entertainment, the proceeds to go for campus beautification. Students were admitted free and adults charged a small fee of 10 cents.

At the conclusion of the Grammar grade entertainment presented in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, the Blackville football boys were presented block letters for their work during the past season.

The following boys received recognition: Captain Elmer Cooper; backs, Harold Delk, Martin Still, Francis Nevils, Harry Quattlebaum; ends, Clement Baxley, J. R. Sandifer; tackles, Pat Coggin, Aiken Still; guards, Harold Bodiford, J. T. Tripp, Harvey Jones, Buster Morris, Herman Brown; centers, James Jowers and Ethridge Grubbs; manager, James Still.

A gift was presented to their coach, Gibbs DeHines, by Francis Nevils from the team. In accepting the pen and pencil set, Coach DeHines thanked the boys and wished for them a life played as squarely as they had played football during the past season. Blackville only lost two games for the year.

Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the home by the Rev. G. M. Rogers, her pastor, and the Rev. W. R. Davis, a former pastor, of Williston.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Courtney is survived by two daughters, Miss Marguerite Courtney, of Williston, and Miss Ruby Courtney, a teacher at Johns Island school, near Charleston.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 14, 1936.

Dear Santa:—As Christmas will soon be here I would like for you to bring me a little hammer and tacks, a little truck, a ball, a trickle and a little rocking chair. I want you to bring me some fruit, candies and fire works. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Bring mother and Dad and also grandmother something.

Willie W. Harley.

Blackville, S. C., Dec. 9, 1936.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl just 4 years old. I have been good so you would come to see me. So I am asking you to bring me a tricycle and a Sheryl Temple doll and some fruits of all kind. Mother is going to put me up a Xmas tree so you can put my things under it. Hope you a merry Xmas.

Betty Lee Collins.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 14, 1936.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a green rocking chair and a toy stove and toy dishes. Please bring me white and yellow gloves. I am in the third grade. I am seven years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Don't forget my little brother and sister.

with love,

Martha Harley.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 14, 1936.

Dear Santa Claus.—Please bring me a green truck and some fruit and a wagon for Christmas. I am six years old. I would like to have a knife too.

With love,

Rufus Croft.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 14, 1936.

Dear Santa Claus.—Please bring me a little knife with a chain, a whistle, a green truck and some fruit too. I am six years old.

With love,

Bobby Creech.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 4, 1936.

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy four years old. So please bring me a tricycle and lots of fruit and candy. Don't forget my little brother.

Your little man,

Gene Dyches

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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.

Monday the shortest day of the year, called by scientists the "winter solstice," and being known officially as the first day of winter. Incidentally, it lived up to its name, bringing one of the heaviest frosts of the season. . . . Miss Louise McCullough, a member of the Barnwell school faculty, receiving a Boston terrier as a Christmas present and promptly naming the little animal "Wally Simpson." . . . A husky young man ringing the doorbell of a local residence before the family breakfast had been prepared, asking for something to eat and leaving in a huff when courteously invited to return a little later. . . . College girls and boys at home for the Yuletide holidays. . . . Christmas, shoppers being annoyed by exploding firecrackers on the sidewalks and under automobiles, and wondering just why the powers that be allow such practices to continue, when other towns over the State have taken drastic measures to restrict the use of fireworks. . . . Several friends amused at the sight of this scribe replenishing his family larder at the curb market Saturday morning, he being forced to "pinch-hit" for friend wife, who was confined to her room with a cold. . . . Seed cotton en route to the gin, a rather unusual sight at this time of the year. . . . A local merchant complaining that his sales Saturday were \$100 less than for the corresponding day in 1935, due to the very inclement weather, and being reminded of the fact that he has two more shopping days in this week before Christmas than was the case a year ago. . . . Two loquacious sons of Ham discussing world affairs in general while standing on a Barnwell street corner Saturday and giving expression to the following sidewalk philosophy: Son of Ham No. 1: "Jim done gone Nawth to visit he boy-child." S. of H.