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## Barnwell Men Preside Over General Assembly

### SPRAWLS' APPOINTMENT IS QUESTIONED BY DELEGATION

APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR IS COMPLETE SURPRISE.

Suitable Man to Succeed Capt. W. D. Black to Be Recommended "at Proper Time."

The announcement Saturday that Governor Olin D. Johnston had appointed J. M. Sprawls, of Williston, as a member of the Barnwell County Board of Directors, to succeed the late Capt. W. D. Black, came as a complete surprise to the people of this section, and more especially to the members of the county legislative delegation, who state emphatically that they had made no recommendation to the chief executive to fill the vacancy.

There was considerable speculation on the streets here Sunday relative to the announcement and, when asked concerning the Governor's appointment of Mr. Sprawls as a member of the county board of directors from the Third District to succeed Captain Black, the members of the legislative delegation gave out the following statement:

"Out of deference to the memory of our beloved friend, Capt. W. D. Black, who long and faithfully served Barnwell County, the delegation has not even considered the appointment of his successor and the action of Governor Johnston in attempting to usurp the powers vested in the delegation by statute law is surprising, to say the least. Section 3992 of Volume 2 of the Code of 1932 provides for the appointment of county directors in Barnwell County by the Governor upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from said county. Any child can understand that the Governor has no power to make this appointment in the absence of a recommendation from the legislative delegation, which we have not made.

"At the proper time, the delegation will meet and consider the question of recommending some suitable man from the Williston district to take Captain Black's place—and it will not be Mr. Sprawls."

Mr. Sprawls, who conducts an insurance agency at Williston, was an unsuccessful candidate for the State senate last summer in opposition to the veteran incumbent, Senator Edgar A. Brown, of Barnwell, who was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OFFICERS TO MEET HERE

An Associational Sunday School meeting will be held with the Barnwell Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon of this week beginning at three o'clock. This meeting is of particular interest to associational officers, local Sunday School officers and Sunday School teachers.

Henry H. Delk.

Blackville, Jan. 11.—Henry H. Delk, retired mail carrier, aged 69, died at his home in Blackville Saturday, after suffering a stroke the day before.

He leaves one daughter, Miss Bertha Delk, of Blackville; three sons, Harry Delk, of Blackville, Harry Haigler Delk, of Columbia, and Earl Delk, of Charleston; one sister, Mrs. W. C. Baxley, of Atlanta, Ga., and one brother, Furman Delk, of Blackville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Blackville Baptist Church, the Rev. L. G. Payne, of Eau Claire, and the Rev. L. H. Miller, of Greenville, officiating. Interment was in the Blackville cemetery.

Mr. Delk was for many years a deacon of the Baptist Church.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons who served with him, H. B. Grimes, E. E. Fickling, C. J. Fickling, P. A. Baxley, C. A. Epps, S. J. Keel, A. B. Hair and J. C. Hoffman. Active pallbearers were Eugene Fickling, Sigbee Grimes, Jack Drawdy, Weston Delk, Wilbur Delk and Grady Whaley.

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### Presides Over Senate



LIEUT.-GOV. J. E. HARLEY.

### County Treasurers Seeking Back Fees

Anderson and Greenville County Officials Are Asking for Many Thousands of Dollars.

Anderson, Jan. 9.—County Treasurer J. H. Scott has informed members of the Anderson County legislative delegation that he is looking to the county for payment of fees, estimated at \$5,000 to \$6,000, of which he was deprived when the treasurer's office was placed on a straight salary basis in 1933.

The delegation has taken no action on the demand.

Scott said that his action in seeking back fees is based on recent court decisions.

### In Greenville County Also

Greenville, Jan. 10.—The county treasurer, Robert N. Smith, has filed suit against the county for fees on tax executions dating back for four and a half years. The sum asked for was estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Smith contended he was entitled to \$1 on each tax execution or warrant issued, but that this money had been retained by the county.

This was the fourth suit for back fees brought against Greenville county since the State supreme court had ruled in favor of R. J. Salley, treasurer of Orangeburg County, in his case for back fees. The former auditor, J. Ben Watkins, former Sheriff Cliff R. Bramlett and Mrs. Fannie C. Scott, former judge of probate, filed the other actions.

Smith's suit named the county supervisor and county commissioners as defendants.

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### Young Girl Directs Activities on Farm

Etheree Hogg, 12 Years Old, Shows Exceptional Initiative and Executive Ability.

The report of the activities of Etheree Hogg, of the Big Fork 4-H Club, is one which should interest all 4-H club members, boys and girls, and their parents as well, says Miss Elizabeth McNab, home demonstration agent.

Etheree, though only 12 years old and a student of the seventh grade of the Barnwell school, has already shown initiative and executive ability which surpass that of many adults.

During the illness of her mother and the absence of her father, who was employed elsewhere in the State, she assumed the responsibility of directing many farm activities. She employed farm hands to do the work on the farm which needed to be done. When the cotton was picked and brought to the barns, she was there to weigh it and to pay the laborers for their day's work. During hay-harvesting time she borrowed a machine from a neighbor and supervised the cutting of the hay as well as the storage of it. During watermelon season she, in company with a neighbor, sold melons at the curb market in Columbia. To sell the melons to the first buyer was not her policy, but rather she chose to talk to a number of buyers, compare their prices and let her decision rest with the highest bidder.

To limit her activities to farm crops alone is not to do Etheree justice. Her interests also concern the raising of Black Giant chickens to sell. Her story about the purchase of a hen for ten cents and the sale of eggs and chickens would be an inspiration to every 4-H Club member. But the thing in connection with farming that she says she enjoys most of all is plowing.

Hats off to this ambitious farm-ette who says, "I like my 4-H Club work."

### Blackville P.-T. A.

Blackville, Jan. 12.—The Blackville P.-T. A. held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 6, with Mrs. Herman Brown, president. The members enjoyed a motion picture and illustrated lecture, "Correct Lighting in the Home," sponsored by the South Carolina Power Co. A lamp awarded as a prize was won by Mrs. A. V. Collum.

Following the program, a business session was held. Announcement was made that the organization would sponsor a program to increase the library. Miss Leonard Kelly became the first donor with a gift of 20 books, which were gratefully accepted. Patrons who wish to contribute books are asked to notify Miss Katie Edmunds, library chairman.

Miss Amy Hendrix, of the home economics department, was appointed chairman of the refreshment committee. The next meeting is set for February 3rd.

### Fulmer to Introduce Bills of Importance

Among Other Things, Second District Congressman Wants Cotton Tax Refunded.

Among important bills to be introduced in the House by Representative H. P. Fulmer, of this district, vice-chairman of the House committee on agriculture, are the following:

One providing for a research station, with sufficient acreage of land for experimental purposes, to do research work in connection with the utilization of whole cotton. This line of work has been tested in a small way, and it has been found that in processing whole cotton, including the stalk, bolls and burs, there may be produced 52 per cent. cellulose, out of which numerous articles can be manufactured and placed on the market. It is believed that millions of dollars' worth of whole cotton could be used annually, thereby taking the place of the importation of spruce that is now being brought into this country and manufactured into cellulose.

Another bill would authorize the treasurer of the United States to refund to cotton farmers money used by them in purchasing cotton tax certificates under the Bankhead law, which was repealed.

Another bill proposes to sell cotton on a net-weight basis, thereby eliminating the useless tare (bagging and ties) now being used under the present system for baling and selling cotton, all of which would bring about the saving of millions of dollars annually in waste, freight rates, insurance, etc. It is said that the passage of this bill would make practical the use of cotton bagging manufactured from the lowest grades of cotton.

Still another bill would provide for loans to farmers for crop production and harvesting for the year 1937, known as the feed and seed loan, an appropriation of 50 million dollars being authorized.

### Farmers Top the List.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—Professions more varied than the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker are represented in South Carolina's 1937 general assembly.

Farmers head the list. There are 71 in the two houses combined. Fifty-six belong to the lower house and 16 to the senate.

Lawyers come second, and out of a total of 57 in the assembly, 35 are claimants of house chairs. Twenty-two are in the senate. Merchants are third, with 21 in the legislature, 16 in the house and five in the senate.

There also are barbers, bookkeepers, dentists, ministers, insurance agents, law students, a plumber, school superintendents, theatre executives, newspaper editors and real estate agents.

Miss Alma Folk, of Baltimore, Md., spent several days last week in Barnwell as the guest of Col. and Mrs. Edgar A. Brown.

### BLATT BEATS WANNAMAKER FOR SPEAKERSHIP OF HOUSE

Elected Speaker



SPEAKER SOLOMON BLATT.

### Production Credit Farmers Meet Here

Representatives of Three Counties Gather in Barnwell to Hear Annual Reports.

The Barnwell Court House was packed to capacity Thursday with farmers from Barnwell, Bamberg and Allendale Counties to attend the annual meeting of the Barnwell Production Credit Association.

Reports by the officers showed that the association had a splendid year and added a nice sum to the surplus which it is building up. The association made loans to 695 farmers for a total of \$227,063 in the year, showing a substantial increase in membership and in volume of business done.

W. T. Riley, Sr., of Allendale, and E. D. Peacock, of Barnwell, were re-elected members of the board of directors. Other members of the board are: C. F. Rizer, of Olar, president; St. C. P. Guess, of Denmark, and G. A. Sanders, of Fairfax.

J. Edwin Tiddy, secretary of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, addressed the meeting and congratulated the members on the splendid showing made by the association. He stressed the necessity of co-operation among the farmers and said that through these co-operative credit institutions farmers were now able to get money on terms comparable to that paid by the great corporations of the country.

### Card of Thanks.

The family of the late Mrs. Lillie Delk wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses extended them during the illness and at the death of Mrs. Delk, and for the beautiful floral tributes. Howell J. Delk and Family.

BARNWELL MAN VICTOR BY FIVE VOTES IN HOT RACE.

Neville Bennett and Calhoun Thomas Keep Chairmanships of Important Committees.

Columbia, Jan. 12.—Anti-Johnston forces in the general assembly of South Carolina scored first victory of the new session yesterday when they elected Solomon Blatt, 40-year-old member from Barnwell, speaker of the house of representatives over L. C. Wannamaker, of Chesterfield, who had behind him the full influence of the chief magistrate of the State.

The vote was 62 for Blatt and 57 for Wannamaker, a margin of five for the Barnwell county representative, and when the result was announced after a tense roll call as the house had seen in years, there was cheering and applause.

As one result of the balloting, it was conceded that Neville Bennett would continue as head of the ways and means committee and that Calhoun Thomas, of Beaufort, would continue to be chairman of the judiciary, another important house group.

Soon after he took the speaker's gavel, Mr. Blatt recessed the house for a few minutes, in order, he said, "to telephone my gray-haired mother who is awaiting a message."

House Organizes. With galleries and aisles filled, the house was called to order by James E. Hunter, Jr., clerk, and a temporary organization was quickly set up.

John A. May, of Aiken, supporter of the governor, nominated John W. Crews, of Richland, as temporary chairman, terming him a "self-made man," and Neville Bennett, of Marlboro, seconded the nomination, saying that the house had "confidence in the integrity and ability" of the nominee.

He made the motion that Mr. Crews be elected by acclamation, the motion prevailing, and Mr. Crews was escorted to the speaker's stand by Representatives May and Bennett, having been appointed to do so by Clerk Hunter. Mr. Crews was sworn in, prayer was offered by Representative M. V. Horne, of Richland and, after Mr. Crews had expressed his thanks for the honor shown him, temporary officers were appointed and all members were sworn in.

Nominates Blatt. After the house had been thrown open for nominations, there was a moment of silence and for a time it seemed there would be no nominations.

Finally Neville Bennett arose. "I want to present to this house for speaker a man who is qualified in every way to exercise the duties of that office," he said. Down the aisle in front of him he said was the mace, historic emblem of authority, an heirloom; also a microphone, typical of the modern day. He paid tribute to democracy and brought cheers with a reference to President Roosevelt. He spoke briefly of the experience of "a native of Barnwell," said he was a member of the American Legion, told of his service to his county in getting it on a cash basis.

"I nominate a two-fisted, plain-spoken, straightforward, plain-shooting he-man of South Carolina, I call for him the justice of elevation from position of speaker pro tem to that of speaker," and then he named Mr. Blatt as cheers arose.

### Mrs. Collum Entertains.

Blackville, Jan. 11.—Mrs. A. V. Collum, Jr., entertained her two bridge clubs Friday afternoon. Four tables were played in the living room, which was prettily decorated with red berries and winter foliage. High scores for the club members were won by Mrs. James Nevils and Mrs. R. B. Fickling. They were awarded boxes of stationery. High score for the visitors was won by Miss Mildred Fort, who was presented with a box of powder puffs. Miss Loree Seay cut consolation, a hat brush.

The hostess served a delicious sweet course. Mrs. Collum was assisted during the afternoon by Miss Laurice Green and Mrs. R. B. Fickling.

## BARNWELL COUNTY SCHOOL FACTS AND FIGURES

Last week, Jan. 4-9, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools D. L. Lewis, of Columbia, was in the county and, in company with the County Superintendent of Education, visited the grammar schools. The white schools have all completed the four months term.

Thursday of this week, Jan. 14th, the Barnwell County Education Association will hold its monthly meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon in the Dunbarton high school auditorium. The Hon. Jas. H. Hope, State superintendent of education, and J. C. Holler, county superintendent of education of Anderson, who is also president of the State teachers' association, will address the teachers. School trustees have been invited to this meeting.

Quite a number of interesting facts about Barnwell County's schools, which are not shown in any school reports, have recently been compiled, as follows:

There are more white trustees (117) in the county than white teachers (90).

Trustees are elected in 12 school districts, and appointed by the county board of education in 23 districts.

Only five school districts have bonded indebtedness.

Twenty-eight school buses operate in the county. Ten of these are new. Two of the new buses were purchased last year under the State's wholesale purchasing plan.

Williston-Elko is the only school having a school bank, owned and operated exclusively by teachers and pupils.

Blackville is the only district owning a teachers' home.

Barnwell high school is the only school having a wood shop. This shop was built and equipped last year, and is running the second session with a specially prepared teacher.

Barnwell and Williston-Elko are the only schools having full time agriculture teachers, although the county is absolutely and primarily an agricultural county and the federal aid for this instructor is three-fourths of the salary.

Three schools—Barnwell, Blackville and Williston-Elko—are members of the State high school league. Williston-Elko has the distinction

of being the only member of the Southern Association.

Green's Academy was the only school consolidated this year. It consolidated with the Williston system.

Although South Carolina is called the "Palmetto State," the Williston-Elko high school grounds with two trees is the only place, with one exception, where palmetto trees grow.

The county this session has a full time colored supervisor, called a Jean's supervisor, working under the direction and supervision of the county and State school administrations and having the salary paid by the Jean's Endowment of New York City.

The two school buildings at Williston are the only schools having telephones installed. With so many kidnappings registered in 1936, are telephones wise equipment?

Rental text-books are used this year for the first time. All five of the high schools—Hilda, Blackville, Barnwell, Dunbarton and Williston-Elko—participate and operate depositories for the convenience of pupils and patrons. Some schools, in the face of economy as the measure, de-

clined to cooperate because of the "trouble."

Blackville and Williston-Elko are using the only gymnasiums in the county this session for the first time.

Quite a number of the schools have music—instrumental (piano and violin) and vocal—connected with them, but Barnwell is the only school having art as a study.

Four schools—Barnwell, Blackville, Williston-Elko and Dunbarton—have Commercial Departments. The first three publish a monthly school paper with the use of mimeograph machines. These three are the only schools with Home Economics teachers.

The Blackville high school this session has the third male teacher serving in the same position.

School lunches are served to eight schools this session, prepared by cooks furnished by the WPA.

Williston-Elko high school and Williston grammar school are the only schools with museums.

Nine Barnwell County school teachers own their own homes, four of these in Williston.