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Blackville Man Wins Lower District Prize

H. L. Martin Awarded \$125 for Producing 4,400 Pounds of Cotton on Five Acres.

H. L. Martin, of Blackville, has been awarded the second prize of \$125 in the lower district, results of the South Carolina five-acre cotton contest for 1936, conducted by the Clemson College extension service, showing that he produced 4,400 lbs. of lint cotton on five acres of land. The prize money was contributed by the Cotton Manufacturers Association, of South Carolina. Mr. Martin used Coker's Cleveland, strain 4, variety, with a staple length of 1 1-32 inches.

First prize of \$200 in the lower district went to Taft Thames, of Manning, Clarendon County, who produced 4,830 pounds of lint with Watson's Dixie Triumph variety; staple length, 1 1-32 inches.

The first prize for the entire State, \$750, went to Mrs. Carrie B. Smith, of Johnston, Edgefield County, who produced 6,640 pounds of lint, using Coker's Cleveland, strain 4, variety, with a staple length of 1 1-32 inches. It is reported that Mrs. Smith realized a total of \$1,150 from sales of cotton and seed from her prize five-acre patch. Her expenses are said to have been only \$268, or just a little over four cents a pound. In this connection it is interesting to note that her expense per pound was the lowest in the State, showing the value of high yields.

Shower for Bride.

Olar, March 2.—Mrs. J. O. Sanders was hostess Thursday afternoon at a lovely miscellaneous shower in honor of her niece, Mrs. T. W. Morris, Jr., a recent bride. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Morris was Miss Rachel Carter, of Barnwell, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Carter. Mrs. Sanders received at the door, and asked the guests to register in the bride's book, in charge of Mrs. Eugene Creech. Mrs. Mattie Cook presented the guests to the bride. Mrs. E. M. Robinson, of Olar, and Mrs. G. M. Greene, of Barnwell, each gave a very interesting contest. All prizes were presented to the honor guest by the winners. Outstanding on the program were humorous readings by Dorothy Greene and Jenny Diamond, of Barnwell. Mrs. W. V. Creech entertained the guests with several popular musical numbers.

Arrangement of early spring flowers, in which red, white and blue predominated, decorated the rooms. Later in the afternoon the hostess served a sweet course, assisted by Mrs. Joe Brabham and Mrs. Edwin Carter, of Barnwell, and Miss Nellie Ruth Morris. After refreshments, the guests were invited into the gift room, which was literally spread with lovely and useful gifts for the bride. Mrs. Walker Gregory, who is a recent bride, was present and was remembered with a gift.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. W. M. Gilliam, of Columbia; Mrs. J. H. Ayer, Mrs. D. J. Hartzog, Miss Alice Myrtle Hartzog, Mrs. J. B. Browning and Mrs. Elizabeth Browning, of Govan; Mrs. Angus Carter, mother of the bride, Mrs. G. M. Greene, Mrs. Edwin Carter, Miss Ruth Carter Mrs. Carter, of Barnwell, and Mrs. Joe Brabham and Miss Evangeline Toole, of Williston.

Manless Wedding at Galilee School.

There will be a "Manless Wedding" at the Galilee school house on Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock to provide equipment for the school playground and kitchen. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The characters are as follows:—Bride, Gladys Black; Groom, Mrs. Bernice Baxley; Preacher, Marie Creech; Flower Girls, Mrs. Willie Baxley and Mrs. Manley Baxley; Ring Bearer, Mrs. Jeff Black; Train Bearer, Mrs. Norris Croft; Maid of Honor, Mrs. Aaron Black; Bride's Maids, Ida Black, Reba Grubbs, Deborah Black, Mrs. Monnie Black, Mrs. Orlando Black; Bride's mother, Mrs. Ina Grubbs; Bride's aunt, _____; Bride's father, Kate Hartzog; two old maid aunts of the bride, Mrs. Koger Hartzog and Mrs. Jessie Collins. Lessee Sandifer and Virginia Black will sing "Daisies Won't Tell." Mr. Hubbard will play the wedding march. You can't afford to miss it. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Directors Replaced by County Managers

Personnel Remains the Same in Five Districts.—T. P. Mitchell Is New Member.

Under the terms of an Act recently passed by the general assembly and signed by Governor Johnston, Barnwell County has been divided into six road districts and a board of county managers has replaced the old board of county directors. Under the new set-up, however, the personnel of the board remains the same in five districts, while T. P. Mitchell, of Williston, has been appointed in the sixth to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Capt. W. D. Black, of that town.

Under the new Act, the county is divided into road districts as follows: District No. 1, Barnwell township; No. 2, Great Cypress and George's Creek townships; No. 3, Blackville township; No. 4, Williston and Rosemary townships; No. 5, Richland and Red Oak townships; No. 6, Four Mile and Bennett Springs townships.

The newly appointed managers are: District No. 1, J. W. Patterson; No. 2, L. S. Still; No. 3, Dr. Ryan A. Gyles; No. 4, T. P. Mitchell; No. 5, R. R. Moore; No. 6, Idis Brabham.

The Act provides for a four-year term of office and until successors are appointed and qualify. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor, upon the written recommendation of the legislative delegation from Barnwell County, and any vacancy or vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, of any member or members of the board shall be filled by appointment of the governor only upon the written recommendation of the delegation. It is further provided that "in case of a vacancy, or vacancies, and the governor does not appoint upon the written recommendation of the legislative delegation within ten days, said person or persons, as shall be recommended by the legislative delegation, shall assume office and perform the duties thereof with all the power and authority he or they would have if duly appointed and commissioned by the governor. No confirmation by the senate shall be deemed necessary."

The new board of county managers is clothed with all the power and authority heretofore devolved upon the old board of county commissioners and the old board of county directors under any and all existing statutes.

Getting An Early Start.

The Barnwell (S. C.) People-Sentinel wants to do away with fireworks entirely at Christmas time, and so it proposes that the problem be tackled early in 1937 so as to be ready for the holiday season at the end of the year.

"Local merchants," comments The People-Sentinel, "have disposed of stocks bought for the 1936 Christmas trade and no great hardship will be worked on them if sales are restricted in 1937."

The Barnwell paper, pointing out the dangers of fireworks, expresses the view that these explosives keep away trade, as many shoppers are afraid to walk on the sidewalks with these poppers going off beneath their feet.

Augusta bans fireworks legally, but actually permits them to be sold. Stands are set up just outside the city limits and a thriving trade is carried on. So many youngsters persist in shooting fireworks within the city that the police are helpless.—August Herald.

Watermelon Growers' Meeting.

There will be a watermelon growers' meeting Friday, March 5, at 10:30 at the Court House in Barnwell for the purpose of electing a delegate to State meeting. At the State meeting growers' representative on the Watermelon Control committee will be elected. All melon growers are urged to attend as the number of growers present will determine the number of votes which the delegate can cast at the State meeting. As Barnwell County produces many cars of melons, it should have representation on the Watermelon Control Committee.

Hugh A. Bowers, Asst. Co. Agent.

Paul Bolen, of Springfield, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bolen.

4-H Club Girls Keep Systematic Records

Show Contributions to the Family Income Over a Period of Several Months.

Barnwell County 4-H club girls are keeping records of their contributions to the family living over a period of several months. This includes the sharing of responsibilities, pleasures and wise spending of the family income. Each girl keeps a record of the money she spends for her health, education, recreation and pleasures, such as books, games, movies, trips, candy, etc.; her personal spendings, such as stationery, stamps, cosmetics, etc., and what she spends for Sunday School and gifts.

Statistics show that women and girls spend the larger part of the family income. They do not spend it on themselves, but for supplies used in the home. Club girls are learning the value of the dollar and the cost of food, clothes and education. 4-H clubsters also make a schedule of the time they spend. Someone has said for a grown person: "Sleep one-third of the 24 hours or 8 hours (girls need more); work one-third or 8 hours, and rest and play and eat one-third or 8 hours." Laura Ella Gantt, of the Boiling Springs club, has made a time schedule which permits time for work, play, recreation and rest and, unlike most schedules, it is followed. Laura Ella reports, however, that the hardest thing about following her schedule is going to bed on schedule time.

Club girls are also trying to add to the family income by doing work in the home, being careful not to waste food and fuel, not to destroy property, caring for her clothing and not wasting money.

Reports of good home work are given by local leaders at each club meeting.

Triple "C" News Notes

W. TEAL, Reporter.

CCC Camp, March 1.—Because they were paid off Saturday morning, many of the boys who were not on fire duty went home for the week-end that afternoon.

Pay day was otherwise uneventful. One carload went to Columbia and Sumter with Mr. Bryan, who spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Cuthbert also spent the week-end at home, as did Mr. Murry, Mr. Gamble and Mr. Nevils.

Bill Trantham held the "fort" for the Forestry Department over the week-end.

Mr. Batton has been working here for several days, and will probably be here throughout the week. He is boring a new well at the Dunbarton tower site.

John Stone, regional inspector of the ECW, working out of Atlanta, is in camp making an inspection. He arrived Sunday and will probably leave tomorrow.

With him are Mr. McLees, ECW inspector, of Columbia, and W. W. Scott, who is doing some drafting in connection with the Timber Type Survey.

A forest fire in the woods near camp Friday caused a little excitement. All the overheads, cooks, k. p.'s, office force from the army overhead, forestry overhead, etc., turned out, and soon put it out. It was about a hundred yards on the other side of the road that runs back of the camp, and it might have been dangerous had it gotten any closer.

In spite of the cold weather, Lieut. Cobble and Mr. Bryan played a few sets of tennis Friday, and Lieut. Cobble and Mr. Stone played a few sets Monday. Honors are about evenly divided so far.

Almost every day one or two messages have been sent or received by "Red" Fowler over his radio set. It will soon be no novelty to communicate with the Fort and get an immediate answer.

Governor Appoints Magistrates.

Among the appointments made Friday by Gov. Olin D. Johnston were listed the following magistrates in Barnwell County: J. W. Sanders, Great Cypress township; J. W. Cook, Williston; G. M. Hogg, Barnwell, Dr. O. D. Hammond, Blackville; J. M. Hill Red Oak township; C. S. Anderson, Dunbarton; G. R. Peoples, Bennett Springs and Four Mile townships; W. K. Black, Hilda.

Victory Dance.

A Democratic Victory Dance will be held at the Sweetwater Country Club, near Barnwell, this (Thursday) night, March 4th, for the purpose of helping to raise funds to retire the national campaign deficit. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Gentlemen will be charged an admission fee of \$1.00 and tickets may be purchased from Miss Jo Black. The public is urged to attend and help in a good cause.

Walterboro Editor Expresses His Views

W. W. Smoak Draws Conclusions from Election of Solomon Blatt as House Speaker.

W. W. Smoak, editor of the Walterboro Press and Standard, who supported Governor Johnston in the 1934 primary, makes the following comment on the election of Representative Solomon Blatt, of Barnwell, as speaker of the House:

The matter of the selection of a speaker for the house of representatives was of intense interest Tuesday when the legislature convened for the regular session. This interest was intensified by the factionalism of the fight waged between the contending candidates, one of whom was with the Johnstonites and the other with the opponents of the governor. Hon. Solomon Blatt, Barnwell County, anti-Johnston, was opposed by L. Caston Wannamaker, Chesterfield, pro-Johnston. Mr. Blatt won by a majority of five votes. The hall of the house and the galleries were packed so intense was the interest in this race.

This vote was most indicative of the sentiment of the house. Governor Johnston had waged an active campaign in favor of his candidate for this office. Not only had he waged such a fight in the past few months, but he had gone about over the State and spoke against certain representatives whom he designated as anti-Johnston. The boast had been made that he had won a majority of the house membership, but the vote in the speaker's race indicates that this was not the case. The same thing was true in the vote for speaker pro tem, in which the Hon. J. W. D. Zerbat, Charleston, won over the Hon. J. A. May, Aiken, colonel on the staff of the governor, by an even larger majority.

The Press and Standard is pleased that these races went as they did. It means that appointments on standing committees of the house will result in the retention of certain chairman of the powerful committees. Hon. Neville Bennett will remain chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, a most important post, and one which Mr. Bennett has filled with signal ability. It will mean that Hon. Calhoun Thomas, of Beaufort, will remain chairman of the judiciary committee, another important post, and that Hon. J. W. D. Zerbat will again head the roads, bridges and ferries committee, another important committee so far as lower South Carolina is concerned.

It has seemed to the editor of this newspaper that Governor Johnston has been opposed to the things which mean the development of the low country. His sympathies are seemingly with the Piedmont section from which he comes. To have removed these important committee chairmen and replaced them with Piedmont representatives, which most likely would have resulted if Mr. Wannamaker had been elected, would have been most injurious to our section of the State, where ability and long service have given recognition to our legislators and placed them in positions of leadership.

The Press and Standard, sensing the futility of a continued factional fight, would urge Governor Johnston and his adherents in the general assembly, to desist from injecting factionalism into this session. It can do no good. It is bound to do harm. It will prolong the session, and will result in no victories for the governor in connection with the fight on the State highway department.

The governor had a fine opportunity when he began his term as governor two years ago, to have become a leader in the State, and to have grown

Blackville Mittmen Will Engage Locals

Barnwell Team Shows Great Improvement Since Opening Bout 10 Days Ago.

The Blackville High School boxing team will fight the local mittmen here on Friday night at the high school auditorium. This will be the second home meet of the season for the locals and the first time in the history of the two schools that they have met in this sport.

According to authorities of the local school, an effort is being made to get Coach Walter Johnston, of Presbyterian College, and two of the members of that institution's boxing squad to come down and act as officials.

The Barnwell team has shown a great deal of improvement since the opening fight with St. Matthews ten days ago and should be in much better shape for this match. Nothing is known of the Blackville squad, but it is expected to place a good group of fighters in the ring, thereby assuring the local fans of some excellent matches. The fighters are matched according to weight and about eight or ten matches will be fought.

Although this is only Barnwell's second year in the ring sport it is proving quite popular with local fans and a large crowd is anticipated. The Barnwell team is under the tutelage of J. U. ("Red") Watts, former Southern Conference champion while a student at the University of South Carolina.

Fidelis Class Meets.

(Marian Bolen, Pres.-Reporter.)

Misses Marian Bolen and Elizabeth Grubbs were joint hostesses to the members of the Fidelis Class Thursday evening, Feb. 18, at the home of the latter. The living and dining rooms were very artistically decorated, carrying out the color scheme of red, white and blue in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

During the business session the class held an open discussion on plans for the successful continuance of the store-room plan, which the class has been trying to get under way for some time. Many useful and much needed contributions were brought by the members and by their continued support it is thought that the plan will be one of the most successful ever tried in the local Sunday School. This class has hitched its wagon to a star and under the inspired leadership of Mrs. Estes, and with the full cooperation of every class member, it will have no trouble in gaining its worthwhile goal. "Success will surely crown our efforts!"

Contests in keeping with the season were enjoyed and prizes awarded the winners. The guests were then invited into the dining room to enjoy a buffet supper. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. J. B. Brubbs, Mrs. E. G. Bolen and Miss Mary Brown.

Light Sleet Saturday.

This section was visited by a light fall of sleet Saturday morning, but the icy particles melted as rapidly as they fell. Snow fell in other sections of this State and in North Carolina to depths ranging from one to nine inches.

in strength and power. He chose the other idea and waged a bitter fight. It nettled him nothing and since then the people have spoken and their verdict has been against the policies of the present administration. This was shown in the votes taken in the legislature during its first two days of the present session. He has made many enemies over the State who will not soon forget the bitterness with which the governor fought candidates for office last campaign, and these will be certainly opponents in his future political aspirations.

Again an opportunity presents itself and we urge that the governor forego bitterness and factionalism, and labor for the welfare of all the people and the death of factional fights.

We regret that one of the representatives from this county was counted as an opponent of the Barnwell candidate. Barnwell County has always stood with Colleton and has supported Colleton candidates and Colleton policies whenever occasion presented itself. This county is a neighbor and as such we regret that its candidate lost a Colleton vote.

"The Barnwell Ring" Has Been Discovered

But Charleston Newspaper Thinks It Is "Probably a Myth" and Rather Harmless.

In the State's column, "Around the State House," there appeared Thursday the following comment:

"The Barnwell Ring"

There was a time when all the cracks about rings were made about Columbia. But Barnwell with its prominence in State affairs, is paying the penalty, too. They now refer to "the Barnwell ring."

It had been whispered about during the race for speakership of the house that to elect Solomon Blatt, would give undue influence to Barnwell County, since J. E. Harley, a resident of Barnwell, was already president of the senate. Blatt, too, is from Barnwell. But the attack lost some of its forcefulness when it was realized that Spartanburg, with a governor and a United States senator, rather had inside track in preference in rings.

But the "Barnwell ring" came right out into the open, or rather was jerked into the open, in the house this week. Austin Latimer, of Williston, Barnwell County, now right hand man to Jim Farley, in Washington, spoke of the honor conferred on Barnwell when two Barnwell men were chosen to preside over the deliberations of the two houses of the general assembly, and made some joking reference about "moving the State house to Barnwell."

A little later Clyde Graham, of Florence said a man to be elected to an office, in gift of the legislature, had to belong to either "the Columbia or the Barnwell ring." That was pulling the "Barnwell ring" right out on the house floor.

Should Edgar Brown, senator from Barnwell, decide to enter that predicted race for the United States senate between "Cotton Ed" Smith and Governor Olin Johnston, even more would likely be heard.

Such is life, especially political!

Probably a Myth.

The other day a member of the house of representatives in Columbia alluded, rather slightly, to the "Barnwell and Columbia rings." We never heard of the "Barnwell ring" before, but if it cannot do better in electing governors and congressmen than the Columbia ring does, we have no fear of it. How many votes did the mayor of Columbia receive when he ran for governor? The last time a Columbian was elected governor was fifty-five years ago. Even Charleston has a better record, for a Charlestonian was elected lieutenant-governor and succeeded to the governorship a few years ago. If we lived in Columbia we would give up "rings" and try to form a parallelogram or triangle. One would like to see a map or diagram or photograph of the "Barnwell ring." It is probably a myth.—News and Courier.

Negro Man Badly Cut.

Vera May Jay, a negress, of near Elko, was lodged in the Barnwell County jail on Monday afternoon by Sheriff U. B. Morris for an alleged attack on her husband, _____ Jay, who was cut from ear to ear. The couple had an altercation at their home and as a result of the fight the man needed sixteen stitches to close the wound on his face.

Following the fight Jay walked a mile and a half from his home to Elko, where he received medical attention. When the victim arrived in Elko he was near collapse from loss of blood. The negress has made no statement as to the reason for the quarrel, but it is believed that domestic trouble started the scrap.

Good Business at Post Office.

Postmaster R. A. Deason announces that for the second month in 1937 the local post office has shown an increase in stamp sales. This seems to be a good indication, as both January and February were good months in sales last year, each month showing an increase over the previous year.

Business seems to be on the upward trend in this section as construction and remodeling of homes and buildings continue at a rapid pace; buying fertilizer and other farm necessities is considerably on the upgrade, and the general air seems to be of more and continued prosperity.