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Martin Hoover Shot in Bamberg County

Joe Dick Drawdy Charged With Death of Former Barnwell County Resident.

Bamberg, March 24.—Joe Dick Drawdy is in the county jail charged by a coroner's jury with the death of Martin Hoover. The homicide occurred Tuesday of last week at the home of Hoover and Drawdy, who lived in the same house in the Three Mile section of Bamberg County.

Hoover apparently died instantly from the discharge of buckshot from a shotgun. Officers found his body lying partially in his bed and on the floor. The load of buckshot had struck Hoover behind the right ear.

Hoover is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Avie Platts, a half sister of Drawdy, and several children. The killing is alleged to have occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning.

An inquest was held by Coroner Phillips Tuesday afternoon, the jury finding that Hoover came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Drawdy.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO BEGIN APRIL SIXTH

A series of meetings will be held in Barnwell County beginning April 6, for the purpose of electing community committeemen to serve on the Agricultural Conservation program for 1937. Meetings scheduled are as follows:

Tuesday, April 6—Williston and Rosemary townships—Williston High School building, 10:30 a. m.

Wednesday, April 7—Barnwell and Red Oak townships—Court House, 10:30 a. m.

Four Mile, Bennett Springs and Richland townships—Dunbarton High School building, 3:00 p. m., April 7.

Thursday, April 8—George's Creek township—A. C. L. depot, Hilda, 10:30 a. m.

Great Cypress township, Kline school house, 3:00 p. m., April 8.

All producers wishing to cooperate are asked to attend the meeting for their township and vote for a committeeman.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

By George R. Evans,

Vocational Agricultural Teacher, Barnwell High School.

Conditions That Influence Effectiveness in the Use of Fertilizers.

In a discussion of the use of fertilizers it is very important to know just as far as a practical something of the conditions under which they can be used to give the best results. We have, therefore, two major questions of practical importance to the farmer:

1. Under what conditions should we use fertilizers. 2. What fertilization will give the best results.

When the farmer understands and can answer these two questions he is in a position to get the most from his fertilization. Otherwise it is but a poor guess on his part as to what and how much fertilizer he should use under his different crops.

However, before the farmer can begin study of the condition when fertilizers should be used, the farmer should understand several other facts.

The Importance of Good Seed.

The fact that the farmer can control this factor to its fullest extent, there should be little cause for failure, yet in this one respect the majority of farmers have failed. It is a well known fact that in various lots of the same variety of seeds important differences are to be found. When the many standard varieties have been studied and the facts presented, the vast majority of farmers continue to use mixed and poor varieties. This has been well proven in varieties of cotton, corn and other field crops. Concerning the seeds of an improved variety, large, plump, well-ripened seeds will give the best results. The work of testing seeds is usually performed free of charge at the State agricultural colleges, experiment stations and by students of vocational agriculture where facilities for doing such work are supplied.

Soil Conditions Which Promote Good

Outlook for Potatoes, Asparagus and Melons

Slight Decrease in Asparagus Acreage But Larger Production Is Fore-Cast.

Calling attention to a big increase in Irish potato acreage, a slight increase in watermelon acreage, and a decrease in asparagus acreage, Geo. E. Prince, chief of the Division of Markets of the Extension service, gives briefly the production and market prospects for these three important truck crops.

The acreage planted to potatoes this year is estimated at 15,000 as compared with 10,000 last year, or an increase of 50 per cent. Alabama, Louisiana and Texas (principal competitors of South Carolina) also show increases. North Carolina, which follows closely on the South Carolina season, shows an increase from 31,000 to 42,000 acres.

The farm value of the South Carolina Irish potato crop was estimated to be more than two million dollars in 1936 as compared with \$739,000 in 1935. The State shipped 2,300 cars last year and with average yields will probably market 3,500 cars this year.

Reports from growers in the Southeastern States indicate an increase of six per cent. in the acreage to be planted to watermelons in the second early States this year as compared with 1936.

Prices received by growers in the Southeastern States last year were very satisfactory, around \$150 per car as compared with \$90 per car in 1935.

The acreage in South Carolina is forecast at 21,000 acres as compared with 20,000 acres last year. In 1936 South Carolina shipped 4,100 cars as compared with 3,300 in 1935. The farm value of the melon crop in South Carolina in 1936 was estimated at \$710,000 as compared with \$368,000 in 1935.

The asparagus acreage in South Carolina this year is estimated at 8,800 as compared with 9,500 acres in 1936. Production is forecast at 317,000 crates as compared with 304,000 crates in 1936.

Shipments from South Carolina will be heavy by early April. The State shipped 387 cars last year and may exceed this total this year. Prices in February were high, indicating that the season as a whole may be profitable for the South Carolina producers.

SPRING MEETING OF THE BARNWELL ASSOCIATION

The Spring meeting of the Barnwell Baptist Association will be held on Friday, April 9th, with the St. Johns Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 10:30 in the morning and will close about 3:30 in the afternoon. Every church in the association is asked to send messengers and designate one to give a brief report on the "Every Member Canvass" and the "Lord's Acre" pledges. The program will be published in our next issue.

To Make Report.

The Barnwell County chairman for Crippled Children will make a report on the Seal Sale next week. Money from the various sections of the county has not all been turned in, hence a correct report cannot be made at this time. All who have not yet contributed are asked to do so at once.

Cotton Ginning Report.

There were 19,596 bales of cotton ginned in Barnwell County from the crop of 1936 prior to Jan. 1, 1937, as compared with 16,418 bales ginned to the same date a year ago, according to a report made public this week by F. W. Delk, Sr., special agent, of Blackville.

Hilda School to Present Play.

The senior class of the Hilda High School will present its play, "Clubbing a Husband," at the Hilda school auditorium Friday night, April 2, at 8:30 o'clock. Admission 10c and 20c.

Allen's Chapel Church Services.

Services will be held at Allen's Chapel Church Sunday night, April 4th, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

County Teachers to Hold Meeting Today

Program of Barnwell County Education Association Sponsored by Hilda School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Barnwell County Education Association will be held in the Barnwell high school auditorium today (Thursday) at 4 p. m. The program will be sponsored by the Hilda high school faculty and is as follows:

Devotional—Supt. M. B. Webb. Song—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

Introduction of Speaker—Supt. Byron Wham.

Address—Supt. A. C. Flora, superintendent of the Columbia city schools and South Carolina N. E. A. director. Business Session.

Reorganization of the county education association for 1937-'38.

Report of Committees on County Contest:

Track—W. R. Price, M. M. Player and J. G. DeHihns.

Spelling: Miss Mary Workman, high school; Supt. M. B. Webb, elementary school.

Declamation—Hugh A. McCollum.

Expression—Miss Hattie Newsom.

Triple "C" News Notes

W. TEAL, Reporter.

CCC Camp, March 29.—We are going to have an "Open House" Sunday afternoon. The public is invited to come out and look over the camp. The time is from two to five o'clock. Come out and see how we are fixed-up.

After being delayed in starting for a week by rain and cold, the Red Giants of Co. 4468 finally got off to a slow start last week. The prospects for the season are good, but we have not been too fast about getting started. At this writing, it looks as if the cold weather may kill chances of practice for a few days.

Lieut. Harvey L. Blich, who has been stationed at the side camp at Stokes, has been recalled to Barnwell and is stationed here now awaiting for further orders.

W. D. Trantham, of the Forest Service, who was on leave last week, serving as a Federal Juror in Columbia, is back on the job.

W. A. Bryan, who spent Good Friday and Easter at home in Sumter is also back on the job.

Mr. Gamble, of the Forest Service, who went home sick last Tuesday, is here this morning ready for work.

Wednesday, March 31, is pay day, and also the end of the enrollment period. Those who want to stay in for another six months must sign up at this time. By the time this is in print, the day will have passed, and we hope without many changes.

We are sorry that two of our leaders are leaving us. One is J. B. Richburg, of Summerton, who has been our first sergeant for a year now.

We will miss him. The other is Lewis Faver, who has been a leader in the woods for the Forest Service almost since this camp started. We are sorry to see him go. Faver lives in Eastover, and is going to start work in his brother's store. Richburg is also going to work with his brother, who runs a filling station and restaurant catering to tourists on highway 15.

FIDELIS CLASS MEETS

(Marian Bolen, Reporter.)

The members of the Fidelis Class were, delightfully entertained Thursday evening of last week at the home of Misses Ruby and Pearl Peacock. The Misses Peacock and Mrs. Willie Holland acted as joint hostesses.

Plans for Easter were discussed during the business session and at the same time the organization of a Y. W. A. was decided upon. There is not an organization of this kind in our church and we hope that it will begin functioning at an early date.

Miss Rose Irby was elected as new president. We are behind you Rose, and will always try to cooperate with you in any way that you would have us.

Interesting and difficult contests were enjoyed during the social hour, prizes being awarded the winners, at the conclusion of which the hostesses served a delightful salad course with coffee.

R. R. Moore spent Friday in Columbia on business.

Use of Leisure Time Stressed by Members

4-H Club Girls Learn It Is Essential to Proper Development of Character.

Members of 4-H girls clubs of Barnwell County are learning that wise use of leisure time is essential to the development of a well-rounded character. In living up to their motto, "Make the best better," they are endeavoring not only to make better homes by carrying out the practices in relation to the project, "My Part in the Home" but they are striving also to make better girls and women. Interest in their social, cultural and educational development was shown by the hobbies mentioned in 4-H Clubsters' reports in the office of the home agent.

The most popular hobbies listed were those dealing with outdoor life, physical activity and sports. Camping headed the list with swimming, hiking, basket ball, horseback riding, cycling and nature trails following. Of the social hobbies reported were dancing, parties and picnics. Among the collecting hobbies were coins, pictures, autographs, plants, books and soap; other hobbies listed were music, reading, traveling, acrobatics, vocabulary building, plowing and gardening. One clubster was frank enough to mention talking as her hobby.

EROSION CONTROL WORK SHOWS UP EFFECTIVELY

Spring planting and the development of vegetable growth are making erosion-control methods stand out in bold relief at this season on farms of cooperators both in the Soil Conservation Service demonstrations and the county soil conservation associations in South Carolina, says County Agent H. G. Boylston. Now is an excellent time, he suggests for farmers or farm groups to visit the nearest demonstrations to see what is being done to protect the soil.

These demonstrations have been set up not only to control erosion within the specified areas, but also to serve as demonstrations of the best known methods of erosion control in operation under actual farming conditions.

Strip cropping, with bands of grain growing between clean cultivated areas, show up especially well at this season, making it easy to see how strip cropping fits in with the rotations.

Waterways, constructed to carry off excess water from terraced fields with the least possible damage to the soil, are clearly outlined in the fields by the green close-growing crops seeded to protect the waterways and slow up run-off water.

Terraces, which have stood up under the heavy rains of winter, properly plowed and maintained and draining into these and other treated waterways may be seen on various demonstrations in practically every county in the Piedmont.

Mitchell-Bradley.

Coming as a surprise to their many friends was the marriage Friday afternoon of Miss Eunice Mitchell, of Williston, and Henry Parker Bradley, of Dunbarton, at the home of Dr. W. M. Jones in Barnwell, who officiated. Mr. Bradley is a prosperous young farmer of near Dunbarton, and Mrs. Bradley is an attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell, of Williston. The young couple will make their home in Dunbarton.

Miss Georgia Green.

Miss Georgia Green, 93, who had been making her home in Barnwell for the past three years, died Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence of her cousin, Mrs. A. B. Patterson, after an illness of several days. Her body was carried to Atlanta, where funeral services were held Saturday afternoon. She is survived by three nieces.

Rejoice With It.

The Barnwell People-Sentinel "cannot answer in exact terms The News and Courier's inquiry" as to how farmers in Barnwell who own no soil can have checks from government for soil conservation, but it glowingly describes farm prosperity in Barnwell, and we rejoice with it.—The News and Courier.

CCC Camp Will Have Open Home April 4th

Public Is Invited to Inspect Camp Next Sunday Between 2 and 5 P. M.

The Barnwell County CCC Camp is to have an "Open House" Sunday, April 4, and the public will be given the opportunity to see the camp. The hours are from two till five, and all are invited.

The purpose of this "Open House" is to allow the public to see a camp in order to understand it better. April 4th is the fourth anniversary of the CCC, and orders have been sent out for each camp to take some steps to let the public around it know how the camp is run. These orders came from the office of Robert Fechner, director of the ECW, under which the CCC operates. Camps all over the country are taking similar steps.

The Barnwell camp is known to army and forestry inspectors as one of the best in the State. Visitors from Barnwell County will be allowed to see and judge it for themselves on Sunday afternoon.

Ton-Litter Contest for S. C. Clubsters

H. G. Boylston, County Agent, Says Show and Contest Will Be Held September 16.

South Carolina 4-H clubsters will have an opportunity to compete in a general ton-litter show and contest to be held Sept. 16, 1937, by the Savannah Livestock Association, according to announcement by H. G. Boylston, county agent.

"The purpose of this ton-litter contest is to teach the fundamentals of hog feeding, management and sanitation, and to have demonstrations of these practices available for study by hog producers," says A. L. DuRant, extension livestock specialist, who will direct any entries by Palmetto State clubsters or farmers. "The litters will be judged on (1) individuality, (2) total weight, and (3) feed cost of producing. This should be a good show and 4-H club members of the sow and litter classes are urged to enter."

Entries must be in before May 15. The litters must be farrowed between Feb. 15, 1937, and May 1, 1937, and must be counted and earmarked by the county agent or his representative before the pigs are three weeks old.

Premiums will be offered as follows: Champion litter for Georgia and for South Carolina, \$30 each; second prize, \$20; third to sixth prizes, \$15 each; seventh to eleventh prizes, \$10 each; champion pen, \$10; champion barrow or gilt, \$10.

"Any 4-H boy having a litter that he would like to enter in this contest should get in touch with his county agent as soon as the pigs are farrowed. He should keep an accurate record of the farrowing date, number of pigs and all feed that these pigs consume," DuRant advises.

Easter in Barnwell.

Following a day of very inclement weather, Easter Day dawned fair and cold in Barnwell, forcing many of the fair sex to hide their spring finery under heavy winter coats. Large congregations attended the special Easter services at the local Methodist and Baptist Churches. Monday was also fair and cold, with ice and heavy frost.

Columbia and other sections of the State were visited by snow, sleet and rain on Saturday.

A Correction.

In making a report on work of the Health Department for Barnwell County in last week's issue of the county papers the following statement was omitted, and, being a very important part of this report, the same is made herewith: "On June 10, 1936, a part time sanitary inspector was appointed." W. R. Carroll, of Blackville, is sanitary inspector and his work has been outstanding. We are glad to make this correction.

The Mary G. Harley Sunday School class party will be held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Peacock this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Progress Being Made in Remodeling Hotel

New Front Will Be of Brick and Concrete.—Coffee Shop Will Replace Lobby.

Good progress is being made in the work of remodeling the hotel property on Main Street, formerly known as the Diamond Hotel. The entire front of the three-story building has been torn down and will be replaced with a modern brick and concrete front. Workmen were busily engaged the early part of the week in putting heavy steel beams into place and constructing forms for the concrete, which will probably be poured today (Thursday). The concrete, which when completed will have the appearance of stone, will reach to the second floor and the remainder of the front will be of brick.

The architects' plans call for the construction of a coffee shop in place of the present lobby, and a new lobby will be constructed in the old theatre part of the building. The present dining room and kitchen on the second floor will be converted into bedrooms.

Workmen have been engaged for some time in remodeling the bed rooms, a special effort having been made to have them in readiness for the Albany (N. Y.) ball club, which starts training here Monday.

G. Bates Hagood, owner of the hotel property, has also bought the adjoining store building now occupied by Plexico's dry cleaning establishment. He stated Monday that this building will be torn down and replaced with a modern brick structure.

It is expected that the Boulevard block of buildings on Main Street, work on which has been delayed recently, will be ready for occupancy within the next few days.

New Dwellings Also.

Mrs. R. C. Holman's new residence on Nightingale Street is rapidly nearing completion and she hopes to move into her new home at an early date.

Work is also progressing rapidly on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holland on Reynolds Road, as well as that of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hill on Marlboro Street. Both of these new residences are of brick veneer construction.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett have recently finished and moved into their new nine-room home on Railroad Avenue.

W. W. Carter, superintendent of the local schools, has about completed the work of remodeling his residence on Marlboro Street and expects to move into his new home within the next few days.

GOOD REPORTS ARE GIVEN BY BARNWELL MINISTERS

The Barnwell Ministerial association meeting was held Monday of last week by the Rev. J. M. Flowers, pastor of the Dunbarton church, at his home in Ellenton. The Rev. R. W. Hollis, of Ehrhardt, president, presided over the meeting. No regular program was held but a business session was conducted, during which encouraging reports were made by the various pastors. Plans were made for the spring association meeting to be held with the St. John's church on April 9th. The ministers discussed their problems with one another in a round table discussion.

After the meeting, the Rev. and Mrs. Flowers served the visiting ministers a delightful dinner. Those present were: The Revs. R. W. Hollis, of Ehrhardt; W. C. Reese, of Denmark; Jas. P. Wesberry, of Bamberg; R. H. Walker, of Blackville; J. Aubrey Estes, of Barnwell, and B. M. Foreman, of Ellenton.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

A temperance service will be held at the Barnwell Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The guest speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. J. Lowry Pickett, of Spartanburg. Mr. Pickett is superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday evening at eight o'clock, a candle-light service will be held, at which time the Lord's Supper will be observed. Every member of the Baptist church is urged to attend. The public is cordially invited to attend all of our services.

J. Aubrey Estes, Pastor.

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