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## BARNWELL GIVEN FIRE PROTECTION

TRUCK ROADS, WATCH TOWERS, WIRE LINES BUILT.

Timber Survey Also Is Being Made of Large Area.—CCC Side-camps Help.

During the first two years of the operation of the forestry department of the local CCC camp, under the supervision of F. P. Cuthbert, project supervisor, and his staff, there has been marked improvement in the protection of Barnwell County timber from fire hazards.

Truck trails through the woods have been built in excess of 50 miles. This will prove of inestimable value to the fire fighters in reaching fires which have inadvertently been started in a thickly wooded and sparsely populated section of the county. It also has added to the accessibility of the various sections of the county which heretofore have been more or less isolated from other specific points in the county due to no roads which could be traveled.

These trails, or roads, have been laid out, graded and otherwise made according to correct engineering procedures so that they would stand up under heavy trucks and without the duress of rain and other devastating elements. They will play big parts in the fighting of woods fires.

Forty miles of telephone lines, connecting the three fire towers, the CCC camp and the local county ranger's office, have been strung by the workers. When a fire is sighted by one of the rangers from his tower he is able to summon aid without loss of time. When it is deemed necessary, the enrollees from the local camp also are called into action to combat the fire.

### Three Towers Completed.

These miles of telephone lines also could be used in other emergencies when deemed necessary, such as summoning medical aid to some spot which otherwise would take precious minutes to reach a physician by car or horse. Their first and main object, however, is for the use of the fire wardens in the summoning of aid to fight forest fires.

Three complete tower units also have been constructed by the camp enrollees under the supervision of the forestry department. One of these units is located about a mile and a half southeast of Barnwell; another is located a few miles west of Dunbarton and the third is located near Elko.

These units include a tall steeple-tower for the warden to keep an eye on the surrounding terrain; a complete modern bungalow for the warden to live in; stables and outbuildings; ten acres of land for him to tend, with the entire place fenced in. Each of these towers is connected by telephone so that at any time the camp, the ranger's office or the other towers can be contacted. It is the duty of the warden to keep a watchful eye at all times for possible fires, and especially during the season when the burning of fields is so prevalent. Through the use of these towers, the local fire crews and the CCC enrollees forest fires in Barnwell County have been appreciably decreased.

Approximately a half million pine seedlings have been planted under the supervision of the forestry division. These seedlings were planted by land owners on land for which they had no other use; on land which had been forested before but through the destruction by fire or human hand had become practically barren, and on other lands which the owners were farsighted enough to see that they would some day be worth money as timber. Any landowner can have this service during the proper planting time by paying the small cost of the seedlings. The work will be done free of charge under expert supervision. Applications should be made to the county ranger.

### Survey Made.

For the past eight months a timber survey of Barnwell County has been under way. It is approximately 75 per cent. complete now. When this survey is completed an accurate check on the timber in the county will be available.

The local forestry unit is supervised by at least one side-camp at all times. The side-camp is now located on Whaley Branch, near Dunbarton.

## Ground Broken for New P. O. Building

Uncle Sam's New Quarters to Be Located on Main Street Next Door to Hotel.

The old frame building adjoining the Hotel Barnwell, formerly occupied by Plexico's dry cleaning establishment, has been razed, preparatory to the erection of a handsome new post office, announcement of which appeared in these columns a short time ago. Work on the building will be started immediately, according to G. Bates Hagood, owner of the property, who recently was awarded the contract for furnishing new quarters for the local post office. The structure will be a handsome new brick building, with a front in harmony with that of the adjoining hotel. Under his contract, Mr. Hagood is also to furnish new modern fixtures and it is understood that he plans to steam-heat the building from his hotel heating plant.

After it was announced that the contract for new quarters had been awarded to Mr. Hagood as lowest bidder, it is understood that an effort was made by several local business men to have the post office department in Washington reconsider the bids and perhaps locate the site on property facing The Circle, because of the fact that Main Street is a rather narrow thoroughfare. It was reported here this week, however, that the department took the position that the contract had already been let and declined to take any further action in the matter.

## Soil Conservation District Hearing

Farmers of Aiken, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Bamberg and Allendale Ask Formation.

H. G. Boylston, county agent, said here Monday that a petition has been received from farmers in Aiken, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Bamberg and Allendale Counties for formation of the Elko Soil Conservation District, and that a hearing will be held at Barnwell on Monday, July 7th, at 2:30 p. m.

The formation of this district would mean much to a large percentage of the farmers in Barnwell County, as they are now realizing that much of their good land is becoming so badly washed and gullied as to be reduced greatly in value. The formation of this district is under the Federal Soil Conservation Act and an enabling Act recently passed by the South Carolina legislature.

All farmers interested in terracing and other forms of erosion control should plan to attend this important meeting at the Court House in Barnwell next Monday, Mr. Boylston said.

### Assists in Revival.

The Barnwell County friends of the Rev. R. Archie Ellis, a son of the late Dr. E. W. Ellis, of Dunbarton, will be interested to learn that he is conducting a revival meeting in the Riverside Baptist Church at Greenville, of which he is pastor. Mr. Ellis is doing his own preaching and has the assistance of the Rev. J. Aubrey Estes, pastor of the Barnwell Baptist Church, in directing the music. The revival began Wednesday, June 23rd, and will close Sunday, July 4th.

until a short time ago there were two side-camps connected with the local unit, the other being at Luray.

The side-camp is under the supervision of C. P. Padgett and W. B. Trantham, junior foreman. They are carrying on the same operations.

The local forestry department is made up of the following workers: F. P. Cuthbert, project supervisor; E. W. Edgerton, engineer foreman; Jimmie Nevils, junior foreman; J. G. Murray, junior foreman, and C. A. Gamble, in charge of the timber survey.

Barnwell County officials are now securing land on Whaley Branch, 3 miles south of Blackville, to be turned over to the forestry department for the purpose of building a Barnwell County State park. When completed the park will have a picnic shed, barbecue pit, and other improvements. There are now several of these places scattered over the State and the intention of Barnwell County as a site for one of the parks has not yet been approved of the people of this section.

## To Install Traffic Light.

Announcement has been made that the State highway department will install a stop-and-go traffic light at the corner of Main and Marlboro Streets in the near future. The installation will cost \$4,500 and will displace the present warning signal that has been in operation for several months.

## WPA Labor Available to Farmers if Needed

Nearest Re-Employment Office Should Be Contacted, Says State Administrator.

Columbia, June 29.—In order to avoid confusion and likewise to permit farmers in South Carolina to obtain whatever labor is necessary for operating their farms, Lawrence M. Pinckney, State Administrator for the Works Progress Administration, today requested farmers desiring labor employed on Works Progress Administration projects to contact the nearest National Re-employment office, who will be glad to assign them the necessary labor needed, if available.

Cooperating with the National Re-employment office, Mr. Pinckney stated that the Works Progress Administration in South Carolina will release labor that is assigned by the National Re-employment office and, if necessary, will close projects temporarily in order to provide such labor for agriculture.

It was pointed out that all employees released for such temporary employment will be re-employed on Works Progress Administration projects when the temporary assignment has been completed. However, employees will not be taken back until the work on the farms has been completed.

Any worker on WPA projects who has been assigned to temporary employment on farms by the Works Progress Administration and who is acceptable to the farmer as being duly qualified must accept this temporary work. Failure to do so will mean his dismissal from the WPA payroll.

A copy of this release will be sent to every project to be read by the foreman to the workers.

## COTTON OUTLOOK PROVES PROMISING IN BARNWELL

The cotton crop outlook for Barnwell County is very good for this time of the year, the crop probably being the most advanced that has been seen in this section in the last several years. However, the boll weevil is a constant threat, due to the heavy emergence and the constant rains of the past several days.

Harry G. Boylston, county agent, has urged the farmers to poison their cotton in an effort to eliminate the cotton pest. Some of the farmers have been rewarded with excellent results from this method of warfare in the weevil, and others are fighting it in every possible way. Hugh A. Bowers, assistant county agent, said last week that one farmer, whose field had shown an infestation of approximately 18 per cent. had applied poison and the following week the infestation had been reduced to only about five per cent.

Besides the war on the boll weevil, which is being waged in an effort to produce a good cotton crop, the other crops are pretty well advanced. The cantaloupe crop has begun to move and one farmer has already sold several hundred dollars worth from 10 acres. Scattered shipments in crate lots have been made from this section in the past several days, with carlot shipments expected to start rolling by the middle of this week. The acreage is about the same as last year, but the stands are generally better and, with a fair price, should net the growers a reasonable profit.

Several fields of watermelons are about ready to start heavy shipments. Two or three Barnwell County farmers shipped truckloads to the upper part of the State last week, while J. E. Harley, Jr., loaded two cars at Barnwell Monday, the first to be shipped from this point. Other farmers planned to load cars during the week.

Miss Myrtle East, of Blackville, spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert East, in the Long Branch section.

## BROTHERS REST IN TWIN GRAVE

THOUSANDS PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO CRASH VICTIMS.

High Officials of State, Army and Air Service Join Sorrowing Friends.

Timmons ville, June 28.—Taps was sounded at Byrd cemetery at 6:15 o'clock this afternoon over the newly made double grave of Capt. Marion Huggins, army flier, and his brother, Thad, at the hour that Captain Huggins' watch stopped on their tragic crash in Timmons ville Saturday afternoon. During the funeral a squadron of planes circled overhead.

The brothers, Captain Huggins, a West Point graduate of splendid physique, and air cadet, Sgt. Thaddeus Huggins, former Citadel cadet, and law student of the University of Georgia, a cheerful lad of substantial build and not yet 20 years of age, were buried together as they had met death together in the plane crash Saturday when flying home to the bedside of their critically ill mother.

Captain Huggins had spent a night at home shortly before the tragedy Saturday and Thad was looking forward to a flight home with his brother for the week-end. "Dear mother and daddy," wrote Thad in a letter to his parents recently from company B, R. O. T. C. camp, Fort McClellan, Ala. "With the balanced camp routine as to interesting experiences still in all we count the days until we are able to go home. It is not homesickness that strikes boys who have been away from home for three years, but a love for home, sweet home. Maybe I will get home the week-end after this one. I hope so."

Captain Huggins picked him up at McClellan Saturday morning. Their plane crashed in sight of their home that afternoon.

The two flag-draped caskets lay side by side today in one of the large parlors of the Huggins home, the walls and floor spaces of which were not sufficient to hold the beautiful floral tributes sent from all parts of the country, the army, the university and countless friends who loved the two young men. The ill mother, who four months ago suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and stroke, insisted on being carried from her bed for a last long look at her sons.

The impressive services were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Kirkland, D. D., pastor of the Timmonsville Methodist church, at home at 5 p. m., assisted by the local ministers and former pastors of the family. Then the long procession with its two funeral cars was formed for Byrd cemetery, where the double military funeral was held in which the National Guard companies of Timmonsville and Florence and officers from Maxwell and Pope fields took part.

The pallbearers for Captain Huggins, selected from the National Guard company members under Lieut. John G. Rose, of Timmonsville, and the pallbearers for Cadet Sgt. Thaddeus Huggins from the National Guards of Florence, commanded by Capt. Burt Singleton. The honor escort was under command of Maj. F. H. Barnwell of the Second battalion of 263rd Coast Artillery. The firing squad and bugler were selected from the Florence battery under Captain Singleton. Hundreds of persons from all over the State were here for the funeral.

M. B. Huggins, heartbroken father of the young men, a member of the Florence delegation in the general assembly, said today:

"I can't see how the accident happened. To me Marion was king of the air." Mrs. Huggins, when told of the death of her sons, exclaimed, "O, God, if this had to happen, I am thankful the boys got home." The death of the two young men is the first that has come to the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, of which until the tragedy there were eight sons and three daughters.

The commanding officer from Camp McClellan, Ala., with six cadets took part in the military funeral. Flying officers from Pope field and elsewhere were present to give the airman's farewell to their beloved comrades.

Young Thad had begun his military career and Capt. Marion Huggins from childhood had planned his life for the protection of his country. Both brothers were devoted to the

## Residence at Elko Destroyed by Fire

Flames Believed to Have Been Caused by Lightning During Storm Sunday Night.

Elko, June 28.—Fire, believed to have been caused by a bolt of lightning, completely destroyed the home of Allen E. Hair, of Elko, last night. The blaze was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Hair when they returned from church services and had gained such headway that it could not be extinguished by available facilities.

The fire followed a thunderstorm that was accompanied by a vivid electrical display, and there seems to be little doubt that a bolt of lightning struck the residence. The house was valued at \$3,500 and the loss is partially covered by insurance.

Lightning is also reported to have struck and destroyed a hay stack on the farm of Q. A. Kennedy, Jr., near Williston, at about the same time that Mr. Hair's residence was burned.

## State Melon Office Opens in Allendale

Main Watermelon Inspection Unit Started Functioning Monday in This Section.

Allendale, June 26.—The main watermelon inspection office for South Carolina will open at the Court House in Allendale Monday, according to information received this week from E. H. Talbert, extension marketing specialist. The inspector in charge of the office will be announced in a few days, and branch offices will be opened at Barnwell, Estill, Hampton and Ehrhardt as soon as shipments warrant it, said Mr. Talbert.

The marketing specialist said that he expected a few melons to be shipped from Estill, Ashton, Barnwell and Ehrhardt on June 25 and 26. Inspectors will be available for all growers shipping, if they notify the Allendale office a day prior to their shipping dates.

Mr. Talbert would make no statement as to the general prospects of the melon crop for this year.

## FIDDLERS' CONVENTION WAS GREATLY ENJOYED TUESDAY

Several hundred men, women and children enjoyed a day of recreation here Tuesday, the occasion being a "Fiddlers' Convention," in which Dr. R. F. Storne, of Blackville, won first prize of \$5 and Charlie Willis, of the Rosemary section, took second place and a prize of \$2.50.

The program was opened with an address of welcome by Mrs. Virginia Reeves, director of the WPA recreational program. This was followed by the fiddlers' convention, in which Senator W. R. Hubbard, Charlie Willis, Dr. B. F. Storne, Joe Myrick and Joe M. Halford competed.

Dancing was enjoyed throughout the morning and a picnic dinner was served at 1:30 in the afternoon. The scheduled baseball game between the "Fats and the Leans" was rained out. Tuesday night more than 700 persons attended the square dance in the Fuller Park pavilion, the dancers including visitors from all sections of Barnwell and adjoining counties. Music was furnished by a string band from Aiken, and iced lemonade was served throughout the evening.

The success of the occasion is largely due to the untiring efforts of T. D. Creighton, Sr., and his corps of willing workers, and also the merchants and business men of Barnwell, who sponsored the program.

### Interesting Program Planned.

The Young People's Rally of the Barnwell Association will meet in the Double Pond Baptist Church on Thursday, July 8th, at 10:30 a. m. An interesting program has been planned for the occasion and the Double Pond Unit will furnish lunch. It is hoped that all organizations will be represented.

Miss Thelma Furtick spent the week-end in Augusta with friends.

The funeral was said to be the largest ever held in eastern South Carolina, and the flowers the most numerous and beautiful. Governor Johnson and other State officials and many army officers of high rank were present.

## ADJOURNS AFTER FOUR-DAY SESSION

COMMON PLEAS COURT CLOSED THURSDAY NIGHT.

Several Cases Disposed of at Short Term Presided Over by Judge Hayne F. Rice.

After being in session only four days, the June term of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County adjourned sine die Thursday night. This was a scheduled two weeks term with Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, presiding.

The following is a list of the cases disposed of:

The cases of Ben Lott, as administrator of the estate of Myron Lott, vs. the State Highway Department of South Carolina, suit for \$4,000 damages for the death of Myron Lott; and H. G. Molony vs. the State Highway Department of South Carolina and the General Exchange Insurance Corporation, a suit for \$4,000 damages for personal injuries and damage to automobile, were tried together by consent, and resulted in verdicts of \$4,000 for the plaintiff in the Lott case and \$3,839 in the Molony case, in the latter \$3,000 being against the highway department for personal injuries and \$339 for property damage.

There were three companion suits for \$5,000 damages each against Mrs. Zelma Brown, the plaintiffs being Mildred Buiet, by her guardian ad litem, A. F. Smith; Marion Buiet and Mildred Buiet, by their guardian ad litem, H. L. Buiet. Directed verdicts for \$450 were returned in each case.

A mistrial resulted in the companion suits of Herman Erwin, trading as Simon Brown's Sons, vs. the Southern Railway Co., for \$200 damages to cucumbers in transit and \$150 damages to cantaloupes in transit.

In the case of J. Thomas Phillips vs. Pan-American Tea Lines and the Aste Mutual Indemnity Co., in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$5,000 damages for personal injuries, he was awarded a consent verdict of \$500.

### COTTAGE TO BE USED FOR "HOME SERVICE PROJECT."

The Davies' cottage on Washington Street will soon be occupied by the "Home Service Project" (WPA), thus making it a center for this project, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. G. H. Best, who said that it is hoped to have other centers in the county as the project grows.

At this center various kinds of demonstrations will be conducted. Useful pieces of furniture are to be made from boxes, barrels and "scraps" of lumber with which to furnish the cottage from time to time. One room of the cottage is to be used as a workshop, where institutes for training workers on this project will be held. Mrs. Nancy Boylston, supervisor and a registered nurse, will conduct these classes. These workers will then go into hundreds of needy homes throughout the county and put into practice the lessons taught, including methods of cleanliness, sanitation and preparation of special diets, stressing simple foods that will prevent pellagra, rickets, etc.

Those working on this project are called "housekeepers' aides" and will render various types of service in homes that are having to struggle with the handicaps of illness and poverty, Mrs. Best said.

When a little time has elapsed, it will be very interesting to visit the cottage and see the work being done, which will demonstrate the results that can be obtained in making the homelike clean and attractive with little cost.

### Temperature Takes Tumble.

Welcome relief from the excessive heat of several days was experienced here Monday afternoon when a series of showers and thunderstorms cooled the humid atmosphere and caused the high temperature to take a tumble. Street thermometers registered a 21-degree drop—from a high of 106 shortly before noon to 75 at four o'clock.

Heavy rains appeared to have been general throughout the county, according to reports received here, with damage to crops by hail being suffered in some sections.

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