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PLANNING SURVEY COMPLETED HERE

SPECIAL PARTY GOES OVER PRIMARY ROADS.

Many Automobile Accidents Due to Road Conditions and Inadequate Sight Distance.

Special to The People-Sentinel.

Columbia, July 12.—Because a great many automobile accidents are due to road conditions, the Statewide Highway Planning Survey recently placed a special party in Barnwell County to go over all primary roads and locate every situation where inadequate sight distance might cause accidents. In this county, the party has completed its work and has recorded every location where the motorist is unable to see at least 1,000 feet ahead of him. The Bureau of Public Roads has set this as a minimum at which driving at 60 miles an hour is safe.

When engineers first began building highways for our "horseless carriages," they little realized that the day would come when a minimum of 1,000 feet of unrestricted sight distance would be absolutely necessary for modern high-powered cars. Consequently, there are many situations on our highways where a driver may see as little as 150 feet ahead of him.

The officials of the Highway Planning Survey want to find these situations so that recommendations can be made for improving them to fit the needs of the 1937 motorist. The sight distance party has entirely covered 24 counties and almost completely 4 others.

The party uses two cars. The first travels along with a vertical black-and-white ten-foot pole (stadia rod) on the side. The second, with a horizontal bar (stadia interceptor) on its hood, follows. At a 1,000 foot unobstructed sight distance, the tip of the pole on the first car appears to touch the horizontal bar on the second one. When the pole cannot be seen from the second car, the recorders know that the sight distance is less than 1,000 feet.

When the driver of the first car loses sight of the second one, he stops just beyond the obstruction. The driver of the second car comes up and takes the measurement of the actual distance from where the first car comes back into view to the point on which it has stopped. This records the minimum sight distance from the back car to the front one.

The recorders write down the exact location of the obstruction. They describe the general nature of it—whether it is temporary or permanent, whether it is a sharp curve, hill, right angle, or any other feature that might be remedied.

The Survey expects to finish the work in all counties by September 1st.

WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION

Horace J. Crouch, county superintendent of education, stated here Monday that a public hearing on the proposed consolidation of the Mt. Calvary and Williston school districts will be held at the Court House in Barnwell on Friday afternoon, July 23rd, at four o'clock. At this time those favoring the consolidation, as well as those opposed thereto, will be heard.

This meeting was called as a result of two petitions presented to the county board of education Thursday of last week by C. K. Ackerman, superintendent, and M. M. Player, principal, of the Williston school system. The petitions were signed by the qualified electors of the two districts in accordance with Section 5350 of the 1936 General School Law, Mr. Crouch said. The matter was presented to the members of the county board of education at a regular meeting scheduled for that day, at which time the public hearing was ordered for July 23rd.

Mr. Crouch requests a full attendance of all interested parties at the meeting at the Court House next week.

Closes-Up Day at Silson.

Announcement has been made that the members and friends of Silson Church will meet at the church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of closing up the cemetery. Those who can not go themselves are requested to send help on a conveyance.

Home Improvement Stressed by Project

Mrs. Albert Ellis of Meyer's Mill, Is Developing Beauty Spot Near Home.

To make the farm house a comfortable, convenient and attractive home for the happy family was the ultimate aim of the House Furnishing project selected by home demonstration clubs of Barnwell County. The four objectives outlined were: To improve the general appearance of the farm home; to obtain improved lighting and more adequate storage spaces; to encourage wise selection of furniture and house furnishings; to help develop a greater appreciation for simple beauty in home furnishings.

A special demonstrator in the project during the year, according to Miss Elizabeth McNab, home agent, was Mrs. Albert Ellis, of Meyer's Mill, who, since her course through the home demonstration club, reports improvements as follows: Walls of kitchen re-decorated; floor covering in bed room and kitchen improved; curtains in living room and bed room improved; re-arrangement of furniture in living and bed rooms; five pieces of furniture renovated, one new piece purchased; slip covers made; five pictures properly framed and hung. The above improvements were made at a cost of \$28.00. Besides carrying out in her home the lessons learned in club meetings, Mrs. Ellis, by passing on information, has assisted four other persons in her community, with home improvements. The lesson most helpful, the demonstrator reports, was the one on "Color in the Home."

Not only is Mrs. Ellis interested in the interior of her home but she is interested also in improving the home grounds. She converted a field, adjoining the front yard, into a garden and outdoor living room in which she has featured native shrubs, and old fashioned plants. With gardening as a hobby the demonstrator with a little more time will possess one of the beauty spots of the county.

China and Japan Come to Grips in Far East

Combat Follows Indication Crisis Is Out of Hands of Military of Traditional Foes.

Peiping, China, July 12.—Japanese and Chinese troops resumed their warfare west of Peiping tonight as strong reinforcements were hurried by both sides toward the north China zone of conflict.

The chatter of machine guns, punctuated by the roar of artillery, was clearly audible in Peiping from about 10 p. m. to 11 p. m. (9 a. m. to 10 a. m. EST.) Chinese and Japanese alike expressed deep anxiety over the renewal of hostilities, which had come after a day of truce.

The fighting was nearer Peiping than previous clashes, which had begun Wednesday night along the Youngting river, ten miles west of the city, when Japanese infantrymen on night maneuvers had collided with troops of the Chinese 29th army.

Chinese reports said tonight's fighting had started when Japanese infantrymen stationed at Tachingsum, a village on the Peiping-Wanpinghsien highway four miles east of the river, had advanced to within firing range of Chinese troops holding Tsaisheimniao (temple of the god of wealth), only two miles from Peiping's walls.

Chinese said the Japanese had tired after an hour's fighting.

Chinese declared the Japanese had broken the truce, which had been in effect since Sunday night, although both sides were vague as to its terms.

Origins Obscure. They asserted that an official attached to Mayor Chin Teh-chum, of Peiping, sent to the Youngting area to see that the Japanese had carried out an agreement they withdrew their forces, had returned to report that Japanese commanders near Wanpinghsien had told him they had no intention of withdrawing.

Origins of the conflict remained obscure. Each side declared the other had fired first in the opening battle Wednesday, night and each blamed the other for the collapse of subsequent truces.

Miss Writing Woman, of Barnwell, S. C., in opening some time here on the great of friends.

Senator Robinson Dead.

Senator Joe D. Robinson, of Arkansas, died suddenly in Washington at 8:15 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) morning, following a heart attack, according to a radio bulletin received in Barnwell. Senator Robinson, who was one of the Roosevelt administration leaders, was a candidate for vice-president on the Democratic ticket in 1928.

Cotton Acreage Is Largest Since '33

10.4 Per Cent. Increase Over 1936, But Figures Slightly Under Expectations.

Washington, July 8.—The federal crop reporting board estimated today that cotton acreage this year was the largest since 1933, when the federal government staged a "plow-up" campaign.

It estimated cotton in cultivation July 1 aggregated 34,192,000 acres, or 10.4 more than the 30,960,000 acres last year.

The acreage this year was 17.5 per cent. less than the acreage of 41,424,000 acres for the five-year period of 1928 to 1932.

The crop board reported increases of 3 and 7 per cent. respectively.

The board said 20,000 acres of sea island cotton had been planted in Florida and Georgia, compared with less than 6,000 acres last year.

This type of cotton is more susceptible to boll weevil damage than varieties with short staple, the board said, and its cultivation had been practically abandoned since 1922, except for last year. Relatively light weevil damage last year encouraged the expansion this year, it said.

The board said a new extension of the cotton area this season was 1,000 acres reported officially in Nevada for the first time.

The average abandonment of acreage between July 1 and picking of the crop in the ten years, 1927 to 1936, was 2.3 per cent.

Last year's ginnings totaled 12,398,882 equivalent 500-pound bales, while the average ginnings for the 10 years, 1927-1936 were 13,200,857.

The acreage by States. The acreage in cultivation July 1 and its percentage of the 1936 acreage in cultivation on that date, by States, follow:

Virginia 65,000 acres, or 120 per cent. compared with 1936; North Carolina, 1,080,000 or 111 per cent; South Carolina, 1,643,000 or 116; Georgia, 2,644,000 or 116; Florida 115,000 or 128; Missouri, 497,000 or 120; Tennessee 946,000 or 113; Alabama, 2,568,000 or 110; Mississippi, 3,371,000 or 112; Louisiana 1,500,000 or 110; Texas, 12,926,000 or 107; Oklahoma, 2,926,000 or 103; Arkansas, 3,096,000 or 112; New Mexico, 138,000 or 117; Arizona, 270,000 or 130; California, 618,000 or 167; all other States, 30,000, or 122.

Lower California, old Mexico (not included in United States total, 140,000 or 100.

Community Night at Lyndhurst

Mrs. Mabel Gantt, of Lyndhurst, was hostess to 27 adults Thursday night, July 8th, at the Lyndhurst school building, where a community night was observed. Games and folk dances were the features of the evening. Mrs. Gantt, WPA recreational supervisor, plans a series of such nights for adults only.

The desks had been moved from the school building for the summer, and the trustees had granted their permission for any recreational activities to be given in the building.

ADVERTISE in The People-Sentinel

A Freak Tomato.

Coroner J. T. Still exhibited a freak tomato on the streets here Saturday morning. It was really "Siamese quadruplets" being four tomatoes growing as one, and tipped the scales at exactly two pounds. As a gardener, Coroner Still didn't quite reach the Stone class, but perhaps he'll have better luck next time.

Mrs. Parker Chosen Attendance Officer

Teacher at Seven Pines School for Number of Years Wins Over Large Field.

Chosen from a field of some 20 applicants, Mrs. W. Bratton Parker, of Snelling, was elected school attendance officer for Barnwell County at a meeting of the county board of education Friday night. It is understood that several ballots were taken to decide the election, the members of the board having been dead-locked in their choice of aspirants for the new position.

Mrs. Parker brings to her new position long experience in the field of education. For a number of years she has been the very efficient teacher of the Seven Pines school at Snelling, where her work is very highly regarded. In addition, she has taken an active interest in the educational affairs of Barnwell County. She is a graduate of Lander College with a Bachelor's degree; holds a first grade academic life certificate, and was president of the Barnwell County Education Association during the 1935-'36 session. She is one of the favorites among the Barnwell County teachers and enjoys the confidence and respect of those with whom she is to labor. Her friends believe she possesses the personality so necessary for the successful administration of a truancy officer. At present she is in attendance upon a course at the University of South Carolina to provide special training for her new work.

Mrs. Parker is the widow of the late W. Bratton Parker, of Snelling, who died a little over a year ago.

The position to which Mrs. Parker was elected Friday night was created during the recent session of the general assembly, when a compulsory school attendance law was passed, providing for an attendance officer in each of the 46 counties. Such a law was in effect a number of years ago, but was later repealed.

John Lewis Ignores Roosevelt's Warning

C. I. O. Chieftain Announces Formation of Union to Embrace Government Employees.

Washington, July 12.—Formation of a union to embrace 2,000,000 State, county and municipal workers was announced tonight by John L. Lewis, chairman for the Committee for Industrial Organization, in the face of a warning from President Roosevelt that collective bargaining privileges of the Wagner labor act could not be extended to federal employees.

The chief executive issued his warning after Lewis had announced an intensive drive to bring federal employees into the C. I. O. and away from the C. I. O.'s rival labor organization, the American Federation of Labor.

The new union will be known as the State, County and Municipal Workers, of America. It was formed by a nucleus of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

C. I. O. officials said that 15,000 members of the A. F. of L. union had broken away to become members and that they had been granted a charter.

The union's jurisdiction covers throughout the country and completes the first phase of Lewis' drive to unionize the governmental machinery except for those federal employees who come under the "military" classification.

Lewis, in a formal statement, specifically forbade the union strike or picketing privileges. He said:

"The general methods to be employed by this union in achieving its aim shall be that of legislation and education. The use of strikes or picketing by the union shall be deemed a violation of the policy of this organization. Roosevelt Warning.

President Roosevelt at his last press conference, said the federal government would not tolerate strikes by unions of government workers. In addition he declared that the government could not bargain collectively with its employees.

His remarks were aimed at Lewis' United Federal Workers and the A. F. of L. union-American Federation of Government Employees.

Claude Morris, of Asheville, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Patterson Discusses "Security Program"

Chairman of Barnwell County Welfare Department Says There Is Much Misunderstanding.

Inquiries received daily at the office of the State Department of Public Welfare indicate widespread misunderstanding as to the type of assistance provided for in the so-called "social security program" authorized by the recent act of the General Assembly, according to J. W. Patterson, chairman of the Barnwell County Department of Public Welfare.

The law does not provide for old-age pensions. It provides for "assistance to aged persons in need," and very definitely sets out just who is eligible to receive assistance. Broadly speaking, only those over 65 who are without income, or who have incomes so small that, when added to contributions from relatives or from any other source, the total is inadequate to provide a reasonable subsistence, may receive assistance.

Aid to dependent children who are without parental support or care, and who are living with certain specified near relatives in their own homes, is available where such children are likely to become public charges or to be otherwise deprived of proper support, care or training.

Assistance for the needy blind is provided, where such persons have insufficient means of support and have no relatives or other person able to provide and legally responsible for their support and willing to provide therefor.

Applications for aid under the law must be filed with the county welfare department of the county in which the applicant resides. The application must be in writing, on forms which will be supplied to county welfare offices. The applicant must sign a statement of any property, real and personal, in which he has an interest. Any false statement knowingly made to secure benefits under the act is punishable by a \$500.00 fine or a year in prison, or both. Any person who, directly or indirectly, disposes of any property for the purpose of qualifying for benefits is not eligible. Upon the death of any person receiving aid under the law, the total amount received becomes a debt due the State against the estate of such person.

There seems to be considerable confusion in the public mind as between the functions of the State Department of Public Welfare and those of the Bureau of Federal Old Age Benefits of the Federal Security Board, which has offices in Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Rock Hill and Charleston. That agency provides old age benefits for persons now working in certain specified fields of employment, the benefits to become available upon the employee's retirement at 65. Deductions are made the wages of such employees, through the internal revenue office of the United States government. The State Department of Public Welfare has no connection with the administration of old age benefits under this Federal agency.

It is necessary for the State Department of Public Welfare to have its plan of operation approved by the Social Security Board in Washington before the government's contribution to the State department's fund can be secured. It is probable that this can be accomplished without serious delay, but it is estimated that it will be at least two weeks before it can be completed.

Application forms will be furnished county departments of public welfare as soon as possible. All applications must be thoroughly investigated, which will require considerable time, before any payments can be made.

Lyndhurst News Items.

Bill Bason, of Raleigh, N. C. is spending some time here with friends. Mrs. O. P. Hay and daughter, Mary Olive, of Raleigh, N. C., are here for a visit of about two weeks.

Johnny Wilkins, of Inman, is spending some time with W. B. Fowke and family.

John Gantt, of Columbia, is here for a few days the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. John M. Gantt.

Fred H. Gantt, of Columbia, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper, of Chicago, are spending some time here, the guests of Capt. W. H. Harper.

Advertisement in The People-Sentinel.

WINDS UP YEAR WITH SURPLUS

COUNTY TREASURER J. J. BELL RELEASES REPORT.

Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1937, Were \$452,619.81.— Disbursements \$386,134.78.

Barnwell County started off the new fiscal year July 1st with a cash balance for the operation of the county and schools of \$66,484.03, County Treasurer J. J. Bell told a representative of The People-Sentinel Monday morning. Capt. Bell's statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1937, shows total collections for the year of \$452,619.81, with disbursements of \$386,134.78. Last year the cash balance was \$41,278.68.

Of this amount, a total of \$126,531.65 was collected from taxes for the year 1936, and back taxes from the sheriff amounted to \$57,475.86. Fines and licenses netted \$2,319.66.

The gasoline tax from the State amounted to \$17,090.11, while the road aid from the State was \$62,307.79, to apply on reimbursement agreements. The liquor tax amounted to \$2,917.62 and the beer and wine tax was \$925.25.

Insurance license fees amounted to \$1,151.93.

Borrowed money, ordinary county, due to purchase of road machinery, was \$8,000.00, and for schools \$70,000.00.

State aid received for schools amounted to \$59,800.

Disbursements show \$20,312.82 paid to the State treasurer; county warrants, \$66,248.53; school warrants, \$163,850.50; tax abatements, \$633.54.

BARBECUE DINNER ENJOYED AT MEYER'S MILL FRIDAY

Dunbarton, July 13.—Charlie Hiers and Frampton Eaves furnished dinner at the Meyer's Mill Club Friday. Those attending besides club members included Mrs. E. R. Bolton and Miss Carrie Mae Hartsog, of Cope; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pearre, Mrs. J. J. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koon, Mrs. E. L. Hatcher and son, Jack, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Bob Escue and children, of Augusta; Mrs. M. R. Rountree, of Martinez, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hiers and children, Miss Ida Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dicks, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Dicks, Mrs. Percy Baxley and Mrs. H. B. Bates and children, of Dunbarton; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McAlhany and family, of Ellenton; Misses Richie Mae and Eleanor Still, of Meyer's Mill.

Edward Dicks is spending the summer months with his sister, Mrs. E. C. Tidale, at Edisto Beach.

Miss Jacqueline Green has returned to her home in Dunbarton after spending some time at Winthrop summer school.

Misses Margaret and Evelyn Owens are visiting their sister, Mrs. Clarence Dicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Rountree, "Buster" Rountree and Miss Marie Rountree motored to Augusta Tuesday.

W. T. Bennett and Frank Tidale spent some time at Bluffton on a fishing trip recently.

Ben Wall, of Meyer's Mill, visited relatives and friends in Charleston last week.

Ben Rountree motored to Augusta Friday.

Mrs. C. L. Hiers and children, Gene and "Ruddy," are spending the week with Mrs. E. R. Bolton at Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Harley and daughters, Misses Mildred and Helen Harley, of Charleston, were the recent guests of Mr. Harley's sister, Mrs. Ben Wall, at Meyer's Mill.

Peter Curry, of Orangeburg, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Bryant, of Augusta, spent some time recently with relatives in Dunbarton.

Mrs. T. J. Bennett, of Beech Island, and Mrs. H. B. Bates, of Dunbarton, were recent guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. E. R. Bolton, at Cope.

Then and Now.

Twenty years ago The Barnwell People advertised that it had the only linotype-equipped office in Barnwell County. The same statement is still true—in fact, The People-Sentinel now operates the ONLY printing plant in Barnwell County.