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## SECOND OLDEST CLUB IN STATE

ELLENTON ORGANIZATION IS 43 YEARS OLD.

Was Formed in 1893 for the Betterment of Farmers and Agricultural Workers.

Ellenton, Aug. 7.—In a school room in the Ellenton academy on March 24, 1894, the Ellenton Agricultural club was formed. This club, which today is the second oldest club of its type in the State of South Carolina, has made many strides forward since the first meeting was held and during that long period of years only two regular meetings have been postponed, one of those being due to the influenza epidemic of several years ago.

A group of Ellenton citizens, from both Barnwell and Aiken Counties, as the incorporated city limits of Ellenton lie in both counties, met in the school room and organized the club for the betterment of the farmers and agricultural workers of that section. The name, Ellenton Agricultural club, was adopted so that it would show the actual purpose of the group of men.

At the first meeting Dr. A. W. Bailey accepted the responsibility of acting chairman and the following officers were elected: President, Doctor Bailey; vice-president, C. R. Wilson; secretary, Edgar A. Merriman, and treasurer, the Rev. Fred Jones. A committee was appointed to draft a set of by-laws and a constitution to be presented to the members at the next meeting set for the 31st day of March.

### Not a Political Club.

There were two hard and fast rules laid down by the original members and to this day these two rules have been carried out. They were, and are, that the club would in no way be a political club and there would be no connection with or promotion of any candidate for any office, and, second, that there would be no drinking by members at the meetings. Both of these rules have been strictly enforced.

It was agreed upon that the meetings would be held every fourth Saturday in the month with a dinner served after each meeting. The members take turn about in preparing the food for these dinners. The meetings are in many instances addressed by a speaker who is asked to speak on some particular subject. When a speaker is not invited for the meeting a general round table discussion is held and the members discuss their problems and ask for aid in solving them. Sometimes this is done after a speaker has finished.

### Farm Problems Solved.

Each member must take a farm problem each year and work it out as an experiment, reports and discussions of each farmer's success or failure to be held after the experiment is completed. In this manner the members of the club have been able to keep abreast of the times and know whether a particular method is adaptable to their soil and climate conditions without running the risk of ruining a full year's crop experimenting.

The promotion of the welfare of the agricultural people of Ellenton and the surrounding community was the main idea of the founders of the club and their efforts have been highly successful. The farmers of this community are probably among the most up-to-date farmers in the State and are always willing to learn more about their chosen occupation.

The club has also been successful from a social standpoint as it affords the members an opportunity to get together once a month and enjoy each others company. From a financial standpoint the club has achieved a great deal. From the first meeting and several which followed in the school room of the Ellenton academy, the club has progressed to the point that it now owns a two-story building on the main street of Ellenton, owes no debts and has a surplus in the treasury. The members have been most conscientious in keeping their dues up so that the club could function properly and carry out its original plans.

By drawing its members from both Aiken and Barnwell Counties the club profits to the extent that it has the services of both Harry G. Boylston, county agent from Barnwell County, and H. A. Woodle, county agent from Aiken County. These men have been most helpful with suggestions and discussions with the members and

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### Harley for Re-election:

Speaking before 3,000 persons at the annual Filbert picnic in York County Tuesday, Lieut.-Gov. J. E. Harley, of Barnwell, announced that he would be a candidate for re-nomination in the 1938 primary election. Colonel Harley has made an excellent record as presiding officer in the senate and it has been freely predicted that he will be re-elected should he decide to make the race. The People-Sentinel believes that his record merits his re-election without opposition.

Governor Olin D. Johnston and Representative Ben Adams, of Richland County, assailed the State highway department in their speeches.

## Club Girl Stresses Keeping Scrapbook

Miss Laurie Ella Gantt, of Boiling Springs 4-H Club, Emphasizes Several Points.

Much has been said about the use of scrapbooks in emphasizing important lessons in club work. Laurie Ella Gantt, local leader, of the Boiling Springs 4-H Club, bring out several points in the following talk given by her during the assembly hour at Comp Long:

"For the past year the 4-H Club girls of Barnwell County have been keeping a project scrapbook. There are several valuable points to be brought out in keeping a scrapbook.

"The first point is that it teaches one to be more observant. Before I started keeping my project scrapbook I didn't notice things of nature or home surroundings as I do now. The 4-H songs about nature needed illustrations. This kept me on the lookout for nature pictures in magazines. While riding along the highway I would notice the scenery so often and think 'wouldn't that be a grand picture to illustrate such and such a song.' I, also, was on the lookout for household hints, home-life, pictures, etc. to use in illustrating the lessons we took up during the year. Therefore keeping a scrapbook does teach me to be more observant.

"Point two is 'Reference.' After learning to observe clippings, pictures and various articles in magazines, newspapers and the like, one finds many things one would like to save for information or for future reference. A favorite recipe, 'How to wash woollens,' 'shampoo your hair this way,' and just lots of other things come in handy sometimes. Surely one finds articles and pictures galore which are too good to throw away. A scrapbook is what you're after!

"Another point may be 'memories.' A collection of old songs one likes, favorite poems, or pictures of the coronation may be some of the things one would like to keep—just for memories' sake. They may be kept in the form of an interesting scrap book.

"Keeping a scrapbook may be a hobby. It is an interesting past time for young and old, or shut-ins.

"I have several scrapbooks—one of my own poems, writings—other favorite poems, one of small souvenirs, one of interesting clippings, pictures and different articles I wish to save. Then, too, I have my 4-H project scrapbook on 'My Part in the Home.' I wouldn't take anything for any one of them. They also make very attractive gifts.

"So, you see, there really is value in keeping a scrapbook."

### Make Application for Pension.

The Barnwell County Department of Public Welfare began taking applications for the needy aged, the needy blind and the dependent children on July 26th and since that time has taken a total of 147 applications, according to a statement made by J. W. Patterson, chairman of the county setup. There are over three hundred other persons who have already made appointments to file applications.

The records show that five of these applications were filed by the needy blind; 137 were filed for old age assistance and the remaining five for dependent children. The Barnwell County setup is under the supervision of Mrs. Elmira C. Black, who is director of the office; J. W. Patterson, of Barnwell, chairman of the organization; F. H. Dicks, of Dunbarton, vice-chairman, and Miss Mabel Mims, of Healing Springs, secretary.

## LOCAL PUBLISHER SUBMITS FARM PLAN TO PRESIDENT

### Pressure Grows to Bolster King Cotton

Government Forecast of 15,593,000 Bales Causes Price Slump of \$2 a Bale.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Congressional pressure for a temporary loan structure to relieve the threat of sagging cotton prices was accelerated tonight when the agriculture department forecast a 1937 crop of 15,593,000 bales—a six-year high.

As cotton futures on the New York markets broke as much as \$2.30 a bale on the basis of the government predictions, blocs of legislators from Southern States banded under the leadership of Chairman Ellison D. Smith, of the senate agriculture committee, to demand federal loans to stabilize prices and keep the excess crop off the market.

The only immediate prospect of allaying fear of enormous excesses was boll weevil damage. This was cited by Smith, who said that "an extraordinary amount of rainfall over the cotton area has increased the possibility of insect damage, so no one knows, as yet, what will be the effect of the critical month of August.

Crux of the demand for immediate cotton loans is President Roosevelt's insistence that congress pledge itself to enact general crop control legislation before he will consent to loans. The chief executive insists that a program be devised and enacted at the beginning of the next session.

### New Crisis.

Sentiment appeared to be growing tonight that he would win. The nation's thousands of cotton farmers admittedly were facing a new crisis—one brought on by prospects of a crop so large that it far exceeded predictions of the most bearish private experts—and the president seemed to be in a position to enforce his demands.

## Bronson to Improve Business Property

Barnwell County Clerk of Court Buys Corner Lot Opposite Calhoun Park.

R. L. Bronson, Barnwell County clerk of court, who recently purchased the lot at the corner of Main and Jackson Streets, opposite Calhoun Park, in Barnwell, plans to erect two modern brick store rooms, with offices in the rear, on the property, according to information received by The People-Sentinel this week. The property was bought recently by Mr. Bronson from Mrs. C. C. Simms, of Washington, D. C.

Workmen are already busily engaged in razing the old one-story frame store building that was erected prior to the War Between the States and has been occupied by various business concerns since that time. Construction on the new brick stores will probably get underway within the next few days. And thus another landmark passes.

It is said that, when a detachment of Sherman's army occupied Barnwell in the closing days of the War Between the States, the building was set on fire several times by federal soldiers and each time the blaze was extinguished by a young lady resident of the town. Years later, when a line of wooden structures was destroyed by fire, the building was again saved from the ravages of the flames.

It is not known at this time by whom the new building will be occupied.

### SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES

#### CAPTURE ANOTHER STILL

Sheriff J. B. Morris, accompanied by his deputies, Gilmore S. Harley and C. S. Youngblood, raided a still in the Healing Springs section Thursday. This was the second successful raid pulled last week, the first one coming Sunday, Aug. 1st in the Big Fork section.

A 250-gallon copper still and about 30 gallons of beer were seized by the officers and destroyed. Some other paraphernalia used in the manufacture of illicit liquor was also seized.

There was no one at the still at the time of the raid and no arrests have been made, but the officers are working on several clues in regard to the owners and operators of the still.

### WOULD COMBINE DEBENTURE AND CROP CONTROL.

President Roosevelt Refers Plan for Consideration of Secretary of Agriculture.

A farm relief plan submitted by B. P. Davies, editor of The People-Sentinel, to President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been referred by the President to the Secretary of Agriculture for consideration, according to a letter received Thursday by Mr. Davies from the Hon. M. H. McIntyre, secretary to the President.

Briefly, it is the old debenture plan, coupled with a form of crop control and backed by a tariff on foreign-grown cotton to protect the American farmer. A different method of acreage allotment is also suggested, instead of the method adopted by the AAA. Mr. Davies' letter to President Roosevelt and the reply of Secretary McIntyre are as follows:

"President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.

"My dear Mr. President:—

"With all farm legislation definitely shelved for the present session of the Congress, I hope that you will not think it presumptuous on my part to submit a plan to be studied by you and your assistants in the hope that it may contain a germ of thought that will be beneficial to the agricultural interests of the country. In brief, it is the old debenture plan, plus a form of crop control, and it is outlined as follows, taking cotton as the commodity, although the plan should include other major crops as well:

"**Debenture Plan.**—Establish the parity price for cotton in relation to manufactured products, this parity price to be paid for all cotton consumed in this country. On the exportable surplus, issue debentures, payable out of the United States treasury for the difference between the world market price and the parity price, allowing the world price to seek its own level without any artificial sustaining influence on the part of this country.

"**Control Plan.**—No farmer would be eligible to receive debentures for the difference in price unless he agreed to and complied with the methods of acreage and production control to be adopted by Department of Agriculture (or fixed by Congress) in an effort to limit the surplus for export. Farmers would be given definite allotments of acres to be planted and bales produced, and debentures would be issued against only such allotments, any excess to be sold at world prices.

"**Allotments.**—Fix allotments on basis of acres per plow East of the Mississippi and acres per cultivator West of the Mississippi River, with a limit on the number of bales to be produced per plow or per cultivator, the excess to be sold at world prices. This method of allotment would eliminate many of the inequalities that existed under the AAA method of allotments, which worked a great hardship upon the small farmer who had already reduced his acreage.

"**Tariff.**—Fix a tariff on cotton equal to the difference between the world price and the parity price, thus protecting the American farmer against the importation of cheap foreign cotton.

"It seems to me that the above plan would accomplish some greatly desired results: (1) Increase the buying power of the farmer to a level with that of industry; (2) the discouragement of foreign production if the world price is not artificially sustained at a high level; (3) reduce the surplus of American cotton; (4) help maintain America's trade balance by selling the surplus at prices that foreign countries can afford to pay.

"It is claimed that foreign production has been increased greatly in the past few years because of the successful effort to increase the price from the ruinously low levels that obtained previous to your inauguration, and that low priced cotton tends to reduce such foreign production. It is manifestly impossible, however, for the American cotton farmer to compete against such countries, as Brazil, India, etc., while being forced to buy in a tariff-protected home market.

" Hoping that you will see some merit in these suggestions and with very best wishes for the continued success of your splendid administration,

### High Standards Maintained.

"Again, please accept my congratulations upon the all-round high standards you are maintaining in The People-Sentinel," writes W. F. Odom, of Asheville, N. C., in sending in renewal subscriptions for himself and his sister, Miss Ida Odom, of Blackville route 2. Mr. Odom is the son of the late H. F. Odom, of the Ashleigh section and has made good in a big way in his adopted city.

## State Park Promised for Barnwell County

Work Expected to Start This Week at Old Whaley Mill Site Near Blackville.

Work is expected to start this week on the State park which is to be constructed near Blackville, on Toby's Creek, at what is known as the old Whaley mill. The preliminary survey of the project was begun May 15th, with construction expected to get underway immediately.

This park will consist of 252.95 acres of land, on which will be a lake, picnic shelters, drives, walks, a barbecue pit, a swimming area and many other recreational facilities. The park, when completed, will be open to the public for its use and enjoyment free of charge.

A caretaker's house will also be erected on the area for the occupancy of a caretaker who will reside there for the entire year. He will be in charge of the property and will see that the rules of the park are carried out by the visitors, as well as keep a sharp lookout for fires.

The lake, as shown by tentative plans, will cover about 27 acres, with a swimming area and plenty of room for boating, etc. The lakeshore and other parts of the property will be landscaped. This will add materially to the beauty of the proposed park, which, naturally, is considered one of the prettiest spots in the immediate vicinity.

If the plans are carried out as now drawn, it will probably take about eight to ten months to complete the work.

## Soil Conservation District Election

Landowners of Barnwell County to Vote on Proposed Establishment August 19th.

A due notice has been posted at the Barnwell Court House and other places of a referendum on the creation of the Edisto Soil Conservation District, this district to embrace lands lying in Aiken, Barnwell, Allendale, Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties. The county agent has received information that there will be voting boxes placed at four different points in the county. This election is to be held on Thursday, August 19th. All landowners lying in the proposed district are eligible to vote, according to H. G. Boylston, county agent.

The purpose in forming this district is to further the interest in soil erosion control, such as terracing lands as well as other forms of soil conservation. All landowners interested should bear this in mind and express themselves by voting on the 19th.

Boxes in Barnwell County are as follows:  
Barnwell—County Agent's Office, 10:00 a. m. to 4 p. m.  
Blackville—Thompson Hardware Store, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.  
Williston—Williston Motor Co., 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.  
Dunbarton—T. W. Dick's Store, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Mrs. Allen Bell, of Columbia, spent Thursday here with her mother, Mrs. S. R. Drew.

### Mr. McIntyre's Reply.

"My dear Mr. Davies: "The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of July twenty-ninth. He much appreciates your kindness in letting him have the benefit of your views and suggestions and, by his direction, I am referring your plan for the consideration of the Secretary of Agriculture. "The good wishes which your letter conveys are indeed most pleasing to the President."

## LIDE HALFORD KILLED SUNDAY

NATIVE OF BARNWELL COUNTY MET TRAGIC DEATH.

Automobile Mechanic Was Apparently Victim of Hit-and-Run Driver Near Yemassee.

W. Lide Halford, 35, a native of Barnwell County, but more recently a resident of Yemassee, was accidentally killed about two o'clock Sunday morning near Yemassee, apparently the victim of a hit-and-run driver. Mr. Halford, who was a mechanic by trade and so employed at a garage in Yemassee, was last seen alive when he left a filling station near Yemassee shortly before he was discovered dead on the highway.

According to his father, Geo. W. Halford, of Barnwell, it is not yet known just how the accident occurred, as the information which he could get at the scene of the accident Sunday morning was somewhat meager. However, his actions were traced by his father as far as possible from the time he left his work until he was found dead, the last report of his having been seen alive was at the filling station, which he left a short time prior to his death.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Estes, pastor of the Barnwell Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and Dr. W. M. Jones, pastor of the Kline Baptist Church, from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Halford, in Barnwell, at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Interment followed in the family burying ground near Barnwell.

Surviving him, besides his parents, are four sisters, Mrs. N. L. Bishop, of Fairfax; Mrs. G. W. Fox and Mrs. Catherine Cromer, of North Augusta, and Mrs. W. C. Rhinehardt, of Batesburg; six brothers, Ferris Halford, Joe Halford, James Halford, William Halford and Burton Halford, all of Barnwell, and Harold Halford, of Midway, and a number of nieces and nephews. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the Halford family in their bereavement.

## CCC Enrollees Get Private Employment

Large Number of Men Have Left Barnwell Camp During the Past Several Months.

Enrollees of the local CCC camp are leaving the camp to go into private employment according to a statement made by Captain Geo. W. Crawford, of the camp. The men have been leaving for the past several months, some of them having passed the age limit and others having served their two-year period, both of which laws will be strictly enforced after the September enrollments have expired.

A list of the men who have left to date follows: Andrew Brazell and Robert Sowell, truck drivers; William Chevis, filling station attendant in Denmark; Horace Darnell, with a power company; Cecil Eubanks, with the Chevrolet Parts Co., in Augusta; Clifton Hammond, as an attendant at the State Hospital in Columbia; Clifford Hughes, connected with the watermelon business; Everett Laverder, with the State Highway Department; Harris Meyers, with a dairy farm; William Harbeson and A. J. Hodge, for urgent and proper need at home.

Quite a number of other men are also lining up jobs, according to the local officials. J. P. Young, Jr., Educational Advisor, who also helps the camp boys get employment in private industry whenever possible, requests that any industry over the State that is able to take on new men please get in touch with him at the local camp.

### JUDGE CARTER IS BETTER.

Associate Justice Is Said to Be Improving at Bamberg.

Bamberg, Aug. 9.—Associate Justice Jesse F. Carter, who has been ill at his home here for the past month, is slowly recuperating. Judge Carter was stricken in his office in the Herald building early in July. His physicians have ordered him to remain in his home for perhaps several weeks yet for a long rest. His wife is the former Miss Lydie Jenkins, of Kline.

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