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## BABSON FAVORS COTTON SUBSIDY

FAMOUS STATISTICIAN DISCUSSES SITUATION.

Says Best Thing for the South Is to Let Price of Cotton Seek Its Own Level.

Declaring that the best thing for the South is to let the price of cotton seek its own level and that a subsidy is preferable to a "pegged" price, Roger Babson, nationally known statistician and business analyst, has in effect endorsed the crop control plan recently submitted to President Roosevelt by the editor of The People-Sentinel. In fact, the phraseology used by Mr. Babson in his comment, which appeared in Sunday's daily newspapers, sounded very much like he was actually quoting from the letter written to the President. Excerpts from his syndicated article are as follows:

"Cotton is an international commodity. Its price depends on the size of the Brazilian, Egyptian and American crops, and the demand of the Manchester, Osaka, Milan and Fall River mills. Our AAA program, like every nationalistic policy, was basically unsound because it forgot that economically all countries are one. The United States cannot control world cotton, wheat, or gold prices any more than Georgia, Kansas or Nevada can control the United States price of these commodities. Now, with our excellent 1937 crop, about 40 per cent. of which must be sold abroad, we find the way to our old markets blocked by foreign cotton. The inevitable result is a lower world price for the new crop. . . ."

"Actually the best thing for the South is to let the price seek its own level. However, something apparently had to be done politically to help 'the planter.' An outright subsidy rather than a 'pegged' price is preferable. The American price should be allowed to work along with the world price. Lower quotations will help consumption and they are the only means by which we can gain back our lost export markets. . . ."

"Even if the current drop in price of cotton continues it will not hurt us in the long run. It will help to prevent excessive plantings next year which high prices for this season's cotton would inevitably have brought on. Good crops at medium prices produce greater prosperity for everyone than short crops at high prices or big crops at low prices. There are thousands of towns throughout the South whose livelihood depends not on the price of the crop alone, but on the volume and the price. Warehouses, ginners, exporters, commission merchants, field hands and the like are set up to handle bumper crops, not short crops. They are all rejoicing over the first good harvest in five years."

## Little Interest Is Shown by Motorists

Only 308 of 2,997 Questionnaire Cards Returned by Barnwell County Auto Drivers.

Of the 2,097 questionnaire cards sent with applications for drivers' licenses to passenger car owners in Barnwell County, exactly 308 have been returned to the Highway Planning Survey. This represents about 14.6 per cent. of the cards sent out.

The information on the cards is to be used by the survey to make a financial study of South Carolina driving and drivers. The financial study, as a part of the survey, is jointly sponsored by the State Highway Department and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

Only 27 of the 353 questionnaire cards sent to Barnwell County truck drivers were filled out and returned. Thus, the percentage of the return from truck drivers was lower than the return from privately owned passenger cars.

A total of 245,937 cards were mailed to vehicle owners in the State. By July 31, 1937, 55,170 of them had been received, or 22.4 per cent. of the total.

The percentage of cards returned in this State is somewhat higher than the percentage returned in other Southern States. It is about two and one-half times that of Alabama, four times that of Tennessee, and one and one-half times that of Florida.

## Two Young Negroes Met Violent Deaths

Joe Tyler Drowned in Walker's Creek and Bennie Daniels Killed on Highway.

Two young negroes met violent deaths over the week-end in Barnwell County. One of them was a drowning victim at Walker's Creek, near Walker's Station, and the other was apparently the victim of a hit-and-run driver within the city limits of the town of Barnwell.

Joe Tyler, 15-year old negro boy, dived into Walker's Creek, in the northwestern section of Barnwell County, and drowned. According to Sheriff J. B. Morris, who investigated the drowning which happened about noon Sunday, there were several negro youths at the creek when the fatal accident happened, but none of them could swim so no effort to save the youth was made. One of the boys went for help and the body was recovered shortly afterwards.

Bennie Daniels, about 25, was found dying in the middle of the Columbia-Savannah highway in front of a store building owned by J. E. Harley just above the intersection of Main and Marlboro Streets, at two o'clock Monday morning. The body was found by Edward A. Harter, Jr., who was en route to his home in Allendale.

Mr. Harter notified the night policeman, A. M. Anderson, who in turn notified Sheriff J. B. Morris. The officers went to the scene of the accident and said that Daniels was still alive but unable to talk. He died about 20 minutes later.

The death was apparently caused by a hit-and-run driver according to investigating officers. Daniels was found lying face down in the highway with a pool of blood under his face. The upper part of his forehead and head were split open and blood was still pouring out when he was moved. He died from a fractured skull.

Sheriff Morris stated that he believed that if a blow of such force as to split Daniels' head open had been administered to him he would have fallen backward instead of forward, as the evidence plainly showed that he did. However, there were no other marks on him to show where a car struck.

The last time the dead man was seen alive was about one o'clock Monday morning, when he left a house in Calhoun Bottom, a negro settlement on the northern edge of Barnwell.

Sheriff Morris empaneled a jury Monday morning to hear the evidence available and the doctor's report, but turned them loose until such time as he could secure additional evidence.

## BARNWELL COUNTY FAVORS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

County Agent Harry G. Boylston announces that the result of the votes cast on Thursday on the establishment of the Edisto Soil Conservation District, which will be comprised of Barnwell, Bamberg, Aiken and Allendale Counties, was 58 to three for the establishment in this county. Allendale also voted for the measure, but results from the other counties are not available here.

The district, if it is set up, will mean a great deal to the farmers of this community, according to the county agent. It will offer them the most modern methods of terracing and other plans for combatting soil erosion and loss of soil life. With such methods as can be furnished, it is believed that the lands of Barnwell County will be in a much better state within a few years than if they are left to the ravages of crop production without soil conservation and soil-building programs scientifically worked out.

## Poultry Short Course.

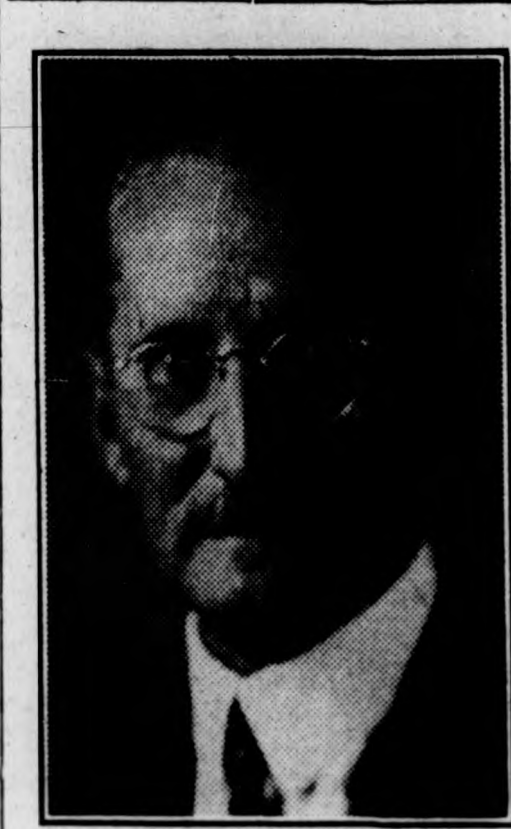
The Poultry Short Course at Clemson College August 31 to September 2, will be interesting to poultry producers of this county.

The program has been arranged to cover all phases of poultry production.

The college poultry plant will be open at all times. Full opportunity will be given for persons to become familiar with the methods employed in its operation. Special emphasis will be placed upon culling, judging and selection. Other subjects to be discussed will be brooding baby chicks, feeding the farm flock and common poultry diseases.

The poultry school is open to all interested persons. By making contact with farm and home agents, further information may be obtained.

## PEEPLER FUNERAL SERVICE HOME TO OPEN HERE TODAY



E. M. PEEPLES

## Revival at Healing Springs Successful

Nineteen Additions to Membership Rewarded Efforts of Columbia Evangelist.

Healing Springs, Aug. 23.—Nineteen additions to the membership of the Healing Springs Baptist Church rewarded the efforts of the Rev. R. I. Corbett, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, of Columbia, who conducted a series of revival services here beginning Sunday night, August 8th, and closing Friday night, the 13th. Nine of these were by profession of faith and ten by letter.

The people of this community feel that they were greatly blessed and very fortunate in having had this able and devout man of God in this series of meetings. The Rev. Mr. Corbett is an evangelist of the highest and truest type, possessed of a charming personality and a very delightful man in the home. He is not only a great soul-winner but a great teacher of God's word as well.

Mr. Corbett's messages morning and evening were pungent with the "old time Gospel" and his sermons were gripping and soul-stirring, finding their way into the hearts of the people. Both young and old enjoyed his stay of a week and his ministry at old Healing Springs Church will be cherished in lasting remembrance. The morning services were well attended, while the evening congregations were so large that at times many could not get into the building, numbers of people being attracted from the neighboring communities. A splendid choir, consisting of 20 or 30 voices under capable leadership, contributed greatly to the services throughout the week.

## Miss Catherine Black.

The death of Miss Catherine Black, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Black, of Barnwell, which occurred at the Columbia hospital at 12:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, cast a pall of gloom over the people of this city. The young woman, who was a rising sophomore at Columbia College, had been in the hospital for nearly five weeks suffering from a bloodstream infection.

The gallant fight put up by Miss Black, who was one of the most attractive members of this city's younger set, aroused the sympathy and interest of her many friends in Barnwell, Barnwell County and over the State. During the past few weeks she had undergone several operations and some six or eight blood transfusions, but neither the skill of physicians nor the tender nursing of loving hands could stay the summons of the Grim Reaper.

Funeral services were held at the home on Main Street Friday afternoon at five o'clock, the final rites being conducted by the Rev. J. C. Inabinet, minister of the Barnwell Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Estes, pastor of the Barnwell Baptist Church, and the Rev. C. O. Shuler, minister of the Siloam Methodist Church. Interment was in the Siloam Church cemetery, six miles south of Barnwell. The very large attendance and the many lovely floral tributes that covered her last resting place attested in some measure the love and esteem in which the young woman was held.

Miss Black is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Black, of Barnwell, and several uncles and aunts.

## E. M. PEEPLES IN BUSINESS NINETEEN YEARS.

Location in Barnwell Fills Long-felt Need.—Henry D. Mole Is in Charge.

The opening of the Peeples Funeral Service Home in Barnwell today marks another step in the business life of this city, which has been without an up-to-date service of this character for a number of years.

E. M. Peeples, of Hampton, is the owner and his son, Earl F. Peeples, also of Hampton, is associated with him. The former has been in business in Hampton for 19 years, during which time the establishment has grown from a small beginning to a modern funeral service that is known throughout lower South Carolina. The personnel consists of 12 persons and a complete motor equipment of three service cars, two trucks, two ambulances and three hearses. Henry D. Mole will be manager of the Barnwell Home.

E. M. Peeples, who is known far and wide for his generous charity, is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he has been superintendent of the Sunday school for 47 years. He was president for two terms of the S. C. Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association and is at present chairman of the board of directors of that organization. In addition, he takes an active interest in fraternal organizations, being a Mason, a K. of P., a member of the Jr. O. I. A. M., and the Lions Club.

For complete details of the organization and a story of its growth, see first page of the second section of this issue of The People-Sentinel.

## Interesting Paper by 4-H Club Member

Miss Carolyn Black, of Reedy Branch, Gets Recognition in Recent Contest.

Miss Carolyn Black, a member of the Reedy Branch 4-H Club, gained recognition in the recent Chick Management Contest conducted by the Clemson College extension service for 4-H major poultry project members in South Carolina, her letter entitled "My 4-H Poultry Club Story" having been selected as one of the best submitted, according to Jack Wooten, extension information specialist. Mr. Wooten writes The People-Sentinel that "in addition to scoring these 4-H members on their work, one of the requirements was to write a brief narrative giving a resume of their work." Miss Black's letter is as follows:

"I ordered 200 Barrad Rock baby chicks February 24th and received 218. They were very fine healthy chicks. "My house is made of wood 9x10 feet with good ventilation from the south. It is equipped with a brick brooder 3 1/2 x 5 feet, three tin and five wood feeders, six half-gallon glass drinking fountains. I used a thermometer all the time. When my chicks were six weeks old perch poles were put in the house. My yard is 35x50 feet and was planted in turnips.

"I used home mixed feed and did not have to buy anything except fish meal. I fed and cared for my chicks as Miss McNab, my county home demonstration agent, told me to. "I have a cement floor to my brooder. I clean and spray every two days and sterilize feeders and drinking fountains every day. I raised 177 of my chicks and I have kept my record carefully and with much pleasure this year. I made a nice profit on my chicks."

Mordecai Mazursky left last week for New York City, where he will buy merchandise for the Fall season.

## "A D-- F-- Plan."

The editor of The People-Sentinel is in receipt of the following card from Col. Harry D. Calhoun, of Bamberg:

"Hello, B. P.! Congratulations! That was a D-- F-- solution of the cotton price question submitted to our President by you. When I use the letters 'D. F.' I mean --- Fine! Regards."

## Three Leigh Homes Destroyed Sunday

Two Others Were Damaged in Two-Hour Blaze Near Banana Crate Company's Plant.

Fire which raged for more than two hours Sunday afternoon at Leigh, in the western part of Barnwell County, destroyed three residences and damaged two others, causing a loss estimated at \$5,000 before it was finally extinguished.

The blaze started in the kitchen of the Cecil Carter home near the Leigh Bananas Crate Company's plant about five o'clock and for a time spread rapidly through the residential section. The Carter home and the homes of Boon Pitts and Henry Stanley were destroyed and two other residences, one occupied by John Hill, were badly damaged.

The Barnwell fire truck was sent to Leigh in response to an appeal for aid and members of the Ellenton fire department also assisted in fighting the flames. At one time the assistance of the Augusta fire department was sought, but the Augusta fire fighters were not sent when it was learned that sufficient water facilities were not available.

## Says Cull and Sell The Non-Laying Hens

Farmers Specializing in Poultry Will Find It Profitable Throughout the Year.

Advising poultry producers to cull and dispose of the non-laying hens, County Agent H. G. Boylston says that farmers specializing in poultry will find it profitable to cull throughout the year, but that the average farmer will find one or two cullings sufficient.

Two cullings are better, the first to be made when summer egg production begins to decline. In every poorly bred and fed flock this drop may come as early as June, while in many of the better flocks it will not occur until September. The second culling can follow a month or six weeks after the first.

As a guide in culling the county agent quotes P. H. Gooding, extension poultryman, on the distinction between layers and non-layers:

"A warm, full red comb indicates heavy production while in this condition. When a hen stops laying, the comb tends to dry down and a whitish scarf usually forms.

"The abdomen is enlarged in the layer; in the non-layer it is contracted. The pelvic bones are usually two to four finger widths apart in the layer, but almost closed together in the non-layer.

"When a hen stops laying she usually starts molting. The later a hen lays in the summer and fall the greater will be her past year's egg production, so that the high producer is the late layer and late molter. The early molter is the 'short-time' or poor layer as most hens cannot grow feathers and lay at the same time. Contrary to general belief, the early molter does not make the early winter layer."

## Visitors to Walterboro.

Among the interesting and prominent visitors to Walterboro Tuesday were Lieut.-Gov. J. E. Harley and his son, Hummel. They stopped for a chat with the editor of this column, and paid a very pleasant visit. For six months Mr. Harley was in a Columbia hospital, and for another six months in bed at his Barnwell home, and it was thought it would never be able to preside over the State senate. Today, however, he looks as if he had never been ill a day in his life, and announces his intention to be a candidate for re-election. He is opposed to the county-to-county canvas, and thinks that with the advent of the automobile and good roads there is no necessity for so many campaign meetings. Mr. Harley is a prominent attorney of the Barnwell bar and had business at the office of the clerk of court.—Walterboro Press and Standard.

## Speaker Blatt Attends Funeral.

Speaker Solomon Blatt attended the funeral Tuesday of Rep. J. D. Witherspoon at Laurens. Mr. Witherspoon died in Columbia Monday, following a stroke on Saturday, which was the second that he had suffered in the past year.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 9TH

ANTICIPATE LARGEST ENROLLMENT IN HISTORY.

Addition of Several New Courses Puts Local Institution in Front.

With the largest enrollment in the history of the local school, the Barnwell Public Schools will open for the 1937-'38 session at nine o'clock Thursday morning, September 9th. The Barnwell schools, with the addition of several new courses in the past couple of years, is rapidly becoming one of the best all round schools in any small town in the State and plans are still being made for the addition, or rather the enlarging, of several courses in the local school within the next few years.

There will be four new members of the faculty this year: three of these will replace last year members who resigned and one new teacher is being added to the high school staff. Miss Eleese Ray, of Denmark, last year's third grade teacher, and Miss Rhoda Wade, of Lowery, last year's fifth grade teacher resigned to be married, and Roy E. Hewey, of Haverhill, Mass., instructor of manual arts last year, has resigned to accept an offer elsewhere.

The faculty members, as announced here by Supt. W. W. Carter will include, in the grammar school, Miss Louise Cope, of Cope, first grade; Miss Grace League, of Clinton, second grade; Miss Laura Quattlebaum, of Conway, third grade; Miss Louise McCullough, of Greenville, fourth grade; Miss Christine Derrick, of Johnston, fifth grade, and S. B. Marks, of Columbia, sixth grade and principal of the grammar school.

Members of the high school faculty will include Miss Margaret Ellis, of Due West, French; Miss Delma Burgess, of Kingstree, commercial; Miss Mary China Stevenson, of Hartsville, general science; Miss Margaret Frie, of Bamberg, history; Miss Lillie Mae Jones, of Ridgeland, English; Miss Hazel Smith, of York, home economics; Miss Lena Reed, of Cameron, the teacher added this year; George R. Evans, of Sandersville, Ga., instructor of agriculture; Mrs. Ira Fales, of Barnwell, music teacher; W. R. Price, of Columbia, principal, mathematics and coach of the athletic teams, and Supt. W. W. Carter.

Local school authorities are now in correspondence with a teacher for the manual arts course and it is expected that this vacancy will be filled within the near future.

## Dr. William M. Steinmeyer.

Dr. William M. Steinmeyer, aged 67, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. D. Gantt, in Lyndhurst at 11:15 Saturday morning after being confined to his bed since the previous Sunday, when he suffered a stroke. Dr. Steinmeyer had been in ill health for the past four years. He was visiting relatives in Lyndhurst when he suffered the fatal stroke.

Dr. Steinmeyer had lived the better part of his life in Beaufort where he had been a dentist. For 19 years he served as Superintendent of Education for Beaufort County. Prior to his retirement from active practice several years ago due to ill health, he had taken an active interest in both civic and religious life of the community.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort; a Mason and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Surviving Dr. Steinmeyer besides his widow, Mrs. Alma G. Steinmeyer, are four daughters, Mrs. E. L. Ellis, of Lyndhurst; Mrs. A. H. Cory and Miss Marie Steinmeyer, of Beaufort; and Mrs. D. U. Harrell, of Columbus, Ga.; two sons, W. M. Steinmeyer, Jr., of Lyndhurst, and J. H. Steinmeyer, of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, C. S. Steinmeyer, of Frogmore; five sisters, Mrs. T. B. McTeer, Mrs. H. P. McTeer and Mrs. Evert McTeer, all of Early Branch; Mrs. G. W. Haltiwanger, of Charleston, and Mrs. M. Lee, of Beaufort, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Gantt in Lyndhurst at 4:30 Sunday afternoon interment following in the Boiling Springs Presbyterian churchyard. The final rites were conducted by the Rev. F. B. Mayes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort, and the Rev. C. L. Letcher, pastor of the Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church.