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## ESCAPE ARTIST LANDED IN JAIL

### JOE BROWN RE-CAPTURED IN GEORGIA.

#### Negro Convict Had Taken French Leave from Barnwell Gang on Two Occasions.

Joe Brown, Barnwell County's escape artist, who has escaped twice from the Barnwell County chingang and once from a jail in Georgia, was lodged safely in the Barnwell County jail Friday night by Sheriff J. B. Morris, after he had been captured earlier in the week by Richland County, Georgia, authorities. Brown, who is a negro about 35 years old, was serving a 14-year sentence for larceny on the gang when he escaped.

The negro, with a companion, was captured about 16 miles from Augusta by Richland County officers on a charge of breaking into several houses in the neighborhood. He had in his possession several of the missing articles when he was apprehended.

Brown escaped from the Barnwell County gang for the first time about two years ago and made good his 2nd escape about 6 weeks ago. He was captured in Burke County, Georgia, a few weeks back but escaped from the jail before Barnwell County officers could reach there to bring him back.

He allegedly had been terrorizing the negro quarters in and around Barnwell for several days after his escape, but he stoutly denies having done this, claiming that he went to Georgia the second day after his escape. Sheriff Morris said he had been able to partially corroborate this story by ascertaining that day he had crossed the Savannah river.

Sheriff Morris went to Augusta Friday afternoon and the Georgia authorities agreed to turn him over to the Barnwell County officers despite the fact that they were holding him on three charges of housebreaking. As his sentence has approximately 12 years longer to run here, it was decided to allow him to return and serve out his time before pressing the last charges.

## Seed Loan Is Moved Into New Quarters

### Emergency Organization Now Has Offices in County Agricultural Building.

The offices of the Emergency Crop Loan (seed loan) have been moved to the Barnwell County Agricultural building, situated just below the Court House, according to an announcement made by J. A. Byrd, manager for the seven counties in this district.

The old offices were located in the building adjacent to Molair's Dry Goods Store on Burr Street, but have been moved to the offices formerly occupied by the District Four office of the Rural Resettlement department. It has also been announced that an office has been located in the Court House at Allendale to receive payments from farmers of that county. This will greatly benefit the borrowers in that section, as it will save them a trip to the Barnwell office to pay their notes.

Collections have picked up some in the past ten days after a rather slow opening and should continue to do so, according to Mr. Bryd, who predicts that he will collect as much or more than he did in 1936, when 97 per cent. of the total loaned was repaid.

### Breaks Arm in Fall.

The many friends of Mrs. Victor Lewis will learn with regret that she had the misfortune to fall and break her left arm at her home in Kline Monday afternoon. Grease spilled on the floor by the cook is said to have been the cause of the accident. Mrs. Lewis was brought to a local physician, who re-set the broken bone.

Mrs. J. S. Younger, of Greenville, was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Jeff Ready, who lives in the Silman section, and her sister, Mrs. Ben Moore, of Barnwell.

## NEW LOW PRICE AND LARGER SIZE PAPER MAKE BIG HIT

### Many Old and Gratifying Number of New Subscribers Take Advantage of Special Offer Made by The People-Sentinel.

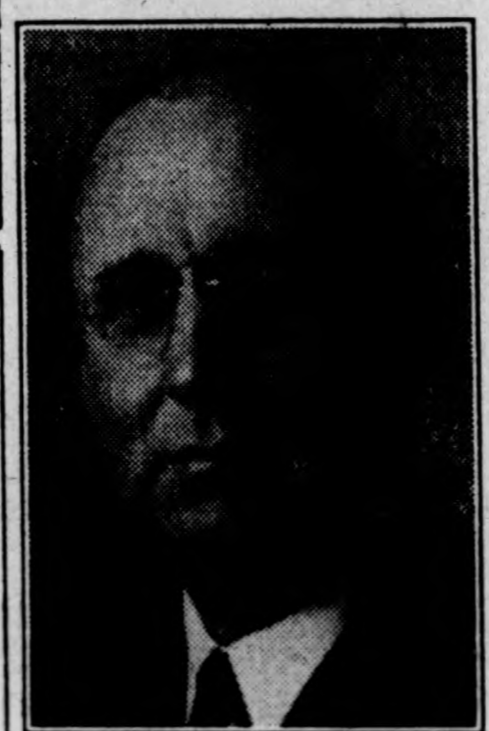
The new low subscription price for The People-Sentinel—only \$1.00 for a full year—and the larger size paper that is being published have made a big hit, with the result that many old friends have paid their past due subscriptions and a gratifying number of new subscribers have been added to the mailing list in the past week.

Most six-column size weekly papers in the State charge from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per year and the subscription price for the seven-column size is almost invariably

\$2.00, so it will be seen that the people of Barnwell County are being offered a worthwhile bargain when they can secure The People-Sentinel for only \$1.00 a year—56 columns a week of interesting local, county, State, national and world news and profit-paying advertisements for less than the cost of a two-cent stamp a week!

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## Keeps 'Em Guessing



SENATOR EDGAR A. BROWN, Barnwell County Solon whose future political plans have the prognosticators wondering. He plans to have "plenty" to say at Paris Mountain State Park Saturday.

## NEW BUSINESS IS PLANNING TO LOCATE AT BLACKVILLE

### Nantex Company Would Employ About 100 People to Start With, Providing an Annual Payroll in Excess of \$50,000 the First Year.

Blackville, Sept. 7.—(Special).—The immediate employment of approximately 100 people and a payroll in excess of \$50,000 the first year is in prospect for Blackville and the surrounding territory if negotiations with the Nantex Company are completed satisfactorily, it was announced here today. A portion of the building now occupied by the Farrell-O'Gorman Co. would be used for the manufacture of men's shirts. It was originally constructed for the production of hosiery and is admirably adapted for the proposed new industry. A representative of the Nantex Company was in Blackville a few days ago and prospects for locating a plant here are very bright.

Three other such plants are now being operated satisfactorily in South Carolina. Nice, easy, clean work is offered and the best people in the localities are said to be taking advantage of the opportunity offered for employment. The Nantex representative said that

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## EDGAR BROWN TO ASK PROMOTION?

### LOCAL SOLON HAS PROGNOSTICATORS GUESSING.

#### Expects to Have "Plenty" to Say at Meeting of Young Democrats on Saturday.

The continued silence of Senator Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell, as to his future political plans—especially the possibility of his being a candidate for the United States senate next summer—has kept the politically wise prognosticators guessing for the past several months. The Senator has been mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate as well as an aspirant for Senator E. D. Smith's toga, but up to the present writing he has been "sawing wood and saying nothing."

However, the Barnwell solon was in Columbia on Wednesday of last week and while he had very little to say about the various rumors, he did promise that he would have "plenty" to say Saturday at the Paris Mountain State Park when and where he is scheduled to address the Young Democrats. The following is from the State's "Around the State House" column in Thursday's issue:

**Brown for Senate?**

"State Senator Edgar Brown, of Barnwell, who has also been mentioned as a possible candidate for the United States senate, was a visitor in Columbia yesterday, attending to business matters and speaking to several friends about the State Office building.

"The Barnwell senator has said comparatively little about the rumor that he would run, but his acceptance of several speaking engagements at gatherings of State-wide interest in the past month has indicated that he might have the senate race definitely in mind.

"The Barnwell senator is scheduled to speak at the Young Democrats' meeting at Paris Mountain State Park September 11, at which time Mayor Burnet Maybank, of Charleston, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor, is also to appear on the program.

"No, I haven't said anything yet, but I expect to have plenty to say at the meeting of the Young Democrats at Paris Mountain State Park," Senator Brown said yesterday.

"Whether or not he will announce his candidacy at that time is a matter of conjecture, but it appears that he will give some pretty definite information on the subject at that time."

Mrs. L. A. Hartzog.

Mrs. Lucille Riser Hartzog, 44, wife of Dr. Leighton A. Hartzog, of Olar, died Tuesday morning at the Columbia hospital following an illness of about three months. Funeral services were conducted at Mizpah Methodist Church near her home at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon by her pastor, the Rev. Gove Smith, assisted by other ministers.

Surviving Mrs. Hartzog are her husband; her father, C. F. Riser, of Olar; two sons, Franklin Riser Hartzog, of Olar, and Maxwell Hartzog, a Wofford student; two sisters, Mrs. R. Fair Goodwin, of Olar, and J. Carl Kearsse, of Bamberg; and one brother, Earl Riser, of Olar.

Mrs. Hartzog attended Columbia College. In early life she married Dr. Hartzog. She was a trustee of the Tri-County hospital at Orangeburg and director of the Edisto district U. D. C. She was an ardent church and civic worker and was known for her philanthropic activities. Her death was attributed to a scratch on her arm from which tetanus developed, which afterward led to infection of the blood stream. She had been under the treatment of eminent specialists at Johns Hopkins and Columbia hospitals.

Mrs. Lessie Easterling and son, Brown Easterling, Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders and W. E. Turner spent the week-end in Atlanta, Ga., with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Killingsworth.

The public is invited to attend any and all of our services.

J. Ashbury Estes, Pastor.

## Cotton Movement Heavy Despite Rain

### Staple Sold in and Around Barnwell Is Superior in Grade, Cotton Buyer Says.

According to local ginners and local cotton buyers, the cotton crop moved heavier here in the last three days of the past week than in any previous time this season. Despite the wet weather the past couple of weeks, considerable cotton has been picked and ginned.

One buyer, who travels a territory some 50 or 75 miles in radius, stated that the cotton sold in and around Barnwell was the best that he had seen this year. Some of the other bales that had been offered him, he continued, were well below the standard of this section.

The wet weather has greatly handicapped the pickers and it is believed that the output would have been about twice that of the present time had it been clear, hot weather. The heavy rains which have plagued this section during the growing season have combined with the hill weevil to take a heavy toll from the cotton farmers.

Some cotton observers have lowered their predictions to a 50 per cent smaller crop than that of last year, while others are not quite so pessimistic. Several weeks ago the consensus of opinion was that this section would make about 25 to 35 per cent. less cotton than last year.

Several of the gins in Barnwell County have installed machinery that drives the cotton and other methods which will protect the staple and grade as much as possible while it is being run through the gins. Several cotton buyers have stated that they believe these improvements have done much to help the cotton farmer get what his cotton is really worth in the way of grades.

## CAR SKIDS INTO DITCH—DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY

Allen Owens, farmer of Barnwell, escaped serious injury Thursday night when the car which he was driving on a county road near Barnwell skidded into a ditch. The roads were slippery from heavy rains of the past few days and especially from rains of that afternoon and early evening.

Mr. Owens escaped with minor scratches and bruises and was resting comfortably at his home here on last reports.

## Sapp for the Senate?

Columbia, Sept. 4.—The State quoted Claud N. Sapp, of Columbia, tonight as saying in an interview he was "considering" entering the race for the United States senate in the Democratic primaries next summer.

"I am considering entering the race," Sapp was quoted, "but I have come to no definite conclusion. I cannot say further than that—that I am considering the matter."

Sapp is United States attorney for the eastern district. He is a former chairman of the State Democratic executive committee. Senator E. D. (Cotton Ed) Smith will be up for re-election next year.

## Local Anglers Lay Wagers on Prowess

### Nip and Tuck Contest Between Two Fishermen Is Won by Very Narrow Margin.

Two local followers of Isaak Walton, who happened to work in the same Barnwell establishment, were discussing their respective merits as fishermen. After each one had exhausted his respect for himself as a fisherman they agreed to place a small wager on their ability, the bet to be settled by separate fishing expeditions on consecutive days.

The first would be Walton went forth and fished steadily for a whole afternoon, bringing home his catch and duly weighing the fishes in front of his temporary opponent. On the following afternoon, the other angler strode forth to the field of battle—

—or should we say stream of battle—and fished till the sun was sinking low in the west. His catch was also brought to Barnwell and weighed.

After the weights had been duly checked against each other it was found that the second fisherman had won the wager by the close margin of 3 ounces. The first fisherman had caught two catfish which weighed an even three ounces together while the second fisherman had hooked two jackfish, weighing a total of six and one-half ounces.

As both contestants were worn out physically from their battles with the manumoth fishes, the fish dinner, for which a large number of their friends had been invited, was postponed until a later date—maybe they're going fishing again.

## Prospects at Blackville.

Blackville, Sept. 2.—Coach J. G. DeHins of the Blackville high school has sent out a call for 30 players for the football team. They start practicing on Monday, Sept. 6, at 9 a. m. Two practices daily will be held until the opening of school on Thursday, Sept. 9. The boys are enthusiastic over their new equipment of two-piece pants, royal blue and scarlet jerseys and helmets and white stockings. The team is composed of veterans, as the following lettermen will return for practice:

Sandifer and Baxey, ends; Grubbs and Jones, tackles; H. Bodiford, Morris and Tripp, guards; Nevlis, center; Quattlebaum, Delk, Jowers and Still, backs. Substitutes returning from last year are Davis, Kaplan, Ross, B. Buist and R. Buist, Hightower and Gleaton. Boys reporting for the first time this year are Laird, B. Bodiford, R. Still, N. Still, Delk, Cromer, T. Still, M. Dyches, L. Dyches, Cain, Hutto and Martin. James Still will continue from last year as manager.

## Services at Friendship Church.

The Rev. James Neil, of Fairfax, will conduct preaching services at the Friendship Baptist Church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons in September at two o'clock, with Sunday School immediately afterwards. Mr. Neil will probably conduct services at this church one Sunday during the month of October. All members of the church are urged to attend these services and the public is cordially invited.

## Children Chased by Mad Reynard Friday

### Fox Is Killed After Driving Party of Swimmers from Stream Near Snelling.

Dr. L. T. Claytor, head of the Barnwell County Health Department, stated here Monday that he had sent the head of a fox, which was killed near Snelling on Friday afternoon, to the State Board of Health Laboratory in Columbia for examination to see if it was mad. The report came back very much in the affirmative, the examining officer saying that the signs of madness were most evident.

The fox was killed near Johnson Hill's mill, not far from Barnwell. A number of children of the Snelling vicinity were swimming in the mill stream when the fox appeared on the scene and chased them into the mill house. A negro boy was coming around the corner of the house with a log in his hands and the fox attacked him. He killed the animal and it was brought to Barnwell for an examination by Dr. Claytor.

The county health officer decided that it should be sent to Columbia for examination, despite the fact that it had not bitten anybody. There had been several reports from over the county of foxes acting as though they were mad, some having given chase to fox dogs and even come up in the yard of people's houses in that neighborhood.

Dr. Claytor has warned owners of fox dogs that it would be safe to have them vaccinated as protection to the dogs and to the owners.

This is the second fox that has been killed near Snelling, the first one several weeks ago, but was not examined. However, as it acted similar to the one killed Friday afternoon it is believed that it too was mad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon, who spent several weeks here with the latter's parents, left last week for Fountain Inn, where Mr. Herndon will serve as principal of the school there for the coming session.

## Congrats, Barnwell.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Ben P. Davies, editor of The Barnwell People-Sentinel, for the splendid paper which he turned out of his plant last week. On every side, we have heard complimentary remarks on this edition and we are only too pleased to pass them on to the editor of The People-Sentinel.

Mr. Davies, one of the outstanding news editors of this section of the State, is a man with the interest of his community at heart. He does a fine job in Barnwell and has the sincere respect and admiration of this editor for the work he is doing, not alone in the newspaper line, but toward civic betterment. —Allendale County Outlook.

## Rattlesnake Bites Young Negro Woman

### Sadie Roberts Struck by Reptile Friday Morning While Walking Near Home.

Sadie Roberts, 19-year old negro woman, was bitten by a rattlesnake in the right foot early Friday morning. She was brought to Barnwell and given medical treatment by Dr. H. A. Gross at his office here.

According to relatives, who brought the injured woman to town, she was walking through a branch near her home, on L. Cohen's place several miles from Barnwell, when the snake suddenly struck her on the foot. She had no warning of the attack and the snake had sunk its poisonous fangs in her before she realized that she had been bitten.

Dr. Gross treated her and stated that he got quite a bit of poison from her wound. He said Saturday morning that he had had a report from the wound. He said Saturday evening well, apparently out of immediate danger and on the road to recovery.

This is the first case of snake bite reported in Barnwell this summer—in fact, it is the first case reported in quite some time. Reports are to the effect, however, that snakes are rather plentiful this year, especially around the swamps and wooded areas.

## BARNWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY (SEPT. 9TH)

The local school will begin the 1937-1938 session at nine o'clock this (Thursday) morning, September 9th. Patrons and friends are invited to the chapel program at nine o'clock. All pupils will be dismissed at 11:30.

The names of the teachers and the grades and subjects they will teach are as follows:

First grade—Miss Mildred Manning, Clie.  
Second grade—Miss Grace League, Clie.  
Third Grade—Miss Laura Janette Quattlebaum, Conway.  
Fourth Grade—Miss Louise McCullough, Greenville.  
Fifth grade—Miss Christine Derrick, Johnston.  
Sixth grade—S. B. Marks, Columbia.

## High School.

English—Miss Lena Reed, Cameron.  
English-French—Miss Margaret Ellis, Due West.  
Librarian—Miss Lillie Mae Jones, Ridgeland.  
Home Economics—Miss Ruth Dantzer, Parler.  
History—Miss Margaret Free, Bamberg.  
Science—Miss Mary Chira Stephenson, Hartsville.  
Commercial—Miss Delma Burgess, Kingstree.  
Agriculture—Geo. R. Evans, Sandersville, Ga.  
Industrial Arts—T. W. Wood, Fall River, Kansas.  
Principal—W. R. Price, Columbia.

Music—Mrs. Ira Fales, Barnwell.  
Superintendent—W. W. Carter, Barnwell.

Miss Eleanor Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Terry, has returned home after spending the summer at Myrtle Beach, where she sang with an orchestra.

## Petit Jurors Drawn for Criminal Court

### One Week Term of General Sessions to Convene Here Monday, September 20th.

A one week term of the Court of General Sessions will convene at Barnwell on Monday, September 20th, with Judge A. L. Gaston, of Chester, presiding. Petit jurors were drawn Monday, as follows:

- B. M. Wall, Meyer's Mill.
- W. C. Dyches, Barnwell.
- G. L. Hill, Barnwell.
- A. B. Kirkland, Meyer's Mill.
- John S. Keel, Long Branch.
- C. H. Dalk, Double Pond.
- W. M. Lott, New Forest.
- Dave Black, Ready Branch.
- L. F. Cushman, New Forest.
- Harry L. Martin, Blackville.
- W. J. Lemon, Barnwell.
- Herman Brown, Blackville.
- Ciley E. Crench, Ready Branch.
- Ryan Dyches, Healing Springs.
- Otis S. Gessary, Tinkers Creek.
- N. G. Motony, Blackville.
- Pierre Hill, Healing Springs.
- Otis Bonds, Barnwell.
- E. M. Easterling, Barnwell.
- E. L. Riley, Barnwell.
- J. M. Burckhalter, Joyce Branch.
- E. L. Williams, Hilda.
- S. F. Hogg, Kline.
- Kendrick Diamond, Morris.
- Leon Beasley, Barnwell.
- W. F. Weeks, Hilda.
- E. L. Boyler, Diamond.
- Culla E. Hill, Hervaies.
- Bob Owens, Green's Academy.
- A. F. Lee, Williston.
- H. D. Hill, Blackville.
- W. H. Boyles, Sr., Diamond.
- W. M. Hartzog, Hilda.
- H. D. Greene, Dunbarton.
- L. W. Hutto, Double Pond.
- D. W. Gardner, Elko.

## Services at Baptist Church.

All the members of the Barnwell Baptist Church are urged to give their finest co-operation during remainder of September in order to enable the Church to finish this Associational year with the best record in many years. The record thus far is splendid, but the help of every member is needed to finish this year work as we would like to finish it. You are urged to attend all meetings. Our schedule is as follows: Sunday School, 10:30; Morning Worship, 11:30; B. T. U., 7:00; Evening Worship, 8:00, and Prayer Service on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

A Baptismal service will be held next Sunday evening at the Work

Postal Receipts Increase.

The postal receipts at the Barnwell post office for the month of August showed another increase, according to a statement made here this week by Dr. R. A. Deason, Postmaster. Dr. Deason states that the stamp sales for the entire year have shown a nice increase over the same period last year and that this was the eighth consecutive month of 1937 that the sales were up.

The Barnwell post office will soon be located in its new quarters on Main Street, next to the Barnwell Hotel. The building itself has been completed but the fixtures have not yet arrived.

The public is invited to attend any and all of our services.

J. Ashbury Estes, Pastor.