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TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

GET-ACQUAINTED SESSION OF EDUCATORS.

Barnwell County Education Association Holds First Meeting of School Year.

The first meeting of the Barnwell County Education Association was held in the Barnwell high school auditorium on Thursday afternoon. The meeting, while being a regular scheduled one for the members, was more or less of a get-acquainted session for the various teachers of the schools over the county. Quite a large number of the teachers were present from each school.

The program was opened by a short address by Solomon Blatt, Esq., of Barnwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who welcomed the teachers to Barnwell and Barnwell County for the ensuing session.

The next speaker on the program was W. D. Nixon, of Columbia, the recently appointed State High School inspector. Mr. Nixon made a most interesting talk to the teachers, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The speaking was wound up by two minute talks by each of the superintendents of the five high schools in Barnwell County. They included Supt. C. K. Ackerman, of Unionville; Supt. Byron Wham, of Blackville; Supt. W. T. Bennett, of Dunbarton; Supt. M. E. Webb, of Hilda; and Supt. W. W. Carter, of Barnwell.

The officers for the coming year for the association are County Supt. of Education Horace J. Couch, of Eiko, president; Supt. M. E. Webb, of Hilda, vice-president; Miss E. Lee Hair, of Dunbarton, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Katie C. Edwards, of Blackville, membership chairman.

MISS MARIE BOUTREE GRADUATED IN AUGUSTA

Dunbarton, Sept. 14.—Miss Marie Boutree, formerly of Dunbarton, was graduated from the University hospital school of nursing Tuesday evening, along with 23 other young ladies. Exercises were held in the Tabernacle high school auditorium in Augusta. Miss Boutree is the adopted daughter of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Boutree, of Dunbarton.

Miss Ruth Hall Dicks left last week for Danville, Va., to resume her school duties there.

Those enjoying a fish fry at Corley's pond Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rountree, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rountree, Miss Adelaide Beattie, "Be" Corley and Mrs. Paul Corley. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tisdale, formerly of Dunbarton, but now residents of Augusta, have announced the birth of a daughter on Monday, September 6th, at the University hospital.

Ellis Bradley, who now resides in Charleston, spent several days here last week with relatives. A delightful afternoon party was given Friday by the Sewing Club members on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Clarence Dicks, complementing the school teachers, who arrived Wednesday for the fall session. About 45 enjoyed the occasion. Delicious punch and cake were served during the afternoon.

Miss Louise Davis, of Augusta, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Hutson Owens. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Whaley, of Columbia, spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Mattie E. Whaley. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hodges, of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting relatives here. Twenty-five years have elapsed since the latter was here. She is remembered as Miss Daisy Owens, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Owens. This is Mr. Hodges' first visit to Dunbarton.

Mrs. Wilbur Tisdale, of Augusta, was the week-end guest of Miss Doris Tisdale.

Mrs. B. A. Rountree honored her little daughter, Margaret, with a party Saturday, their occasion being the latter's fifth birthday. About a dozen little girls and boys were present.

Advertisements in The People-Sentinel

Price Is Heartened By Grid Prospects

Barnwell High School Coach Is Encouraged as Result of Practices.

Despite only a handful of boys who have had experience in football, Coach W. R. Price stated after the first few practices that his team has a great deal more promise than he had believed possible previous to the first workout. While he will have to develop a complete new backfield and use men who have not played regularly before in the line, he expects to put a good team on the field on September 24th when Barnwell will open the season against North.

A larger squad than that of last season and one with a little more weight greeted the Barnwell men when he called the boys together for the first time last week. It is much too early to make any predictions as to the probable lineup of the team but it is safe to say that it will be heavier than last fall's club and will have just as much speed and team play as that of the past year.

From the following men, Coach Price expects to round out his first string club: Roscoe Still, Tommy Richardson, Bubber Stevens, Billy Moore, Ed Hill, Major Creech, Wingard Carter, Sonny Patterson, Ralph Moody, Martin Black, John Ferguson, Eugene Vaughan, W. M. Halford, and David Hartzog, all of whom saw service last year or the year before, some of them having been out of school or ineligible last year because of scholastic troubles; John B. Cook, Hayward Morris, Rocky Carter, Martin Best, Larry Brown, Harry Lee O'Ramus, Billy Branson, Tim Moore, John Grant and Harry Riley are all out for the first time but several of them have shown signs of becoming first stringers before many games have passed.

If the Barnwell coach can develop a fast and powerful backfield to go with a line which stacks up as being both heavy and experienced, he may have one of the best teams that has represented Barnwell in some time. The local boys are planning on giving the remaining members of District Nine of the South Carolina high school league a real battle for top honors at the district. While Coach Price is not making any open predictions, he seems to be quite confident as to the development of his boys.

Such following schools within the district were scheduled to play Barnwell at the district meeting held in Denmark Friday:

DUNBARTON HIGH SCHOOL OPENED SEPTEMBER 9TH

The Dunbarton public school opened its doors on Thursday, September 9th, for the 1937-1938 session. Quite a large number of patrons of the school were in the high school auditorium when the opening exercises were held at 9 o'clock.

Along with the other schools over the county, Dunbarton has shown a marked increase in enrollment this year and Supt. W. T. Bennett stated that he is expecting a banner year.

Members of the faculty for the ensuing term are as follows: Miss Lois Yarborough, first grade and library; Miss Martha Matthews, of Denmark, second and third grades; Miss Emmie Lee Hair, of Blackville, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Catherine Rushing, sixth and seventh grades.

In the high school, W. Hoyt Hite and Miss Mary Bonds Workman will assist Superintendent Bennett.

Advertisements in The People-Sentinel

MANY NEW SUBSCRIBERS ADDED TO MAILING LIST

THE PUBLISHER of The People-Sentinel is very much gratified over the large number of new subscribers whose names have been added to the mailing list in the past two weeks, as well as the larger number of old friends who have paid their subscription dues in advance—several as far ahead as two years.

Evidently, these friends—both old and new—appreciate the publisher's efforts to give them a bigger and better paper at a substantially reduced price, and they are taking advantage of the special dollar-a-year rate. Others have assured us that they will pay their dues or join The People-Sentinel's rapidly growing family of satisfied readers as soon as they sell a little cotton.

But don't put this all-important matter off too long. Remember, the special \$1.00 offer is for a limited time only. If you are not already a subscriber, you cannot afford to do without The People-Sentinel a week longer since the price is less per issue than the cost of a two-cent postage stamp. Send in YOUR remittance TODAY!

Cotton Pickers Are Greatly in Demand

Inclement Weather Has Retarded Picking and Fields Are White With Fleecy Staple.

Despite the fact that the cotton crop in Barnwell County will be short this year, cotton pickers are more or less at a premium. This is due mainly to the fact that the inclement weather has retarded cotton picking and the fields are now well covered with the fleecy staple.

On the days that the farmers are able to have pickers in the fields, some have been troubled with inability to secure hands, according to many local farmers. Days of sunny weather have been rather scarce over the county for the past couple of weeks.

Local girls are running on a pretty full schedule, especially during the past few days, and the grade of cotton turned out has been fairly high. Quite a bit of new equipment has been put in several of the gins over the county and this has added considerably to the fact that the farmers are able to have their cotton ginned almost as fast as it is picked. The new drying equipment has meant much to the cotton growers, as the cotton has been drier quite often, due to the heavy rainfall, and could not have otherwise been ginned so early.

Col. N. G. W. Walker, director of the local national reemployment office, says that any available and qualified labor on relief projects in Barnwell County will be assigned to farmers in need of cotton pickers upon request at his office. It is stated that WPA will cooperate to the extent of closing down its projects for the temporary period that labor may be needed on the farms.

Snelling School Opens.

Sept. 16.—The Snelling school was opened for the fall session on Thursday morning, September 9th, at nine o'clock, with a goodly number of patrons on hand for the opening exercises, which were held in the school.

Due to the fact that the seventh grade pupils this year are being sent to the Barnwell school so that they may have junior high school work and therefore learn the curriculum of the local school before entering the high school here, the enrollment for the entire school is about the same as that of last year. However, for the six grades, there is a slight increase.

Miss Rosalie Spann, of Sumter, is in charge of the school this year, replacing Mrs. Parker, principal for the past several years. Mrs. Parker resigned to accept the position as school attendance officer for Barnwell County. Miss Spann was a member of the Sumter public school faculty for the past several years and served on the faculty of the Barnwell high school faculty previous to going to Sumter. She brings to her new work an excellent record in the educational field and should be a worthy successor to Mrs. Parker.

Hilda High School Opens New Session

Largest Enrollment in the History of the School Expected to Attend Classes.

The Hilda High School opened its fall session on Thursday, September 9th, at nine o'clock in the school auditorium. Quite a large number of parents and patrons of the school were present for the opening exercises.

Supt. M. E. Webb stated that this year will mark the largest enrollment that the school has ever enjoyed, there being approximately 120 pupils attending classes this year. Several faculty changes were necessitated during the summer, due to the resignation of some of last year's corps of teachers.

The grammar school faculty for the coming term will include Mrs. M. E. Webb, wife of the superintendent, Mrs. Evelyn Way, of Denmark; Miss Mary Lee White, of Camden; and Miss Dorothy Rogers, of Unionville.

In the high school work Supt. Webb will have assisting him Miss Inezanne Brooker, of Ashland, Ky., and Miss Lida Mildred Liles, of Denmark.

Opening at Ashleigh.

The Ashleigh school opened on Thursday morning with an enrollment of about 40 pupils. This is larger than the enrollment last year and the work in the school promises to be of a higher standard than that performed during the past session, due to the new compulsory attendance act and the apparent interest of the students in their work.

This year marks the first year that the school has enjoyed a full nine months school year despite the fact that the work is only carried through the 7th grade. The students are sent to adjoining high schools for the completion of their work, some of them coming to the Barnwell High School, while others finish their work at the Blackville High School.

The work this year is in charge of Mrs. Robt. A. Patterson, of Barnwell, and Mrs. Marvin Eubanks, of near Barnwell. Plans are being made for the reorganization of the Gyles Mother Club, an organization which was affiliated with the school work and was so named in honor of the late Mrs. Ryan A. Gyles, of Blackville, who served for some time as the principal of the school.

Friendship School Opening.

Mrs. Doris H. Grubbs, of Barnwell says that the opening exercises of the Friendship public school were held on Thursday. Mrs. Grubbs stated that she is expecting an increased enrollment at her school for this session.

Some of the pupils may be delayed in beginning the fall work for a few days, due to the recent unfavorable weather conditions, which may cause them to work longer in the fields getting the cotton crop gathered than was anticipated.

The many friends of little Tiffany Clayton, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Clayton, will regret to learn that he was carried to the Columbia hospital for treatment.

Former Resident of Barnwell Loses Leg

J. Russell Williams, Jr., Is Victim of Gin Accident at Monck's Corner Saturday.

The many Barnwell friends of J. Russell Williams, Jr., who was stationed at the Barnwell CCC camp for about a year, during which time he married a Miss Peoples, of Estill, will learn with sincere regret that he was the victim of a most distressing accident at his gin in Monck's Corner Saturday morning, as a result of which he lost his right leg. The following dispatch is from Sunday's issue of The News and Courier:

Monck's Corner, Sept. 11.—J. Russell Williams, Jr., 25, owner and operator of the Monck's Corner cotton gin, suffered the loss of his right leg today as a result of an accident in the gin early this morning.

Mr. Williams noticed a spark in one of the bins and started to lift a lever while M. J. Brown adjusted some of the machinery. Williams slipped and his trousers caught in the machinery, pulling his leg into the teeth of the wheel. Brown and C. J. Sweetman pulled Williams from the machinery and thus saved his life. His leg was amputated in the Berkeley hospital later in the morning and his condition is said to be satisfactory.

Mr. Williams had just built and opened the first cotton gin in Monck's Corner and it had been in operation only a few days, running day and night to keep up with the rush of business. Mr. Williams' accident was the second to occur in the building since the opening. Fletcher Martin, elderly machinist, had his leg broken a few days ago when a bale of cotton rolled against him. He was discharged from the hospital two days ago.

Local Garden Club Plans Meeting Soon

First Session of Fall Season Will Be Held the Latter Part of This Month.

The first meeting of the fall session of the Barnwell Garden Club will be held the latter part of this month. Meetings were suspended during the hot summer months and the members are anxious to resume the work.

Several of the members and a large number of the townspeople have expressed themselves as being highly in favor of the proposed beautification work which was discussed during the spring. It is hoped that the club members will be able to carry out their plans, which will include the beautification of some of the streets of the town and Fuller Park.

The work on Fuller Park would be most welcome as it would add greatly to the looks of Barnwell for travelers coming in on the Augusta highway. Tentative plans last year were to plant azaleas, shrubs and other plants along the edge of the ball park and the rail which runs around the pool and pavilion enclosure. To have this section of the town thus beautified would lend much to the first impression of visitors or tourists passing through the town and would give the citizens something else of which to be proud.

The members of the town council and Mayor C. G. Fuller, along with the members of the Lions Club and other civic organizations, have voiced their approval of the project and have stated that they are willing to help carry out the work in any way possible.

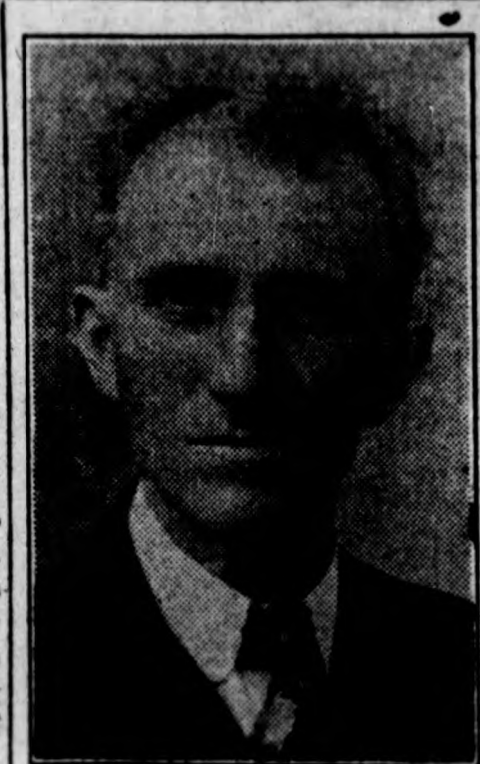
Bradley Gets New Job.

W. W. Bradley, originally of Kline and an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, yesterday became assistant to the State highway maintenance engineer, W. K. Beckham.

Mr. Bradley has been with the maintenance division since graduation, but heretofore as inspector and instrument man.

As assistant to the maintenance engineer he succeeds T. D. Goodale, who recently became assistant to Wilbur Smith, traffic engineer.

Col. and Mrs. Solomon Blatt spent Monday in Columbia.



JUDGE JOHN K. SNELLING.

Insurance Agency Is Highly Honored

Barnwell Concern Is Placed on "Quarter Century Roll" by Bonding Company.

Judge of Probate John K. Snelling was the 22nd agent of the Massachusetts Bonding Company to be honored by his company being placed on the "Quarter Century Roll," it was announced a few days ago. Judge Snelling, as manager of the Barnwell Insurance Agency, has served with the same company for a period of over 25 years and due to his long period of service he has been made a member of the roll.

On March 2nd, 1911, Judge Snelling first started his long term of service and since that time he has rendered his company and the citizens of this section excellent service. The company itself is not much older than Judge Snelling's connection therewith, the company having been founded in 1907.

In the current issue of "The Contributor," the monthly magazine published by the Massachusetts Bonding Company, a picture of the Judge, which was taken in his office a short time ago, is shown, along with a short write-up by the editor of the magazine, in which he states that for over 25 years the Judge has rendered excellent service to the company and that the connection has been of mutual benefit.

A letter, which Judge Snelling was requested by the company to write, is also published.

In the letter, Judge Snelling states that he recently found a bond issued early in his service with the company, which is signed by John R. Armstrong and George H. Bates, Attorneys-in-Fact. Mr. Armstrong was county treasurer of Barnwell County for some 25 years and Mr. Bates was a local attorney.

Judge Snelling, besides his long record of service with the bonding company, also enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Judge of Probate in point of service in this State, having served continuously for the past 40 years.

Has Narrow Escape from Injury.

While returning home several days ago a few miles north of Blackville, H. Judson Black had a narrow escape from serious injury when the tire on the right front wheel of his car blew out and only quick thought and action on the part of Mr. Black in turning his steering wheel sharply to the right and going down a five foot embankment prevented his car from overturning. Mr. Black was driving at a rather rapid of speed at the time of the blow-out.

Arden Lemon, Solomon Blatt, Jr., David Cooper, Tommy Hagood and Hummel Harley left this week for the University of South Carolina.

C. H. Dicks Named.

Clarence H. Dicks, of Dunbarton, has been appointed as a member of the County Board of Managers, vice R. R. Moore, of Snelling, who recently resigned to accept an appointment as county ranger, it was announced here this week. Mr. Dicks is a progressive farmer and business man, and his appointment should meet with the approval of a majority of the people of Barnwell County.

Ginnings Ahead of 1936.

There were 2,317 bales of cotton ginned in Barnwell County from the crop of 1937 to September 1st, as compared with 1,779 bales ginned to the same date in 1936, according to a report this week by F. W. Dalk, Sr., special agent, of Blackville.

BARNWELL MAY GET BUILDING

\$70,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR POST OFFICE.

Choice of Location Lies Between Barnwell and Batesburg, According to Congressman.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—Congressman Fulmer has succeeded in having \$70,000 of the appropriation passed by the recent congress for public buildings set aside for post-office buildings in the Second district.

"My policy," he said today, "has been in line with the postoffice department, that is, the establishing of postoffice buildings at points where the receipts are the largest in the district.

"Under present regulations no town or city is eligible for a post-office building until the receipts reach \$10,000 per annum.

"The annual receipts at Batesburg and Barnwell are \$9,301 and \$8,697.92, respectively. While neither of these places is able to qualify, I am urging the department to place a building at Batesburg in that the receipts are very close to the minimum requirement.

"This would place Barnwell in line for a postoffice building out of the next appropriation made by congress for public buildings."

While Batesburg apparently has a slight edge on Barnwell in the matter of postal receipts last year, the local post office has been running steadily ahead of 1936 and the indications now are that the receipts will be in excess of \$9,000. Coupled with the fact is the statement contained in a letter from Congressman Fulmer to Postmaster E. A. Deason to the effect that a new post office building might be located here or in Batesburg providing that either place is "able to furnish information which would indicate that it is building a post office building they would be able to take care of some other Federal activities."

Congressman Fulmer wrote further as follows:

"I was told by the Department that their rules and regulations governing the building of a post office building would not permit the building of a post office unless the receipts had reached \$10,000 or more, or unless there might be some Federal activities that could be taken care of, etc.

"If you know of any Federal activities in Barnwell that are now paying rent for quarters that could be taken care of in a post office building by adding additional space over and above that which would be required for a post office building, I would be glad to submit same to the Post Office Department."

In view of the fact that postal receipts here are steadily increasing and that several Federal activities are now paying rent for office space, Barnwell has an excellent chance of landing the new \$70,000 building this year and it behooves the town's leaders to get busy and persuade the Post Office Department to locate the new building here now, rather than wait for the next appropriation.

Galilee School Opens.

The opening of Galilee school was held Thursday morning, Sept. 9th, at nine o'clock. Quite a large number of the patrons of the school were present for the opening exercises.

The school work this year is again in charge of Mrs. Charlie Brown, Jr., of Barnwell, Mrs. Brown's work during the previous years in which she has been connected with the school having proven most satisfactory to the trustees and patrons. As seems to be the case over the entire county this fall, the enrollment at Galilee also showed a slight increase.

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