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Farmers to Gather in Columbia Oct. 1

J. Roy Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture, Issues Call for Statewide Meeting.

Commissioner of Agriculture J. Roy Jones, has issued a call for a Statewide gathering of all farmers to meet in Columbia, 11 a. m., Friday, October 1st, at the Columbia Hotel. This is a preliminary meeting to discuss farm legislation to present the U. S. Senate Agriculture Committee hearing, scheduled for October 19th, also to be held in Columbia. Senator E. D. Smith will preside at the Senate Committee hearing.

Commissioner Jones in calling his meeting advised that it was in accord with the views of the U. S. Senate hearing and also that the recent conference of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture, held at Memphis, passed a resolution requesting the commissioners in the various States to hold a meeting of farmers to form some definite ideas to present the U. S. Agriculture Committee. The following resolution was recently adopted by the Southern Commissioners:

"Resolved: That the Commissioners of Agriculture are urged to call in their respective States a meeting of the producers and others interested in cotton and other farm products covered by the pending farm legislation for the information and expression of public opinion on these subjects to the end that a farmer may be provided for effectively expressing the views of producers and others on national policy to be expressed in the forthcoming farm legislation."

At the October 1st meeting, it is hoped several definite plans can be formulated from the many ideas expected to be advanced. These plans will be a guide to those attending the October 19th hearing and will furnish the committee with information that will enable them to realize the needs of the farmers in South Carolina.

In commenting upon his meeting, Commissioner Jones said: "To insure ourselves of some permanent farm legislation that will protect the interests of both small and large producers, I hope every farmer, be he one acre or a hundred, will come and express his views." Similar meetings are being held in other States.

Three-Car Collision Does Little Damage

Nobody Injured When Automobiles Collide on Main Street Sunday Afternoon.

A three-car collision on Main Street in Barnwell late Sunday afternoon resulted in slight damage to the vehicles involved and no injuries to the occupants. The accident occurred in front of the residence of Mrs. Olaree Cail, when her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Dubose, driving an Austin, signalled for a left turn. A touring car occupied by several negroes was immediately behind the Austin, while a new Buick sedan, occupied by Lloyd C. Casteel and family, of Orangeburg, was headed East.

Either the car occupied by the negroes had faulty brakes or the driver took a chance and tried to drive between the other two machines, with the result that he hit both of them. The tail light on the Austin was broken and the left rear fender of the Buick was smashed in, but as all three cars were running at a slow rate of speed, no material damage was done and nobody was injured.

Diamond School Opens.

The opening of the Diamond school has been set for nine o'clock on Thursday morning, Sept. 23rd. The late opening of the school is due to the fact that the term will be for a period of only eight months.

Mrs. T. A. Holland, Jr., of Barnwell, and Miss Muriel Norris, of the Big Fork section, her assistant, are planning for a larger enrollment than was had last year. The work will be carried out according to the requirements and standards of the Barnwell County Education Association.

BARNWELL CLUB MARKET MAKES GREAT PROGRESS

ORGANIZATION STARTED IN BOOM DAYS.

Gained Most of Its Strength During the Dark Depression Days of Early 1930's.

The Barnwell Club Market, an organization started in the boom days of the middle 1920's gained most of its strength during the depression days of the early 1930's, and is now continuing its marked progress—may soon be one of the outstanding markets of its type in this section of the State.

There are no available records to show the number of members; the average attendance of both members and customers; the amount of produce sold, or any other definite facts about the work until the 1931-32 report. Following these reports from then up until the present market year will clearly show the progress that has been made and will give good grounds on which to base the assumption that it is still headed for higher and better things.

According to Miss Elizabeth McNab, county home demonstration agent, the period from 1927 to 1931 was a period of development during which time various work and experiments were carried on in an effort to develop the best methods of marketing for both the producer and the consumer. The duplicate sales system was taken up in 1931; this system, worked in connection with a cashier, has proven most satisfactory to the marketers and the customers. The amount of the purchase, along with the name of the buyer and the seller, is written down on a sales slip and the customer gives this to the cashier along with the amount due. At the end of the market day each seller compares her tickets with those of the cashier and is paid off accordingly.

A charge of 5 per cent. is made for the operating expenses, such as paper bags, better wrapping, janitor service and any other minor expenses which might be incurred in the operation of the market. The price for produce is made according to the average prevailing store price, this price being checked off at the afternoon before market day. The market is opened on Wednesdays and Saturdays and only a few times have there been no salespeople present.

The membership of the market runs between forty and fifty and has risen thus ever since its organization. These people are not the same people who started in the original club as the membership will vary from year to year, but this is the average number of members. Only one membership is allowed to a family, but more than one person from a family is allowed to sell. Perhaps the mother and one or more daughters will be on the market, one taking care of the sales and the other writing down the amounts of the purchases. This, however, is only considered one membership so there are always more people working on the market than the actual market membership shows.

The patronage of the Barnwell people has run unusually high, as local housewives are well aware of the fact that they will get fresh vegetables, eggs, butter, etc., of high grade quality and with a guarantee.

The membership of the club is not limited to those of this immediate vicinity, but includes the entire county and in many instances some people come from as far away as 18 miles to bring poultry

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Grows Old Gracefully.

Congratulations to The Barnwell People-Sentinel, which recently celebrated its sixtieth birthday. Under the editorial and business management of Ben F. Davies, president of the South Carolina Press Association, The People-Sentinel has attained its ripe old age gracefully, and has behind it a most useful life, well spent in service to the people of Barnwell County. Long may it live!

Tax Payers' Honor Roll.

According to a statement made by Capt. J. J. Bell, county treasurer, the following tax payers deserve to be placed on the honor roll for being the first to pay 1937 taxes, when the books opened Sept. 15th:

B. P. Davies, Jr., Barnwell.
C. N. Burckhalter, Barnwell.
Mrs. L. H. Christie, Barnwell.
Tom C. Clemmons, Barnwell.
F. J. and Lucy Hartzog, Hilda.
Frank Hartzog, Hilda.
Thos. Barnes, Meyer's Mill.
Mrs. Mildred McCurry, Wiliston.
Miss Leomed Kelly, Blackville.
J. G. Matthews, Blackville.
Hugh Sanders, Oak Grove.
Home Owners Loan Corp., Barnwell.
C. D. Hays, Barnwell.
Fairy Belle Williams, Barnwell.

Memories Recalled to Earl V. Hagood

Former "Devil" Is Proud of His Apprenticeship on The Barnwell People.

A highly appreciated letter, in which was enclosed a check for a year's subscription, was received a few days ago from Earl V. Hagood, of New York City, a former "devil" on The Barnwell People. He is one of the several "graduates" from this office who "made good" on the larger newspapers of the country, he having been employed for many years by the New York Times. Mr. Hagood, who is the son of Mrs. E. V. Hagood, of Barnwell, writes as follows:

"Dear Mr. Davies: Thanks for the Sixtieth Anniversary copy of The Barnwell People-Sentinel. As I learned my A-B-C's on The People under Major Holmes, it brings back very pleasant memories. I especially enjoyed the cut of the informal pose of 'The Major' lighting his long-stem pipe. Well do I remember laying aside the cut placed to test for his pipe which he continually inhaled under glass of State papers.

"And I think we all were amused by the paragraph quoting Mrs. M. Hall, in her public announcement about a hotel with 'single stable room for horses.' These days it's five garages and steam heat. And where, oh! where is the blacksmith? "I would like to compliment you on the new columns and general make-up of The People-Sentinel. I'm proud of having once been its devil and I appreciate its wonderful growth under your editorship and management. I trust it will long continue to serve the community under your guidance.

"I'm enclosing a check for a year's subscription."

Arrested for Housebreaking

Johnnie Bradley, a one-armed negro, was arrested Tuesday by Magistrate G. R. Peeples, of Meyer's Mill, and Deputy Sheriff Gilmore S. Harley, of Barnwell, and lodged in the county jail on a charge of housebreaking and larceny. It is alleged that Bradley, who hails from Alexandria, Va., entered the home of Major Ingram, near Robbins, Monday and stole a number of articles, including a watch, three suits of clothes, a pistol, 32 pounds of meat, bed spreads and a pair of women's shoes, all of which were recovered and returned to Ingram. Bradley was apprehended by the officers at the plant of the Leigh Banana Crate Co.

N. R. A. Office Moves.

The office of the National Employment Association has been moved from its location on Main Street to the Barnwell County Agricultural Building adjoining the Court House, facing Calhoun Park. The local office is in charge of Col. N. G. W. Walker and Mrs. E. C. Holman. They request all persons having business to transact at the office to take note of the change in location.

Blackville School Adds New Courses

Agriculture, Physical Education and Music Are Included in Curriculum.

The Blackville high school launched its 1937-38 school year with three new courses added to the curriculum thereby giving it one of the best rounded programs in the school's history. The three courses added include agriculture, physical education and public school music.

At the opening exercises on Thursday morning, W. D. Nixon, of Columbia, State high school supervisor, gave a most interesting talk to the assembled students, teachers and patrons and friends of the school in the auditorium-gymnasium of the school. Mr. Nixon brought out some very valuable points to the crowd present and discussed several phases of the school work.

The high school faculty this year is made up of the following members: Robert H. Herlong, of Johnston, agriculture; Miss Lucille Brown, of Rembert, French and history; Miss Mary Sciffley, of Orangeburg, commercial science; Miss Katie C. Edmunds, of York, English and library; Miss Dorothy Cronley, of Saluda, home economics, and Miss Lorena Galloway, of Columbia, 7th grade and physical education, and Byron S. Wham, of Blackville, superintendent.

In the grammar school the following will compose the faculty for the ensuing term: J. Gibbs DeHines, of Columbia, principal, 6th grade and coach of the athletic team; Miss Mildred Fort, of North, 5th grade; Miss Margaret Stacie, of York, 4th grade and school nurse; Miss Beatrice Rivers, of Mt. Zion, 3rd grade; Miss Kathryn Wythe, of York, 2nd grade, and Miss Leaning Hamilton, of Rembert, 1st grade.

A full sports program has also been mapped out for the students, with football, boys and girls basketball, boxing, the county track and field meet and baseball. The school year had a most successful year of sports, the boys team being invited to Columbia to play in the State high school basketball tournament, while the girls showed up well in the district tournament.

Regist Training Camps.

The annual western sectional Baptist Training Union convention will be held October 2nd with the Ridge Spring Baptist Church, at Ridge Spring, according to an announcement by the president, M. S. Webb, of Hilda. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion. The convention will open at 9:30 a. m., with registration of delegates, and adjourn at five p. m. A number of speakers will address the meeting.

COUNTY AGENT COMPILES INTERESTING FIGURES

Total Value of Barnwell County Farm Crops is Listed at \$1,755,000.—Cotton Tops All Other Crops With \$1,400,000.

That the total value of Barnwell County's five important cash crops in 1936 was \$1,755,000, with the cotton crop topping the list at \$1,400,000, is shown by figures compiled by H. G. Boylston, county agent, at the request of Judge Thos. M. Boulware. These figures, however, do not include the production of about 400,000 bushels of corn, a large part of which is used for feeding domestic livestock and in the production of hogs. The information furnished by Mr. Boylston is based on accurate figures or very good information.

The production and value of the five main cash crops are as follows:

Crop	Production	Value
Cotton	20,000 bales	\$1,400,000.00
Asparagus	93,000 crates	90,000.00
Cucumbers	240,000 bushels	135,000.00
Cantaloups	85,000 crates	60,000.00
Watermelons	1,000 cars	70,000.00
Total value of above crops		\$1,755,000.00

"In addition to these important cash crops," says Mr. Boylston, "the acreage of corn for home consumption and feeding livestock is about 50,000 acres, with a production of about 400,000 bushels. A large part of this is used for feeding domestic livestock, while some goes into the production of hogs. These are probably more than 20,000 hogs produced above the home consumption needs. In addition to the above main crops, there is a substantial amount of cowpeas, oats and other seed produced and sold from this county, there being probably as many as 250 carloads of cowpeas.

"There are approximately 1,800 mules and horses used for farming purposes, estimating about that many plows operated on the farms within a radius of about 100 miles of the town of Barnwell."

GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT DAVIES' CONTROL PLAN?

Time Limit Set.

H. G. Boylston, county agent, has just received the following telegram from I. W. Dugan, acting director:

"Buyer's receipts for cotton from 1937 crop sold prior to September 15th must be mailed or delivered in person to the county office not later than September 30th. Buyer's receipts for cotton sold after September 15th must be so filed not later than 15 days after date of sale. Pending receipt of government forms producers should secure original sales receipts from buyer (showing date of sale, name and address of producer, number and gross weight of bales and signature of address of buyer.)"

Farm Women Meet in Akin Saturday

Miss Elizabeth McNab to Carry Large Delegation from Barnwell County.

Miss Elizabeth McNab, Barnwell County home demonstration agent, says that she expects to carry quite a large delegation of Barnwell County farm women to Akin on Saturday to attend the Farm Women's Council meeting to be held in the high school building in Akin. The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. J. A. Eilly, district director.

Miss McNab said that the program will include reports from all Council presidents in the district, given in the form of a radio broadcast, and the guest speaker of the occasion will be J. Aubrey Williams, head of the National Youth Administration. There will also be other features of the program which will be of tremendous interest to the farm women attending and will offer them much subject matter that will prove both useful and interesting.

The Barnwell County farm women have taken quite a bit of interest in their work during the past several years and each year shows a gain in membership, interest and results. They are proud of their organization in the county and have held many most interesting meetings.

Announce Birth of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown Towles announce the birth of an eight-pound baby boy on Friday night, September 17th. The baby has been named William Brown Towles. Mrs. Towles and little son are doing nicely.

SECRETARY WALLACE TO ANNOUNCE POLICY.

Tip-Off to New Policy Is His Insistence That Cotton Loans Be Held Down.

That the government has adopted—or is about to adopt—the cotton control plan recently submitted to President Roosevelt by the publisher of The People-Sentinel is forecast in the "Washington Merry-Go-Round," a syndicated feature that appears daily in many newspapers throughout the country. While no reference is made to "the Davies plan," the salient features have been embodied in the new farm program, if the authors of the "Merry-Go-Round" are correct in their forecast.

The following comment appeared in the "Merry-Go-Round" Sunday, under a Washington date line of the previous day:

"Cotton Curb.

"Secretary Henry Wallace has a long-range plan up his sleeve to put United States cotton growers back into the world markets which they lost as a result of AAA crop-curtailing. He will announce the important reversal of policy in a speech at Memphis, Tenn.

"In revealing his change of tone on the desirability of exports, Wallace will make it clear, however, that the administration has no intention of abandoning its demand that congress enact a production control bill. It still wants this legislation as much as ever.

"What Wallace proposes is to modify the control of cotton supplies enough to allow the United States to get back into the export business. He wants power to regulate output, but will use that power only to avoid such price-swamping yields as this year's 14,000,000 bale crop.

"In actual operation, the program would be a variation of the old 'domestic allotment plan.' Farmers would be paid a subsidy by the government for holding down acreage; and the domestic price would be permitted to follow world market levels so that United States cotton could compete with foreign production.

"At present the artificial maintenance of high domestic prices through government loans acts as a bar to exports.

"Significant Hint.

"Few caught its significance, but the tip-off to Wallace's new policy was his vigorous insistence that government cotton loans be held down to 9 cents a pound.

"The congressional bloc first cried for 12-cent loans and then came down to 10 cents. Wallace fought on, succeeded in holding loans down to 9 cents. He took this stand for the express purpose of opening the way for a re-entry of the United States into world markets on a large scale.

"Another significant straw in the wind was the resignation of Cully Cobb as Southern regional AAA director and the return of Oscar Johnston to the agricultural department as assistant to Wallace.

"Cobb is a die-hard believer in drastic crop control and high government loans. Johnston, manager of one of the largest cotton plantations in the South and head of the government cotton pool, once held similar views, but last year decided this was a mistaken policy and began urging a return to export production.

"Johnston Policy.

"Able and persuasive, the Mississippian is highly regarded by Wallace and has been his chief cotton adviser.

"When Johnston began advocating his revised export theory, it was not long before Wallace began to agree with him. The decapitation of the AAA by the supreme court last year, capped by the whopping 16,000,000-bale crop this year, clinched it.

"The only outlet for the huge surplus is the export market. With Brazil, Argentina, China and Russia steadily expanding their cotton production, it is up to the United States to act promptly or be pushed out of world markets for good. Wallace has now decided that the time has arrived to take up Johnston's program."

Very Short Session of Criminal Court

Quite a Number of Cases Disposed of in First Two Days.—Judge Gaston Presiding.

The September term of the Court of General Sessions, which convened here Monday morning with Judge Arthur L. Gaston, of Chester, presiding, was expected to adjourn sine die yesterday (Wednesday.) A list of the cases disposed of in the first two days is as follows:

Willie Coleman was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Bennie Sanders, charged with an attempt to burn a dwelling house, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve 15 months at hard labor.

Pearl Sanders, charged in two indictments with housebreaking and larceny, entered pleas of guilty in each case and sentences of one and three years, respectively, were imposed.

Garfield Bellinger was found guilty with recommendation to mercy on a charge of burglary and larceny; he was ordered held in the State reformatory for negro boys until he is 21 years of age, unless sooner released by authority of law.

Myrtle White, charged with housebreaking with intent to commit a felony and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, pleaded guilty to the first count and to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, a sentence of two years and six months being imposed.

John Craig, Calhoun and John Addison, charged with violation of the prohibition law. Addison had pleaded guilty at a previous term, while Craig entered a like plea at the present term. Both were acquitted.

Bruce Lambert, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, was convicted of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

Stacie Barnes pleading guilty to a charge of violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or serve 30 days.

Walker Prineas, who pleaded guilty to a charge of housebreaking and larceny, was sentenced to serve eight months.

Jerman Dickinson, charged with larceny, was acquitted.

The Court was engaged in the trial of Charlie Jones, charged with burglary and assault with intent to commit, when The People-Sentinel closed its doors. His arraignment was expected yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon.

ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF ENROLLERS WILL LEAVE

Capt. Leon B. Schuh, commanding officer of the local CCC camp, is in receipt of a telegram from district headquarters at Fort Moultrie stating that CCC enrollees who have been in the service for a period of over 18 months, but who have not passed their 24th birthday are eligible for re-enlistment. The act passed at the last session of Congress called for the dismissal in September of all men who had served for a period of 18 months or longer and all men who had passed their 24th birthday. The first part of the act was rescinded recently.

Captain Schuh stated that as a result of the last order the number of men who will be relieved of duty on the 30th has been reduced to about 26 or 28 of the 80 that would have been let out if the order had not been changed. There are a number of experienced men in the list that will be discharged, however, and J. P. King, Jr., educational advisor for the local outfit, requests that any employer in need of workers contact him here and he will send one of the men for an interview.

Quite a few of the boys have already secured employment in private industry and Captain Schuh and Mr. King are anxious to place the remainder of the enrollees who have to leave.

Perry S. Bush, E. F. Woodward, J. D. Ray and Angus Patterson were among those from Barnwell who attended the Bushy and Honey-Caroline football game at Columbia Saturday.