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Crouch Is Serving Twenty-fifth Year

Is Oldest County Superintendent of Education in State in Point of Service.

Horace J. Crouch, County Superintendent of Education for Barnwell County, who is now serving his twenty-fifth year in office, holds the distinction of being the oldest county superintendent of education in point of service in the State of South Carolina. Mr. Crouch rivals Judge of Probate John K. Snelling, who is now serving his fortieth year in office in this County.

In 1909 Superintendent Crouch first took office and he served continuously until 1931. He was defeated for re-election in the summer of 1930 by B. S. Moore, Jr., of Barnwell, but ran again, without opposition in the summer of 1934, and has one more year to serve on his present term of office, giving him a grand total of 26 years service, a record which is not equaled by any other county superintendent in the State.

Mr. Crouch was born in Trenton, received his education in the public schools of this section and was graduated from Furman University. He married Miss Inez Breaux, of Anderson. They have four children, Horace Crouch, Jr., who is now a student at Clemson College; Frances and Bob Crouch, who are students at Williston-Elko high school, and Jean Crouch, a student at the Elko grammar school.

Besides his years of service to the county, Mr. Crouch owns a farm near Elko, where he and his family reside, and carries on extensive agricultural work. He has also served as high school superintendent for three years and as a grammar school superintendent for five years.

The genial gentleman from Elko is known the width and breadth of Barnwell County for his quick wit and ready humor and is highly regarded by both white and black for his ability and sincerity. His main hobby is keeping an unlighted cigar between his teeth on week days—he claims that he lights it every Sunday after dinner and enjoys his week's smoke. He is also an ardent athletic fan and travels far and wide to follow the fate of Barnwell County athletics teams and the foot ball team of his alma mater.

Mr. Crouch is a member of the Baptist Church; a life member of the State Education Association and a life member of the National Education Association. He is at present a member of the South Carolina School Book Commission, which is composed of three County Superintendents of Education, who are elected by the county superintendents of the entire State. He is also president of the Barnwell County Education Association for the present school year.

During his many years of service Mr. Crouch has witnessed some wonderful steps of advancement in the educational field in Barnwell County. Many buildings have been put up by the various school districts over the entire county and many of the schools have grown so much that two or more buildings were necessary to house the large number of students.

The faculties at the various schools have been enlarged and a great many of the county schools have been done away with by consolidation so that it is now possible for every boy or girl in the County to get a high school education with no more effort required to get an accredited high school diploma than the walking of a few steps to the bus stop, if they do not live inside the town limits of one of Barnwell County's five accredited high schools.

When Mr. Crouch first took office, the school buildings were poorly heated; faculty members were not sufficient to give each and every student the proper attention and many other situations were prevalent that made education somewhat of a burden to even those who were anxious to acquire knowledge. Today, the buildings are large enough to accommodate the enrollment at the various schools and give each student the required attention that is necessary for the proper foundation before entering

PERMANENT PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY WALLACE

COTTON PLAN IS OUTLINED AT MEMPHIS.

Steers Middle Course Between Rigid Curtailment and Unlimited Production.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 1.—Secretary Wallace placed before 3,000 Southern farmers and agricultural leaders today a six-point permanent cotton program steering a course midway between rigid curtailment and unlimited production.

He challenged his audience to array its forces in its defense to enable the cotton belt "to earn a bigger income."

"The lines are already being drawn for and against the new farm legislation which will be needed to carry out" the program, he said.

World Market Stressed.

The secretary advised the agricultural South to unite with farmers elsewhere in seeking a new farm bill "that will serve the long-time welfare of agriculture and the nation."

The ultimate solution to the complex cotton problem, he said, lay in a continuance of a "moderate adjustment of production," such as would preserve the fertility of the soil and "still allow production of at least as much cotton as the markets of this and other countries have been accustomed to take."

"The United States intends to keep its place in the world cotton market," he said, by supplementing the market price with payments to co-operating farmers on an allotted cotton production goal, "probably financed by a moderate processing tax to avoid the difficulty of getting 'larger subsidies from the general treasury year after year.'"

Six-Point Program.

"The processing tax on cotton in effect under the AAA, he said, "made the cotton program nearly self-financing for two and a half years up to the time the supreme court nullified the tax and handed millions of dollars of tax money over to the processors."

Other points in the program would provide: Encouragement of greater consumption of cotton, increased production of home food and feed crops; authority for loans to prevent price collapses, and, finally, authority for marketing quotas on the entire crop.

Wallace took cognizance of a prospective 16,000,000,000-bale Southern crop and 19,000,000-bale foreign crop which, he said, would lead to a world carryover next August of from 17,000,000 to 18,000,000 bales.

Farmers Hold Meeting.

At a meeting of approximately one hundred farmers held in the Barnwell County Court House on Thursday evening, a committee was selected to meet with Commissioner J. Roy Jones at his called meeting in Columbia on Friday.

The farmers also discussed the coming year's farm plans and the control plans which have been suggested by various agricultural leaders. Other than the election of the committee, however, there was no definite decision made.

The committee, who went to Columbia on Friday, included P. A. Baxley, I. Keeler and W. R. Carroll, of Blackville; W. B. Powell, of Williston; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hitt and W. H. Grimes, of Elko; L. A. Cave, W. G. Hill, C. C. Black and Solomon Blatt, Esq., of Barnwell.

Miss Sue Speights spent the weekend at her home in Green Pond.

colleges and universities.

The local County Superintendent has been an educational leader for Barnwell County, at all times anxious for the betterment of the educational field in this county and has been highly successful in his work.

He has already stated that he will be a candidate for reelection in the primaries of next summer, which term, if he is reelected, will give him a total of thirty years of service to the citizens of Barnwell County as County Superintendent of Education.

Fight Weevil Now!

All of us now realize how much damage the weevil did to our cotton crop this year. Farmers by concerted action can do tremendous good for next year's crop by cutting cotton stalks NOW.

Practically all cotton is gathered and we have an opportunity to destroy the weevils' food supply. Most of the weevils will starve before time to go into winter quarters and those which live will go into winter quarters very weak, many of them dying during the winter.

Stalk cutters, disc harrows and plows may be used to kill these stalks. Now is the time for all farmers to act. Every farmer should cut his stalks NOW—as there are several weeks before frost and the weevils' sole food supply will be destroyed. Let's start NOW and get your neighbors busy, too.—Prepared by H. G. Boylston, county agent.

Williston Store Was Robbed Friday Night

Thieves Escape With Large Sum in Cash and Checks.—Several Suspects Arrested.

Williston, October 5.—(Special.)—A thief, or thieves, entered the grocery store of M. M. Player of Williston, early Saturday morning and escaped with around \$400 in cash and about \$100 in checks from the safe in the store. It is believed that the robbery occurred about 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Entrance was made by forcing the front door and the marauders escaped through the side door. Sheriff J. B. Morris and his deputy, Gilmore S. Harley, were notified and arrived on the scene shortly after to investigate.

The bloodhounds owned by the county were brought to Williston by the Sheriff but were unable to get a trail. Sheriff Morris stated Monday that there were automobile tracks by the side door and he believes that the thieves made good their escape in a car thereby covering their tracks.

The local officers stated that they had arrested four negroes and were holding them in the Barnwell County Jail until further investigation could be made. Fingerprints were taken from the safe and each of the negroes was fingerprinted. Until the officers are able to check on these, however, they will not be able to clear or convict any of the suspects held.

Barnwell Family Escape Injury

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Price and Several Friends Narrowly Escape Serious Injury.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Price and several friends narrowly escaped serious injury on Sunday night when Mr. Price was forced to the edge of the highway near Fairfax, his car turning over into a ditch. The party was returning from a trip to the lower part of the State when the accident occurred.

Mr. Price, who was on the streets Monday stated that he met an automobile with bright lights, the driver failing to dim them, and when he passed the car he saw a pickup truck parked on the highway directly in front of him without lights. In pulling over to the shoulder to avoid hitting the truck his car went a little too far and turned over in the ditch.

The occupants of the Barnwell car escaped with minor bruises and injuries. The accident, however, could easily have proven serious and even fatal to one or more of the occupants. The damage to the car has not been ascertained.

Mrs. A. A. McAllister, who has been a resident of Barnwell for a large number of years, moved last week to Davidson, N. C., where she will make her future home.

Judge Bellinger Was Once Printer's Devil

Judge of the Fifth Circuit Got Early Training on The Barnwell Sentinel.

Judge G. Duncan Bellinger, another "Barnwell boy" who has made good elsewhere, was once a "printer's devil" on the old Barnwell Sentinel. He now resides in Columbia and is judge of the Fifth Circuit, having succeeded his uncle, the late Judge W. H. Townsend. Previous to his elevation to the bench, he was for a number of years judge of probate in Richland County.

Last week the editor of The People-Sentinel received the following letter from Judge Bellinger and thanks him for the sentiment expressed therein:

"My dear Ben: I have for some time been wanting to write you and congratulate you for the splendid anniversary edition of your paper. I feel that the edition was a great credit, not only to your paper, but to the town of Barnwell. And it was even greater interest to me, knowing that a boyhood friend of mine showed such great capabilities in his chosen profession. Having as a boy in the summer time set type on the old Barnwell Sentinel, this also gave an added interest. I wish for you continued success.

"With kindest personal regards to you, I am," etc.

Championship Team Plays Here Friday

St. Matthews to Furnish Opposition at Fuller Park Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Barnwell high school football team will entertain the St. Matthews high gridders at Fuller Park on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The St. Matthews team was winner of the Ninth District championship last year and have a veteran team back for this season. They have scored decisive wins over Denmark and Blackville already this season and will bring a powerful aggregation to Barnwell Friday.

The local team could manage no better than to tie with the Denmark club last Friday night, and, according to reports of the game, were outplayed by their opponents. Goal line stands and the recovering of several fumbles at opportune moments staved off defeat for the locals.

Coach Price is working his boys this week with an eye toward stopping the powerful St. Matthews club. A victory over the visitors would indeed be a feather in the locals' cap and would give them confidence in their ability. Two scrimmages were held during the week with the latter part being set aside for a signal drill and punt practice.

With such a powerful team coming to town for the game Friday a large crowd is expected. To date Barnwell has lost a 14 to 0 decision to Lexington and played a scoreless deadlock with Denmark.

Advertise in The People-Sentinel

ELKO COTTON CROP IS BADLY CUT BY WEEVIL

Farmers Cry, "Woe Is Me!"—Elko Now Has 4-Teacher School and New School Bus.—Lady Threatens to Adopt Pipe-Smoking Because of Gnats.

Elko, October 5.—"Woe is me!" That's the cry of local farmers. Conservative estimates are that the cotton yield in this section will average a bale for three acres. The low price has stamped the melancholy blues on the faces of nearly all the farmers. One was heard to say, "I think the farmers ought to meet and 'resolute' some." A few progressive farmers from here—including F. H. Hitt, Geo. E. Crouch and L. E. Stanesell, visited the Pee Dee section of the State late in the summer, and their neighbors are expecting some wise advice from them. It may be they'll suggest tobacco growing as a relief.

The cotton crop is about gathered. An amusing remark was made by farmer A to his neighbor farmer B, the latter having hauled the cotton pickers from the former's farm, when Mr. A said, "When you get thru with your cotton picking,

I'd like to get my hands to pick my cotton. But," he added, "don't stop them until you have picked all your cotton; there might be bad weather and your cotton would be damaged if left in the field." Wasn't that neighborly?

The low prices for cantaloupes and watermelons is remembered too well. One truck grower here lays the low market to the fact that we forgot this season to advertise the fact that our melons were high in IODINE content. What's become of that slogan? Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Hair's new bungalow is nearing completion. It's a very attractive addition to the north side of town. Mr. Hair had the misfortune to lose his two-story residence during the summer by fire caused by lightning.

Whoopie! Another boy at the

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Young Minister Was Ordained Saturday

Ordination Services Held at Joyce Branch Baptist Church for Odys W. Kneece.

Odys W. Kneece, sophomore at Furman University, was ordained a minister Saturday night, Sept. 25, at Joyce Branch Baptist Church. The ordination services were in charge of the pastor, the Rev. George Hopkins.

The questioning presbytery consisted of the Rev. George Hopkins and the Rev. Mr. Wolfe, of Orangeburg, the Rev. J. M. Flowers, of Ellenton, and the Rev. J. A. Estes of Barnwell.

The following exercises were carried out very effectively:

Song by congregation—"How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer—Rev. George Hopkins.

Special music—Duet, "Satisfied"—Mrs. F. H. Dicks and Mrs. W. T. Bennett, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paul Corley.

Ordination prayer—Rev. Mr. Flowers.

Ordination prayer—Rev. Mr. Presentation of the Bible—Rev. J. A. Estes.

"What the Church Owes the Pastor"—Rev. Mr. Wolfe.

Ordination of Mr. Kneece—Revs. Flowers, Estes, Wolfe and Hopkins.

Benediction—Rev. Odys W. Kneece

The Rev. Mr. Kneece is a young Christian of superior ability, and during the summer he conducted several revival meetings at various churches in this locality. He is the youngest Furman student to hold a pastorate. A few weeks ago he accepted a call to preach at the Snelling Baptist Church.

Mrs. Margaret Hogg spent Saturday in Columbia.

Boy Scout Troop in Barnwell Discussed

T. R. Pender, of Williston, Says Temporary Scoutmaster to Be Appointed Soon.

The possibility of a Boy Scout Troop for Barnwell is being discussed by T. R. Pender, of Williston, with several Barnwell business men.

Should enough boys in Barnwell signify their willingness to join and support such an organization and if the business men of the town are interested in backing the movement, the troop will be formed shortly, according to Mr. Pender. This is a most worthy organization and the formation of a troop would be of great value to the boys and to the town of Barnwell.

A temporary scoutmaster will be appointed shortly and with the help of several other interested citizens, the foundations for the formation of the troop will be laid. All boys who are eligible for membership are asked to discuss the founding of the troop among themselves and with their parents in the hope that a decision may be reached in the near future.

What Scouting Is.

Scouting has been defined as a process of making real men out of real boys through a real program that works—an interest gripping, growth producing, character building program of activity.

Through this program scouting has a twofold purpose, to build character through habit and to train for citizenship through service.

To the boy, scouting is all a game, a recreative program of fun, games, thrills, adventure, craft work, camp craft, etc. Leadership of scouting always seeks to keep scouting fun to the boy.

The leaders of scouting and the parents of America are particularly interested in the byproducts of this fun of scouting to the boys, namely, character building and citizenship training.

Scouting is an answer to Jane Adams' wonderful statement when she said, "Our youth will never be safe until its pleasures are made more attractive than its vices." The program for wholesome fun is placed upon a character making a character constructing basis.

Scouting needs the moral and financial support of the parents. We also need scout masters; we have the boys. Our boys of today will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Giving them the proper training is our responsibility. If herein we fail, then what? Scouting does not take the place of the home and church, but it gets the boy in scouting that you cannot get to church and heads him in that direction. Scouting knows no race, creed or color, religious or political opinions, be they what they may, all are welcome. If you are interested as a boy scoutmaster, regardless of where you live and if you are not familiar with the

Ellenton Girl Died in Accident Sunday

Miss Myrtis Muns Killed and Three Others Injured When Automobile Turned Over.

Ellenton, Oct. 5.—Miss Myrtis Muns, 17-year-old Ellenton girl, was killed and 3 Augustans were slightly injured when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on an unpaved country road near here Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Miss Muns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Muns, died in an ambulance en route to an Aiken hospital about an hour after the accident.

The Augustans, who sustained only slight injuries, were listed as Charles Davenson, Miss Charlotte Aaronson and J. H. Owens.

According to officers who investigated the accident, Davenson, who they said was driving the car, lost control of it in the sand on the unpaved road and it turned over. They quoted the driver as saying he was thrown clear of the machine, which was a sport roadster, and the others were pinned beneath it. They said Miss Muns was riding in the front seat with the driver and Miss Aaronson and Owens were in the rumble seat.

Rushed to Hospital.

The entire party was rushed to Ellenton by Jim Smith, negro, near whose home the accident occurred. Miss Muns was given first aid at the office of a local physician, who advised rushing her to the hospital, but she died in the ambulance.

Miss Muns was one of the most popular members of the young set of Ellenton. She graduated from the Ellenton high school in June. She was a devout member of the Ellenton Baptist Church and a regular attendant and active member of the Sunday school and Junior Workers of the church.

Funeral services for Miss Muns were held at Cassel's Funeral home Tuesday afternoon at 8:00 o'clock with the Rev. J. M. Flowers, her pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Ellenton cemetery.

In addition to her parents, Miss Muns is survived by three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Muns, Miss Helen Muns and Miss Dorrie Muns, of Ellenton; one aunt, Miss Minnie Folds, of Ellenton; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Folds of Ellenton; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. E. T. Muns, of Augusta, and a number of other relatives.

Cotton Ginnings Are Ahead of Last Year

7534 Bales Ginned Prior to Sept. 16th, Compared With 6,893 a Year Ago.

F. W. Delk, special agent, stated this week that the cotton ginnings in Barnwell County through September 16th were 7,534 bales in comparison with 6,893 bales ginned to the same date last year.

The favorable weather conditions of the past few weeks gave the farmers an opportunity to get out a large part of the crop which was still in the fields and as a result of this the cotton harvest is rapidly drawing to a close. Cotton pickers have been rather scarce throughout the season but the farmers have managed to get their crop harvested and to the gins.

The Barnwell cotton market continues to hold up in comparison with that of the large cotton centers and due to this fact the local market is one of the most popular ones in this section. Quite a bit of cotton has been hauled here from 25 or more miles out of Barnwell to be sold on the local market.

proper procedure to get lined up with your nearest organization, advise me and I will see that this arrangement is made. If you want a scoutmaster, you would find plenty of thrills, hard work, sometimes discouragements and heart-breaks, and sometimes joys beyond your fondest expectations. You will find plenty of roses and plenty of thorns. "But the roses are so sweet and the opportunity so great."

T. R. PENDER, President, South Carolina Street Letter Carriers' Association.

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS AGAIN SHOW INCREASE

Month-to-Month Increase Is Noted, With Quarter Ending September 30th. Showing Larger Receipts Than for the Same Three Months in 1936.

The receipts at the Barnwell post office for the month of September showed an increase over the receipts for same month last year, according to a statement by Dr. R. A. Deason, local postmaster. So far this year the receipts have shown an increase each month.

The quarter was also closed on September 30th and an increase for the three months over the same three last year was also recorded. The gains during the first nine months have been steady rises, giving reason to believe that it is the result of improved business conditions that will prove permanent

and not just a flurry that won't last.

The moving of the quarters from the present location on Burr Street to the new location on Main Street has been held up due to a delay in the arrival of the fixtures for the new building. The building itself is complete, however, and only a day or two will be necessary for the setting up of the fixtures after their arrival. G. Bates Haggood, local business man who was awarded the contract for the housing of the local office, stated here last week that he was expecting the fixtures in the very near future.