

BEAR RAID CALLED COSTLY TO COTTON

**Thomas Charges That
Prices Were Depressed
\$10 a Bale In Organized
Attack.**

Washington, June 16. — Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, declared tonight that an organized bear raid upon cotton prices had caused a decline of approximately \$10 a bale and a loss of \$100,000,000 on the 10,000,000 bales in storage.

In a statement he said, a special senate committee which he heads is investigating an alleged program to depress farm prices. He said the committee had received a complaint stating that a market forecasting service in New York city had advised clients on May 27 to sell October cotton futures and keep all short positions intact until October cotton sold below eighteen cents a pound.

"At the time the notice and advice was sent out," Thomas said, "October futures were selling around 19.50 (cents a pound) and immediately a short selling wave started and did not end until the advertised objective had been reached."

"This organized bear raid upon cotton farm prices caused a decline of some \$10 per bale, and a loss on the 10,000,000 bales in storage of some \$100,000,000. The estimated loss on the government stocks of cotton alone amounted to almost one-half that amount."

Thomas also said that farmers were complaining that they were being discriminated against in that the prices of their products were being kept below parity with wages and the products of industry. Complaints were general, he declared, that the law regarding price ceilings on commodities was being "disregarded, if not violated."

He cited one complaint as follows: "Congress by law has forbidden the price administrator to place a ceiling on the price of raw cotton below 21.47 for middling 7-8 inch staple at the farm, yet for months the price administrator has had a ceiling on the products of raw cotton far below the limitation fixed by congress."

"From the time this ceiling was placed on the products of raw cotton, the ceiling of such products could not be raised until raw cotton itself had advanced 45 points or multiples thereof. The price administrator has now gone even further for he has not united the ceiling on the products of raw cotton from raw cotton itself by fixing a ceiling on the products based on raw cotton at 20.37 for middling 15-16 inch at the ten designated markets, and which is the equivalent of not more than 19 cents for middling 7-8 inch at the farm, or some \$12.50 a bale below the limit fixed by congress."

Another complaint to the committee, he said, was with respect to the purchase by the United States of some 200,000 bales of Peruvian cotton "at a time when farmers are being urged to reduce their cotton acreage."

Thomas said the information being assembled by the committee would be used as the basis of "corrective and protective legislation." One measure to be offered, he said, would bar the use of communication facilities for transmission of information "having for its purpose the depressing or increasing of commodity prices."

OWENS, HEDSPETH WIN COUNCIL SEATS

"Uncle Bud" Owens in ward five, and Alderman J. W. Hedspeth in ward six, were named as members of city council in a run-over primary held Tuesday. Considerable interest was manifested by the voters in the outcome which proved close in both wards.

Owens defeated J. H. Cranford 198 to 165 votes, and Hedspeth won over Roy Trammel 185 to 170.

Mayor P. S. Bailey and four councilmen had been nominated in the first primary June 9th.

There will be only one change in the administration, Owens succeeding Theodore Queen in ward five.

Men-of-the-Church To Give Picnic

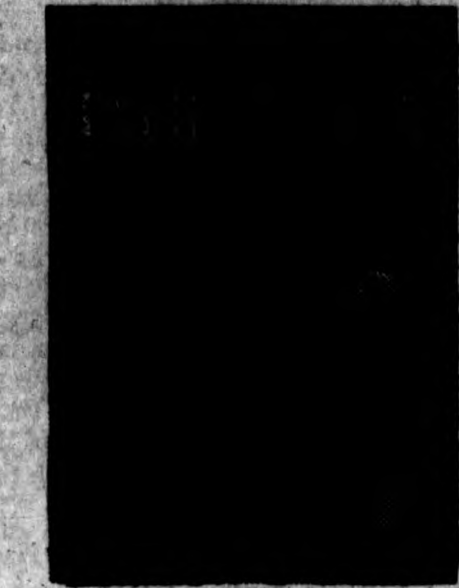
The annual picnic of the Men-of-the-Church of the First Presbyterian church will be held this evening at 7:30 at the Fish and Game lodge near here. A barbecued chicken supper will be served. All men of the church and their wives are invited to attend.

TRAFFIC DEATHS DROP

Columbia, June 17.—Fewer deaths from traffic accidents in South Carolina were reported last month than for any month since June, 1935, the state highway department reported today.

Twenty-five died in May, a 43 per cent drop below May, 1941.

Twenty-nine counties reported no traffic fatalities, including Laurens.



Above is the official Father's Day poster drawn this year by the famous artist, McClelland Barclay. Next Sunday, June 21, is "His" day.

Clarence Fowler Dies Suddenly

**Esteemed Citizen Passes
At Home. Last Rites
Here Thursday.**

Clarence M. Fowler, 63, died suddenly at his home near the city last Wednesday.

Funeral rites were held from the residence of his half-sister, Mrs. O. L. Sheely, on Thursday afternoon at 3:30, and attended by a number of friends who gathered to pay a last tribute. The services were conducted by Rev. W. N. Long and Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer, with interment following in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mr. Fowler was a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Harrison Fowler, a well known Laurens county family. His father was a Baptist minister and served churches in this community for a number of years.

Mr. Fowler was a faithful member of the First Baptist church of this city, a man of the highest integrity, who was admired by all who knew him as an upright, Christian gentleman.

This deceased is survived by two sisters, Misses Mattie and Annie Fowler of this county, and two half-sisters, Mrs. O. L. Sheely and Mrs. O. H. Sheely, both of this city.

Lutherans To Hear Kinard Sunday

Dr. James C. Kinard, president of Newberry college, will be the guest speaker at the services of St. John's Lutheran church, Sunday morning, June 21, at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement made by Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer, the pastor.

Dr. Kinard is one of the outstanding Lutheran laymen in the South, and has made a valuable contribution to the life of the Lutheran church through his work at Newberry college. He is a member of the executive board of the United Lutheran Church in America and has served on several of the major boards of the church. Dr. Kinard is known as an attractive and forceful speaker, and the congregation Sunday will hear him with interest.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the service.

Hugh Holman Author Mystery Novel

"Death Like Thunder," a mystery novel by Hugh Holman, director of public relations and radio at Presbyterian college, is now off the press, and will be on sale here at Smith's Pharmacy in a few days. It is a Phoenix Press publication.

Mr. Holman has received a number of advance copies of the book and one has been placed in the college library.

The book review section of the New York Times, June 14, gives a favorable review of the detective story, the scene of which is laid in a South Carolina college.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE

SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE
HAS BEEN



FATALITY
from
**AUTOMOBILE
ACCIDENTS**

in

LAURENS COUNTY

Let's Strive To Make

1942 a Safe Year On

the Highways.

This date last year, 6

SPANISH WAR VETERANS AND AUXILIARY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET HERE JUNE 21-23

**State Encampment Opens Sunday and
Continues Until Tuesday Afternoon.
200 Delegates Expected.**

Plans have been completed for the 20th annual encampment, United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary, which opens next Sunday afternoon with headquarters at Hotel Clinton. The convention is being held here upon the invitation of the John J. McSwain Camp No. 19, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and City of Clinton.

Registration of delegates will be made Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. in the hotel lobby. At 5 p.m. council meetings for both the Veterans and Auxiliary will be held at the First Baptist church. In the evening at 8:15 at the same place, a joint memorial service will be held with the public invited.

Monday morning beginning at 9:30, a joint session of the two organizations will be held with the meeting called to order by E. G. Bramlett of Laurens, general chairman for the convention. The invocation will be given by Chaplain H. W. Shulze.

The welcome address on behalf of the J. J. McSwain camp will be given by Chairman Bramlett, and on behalf of the Auxiliary by Mrs. C. D. Nance, vice-president, of Cross Hill. The response for the city will be given by Mayor P. S. Bailey.

Greetings from the national department will be brought by Chas. Wm. Bernhardt, from the Auxiliary by Eva B. Knox. Responses will be given by A. D. LaRoche, department commander, and Lizzie LaRoche, department president.

At 2:30 in the afternoon a business session will be held at the local armory, followed by a ride at 5 p.m. to the Laurens Glass Works. At 8 p.m. the annual banquet will be given at the armory, followed by a dance.

Tuesday morning's session will begin at 9:30 with a business session. At 1:30 the delegates will be special guests at a barbecue given by the city of Clinton and Chamber of Commerce, after which the convention will come to a close.

Farmers Harvesting 'Just Ripe' Grain

In harvesting small grains with reapers and combines Laurens county farmers are paying particular attention to harvesting grain just ripe where combines are used, according to County Agent C. B. Cannon.

"Our barley crop is very good as well as wheat, with oats only fair," said Mr. Cannon.

M. B. Henderson of Owings, Mr. Cannon said, produced 240 bushels of barley on six acres, or 40 bushels per acre. Ware Shoals Manufacturing company averaged 50 bushels per acre on 28 acres. On the farm of J. B. Owings, Gray Court, is a good demonstration in applying lime to land on which wheat was seeded last fall. Very marked difference shows on the field where lime was used.

Baptist School Closed Friday

The daily vacation Bible school of the First Baptist church, which began on June 5, closed Friday with the total enrollment reaching 65. An average attendance of 54 was maintained.

The faculty, in addition to Miss Alethea Barnett, principal, included: Mrs. S. A. Timmons, Mrs. B. H. Suddeth, Mrs. Lynn Cooper, Misses Frances Barnette, Annie Lou Boatwright, Mary Ella Bailey, Marcia Galloway, Virginia Sumner and Louise Kern. Each day at the recess period the circles of the Woman's Missionary society, served light refreshments to the group.

Cannon Announces For Re-election

M. A. "Gus" Cannon, well known resident of the Belfast community and Hunter township, formally announces today that he will stand for reelection as county game warden in this summer's primary.

"I have faithfully endeavored to discharge the duties of the office," he said, "and feel that my experience of the past two years qualifies me to continue to serve the public efficiently in the future."

Rev. J. H. Kohler At Assembly School

Rev. J. H. Kohler, pastor of Broad Street Methodist church, is spending the week in Columbia at the annual assembly of the young people of the South Carolina conference of the Methodist church being held at Columbia college. Mr. Kohler is instructing one of the courses of study being offered.

Auxiliary Program

Monday morning at 8 o'clock registration for the Auxiliary will begin, with a joint session following at the Armory at 9:30. At 2:30 in the afternoon a business session will be held at Florida Street school, with the ladies joining the men in the evening for the banquet and dance. A second business session will be held Tuesday morning, followed by the barbecue at 1:30.

Department Officers

Department officers of the U.S.W.V. are: Commander, A. D. LaRoche; senior commander, Walter Hutton; junior commander, Col. A. C. Goodwin; adjutant and quartermaster, E. T. Porter; chief of staff, L. J. Shaffer; inspector, Jos. L. Chaney; judge advocate, Judge A. L. Gaston; surgeon, Dr. J. S. Young; chaplain, H. W. Shulze; patriotic inspector, R. B. Cheatham; marshal, Elmore G. Bramlett; historian, W. H. Worrell; chief musician, T. E. Lightfoot.

Committees

Resolutions: Walter Hutton, Sr., vice commander; auditing: Col. A. C. Goodwin, Jr., vice commander; credentials: E. T. Porter, adjutant and quartermaster; greeting: George H. Ellis; convention: E. G. Bramlett, general chairman; E. C. Connor, assistant chairman; J. L. Chaney, Geo. H. Ellis, J. S. Norris, Guy L. Watson.

Auxiliary Officers

Auxiliary officers and committees follow:

Department president, Lizzie S. LaRoche; Charleston; senior vice-president, Allie Walden, Columbia; junior vice-president, Marion Scott, Orangeburg; judge advocate, Rosa Tate, Iva; chaplain, Rosa Jackson, Florence; patriotic instructor, Hattie Jenkins, Orangeburg; historian, Amanda Hope, Columbia; conductor, Dorothy Lewis, Florence; assistant conductor, Mae Fetter, Columbia; guard, Nonie Touchtone, Charleston; assistant guard, Mary Louise Schroeder, Charleston; reporter, Florence Schillito, Columbia; musician, Hattie C. Howe, Charleston.

Wadsworth Farmers To Meet Tonight

Farmers of the Wadsworth community have been invited to attend a meeting this evening (Thursday) at the schoolhouse at 8:30 to discuss farm plans that have been written and to confer with those farmers who wish to write a plan on their farms in cooperation with the Laurens County Soil Conservation district.

J. B. O'Dell and County Agent C. B. Cannon will be present. During the evening colored picture slides will be displayed showing the value of soil conservation work.

Plans are under way, Mr. Cannon states, to hold similar meetings throughout the county in the interest of the program.

Presbyterian Bible School Closes

Friday morning at 11 o'clock commencement exercises for the daily vacation Bible school of the First Presbyterian church were held. Thirty-one boys and girls received awards for perfect attendance and work completed. During the ten days of the school the average daily attendance was 44.

State Campaign In Laurens July 27

The re-arranged speaking dates for candidates for the U. S. senate and state offices provides an afternoon meeting in Laurens on July 27 at 4 p.m. In the morning the candidates will speak at Union.

The campaign will re-open on July 14th and close in Columbia on August 21. The new schedule calls for two meetings a day.

Methodists To Hold Quarterly Conference

Rev. J. H. Kohler, pastor of Broad Street Methodist church, has announced the third quarterly conference will be held at the Sunday evening service at 8 o'clock. The Rev. E. R. Mason, of Greenwood, district superintendent, will deliver the sermon. Mr. Kohler requests all officers to have their reports ready to present at this time.

LOSES BROTHER

Friends of J. R. Boyd will sympathize with him in the death of his brother, J. W. Boyd, of Los Angeles, California, which occurred late Monday following an appendix operation a few days ago. The body is being shipped to the home of his parents in Greenwood and burial will take place Saturday or Sunday.

3-YEAR COURSE INAUGURATED AT COLLEGE MONDAY

Presbyterian college began registration Monday for its unprecedented summer school, inaugurating its stepped-up program to give a standard four-year course in three years.

The session, it was explained by officials, is not to be confused with the usual summer school, but is designed to start freshmen off earlier so they may graduate within three years.

Presbyterian was the first college in the state to adopt the full-year program.

Summer Camp For Young People

**Conference for Presby-
terian Group Being Held
At Riverside Near Here.**

A summer camp for intermediate boys and girls of South Carolina presbytery opened Monday at the Thornwell orphanage Riverside cottages on Enoree river, near here. Camp will break early Saturday morning at which time the delegates will return to their homes in Abbeville, Greenwood, Newberry and Laurens counties.

The camp is under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Allen, of Goldville. Mr. Allen is business manager, and Mrs. Allen the dietitian. Other members of the faculty are: Rev. C. A. Calcutt of Newberry, Rev. J. E. Ratchford of Cross Hill, Rev. David Booser of Laurens, Miss Euphemia Gordon and Miss Ann Holloway of Greenwood, and Miss Thelma Hicklin of this city.

Those attending the conference from here are Myra Adair, Barbara Anderson, Grace Young, Lillian Dillard, Cornelia Harris, Anne Ruth King, Edward Pease and Elwood Kline, the latter three being Thornwell orphanage children.

A second conference for seniors will be held at the same place beginning next Monday, June 22.

The presbytery was unable to hold the conference this year at Presbyterian college due to the all-year round schedule now in effect. The orphanage gladly offered their summer facilities at "Riverside" to be used for the two camps.

Donald Fraser and Frank Dubose of the orphanage, are serving as life-guards for the camp.

Stores To Observe July 6 As Holiday

Clinton merchants and business houses will observe Monday, July 6, as the Fourth of July, according to a petition circulated in the city this week by the Chamber of Commerce. The merchants were unwilling, it is stated, to close on the 4th, which comes on Saturday.

Announcement is further made that because of the closing on the 6th, the stores will remain open all day on the following Wednesday, the 8th.

Bishop Reappointed On Welfare Board

Dr. L. E. Bishop of this city, for several years a member of the Laurens county Board of Public Welfare, has received official notification from Thomas H. Daniel, state director, of his reappointment upon the recommendation of the Laurens county delegation, for a three-year term ending June 10, 1945.

Merchants Asked To Decorate Windows

The Chamber of Commerce is asking merchants and business houses of the city to decorate their windows this week especially in honor of the Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary for their annual meeting here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It is also suggested that appropriate welcome signs be placed in the windows.

LAURENS COUNTY COTTON MILLS HAD PAYROLL LAST YEAR OF \$4,303,582

The five cotton mills of Laurens county at Laurens, Clinton and Goldville, employed 4,650 workers and paid them \$4,303,582 in wages last year, according to figures released yesterday from the executive offices of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers association.

In 1940, 4,426 persons were employed with a payroll of \$3,852,837, the report revealed.

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BRITISH STAND BEFORE TOBRUK

**See Nazi Push Stalled
But Germans Claim
Battle of Africa Won.**

Cairo, Egypt, June 16.—The battle-scarred British eighth army stood firmly in a wide desert semi-circle on the outer defenses of Tobruk tonight after escaping an Axis trap near Ain El Gazala, and in their stubborn three weeks fight and successful retreat they had inflicted such damage that the German drive in Libya appeared stalled.

The Nazi high command broadcast that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had won the Battle of North Africa, but the vital Tobruk stronghold, which Hitler had ordered captured at all costs, remained firmly in British hands. The German announcement seemed to verify the British contention that the battle of attrition had so sapped the enemy's striking power that he now must rest and be reinforced before he can renew his offensive.

Supply trains were moving a steady stream of fresh tanks, guns and men to Lieut. Gen. Neil M. Ritchie's forces in a desperate effort to match the superior armored forces which had survived the severe punishment of the six-pound anti-tank shells, the bombs of the RAF and the famed British 25-pounder howitzers.

The very ferocity of the air-sea battle in the adjoining Mediterranean illustrated that the British had determinedly moved supplies to Tobruk to reinforce their reser army.

Latest battlefield dispatches showed the British clinging to the strong west of Tobruk, and El Adem, 18 outposts of Acroma, 20 miles southmiles due south. The Axis, however, controlled the whole littered battlefield in the Knightsbridge area.

A furious fight raged in the rock-studded cauldron between Ain El Gazala, northern anchor of the shattered first British line, and Acroma, 15 miles from the port, throughout Sunday as the British withdrew. When the thundering guns were stilled, Ritchie's army had effected a withdrawal, thanks to the "magnificent fight" of troops around Acroma and the First Armored division.

The communique from Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck's headquarters thus told the story: "The first South African division and the Fifthi division have been withdrawn successfully from their position south of Ain El Gazala."

"This move was made under the cover of a magnificent fight by troops holding positions around Acroma and the First Armored division who beat off enemy attacks throughout the whole of June 14."

In another action in the wild melee of fluid battle, three strong Axis attacks on British positions around El Adem were beaten back with heavy losses. Mobile British columns attacking the enemy flanks played a great role in this action.

The British retreat meant that the entire mine-studded front line stretched 50 miles southeast through the hot sands from Ain El Gazala on the Mediterranean to Bir Hachem in Axis hands.

The speed with which the British could bring up reinforcements appeared likely to determine whether Ritchie could hold out at Acroma and El Adem.

Military experts said Rommel now apparently had definite tank superiority because his 88-millimeter guns had taken a heavy toll of British armored forces. He used 300 tanks in his final thrust.

Board To Register 18-19 Year Group

The local draft board announced yesterday that the Red Cross room on South Broad street will be open beginning next Wednesday, the 24th, for the registration of young men of 18 and 19 years and those who have reached 20 years of age since the last registration. The headquarters will be open daily through the officially designated date of June 30th.

Other places of registration in this section will be announced next week.

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The cotton mills of the state, the report shows, have \$209,157,357 invested, 110,466 workers employed, and a total paid them in wages of \$87,078,249.

The remarkable growth of the textile industry throughout this section is shown by the fact that in 1912 the state's textile payroll was only \$13,663,938, distributed to 47,757 employees.

In this county in 1912 the total payroll amounted to \$477,104, with 1,538 persons employed.