

Declaring that he wanted "it to be known that I am quitting and that I am not being driven from the field," Major George C. Bowen, since September of 1921, federal prohibition director for South Carolina, has announced his resignation effective February 10. He did not announce his future plans except to say that he is going into work of a more permanent nature than a political position could be. Rev. E. M. Lightfoot of the anti-saloon league has charged that Major Bowen was derelict in his duties as enforcement officer and some time ago in company with Congressman Byrnes, of South Carolina, made a personal call upon President Coolidge about the matter, and it is thought that this had some bearing upon the resignation.

Forty men lost their lives in the explosion which late Saturday wrecked the Lancashire mine of the Barnes and Tucker Coal company at Shanktown, Pa., according to the best estimates obtainable late yesterday. Seventeen bodies had been brought out, and nine miners, who were saved by the prompt action of another miner, are in hospitals recovering from the effects of shock and gas. Experienced rescue crews, led by J. B. Parker of the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines, were working in one hour relays to penetrate the workings and reach the entombed men. All hope that any is alive has been abandoned. "While no one is quite sure," said Engineer Parker, "there is every reason to believe there were 40 victims of the mine disaster. Seventeen bodies have been located, and there is hardly a possibility that the 23 other miners escaped. The rescue work is proceeding favorably. The main heading has been explored to the face of the mine, and the crews are now going to the side entries. We expect to have the mine completely explored tonight."

Announcement was made Wednesday by Charles O. Hearon, editor of the Spartanburg Herald, and W. W. Holland, manager of The Herald and the Spartanburg Journal, morning and afternoon newspapers, respectively, of Spartanburg, that they had purchased all the stock in the two properties from A. E. Gonzales, publisher of The State, and from The State company.

President Coolidge has announced the selection of Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, Republican, and Thomas W. Gregory of Austin, Texas, attorney general in the Wilson administration, as special counsel to prosecute the government's cases growing out of the naval oil inquiry. Mr. Strawn is a former president of the Illinois Bar association and of the Chicago Bar association and is at present chairman of the committee on legal education of the American Bar association. Mr. Gregory was attorney general of the United States from August, 1914, to March, 1919.

Corliss H. Griffin, the attempted kidnapper of Grover Bergdoll, has been released from the German prison, according to advices received by the department.

E. M. Crosby, negro physician of Detroit, Mich., is asking the interstate commerce commission for an award of \$120,000 from the Pullman company and various Southern railroads because of alleged damage to him in confining him to the "Jim Crow" cars while he was traveling through the South in 1923.

Two men and two women automobilists were killed on a grade crossing at Ravenna, Ohio, Saturday, when their car was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio flyer.

The freight steamer Mary Horlock was abandoned by her crew a few days ago 2,700 miles west of Honolulu. The crew was picked up by the liner President Taft, according to radio message received at San Francisco on Saturday.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Jan. 31.—The Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church held a social meeting with Mrs. G. E. Parrott Friday afternoon. Many interesting games were played, after which the hostesses assisted by Mesdames J. L. King and L. C. Watford served delicious refreshments.

Miss Thelma Smith was at home Friday evening to a number of the high school boys and girls. After enjoying the numerous games, homemade candies and fruits were served.

Mrs. J. P. Bethune and children spent last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mays, in Cartersville.

Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnson spent several days last week in Lake City and Darlington.

Prof. O. R. Bell and family spent the week end in Lancaster with relatives.

Mr. G. E. Parrott and family were guests of relatives in Hartsville Sunday.

Miss Stella Bethune and neices, Kathryn and Margaret Truesdell spent the week end in McBee with Mrs. B. L. Norwood.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a hot supper at the town hall, Friday night, Feb. 1.

Misses Inez Blakely and Julia McClesney were the week end guests of Mrs. W. M. Stevens in Lancaster.

Mesdames W. H. Hearon, Nancy King, Misses Malloy Hearon and Mary Louise McLaurin spent the week end in Clyde with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hearon.

Mayo Davis returned home Monday from Auburn University since discontinuing his studies on account of his eyes.

Tom Bethune spent the week end in Hartsville with his sister, Mrs. L. S. King.

Circle number one of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. K. T. Estridge, assisted by Miss Gussie Hough Wednesday afternoon. The study hour was taken up, with the book "Sunrise in Aztec Land," after which a salad course with coffee was served.

Circle number two was entertained by Miss Stella Bethune Wednesday afternoon. At the close of the meeting a salad course was served.

"Hospital Tag Day," Feb. 14th.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

The police of New York have succeeded in rounding up three men who are wanted for the slaying of Edward H. Dolge, wealthy real estate man of the Bronx, on January 5, and also have the name of the fourth man concerned in the killing, the object of which was robbery. Two of the suspects are alleged to have confessed the crime.

Mrs. Mary Youngman Westerfield, prominently connected with Kentucky and Ohio families, committed suicide in New York Saturday by jumping from a ninth-story window of her apartments.

Fifteen persons were killed at Manville, R. I., when escaping gas flooded a two-family cottage, exploded and set the building on fire. Two families were wiped out, and the explosion was heard for a distance of about twenty miles. It is believed that some dynamite, stored in the cellar by one of the tenants, was exploded by the gas explosion and added to the disaster.

Two masked bandits entered the post office at Missoula, Montana, held up two post office clerks and got away with \$30,000 to \$35,000 in currency consigned to a Missoula bank. Three college students have been arrested charged with the crime.

Miss Margaret Harding, daughter of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve bank of Boston, committed suicide in her father's home Saturday morning. The social life at the rapid pace is stated as the cause.

Information has been received in the form of the death of John H. McConnell, in Brownsville, Texas, in an automobile accident, his car having been struck by a train. Mr. McConnell formerly lived in Chester county, where he was a large farmer, at one time producing 927 bales of cotton in a season. He was 48 years of age. His body was brought back to Chester.

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If YOU HAVE

Tutt's Pills
what you need. They tone the weak stomach, and build up the system.

Four trolley car employees were convicted in the Federal court at Buffalo, N. Y., Monday on charges of dynamiting a trolley car during a strike in August 1922.

FOR MAYOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Mayor and if reelected pledge to the people of Camden the same faithful performance to the duties of the office as I have endeavored to live up to for the past two years.
Very respectfully,
H. G. CARRISON, JR.

For Alderman Ward Three.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman for Ward Three in the coming Democratic Municipal Primary.
J. H. Osborne.

For Alderman Ward Four.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman for Ward Four of the City of Camden in the coming Democratic municipal primary.
E. C. ZEMP.

For Alderman Ward 6.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Alderman from Ward Six, subject to the rules governing the primary election.
W. R. HOUGH.

Wants--For Sale

FOR SALE—Nice, fat turkeys, dressed. One or more delivered. Address J. E. Jones, Camden; S. C. 44tf

Have a heart for the Hospital!

FOR SALE—Beautiful hand decorated pottery for sale at 1603 Mill street, Tuesday, February 5th, from 3 to 6 o'clock. 44-pd

FOR SALE—A bungalow on Lakeview street. Price \$4,400 on easy terms. Apply to Henry Savage, Camden, S. C. 44-46sb

LOST—One medium sized black mare mule, weighs about 800 pounds, left my place eight miles east of Camden on Darlington road, Sunday night. Finder please notify J. H. Frost, rte 2, Camden, S. C. 44pd.

WANTED—A few tons of pea vine hay. Apply to Lewis & Christmas, Camden, S. C. 44tf

NOTICE—The Southern Cotton Oil Company has a supply of 8-3-3 and 8-4-4 fertilizers ready for delivery at the Oil Mill. Farmers all over Kershaw County used our goods last year and speak in highest terms of them, and practically all are trading with us again this season. 44-sb

NOTICE—Get your mixed fertilizers from the Southern Cotton Oil Company. They have a large supply at the Oil Mill for delivery. 44sb

LOST—between Camden and Sumter, one white, black and tan female fox hound. Answers name "Lucy". Liberal reward if returned to R. R. Shaw, Bishopville, S. C. 44pd

LOST—On Fair street, small case containing Insurance Collector's book, application blanks and two or three policies. Finder kindly call telephone 324, Camden, S. C. 44pd

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Hudson touring car, newly painted, fine engine, looks good. Cheap for cash, or will trade for country or town property, provided difference not too much. "Hudson," care Chronicle. 44-46-pd

MILK FOR SALE—I am prepared to deliver daily in any quantity milk from herd of pure Jersey cows. Pure rich milk or cream. We only water the cows. Telephone 211-J, I. B. English, Camden S. C. 44-46-sb.

FOR SALE—Limited amount of pure Cleveland big boll cottonseed. We are offering same at \$1.00 per bushel. Apply to Lewis & Christmas, Camden, S. C. 44-47pd

FOR SALE—Base-burner Heater at a bargain. Apply to Chronicle Office.

ATTENTION TOURISTS—For sale, my beautiful home overlooking Ridgewood Golf Links. Beautiful scenery. The best this side of Asheville. 85 foot elevation. House is modern in every respect. Built of tile and brick. Three bed rooms, living room, dining room and kitchen. Each room 18x18, large spacious hall 10x54, bath room 9x11. All ceilings 12 feet. One large conservatory 23x49 feet. One large conservatory 23x49, two garages, large barn, servants' house. Three and one-eighth acres land, young orchard. This place has been built three and one-half years. Owner wishes to leave Columbia and will sell home furnished or unfurnished. If interested, communicate with C. F. Hofer, owner, 400 Hill Crest Avenue, Ridgewood, Columbia, S. C. Telephone 4745. 43-46-pd.

LOST—on National highway some-

where between Camden and Blaney, January 19th, one overcoat, mixed

brown and green, full back, half double-breasted. Finder please return to Turner Johnson, Blaney, S. C., and receive reward. 43-44pd

WANTED—An experienced Saleslady. Apply L. Schenk & Company, Camden, S. C. 43sb

WANTED—Position as book-keeper. Either single or double entry. Apply to Box 106, Camden, S. C. 43-44 pd.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for

light housekeeping. Apply 1254 Fair street, Camden, S. C. 43-44 pd

HOME COOKED FOODS—for sale, and orders taken. Address Camp Ground Store, DuBose Park, Camden, S. C. 42-44pd

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished or unfurnished. Apply 506 Chestnut street, Camden, S. C. 41sb

CALL The Ever-Ready Pressing Club for cleaning, pressing, altering and repairs. Phone 159-J. Prompt service, reasonable price. J. S. Gamble, Proprietor, 859 Broad Street,

Camden, S. C. 38tf

WANTED—Men of whom to order for genuine guaranteed work for men, women and children eliminates darning. Salary, \$75 a week full time; \$1.50 an hour spare time. Cottons, heathers, silks. International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa. 41-50sb

WANTED—Poplar, Ash, and Cypress standing timber. Will figure with you on any size tract. Give full details in first letter. Hoffman Lumber Company, Columbia, S. C. 38tf

AN INVITATION

Is Extended to You by the Officers and Directors of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAMDEN, S. C.

TO ENTER

COTTON PLANTING PRIZE CONTEST

From past experience with boll weevil we have learned that we cannot take the risk of planting so large an acreage of cotton per plow as formerly, and that to produce cotton, and farm successfully under boll weevil conditions, we must as far as possible try to make the farm self-supporting.

This being true, it is of the greatest importance that much thought be given our plan for this year's work. For instance, a yield of 1,000 pounds seed cotton per acre from the small acreage we can safely plant and properly fertilize and cultivate, will bring us twice as much money and twice as much profit as if we produced only 500 pounds to the acre. The yield of cotton per acre will largely determine our profit for the year's work. The uncertainty of the cotton crop now has practically destroyed the debt paying power it formerly had. Especially is this true if we must borrow money, and even if we have cash in hand to pay cost of labor, fertilizer and poison on a large acreage, the presence of the boll weevil makes the risk too hazardous.

With these plain facts and serious conditions confronting every cotton planter in the community, we wish we might tell every one how to farm successfully, but we know we cannot do this.

Seriously considering the situation, the Officers and Directors of this Bank have thought that our Bank might render at least some small service to the cotton planters by putting on a "Cotton Planting Prize Contest" and offering 3 cash prizes of \$50.00 each for greatest yield of dry seed cotton produced on 3, 6 and 10 acres. We have decided to do this and take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to enter the contest, and make the effort to produce more pounds of cotton per acre than your neighbors and get the prize money, \$50.00, offered your class.

We have endeavored to work out an attractive and interesting plan making every cotton planter eligible and with no "red tape," with just a few simple rules so as to have fair competition. If you decide to enter contest, call at our Bank and sign application blank.

- We will have three classes:
- Class 1. Composed of one-horse farmers only. To plant 3 acres, one field. Prize money, \$50.00.
 - Class 2. Composed of two-horse farmers only. To plant one field, six acres, or two fields, three acres each. Prize money, \$50.00.
 - Class 3. Composed of farmers operating three or more plows. To plant ten acres one field, or may plant two fields, five acres each. Prize money, \$50.00.

Every farmer entering contest may plant any variety of cotton he wishes to plant and use any kind of fertilizer not exceeding eight hundred pounds to acre and use poison as he sees fit. We will require from everyone approximately the following information:

Application blank must show necessary information as to boundaries of acres planted so the same may be located. Will also want to know what preparation was given land before planting. Kind and quantity of fertilizer used, how and when applied and cost of same. Kind and quantity of poison used, if any, applications made, date of each application, and cost, variety of cotton planted and date of planting, width of rows, how closely chopped and how many stalks left in hills.

Every one entering will be required to certify that weights of all cotton entered on weight sheet (the same to be furnished by us) represents cotton produced on acreage in contest only, and that same was picked and weighed in dry condition, and each and every weight was witnessed by some responsible person.

With this information you can now decide if you wish to enter the contest. You can immediately select your best 3, 6 or 10 acres of high land and commence preparing it.

In naming 3, 6 and 10 acre classes, it is not our purpose to suggest the limit of acreage of cotton to be planted by anyone. The e are just the acreages named for the contest. Our desire is to assist the farmer in determining the most profitable way to plant cotton under weevil conditions. We will compile this information and publish it for the benefit of the community.

Only one farmer in each class will receive prize money, \$50.00, but special effort by you may mean much increased production on prize acres, and incidentally your increased returns from entire crop may be several times amount of prize money offered by us.

The First National Bank

Camden, South Carolina

NOTICE

We are now carrying in stock a full line of **Maybank's High Grade Fish Guano, Nitrate of Soda, Cotton Seed Meal**, and other materials. We are also in the market for cotton seed; will buy or give fertilizer in exchange.

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