

Mayor Says City Manager Form Government Is Logical Form

view of the fact that Camden is soon to enter upon manager form of government, the following story, written by Tina Cannon, a member of the The Columbia Record, will be of interest here:

the departments on their recommendations. City council is not consulted on employment matters. I try to employ competent workers, regardless of their political beliefs and feelings," Mr. Blackwell says, and adds that, in his opinion, such procedure cuts out the 'spoils system' entirely.

"Once a year, the mayor and city council elect heads of departments, but the city manager has the power to suspend the heads and all other employees.

"A 3-2 vote of city council could oust him from his job, Mr. Blackwell says, since he is working 'at the will of council,' and for no specific length of time. However, there's not much danger of city council voting against him, as they have described him as 'the best city manager we ever had.'

"Born in Darlington county near Hartsville, Mr. Blackwell was a civil engineer for 15 years, working with both the state, highway de-

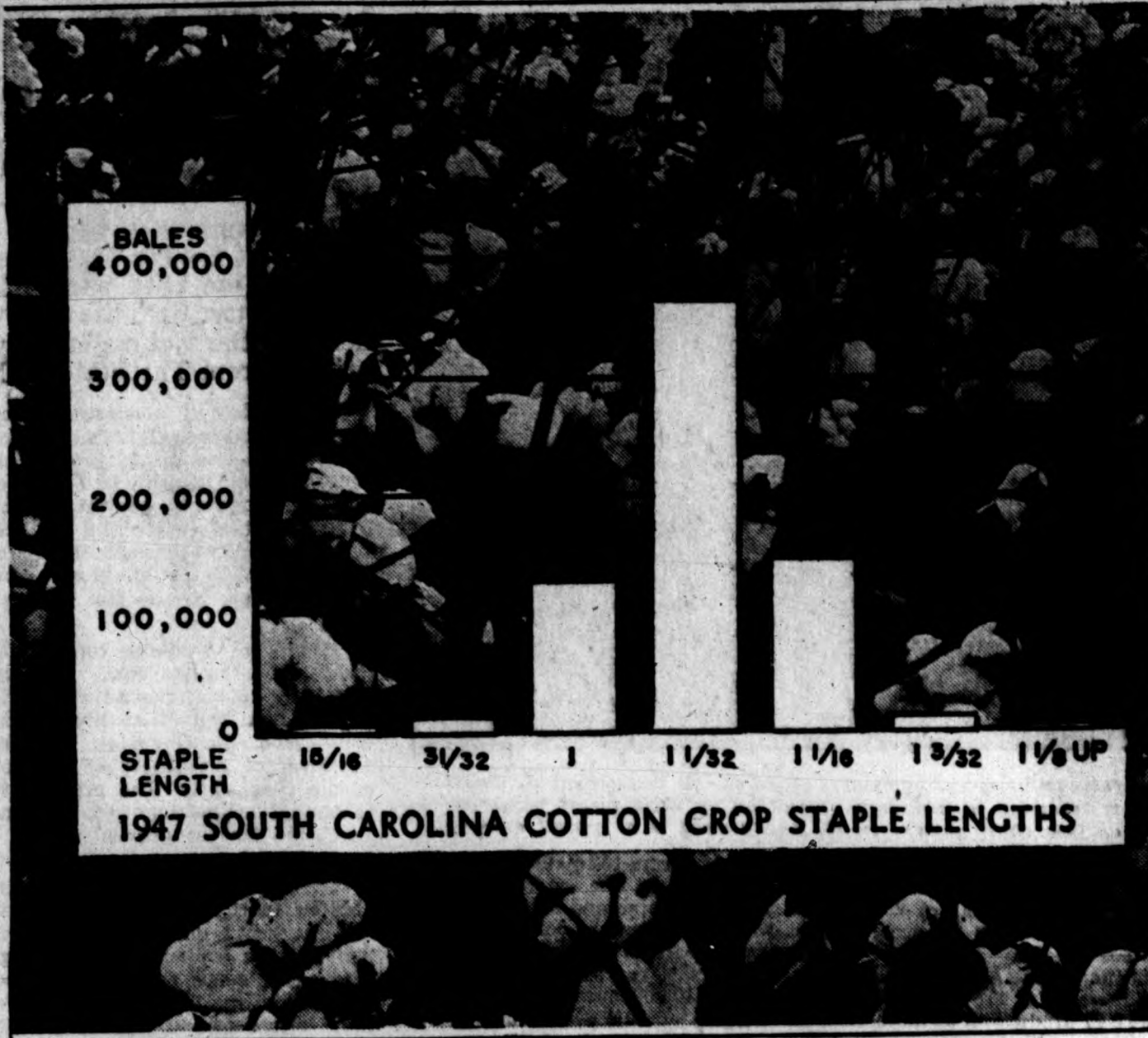
partment and the federal government in the construction of bridges and roads. He has been city manager for the past 18 months, and declares that his engineering background is definitely an asset in his new work.

"A direct result of having an engineer as city manager has been Florence's new paving program. About \$75,000 has been expended in the past year for new paving, the first in the city since the 1920's. It was accomplished without a bond issue, with the city paying one-third the cost, the abutting property owners on each side of the streets contributing one-third apiece. The paving program was begun last summer, and is expected to be completed this summer."

Big Marketing Job

The marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables has become one of the country's major industries during the past 50 years. Retailers in the United States sold nearly 6 1/2 billion dollars worth of fresh produce in 1946. The farm value of these health-giving foods now exceeds any other cash crop, including wheat. Almost every day of the year, fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers have on hand between 75 and 125 different products of the soil.

South Carolina Cotton Has Uniform Staple Length



The staple length of the 1947 South Carolina cotton crop was rather unusual as approximately 97 percent of the crop was, by official USDA classification, shown to be in only three staple lengths—1, 1 1/32, and 1 1/16 inches. This uniformity in staple length is largely the result of the planting of varieties bred to give good yields of uniform staple with medium lengths and desirable spinning qualities.

This has been the goal of the South Carolina Five-Acre Cotton Staple Improvement Contest conducted by the Clemson College Extension Service during the past 20 years. Contestants are now enrolling with their county agents for 1948. Prizes for the contest have been made available by the Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina and the South Carolina Cotton Seed Crushers Association.

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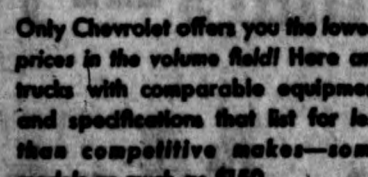
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