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## FARMS OFFERED FOR EXPERIMENT

Development Barnwell by Clarence Owens

## FOR DEMONSTRATION WORK

E. J. Watson to Co-operate With Director of Commercial Congress.

Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, is to establish a demonstration farm on his plantation of 300 acres in this county, according to a letter received at the State Department of Agriculture in Columbia Sunday morning. Commissioner Watson has promised the co-operation of the State Department of Agriculture.

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The establishment of such an experiment station should prove of incalculable benefit to the farmers of the whole county and will, no doubt, be welcome news, especially as Dr. Owens is a native son.

Announcement that the farms to be established was contained in the following letter from Mr. Owens:

"There are certain plans that I have been developing that I now desire to call to your attention, and I hope to have your sympathetic interest."

"In Barnwell County, South Carolina, one mile from Dunbar, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, I own three hundred and sixty (360) acres of land. I determined several months ago to convert this land into a demonstration farm and manage it along the lines of the state experiment station at Abbeville, Ala. that I had in charge for five years. I have arranged to have the superintendent of the Alabama state experiment station move to South Carolina for the coming year and take charge of this farm. He is a man who has spent his life in this work, and until the farm is thoroughly established, he will not only give his expert direction to it, but will actively labor on the property.

"For five years I was the president of the Southeast Alabama Agricultural School, and directed the station referred to above. I have been in touch with agricultural activities, first, as the managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress the position that I now hold, as further, I assembled through my office the American commission for the study of agricultural finance, distribution, production, and the organization of rural life that went to Europe last 20th studied for ninety days in fourteen European countries. I am now actively in charge of the headquarters of the permanent American com-



Barnwell Branch, Bank of Western Carolina

## EVENTS OF A WEEK IN BLACKVILLE SOCIETY

Summer Vacationists Are Returning Home.—Other News.

Blackville, Sept. 6.—Mrs. J. H. E. Milhous and daughters, Misses Vera and Hattie Rena, have returned home, after spending the summer in Texas.

Miss Carrie Hammet has returned to her home in Durham, N. C. Mrs. Brockington and daughter, Miss Ada, of Kingstree have been on a visit to Mrs. A. B. Hair.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Weissinger have returned from Boston, New York and other Northern points.

Misses Fannie and Rena Wald are the guests of the Misses Rich.

Ronald Gyles and Chapman Fishburne left for Wake Forest college Sunday night.

Miss Della Thomas has returned from a visit to St. Matthews and Clinton.

Mrs. I. Rich is spending some time in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Brown left Wednesday night for Hot Springs, Ark., where the former went for his health.

Mrs. J. M. Pauling and baby have returned home.

Mrs. Rosa McCreary has returned home from Waynesville, N. C.

Mrs. Sallie Molony, Misses Ethel Forsyth and Lucile Molony and Willie Molony have returned from Washington.

once a month, and give it to this extent my personal supervision.

"I shall await your reply with deepest interest."

Co-operation of the department was promised in the following letter:

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of September 4th. I note with gratification the announcement of your purpose to establish your demonstration farm on your property in Barnwell County, in this state. This patriotic action on your part, I am sure, will be greatly appreciated by the people residing in that particular section of the state. I love to see a man, though he may be called elsewhere in the pursuit of business activities, remember his native state and the welfare of her people.

"I feel sure that the establishment of this farm upon the lines indicated in your letter, under the actual superintendency of the experienced man whom you are to place in charge, will result in untold benefit to the agricultural people of the section of our state in which it will be located.

"I wish to say, as the head of the department of agriculture in South Carolina, you may rest assured of the fullest co-operation in this undertaking that it is possible for me to give under the law. I shall be more than anxious to do everything in my power to make the station a successful undertaking and to make the lesson that it will teach of far-reaching effect upon the people whose interest it is designed to serve.

"I would like to hear from you at your earliest convenience as to the further details of your plan and particularly as to what your ideas are in regard to the co-operation you desire from this office. As I have said, my chief interest is to further the welfare of our native state."

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## AN INTERESTING SKETCH OF ONE OF BARNWELL'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The "Western Carolina Quarterly," a house organ published by and in the interests of the Bank of Western Carolina, has the following interesting article about the Barnwell Branch of this institution on the front page of the current issue.

The Bank of Barnwell was organized in 1887 with General Johnson Hagood as its first President. He was at that time, and up to the period of his death, the foremost and favorite citizen of Barnwell County. His exalted character and knowledge of the people of the county, together with his ability as a safe and wise counselor, were guarantees that the Bank would be operated to the mutual benefit of its owners and its patrons—and it was.

Upon his death in 1898, Clinton F. Calhoun succeeded to the Presidency. Mr. Calhoun was a man who occupied, until his death in 1903, the highest place in the business and civic life of the community, and left as a monument to his successful management an accumulated surplus that practically equalled the Bank's capital.

Up to a few years ago, Barnwell, a purely agricultural county, reeled for its business activities and prosperity

upon cotton as its one money crop, but a wider field of operations, requiring larger stores of capital, to draw upon, has developed, and to do its full and worthy part in the better and broader future just dawning. The Bank of Barnwell became on December 1st, 1906, an important factor in the Bank of Western Carolina's creation and is now an integral part of the largest and strongest Bank that has been chartered by the State of South Carolina, thereby securing for the community the prestige and capital that will be needed in the larger demands of the future.

Mr. P. M. Buckingham is now manager of Barnwell Branch, a man who stands foremost in every move for the development and advancement of Barnwell and Barnwell county. Mr. Buckingham was elected President of the Bank of Barnwell upon the death of Mr. Clinton F. Calhoun in 1908, and under his executive leadership, the Bank of Barnwell became known as one of the leading banking institutions of the State. Mr. Buckingham is also second Vice President of the Bank of Western Carolina, a great favorite with his co-workers and is generally recognized as one of the foremost bankers of South Carolina.

## SESSION BEGINS ON MONDAY, SEPT. 22ND

Supt. W. C. Allen Addresses Important Notice to Pupils and Parents.

The next session of the Barnwell Graded School will begin Monday, September 22. Entrance for the opening day can be secured by obtaining an entrance card from the undersigned by calling at the graded school building on Thursday, Sept. 18th, between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m., Friday, Sept. 19th, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., and Saturday, the 20th, in the forenoon. Pupils for entrance to any of the grades of the High School department will come on Friday morning, Sept. 19th, at nine o'clock with paper and pencil to stand examination for entrance.

Pupils who were promoted at the close of the session in May and who hold certificates of promotion need not apply for entrance cards as the above notice is for those who are not promoted, or who stopped school, or are new pupils.

For purpose of organization this notice is an important one, and it is hoped that parents will see that their children comply with the requirements. W. C. Allen, Supt. Sept. 10th, 1913.

## Senate Passes Tariff Bill

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the senate at 5:43 o'clock this afternoon amid a burst of applause that swept down from crowded galleries and found its echo on the crowded floor of the senate. Its passage was attended with surprises in the final moments of the voting when Senator La Follette (Republican) cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined by Messrs. Aldrich, Senator Poindexter (Progressive), and

## BOARD OF CONTROL MET IN BLACKVILLE ON MONDAY

Elected Clerk and Five Dispensers.—Resolution Was Passed.

Messrs. S. A. Wise of Williston, B. F. Peoples of Blackville, and V. S. Owens of Barnwell, were commissioned as dispensary commissioners for Barnwell County by the Governor last week. They held their first meeting in Blackville Monday and perfected an organization by electing the following officers: B. F. Peoples, Chairman; V. S. Owens, Secretary; Mr. I. L. Tobin, of Allendale, was elected Clerk of the Board. The following gentlemen were chosen as dispensers:

Dave Rice, Allendale; F. M. Cave, Barnwell; Ralph Wise, Blackville; J. T. Wilson, Fairfax; W. P. Walsh, Williston.

It was ordered that bids be advertised for same to be opened October 10th. A resolution was passed requiring every employe, dispenser, clerk and assistant to take an oath before the Clerk of Court and file it with the Secretary of the Board that he voted in the recent election to re-establish the dispensary, or attempted to vote and was not allowed to do so by reason of the fact that he had lost his registration certificate or poll tax receipt and that he was and is an advocate of the re-establishment of the dispensary and would have so voted.

It is thought that the dispensaries will be opened about Nov. 1st.

## WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$100 TO PAVE STREET

Dr. Burckhalter Wants to See Some Permanent Improvements.

Dr. C. N. Burckhalter believes in improvements—and permanent ones at that. In fact, so strong is his belief along this line that he is willing, not to say anxious, to go down in his jeans or his sock or wherever it is he keeps the good old coin of the realm and plank down one hundred cold plunks, bucks, beans or dollars, if you please—what's in a name, anyhow?—for the aforesaid permanent improvements. To make a long story short, this progressive druggist has been awakened to the necessity of paving Main Street—said awakening being caused, no doubt, by the severe jolting occasioned by an afternoon drive down that thoroughfare of trade and travel behind one of his fast, county-bred thoroughbreds.

But seriously, Main Street is sadly in need of attention and Dr. Burckhalter has started the ball rolling in the right direction by contributing \$100, provided that the other property holders affected will "come across" with a like amount. It is his idea to use vitrified brick if the cost is not prohibitive, but if this comes too high he is in favor of some cheaper material so long as it promises some degree of permanency.

This is a vital question and one that affects the business men of the town greatly. The People hopes that the other property owners along the territory proposed for paving will join Dr. Burckhalter in his campaign for permanent improvements. Who will be the next to follow his public spirited step?

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal Church met at the home of Mrs. H. B. Armstrong, Sunday, Sept. 7th, and



Courtesy of The Columbia Record  
CHIEF J. B. HARTER who was killed at Lena on Sunday, August 31st.

Dr. Creech in Gaffney.

The following item from the Gaffney Ledger of Sept. 9th will be read with interest by the friends of Dr. J. C. Creech in this county. He is the proprietor of the drug company mentioned in the Ledger's article:

The Gaffney Drug Co. has purchased from Messrs. Clarence Turner and G. M. Phifer their building now occupied by The Gaffney Furniture Co. and will move January 1st. This building is an ideal one for a drug store and is in the very heart of the business section of the town. This is a good move for the Drug Co., as it furnishes them more room and the location is all that could be desired. The proceeds of the sale of the building was around \$10,000.

## WOULD LEND TEN CENTS ON COTTON

Important and Significant offer from Reliable Firm.

## AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY

J. Whitner Reed Advises Cotton Growers to Stand Firm in Fight.

Bishopville, S. C., Sept. 6, 1913. The Columbia Record, Columbia, S. C. Noting your article yesterday on farmers holding cotton for 15 cents, think the idea a practical and splendid one. The time was never more opportune. Representing in South Carolina one of the largest cotton factorage firms in the South, we will advance ten cents per pound at six per cent interest to all farmers and merchants in S. C. who want to hold cotton. T. M. Green.

The above telegram was sent to The Columbia Record and published in its issue Saturday. It is suggestive of a new era of prosperity for the cotton farmers of this State, for it enables them to hold their cotton off the market without in any way hurting their creditors. The present indications are that cotton will bring 15 cents before the season is over and if such is the case the farmers are the ones to reap the benefits. This offer of Mr. Green should give them the means to market the staple as it should be and not glut the market and force the price down, as has been the case in past years.

All over the Southern States the farmers are joining in the movement to get a legitimate price for their product, and it seems that success is about to crown their efforts. The South Carolina farmers should unite in conservative action with cotton growers of other States and refuse to dump their entire production upon the market in the next few weeks.

J. Whitner Reed, secretary of the State Farmers' Union of South Carolina and one of the foremost cotton experts in the entire South, had the following to say in regard to the above offer:

"The offer made through the columns of the Columbia Record today by telegram has been shown to me and I consider it one of unquestioned value to the growers of cotton in South Carolina. It is a great opportunity for the farmers of our state to realize immediate money for their product without dumping it onto the market in the next few weeks as has been the custom in years past. The trouble has been distressed cotton, as we call it, has found its way quickly into the coffers and holding of speculators and buyers at any old price simply because the grower needed the money with which to pay debts and provide his family with ready cash. This proposition just shown to me this morning is along the lines of my own personal arguments before the farmers of our state for years.

"As I told the farmers of Barnwell County recently in a public address at one of their meetings, there has not been a bale of cotton actually sold in that or any other county of South Carolina for years, simply because the speculators and brokers buy at their own prices instead of asking the grower and producer what he wants for cotton. It has not been a case of what the producer wanted as much as it has been what the buyer cared to pay for the product of our cotton plantations and it is high time for an awakening as to the right of the producer to have a voice in the marketing of this product in which he has expended every ounce of strength, energy and fruitfulness in the effort to gain a legitimate livelihood. I am glad that movements of this kind have spread all over the state and into other states for the benefit of the producer, especially this year when the visible supply has been so greatly depleted.

"If we can do away with the general amount of annual harm done by the dumping of distressed cotton into the markets early in the harvest season each year, we can gradually overcome this control and manipulation of the market by speculators and brokers who offer us whatever they see fit for cotton from year to year. I have given a great deal of attention to the situation in this state from year to year and I am glad to say that I am very much in favor of urging upon the Carolina farmer the importance of



DR. CLARENCE J. OWENS who has offered his farms to be an experiment station

as director general of organization. I am sending to you separate cover certain documents bearing upon this work. I desire to make it most effective, therefore, writing to you to what extent I may count upon your office. It would be my desire to have reports made by you on seed, fertilizer tests, rotation experiments, etc., and will have the date in such reports that they be returned to me. It would be my desire to have a meeting next year to visit this farm