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ADVANCE ARMY OF BOLL WEEVILS IS VERY LARGE

Barnwell Farmer Finds From One to Seven to Each Cotton Stalk.

Last week The People published a report to the effect that Mr. W. B. Norris, who lives a few miles from Barnwell, had found 227 boll weevils on one acre of land, indicating an extremely heavy infestation this year. Sunday afternoon Mr. O. H. Best examined a field of especially fine cotton on his plantation near Kline and states that he found from one to seven weevils on every stalk. The plants in this field are a foot or more in height and are just beginning to put on squares, which Mr. Best fears will be punctured as fast as they form. He has bought a horse-drawn duster machine and will begin poisoning this field as soon as it arrives.

As stated last week, with a few exceptions the cotton crop throughout this section is very poor. The plants are small and sickly looking and many fields are yet to be chopped out. It is a well known fact that very little fertilizer has been used by scores of farmers and this, coupled with a poor start and unfavorable weather does not point to bumper yield. The opinion has been expressed that the consumers of cotton have not yet realized the seriousness of the situation and that the world will be confronted with a cotton famine in 1923. While stocks of spinnable cotton are getting very low now, it is thought that there will be enough for this year.

It is not known to what extent the farmers of Barnwell County are making plans to fight the weevil this year. Of course, it is out of the question for a large majority of them to purchase the high priced duster machines. That being true, the following comment by Mr. N. L. Willett in Monday's issue of The Augusta Chronicle should be of interest to these farmers:

The Cheese Cloth Duster.
This is a little instrument that has come into tremendous service in the past twelve months. It is a small bag, about eighteen inches deep, made wholly of cheese cloth or with a bottom of cheese cloth (Calcium arsenate will permeate cheese cloth) The open top is sewed around a wire or wooden hoop and to this hoop is affixed a wooden handle three or four feet long. About one pound of calcium arsenate is put into the duster and through a flap to the handle the duster dusts the whole plant absolutely covering every portion of the plant. This is done best at night or in the twilight or before sun up and when the dew appears every portion of the plant is poisoned and when the weevil takes his drink he is instantly killed. This duster will last four or five days, the plant becoming every night during this while a poisoned plant. This cheap and effective remedy, the cheese cloth duster and the dry dusting method, is the only standardized government method for early spring weevil control.

Lower Prices.
Calcium arsenate today is being sold by the dealers (Cash) in two hundred pound kegs at about eleven cents. It is being sold in immense amounts. This is less than cost to the manufacturers themselves. The Springfield gun is sold now by the dealers at \$10.00 which is less than it cost them. The Monarch duster and the Champion No. 2 hand dusters are \$10.00 and the Champion No. 1 is \$8.00. The Iron Age, the standard two horse duster, is \$212.50.

Picking up punctured squares is universally done but it is a back-breaking process. There is a little machine called Boll Weevil Destroyer. It is an iron stick whose bottom is a six-pronged circle. Standing upright the operator spears the squares on the ground with these prongs and when a dozen or more are collected a spring releases the squares and they are thrown off. This saves all the back-breaking and it does the work possibly of four men. The trade usually send it out postpaid for \$1.25. Cotton has now climbed to twenty cents. We have a weevil emergence five or ten times greater than that of a year ago. Put these two things together and there is every incentive to following closely the standardized rules of weevil control.

Mr. Coads Letter
Mr. B. E. Coad, Tallulah, La. writes me May 17th as concerning the enormous boll weevil infestation of this year:
"I am interested to note your weevils are very large."

THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE GRINDING VERY SLOWLY

Very Few Cases Disposed of at Present Term of Criminal Court.

Few cases have been disposed of at the present term of the Court of General Sessions which convened Monday morning with Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, presiding. Up to the time this paper closed its forms the list was as follows:

Perry Beasley charged with murder was acquitted.
Rason Snelling, Fred Snelling, Luther Snelling and Willie Morris were convicted on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Julius Peoples pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and larceny and was sentenced to serve one year at hard labor.

True Bills.
The following is a list of the True Bills found by the Grand Jury:

Zeke Brown violation of the prohibition law.

McKinley Odom, violation of the prohibition law.

Perry Beasley, murder.

W. H. DeWitt, murder.

Belvo O'Neal, murder.

Herman Kirkland, assault and battery with intent to kill.

Julius Peoples housebreaking and larceny.

Bill Hay, violation of the prohibition law.

Ben Grayson, assault and battery with intent to kill.

Wash Swann and Twigg Kitchings, malicious mischief.

Marion Rountree, housebreaking and larceny (2 cases).

Jesse Williams, assault and battery with intent to kill.

John Nix, violation of the prohibition law.

Ed Riley, violation of the prohibition law.

Sam Bing, violation of the prohibition law.

Isaac Frederick, murder.

O. D. Moore, murder.

The following cases were thrown out for want of prosecution:

Joe Brunson, assault and battery.

J. H. Roberts, obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Grant Frederick, Robert Dorch, Clarence Tilly, Elmer Berry, Hammond Frederick, Isaac Frederick, George Pollock, Green Pollock, Jr., and Clarence Berry, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons.

M. N. Holland and Lee Sease, violation of the prohibition law.

Lee Sanders, disposing of property under lien.

LONG BRANCH ITEMS.

Long Branch, May 22.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staley, Mr. J. S. Birt and daughter were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Keel.

Quite an enjoyable event of the past week was a B. Y. P. U. social given at the home of Mr. S. J. Keel on last Thursday evening. Delightful refreshments were served.

Miss Ruby Myrick, of Kline, is visiting Miss Alma Zorne.

Messrs. Micagy Birt and James Cook and Miss Sina Birt spent Sunday at the home of Mr. T. E. Turner.

Mr. F. L. Hair and family, of Barnwell, were visitors in this vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Mr. L. M. Birt and family, Mrs. Virgie Birt and children spent Sunday with the former's brother, Mr. E. G. Birt.

Mrs. Myrtle Hutto and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Barnwell were visitors at Sunday School Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mr. C. H. Anderson and family spent last Wednesday in Blackville.

Mrs. Kittie Hair of Augusta is visiting her daughter Mrs. R. J. Keel.

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vil infestation. We are finding them in really enormous numbers in our spring examinations in the vicinity and are receiving similar reports from almost all portions of the cotton belt. It is generally found that the sandy soils are better for cotton in the presence of the weevil, partially because this type of soil gets hotter and increases the mortality of the weevil due to the sunshine. Furthermore it is a quicker growing, earlier maturing soil than the clays and is thus adapted to the production of cotton under boll weevil conditions.

ELKO FARMERS SHIPPED 29 CARS OF ASPARAGUS

Railroad Received \$8,998.87 Freight Charges, exclusive of Express.

Elko, May 23.—The asparagus season closed about two weeks ago. Elko shipped this season 27 cars via refrigeration and approximately two cars by express. Agent Jones reports that the transportation via refrigeration alone netted the railroad \$8,998.87. Some few of our growers carried asparagus to the Williston Cannery. In spite of all of our representations, Mr. C. E. Cray, manager of the Cannery, is determined to locate this cannery at Williston. Our folk believe it will be a great thing for this section. All of the Elko folk were sorry to see Mr. Cray leave for his home in Streator, Ill.

The old town hall at Elko is now used as the central packing house for the Elko Farmers Association for the grading and packing of their cucumbers, and it is the busiest place in town. Cucumbers are beginning to move quite freely. Nearly all of the growers have joined the organization, the registration showing the names of about thirty-five. Mr. S. W. Hall, last year manager of the Warhola, (Florida), Packing House is directing the grading and packing, and he has already won the confidence and respect of our folk.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Green recently were called to Columbia on account of the sudden serious illness of their son, Horace A. Green, who is employed in the capital city. The last reports put him out of danger.

Mr. P. S. Green and his daughter Katherine spent last week in Atlanta filling a business engagement.

Messrs Edwin Lee and Albert M. Hair, of the Hair and Lee firm, Charleston, S. C. are spending a short while with their home folk here this week.

Miss Eloise Hutto, who has been a member of the Inman High School faculty, Spartanburg, delighted her friends last week by returning home for the summer vacation.

Mr. Isadore Usery closed his school in Dillon a few days ago, and his home folk and many friends are glad to see him in Elko for the summer.

The many friends of Dr. Graves L. Knight, of Laurens, S. C. were interested to read in Sunday's "State" the announcement that he had been elected to the position of Dean and Treasurer of Anderson College. Dr. Knight several years ago was pastor of Rosemary Baptist Church and has many friends here who are glad to hear of this promotion.

Mrs. Marcella Cave's many friends here are hoping that she will not protract her visit to Blackville relatives.

The Elko Graded School closed its session May 5th with a very interesting program that evening. The Primary and intermediate grades gave a most pleasing entertainment prior to the brief exercises by the graduating class. Prizes for every day attendance were awarded to the following pupils, Susie Grimes, Myrtle Givens, Dorothy Hutto, Donie Mae Givens, Laurice Green, Fabyan Still, Leon Givens, Alvin Youngblood, Lessie Kitchings and Lizzie J. Hair. The last named, had not missed a single day for the last three sessions. Prizes for spelling were awarded in the primary department to Thelma Ray and Zelma Kitchings. Prizes in Intermediate grades in spelling to Mildred Woolley, Willie Jones and William McKerley, and also a prize in this department to Eulalie Hair for general deportment. Gladys Haskel, it was announced, had won the third place in the District Biscuit Contest at Aiken, and Susie Grimes had won a trip to Winthrop College this summer to the short course as one of the members of the Demonstration Clubs. The teachers left for their respective homes on Saturday following. Miss Myrtice Boylston to Blackville, and Miss Gladys Willis to Bingham. We were sorry to see them leave, and will count the days until the next session opens. Mrs. Hitt, the principal, lives here and the district enjoys her companionship continually.

Mr. F. T. Merritt, of Williston, was in the city one day last week on business.

A communication announcing the birth of a fine baby girl was consigned to the waste basket because the writer failed to give his name. The People cannot publish anonymous communications.

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MR. LOTT DEFENDS HIS BOLL WEEVIL MACHINE

Says Pest Has Covered Cotton Belt in Spite of Experts.

The People has received an article from Mr. P. N. Lott, of Johnston, who is selling boll weevil control machines, which is in reply to a warning from government experts published in these columns some time ago. In an accompanying letter, Mr. Lott writes: "Hope you will give the enclosed space in your paper. This article is in self-defense. Mr. B.'s assault is judgment without knowledge, which I consider absolutely unfair." The article referred to is as follows: To the Farmers of Barnwell County:

On April 27 there appeared in the papers of your county this admonition: "Farmers, Beware." I was neither surprised nor shocked when I saw it. I know that the experts, sent out by the Federal government, are fighting everything except what they choose to endorse. They, the experts, have been fighting the boll weevil for fifteen years, ever since he crossed the Rio Grande River in Texas from Mexico. Have they halted him one minute or even made him go slow? He is now 2,000 miles from his starting point in Texas, a yearly march East of 133 miles.

Is it not a fact that the farmers in Barnwell County who made any cotton last year were those that used some kind of brush to knock him off the growing cotton? Ask the farmer who have put their money in dusting machines if they will do the work. Ask Mr. J. S. Wannamaker, of St. Matthews, his experience. Ask Mr. Dosier Hill, of Goff, Ga., if liquid calcium arsenate is effective. How about it, Dr. Coad?

There are a lot of farmers in South Carolina who used the liquid form of calcium arsenate at a cost of 75c to \$1.50 per acre against the high priced dusting machines at a cost of \$7 to \$10 per acre and made over a hundred per cent. more cotton.

Our machine is a common sense plow stock attachment invented by a dirt farmer, J. E. Tate, of Elberton, Ga. It was tried out in a limited way last season in Georgia and did splendid work, so much so that those that had dusting machines have discarded them and bought our swinging brush and mop attachment.

This fight against our machine reminds me of the question Nathaniel asked Philip: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"—John 1:46. Has a farmer sense enough to do anything other than plow? Some people seem to think so.

Fellow farmers of Barnwell County, you are in a race with the boll weevil and in order to win the race you must have a short track; that is, you must have a small acreage, from 5 to 8 acres to the plow, use liberally a good grade of fertilizer, keep your cotton on a high bed and middle open and disturb the weevil as often as possible, once a week at least. He can't stand it.

Now, as to Prof. Boylston: He is a personal friend, being a government employe he must advocate whatever is handed out to him from headquarters; but I must say that the poor man is not considered in this fight; they make up 95 per cent. of our population and if he makes another failure in a cotton crop he will be practically ruined. If he sinks he will carry the merchants, bankers, churches and schools. He can't buy a high priced, dusting machine even if it is what he needs. He can't spend from \$5 to \$10 per acre for poison.

P. N. Lott.

NEWS FROM ROSEMARY.

Rosemary, May 22.—Mr. Gilbert Odom and Forrest Bodiford and Miss Mabel Bodiford were visitors at Rosemary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hair visited the latter's mother, Mrs. G. W. Bodiford, of Healing Springs Saturday night.

Miss Addie Lee Mitchell is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hiers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hiers, of Williston, were in this section Sunday afternoon.

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REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Opened in Williston Monday With Record-breaking Attendance.

Special to Barnwell People.

Williston, May 23.—The third annual Redpath Chautauqua opened here Monday with the largest attendance in the history of the Redpath at Williston.

The Nevin Concert Co. opened with a very strong program. J. Franklin Caveny, the best clay modeler and chalk artist ever seen in this section, captivated a large audience Wednesday night with his entertainment which came immediately after the Nevin Concert.

Still larger crowds attended the numbers of Tuesday when in the evening following a fine concert by the Gretchen Cox Concert Co. Mr. Edward Amherst Ott delivered one of the best lectures ever heard in Williston.

Every indication points to record breaking crowds for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when the star numbers of the course are offered.

A contract for this Chautauqua to return to Williston another year has already been signed.

The program this year is the best ever offered on the five day circuit and is equally as good as the seven day according to those who have seen both.

"THE KENTUCKIANS" IS FILLED WITH LANDMARKS

Historic Sites of Kentucky Are Pictured in Fine Photo-play.

Kentucky landmarks abound in the Charles Maigne production of the John Fox, Jr. novel "The Kentuckians," a Paramount picture, featuring Monte Blue, which will be the feature film at the Vamp Theatre Thursday.

Many of the scenes were made in and around Big Stone Gap, Va., which has gone down in history as the home of John Fox, Jr. Several hundred mountaineers with a motley collection of old-time guns and clothes took part in the feud scenes, witnessing the filming of motion pictures for the first time in their lives.

From Big Stone Gap the company went to Frankfort, and, through the courtesy of Governor Edwin P. Morrow obtained the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and state officials. The new Kentucky state capitol was the center of many interesting scenes and as the script called for a number of state legislators, real members of the Kentucky Legislature and other state officials volunteered their services. Other scenes were made at Canal Lock No. 5 at Fort Hill, where the town armory is; the palatial home of U. S. Senator Camden between Frankfort and Louisville; "Liberty Hall" and old mansion which dates back to the early 19th century.

Monte Blue, in the role of Boone Stallard, a mountaineer who goes to the Legislature to emancipate his people, does some of the best work of his career. Others in the cast include Diana Allen, as leading woman, Frank Joyner, Ylfrid Lytell and Jhon Miltern.

THELMA MARCELL CARROLL

The summer roses were fastbursting forth in their beauty when Death, the white-winged angel of eternal life, entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carroll on Friday evening, May 12, and took to heaven the little soul that had for only eight short months been loaned to give sunshine and joy to her parents and many others who loved her.

It seemed hard for them to give her up, yet how comforting to know that this change had no bitter sting in store for her, whose purity had never known a sin. There must have been rejoicing among the host that cannot be numbered when the little soul so pure entered into companionship with them.

Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends. The body was put away in a lovely white casket and the little grave was heaped high with flowers emblematic of the life just gone out.

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BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Commencement Exercises Attended by Large Crowds This Week.

Another successful year of the Barnwell High School, under the capable direction of Superintendent John D. Robison, has come to a close, the commencement exercises being held in the Vamp Theatre Tuesday evening, the change being made from the school auditorium because more than two hundred people were unable to gain admission Monday evening to the Oratorical Contest. Long before the appointed hour the auditorium was filled to its capacity and still they came. Those who were so fortunate as to get a seat thoroughly enjoyed the very excellent program rendered by members of the Bates Literary Society. There was quite a number of competitors for the declamation medal and each one did his or her part so well that the judges were somewhat reluctant in rendering a decision. The contest was won by Mr. Edward Riley, a son of Auditor R. W. Riley, with Miss Maude Brabham a close second, and it was decided that each of the others came third.

Following the award of the medal, Master Benjamin P. Davies, Jr., a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Davies, was called to the rostrum by Supt. Robison, who announced that this young man, a member of the fifth grade, had won the medal offered by the D. A. B. Chapter for the best average in American history for the school year, his average being 98.25. Miss Lelia Jennings, of the seventh grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jennings, was a very close second with an average of 98.18. The medal was presented by Mrs. T. S. Cava.

The program Monday evening was as follows:

1. Processional.—Mrs. Cummings.
2. Introduction by Pres. of Bates Literary Society, Perry Simms.
3. Chorus.—"Spring Song"—Pinsuti—High School Girls.
4. Reading.—"College Oil Cans"—Maude Brabham.
5. Trio.—"Sylvan Sprites," Englemann—Lavinia Moore, Mary Patterson, Miriam Creech.
6. Reading.—"Hager"—Minnie Laurie Browning.
7. Piano Solo.—"On The Meadow"—Lischner—Luke Gignan.
8. Reading.—"The Raggedy Man"—Emma Lou Dyches.
9. Trio.—"Waltz," Englemann—Miriam Creech, Susie Peacock, Aletha Miller.
10. Declamation.—"Woodrow Wilson,"—Edward Riley.
11. Piano Duet.—"Grand Valse," Burgmuller—Polly Walker, Blanche Bennett.
12. Reading.—"The Polish Boy"—Frankie Harley.
13. Piano Solo.—"Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2," Liszt—Carrie Holman.
14. Reading.—"A Most Obliging Little Sister"—Pauline Hilman.
- 15.—"Military Gallop," Schneider—Polly Walker, Blanche Bennett, Elizabeth Black.
- 16.—Reading.—"The Vagabonds"—Valerie Owens.
17. Trio.—"Overture Zu Precioso," Weben—Marguerite Jenkins, Carrie Holman, Caro Easterling.
18. Decision of Judges.

Graduating Exercises.

The program of the graduating exercises Tuesday evening was as follows:

- Invocation.—Dr. W. M. Jones.
- Chorus.—"Morning Song," Forman—High School Girls.
- Salutatory.—Perry Simms.
- History of the Class of 1922—Jean Riley.
- Piano Solo, "Polka de la Reine," Roff—Marguerite Jenkins.
- Class Prophecy—Blanche Porter.
- Class Will—Elizabeth Mace.
- Song—Class of 1922.
- Valedictory—Loulie Moore.
- Piano Solo, "Polonaise," Turbie—Caro Easterling.
- Address.—Dr. W. S. Currell, Pres. U. of S. C.
- Duet, "Hungarian Polka," Afoldy—Caro Easterling, Marguerite Jenkins.
- Delivery of Diplomas.

Messrs. A. A. Lemon, P. W. Price, G. W. Manville, William McNab, A. M. Denbow and F. H. Miller left Monday afternoon in the former's car for Spartanburg to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge, K. of P.