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## LARGE TEXTILE CONCERN MAY LOCATE IN BARNWELL

PROPOSED PLANT, WOULD EMPLOY 400 GIRLS.

Solomon Blatt, Esq., President of Chamber of Commerce, Replies to Inquiry.

Last week one of the local papers received an inquiry from a reputable concern relative to the establishment of a textile industry in Barnwell. The concern in question, which would employ between 400 and 500 girls, is looking for a suitable location and, naturally, Barnwell is being considered. The letter was turned over to Solomon Blatt, Esq., president of the local Chamber of Commerce, who replied in part as follows:

"I wish to state on behalf of the citizens of our town that we shall be glad to do anything in our power to assist this client of yours in locating within our county. Barnwell is a town of about 2,000 inhabitants and is the county seat of Barnwell County. We have electric lights, good waterworks system, splendid volunteer fire department, and an all-round good town. We are located in the heart of a good farming country, where we produce a great deal of cotton and corn, and we also have one of the largest truck centers in the world. In other words, you can raise anything in Barnwell County that can be raised anywhere else. We have lots of asparagus, cantaloupes, cucumbers, watermelons, spinach, cabbage, and all sorts of crops. The living cost in this section of the country is low, and the town is situated on the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern railroads, two of the greatest trunk lines in the South. We are 15 miles from the Seaboard Air Line and about the same distance from the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway Company.

"We have a fine community spirit, and I am satisfied that the citizens of the town will be glad to help locate a site for this factory, and at the same time exempt this factory from town taxes for period of, say, about five years. We are noted for the absence of any organized labor influence throughout this section of the country.

"I note from your letter that you will employ in the neighborhood of from 400 to 500 girls. This may be somewhat of a proposition, for we will have to look forward to encouraging these operatives to move into our territory. However, I am satisfied that the matter can be handled, and I assure you that I personally and as a representative of the citizens of this town will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

"If there is anything further that I can furnish you that would be of interest, I shall be glad to do so."

### Business Men Consider Project

A joint meeting of the business men of Barnwell and the members of the Town Council was held in the city hall Monday night, at which time the proposition of securing the proposed textile industry for this city was discussed. Mr. Ira Fales, clerk of the council, was authorized to write the concern in question that town taxes would be refunded for a period of five years, an effort will be made to have the new industry exempted from county taxes for a like period and in addition a suitable site would be provided free of cost.

Every possible effort will be made to induce this concern to locate at Barnwell and in addition attractive offers will be made to other industries that may desire to locate in the best town in lower South Carolina.

### Barnwell County Gins More Cotton

Barnwell County showed an increase of nearly 2,000 bales of cotton in 1924 as compared with 1923, according to a report by the Department of Commerce made public March 20th. Ginning figures by counties in this section are as follows:

	1924	1923
Aiken	29,332	26,676
Allendale	11,861	10,967
Bamberg	11,702	13,468
Barnwell	21,100	20,269
Hampton	8,599	5,584

The days gain 12 minutes in sunshine this week.

### "Some" Fish Story.

Mr. Martin C. Best, one of Barnwell's popular druggists, is responsible for the following fish story:

He and his brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Vinson, of Union, were fishing a few days ago in a pond several miles from Barnwell. Mr. Vinson made a cast and his reel back-lashed. At the same instant a large jack-fish struck the bait. Mr. Vinson began hauling in the fish, hand over hand. When near the boat, the jack doubled up in its effort to dislodge the bait, the hooks were jerked out of its mouth but hooked the fish near the tail, in which manner it was landed.

### Joint Union Meeting Barnwell Association

Place—Double Ponds Church; Time—March 27, 28 and 29.  
Friday, March 27.  
10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, J. M. Grubbs.  
10:30—Organization.  
11:00—Unified Program for 1925, opened by Rev. L. H. Miller.  
11:45—Sermon by Rev. G. N. Smith.  
12:30—Miscellaneous business and adjournment.  
2:00 p. m.—Devotional Exercises, C. E. Black.  
2:15—Mutual Inter-dependence of Pastors, Churches and Boards, discussed by O. B. Falls and R. R. Johnston.  
3:15—Sermon by Rev. A. J. Foster.  
4:00—The Needs of an Aggressive Evangelistic Campaign for 1925, discussed by Rev. L. H. Miller and W. R. Davis.

Saturday, March 28.  
10:00—Devotional Exercises by Rev. E. B. Johnson.  
10:15—(a) Our Responsibility for Future Leadership, Prof. Paul Carroll. (b) Responsibility of our Present Leaders, Rev. W. R. Davis.  
11:00—The Problem of the Absentee Member, discussed by Rev. I. Guy Martin and Rev. O. J. Frier.  
11:45—Sermon by Rev. W. M. Jones.  
1:45 p. m.—Devotional Services by Rev. J. F. Davis.  
2:00—A Real Missionary Message, by Mrs. L. D. Moss, of Binghamton, New York.  
2:45—The Importance of Thorough Enlistment, discussed by Rev. W. R. Davis and W. R. Corder.  
3:30—Sermon by Rev. J. Guy Martin.

Sunday, March 29.  
10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, by Rev. D. W. Heckle.  
10:15—The Advantage of Teacher Training in an Efficient Sunday School, by Hon. A. M. Kennedy.  
11:15—Sermon by Rev. A. F. O'Kelley.

### Bible Study Class.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, March 29th, and ending the following Sunday, April 5th, there will be given at the Barnwell Methodist Church an intensive course of study on the Book of Genesis. The teacher in charge will be Mrs. S. D. Walton, of Farmville, Va.

Mrs. Walton has had wide and varied experience in Women's Work in her own State, among other distinctions having been president of the Virginia Synodical Union for a number of years. She comes to Barnwell after much research and rich experience in the teaching of this particular study and a great privilege is in store for those who realize the one indispensable requisite to a vital faith in Christ is in the knowledge of God's Word.

The hours of study are from 5 to 6 each afternoon of the week. The public is cordially invited to attend this class, the only requirement being that every individual bring his or her Bible, pencil and tablet, and use them.

### Sheriff Raids Another Still.

Sheriff Boneil H. Dyches and Deputy Sheriff W. A. Hayes raided a still Friday near Dyches' Swimming Pool, about five miles from Barnwell, and destroyed a 100-gal. still, fourteen 60-gal. barrels and about 80 empty fruit jars. No mash nor liquor was found.

## McLEOD SIGNS HIGHWAY BILL

TAX ON GASOLINE INCREASED TO FIVE CENTS.

Auto License Fees Reduced Below

"Pay as You Go" Schedule.— Law in Effect.

Columbia, March 24.—The Act of the general assembly, increasing the State gasoline taxes to five cents a gallon and reducing the motor vehicle license fees, is now the law of the State, having last night been signed by Gov. Thomas G. McLeod.

The increased tax on gasoline—two cents higher than the rates now in effect and one cent higher than any similar tax charged elsewhere in the United States—becomes operative immediately and gasoline prices are expected to be increased two cents a gallon throughout the State this morning, it was stated last night by Walter G. Query, chairman of the State tax commission. At all events, Mr. Query said, gasoline dealers will be held liable for the collection of the additional two cent tax.

The reduction of the motor vehicle license fees—to a compromise scale lower than the "pay as you go" road Act schedule but higher than the rates in effect in 1924—is retroactive to January 1, 1925, and as a result the State Highway Commission will make refunds of from approximately 25 per cent. to 33 per cent. to the near 90,000 motorists who have already purchased 1925 license plates at the higher rates.

Receipts from the five cent gasoline tax will be divided between the State highway department and the counties, the highway commission receiving the return from three cents a gallon of the tax and the counties the receipts from the remaining two cents.

Changes affected by the law may be seen:

Gasoline— State highway department—three cents as compared with the three cents allowed under the "pay as you go" road act and the two cents allowed during 1924.

Counties—two cents as compared with the no cents allowed under the "pay as you go" road act and the one cent allowed during 1924.

Counties' quota of the gasoline tax to be distributed on the basis of the motor vehicle license fees received from each county instead of on the basis of property valuation as in 1924.

New License Fees.  
License fees:  
Automobiles—  
Weighing 2,000 pounds or less—\$9 as compared with the \$12 charged under the "pay as you go" act and the \$6 charged in 1924.

For each additional 500 pounds or fraction thereof—\$3 as compared with the \$6 of the "pay as you go" road act and the \$2 of 1924.

License fees for trucks and trailers remain the same as under the "pay as you go" road act, except that 50 per cent. instead of 25 per cent reduction is allowed all trucks using pneumatic tires on all wheels. License fees for motorcycles and for dealers also remain the same as under the "pay as you go" road act.

### Boy Sits on Stove— Is Painfully Burned

A negro boy, about 14 years of age, had a very painful experience several days ago when he sat on a red hot stove at the camp of a construction company near Barnwell. The boy, who is subject to epileptic fits, was in a tent at the camp, preparing to take a bath, when he was seized with a fit. In this helpless condition he sat on the stove and was unable to move. He was painfully burned before other employees, attracted by his cries of pain, lifted him from the stove.

### Message Makes Impression

The Rev. Wilmer S. Paynor, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Florence, conducted the mid-week prayer service at the Church of the Holy Apostles Wednesday evening of last week. He made a profound impression by his stirring message upon those who heard him, all of whom expressed the hope that some time he might visit Barnwell again.

While in the city, Mr. Paynor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McNab.

## McLEOD VETOES BARNWELL BILL

MEASURE WOULD REPEAL PRESENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Chief Executive Sends Message to Senate, But No Action Is Taken by That Body.

Columbia, March 24.—For the first time during the present session of the legislature, Governor McLeod has exercised the right of veto, he notifying the Senate last night that he was returning, without his approval, a bill introduced by Senator Patterson, of Barnwell, which provided for the repeal of the present form of county government of Barnwell County and established a new county government for the county. The Senators had no desire to meddle with internal affairs of Barnwell County nor to take part in an apparent disagreement between the Senator of the county and members of the House from Barnwell and so the matter was passed over, no action being taken.

Governor McLeod, in his letter to the Senate, said that he had vetoed the measure because he had been requested to veto it by the Hon. D. W. Heckle and Edgar A. Brown, members of the Barnwell delegation. The Governor declared that the reasons for the request of the veto were that "the act makes radical changes in the county and . . . that the act attempts to legislate out of office the present commissioners or directors who were appointed under an act for a term of four years, only two years of which have been served."

### Heckle Against Bill.

From the records it appeared, the Governor said, that Mr. Heckle opposed the bill upon its introduction in the House and that Mr. Brown favored it. Mr. Brown now states, the Governor wrote the Senate, that for certain reasons, he was not familiar with the changes provided for in the bill or he would not have allowed it to pass. Petitions also were presented the Governor by Mr. Heckle protesting against the proposed change, the Governor said.

In conclusion the Governor said that it appeared to him the bill should not become law and that the "present form of county government for the county of Barnwell should continue until such time as the members of the Senate and House . . . can agree upon a form of government acceptable to all."

Attached to the Governor's message was a letter from Representatives Brown and Heckle in which, after asking that the Governor veto the bill, it was stated that "when this bill came to the House Mr. Heckle, one of the members, was opposed to it, the other member being agreeable to change in the county government that was conservative and reasonable, but the other member, being the Speaker of the House and being so engrossed with other matters didn't have the time to study and digest the changes proposed in the bill, otherwise, he would not have allowed the bill to pass the house."

When the communication from the Governor had been read, Senator Patterson, of Barnwell, made a speech to the Senate, in which he declared that he had told the Governor he would resign his seat before he would stand for it.

Without taking any action, the Senate passed over the matter.

### Young White Man Painfully Burned

Horace Ray a young white man, who lives several miles from Barnwell, was painfully burned Wednesday night of last week. According to information received here, Mr. Ray was drawing some gasoline from an automobile tank and struck a match. The gasoline was ignited and his left arm was covered with the burning liquid. Before he and his companion succeeded in extinguishing the fire, Mr. Ray's left hand and arm and his right hand were badly burned. He was brought to Barnwell and his burns were dressed by Dr. Chas. A. Hensley.

The People is glad to add Col. N. G. W. Walker to its large family of satisfied readers. Another new "member of the family" is Mrs. S. D. Walton, of Farmville, Va., who is a sister of Mrs. W. E. McNab, of this city.

## EARLY MORNING BLAZE DESTROYED MANY CARS

### Wins State Sweepstakes

Mr. W. W. Harley, of Barnwell, won the South Carolina State sweepstakes at the National Seed Corn Show at Chicago last week, according to advices reaching here today. Mr. Harley took first place from among 170 competitors representing 15 counties in the State. The National Seed Corn Show, in which Mr. Harley won high honors, was the largest corn show the world has ever seen. Close to 30,000 growers had entries in the show, and \$17,000 in prizes was offered by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation for the winning ears in the exhibit. Each ear was tested for germination, and the judges were ten of the outstanding corn authorities in America.

### Honor Roll for the Barnwell High School

All names appearing below have made an average of 90 per cent. for the first semester. Some have made an average of 90 per cent. on their work, but have failed, to make the grade on Department or Attendance:

First Grade—Mary Brown, Ernest Cave, John B. Grubbs, Stuart Hensley, Elizabeth Mace, Clara Sue Matthews, Bernice Terry and Kathryn Wilcox.  
Second Grade—Florence Harley, Reuben Kirkland, June Milhous, Mary Gay O'Bannon, Billie Davies, Bobbie Dicks, Edward Richardson and Julius Seagle.  
Third Grade—Emily Black, Lloyd Bodiford, Paul Bolen, Mary Holland, Elizabeth Jones, Rodman Lemon, Hilda Martin, Perry Parker, Eleanor Sanders, Robert Sanders, Ben T. Sexton, Gertrude Woodward and Olin Woodward.  
Fourth Grade—Pearl Beasley, Thelma Bodiford, Patricia Dicks, Lawson Holland, Eunice Moody, Richard Moody and Wilson Sanders.  
Fifth Grade—Claire Dicks, Elizabeth Hagood, Susanne Blackwood, Anne Scott McNab and Cecil Browning Ray.  
Sixth Grade—Stephen Deason, Mildred Moore, and Derry Patterson.  
Seventh Grade—Mary Anne Halford, and Beverly Simms.  
Eighth Grade—Ben Davies, Calhoun Lemon, Margaret Lemon, Harold Seay and Frieda Towne.  
Ninth Grade—Dorothy Sanders.  
Tenth Grade—Miriam Creech, Ruth Dicks, Frances Lemon, Julia Lemon, Verna Lee, Lavinia Moore and Polly Walker.  
Eleventh Grade—Maude Brabham, Ruth Claray, Willie B. Deason, Jamesina Hill and Frances Simms.

### Visits County Schools.

Mr. D. L. Lewis, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, of Columbia, is in the county this week visiting the schools with County Supt. Crouch. Mr. Lewis is a school man of varied school experiences. He is a graduate of Peabody College and the University of Chicago, and has served as Superintendent of several South Carolina city school systems and as County Superintendent of Darlington County. He is contributed to the State Department of Education by the General Education Board of New York City. The schools visited by Mr. Lewis and Supt. Crouch this week are Seven Pines, Columbia, San Hill, Dunbarton, Elko, Long Branch, Hercules, Hilda, Double Pond and Healing Springs.

### Three Men Arrested.

Dave Jeffcoat, Mose Jeffcoat and Shelley Bessinger, young white men, of Barnwell, were arrested here Monday by a Federal officer on a charge of violating the prohibition law and carried to Aiken, where they were released under bonds of \$500 each. The arrests were made as the result of a raid last fall by Chief of Police J. B. Ross, Policeman Perry Beasley and Constable J. W. Sanders.

It is understood that warrants are out for two other white men for an alleged violation of the prohibition law.

The Williston baseball team defeated the Fairview team at Williston Friday afternoon, 9 to 7.

### W. D. HARLEY MOTOR CO.'S GARAGE BADLY DAMAGED.

Fire Was Discovered About Two O'Clock Yesterday Morning.— Little Insurance.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed or badly damaged between 15 and 20 automobiles and also caused considerable damage to the garage of the W. D. Harley Motor Co. on Main Street yesterday (Wednesday) morning. The blaze was first discovered about two o'clock and was then burning fiercely. The volunteer fire fighters responded promptly and in a short while had the fire under control, but not before a large amount of damage had been done to the building and contents.

The garage, which is a large brick building, is owned by Mrs. W. W. Moore, of Columbia. It is not known whether or not she carried any insurance, but Mr. Harley stated yesterday that he had only \$1,000, which only partially covers his loss.

### C. of C. Chapter Organized Here

At a meeting held with Mrs. G. M. Greene, president of the Johnson-Hagood Chapter, U. D. C., at the Rest Room, a chapter of Children of the Confederacy was organized on Monday afternoon. Thirty two children were present and about fifty enrolled. Several of the mothers were also present.

After a short prayer, a talk was made by Mrs. Greene, who welcomed the children into the patriotic work and explained the purposes of the Children of the Confederacy.

It seems that there was some misunderstanding as to eligibility of the boys and only girls were present. It is the desire of the chapter that all children, boys and girls, from infancy to eighteen years of age, become members and at the age of eighteen the girls go into the chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy and the boys to Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. At this time both boys and girls are being enrolled, and all children who are lineal descendants or nieces, grandnieces, nephews or grand nephews of men and women who honorably served the Confederate States of America are eligible.

The following officers were elected: Maude Brabham, president; Willie Bush Deason, vice-president; Frances Lemon, recording secretary; Julia Lemon, corresponding secretary; Blanch Bennett, treasurer; Frances Simms, historian; Katherine Holland, Registrar; Ruth Hull Dicks, Press reporter; Elizabeth Humphries, Chaplain.

The following committees were appointed: Membership, Annie Moody, chairman, Dorothy Sanders, Polly Walker, Mildred Cail; Program: Margaret McAllister, chairman, Lavinia Moore, Margaret Lemon, Essie Morris.

After adjournment refreshments were served.

### George W. Parker Dead.

George Washington Parker, aged 59 years, a resident of Columbia, died at the home of his nephew, Warren Parker, of Williston, Monday night at 11:15 o'clock.

Mr. Parker while recovering from a recent illness went to Williston to visit his brother and other relatives. He was stricken with pneumonia last Thursday and died Monday night.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Lula Wooley, of Williston, four daughters, Mrs. Annie Fields, of Barnwell, Mrs. Bertha Brogwin, of Columbia, Mrs. Pearl Crowley, of Camden, Mrs. Lessie Sanders, of Walterboro, and Miss Mertis Parker, of Columbia, and three sons, Jesse and Theodore Parker, of Columbia, and Willie Parker, of Great Falls; three brothers, A. A. Parker, of Dublin, Ga., P. F. and C. B. Parker, of Williston, and numerous nephews, nieces and grandchildren and other relatives throughout this part of the State.

Funeral services were held at the Wooley cemetery in the Pleasant Hill section Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Parker was a member of the St. George Baptist Church, where he resided until recently.