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COUNTY CHAIRMAN ISSUES NOTICE OF CLUB MEETINGS

PRECINCTS WILL REORGANIZE SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

County Convention Will Be Held in
Barnwell May 3rd.—State Con-
vention May 19.

Elsewhere in this issue of The People-Sentinel will be found County Chairman Edgar A. Brown's notice to the various clubs to reorganize and elect delegates to the County Convention, which will convene here May 3rd. These club meetings are preliminary to the County and State Conventions to be held in May, by which time it is believed that many candidates will have succumbed to the siren call of "admirable friends" and thrown their hats, around which political bees are already buzzing, into the political arena.

This being the "off year" so far as the presidential race is concerned some interest is diverted, but on the other hand both a United States Senator and a governor, in addition to many other district, state and county places are to be filled. Therefore the meetings will be well attended and full of enthusiasm.

The Democrats reorganize every two years. The dates for the various meetings are fixed by the party rules and adopted by the Democratic state convention of 1924.

Precinct meetings—April 24.

County convention—May 3.

State convention—May 19.

In the case of the precinct meetings, a change may be made to any day that week provided due notice is given, but almost without exception the precincts will reorganize on the stated date.

The precincts will elect officers and name delegates to the county convention, which in turn will name officers and select representatives for the state meeting, which is held in Columbia. The state convention will adopt a platform and elect officers. The state executive committee will arrange the county to county itinerary for the senatorial and state parties, while the county executive committees will attend to campaign details for county vacancies. The state executive committee will fix assessments for senatorial, congressional and state candidates, while the county committees will handle their respective counties in this matter.

Governor McLeod, now winding up four years, will not offer for reelection. There are a flock of announced and potential candidates for chief executive. So far none has announced against Senator Smith, and only here and there have there been any announcements for other offices.

Meeting Postponed Until Future Date

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of the members of the State Tax Commission as to the appointed hour for the meeting scheduled to be held at Barnwell Monday afternoon at one o'clock with the County Board of Assessors, the meeting was postponed until a future date on motion of those present. Messrs. J. Fraser Lyon and J. P. Durham, members of the commission, did not arrive here until about 2:30 o'clock, and stated that they understood the hour appointed for the meeting was three o'clock. The members of the Board of Assessors, none of whom had had dinner, were tired and hungry and as some of them were busy with asparagus, it was deemed wise to defer the discussion of the situation for a few days, a convenient date to be agreed upon by Auditor Manning, Mr. R. R. Johnston, of Elko, chairman of the county board, and the members of the Tax Commission. While here, Messrs. Lyon and Durham were the guests of Col. Edgar A. Brown.

Bridge Club Meets.

The Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Charlie Brown, Sr. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Edgar A. Brown and the consolation was cut by Mrs. L. M. Calhoun.

After the games, delightful cream and cake were served.

Asparagus Growers Organize Assn. Here

Local asparagus growers organized an association here last week, to be known as the Barnwell Asparagus Association, and shipments in car lots are already going forward to Northern and Eastern markets. Shipments were made by express last week, the first solid carload being sold here Monday, netting the members about \$1,210. The following following prices were paid on the track: Colossal, \$3.50; Fancy, \$2.75, and Choice, \$1.75.

The officers of the association are: W. L. Cave, president; W. J. Lemon, secretary and treasurer; E. D. Peacock, Mordecai Mazursky and Terie Richardson, executive committee.

A label, printed in green ink on white paper, has been adopted by the association and bears the inscription: "Barnwell Asparagus Association, Barnwell, S. C.," together with a picture of a bunch of "grass."

The association will fill a real need here, as the acreage around Barnwell has grown at such a rapid rate in the past few years that individual shipments by express were out of the question and the expense of and time lost in trucking asparagus to Elko or Williston worked too great a hardship.

While returns for asparagus shipped on consignment have proved a great disappointment to growers in the county, the prices received, here on the track for "Barnwell grass," all of which is cut green, have been quite satisfactory to the members of the local association.

It is understood that about nine carloads were shipped out of this county Monday.

Williston Girl Wins High School Contest

Miss Edith Bell, of the Williston-Elko High School, and Miss Mildred Lewis, of the Kline Grammar School, were the winners in the county spelling contest held here Wednesday night of last week and will represent Barnwell County at the State spelling contest to be held at Rock Hill in July. The contest proved very interesting, especially in the race for high school honors, as Miss Bell and Miss Polly Walker, of the Barnwell High School tied in the first tests given. In the second test Miss Bell was declared the winner.

Little Miss Katherine Weissinger, of the Blackville school, was a close second in the grammar school contest.

Dr. A. P. Bourland, of Winthrop College, who fosters the State contest, acted as one of the judges here and congratulated the contestants and their teachers upon the splendid showing made, predicting that the winners in the State contest will have to beat the Barnwell County representatives.

Some old-time fiddling by Ex-Senator Hubbard and an old fashioned "blue-back spelling book" contest added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Fowler Re-elected as Superintendent

Prof. C. H. Fowler has been re-elected as Superintendent of the Barnwell schools for another year, according to an announcement made public by the Board of Trustees Tuesday. It has been rumored for some time that he would be chosen to succeed himself, but nothing definite was known until the announcement this week. It was stated at the same time that the other members of the faculty for the 1926-1927 session have not yet been selected.

To Sing Cantata at Williston.

The Cantata, "Redemption's Song," which delighted such a large audience at the Vamp Theatre Easter Sunday night, will be sung Sunday night, April 18th, in the Baptist Church of Williston, in response to an invitation from a number of music lovers of that town.

The days gain 13 minutes in sunshine this week.

Luther Burbank, Famous Horticulturist



Here is the great "Plant Wizard," snapped while on an inspection tour of his wonder gardens at Santa Rosa, California. Mr. Burbank died Sunday at the advanced age of 77 years.

19 Batters Whiff Ether in One Game

The Barnwell High School baseball team won an exciting game from Varnville on the latter's diamond Friday afternoon, the final score being 3 to 2. So evenly matched were the two teams that the result was in doubt until the last man had been put out, as Barnwell scored the winning run in the ninth inning after having tied the score in the eighth.

Although Barnwell loaded the bases in the first inning with only one out, they were unable to score, and Varnville drew first blood in their half of that frame, when, with two out and a man on base, one of the players, clouted the old pill for the circuit. For the remainder of the game, Ben Armstrong was invincible, striking out 19 batters and keeping the hits well scattered.

Barnwell's first tally was made in the fifth inning. In the eighth, a triple and a double made it two-all, while in the ninth the necessary extra run was put across.

Both teams played excellent ball and all of the players proved themselves good sports.

Armstrong, the locals' star pitcher, enjoys the remarkable record of 64 strike-outs to his credit in four games this season, all of which have been won by Barnwell.

Five in a Row.

In an easy win over the Estill High School team, 9 to 1, Tuesday afternoon at Estill, the Barnwell boys copied their fifth straight victory and kept up their undefeated record.

The Beaufort team plays here Friday afternoon and local fans are urged to attend the game.

Bridge Club Met Tuesday.

The regular meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Solomon Blatt. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Charlie Brown, Sr., and the consolation was cut by Mrs. B. P. Davies. After the games a delightful salad course was served.

Womanless Wedding Will Be Presented

A "Womanless Wedding" will be presented at the Vamp Theatre this (Thursday) evening, April 15th at eight o'clock, for the benefit of the Associated Charities of Barnwell. An admission fee of 25 and 50 cents will be charged. The cast of characters, which insures the success of the wedding, is as follows:

The Bride—Boncil H. Dyches.
The Groom—L. F. Jackson.
Maid of Honor—Ralph Smith.
Bride's Mother—G. Miller Greene.
Bride's Father—Mordecai Mazursky.
Bride's Little Sister—S. E. Moore.
Bride's Little Brother—Allen Brown.
Bride's Aunt—A. A. McAllister.
Groom's Mother—John B. Ross.
Groom's Aunt—H. P. Compton.
Best Man—Hayne Hogg.
Flower Girls—Seymour Owens and Howard Cady.

Ringbearer—Hugh Boinest.
The Parson—Edgar A. Brown.
Groom's men—John McNab, Jack Phillips, Flowers Calhoun, Furman Davis, Lloyd Plexico, Tom Bolen, Bill Harris, Monroe Terry, W. C. Milhous, Monroe Morris, Billy Duncan, Frank Kirkland and Harry Anderson.

Bride's maids—P. W. Price, J. K. Snelling, C. H. Fowler, A. J. Bennett, W. E. McNab, W. P. Franklin, Ed Woodward, Bill Manning, Jack Morris, J. M. Brodie, S. B. Moseley, Lang Cave and Ben Moore.

Music by Male Quartette. Daniel Merritt, piano; W. R. Hubbard, violin; C. K. Sanders, solo.

Ushers—Charlie Brown and Solomon Blatt.

The audience is invited and urged to remain for the dance in honor of the bridal party, which will be given immediately after the ceremony.

Sheriff Captures Booze.

Sheriff Boncil H. Dyches and his deputy, Mr. Perry Beasley, raided the home of H. H. Williams, in Rosemary township, Monday and report finding five gallons of liquor in the kitchen. Williams was arrested and carried to Williston, where he was released under bond by Magistrate R. L. Wooley.

ANNOUNCEMENT OPENS MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

The Barnwell municipal campaign is formerly opened this week by the announcement of Mr. W. D. Harley as a candidate for Mayor to succeed the present incumbent, Mr. J. G. Moody, Jr., who was elected two years ago in a hotly contested election. Mr. Harley's announcement comes as no surprise, as it has been generally known for some time that he would be a candidate again this summer. He is a former member of the city council and is a prominent young business man, being the local Hudson-Essex dealer. He has always taken an active interest in politics, town, county and State, and is too well known to the voters of Barnwell to need any introduction at the hands of The People-Sentinel. If elected, he pledges himself to give the people of this city a clean, businesslike administration. It is not definitely known at this

time whether or not Mr. Harley will have any opposition, although the names of several gentlemen have been mentioned as possible candidates. Mr. Moody was asked Tuesday morning whether or not he would make the race for re-election and stated at that time that he has not fully decided.

There have been no formal announcements yet by candidates for Alderman, nor is it known whether any of the present incumbents will seek re-election.

Mr. Harley's announcement has broken the ice and it is highly probable that others will follow, as it is understood that the municipal election will be held at an earlier date this year than usual in order not to conflict with the county and State elections, which has always caused more or less embarrassment to candidates in the past.

113 DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Tornado Wednesday Caused Some Damage

Barnwell County was visited by a tornado on Wednesday afternoon of last week, which from reports received in Barnwell traveled in a north-easterly direction, causing more or less damage wherever it struck. Mr. J. H. Wall, of the Martin section, was in the city Monday and told a representative of The People-Sentinel that the twister passed near his home, uprooting trees and unroofing houses wherever it struck. The greatest damage seemed to have been at the home of one of his neighbors, a Mr. Rountree. So far as is known, nobody in that section was injured. A negro who watched the tornado from a distance, said Mr. Wall, said that the dense black cloud, dipping to earth and twisting off large trees in its path, was an awe-inspiring spectacle.

The twister seems to have struck again near Long Branch Church, where two houses on the farm of Mr. John B. Ross were badly damaged and other damage caused in the neighborhood. One of the houses was occupied by Mr. Ross' son, Mr. Monroe Ross, and the other by his son-in-law, Mr. Luther Black. Fortunately no member of their families was injured. It was reported here that the residence of Mr. Lennie Birt was damaged somewhat and many trees in that neighborhood were blown down.

A tornado the same afternoon practically demolished a residence near Lexington and it is possible that it was the same one that passed through this county, as a glance at a map will show that the places struck are about in a line.

The Hoodoo Pleased Large Audience Here

"The Hoodoo," a three-act comedy by Williston talent, pleased a large audience at the Vamp Theatre here Thursday evening. It was billed as "a dollar's worth of fun for fifty cents," and it was all of that. While the entire cast was splendid, the outstanding stars were Mr. M. M. Player as Professor Spiggot; Miss Margaret Burnett as his 17-year old son, Hemachus; Miss Clio Crosby as Dodo DeGraft; Miss Grace Givens as Angeline; Miss Thelma Braseidon as Lulu, the maid, and Mrs. W. H. Manning as Aunt Paradise, the colored cook. The plot of the play was interesting, the comedy good and while the action dragged just a little at times, the production was well above the average of local talent plays and every one taking part is to be congratulated for his or her part in making it a success.

One-third of the proceeds, after deducting expenses, was for the benefit of the Barnwell Methodist Church building fund.

Baseball Schedule of Barnwell High School

The following is the baseball schedule of the Barnwell High School for the remaining games this season:

April 16—Beaufort at Barnwell.
April 20—Barnwell at Allendale.
April 23—Estill at Barnwell.
April 27—Denmark at Denmark.
April 30—Allendale at Barnwell.
May 4—Salley at Salley.
May 7—Denmark at Barnwell.
May 12—Hampton at Hampton.
May 14—Varnville at Barnwell.
May 18—Salley at Barnwell.
May 21—Beaufort at Beaufort.
May 25—Open.
May 28—Open.

Auto Accident Monday Night.

The automobiles of Dr. A. B. Patterson and Mr. W. H. Duncan were badly damaged in a collision on Turkey Creek Hill early Monday night.

D. A. R.'s Meet.

The local D. A. R. Chapter was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Lizzie M. Cave. After the business session, the hostess served a delightful chicken salad course.

BARNWELL CLUB HAS LARGEST REPRESENTATION.

Increase in Total Number of Delegates Over Two Years Ago
About 20 Per Cent.

When Chairman Edgar A. Brown calls the County Convention to order at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, May 3rd, there should be 113 delegates present from the 17 clubs in Barnwell County—an increase of practically 20 per cent. over the number in attendance two years ago, which the total representation was 95. In 1922 the number of delegates was only 66, so that the attendance this year will be nearly double. This increase is due to the fact that more women voted two years ago than in 1922, the first election to be held after they were given the ballot.

Under the rules of the Democratic party in this State, the number of delegates to the County Convention is ascertained by the membership of the various clubs, one delegate being allowed for every 25 members or majority fraction thereof, based on the number of votes polled in the first primary of the preceding election year. According to this rule, the clubs are entitled to the following number of delegates:

Club	Vote in 1924	No. of Delegates
Barnwell	639	26
Blackville	447	18
Bennett Springs	66	3
Dunbarton	162	6
Elko	149	7
Four Mile	64	3
Friendship	69	3
Great Cypress	133	5
Healing Springs	48	2
Hercules	140	6
Hilda	109	4
Red Oak	55	2
Reedy Branch	71	3
Rosemary	100	4
Siloam	86	3
Williston	421	17
Total	2,810	113

In 1924 the number of delegates elected to the County Convention was 95, eighteen less than for the present year. Four years ago, the Barnwell Club was entitled to only 13 delegates, whereas in the forth-coming convention, this precinct's representation will be 26—just double. In the same period Blackville's representation increased from 11 to 18 and Williston's from nine to 17. The percentage of increase in the country precincts is smaller, being only about 50 per cent, while in Double Pond there has been no increase whatever in the last four years, that club's representation being then and now only two delegates.

Barnwell shows the largest increase in number of votes as well as delegates, the gain being 140 votes—an increase of 28 per cent.—and six delegates. Blackville polled only 52 votes more in 1924 than in 1922—an increase of a little more than 13 per cent—the gain in number of delegates being two. Williston polled 73 more votes, or an increase of about 21 per cent, and a gain of three delegates. From these figures it would seem that Barnwell is enjoying a relatively larger growth than any other town in the county, and this is gratifying to the people of this thriving little city, but, on the other hand, the fact that the towns are growing at a faster rate than the country may be taken as an unhealthy sign, inasmuch as this is an agricultural county and the increase may mean the continued migration of country people to the towns.

Joiner-Bronson.

A surprise marriage of cordial interest to many friends was that of Miss Jessie Joiner, of Hendersonville, N. C., and Dr. E. A. (Max) Bronson, of this city, the marriage being performed Monday in the Tar Heel city, according to information received here Tuesday. Mrs. Bronson is well known in Barnwell, where she made her home for a number of years. Dr. Bronson is a popular druggist of this city. The many friends of the young couple wish them a long life of happiness and prosperity.