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BOTH BANKS AT ALLENDALE CLOSED THURSDAY MORNING

COUNTY IS WITHOUT A BANKING INSTITUTION.

Suspension Came as Shock to Citizens of the Town and County.—No Animosity.

Allendale's two banks, The Citizens Bank and The Allendale Bank, failed to open their doors Thursday morning. This leaves Allendale County without a banking institution.

State Bank Examiner Albert S. Fant came from Columbia Thursday and personally closed the two banks. In a statement to a representative of the Citizen State Bank Examiner declared that he had closed the banks simultaneously for the protection of the depositors and creditors. Explaining the reason for closing the two banks he expressed the opinion that had one bank closed and not the other a run would have been made on the one remaining open, which would have forced this bank to pay out all funds on hand to depositors demanding their money which would make a small percentage of depositors preferred creditors, leaving others, with equal rights, but without equal knowledge of the impending catastrophe, to unjustly suffer, whereas, all depositors and creditors of the bank will share proportionately.

Although the suspension of the two banks here came as a shock and surprise to the citizens of the town and county, there appears to be no animosity toward officials of the banks, on the other hand the universal feeling expressed by the business men and citizens of the town is one of confidence in the honesty and integrity of the men in charge of the banks. Several men who should know what they are talking about declared Thursday morning that both banks would pay not less than seventy per cent to the depositors and creditors and it was very likely that full payment would be made by one of the banks and ninety per cent by the other.

On the front door of each bank was posted the same notice, except for the signatures of the directors, and the name of the institution. The notice on The Allendale Bank reads:

"At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of The Allendale Bank, Allendale, S. C., called for the purpose of going into its affairs, it was discovered that the bank had sustained heavy withdrawals on the part of the depositors for the past few days, and realizing that for the best interest of all depositors and creditors alike, that it was advisable to place the affairs of the bank in the hands of the State Bank Examiner for a period of thirty days under Section 3981 of the Code of 1922, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that such action be taken forthwith." The notice bears the signatures of the following officers: E. H. Oswald, J. L. Oswald, W. Z. Bryan, and J. H. Hewlett.

A notice similarly worded is posted on the front door at The Citizens Bank and is signed by the following directors: J. H. Warren, W. F. Googe, C. O. All, LeRoy Wilson, T. L. Pearlstone, and W. I. Johns.—Allendale County Citizen.

Harris Appointed Local Postmaster

Of interest to the patrons of the Barnwell post office is the announcement that Mr. W. M. Harris, acting postmaster, has been appointed as regular postmaster for the ensuing four years. Following the resignation of Postmaster R. A. Deason several months ago, Mr. Harris received the temporary appointment until a successor could be chosen. An examination was held in Allendale, at which time there were several applicants for the position. Last week Mr. Harris received notice of his appointment. Mr. Harris and his capable assistant, Mrs. Harris, have been rendering the patrons of the office very efficient service and, aside from any personal choice that some may have had in the matter, it is generally believed that his appointment will meet with the approval of a large number of Barnwell people.

New Assistant Secretary



Photo shows Carl T. Schuneman, the new assistant secretary of U. S. Treasury. He succeeds John B. Winston who has retired.

Club Health Contest Is Engaging Interest

The 4-H Club Health Contest is engaging the interest of the club girls throughout the county. Every club girl is eligible and is expected to do her best to make herself the best specimen possible. The Food and Health Rules Habit score cards will be kept through a period of eight weeks by each contestant and at the end of that period two girls from each club will be selected by the home demonstration agent, with the assistance of a nurse or physician, to enter the county contest. The winner in the county contest will enter the district contest. The contestant from each of the districts will be awarded a free trip to the State Fair, where a final examination will be held to decide the highest scoring health contestant to represent South Carolina 4-H Club work in the National Health Contest in Chicago. The State Company of Columbia has appropriated a fund for the trip of the winner.

Local U. D. C. Chapter Will Meet Friday

Johnson Hagood Chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. G. M. Greene on Friday afternoon, the 28th inst., at four o'clock. This promises to be one of the largest meetings held in some time for the reason that in the month of January occur the birthdays of Lee, Jackson and Maury and an excellent program has been prepared by the President, Mrs. R. S. Dicks, with excerpts from the lives of these noted men. Another treat in store is a talk on World War Service Crosses by Mrs. Eugene Buckingham, of Ellenton, Director of World War Service Crosses for the Edisto District. This being the month for the payment of dues, each member is urged to be present and bring \$1.00 for dues for the current year. Assistant hostesses for this meeting will be Mesdames Shellie Black, M. C. Diamond, T. K. Bolen, L. M. Middleton and Miss Lucile Dicks.

Combined Chapters Met Last Wednesday

On last Wednesday, the 19th inst., a very interesting meeting of the combined chapters of Children of Confederacy was held with Mrs. G. M. Greene, Director of the Edisto District. Quite a large number was present and the newly elected leaders of the chapters, Mesdames Forest Brown and James Dicks, also met the children and plans for the work of the coming year were outlined and officers elected. The children showed great interest in the work and much good is expected to result from this meeting.

After all business was laid aside, delicious home made candies were served the children.

Mr. C. F. Molair went down to Charleston Sunday afternoon, being a juror in Federal Court this week. While there he will also attend the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church.

DOES YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE THIS WEEK?

A number of subscriptions expire with this issue of The People-Sentinel and the publisher hopes that each and every one of them will be renewed promptly in order that no issues may be missed. Under our paid-in-advance plan, which was inaugurated over a year ago, names are dropped from our mailing list when the subscription expires. This is no reflection on the honesty or integrity of any subscriber, but experience has proven that it is the only way to conduct a newspaper. Hundreds of dollars have been lost in the past on the old pay-as-you-please plan, and with the increased costs of production no paper can continually sustain these losses and remain in business.

Therefore, the publisher requests that subscribers refer to their address labels NOW. If it reads "Feb. 27" or "Feb. 1927" the subscription expires with THIS ISSUE. Our mailing list will be revised this week and the names of all those not paid in advance will be dropped. We hope that it will not be necessary to remove a single name. An interesting new serial story which begins next week is well worth the price of a years subscription, to say nothing of the local and county news and special features in every issue.

If your subscription expires this week, send us \$1.50 for another year. DO IT NOW.

ALLENDALE HAS TOBACCO LANDS

BARNWELL COUNTY CAN ALSO GROW THE WEED.

R. H. Sams, Jr., Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Says Lands There Are Correct Type.

Mr. R. H. Sams, Jr., teacher of vocational agriculture in the Allendale schools, believes that tobacco can be grown profitably on the lands in Allendale County. Experiments have shown that Barnwell County soil is admirably adapted to the production of the "weed" and what Mr. Sams has to say on this subject in the following interview should be applicable to this county also:

"Allendale County has ideal land for growing tobacco.

"While tobacco may be grown on any type of well drained soil, to produce the best grades bright or yellow tobacco certain soils are very necessary. The soil types that produce the best bright tobacco are Orangeburg, Sandy, Coxville and Norfolk, fine sandy loams. The Norfolk coarse sandy loam and a well drained Portsmouth will produce good tobacco under certain seasonal conditions.

"Allendale County is represented in most parts by the Norfolk types of sandy loam. Just a reasonable amount of humus is necessary. Weeds and broom sedge when allowed to grow upon land of the right soil type, when plowed under in the fall in time to rot will give about the proper amount of humus. Fine decayed leaves and top soil from the woods where oak trees are plentiful make good humus in the soil when broadcast or applied lightly in the furrow where tobacco is to be planted. Tobacco also does well on stubble land after oats or rye planted the previous year.

"Tobacco can be made to fill in very nicely on the average farm on which cotton has been the main money crop. The time of planting and harvesting coming when labor is not needed in cotton production enables the planter to utilize his labor all the year through. Good tobacco has always commanded a remunerative price and probably always will do so. This makes tobacco one of the best crops for the small white or colored farmer who is assisted by his family in farm work. It certainly offers a liberal profit where care and intelligence are used in its production and sale.

"Why is the Pee Dee section of this State much more prosperous than other sections of the State? Simply because tobacco brings millions of dollars into that section. I have lived in Lake City, Florence County, for five years, and this is considered the largest market for tobacco in South Carolina. There I taught vocational agriculture for a number of years and in this way I came in contact with the farmers and the boys of my agricultural class. These school boys and adult farmers had many acres of tobacco planted as a project under my supervision, therefore in this capacity I feel that I can be of help to farmers

HON. J. E. HARLEY WOULD LOWER GASOLINE PRICES

Took "Ma's" Place



The youngest governor Texas ever had now sits in the seat which Ma Ferguson has held for two years. The youthful Dan Moody took office January 18.

School Trustees to Meet Here Feb. 7th

County Superintendent of Education Horace J. Crouch has requested the trustees of all school districts to attend a conference at the Court House Monday morning, February 7th, at 11 o'clock, at which the members of the Barnwell legislative delegation and the members of the County Board of Education will also be in attendance. Notices of the meeting were mailed this week to the trustees, requesting that they make every effort to attend. The card reads as follows:

"After consulting with the Barnwell County Delegation of the South Carolina General Assembly, the County Board of Education decided it wise to call the School District Trustees into a conference to discuss some school matters which need consideration. We are calling this conference for Monday, February 7th, 1927, 11:00 o'clock a. m., at the Court House.

"All of the School Trustees, Members of the Barnwell Delegation and Members of the Barnwell County Board of Education will be in attendance. Since the things to be discussed are very important, the County Board of Education insists upon your attendance and requests that you come on time. If necessary, please make a sacrifice to be present."

fore the buyers will give a low price and in some cases pass it by.

"I have talked with a good many farmers in this community since coming here last year and from what I can find out the causes of most failures are due to the fact that most of the farmers went into growing tobacco on too big a scale and it was a new thing for them. Then, too, tobacco reached its peak in price in 1918. After that it started down, and the farmers went into it when the market was down. It costs a good deal to start with any new enterprise. The farmers had all the initial costs to meet this same year. It is the farmer who can cut down the cost of production that will make the best returns in profits. This is one reason why the south-west farmers can make cotton at a profit when we cannot. We will have to plant small acreages of tobacco at first until we can grow it perfectly, and most of the initial costs will be met gradually.

"I am planning on putting in four or five acres of tobacco this year. Any less acreage would not be economical to cure unless it were possible to cooperate with a neighbor in making up a full barn. I am also trying to get some of my Agricultural Class in High School interested, especially where they have access to a tobacco barn.

"I will be glad to help in any community where I can get a few farmers together and give them instructions in how to grow and care for tobacco. I will be glad also to write articles in the local paper as to when and how the different jobs in tobacco growing should be carried out. My services will be free to all farmers—just call for me at the public school building or send word by school children if you are interested in growing tobacco and I will come to see you."

"As I have mentioned before there is always a demand for good tobacco and when farmers try to plant too much or more than they can properly care for, there will be a great deal of low grade tobacco made, and there-

MAY INTRODUCE BILL IN HOUSE THIS WEEK.

Allowing Sale of Lower Test Gasoline Would Result in Saving of Thousands of Dollars.

Acting upon an editorial suggestion in last week's issue of The Barnwell People-Sentinel, the Hon. J. E. Harley member of the House of Representatives from Barnwell County, is gathering data relative to gasoline prices in this and adjoining States preparatory to the introduction of a bill in the General Assembly that, if passed, would result in the saving of thousands of dollars annually to the automobile owners of South Carolina.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the price of gasoline in South Carolina averages several cents a gallon higher than it does in Georgia, and all of the difference is not caused by the tax on "gas," which is five cents in this State and three cents in Georgia. The real cause, it is understood, is the fact that South Carolina requires oil companies to sell a gasoline of higher specific gravity in this State than is sold in Georgia in neighboring States, and for this "quality" gasoline, automobile owners are forced to pay from seven to nine cents a gallon more. For instance, automobile owners in Barnwell County bought gasoline in August, during the holidays for eighteen cents a gallon, and at that time gasoline was selling in this county for 27 cents. Allowing for the difference in the tax in the two States, owners here were paying seven cents a gallon, or nearly fifty per cent, more than it could be had across the river. So far as can be learned, there has been no complaint of the poor performance of their cars on the part of automobile owners who bought the Georgia grade of gasoline.

All of which being true, Col. Harley stated here Monday that he will introduce a bill in the House of Representatives, probably this week, that would abolish the present requirement as to the standard of gasoline sold in South Carolina and allow automobile owners the opportunity of driving their cars on gasoline costing several cents a gallon less than they are paying today. It is believed that such a bill can be passed without any material opposition and it is quite sure that it will meet with the whole-hearted approval of car owners throughout the State. Col. Harley points out that filling stations could continue to stock the present grade of "gas" for those fastidious drivers who care to pay the difference, but he is of the opinion that those who foot the bills should at least be given the opportunity of buying the cheaper grade, especially at a time when every effort is being made to cut down expenses.

Seminary Quartet to Be Here Sunday

The quartet from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary will visit Barnwell Sunday, January 30th and will render a program at the Baptist Church that evening at 7:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Dr. Hugh R. Murchison, pastor of the local Presbyterian church.

There will also be services at the local Presbyterian Church at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when Dr. Murchison will preach and the quartet will render a musical program.

Members and friends of other denominations are cordially invited to attend both of these services.

Spring-Like Warmth Follows Cold Blast

In welcome contrast to the biting cold of ten days ago was the Spring-like warmth that descended upon this section the latter part of last week, bringing with it visions of growing crops and blooming flowers and a desire to go a-fishin'. Overcoats were cast aside and even sack coats seemed to be burdensome to some men, who appeared on the streets in their shirt-sleeves. Of course, the Spring-like weather won't last long, as rain and colder weather were forecast for the week.