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WOMAN'S HEAD ALMOST SEVERED

HUSBAND COMMITS HORRIBLE CRIME AT BLACKVILLE

Jealousy Is Said to Have Been the Cause.—Naldo Tooney Lodged in County Jail.

Catherine Tooney, negress, is dead and her husband, Naldo Tooney, is in the Barnwell County Jail charged with her murder at Blackville Sunday afternoon. The crime is one of the most horrible that has been committed in this county in many years, the woman's head having been almost completely severed with a razor wielded by her spouse. Jealousy is said to have been the cause.

From information received at the Sheriff's office here, it is understood that the man and woman, who are natives of St. George, had separated. She moved to Blackville recently from Florida with her seven or eight months old baby. Saturday night Naldo is said to have visited her in an effort to induce the woman to return to him. Sunday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, another negro man drove up in front of the house in an automobile. Catherine went out to speak to him. Naldo's jealousy is said to have been aroused, and, according to his story, when she returned to the house, he remarked to her that he understood her to say that she didn't have any friends. He quoted her as replying that she had "plenty of d-n friends and intended to keep them." He told Sheriff Dyches that he was so enraged by her reply that he attacked her with a razor. He is said to have cut an ugly gash across her face and the woman ran out of the house into an adjoining yard. Her husband followed her, leaped an intervening fence and almost completely severed her head with the razor, it is alleged.

It is understood that the man made no effort to escape and surrendered peacefully to Sheriff Dyches, who was summoned to the scene of the crime. Sheriff Dyches has the weapon with which the crime was committed, a white handled razor. The point is broken off, but it is not known whether it was broken during the attack or before.

Robt. A. Easterling Buys Palatial Home

Bamberg, July 19.—An important real estate transaction has just been completed here which involves the conveyance of one of the most valuable residential pieces of property in Bamberg. The Jones A. Williams home, located on East Railroad avenue, and for years recognized as one of the show places of the city, has been bargained for by Robert A. Easterling, of Denmark, vice-president and manager of the Edisto Public Service Co. The deal was effected through H. M. Graham, local agent of the Atlantic Life Insurance Company, and the actual transfer of the title will be made at once.

This is a choice lot with an ideal location and a palatial home, and several thousand dollars will be expended to put the whole place in tip-top condition. In addition to Railroad avenue the place is also bounded by Second Street and North Street. Mr. Easterling is a splendid citizen and one of the foremost business men in this section of the state, and local people hope he will soon be one of them.

Perry B. Bush spent Sunday in McCormick.

Barnwell's Million Dollars.
Barnwell's 249 carloads of asparagus brought into the county during the shipping season recently ended about three hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. The farmers have received for some six hundred carloads of cucumbers more than a half million of dollars. Receipts from the melon crops will likely exceed three hundred thousand dollars. Barnwell, in other words, will this Spring and Summer receive more than a million dollars from cash crops other than cotton.—The State.

Torrential Rains Friday Afternoon

Although this section of the State has been visited by almost daily showers since the latter part of May, the heaviest rain of the season fell Friday afternoon, extending from Dunbarton to Williston, Blackville and the section adjacent to the Edisto River. From what can be learned the greatest amount of damage was done in the Dunbarton-Donora section, where the approaches to two bridges on the Barnwell-Elenton highway were washed out by the heavy rain, which was described as a near cloudburst. Bridges on the old Augusta road were also washed away, but large forces of workmen soon had the roads open to traffic again. Some damage to crops is also reported.

Snelling was also visited by J. Pluvius Friday afternoon and residents of that town state that the rain was the heaviest that they had ever seen. W. L. Baxley told a representative of The People-Sentinel that a large tub in his yard was filled to a depth of six inches after the rain, although it was empty beforehand.

Crops as a whole have suffered severe damage because of the incessant rainfall and boll weevil infestation is said to be growing heavier throughout the county each day. Even where the weevil is not doing a great amount of damage there is complaint of shedding, especially on light sandy lands. This writer has talked with numbers of farmers from various sections of the county during the past week and from their estimates of the present crop it would seem that not more than 20,000 to 22,000 bales of cotton will be made this year, as compared with nearly 30,000 bales in 1926. The watermelon crop has also suffered, but is being offset by the prices that the farmers are receiving. A fair corn crop is in prospect, but the hay crop is the most flourishing of all.

Gulf Refining Co. to Build Station?

A. J. Bennett, local manager of the Gulf Refining Company's tank wagon station at Barnwell, stated to a representative of The People-Sentinel on Monday that in all probability his company would erect a modern filling station here and that it would be in operation about September 1. While Mr. Bennett said that he is not in a position at this time to name the location of the proposed new station, it would be built on one of the main business streets of the city and would be complete in every detail for the convenience of motorists. Further announcements would be made, he said, when the plans are more fully matured.

Death of Mrs. E. E. Morris.

Mrs. Annie Eliza Morris, wife of E. E. Morris, of Barnwell, died in a Columbia hospital at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, the 16th inst., after more than a year of illness and suffering.

Mrs. Morris was a life-long member of the Baptist Church and at the time of her death was affiliated with the Barnwell Baptist Church. Through her long months of suffering she was ever cheerful and bore her illness with Christian fortitude. She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother, and a true and constant friend. The greatest pleasure of her life was in doing for others.

Mrs. Morris is survived by her husband, Edward E. Morris; one son, George Dewey Morris, and three stepdaughters, Miss Millie Morris, Mrs. C. A. Blume and Mrs. S. A. Kennedy, whose love and esteem for her was a testimonial of her splendid character and of her affection for them.

Her remains were brought to Barnwell Sunday and laid to rest at 4:30 o'clock that afternoon in the cemetery at Friendship Baptist church, the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Dr. W. M. Jones, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Heckie, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The pall-bearers were her four brothers, Luther Still, John C. Still, Joseph E. Still and Lee Still, and C. A. Blume and S. A. Kennedy.

Literal Len

"I'm striking a happy medium," said the detective as he hit the fake spiritualist over the head.

Sharkey — Dempsey



The hold former champion Jack Dempsey has on ring fans was reflected in the big advance sale of tickets to the Dempsey-Sharkey battle in New York, July 21—as "Jack the Giant Killer" started the "comeback" trail for another battle to regain his title which he lost to Gene Tunney last fall.

Cotton Gin Burned at Blackville Saturday

Brown's cotton gin at Blackville was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin early Saturday morning. It is understood that the plant had just been thoroughly overhauled by W. H. Birt, who has been operating the ginmery for the past several years, and some additional new machinery had been installed to take care of the new cotton crop. As no one is said to have been around the gin house for several days, it is thought that the fire was caused by a defective light wire.

Herman Brown, the owner of the plant, wired immediately to gin manufacturers and their representatives were expected in Blackville Monday. It is presumed that the plant will be rebuilt at once if the installation can be made in time for the coming crop. Another ginmery is being erected in Blackville by a concern that is said to be installing eight plants in this section. Just where the others are to be located is not known at this time.

Ira Fales Resigns; W. H. Duncan Elected

At a meeting of the Barnwell city council Monday evening, Ira Fales tendered his resignation as clerk, effective August 1st, which was accepted, and W. H. Duncan was elected in his stead. Mr. Fales has been city clerk for several years and has served very acceptably in this position. Mr. Duncan is a very capable young man, having served as Clerk of Court following the death of his father a number of years ago, and should prove a

Pays Big Price for Carload of Melons

W. M. Harris, of Barnwell, paid \$380 one day last week for a carload of watermelons grown by Jacob Hartzog, of Blackville. The melons, which were of the "Wonder" variety, averaged about 44 or 45 pounds, Mr. Harris said, and there was lively bidding among the buyers.

The crop as a whole around Blackville, however, is said to have suffered from rains, as is the case in this section. One grower told a Barnwell man Monday that he has 40 acres from which he does not expect to load a single car. A Dunbarton farmer was in the city one day last week and stated that he does not expect to load more than 10 or 12 cars from 60 acres.

Postoffice Service Augusta-Allendale

Washington, July 15.—The postoffice department today announced the following new order for mail service from Augusta to Allendale and return, by way of Appleton, Baldock, Martin, Milletteville, Hattieville, Elenton and Jackson, 50 to 52 miles and back, six times a week. The postmaster at Augusta is authorized to employ temporary star route service under section 1396 postal laws and regulations six times a week at the rate of \$1,721.50 per annum, effective July 18, 1927. Carrier not to be required to transport other than first class and newspaper mail.

worthy successor. He will continue to serve Barnwell route No. 2 as mail carrier.

"SEVEN POINTS"

In the presentation of the new plan of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, the explanation of the activities of the Association has been divided into seven points as follows.

1. GOOD COTTON ACCURATELY CLASSED.
2. ADEQUATE MARKET INFORMATION.
3. EFFICIENT OFFICE AND SALES MACHINE.
4. OBTAIN MIDDLEMEN'S PROFITS.
5. SPINNER COOPERATION.
6. INCREASING CONSUMER DEMAND.
7. PROFITS FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

Under each one of these seven points there is need for explanations which will be given later. Watch for them.

No 1 was explained a few days ago.

2.—Adequate Market Information.

In order that the members' cotton may be sold with intelligence, the Association has, together with other associations in the South, provided for the collection of all information which has a bearing on the trend of the market. For example, a crop reporting system has been set up paralleling the Government crop reporting system and the cooperative associations' crop forecast will be available at least five days ahead of the Government crop forecast and should be subsequently the same because it will have been prepared in identically the same manner. The Association also provides for the collection of general information bearing on the crop and the market. For example, rainfall, temperature and general condition of prosperity in every section of the world where cotton is used. The Associations have obtained workers formerly in the employ of the United States Government to assemble these facts and properly relate them for the use of those in charge of selling cotton. In addition, the associations through the American Cotton Growers' Exchange also get daily reports from all of the sales offices maintained by the cooperative associations throughout the world. By comparison of these prices at which cotton is sold in every section of the world, the associations are enabled to measure very accurately the value of the cotton which they have sold.

PROFITS FOR MEMBERS ONLY—WILL YOU PARTICIPATE?

SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON GROWERS' COOPERATIVE ASSN.

Barnwell County Boy Submits First Essay

The following item from Sunday's issue of The Atlanta Journal will be read with interest by the friends of Otto Grubbs, of Barnwell route 1:

Farm boys and girls are greatly interested in seeing the \$1,800,000,000 annual value of farm products in the southeast increase through more efficient marketing methods, judging by the large number of inquiries being received by the Sears-Roebuck agricultural foundation, Atlanta, in response to its essay-writing contest on farm marketing problems among farm youths of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, it was announced Saturday.

To Boyd F. Dantzer, Route 1, Parler, S. C., and Otto Grubbs, Route 1, Barnwell, S. C., go the honors for submitting the first complete essays in the contest, the subject of which is "The Marketing of an Important Cash Crop of My Community." Young Mr. Dantzer chose to discuss sweet potato marketing in his community, while Otto Grubbs wrote on cucumber marketing.

The grand prize for the best essay in the entire contest is a free educational trip to the International live stock exposition, Chicago, in November, with expenses fully paid for the winner and a chaperon. Two boys or girls from each State will be awarded educational trips to the Southeastern fair, Atlanta, in October, for submitting the two best essays from their respective states. In addition, the Sears-Roebuck agricultural foundation will award 200 founders' roll medals of the Stone Mountain memorial to the 200 highest ranking contestants in each of the contesting states. Six radio sets are being offered to county farm and home demonstration agents or high school agricultural teachers who have the largest percentage of medal winners from their enrollment. The contest is open to boys and girls 19 years old or younger and all essays must be submitted to the agricultural foundation by September 1.

Local and Personal News of Blackville

Blackville, July 16.—Miss Edith Black, of Walterboro, who on the second of August becomes the bride of Arthur B. Brown, of Charleston and Chicago, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower on Wednesday afternoon given by Miss Eugenia Still and Mrs. LeRoy Still at the home of the latter. The rooms were very attractive in bowls and baskets of cut flowers.

The bride's chair was placed in a bower of ferns and flowers.

Miss Black was lovely in an exquisite lace costume worn with drooping hat of orchid silk braid. Miss Eugenia Still was charming in a gown of orchid silk organdie; while Mrs. LeRoy Still received the guests in a dress of blonde Elizabeth crepe. The gifts were brought in flower baskets by three little girls dressed as flowers, Lorena, Marie and Elinor Still, who presented them to the bride as gifts from the Queen of Flowers.

Many lovely and useful things were received by the bride-to-be.

During the afternoon punch was served by Misses Mildred Guilds, of Columbia, and Mildred and Martha Still.

Refreshments of block sherbert and cake were served, and dainty favors in keeping with the occasion were used.

Mrs. D. B. Black, of Walterboro, mother of the honoree, Miss Minnie Lee Ayer, of Bamberg, Mrs. Wyatt Browning, of Columbia; Miss Etta Walker, of Atlanta, Mrs. Ernest Wetherhorn, of Charleston, and Miss Mildred Guilds, of Columbia, were among the out-of-town guests.

Govan News

Govan, July 16.—Mrs. Mary L. Hutto, of Bamberg, spent several days of this week here with her sister, Mrs. A. R. Lancaster.

Russell Browning, of Columbia, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning.

Govan Kennedy has returned to Atlanta, Ga., to resume his duty there as dispatcher for the Seaboard Air Line.

John Baker Kennedy is enjoying a pleasant stay at Denmark with relatives.

PERRY HARLEY KILLS BROWN

BROTHERS-IN-LAW HAVE FALLING OUT.

Victim Instantly Killed in Yard of J. P. Harley Near Barnwell Tuesday Afternoon.

Percy Brown, a young white man, about 30 years old, was shot and instantly killed Tuesday afternoon by his brother-in-law, Perry Harley, in the Patterson's Mill section, a few miles from Barnwell.

From what can be learned here, it is alleged that Brown drove to J. P. Harley's house in his car while in an intoxicated condition, that he was cursing and that just as he went to leave Perry Harley drove into the yard. The two men are said to have gotten into a heated argument, and Harley stepped out of his car with a shotgun in his hands. Harley claims that he tried to induce Brown to leave the premises, but that he refused to do so and reached for a pistol that was lying in his lap, whereupon Harley fired one shot, the entire load taking effect in Brown's neck, severing his jugular vein and windpipe. He died in the car. A pistol is said to have been found lying in his lap.

One of Brown's brothers testified at the coroner's inquest that Harley ordered Percy Brown to throw up his hands after the two men had had some words, and that when he refused to do so Harley shot him. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that Brown came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of Perry Harley. Brown, who was originally from Georgia, is survived by his widow and two children.

Harley surrendered himself to the sheriff Tuesday afternoon, and was lodged in the local jail, and was later released from custody under bond of \$3,000.

Texaco Products Sold by Plexico

"Plexico Sells Texaco" is the way Lloyd A. Plexico, proprietor of the Barnwell Filling Station, announces the change in the brand of gasoline and oils sold by his station, which has handled Gulf products since its establishment several years ago.

Texaco gasoline and oils are nationally advertised products and enjoy a large sale throughout the country. Both are well known to motorists and Mr. Plexico states that he does not anticipate any loss in patronage by reason of the change; in fact, he says he is going to make a drive to increase the amount of his sales.

Several new gasoline and oil pumps were installed last week.

In addition, Mr. Plexico plans to carry a full line of tires, tubes and other automobile accessories. Plans have been drawn for remodeling and enlarging his present station and when the work is completed he states that he will have one of the nicest and most complete stations in this section.

Readers of The People-Sentinel will find his advertisement on another page of this issue.

High Water at Edgefield.

Mrs. A. A. Lemon and Miss Elizabeth McNab had a nerve-racking experience Monday afternoon while returning to Barnwell from Anderson. A light rain was falling when they started on the return trip, the heaviest part of the cloud being just ahead of them all of the way down to Edgefield. When they reached that town, they found that four and a half inches of rain had fallen and that the bridge over a stream in the edge of town was under water to a depth of about two feet. Negroes were stationed along the edge of the bridge to guide travelers across. A member of the highway force placed a raincoat over the motor of Miss McNab's car to protect it from the high water and drove the machine across the bridge. It is said that the water reached half-way to the top of the hood, but the bridge was negotiated in safety and the trip to Barnwell was made without mishap, although many cars had skidded into ditches along the way.

"I advise women to use the cigarette holders," declared Frank Sniklowitz, "for that will keep them away from tobacco."