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Barnwell County Has Received \$111,800

Schools of County Share in Three-Year Public Works Program, Says Captain Irby.

When South Carolina's 490,000 school children returned to the classrooms this month, many of them will find newly constructed and modern repaired buildings awaiting them.

Sixty-six new school buildings have been erected and 39 repaired, costing \$4,705,145, under South Carolina's 3-year public works program, Capt. J. L. M. Irby, State PWA director, has announced. Of the total cost of these buildings, \$2032,164 was furnished by the government in direct grants and \$1,474,150 was loaned the district by the Public Works Administration.

Barnwell County received \$111,800 for the construction of a new high school and additions to other existing buildings. Sixteen class rooms were added to the system, affording facilities to 665 pupils.

This school building program, which was inaugurated three years ago, included the construction of elementary and high school buildings, additions of gymnasiums and auditoriums, and needed repairs.

Better facilities for rural communities in the State have resulted from this program. In many cases rural school districts have been combined and thus made possible construction of secondary schools which would not have been possible for any one of the districts.

Under the PWA program 433 classrooms have been added, affording facilities for 17,135 pupils.

Spartanburg County led the State in the number of individual buildings, 8, and Charleston County received the largest amount of funds, \$274,481, in a school building program.

In addition to the construction of elementary and high school buildings, three of the State's colleges, Clemson, University of South Carolina and The Citadel, received \$1,567,272 for the erection of new structures on the campuses.

At Clemson college the new dormitory and agricultural buildings, costing \$400,000 each, are nearing completion and officials of the school expect to occupy the buildings at the opening of the session. The \$225,454 dormitory at the State university is expected to be ready for occupancy before the first of the year, as will The Citadel's 8 new buildings, costing \$541,818.

Other school buildings will be constructed in the various school districts throughout the State as soon as the PWA program gets underway.

Isaac W. Rountree.

Isaac W. Rountree, 81, died at his home in Dunbarton Wednesday of last week and his body was laid to rest the following afternoon, the funeral services being conducted at the Dunbarton Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Flowers, and the Rev. Barney Foreman, of Ellenton. The latter spoke in high terms of Mr. Rountree's 40-odd years of service to the church.

Mr. Rountree was a leading merchant and farmer of Dunbarton, and will be greatly missed in the community life of that section. He was a member of the county board of equalization for 33 years, during which time no complaints were received from his township.

Besides his widow, Mr. Rountree is survived by three sons and three daughters, J. F. Rountree, Ben A. Rountree and R. F. Rountree, all of Dunbarton; Mrs. A. T. Beard, of Augusta; Mrs. Bennett, of North Augusta, and Mrs. Heyward Bates, of Meyer's Mill, and a number of grandchildren.

Charles M. Croft.

Charles Miley Croft, 68, died Thursday night, September 10th, at ten o'clock, at the home of his son, Willie G. Croft, after several months of ill health. He was a son of the late William and Martha Croft and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. N. C. Croft; one son, Willie Grady Croft; three brothers, Sam Croft, Wash Croft and Jonas Croft, and four grandchildren. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1901.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at Reedy Branch Church by the Rev. C. E. Smith, of Langley, and the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Ojar. Interment followed in the adjoining churchyard.

WILL HOLD YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY IN DENMARK CHURCH

The Young People's Rally of the Barnwell Association will be held in the Denmark Baptist Church Saturday morning, September 19th, at 10 o'clock. Lunch will be served to the visitors by the Denmark auxiliaries, and the following program has been arranged:

Morning Session.

Hymn.
Devotional—Blackville G. A.
Prayer.
Welcome—Denmark Y. W. A.
Response—Double Ponds Y. W. A.
Recognition of Visitors.
Business.
Special Music—Williston Y. W. A.
Message—Miss Ruth Provence, State Young People's Secretary.
Hymn.

Afternoon Session.

Prelude. Prayer.
Special Music—Denmark Sunbeams.
Message—Mrs. St. Clair Guess, associational superintendent.
Hymn.
Paper, "Luther Rice"—Bamberg R. A.
Report of Committees.
Closing Prayer.
It is hoped that all auxiliaries will be represented.

Healing Spring School Opens.

The Healing Springs Public School was formally opened for the 1936-37 session on Friday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a. m., with quite a large number of parents and friends of the school in attendance.

The principal, L. E. Whittle, presided at the opening exercises and after a song the scripture reading and a prayer were given by H. Jeff Hair. Inspiring talks by Ben Tillman Lott, L. B. Gibson, trustees of the school, Bob Hutson and H. Jeff Hair followed.

Only one change in the personnel of the school was made this year, Miss Elise Sturkey, of Cope, taking the place of Miss Williams, who resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Mr. Lott offered a prize of five dollars to the student in the first, second or third grade who had the highest average in scholarship and also a corresponding prize to the student in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade for the same feature.

Principal Whittle states that he is expecting an excellent school year and cordially invites any interested outsider to come in at any time and pay the school a visit.

CHEVROLET PRODUCES HEAVY IN AUGUST

Chevrolet for the month of August in the United States alone totaled 87,673 units, the third-highest August figure since the all-time record for the month, established in 1928, it was announced today at the company offices. This does not include passenger cars and trucks built for export and in Canada.

The month saw the completion of Chevrolet's 12,000,000th car, which came off the assembly line at Flint on August 5th, eight months and one day after production of the 11,000,000th, and which, with Harry Hartz, well known racing driver at the wheel, is now en route to the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas.

The Maine Election.

Portland, Me., Sept. 15.—Maine stood strongly enlisted in the Republican column tonight but interpretation of its vote, ranging from a 40,000 majority for gubernatorial candidate Lewis C. Barrows, down to a 5,000-vote lead for Senator Wallace H. White, varied in the nation's political camps.

The tabulation of the vote (virtually complete) showed:

For U. S. Senator: Gov. Louis J. Brann (D), 152,902; Senator Wallace H. White (R), 157,877.

For Governor: F. Harold Dubord (D), 129,084; Secretary of State Lewis O. Barrows (R), 172,170.

Three Republican congressmen were elected by approximate majorities ranging from 15,000 to 20,000, two Democrats being defeated for re-election.

Killed on Highway.

The dead body of a negro man was found on the highway near Dunbarton early Monday morning, evidently the victim of a hit-and-run driver. A man was arrested in Augusta Tuesday and lodged in the Barnwell jail charged with the homicide.

Boy, Page Ripley!

No need to take a lantern in the daytime to hunt for an honest man. He walked into the office of Dr. W. C. Milhous Saturday and made a payment on a two-score-year old debt. Twenty years ago Dr. Milhous pulled a tooth for A. P. Williams. Time passed, and the account remained unpaid. Saturday he handed the local dentist a dollar on account.

Blatt Pleased With Promise of Support

Barnwell Candidate for Speaker of House of Representatives Encouraged by Response.

Columbia, Sept. 11.—With promise of support from various sections of the State in his race for speaker of the house of representatives, Solomon Blatt, of Barnwell, said yesterday he was greatly encouraged with the outlook.

Representative Blatt, speaker pro tem., was re-elected to the house for another two years, and is in the race for speaker. He said the messages he had received, promising him support, were most encouraging and that prospects were bright.

"I promise a fair deal to all," he said as he talked of his race at the State House.

Dr. John H. Porter, re-elected in Georgetown County, was also at the State House yesterday and said that his colleague, Dr. Olin Sawyer, who had been "mentioned" as a candidate for speaker, was "definitely not in the race." Both Representatives Blatt and Sawyer were grouped as anti-Johnston members.

This speakership race promises to be close and already the contending groups are lining up their forces for the roll call, which will likely come on the first day of the next legislative session.

Mrs. Robert W. Dicks.

Mrs. Robert W. Dicks, 77, died at her home in Barnwell at 5:15 o'clock Saturday morning, after an illness of three months, and while not unexpected, the news of her passing brought sadness to a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Dicks had lived in Barnwell for a great many years, having come here with her husband, the late, R. W. Dicks, who died three years ago. She was a native of Barnwell County and a member of the Barnwell Methodist Church. She is survived by two daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. A. J. Bennett, J. Norman Dicks, W. S. Dicks and J. E. Dicks, of Barnwell; Mrs. W. E. Bennett, of Springfield, and C. F. Dicks, of Columbia; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. Wooley, of Livingston; Mrs. R. M. Harley, of Orangeburg; Mrs. George Riley, of Sylvania, Ga., and Mrs. Julia Woodward, of Williston.

Funeral services were held at the residence on Railroad Avenue Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. C. Inabinet, pastor of the Barnwell Methodist Church, and the Rev. J. A. Estes, pastor of the Barnwell Baptist Church, conducting the rites. Interment followed in the Barnwell cemetery.

Back to College.

The following college students left Barnwell in the past few days for their respective colleges: Tommy Hagood, Hummel Harley and David Cooper to the University of South Carolina; Rodman Lemon, Brown Easterling, McTyre Calhoun, Edward Richardson and Billy Manning to Clemson College; Misses Catherine Black, Christine Smith, Daisy Anderson, Polly Fales and Maria Coelin to Columbia College; Miss Martha Frances Grubbs to Limestone College; Miss Mary Gay O'Bannon to Coker College, and Miss Vera T. Boulware to Queens-Chicora College.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for kindnesses during the recent illness and death of our father, C. M. Croft, and also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

W. G. Croft and Family.

Sears Forces Ready for Mightiest Event

Buying Opportunity Unequaled in 50 Years of the Company's Business Starts Sept. 17.

Beginning September 17, Sears, Roebuck and Co. will offer to the public a buying opportunity not equalled in the fifty years of the company's business. From Thursday until Saturday, October 3, the Golden Jubilee Anniversary will be in progress.

Hundreds of acres of newspaper space, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, will blazon the news of nineteen-thirty-six's super carnival of merchandising.

The air itself will ring with Anniversary as 95 stations of the Columbia network launch a series of nationwide broadcasts.

The Anniversary banner will ripple above 439 retail stores, flashing in new Anniversary dress, presenting on the Golden Jubilee platter 1,200 special offerings that represent the quintessence of a half century of buying experience and a half century's studious investigation of mass psychology. Thirty million dollars has been poured into American industry for the production of the Anniversary merchandise.

And back of that unprecedented epic of buying is the story of a plan.

The plan involved such factors as the type of merchandise which would be used in the big celebration, the price lines, the advertising themes and took into minute consideration mass buying trends that statistics, carefully compiled, showed would prevail at the time.

It was not the product of one meeting, but a hundred—it derived its thesis, not from one ANNIVERSARY campaign but a half dozen. It brought into play the aggregate skill and intelligence of literally thousands of manufacturers.

When the plan finally reached its tentative form, word was flashed to the field.

Key retail men of the Sears organization from every section of the country flocked into Chicago for conferences with merchandising, promotional and advertising executives who had worked on the vast program.

Other meetings were held in various districts of the field where parent office executives brought an outline of their strategy to the front line of the theatre of nation-wide buying.

No personality—no idea was spared. No detail was too insignificant to escape careful, painstaking analysis.

"Almost eight months ago scores of our buyers went scurrying to every section of the land under orders to scour the market in search of a wide diversity of goods especially for the sales event which brings to a climax our Golden Jubilee year," Mr. Manly said.

"Under instructions from General R. E. Wood, president of the company, and D. M. Nelson, vice-president in charge of merchandise, these buyers were told to spare no effort or expense in their Anniversary mission. I am confident that visitors to our store during this event will agree that these men and women carried out their instructions admirably.

"After pre-viewing several weeks ago some of the 1,200 special items purchased especially for this event I could not help but feel that Augusta is fortunate to be one of the 394 cities to participate in this 50th Anniversary celebration."

To assure customers the utmost convenience in shopping, additional people have been added to the store's staff and the special sales displayed have been set-up at advantageous and easily-accessible points around the store, Mr. Manly announced.

Tax Payers' Honor Roll.

The County Treasurers' books for collection of 1936 taxes opened Tuesday, Sept. 15th, and the following property owners qualified for the honor roll by being the first to pay taxes on opening day:

E. T. Bates, Williston.
Baldwin Black, Meyer's Mill.
Matthew Bolen, Mt. Calvary.
C. N. Burckhalter, Barnwell.
Harry B. Harley, Seven Pines.
W. G. Hill, Barnwell.
Mrs. Clara J. Hitt, Elko.
J. Willie Kennedy, Cedar Grove.
L. S. Still, Hercules.
Mrs. Leatha U. Still, Hercules.

The treasurer says this is a good start and he expects collections to be good this fall.

BARNWELL CO. 4-H CLUB TO BROADCAST OVER WIS

The Barnwell County 4-H Clubs will have charge of the home demonstration radio program over station WIS, Columbia, on Monday, September 21st, from 11:15 to 11:30 a. m.

Those listening in will hear a skit given by the members of Joyce Branch and Hilda Clubs; a musical selection by the Barnwell County 4-H Chorus, and several numbers by Mrs. Josh Baxley, Mrs. P. A. Price and little Shirley Ann Giles.

Triple "C" News Notes

(By Arthur Riddock, Reporter.)

Barnwell Loses Another.

In the second half of the baseball season Barnwell continued its string of non-victories in a trip to Georgetown Saturday. The score this time was 6-2, and reports say that the game was very interesting throughout. Barnwell made only one error.

In the first two innings the Barnwell boys got their two runs and held the lead 2-0, through the third.

The fourth was Georgetown's big inning. They got three men on, and then two men were thrown out perfectly at home. The next man hit a three bagger, and started off what looked like it might be a merry-go-round, but the side was retired after one more run was made, leaving it 4-2.

Georgetown scored twice later, and Barnwell didn't score again.

In the Woods.

Work continues as usual with 20 boys under Mr. Murray and Mr. Edgerton engaged on the Barnwell tower site, on the residence and the outbuildings.

The largest work crew, that under E. M. Padgett, is busy on truck trail 32, between Snelling and Dunbarton. Mr. Gamble with a crew of eight or ten is busy on his type survey of the county, but he moves around so fast it is hard to locate him.

Shifting Population.

A check on the company roster of February 1st reveals that 126 of the men who were in the company at that time are still in it. A check on the present roll by an "old boy" reveals that 85 men who were in the company last August 1st are still in it.

We do not know how this compares with other CCC companies, but we do know that the population of all of them is very changeable.

Just Saturday 12 boys were transferred from this company to the Newberry company, because it is desired at headquarters that all companies have the same strength. This leaves us with about 194 men. Of these between 40 and 50 are stationed at the side camp at Stokes, near Walterboro.

Missionary Society Meets.

The Missionary Society of the local Methodist Church, which is a combined meeting of all the circles of the church, met at the church on Monday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

After a business session in which all business for the month was disposed of, the following program was enjoyed by quite a large attendance:

Piano selection—Miss Louise Cope.
Silent directed prayer, directed by Mrs. W. E. McNab.

Vocal selection—Miss Grace League.
Four inspirational talks on God's and Christ's place in our lives, as follows:

In our hearts—Mrs. F. B. Davis.
In our homes—Mrs. B. P. Davies, Jr.
In our business life—Miss Louise McCullough.

In our church—Mrs. J. E. Harley, Jr.
At the conclusion of this program the meeting was adjourned.

W. W. Molony.

Blackville, Sept. 15.—W. W. Molony, 61-year old relief work supervisor, died at his home here early Sunday morning after an illness of several months. A number of years ago he had been employed as a traveling salesman. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. Molony is survived by his widow, who was Miss Edna Strobel; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille M. Cornwall, of Washington, D. C.; a son, Dr. William Molony, of Aiken; and two brothers, Dr. J. E. Molony and Harry Molony, of Blackville.

Mr. Molony was a native of Blackville and was one of eight brothers.

Nine Are Hurt, One Fatally, in Crash

Barnwell and Blackville People in Bus Auto Wreck Between Swansea and Springfield.

Columbia, Sept. 11.—Nine persons were injured about 9 o'clock last night, one fatally, when an automobile and a bus collided on U. S. route 3 approximately midway between Swansea and Springfield.

The car, a coupe driven by Thomas Phillips, of Springfield, was turning out of a sideroad on the main highway, it was reported when the crash occurred. Phillips received a broken arm, and was cut and bruised.

Ola Belle Wicker, 10-year-old negro girl, of 913 Washington Street, Columbia, received a severe head wound and died at the Columbia hospital at 1 o'clock this morning after an operation.

Others injured were: Mrs. Bobbie Oglesby of 1215 Pendleton street, Columbia. Treated at the Baptist hospital for hip injuries, cuts and bruises.

Mrs. B. F. Storne, of Blackville. Treated at the Columbia hospital for compound fracture of the right arm and cut tendons on the right wrist.

Carl Weeks, of the CCC camp at Barnwell, and C. I. Hughes, of Olar, treated for cuts and bruises at a doctor's office in Springfield.

Maggie Walker, negro, the girl's mother, treated for cuts and bruises at the Columbia hospital.

Thaddeus Glover, of near Blackville, treated at doctor's office in Springfield for cuts and bruises.

Other persons were treated in Springfield for minor bruises.

The more seriously injured were brought to Columbia. Phillips and Mrs. Oglesby, by Raymond Stevenson and Aubrey Argo, of Springfield, Mrs. Storne by a white ambulance service in Springfield, and the two negroes by negro ambulance service there.

Officers were investigating the crash last night. The cause of the accident had not been determined.

The bus was brought to Columbia for repairs. Phillips' car was badly damaged.

Fidelis Class Meets.

On Thursday evening of last week the members of the Fidelis class of the local Baptist Church, met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Estes, teacher, for its regular business meeting. New officers were elected for the coming quarter and the social and personal service committees were also appointed at this time. We hope that these committees will prove to mean much to the class and to all the shut-ins and less fortunates who are in the community. Each member of the class is asked to cooperate with these committees and support them in everything that they shall attempt to accomplish. Mrs. Estes presented a pledge which the members were asked to take voluntarily if they felt that they could say—"I pledge allegiance to the Fidelis Class of the Barnwell Baptist Sunday school. As a Christian woman I pledge my loyalty and support to keep it a standard class, not only in name, but in true Spirit of Jesus Christ. So that its influence might prove 'A lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.' and make me 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.'"

Officers for the new quarter are: Miss Marian Bolen, president; Mrs. Blease Harley, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Frank Kirkland, 2nd vice-president; Miss Margaret Black, secretary. Members of the social committee are: Miss Margaret McAllister, chairman; Miss June Milhous and Miss Dorothy Furtick. Members of the personal service committee are: Miss Edith Mahaffey, chairman; Miss Carey Martin and Miss Nellie Furtick. It is the aim of the Fidelis Class to do something each week to brighten the life of someone and make their cross lighter to bear because we, like gems of old, have gone about doing good.

After the business session we were invited into the dining room where we enjoyed punch and crackers.

Ten members were present at this meeting and it is hoped at the next meeting there shall not be one missing among us. We shall do well to remember—"United we stand, divided we fall."

Marian Bolen, Pres.

ADVERTISE IN THE PEOPLE-SENTINEL