

Early County News

Success to All Who Pay Their Honest Debts—"Be Sure You Are Right, Then Go Ahead."

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BLAKELY, GEORGIA, THURSDAY EVENING NOV. 29, 1923

\$1.50 A YEAR

306,326 GALLONS OF GASOLINE USED IN EARLY COUNTY 1292

At 20c Per Gallon Total Valuation Would Exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars.

According to the records in the state department of agriculture, 306,326 gallons of gasoline were consumed in Early county during 1922. This is the amount which was inspected at tank stations by the local oil inspector and on which the state inspection tax of one-half cent per gallon was collected. Of this amount, approximately four-fifths was turned into the state treasury, the inspection work being done on a piece work basis, and the inspectors over the state only getting a small part of the total amount paid for their work by the oil companies.

In this respect, it is interesting to note that there was a difference of 8,359,838 gallons between the amount of gasoline inspected, and the amount upon which the state road tax of one cent per gallon was paid. This is accounted for by the fact that the inspection work is done by a force of inspectors, none of whom are on salary basis, while the road tax is paid by the oil companies to the comptroller general's department and the legislature has failed to provide any machinery for checking payments.

Recently, as a result of the discrepancy noted above, the comptroller general's office has been checking their records for 1922 item by item with the oil inspection department records. They have already discovered one lot of gasoline of 1,178,105 gallons, imported by the Hercules Powder Company, of Brunswick, on which the one-cent tax was not paid. The company claims that it is not due to pay this tax, inasmuch as the gasoline was used as a solvent in the manufacture of explosives, and not as motive power for vehicles. The law, however, makes no distinction such as this and the comptroller general will insist upon its payment, it is said.

The necessity for continuing this check between the two departments is now much greater than before, inasmuch as the state tax has been raised to three cents per gallon. It will be seen that, at this rate, the eight million odd gallons on which no tax was paid in 1922, would cause a loss to the state of over \$240,000. Even at the one cent rate, the loss was over \$80,000.

Splendid Thanksgiving program at the Seneca Theatre tonight. "Children of Jazz," Paramount special production, and "Our Gang" comedy.

BLAKELY HI PLAYS AMERICUS HI IN THAT CITY TODAY

Sumter County Aggregation Hard Proposition for Less Experienced Blakely Eleven.

The Blakely High School football squad journeys to Americus today to play the strong Americus High School team in the final game of the 1923 season. Americus is very strong; in fact, a little out of Blakely's class, but the Blue and Gold are by no means discouraged.

Americus lost to Albany Hi in Albany last Friday 12-6 in a hard fought game. The Americus boys really outplayed Albany.

Blakely did not have a game scheduled for last Friday and took the day off in needed rest, but they did not waste the day.

It is hoped that a good crowd will accompany the Blue and Gold outfit to Americus and help our boys hold that fast Blue and White football squad.

The following is the probable line-up for Blakely Hi:

Left End—Allen, W.
Left Tackle—Ricks.
Left Guard—Barksdale.
Centre—Bush, H.
Right Guard—Loyless.
Right Tackle—Chatfield.
Right End—Boyett.
Quarter Back—Howell.
Left Half Back—Bush, B.
Right Half Back—Tarver.
Full Back—Hutchins.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES LAST WEEK.

Eastman Hi 14, Ocilla Hi 12.
Americus Hi 6, Albany Hi 12.
Bainbridge Hi 6, Moultrie Hi 0.
Doerun Hi 12, Boston Hi 6.
Tifton Hi 24, Codale Hi 0.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES LAST WEEK.

Georgia 0, Alabama 36.
Florida 13, Mississippi A. & M. 13.
Centre 19, Washington & Lee 0.
Centenary 14, Oglethorpe 0.
Tulane 20, Louisiana State 0.
Tennessee 10, Mississippi 0.
Wake Forest 14, N. C. State 0.
Furman 63, Erskine 0.
Mercer 0, Carson-Newman 12.
Birmingham Sou. 6, Howard 6.

TODAY'S GAMES:

Some real interesting football games are offered by the several different Southern colleges today. Thanksgiving marks the close of the 1923 season. The following games will evince keen rivalry: Alabama vs. Florida, at Birmingham; Washington and Lee vs. N. C. State, at Raleigh; Vanderbilt vs. Sewanee, at Nashville; Virginia vs.

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CAR FOR ORPHANS TO BE SHIPPED MONDAY

Next Monday, December 3rd, the Committee of the Bethel Association will have an empty car at Blakely for the shipping of all manner of goodies to the 350 little orphans at the Georgia Baptist Orphans Home at Hapeville.

Every Baptist church in this section is urged to make arrangements to have a large part in this work. Syrup, potatoes, cured meats, canned fruits and vegetables,—in fact, anything good to eat will be thankfully received.

The Early county committees were named in the past week's issue of the News, and the duty devolves upon them of collecting and getting to the car at Blakely the provisions from their several churches. The Blakely committee is John Underwood, Mrs. S. P. Holland, Mrs. T. S. Toole, Mrs. J. E. Chancy, Miss Annie V. Womack, J. O. Bridges and B. R. Collins.

It is hoped that our people will contribute liberally to the fatherless and motherless tots at the Home.

If you have ANYTHING to give, either notify the committee or send to the railway station Monday morning.

North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; Clemson vs. Furman, at Greenville; Auburn vs. Ga. Tech, at Atlanta; Virginia Military Institute vs. Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Roanoke; South Carolina vs. Wake Forest, at Columbia; Trinity vs. Davidson at Charlotte; Oglethorpe vs. Chattanooga, at Chattanooga.

The Crimson tide of Alabama swept all over Georgia Bull Dogs in Montgomery last Saturday 36-0. This was one of the most crushing defeats handed the Red and Black in years.

That Mercer football squad certainly slumped during the close of the season. They lost the last four games played. They will badly need Louis Stein next year.

Centenary College, coached by Centre's famous full back, "Bo" McMillan, defeated Oglethorpe last Saturday 14-0.

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