

## GASOLINE TAX BILL BEFORE SENATE

Provides for Two Cents a Gallon—  
Cent on Kerosene

### LEGISLATORS WORK HARD

One-Half of Gasoline Levy for Roads  
—Other Half For State  
Treasury

Columbia, Jan. 17.—The Senate finance committee tonight reported a bill providing for two cents a gallon tax on gasoline and one cent a gallon tax on kerosene. Fifty per cent of the gasoline tax will be applied to roads and each county will get its pro rata share based on its taxable property. The remainder goes into the general treasury.

Senator Christensen today showed the temper of the finance committee when he asked for a night session at which to consider the inheritance tax bill. Chairman Hughes, of the ways and means committee of the House, is adopting the same plan on the House side. The idea is to have the General Assembly definitely and explicitly indicate what it wants to do with the various income bills and then the two committees and the members will be better able to determine how to handle the appropriation bill.

The Senate has given priority to the inheritance tax bill and this will be followed by a consideration of the gasoline tax bill.

Today there was an extended hearing by the finance committee on the gasoline tax bill and Messrs. Moore, Thornhill and Senator Young, all of Charleston, and Messrs. Alva Lumpkin, Lambert and Keenan, of Columbia, were heard on various angles of the bill.

As has been insisted upon time and time again the real problem in connection with the tax situation belongs to the State. With a State levy of twelve mills many of the counties have tax levies of three and four times that amount and practically all of the cities in the State two and three times as much and there is where the real pinching occurs. It is figured that if a tax of one cent a gallon is imposed for county purposes that it would reduce the county levies about two mills.

The overwhelming importance of the tax legislation that is pending is largely indicated by the small number of general bills that have been so far presented. The temper seems to be to devote the most attention to the various tax problems. Of course, there is the usual number of local bills which is due to the growth of the State and the rapid development of the roads, schools and other improvements by the method of bond issues.

To look at the clean-cut and dapper member from Lee county—, Robt. M. Cooper, Jr., one would hardly suspect his real business. He is a farmer—a real farmer. First he graduated at the University of South Carolina and then he went to farming. No one-horse business about Robert M. Cooper, Jr. He plants, or has planted 1,850 acres. His farming operations are in five counties and what is most important he has the success and optimism of a young man who knows what he is doing. He is president of the State Fair, a member of the ways and means committee and lets none of his irons get too hot. More men of his type are needed in the political activities of this or any other State.

The General Assembly is proud of its younger members. One of these and a stalwart member, who does things in W. D. Barnett, of Columbia. He is a mountain boy, raised in the foot-hills of Oconee. After he graduated from Clemson he came here to attend the university and pursue the law course. The day he graduated he had but \$15 in the world, but he had energy, perseverance and push. Frank Tompkins employed him at \$40 a month but really gave him more. Now the firm name is Tompkins, Barnett & Elliott and the young Oconee boy is recognized as a leading member of the bar. He is a trustee of Clemson College and is active in its affairs. Mr. Barnett's legislative idea is concentration. Last year he was a co-author of the State-wide fence law bill. It is now a statute law.

## HONOR FOR THE MANNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1st. grade—Carl Barnes, Leland Crouch, J. B. Cantey, Charles Snyder, Billie Gray, Lila May Bradham, Setitia McLeod, Leila O'Bryan, Mary Lewis, Imogene Ridgill, Wilburn Wells.

2nd. grade—Marie Alsbrook, Louis Appelt, William Breedin, Stewart Harvin, Frank Huggins, Abie Kamorrow, Hugh A. Plowden, Joseph McElveen.

3rd. grade—Frank Barnes, Sarah Coffey, Lawson McLeod, Maud Wells, Wilma Bradham, Lucius Harvin, Clarence Plowden, Warrine McLeod, George Williams, Marie Nimmer, Marshall Creecey, Cooper Dickson, Earl Gamble.

4th. grade—Doris Coffey, Frances McElveen, Harriet Plowden, Elma Roper, Florence Harrington, Lila May Alsbrook, Dock Bradham, Witmer Shope, Rosa Lee Weinberg.

5th. grade—Vivian Katzoff, Annie Sue Bradham.

6th. grade—Frances Coskrey, Hattie Alice Mahoney, Ashton Plowden, Muldrow Windham, Doris Crouch.

7th. grade—Jerome Alsbrook, Guy Barnes, William Barron, Robert Conyers, Ruth Cockeran, Lillian Ervin.

9th. grade—Ruby Bullard, Ma. ie Creecey, Mattie Horton, Sarah Ellen McKelvey.

10th. grade—Lily Emma Sprott.

11th. grade—Bertha Johnson, Isabel Plowden, William Richardson, Estelle Wilson.

## C. BROOKS HUFF TAKES HIS LIFE AT FOUNTAIN INN

Greenville, Jan. 13.—C. Brooks Huff of Sumter shot and almost instantly killed himself this morning about 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, his wife's parents, at Fountain Inn, this county. Mr. Huff used a 38 calibre pistol. The bullet entered his right temple and passed entirely through his head.

Mr. Huff was for a long time book-keeper for the Fountain Inn Oil company. He married Miss Lidia Taylor of that place, then moved to Sumter, where he was cashier of the Sumter Bank and Trust Company. He was also connected with an automobile business there, it is understood here.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff were at Fountain Inn, for a visit to the latter's parents for a few days. This morning while Mr. Huff was washing his face for breakfast, his wife answered a ring at the door. While she was gone she heard a pistol shot and upon returning found her husband lying on the bed dead.

## LOCAL TOBACCO ASSO. NOMINATES DELEGATES

At a meeting today of the Executive Committee of the local Tobacco Association four men were nominated as delegates from Clarendon County for the election of a Director from this District.

The men selected today were merely nominated as the election will be held on January 20th. Before that time ballots containing the names of the nominees will be mailed to every member in the County. Two men are to be elected, as this County is entitled to two delegates. These delegates will meet with the delegates from the other counties in the District and select our Director.

As stated the election will be held on the 30th. A mass meeting will be held in the Court House at which every member in the county is urged to be present. Those unable to attend can mail or send in their ballot.

The men nominated at the meeting today and from whom two are to be elected by the members on the 30th are C. R. Sprott, A. J. Plowden, J. P. Buddin and D. R. DuBose.

Great enthusiasm was manifested by those present today and a number of new contracts were turned in. Those in attendance went away with the determination to greatly increase our membership before February first.

W. R. Gray, Secretary.

Tom Pearce, the Richland Senator, is pleased that the Senate has agreed to exempt from taxes property used for Masonic purposes.

Columbia Masons are now completing a six-story building and the act will exempt from taxation so much of the buildings as is used for Masonic purposes. Of course it is a general bill.

There is a merry and interesting contest over the Orangeburg-Calthoun judgeship. Judge Bowman's name has been presented for reelection and Marvin M. Mann's name is being urged by his friends. At the moment the contest is quite spirited and both sides are claiming victory. It is a friendly and lively contest, that will be settled tomorrow.

By the adoption of the anti-smoking rule of the House the full limit of regulation was brought about. Hereafter only members and those entitled to admission will be entitled to the privileges of the floor except by card. This rule was rigidly enforced when Speaker Hoyt was in charge of the discipline of the House of Representatives.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 22, 1902

An old bachelor is a man who is too late for the "Fair."

Lucky is the girl who marries the best man at the wedding.

Mr. S. A. Rigby left yesterday to visit the Charleston Exposition.

Mrs. N. G. Gonzales of Columbia, is on a visit to relatives in Manning.

Miss Annie Harvin is very ill in the home of Capt. J. P. Brock at Panola.

Mr. S. I. Till left last Saturday for Florida, where his wife is now visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Harvin took advantage of the morning train and visited Charleston and the "expo" last Thursday.

Mr. Jno. G. Slaughter, the popular tobacco buyer has concluded to run a tobacco farm with Mr. Hugh Plowden for this season.

Sheriff Davis has been in Charleston, the past few days accompanied by Dr. G. L. Dickson, undergoing a severe operation upon his eyes.

Country School Ma'am—Johnnie, can you tell me in what shape the earth is?  
Johnnie—In pretty bad shape, according to the newspapers.

## DEATH OF ROBERT EPPERSON

Many citizens of Sumter and Clarendon and adjoining counties will be saddened by the news of the death of Mr. Robert P. Epperson, of Pinewood, which, according to a telegram received at the Chamber of Commerce occurred at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. His funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Baptist Church in Pinewood and interment will be at the Sumter cemetery. Mr. Epperson was for years a resident and merchant of Sumter and moved to Pinewood more than twenty years ago where he has been engaged alternately in the lumber and mercantile business. Mr. "Bob" Epperson, as he was more familiarly known, was one of the biggest hearted and most public spirited and patriotic citizens, and he was in his dealings with his fellow citizens always rigidly honest and truthful, and to his friends he was always faithful and loyal. He came here from Virginia during the early seventies and immediately closely identified himself with Sumter's institutions and interests. He was a staunch "76 Democrat" and did his part in helping to redeem South Carolina from carpet-bag rule. He was a leader in the movement to vote Pinewood and vicinity into Sumter county.

He is survived by his wife, and one son, Mr. W. D. Emerson, and one daughter, all of Pinewood. Mr. Epperson was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodges. Sumter and South Carolina have suffered a loss in the death of this good man and faithful citizen who was seventy years of age at his death.—Thursday Sumter Item.

## RED CROSS HEALTH NOTES

The school at Turbeville is the only one which has been inspected this month to date. Miss Moore spent the second week of the month attending the Health Institute in Columbia. All of the lectures were splendid and the nurse will find them of great help in her work.

The inspection of the school at Turbeville was most satisfactory. It is very evident that the teachers and pupils have been working to raise their standard of health and they are succeeding well. The teeth of the pupils are in much better condition than last year and the general condition is much improved also.

The summary report is as follows:  
No. of pupils inspected ..... 190  
No. vaccinated ..... 23  
Defective eyes ..... 51  
Defective ears ..... 10  
Defective nose and throat ..... 149  
Defective teeth ..... 103  
Anaemic ..... 32  
Poor nutrition ..... 87  
Defective skins and scalps ..... 7  
Miscellaneous (hookworm) ..... 6

It will be noted that there were but twenty-three who had been vaccinated. This is a very small number, in view of the fact that smallpox is on the increase, owing to the laxness in recent years of vaccination, every child should be vaccinated as soon as possible in order that this terrible disease may not be abroad in the land.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The W. M. U. of the Manning Baptist Church observed the week of prayer last week. Monday afternoon papers and stories were read concerning mission work in European countries. Mrs. F. O. Richardson led the meeting.

Tuesday afternoon, Miss Lucy Johnson lead and the study was South American Missions.

Thursday and Friday afternoons, Mrs. John Barton and Miss Alexander were the leaders and both afternoons the subject was missions in China.

## NOTES FROM KENTUCKY TOBACCO FIELDS

### Hogshead Leaf Trade

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 13.—Tobacco put up for sale on the breaks here yesterday aggregated 616 hogsheads, of which 503 were original inspections and 113 on review. New burley offerings totaled 339, old burley 220, new dark 6 and old dark 51. Rejections Thursday were 182 burley and 4 dark.

The first sale Monday will be at the Planters-Farmers' Warehouse.

Turner Warehouse sold 63 new burley at \$12.50 to \$38 and 45 old burley at \$4 to \$28.

Main-street Warehouse, 53 new burley \$3.75 to \$29.50; 10 old burley, \$9.70 to \$30.50.

Planters-Farmers Warehouse, 105 new burley, \$11 to \$46.50; 73 old burley, \$3.65 to \$27.

Tenth-street Warehouse, 20 new burley, \$3 to \$34; 58 old burley, \$5.10 to \$17.50.

Louisville Warehouse, 72 new burley, \$3 to \$42; 45 old burley, \$2.45 to \$40.

### Maysville Leaf Market

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 13.—Although offerings were of only medium quality at the Liberty Warehouse today, prices were considered good, several crops averaging more than \$50. The high grade was \$67 and the low \$2. More than 125,000 pounds were sold. There will be no market tomorrow.

### High Grade Dark Leaf Drops \$5

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 13.—Prices of leaf tobacco dropped \$5 on the hundred pounds today, but lugs and trash-crops were strong and held up the average to \$15.22.

The best price for leaf was 31 cents a pound.

Lugs sold from 8 to 26 cents and trash from 2 to 7 cents. A total of 89,580 pounds were sold. The season's total is 6,820,905 pounds, which brought \$1,122,851.82.

### \$15.13 Hopkinsville Average

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 13.—Hopkinsville loose foots today sold 163,432 pounds of tobacco at \$15.13 average.

### Lugs and Common Leaf Are Higher

Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Lugs and common leaf have been slightly stronger on the market here this week. Approximately 250,000 pounds were sold. Lugs brought from \$2.75 to \$11.25; common leaf sold at from \$9 to \$18, and good leaf ranged from \$20 to \$29.50, with a few odd lots at \$30, \$31.50 and \$32.

Agents who have been traveling through this section endeavoring to buy tobacco, report that many farmers are holding their weed for higher prices.

### \$22.12 Leaf Average at Lexington

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 14.—Total sales of burley tobacco for the season on the Lexington market have amounted to 5,273,295 pounds, which brought an average of \$22.12 a hundred.

The total amount paid for this leaf, none of which is pledged to the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, was \$117,681,922.

## CIVIC LEAGUE NOTES

The Civic League met Monday afternoon, January 16th, 1922 with the best attendance of the season. After the reading and approval of the minutes, the chairman of the committees made their reports. With a deal of pride and satisfaction we learned that the different committees were alive and pursuing their work with unusual vim.

Miss Moore spoke of the distress and dire need of clothing and shoes among the poor. In most of her visits, the pitiful appeal for warm clothes was appalling.

A motion was passed to authorize our charity chairman to obtain a trunk for the very deserving lady in training at Roper Hospital. Another motion was passed to repeal the law putting aside two thirds of the gross receipts of the League for paving the driveway on school grounds.

A resolution was made and carried to start the chain of teas immediately and to charge a minimum fee of fifteen cents. In addition the refreshments will be limited to a beverage, with sandwiches, or crackers or cake.

Mrs. Ida Cole was unanimously elected member of the League. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irma H. Weinberg,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## DesCHAMPS

The funeral services of Elizabeth, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. DesChamps of Pinewood, was held at three o'clock Thursday afternoon at St. Andrews Chapel, where their many friends and relatives were gathered in expression of their love for the little girl, and sympathy for the bereaved family.

## NOTICE

Holders of Thrift Stamps may present them to the postmaster and receive face value for same, or at option of the holder they may be exchanged for the new issue Treasury Savings Stamps.

Cary Smith,  
Acting Postmaster.

## COTTON CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN JANUARY 25th

Practically every cotton growing state is now organizing to sell their cotton co-operatively. South Carolina has already begun her campaign for the co-operative marketing of this crop. Beginning with Wednesday, January 25th, an intensive campaign will be put on in Clarendon County.

At a meeting in the Court House before Christmas the co-operative marketing of cotton was discussed and endorsed by a number of leading farmers and business men of the County. At this meeting Mr. G. T. Floyd was elected chairman and Mr. W. R. Gray secretary of the organization committee of Clarendon County.

The State Legislature this year and while in session last year unanimously endorsed the movement and called upon the extension forces of Clemson College and other available agencies to do everything in their power to put over this movement in South Carolina. Mr. Floyd and Mr. Gray hope that they will receive the hearty support and assistance of our people in furthering this movement.

Speakers for the meetings will be furnished by Clemson College and by the organization committee of the Co-operative Cotton Growers Association.

The following is a schedule of meetings as worked out by Messrs. Floyd and Gray. If any of the committees have good reasons for changing time of their meetings they will please notify the chairman or the secretary at once.

Manning, Jan. 25th at 12 a. m.  
Summertown, Jan. 25th at 12 a. m.  
Sardis, Jan. 26th at 7:30 a. m.  
Fayville, Jan. 26th at 11 a. m.  
New Zion, Jan. 27th at 2 p. m.  
Davis Station, Jan. 27th at 2 p. m.  
Turbeville, Jan. 28th at 3 p. m.  
Jordan, Jan. 27th at 2 p. m.  
Sandy Grove, Jan. 26th at 11 a. m.  
Oakdale, Jan. 27th at 11 a. m.

## NOTES BY THE COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT

I wish to state for the benefit of those interested in purchasing Carpet Grass seed that I am now ordering them for a number of farmers. The seed that we are buying cost thirty cents per pound f. o. b. Turberville, Miss., in lots of 100 pounds or more. In lots of fifty pounds they cost thirty-five cents. This is decidedly cheaper than we have been able to get these seed in the past.

Carpet Grass particularly on our lower lands will furnish an excellent pasture. In fact, I consider it without an equal as a pasture grass for this section.

Another element in its favor is the ease with which it can be started. On cutover timber lands or in open lands no preparation whatever is necessary, the seed merely being sown on top of the ground. Plowing or harrowing the ground is in most cases undesirable, and will often result in failure.

This grass should be seeded in February or early in March, and may be pastured almost from the start. Heavy pasturing seems to help, and is further desirable for keeping down the native grasses until the Carpet Grass can get started. I would not plant less than eight pounds of seed to the acre. By using a liberal quantity of seed a good pasture will be obtained much sooner.

The following pasture mixtures are excellent for this section, and will give even better results than Carpet Grass alone:

- 1. Carpet Grass 5 pounds, Dallas Grass 5 pounds, Lespedeza 10 pounds and White Clover 1 pound.
- 2. Carpet Grass 5 pounds and Dallas Grass 5 pounds.
- 3. Carpet Grass 5 pounds and Lespedeza 10 pounds.
- 4. Carpet Grass alone 8 to 10 pounds.

I shall be glad to give any one any help possible in getting seed and in starting a good pasture.

W. R. Gray, County Agent.

## HONOR ROLL FOR THE PANOLA SCHOOL

1st. grade—Douglas Richardson, Catherine Holladay.  
Adv. 1st. grade—Mattie Fairey, James Manning Richardson, Harry Richardson.  
2nd. grade—Bert Chewning, Ruth Richbourg.  
3rd. grade—Not represented.  
4th. grade—Billy Holladay, S. P. Holladay, Thomasine Aycock, Bernice Elliot.  
5th. grade—Clyde Elliot, Mary Brown, Benson Fairey, George Way.  
6th. grade—Lily Way, Belva McCall, Allan Brock.  
7th. grade—Thomas Richardson.  
8th. grade—Ellen Holladay, Pat Brock.  
9th. grade—Elma Chewning, Oredia Aycock, Lucile McCall.  
Those honorably mentioned—J. B. Richbourg, Mana Brock, Tracy Chewning and Sallie Morce Holladay.

## HONOR ROLL FOR THE UNION SCHOOL

8th. grade—Mae Rowland.  
6th. grade—Archie Morris.  
4th. grade—Ida Morris, Louise Morris, North Rowland, John Henry Rowland.  
3rd. grade—David Winters.  
2nd. grade—Eva Evans, Rudolph Coker.  
1st. grade—Levene Moore, Francis Morris.  
Beginners—D. E. Evans, Ruby Evans, Purdy Barrow.  
M. H. Mollette, Principal.

## FARMER WILL HOLD SEAT ON MONEY BOARD

Senate Passes Kellogg-Smith Bill Increasing Appointive Membership From Five to Six

### SMITH IS GIVEN CREDIT

South Carolina Senator First to Offer Provision Providing for Farmer Representation

Washington, Jan. 17.—The first step to bring about former representation on the Federal Reserve Board was taken by the Senate late today in the passage of the Kellogg-Smith compromise bill increasing the board's appointive membership from five to six and providing that the agricultural interests shall have a spokesman among them.

By the bill which constitutes an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, the limited designation of the present law is wiped out and instead of the specific provision for the naming of two bankers to the board, the statute, if agreed to by the House will direct the President in making appointments to the board to have "due regard to a fair representation of the financial, agricultural, industrial and commercial interests and geographical divisions of the country." The measure also provides that hereafter federal reserve bank may enter into a contract for banking homes if their cost is to exceed \$250,000 unless the consent of Congress is first given.

### Nine Opposing Votes

The vote by which the bill was passed was 63 to 9. Seven of those who opposed the proposition were Republicans and two Democrats. They were:

Pomerene, Ohio, and Williams, Mississippi, Democrats and Brandegee, Connecticut; Calder, New York; Edge, New Jersey; Keyes, New Hampshire; McLean, Connecticut; Moses, New Hampshire, and Wadsworth, New York, Republicans.

There were many attempts to change the compromise but all save the amendment restricting construction, by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, were killed. The agreement on the compromise, which bore the approval not only of all of the agricultural blue leaders in the Senate but that of President Harding as well, held fast throughout.

Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, who first offered the specific provision as to farmer representation, withdrew his amendment and called upon his Democratic colleagues to support the substitute, which he declared to be adequate and to meet all demands.

While the Senate was moving slowly toward passage of the measure, word was received by Senators that Mr. Harding would observe the intent of the legislation and would name the farmer member. He had previously indicated disapproval of the original proposal and the compromise resulted.

Prior to the vote there were several hours of heated debate in which Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, former Secretary of the Treasury, and one of the authors of the reserve act, defended the system and the board and criticized Senator Heflin, of Alabama, also a Democrat, for the latter's frequent attacks on the board.

Senator McLean, Republican, Connecticut, chairman of the Senate banking and currency committee, which was overridden by the acceptance of the substitute bill, also defended the board but assailed extensively those who, he said, were going ahead deliberately to "fool the farmer." He declared the solution of the present economic situation lay not in "class legislation" but in a return of the people to working and saving.

### Dominated by Wall Street

Mr. Heflin declared the American people were in no humor to fool with these fellows" making up the reserve board, adding that it would be a great blessing if they would "get out so we could put others in who are not dominated by Wall Street."

Senator Harrie, in addition to the amendment compelling the reserve banks to ask Congressional consent of banking houses, sought to have the measure include a provision fixing a maximum rediscount rate of 5 per cent on all transactions. His motion was defeated by a vive voce vote,