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DID YOU KNOW

THAT Horry County spends about \$40,000 annually for schools and gets in return, under the 4-0-1 law over \$300,000?

THAT W. D. Jenerette, who made such a manly fight and able defense in behalf of his client, H. B. Elliott who was tried for murder last week, is a native son of Horry?

THAT Senator Ellison DuRant Smith of South Carolina is one of the few Simon-pure farmers in the United States Senate, and ranks among the first in seniority?

THAT it would not be an altogether wild guess to predict that the Republicans may nominate Charles G. Dawes for his old job of Vice-President. Old "Hell and Maria" would be an immense asset to the party in its present predicament?

THAT only about three score ex-Confederate Soldiers were present at the State Reunion at Rock Hill last week. But a few more years when the last of those who wore the grey will have answered the final roll call?

THAT Congress, in its desperate effort to find sources of revenue to run the Government made a fatal mistake in requiring a two cent stamp on all checks, drafts or orders for payment of money?

THAT Solicitor Ford was at his best in prosecuting the case against Elliott for the murder of his young wife—the jury finding him guilty of first degree homicide?

THAT Tom Booth, a successful farmer, says the "seasons" we are now enjoying could not be beat if it were not for the fact that the result crop prospects are indeed fine?

THAT the Highbright faction in the South Carolina Republican organization lost out in its first skirmish at the Chicago Convention; and the faction headed by "Tieless Joe" Tolbert was recognized as the official delegates?

THAT the American Legion are planning to erect a stadium at Myrtle Beach to accommodate several hundred people, with a view to putting on boxing matches every Saturday night during the season?

THAT the Ex-Soldiers of the Southern Confederacy and their widows in this State, are to receive this week the remainder of the amount due under appropriation from the State, they having already received 50 per cent of the allotment.

THAT no state officers are to be elected this year, they all being a four-year term, and were elected two years ago. The campaign is confined to one U. S. Senator and six Congressmen—yes, and a few solicitors?

THAT the State Press Association is holding its Annual Meeting at Myrtle Beach this week?

THAT Monroe Stanley quotes Noah Webster as saying "much grain makes bread cheap". Well, based upon the same theory, a 60 per cent tobacco crop ought to command high prices for the leaf on warehouse floors?

THAT the teachers are indebted to State Treasurer Scarborough, Comptroller Beatty and Superintendent Hope, as well as quite a number of local Bankers, making it possible for them to receive cash instead of State notes for their school claims?

THAT everybody is wondering if we are not to have any candidates for Sheriff of Horry County this summer?

THAT if you get tired reading these things you "don't know", then write and tell us some things you DO KNOW.

State Press Association Meets Today

NEWSPAPER MEN GATHER AT MYRTLE BEACH FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The State Press Association is holding its annual meeting at Myrtle Beach today. Secretary Booker is on the ground making arrangements for the meeting. A banquet will be held at the Sea Side Inn at 8:00 P. M. Business meeting will follow.

Some noted speakers are booked on the program. Final session will be held on Friday, at which time officers will be elected and installed.

The gathering of the newspaper men of the State at Horry's famous strand, is a compliment to our county, and ought to prove much in the way of advertising our community in general and the seashore resort in particular.

Confederates Vets To Receive Checks

JUDGE VAUGHT GETS \$8,250.00 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VETS. AND WIDOWS

Judge J. S. Vaught, Probate Judge of Horry County, has received from the State Treasurer, a check for \$8,250.00 to be distributed to the veterans and veteran widows in Horry County. According to Judge Vaught there are now 15 survivors of Civil War; that is there are only 15 men left in Horry County, of that great number that actually bore arms and served in the Confederate army. To these old veterans checks for \$120 each will be distributed. In Horry County there are 78 widows of veterans. To these widows checks for \$50.00 will be handed. In addition to the widows and veterans there are three widows who were the second wives of veterans. To these will go checks for \$25.00.

These payments to the veterans and the widows will constitute a second and final installment for their allotment for 1932. The scale of payments yearly as adopted by the State Legislature is as follows: Veterans, \$240.00; widows, \$160.00; second widows, \$125.00.

This disbursement of funds was made possible by the State Finance Committee's negotiations through and with the South Carolina State Bank which made a loan for the State of South Carolina from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

F. P. Farmers Hold Speaking Contest

Representatives of the Aynor, Conway, and Wampoe Chapters of the F. P. F. met at the Conway Grammar school on Tuesday P. M. at 8:30 and held their County Contest. The speeches were very good and showed a good deal of preparation and thought.

Harry Anderson, representing the Conway Chapter, won and will compete in the District Contest at Marion.

The judges were Kelley Dorman, Jeff Long, Dr. C. L. Busbee, and Rev. C. D. Brearley.

Ninth Avenue to Be Paved Soon

For the past several months plans have been under consideration for the paving of Ninth Avenue from Elm Street to the new hospital.

For paving this street the town has agreed to pay one half of the cost on the condition that the landowners of the abutting property subscribe the other half. The total cost of the project will be about \$1.05 per linear foot. The town's part would be .53c per foot, and the assessment for each land owner 26 1-2 cents.

The street is to be finished by surface treatment and will be constructed according to standard specifications. (Continued on page 3)

H. B. ELLIOTT, JR. TO DIE IN CHAIR

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL REFSUED

Young Horry Farmer to Pay Supreme Penalty for Murder of His 17-year-old Wife Last April.—August 12th Date for Execution

Last Saturday morning at 10:29 Henry B. Elliott stood in the prisoner's docket at the county court house to receive the court's sentence against himself for the murder of his 17-year-old wife last April. The court house at this early hour was filled with people from all parts of the county, who had come to hear the conclusion of this unusual trial. The crowded court room was tense and such a silence prevailed over the crowd that a pin dropping could have been heard distinctly, as Trial Judge S. W. G. Shipp read the sentence that placed the finger of death upon young Elliott. Elliott, a tall, nice looking young man with black hair and dark brown eyes, betrayed no emotion as the death penalty was read to him. Throughout the whole trial Elliott preserved an unusual calm and the only sign of emotion he displayed was the biting of his fingernails shortly before being led from the court room. Elliott's father who was by his side constantly during the trial gave way to his emotion as the sentence was read, but was able to speak a few words with his son before he was taken from the court room, a few minutes later.

Before the sentence was read Mr. W. D. Jenerette, the defendants attorney, made a motion before Judge Shipp for a new trial. He based his motion mainly on the fact that one of the jurors, Paul G. Sarvis, was disqualified, in that he was constable for the magistrate at Socastee. His other grounds were that the judge erred in permitting a written confession purporting to be Elliott's to be carried into the jury room, and that the jury's verdict was not proper. The argument of Mr. Jenerette consumed the greater part of an hour. After hearing the motion Judge Shipp over ruled the motion, explain-

ing that the defense had a right to question the juror on any subject and that the defense had a right to object to the juror if they desired. He also said that the names of all the magistrate constables in the county were entered on a public record in the Clerk of Court's office and were available to the defense had they cared to look up the record of Mr. Sarvis. Judge Shipp complimented Mr. Jenerette on the able way that he conducted the defense, saying also that he was sorry that it had fallen his duty to pronounce sentence upon the defendant.

Solicitor G. Lloyd Ford arraigned Elliott for sentence, and having asked Elliott if he had anything to say why death should not be imposed and receiving answer nothing more than what had already been said, he then delivered the indictment to Judge Shipp, and Elliott heard the sentence pronounced upon him as follows:

"In having been solemnly demanded of you, H. B. Elliott, Jr., if you had anything to say why the sentence of death should not now be pronounced upon you, and you having answered nothing save what you had at first said, it is therefore considered by the Court, and it is pronounced against you as the sentence of law that you forthwith be carried to the place from which that you came (that is the jail of Horry County) there to be kept in close and safe custody until you shall in due course of law be carried to the City of Columbia and there be delivered over to the superintendent of the State penitentiary, and you shall, by him, be kept in close and safe custody until the 12th day of August; next, being on which day you shall, under the supervision of the said superintendent of the penitentiary suffer death by electrocution, and may God have mercy on your soul." (Continued on back page)

THE LEGISLATURE'S DILEMMA BY THE INFORMANT

The first thing necessary to say is that our Legislature got itself all bailed up in vicious taxation, demoralizing deficits and bankrupt credit by accident. The trouble originated in over-optimism and short-sighted enthusiasm for progress and prosperity. It was these motives, just and true, that made the margin over and above the incitation of selfish officials and placemen, and voted us into over-burdening tax bills and ruinous financial deals.

Back in the days immediately after the war, we had much prosperity. We believed that the Federal Banking System which had carried us thru the great war would solve for us all the problems of readjustment of our lives and labors to the peace of a new day. We believed that money had been freed to work on the farm as well as in the factory, in the mine as well as in the bank; and we acted accordingly. Would not our perfect banking system prevent panics? Yes, said everybody. So, even when the farm deflation of 1920 took his money away from the farmer and sent him to dollarsless back to work on credit, the rosy glow of hope was not entirely extinguished.

South Carolina, as well as its legislature, then thought that it could reorganize itself so as to pull up from the bottom of the list in wealth and education. Could not the State support a Ten Million Dollar State administrative organization, increasing educational facilities and official salaries? Could not South Carolina build its people good roads everywhere? Taxes were assessed and bonds were issued. Most of the peo-

ple of the State were highly pleased. But taxes very soon became oppressive; and there was some real pain behind the loud walls even before the last grand crash and crumble.

Taxes and bonds was the issue before the people two years ago; but the persons who symbolized the issues, and the personalities that attracted the people made any correct, even any reasonably plausible, decision of the issue together impossible.

It was widely understood and talked not at all that the net result of the election was this: "The people are fools and will stand for anything. Come on it; the pickings are fine."

That is the situation before the voters today. With Keith or Herbert, or Lever, or Williams for Governor, we would have gone into the Legislative Session of 1931 with the problem of inflated government before us, just as we did. But we might in all probability have come out of it with the problem solved, or on the way to solution. These gentlemen would doubtless at least, I believe they would have held the example of Governor Byrd of Virginia in mind. He solved just as big a problem as we had; and Virginia is in fine financial condition with money on hand and good credit.

Our last two sessions of the Legislature have predicated their big appropriations on the necessity of supporting the schools. They neglected the State's five million dollar deficit to appropriate money for the schools. In 1932 they run up and butt against a loss of credit on account of the (Continued on page two)

Memorial Service For Dr. E. Norton

WAS SUPT. OF THE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 43 YEARS

On last Sunday morning the Hut Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday School held memorial services for Dr. E. Norton. A few weeks ago the class put on a drive that caused a large increase in the membership. In commenting on the excellent showing at that time, and on the phenomenal growth of the class during the past few years, Mr. H. W. Ambrose expressed the sentiment that it would cause great joy to the heart of Dr. E. Norton if he should see what a fine body of men the class had grown to be. It was from this sentiment that the idea of a memorial service for Dr. Norton was brought up and de-

Town Council In Monthly Meet

HEAR REPORT IN REGARDS TO PAVING 9th AVE.—LICENSE ORDINANCE PASSED

Tuesday evening at 8:00 P. M. the City Council of the Town of Conway held its monthly meeting in the council room at the Town Hall. The meeting was attended by each member of the council and was presided over by Mayor Magrath.

The license ordinance of 1931-1932 was passed. This ordinance was the same as passed last year, with few minor exceptions. Taxes due from it will be due on July 1st.

The council heard a report from Mr. W. O. Godwin in regards to the paving of ninth avenue. Mr. Godwin, for the past few weeks, has been making a campaign among the landowners along 9th avenue in an effort to collect the individual assessments on the abutting property which is necessary before the work can be undertaken. He reported that three or four of the landowners had not yet paid up but hoped to collect from them within a few days. In view of this the council was unable to take further action toward starting work on the avenue.

An ordinance was introduced by title for the purpose of giving names to certain streets and avenue within the town that are not now named. The proposed new names of these streets and avenues will, when adopted, be included in an up-to-date map of Conway which is now being prepared by A. J. Baker. Individual copies of this map may be had on its completion.

Tomato Shipping Begins Next Week

Shipping tomatoes from Horry County should be underway next week. T. C. Nixtine, the packing house foreman for Conway, arrived Tuesday afternoon to make preparations to handle the tomatoes. His brother, who is to be in charge, God packing house at Aynor, also returned Tuesday afternoon.

The tomato growers have had much experience and many hardships to overcome to produce tomatoes this season, but they now have tomatoes—some about ready to pick while others will be ready in a short time.

John O. Chestnut for Re-election

Through our columns this week appears the announcement of Sheriff John O. Chestnut for re-election. While this paper is not sponsoring his cause (which applies to any other candidate), yet, it is a fact that while Sheriff Chestnut is one of the youngest Sheriffs in the State and with one of the largest counties in the State, his record for law enforcement is enviable and to be commended. And we don't hesitate to commend his service.

His careful and painstaking attention to the duties of his office are well known to the public.

Marriage License Law In Question

NOT CLEAR AS TO WHO HAS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS

Who has the authority to issue marriage licenses in Horry County? This question has caused much troubled searching among the forgotten statutes, incorporated in the code of laws of South Carolina, by members of the legal profession and the county authorities during the past few days. There are many opinions and the final answer yet in doubt. Some purported difficulty was experienced a few days ago by certain parties applying for marriage license which difficulty resulted in an investigation of the statutes which brought to light certain angles of the marriage law that had been heretofore unknown to the general public.

In February 1911 a general marriage law was passed by the South Carolina General Assembly giving to the Probate Judges within the state the authority to issue marriage licenses with the exception of Horry, Darlington and several other counties, in which excepted counties the authority was vested in the Clerk of Court.

In Horry County this privilege was enjoyed by the Clerk of the Court from 1911 until 1916, at which time a bill was passed by the General Assembly which struck out Horry County from the exceptions on the original bill and gave to the Probate Judge the authority to issue marriage licenses instead of the Clerk of Court.

Various laws since 1916 amending the marriage law in reference to many of the other different counties, re-enacted the original law, making Horry an exception, thereby delegating the authority back to the Clerk of Court. The Code of 1932 declared by the Legislature to be the only general statutory law of the state on January 12th 1932, includes Horry County as one of the exceptions and as the code stands at present the clerk of court is vested with authority to issue marriage licenses.

However, it appears that the Horry County supply bills since 1916, whenever the matter is mentioned at all, indicates that the Probate Judge has authority to issue licenses. For instances the Horry County supply bill of 1931 provides that the Probate Judge of said county be allowed to retain 50 per cent of the fees collected from each license issued by him.

With this material as grounds for good argument the settlement of the matter will cause much debate, and much interest to be manifest pending the final decision.

13 Conway Boys Leave for Ft. Bragg

Last Monday morning 13 boys from in and around Conway left for Fort Bragg, North Carolina to attend the Citizens Military Training Camps held each year at that place. These camps are sponsored by the United States Government and are held in all parts of the country each year about this time. All expenses for the trainees are paid by the government. They are furnished transportation to and from camp, are furnished with complete uniforms to be used throughout their stay, and are given their food and lodging. All of the necessary equipment is provided and all the money that is spent by the trainee is just for his pleasure and the purchase of incidentals.

The trainees on arriving at camp are given a strict physical examination and all that are found to be physically unfit are sent back home. After being issued uniforms they are assigned to tents which are placed systematically along the different company streets. These tents are the same as used by the regular army soldiers while in the field, and are large enough to accommodate five boys. The training consists of extensive drills throughout the morning part of the day, with parades and inspections in the afternoon. After the drill is over in the afternoon the boys engage in different forms of (Continued on back page)