

CLINTON'S NEW INSTITUTION GETS \$87,500 APPROPRIATION

DR. DOUGLAS SECURES GIFT OF \$12,500 FOR THE COLLEGE

STATE PROVIDES FOR FEEBLE-MINDED HOME

Institution to be Located at Dover Junction, Soon to Be Under Way—Buildings for Inmates to be of Fire-Proof Construction and Work Will Soon Begin.

The state appropriation bill as passed by the General Assembly last Saturday, carries an appropriation of \$87,500 for the State Training School for Feeble-Minded which is to be located at Dover Junction. The bill as passed by the finance committee of the senate carried an appropriation of \$110,000, but this amount was reduced to \$87,500 by the free conference committee report of the two houses.

The appropriation is now available and will be spent this year for buildings and equipment. The buildings to be erected will be of attractive fire-proof construction and comfortably equipped for the inmates. Dr. B. O. Whitten, the superintendent, is now on a Northern trip collecting data and formulating plans in order to begin work at once. The board of regents will meet here at an early date at which time the program of procedure will be announced.

The site at Dover Junction is an ideal one for the location of the new institution and consists of about a thousand acres of land. A

subscription of \$18,000 was contributed by citizens and business houses of the city to procure the site which was donated to the State.

It is expected that the first building will soon begin to go up and that the institution's growth will be rapid during the next few years in order to accommodate the several hundred children now needing its care and protection. It is sure to prove a big asset to the community and one in which the people of this section will become intensely interested as well as by the people of the entire state under whose auspices it is to be conducted.

The executive committee which has had charge of the proposition has made several trips to Columbia recently in the interest of the school and has worked untiringly to get the proposition started off right. This committee is composed of B. H. Boyd, chairman; J. F. Jacobs, Sr., Mayor Jas. R. Copeland, J. D. Bell, R. H. Hatton and Wilson W. Harris, secretary.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN THE COUNTY

J. Roy Pennell, state highway engineer, met with the county board of commissioners yesterday to discuss various projects of road improvement in the county by which it may take advantage of the federal aid for good roads. Mr. Pennell informed the board that Laurens county could secure its yearly proportion of about \$22,000 for permanent road work provided a like sum were provided by the county. Or, he said, the county's total apportionment for the next five or six years, approximately \$100,000 could be secured at one time though he held out no promise of any more aid until this time had elapsed, unless other counties still neglected to take up their share of the appropriation. Mr. Watts stated after the meeting that a joint meeting of the state highway engineer, the county board of commissioners and the county highway commission, appointed to expend the \$300,000 bond issue fund, would be held Thursday when the matter will be taken up in detail and some settlement arrived at. Incidentally, Mr. Watts stated that the county board of commissioners would proceed at once, as instructed in the act providing for the bond issue, to sell the remaining \$150,000 in bonds to be subject to the warrants of the highway commission.

Prior to the meeting with the highway engineer, the board of commissioners held a conference with representatives from Laurens and Clinton looking toward immediate action for permanent road improvement. Mr. Geo. M. Wright, of Goldville, who is one of

the board of highway commissioners, was present and pointed out the obligation of the board of county commissioners to sell the road bonds immediately so that the money could be used as the voters directed in the 1917 election. Supervisor Watts and the other commissioners, Messrs. Moore and Blakely, at first expressed a doubt as to the proper course in the matter but after Mr. Wright's clear presentation of the subject and an examination of the act they agreed with him on the position which he took and decided, as above stated, to advertise the remaining bonds for sale at the earliest date possible.

Mr. Watts stated that it would not be advisable to attempt to sell the first block of \$150,000 in bonds, which were turned down by the purchaser, as the matter was in the courts and could not be disposed of immediately.

While talking of roads, Mr. Watts stated that he and Mr. Cunningham, the county engineer, had succeeded in fixing many bad places in the roads in spite of the very wet weather and that he hoped to reach those that had not been fixed at an early date. While in the meeting above referred to Mr. Wright thanked him for the excellent work which had been done between Goldville and Clinton. Similar work has been done between Clinton and Laurens, including the top-soiling of the very bad place at Parks Station, but this work has not yet been quite finished.

TWO SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS RECEIVED BY COLLEGE

College Executive Committee in Session Monday—Government Asks Dr. Douglas to Go Over-Seas for Religious Work—New Professor in Biology.

The executive committee of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina met Monday afternoon in the president's office. Those present were: Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., Dr. W. M. McPheeters, Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour, Dr. J. B. Green, and Mr. C. M. Bailey. President Douglas announced to the committee that the College has just received two substantial gifts, one for \$10,000 from Mrs. John S. Kennedy of New York, and one for \$2,500 from Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago. Dr. Douglas is trying to raise \$150,000 and now has about \$100,000 in sight.

President Douglas informed the Committee that the War Department had approved the application to establish a R. O. T. C. unit in the college, and that Maj. F. J. deRohan had been detailed by the Government to organize the unit. Authority was granted to give the required bond to the government for the property shipped to the college for the unit.

It was announced at the meeting that the Central Y. M. C. A. Committee has asked Dr. Douglas to go over-seas to engage in religious work. Dr. Douglas now has

the matter under consideration but has made no decision in the matter.

Dr. Francis M. Root has been elected to the Chair of Biology and will take up his work at the beginning of the third term. Dr. Root was expected the first of January but was unable to get his discharge from the army. He received his Ph.D. in Biology from Johns Hopkins University two years ago. The professor under whom he worked recommended him most highly, stating that he was one of the brightest men he ever had under him and the college would be extremely fortunate to secure him.

The Executive Committee found the affairs of the College in excellent condition and was greatly pleased with the wonderful progress the College is making under the wise leadership of President Douglas.

Dr. Douglas stated to a representative of The Chronicle yesterday that he is hopeful of raising the desired \$150,000 at an early date.

Among the plans he has under way is the building of an adequate gymnasium with all modern equipments.

SOLDIER INSURANCE MAY BE CONVERTED

Government to Furnish Cheap Insurance to Discharged Soldiers.

Soldiers who have been discharged are now wondering what they should do with the insurance they held in service. For their information and guidance in this matter, the following data has been secured from the Camp Insurance Officer, Camp Jackson, S. C. The facts set forth are condensed. If any additional information is desired, it may be secured by writing the Camp Insurance Officer, Camp Jackson, S. C.

The policy now held by all soldiers is "term" insurance. Checks for premiums should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and should be mailed to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., monthly. This form of policy insures the holder against death and total permanent disability. Insurance may be continued in its present form and at present rates until five years and after the signing of the Treaty of Peace. This form of insurance is cheaper than any other issued by the Government or commercial life insurance companies.

At any time after April and within five years after the signing of the Peace Treaty, the present policy may be converted into any of six preferred Government policies.

The converted ordinary life, carrying cash surrender and loan clauses and insuring its holder against death and total permanent disability may be had at the following rates:

Age at Conversion	Annual Premium per \$1,000.00
21	\$13.82
22	14.18
23	14.53
24	14.88
25	15.24
26	15.59
27	15.95
28	16.42
29	16.89
30	17.36
31	17.84
32	18.31
33	18.80
34	19.49

The twenty payment life is a policy on which premiums are paid for 20 years and the policy is then paid up

for life. It may be had at the following rates:

Age at Conversion	Annual Premium per \$1,000.00
21	\$21.14
22	21.50
23	21.85
24	22.21
25	22.56
26	23.03
27	23.39
28	23.86
29	24.33
30	24.81
31	25.28
32	25.87
33	26.34
34	26.93

Information as to other forms of insurance may be secured from the Camp Insurance Officer, Camp Jackson, S. C.

All policies have a loan value, cash surrender value, pay dividends and insures the holder against death and total permanent disability. The premium rates do not increase. Any policy is from a fourth to a third cheaper than it could be bought from commercial companies. You can get them without new examinations. You can decrease the amount of insurance any time, but can never increase it, you can discontinue it at any time, but can never be reinstated. It is your best protection against the "flu" and other diseases and serious accidents.

Remember, Uncle Sam is staying in the Insurance Business for you because of what you did for him.

For your sake—for the sake of your future—for the sake of those you love—hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance.

WILSON WORKING AT HIGH SPEED

All Pending Public Business Attended. Walk in Afternoon. Late Stroll with First Lady of Land Brings Congestion of Traffic.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson tonight was ready to begin the return journey to the peace conference, having transacted in the seven days of his stay in Washington all pending public business except such as will engage his attention at the capitol in the final hours tomorrow of this congress. Immediately after adjournment he will leave for New York on his way to Paris.

Working at top speed on the last full available day left to him in the capital, the president cleared his desk sufficiently to get out for a walk this afternoon with Mrs. Wilson, tramping briskly through matinee crowds and homegoing war workers. Large crowds followed them and finally the police had to intervene as traffic became impeded. Several times the president stopped to speak to wounded soldiers.

After opening the conference of governors and mayors this morning President Wilson had his time clear for correspondence and the signing of bills until shortly after noon when he received the new ambassador from Argentina, Dr. Toga A. Lebreton, who presented his credentials. Later he received a delegation representing farmer organizations who promised support to the league of nations and suggested amendments to the constitution. Secretaries Baker, Daniels and Houston called at the executive office this afternoon and A. Mitchell Palmer, who becomes attorney general tomorrow, conferred tonight with the president.

In welcoming the new Argentine envoy, Mr. Wilson expressed appreciation for the friendship of the South American republic and promised all possible assistance for the maintenance of harmonious relations between the two countries.

"With the return of more stable conditions," Mr. Wilson said, "many difficulties which still hamper us will gradually decrease so that we can even now look forward with hope to the full resumption of all normal activities."

Among the bills signed today by the president were the rivers and harbors appropriation bill and the measure validating \$2,700,000,000 worth of informal war contracts.

Plans for the president's departure remained unchanged tonight. He will go from the capitol to the train tomorrow. Arriving in New York about 8:30 p. m. he will go direct to the Metropolitan opera house to speak on the league of nations.

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HOW LAURENS MEN WON COMMENDATION

Text of Orders Giving Exploits of Two Laurens Officers Commended for Gallant and Meritorious Conduct.

Laurens, S. C., March 5 (Special).—The text of the orders issued by Maj. Gen. Bailey on December 25th, in which Maj. J. M. Barksdale, Maj. B. R. Todd and Lieutenant D. E. Barnett were commended for gallant and meritorious conduct under fire, has been received by friends of the officers in Laurens and the exploits for which these officers were commended will be read of with pride here. The general order was printed in the Advertiser on Feb. 5th and the commendation as to Lieut. Barnett was printed in the following issue. The following orders were in reference to the other two officers: Major J. M. Barksdale, G. M. C., Division Quartermaster—For loyal, unfailing attention to duty; for unusual energy, zeal and perseverance and for careful and efficient arrangements whereby the daily supplies of the Division, in spite of limited transportation and countless difficulties incident to active operations, never failed to reach the troops.

Major Benjamin R. T. Todd—Major Todd, while in command of a battalion on the right of the First Army, did, when suddenly opened up on by artillery and machine gun fire from his right and right rear, by exposing his own person with entire disregard to his personal safety, inspire his men with confidence and insured their steadiness under unusual trying conditions. This near Manheulles, France, on November 9th, 1918.

EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BE VISITED

Month of March Set Apart for School Visitation Month by State Association.

Laurens, S. C., March 5 (Special).—Every Sunday school in South Carolina of all denominations, including those in Laurens county, is to be personally visited during the month of March by an official representative of the Organized Sunday school work of South Carolina. This is the first time that a whole month has been set apart

for official school visitation in this state.

Organization for the visitation has already begun. Each of the two hundred district presidents in the State has been asked to appoint an official visitor for each school in the district. This will mean a force of about twenty-five hundred visitors.

These official visitors, upon invitation of the superintendent, will speak briefly to the Sunday school, extending the fraternal greetings of the International, State, County and District Sunday School Associations. They will also speak of the coming State convention at Florence, June 3-4-5, and make other announcements that will be of interest to every member of the Sunday school.

The officials at the head of the organization in this county are: R. T. Wilson, Owens, president; James H. Sullivan, Laurens, Secretary-Treasurer, and the following District Presidents: Rev. W. A. Baldwin, Gray Court; George Cook, Fountain Inn; Rev. I. N. Kennedy, Ora; Dr. D. J. Brimm, Clinton; Rev. W. D. Ratchford, Cross Hill; W. C. Wharton, Waterloo; R. R. Nickels, Laurens; B. R. Fuller, Mountville.

Announcement is made in the advertising columns of The Chronicle today that A. B. Blakely and brother, Edgar L. Blakely, have formed a partnership and will conduct the business of the former under the firm name of A. B. Blakely & Bro. in the future. In addition to conducting a general repair shop, they will specialize in the handling of wagons, buggies, and all kinds of farming machinery. The new firm represents a good combination of experience and hustle and will doubtless enjoy a good business.

NEGRO CONFESSES

TO ROBBING VAULT

Columbia, Feb. 24.—Odell Thompson, negro janitor at the Richland county court house confessed late this afternoon to robbing the vault in the

MAY THROW BERLIN INTO STRIKE THROES

Berlin, Saturday, March 1.—The next 48 hours are likely to determine whether Greater Berlin is to be plunged into a general strike primarily for political motives. The Greater Berlin soviets have adopted and telegraphed to the assembly at Weimar a resolution protesting against efforts to abolish the soldiers' and workmen's councils and the general hostility encountered by the revolution among the state military and the municipal authorities. The resolution calls for the soviets everywhere to fight for existence. At the meeting the convocation of a national soviet congress on March 18 was demanded.

That the political situation in Weimar is anything but reassuring is amply reflected in the editorial comments of the newspapers today which are stimulated by a significant communication in The Vorwaerts. This newspaper prints prominently and frankly a warning to the Scheidemann cabinet that unless they are able to produce something better than negative results they had better withdraw unconditionally, leaving the political wreck as a legacy to the bourgeoisie parties.

The Socialists are charged with being grossly disappointed the hopes of the workers by neglect to enact even the most elementary emergency legislation bearing on promised social reforms.

The Vossische Zeitung complains that Germany is drifting towards a heap of wreckage while the speeches delivered at the Weimar assembly dealt with the interior decorations of a house not yet built.

Other newspapers comment on the drift of the Majority Socialists toward the Left under pressure from the dependents.

office of the county treasurer here yesterday when something like eighteen or more thousand dollars were stolen.

Thompson has been janitor at the court house about twenty-five years. He says he was assisted by another negro helper, Henry Park, who is also under arrest.