

STATE TRAINING SCHOOL GETS \$60,000 FOR NEW BUILDINGS

TOTAL APPROPRIATION NOW STANDS AT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND

Budget Includes \$86,000.00 For Maintenance and \$72,000.00 For New Buildings, Equipment and Improvements.

The state supply bill as it now stands on second reading in the Senate, awaiting final adoption this week by the General Assembly; carries an appropriation of \$158,000 for the State Training School of this city, an increase of a few thousand dollars over the original bill adopted by the House.

Of the amount stipulated, \$40,000 is for the erection of two new brick buildings on the institution's campus; \$10,000 is for equipment; and \$2,000 for temporary improvements to some of the present buildings. The buildings to be erected are of the cottage design adapted to this kind of institutional work. Unless some change is made in the appropriation bill during the final hours of the legislative session, the money for building and improvements will immediately be available and build-

ing operations will begin in the near future.

For the maintenance of the institution for the coming year, \$86,000 is appropriated.

While entirely inadequate for the needs of the institution, this year's appropriation is quite an increase over any previous year. The recent inspection of the school by the legislative committee, together with the educational work that has been carried on by friends of the institution, is serving to arouse the State to its responsibility towards the school and its inmates. A building program covering several years is contemplated for this work. The friends of the Training School will learn with interest of the initial appropriation for this purpose. Next year it is very probable that the amount will be increased from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Samaritans Plan For Active Year

Officers Are Re-elected and Plans Laid for Few Years Work.

At a meeting recently held of the Clinton Caravan of the Order of the Good Samaritans reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were heard, as well as the chairmen of the various committees, and plans laid for the new year. The reports showed excellent progress during the past year as the organization has attained very definite and increasingly heavy obligations, including the maintenance of a charity bed at the Clinton Hospital. The wisdom of their step in maintaining a charity bed has been well proven by the fact that it has been filled practically all of the time since the service was begun.

The treasurer's report showed the addition of new members during the past twelve months. Approximately twenty-five different items of service in addition to the hospital service were shown on the treasurer's books. It is estimated that approximately fifteen individual, needy, worthy cases were aided by the order of the Good Samaritans during the year, the nature of the assistance ranging from medical and surgical attention to the furnishing of food, clothing, furniture, etc.

The order of the Good Samaritans are doing a noble work in Clinton quietly, without boasting, and filling a very important position in the city. They are handling numerous cases unknown to the general public, giving aid to the needy, medical attention to the sick, clothing, food, etc., to those who otherwise would be in distressing conditions.

In making plans for the new year the members of the committees were urged to institute an active campaign for the addition of a large number of new members to the organization this year, that the extent of its labors may be increased. A few minor changes in the constitution were made and the following officers re-elected:

Dr. D. J. Brimm, president; Dr. D. J. Woods, vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Farr, treasurer; Miss Clara Duckett, secretary.

In ten year Florida's wealth has increased 162.9 per cent.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PIEDMONT I. O. A. A. TO BE HELD IN CLINTON

The Piedmont Meet, comprising two dozen high schools in the Piedmont section, will meet in Clinton at the Presbyterian College on April 17th, 18th and 19th. This announcement was made in Greenville last Friday following a meeting of the executive committee of the association which was attended by Coach Johnson and several interested friends from the city. In addition to the Presbyterian College, Furman University

extended an invitation for the contests. After a lengthy consideration and discussion, it was decided that the Spring Meet should go to the Presbyterian College.

The program covering the three days' event, includes the boys' declamation contest, the girls' reading contest and the track meet. The Meet has been held heretofore in Greenville. It is a matter of interest and pride to the college that this year's contests are to be held in this city.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETS THIS MONTH

City Club to be Re-organized on March 20th—Qualifications for Membership and Other Electoral Information.

The third Thursday in March is the date specified by the constitution for the holding of the annual meeting of the Clinton City Democratic Club for the election of officers and standing committees, and the appointment of enrolling committees to assist in getting all names on the club rolls for the June primary.

The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 20th, and will be presided over by the president, Dr. D. M. Douglas. All qualified voters, both men and women, are invited to be present.

The constitution of the Democratic club calls for the holding of a primary to elect a mayor and six aldermen on the second Tuesday in June, and requires that all candidates offering for any office must receive a majority of the votes cast in said election before being duly elected. Plans for the election and all details are in the hands of an executive committee composed of one representative from each of the wards.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MET TUESDAY

Year's Work Drawing to Close—Reports Heard From Various Committees. Plans Made for Joint Meeting Next Month.

The March meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the club rooms Tuesday evening and presided over by the president, W. W. Harris. Thanks was offered by Dr. D. M. Douglas and a menu par-excellence was served by the ladies of the North Broad Street Methodist church.

The calendar year of the club closing with March, several reports from committees were made, among them being that of the Nominating Committee through its chairman, W. D. Copeland. Their report carried the following nominations for officers and directors for the new year: Geo. H. Ellis president; Prof. J. H. Wither- spoon, vice-president; H. D. Henry, treasurer; R. W. Wade, secretary. Directors: Dr. R. E. Sadler, W. W. Harris, B. L. King, J. I. Copeland and E. J. Adair. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted and the new officers will take charge at the May meeting.

The committee on the joint meeting of the Clinton-Laurens clubs reported through its chairman, W. W. Harris, that plans have been perfected for the holding of this meeting on the evening of April 8th at 7:30 p. m. The members of the two clubs are to be the guests of the Presbyterian College and an elegant dinner will be served in the new dining hall under the direction of the college. A program of county interest is being arranged and the occasion is being looked forward to with considerable interest. Dr. D. M. Douglas expressed his pleasure in having the meeting held at the college and urged all the members to be present.

The matter of the work on the Musgrove road was called to the club's attention and a motion was passed requesting the supervisor to continue the work started there until completed. The matter was referred to a committee composed of R. W. Wade, A. O'Daniel and A. B. Blakely.

The school bond election for \$80,000 to be submitted the qualified voters next month was called to the club's attention through the chairman of the board, Mr. B. H. Boyd. The pressing needs of the schools were emphasized by him in his remarks and a spirit of support and interest on the part of the club asked for the election.

The fact that two Field Day events are to be held in the city was called to the club's attention. For the month—(Continued on Page Eight)

Banker Returns To His "First Love"

Geo. W. Copeland Back At His Former Position With The First National Bank.

Geo. W. Copeland, recently resigned active vice-president and cashier of the First National bank of this city, has returned to his "first love" after spending only a few days at his new position with the Farmers Mercantile Company. Mr. Copeland until recently giving up his position with the bank, had served it in various offices until he was promoted to the "window that handles the cash." He was prevailed upon by the bank to come back to his former place and he has returned. He looks perfectly "at home" in a bank, and because of his courteous and pleasant way of doing business, his friends are glad to see him back at his accustomed place.

Commanding Officer Inspects Unit Here

Col. Falls Speaks in Highest Terms of Excellent Work of R. O. T. C. Unit at Presbyterian College.

Col. Falls, inspecting officer of the United States Army, was in the city last week to inspect the R. O. T. C. Unit at the Presbyterian College. Under the command of Cadet Major V. K. Bland, the battalion passed in review before the inspector and he expressed himself as highly pleased with the excellent showing made and the fine work being done through the unit under the command Col. Glasgow and his associates.

TRUSTEES HUNTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDER ELECTION FOR APRIL EIGHTH

Question of Issuing \$80,000 Bonds for Erection of New Buildings and Improving Present Plants to Be Submitted to Qualified Voters

Today's paper carries a Notice of Election from the board of trustees of Hunter School District No. 5 calling for an election to be held on April 8th, 1924 on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$80,000 to be used for the erection, equipment and maintenance of schools and school buildings in the District. The election will be held under the usual rules and regulations, and L. D. McCrary, J. W. Milam and W. M. Sumner have been duly appointed as managers of said election.

The matter of improving and enlarging Clinton's school facilities has been before the board of trustees for several months. In accordance with an act passed by the General Assem-

bly on the 25th day of February, 1924, the district is now authorized to proceed in issuing bonds to the limit prescribed by the constitutional amendment, and the trustees are calling the election in the hope of getting the necessary bonds voted and work begun during the summer and rushed to completion for the opening of the Fall session.

Under the \$80,000 bond issue, it is proposed to erect a new grammar school, to provide a new building for the colored people, and to make badly needed improvements to the present school buildings in order to relieve the congested and unsatisfactory conditions that now exist.

Considerable interest is being manifested throughout the city in the result of the approaching election.

Chautauqua Begins On May Fifth

Definite Date Given for Clinton's Seven Day Redpath Engagement.

The Clinton Redpath Chautauqua, a permanent event in the life of the community, will open this year on Monday, May the 5th and continue for seven days as in the past. There will be two attractions daily, afternoon and evening, with a Sunday program omitted. The tent will be pitched as heretofore near the Methodist church and advance word from the bureau announces an unusually strong and interesting program for this season.

The sale of tickets this year will be under the direction of the ladies of the Civic Improvement Association, the guarantors having perfected such an agreement with this organization at the close of last year's program.

Route Selected For Calhoun Highway

Commission Votes for Garlington Route Through Jacks Township.

The Laurens County Highway Commission, in session last Tuesday afternoon, decided on the route of the Calhoun Highway through Jacks township, a question which has been under fire for some time. The final ballot of the commission adopted the "Upper Route" which skirts Renno and goes to Whitmire via Garlington in preference to the route through Renno and by the "Brick House." The vote stood three to two, Messrs. Pinson, Jacobs and Stone voting for the above named route, and Messrs. McCuen and Gray favored the Renno route.

Each side was represented by attorneys, Sullivan & Wilson representing the Renno advocates while the other side was represented by F. P. McGowan. A number of interested citizens in the lower section were in attendance, and several speeches were made during the meeting favoring the two routes.

The question of adopting the route has been hanging fire some time, the commission standing two to one on the project. With the addition of Mr. Pinson to the commission, and the vote last Tuesday, the decision on the route is now accepted as final.

To Teach Bible In Public Schools

Weekly Bible Instruction to Be Given School Pupils By Volunteer Teachers.

Beginning yesterday, the Bible will be taught regularly in the Clinton city schools. For the present the classes will be confined to the pupils of the high school, but with the beginning of next Fall's session it is planned to have the instruction cover all the grades comprising the public schools. Wednesday has been designated as "Bible Day" for the various classes.

For the present the work will be done by a number of well known ladies and Bible scholars without any compensation. When the call for teachers was made these ladies volunteered their services and entered upon the work yesterday. Other teachers are needed and it is hoped that a number will respond. Those who have already volunteered and entered upon the work yesterday are: Mrs. Edward Long, Mrs. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. D. W. A. Neville, Miss Clementina Stamps and Mrs. A. V. Martin.

The plan of putting the Bible in the public schools was promoted here by the local Billy Sunday Club. The idea meets with the hearty approval of the state department of education and a number of similar clubs throughout the state are interesting themselves in the work with the end in view of providing Bible instruction in all the schools of the state. With the beginning of next Fall's session it is planned to have a full-time paid instructor in charge of the work in the Clinton schools.

Drawn As Jurors In Federal Court

The United States court for the Western District of South Carolina, will convene in Greenville beginning April 1 and last for about six weeks. The following are the jurors drawn from Laurens county:

Grand Jurors: D. E. Todd, Laurens. Petit jurors for week of April 1: R. F. Fleming, C. C. Caldwell, Laurens. For week of April 14: F. D. Bolt, Gray Court; J. C. Owings, Laurens. For the week of April 7: John Campbell, Princeton.

W. H. DIAL IS RENOMINATED AS MAYOR OF LAURENS IN PRIMARY

Laurens, March 11.—In the city primary today, Dr. W. H. Dial was nominated over two opponents to succeed himself as Mayor of Laurens for the next two years. The ballot cast in the mayoralty race resulted as follows: Dial 658; C. M. Babb 469; Fred A. Fuller 54.

Five of six aldermen were re-elected. In ward one, E. D. Easterby incumbent will make a second race against Frank C. Moore. Easterby received 84 votes, Moore 46 and S. T.

Ball 34. In ward two, Roy Simpson received 76 votes, Frank H. Walker 66. In wards three and six, John McD. Moore and Albert Dial had no opposition. John F. Montgomery was returned in ward four with 106 votes against 54 for Carl A. Bramlett. H. Douglas Gray carried ward five with a vote of 200 to 110 for E. B. Childress. M. L. Smith was renominated as member of the Public Works Commission without opposition.

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