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NEW PRESIDENT FOR CLEMSON

Dr. E. W. Sikes Quits Coker College
To Succeed Late Walter
M. Riggs.

Newberry, Dec. 27.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker college, Hartsville, was elected president of Clemson college at a meeting of a subcommittee of the board of Clemson college held recently. At the meeting a committee consisting of Gov. Richard I. Manning, B. E. Geer and Josiah J. Evans were appointed to confer with Dr. Sikes regarding his acceptance and Senator Alan Johnstone, president of the board of trustees of Clemson college announced this morning that Dr. Sikes had signified his intention of accepting.

The subcommittee appointed by the board consisted of President Alan Johnstone, former Gov. Richard I. Manning, B. E. Geer, A. F. Lever, R. M. Cooper and Josiah J. Evans.

At the meeting Senator Johnstone, president of the board, appointed the three men to see Dr. Sikes and when they reported to Senator Johnstone he made public the announcement here this morning.

Senator Johnstone, in speaking of selecting a man to succeed Dr. Riggs, said that the trustees had given the subject much thought and considered everything and it was the honest belief that they had made a wise selection and that the logical man had been selected. "And he was elected unanimously," Senator Johnstone said.

Dr. Sikes is well known in Newberry, having visited here several times. Many prominent men in the city when advised of the selection of Dr. Sikes as president of Clemson college said, "Well, he will make a mighty good man for the place."

Will Serve Out Year
Hartsville, Dec. 27.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, president elect of Clemson college, had nothing to say, when seen today concerning his acceptance, preferring that any statement come from officials of Clemson.

J. J. Lawton, president of the board of trustees of Coker college, said this afternoon that the board had not yet received a formal resignation from Dr. Sikes, though they had been informed of his acceptance of the Clemson presidency. Dr. Sikes, Mr. Lawton added, would continue active head of Coker college throughout the present school year.

Teacher, Writer, Administrator
Enoch Walter Sikes, whose acceptance of the presidency of Clemson college was announced yesterday, is a native of North Carolina. Born in Union county, May 19, 1868, the son of John C. and Jane (Austin) Sikes, he was graduated as a master of arts from Wake Forest college in 1891 and received his doctorate in philosophy from Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, in 1897. He was married in 1900 to Ruth Wingate of Wake county, North Carolina.

Dr. Sikes began his career as a teacher in 1891. He was professor of history and political economy in Wake Forest college, 1897-1916, and dean of the college, 1915-1916. Meanwhile, he found time to serve a term in the North Carolina legislature as a senator.

Coming to South Carolina in 1916, as president of Coker college, the well endowed and equipped school for girls in Hartsville, Dr. Sikes quickly made his personality felt, both in the education of women and in broader fields of thought and action.

Busy though he has been with teaching, administration and public speaking, Dr. Sikes has done considerable writing in his favorite subjects. He edited "Baptist Historical Papers," and wrote "From Colony to Commonwealth," "The Confederate Congress," "Joseph Hewes," sketches in the Biographical History of North Carolina and "The First Constitution of North Carolina."

CHRISTMAS SINGS

Choir of First Baptist Church Pleases
Large Audiences at Special
Renovation.

A special musical program under the direction of Miss Maude Sumerel, always attracts a large audience. Last Sunday evening the choir of the First Baptist church, of which she is directress, presented just such a program and the auditorium was filled when the service began. The story of the "Child's Birth" was beautifully and impressively told in music, the program consisting of solos, duets, and choruses.

An appropriate sermon, telling of the "Birth and Life of Christ," was preached by the pastor, Rev. Edward Long. The service afforded the large audience present an enjoyable evening of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald League, of Simpsonville, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. League during the holidays.

TRINITY TAKES OFFER OF DUKE

Board Changes Name To Duke University
and Will Receive Six
Millions Now.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 29.—Declaring that the plans of James B. Duke, multimillionaire tobacco and water power magnate of Charlotte and New York, for the development of Duke university were "perfectly in line with our hopes for the expansion" of Trinity college, trustees of the latter institution in executive session here today decided to change the name of Trinity to Duke university. This change will result in the institution's receiving at once \$6,000,000 for building purposes looking to expansion of the college into university proportions and in receiving thereafter annually 32 per cent of the 80 per cent of the income from the trust fund established recently by Mr. Duke for education, philanthropic, and religious work in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The amount set aside by Mr. Duke is \$40,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 goes toward building Duke university. The remaining \$34,000,000 will be increased annually by 20 per cent of the income derived until it amounts to \$80,000,000.

The official statement issued after the meeting by Joseph G. Brown of Raleigh, chairman of the trustees, asserted that the name of Trinity college would be perpetuated under the terms outlined by Mr. Duke in making the offer to Trinity and that the name of the college of arts and sciences of the newly created Duke university would be Trinity college. The statement further declared that with the single exception of changing the name to Duke university there would be no "changes as the new educational institution would be operated under the same charter, same board of trustees and same provisions for their election and reelection as heretofore."

"There are four Trinity colleges in the United States," read the statement, "and already one Trinity university. A great educational foundation such as Mr. Duke is setting up deserves to have a distinctive name of its own. . . . We are happy to give the university the name of a family that has been long known for its service to education."

The change of name, it was stated, would be made as soon as legal requirements could be met.

Mr. Duke in creating his trust fund some weeks ago, announced his intention of creating an institution for higher education in North Carolina to be known as "Duke University." At the time he stated that if Trinity college cared to change its name and become Duke university it would receive the portion of the trust fund set aside for the new institution—\$6,000,000 immediately available for building and creative purposes and 32 per cent of 80 per cent of the annual income from the trust fund. The other 20 per cent of the income was to be set aside until the trust fund amounted to \$80,000,000, after which time the university would receive 32 per cent of the full income from \$80,000,000. The proposition was submitted to Trinity college trustees with the result that today was set for a special meeting to consider the matter.

Under the plans for Duke university as outlined in the statement of the trustees issued today, there will be a college of arts and sciences, a coordinate college for women, a law school, a school of religious training, a school for training teachers, a school of business administration, a graduate school of arts and science and "as sufficient funds are available a medical school and an engineering school."

In commenting upon the acceptance of the Duke gift by the board of trustees of Trinity college, Dr. William Few, president of the institution, stated that he was well pleased with the action of the board and that it would enable the college to become a real educational institution that its supporters, alumni and faculty have long dreamed of. Asserting that Trinity college would not lose its individuality by the expansion into a greater university to be called Duke university, Dr. Few said:

"I am greatly gratified at the consummation of the ideals of education in the South that have taken place here today. The action of the board of trustees of Trinity college in accepting the generous gift of Mr. Duke will enable us to expand the college into a university that will serve the South in sending forth men prepared for a life's work as well as any institution in the country.

"While our student body will be greatly increased, our chief aim will be the perfection of faculty, curriculum, and facilities. As Trinity college increases its standing throughout the country as a four year school of liberal arts and sciences, as a part of Duke university, so we intend to



HOWDY FOLKS!

By way of introduction, I'll tell you I am the New Year. How can I serve you and the kind of a man you can make out of me before 1926 rolls around depends in a great measure upon yourself. I'll be glad to give each one of you every minute of the year in which to make good. In pleasure or in work I will always be with you, and it is my sincere wish, as it is of THE CHRONICLE, that this may be a year of great happiness and increased prosperity for you and yours.

GREENWOOD MAN KILLED BY AUTO

William H. Yeldell, Sr., 82 Years Old,
Is Victim, While On Way
To Church.

Greenwood, Dec. 28.—William H. Yeldell, Sr., 82, a Confederate veteran, for many years county clerk of court and one of the best known men in Greenwood county, was fatally injured here tonight while crossing the street in front of South Main Street Baptist church to enter that church for worship, when he was struck down by an automobile driven by Jack Fouché, a young man 22 years of age. Mr. Yeldell was rushed to a hospital, but died within an hour. Fouché surrendered to the authorities and tonight was in the custody of the sheriff. He claimed the occurrence was unavoidable on his part. It had not been determined tonight whether an inquest would be held.

According to information secured just after Mr. Yeldell had been knocked down, he had crossed the railroad in front of the church and was only a few feet from the curb and the entrance to the church. Fouché stated tonight that he saw the aged man in front of him, checked the speed of his car and upon believing that Mr. Yeldell would step out of the car's path, speeded up again only to see him hold up his hands and get directly in front of the automobile. The car was stopped after the victim had been dragged 10 feet.

A fracture of the skull at the base of the brain was the cause of death, it was stated by hospital authorities, though Mr. Yeldell also suffered other injuries to his body.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the South Main Street Baptist church, of which he was a member and to which he had started to attend night service when he received his fatal injuries. Rev. R. E. Hardaway officiated and interment followed in Magnolia cemetery.

Mr. Yeldell was born on December 28, 1842, in Edgefield county, his death occurring on his 82nd birthday. He served several terms in the state house of representatives during the day of Ben Tillman. He moved to Greenwood in 1902 and represented this county in the legislature for several terms. He was elected clerk of court and served until 1917, when he voluntarily retired.

During the Civil war he served with the Seventh South Carolina regiment of infantry as a member of Company K in Kershaw's Brigade. At the time of his death he was commander of the E. Y. Allen camp of the United Confederate Veterans of Greenwood.

SCHOOL REOPENS AT THE THORNWELL ORPHANAGE

After a ten days' vacation for the Christmas season, the schools of the Thornwell Orphanage began a new six months term yesterday with all of the teachers back from their holidays and the children in their accustomed places.

carry to the forefront the law school and the schools of medicine and engineering that will be established within the university."

CLINTON VOTES MORE BONDS

Four Separate Bond Issues Won In
Tuesday's Election By Small
Margin.

The special election held Tuesday on the question of the City of Clinton issuing \$235,000 additional bonds for city improvements, won by a very small margin. The project had its sponsors, while the opponents registered a stiff opposition. The total "yes" vote on the four measures stood 799, against 707 "no."

The \$235,000 was divided into four separate issues. The vote on each stood:

	Yes	No
\$160,000 Street Paving	191	182
\$35,000 Floating Debt	200	173
\$25,000 Water Extension	210	171
\$15,000 Light Extension	198	181

The \$235,000 voted in Tuesday's election, augmented by the amount that will be paid by the abutting property owners on streets to be paved, it is estimated will give a total available expenditure of \$410,000 covering street paving, water extension, light extension, and the city's floating debt.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AT ORPHANAGE

Children of Institution Generously
Visited By Santa Claus and Have
a Good Time.

The question is asked by many, "Did the children have a happy Christmas at Thornwell?" What does it take to give children a good time? Lots to eat, lots of noise, lots of toys, lots of useful articles, the big bonfire—well, they had all these things and more besides.

Many friends, from many places, remembered the boys and girls. Santa Claus got his big load for the institution as he passed through the store-rooms of Talmadge Bros. & Company, of Athens, Ga. The load he gathered up there and brought to the local institution was 4,000 pounds, consisting of candies, raisins, nuts, apples, oranges. That meant ten pounds per person for the orphanage family. All in all, it was a happy, delightful Christmas—a red-letter season in the lives of the big family of boys and girls.

Evangelistic Club Names Officers

Dr. J. B. Kennedy To Head Billy
Sunday Organization For
New Year.

At the closing meeting last Sunday of the Billy Sunday club for the year, officers were named to direct the organization's activities for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Dr. J. B. Kennedy.
Vice-president, Dr. G. W. B. Smith.
Vice-president, W. P. Baldwin.
Secretary, A. W. Brice.
Cor. Secretary, Prof. S. B. Hayes.

The club has closed a successful year's work under the leadership of the retiring president, Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, and for his faithful and untiring efforts, he was extended a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation by the club.

DR. LYNN'S BOOK OFF THE PRESS

President of Thornwell Orphanage
Publishes Life-Story of Great
Presbyterian Institution.

"The Story of the Thornwell Orphanage," written by Rev. L. Ross Lynn, D. D., president of the institution, is just off the press and is being favorably commented upon by all who have read the book. The institution is just completing its fiftieth year of service for orphan boys and girls, and in commemoration of that event, Dr. Lynn has gone back to its beginning when its founder, Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, opened the home for the reception of the first six children, and has given the story of its growth and usefulness from then up to the present time. The author has finely told the story. The book contains a number of interesting illustrations and is quite a valuable contribution from a historical viewpoint.

Dr. J. I. McCain of Erskine College, after reading the book a few days ago, had this to say:

"I have just read 'The Story of Thornwell Orphanage' and enjoyed it very much. It is a wonderful story finely told. The book is a valuable contribution to the history of Christian work and Christian education in South Carolina. The author has performed a real service to these great causes in writing the book."

Ex-Governor Martin F. Ansel, chairman of the board of trustees of the orphanage, writes: "I have read with great pleasure and profit the 'History of the Thornwell Orphanage.' I want to congratulate you upon the great work you did in its preparations."

Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, wrote Dr. Lynn: "I want to thank you for your thrillingly interesting setting forth of the 'Story of Thornwell Orphanage.' I am sure that every friend of the orphanage owes you a debt of gratitude for the work you have done for us."

The Presbyterian of the South, published at Richmond, Va., carries the following account of the book in its issue of this week:

"Thornwell Orphanage has always been an object of great importance to Southern Presbyterians. No other institution of its kind has ever had a warmer place in the hearts of our people. And it has well deserved the place that it has held for many years. Its beginning, development, growth and success make a real romance of the guidance and providence of the God of the fatherless. It has just completed its fiftieth year of service for God's little ones. This event has been commemorated by the publication of 'The Story of Thornwell Orphanage,' by its present president, Rev. L. Ross Lynn, D. D. This is a wonderful presentation of a wonderful story. Going back to the beginning he tells of the dream which took possession of the mind and heart of the young pastor of the Clinton, S. C., church, Rev. William P. Jacobs, as he felt the need of doing something for the material and spiritual welfare of orphan children. This vision first began to materialize when a small boy gave Dr. Jacobs fifty cents, all he had, and told him to use that to build an orphan's home. With little encouragement, except from his own small church and little help from any source, Dr. Jacobs, feeling that God had called him to do that work, and trusting Him for help and guidance, launched out into the depths of a tremendous undertaking under the circumstances, but he also launched out into the depths of a great faith in God. Starting out with the boy's half dollar, Dr. Jacobs developed an institution which now is worth three quarters of a million dollars. Along with the work for the orphanage he carried on his pastoral work, until the weak and struggling church became a strong and efficient organization. As his work grew his vision also grew, and the result was the establishment and development close by the orphanage of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, which now has assets of more than a million dollars. For forty-three years, Dr. Jacobs gave his life and a prodigious amount of work to these three organizations, but neither of the others was as dear to his heart as the Orphanage. Under his loving care thousands of boys and girls were developed into useful Christian men and women. God may call the worker away, but He does not let the work stop. In Dr. Lynn He has raised up a worthy successor to Dr. Jacobs, and he has probably done nothing that will prove of more value than the preparation and publishing of 'The Story of Thornwell Orphanage.' It will warm the heart and strengthen the faith of any Christian who reads it."

The deceased is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs. Mary Prather; three sisters, Mrs. R. R. McGee, Mrs. J. L. Beaudrot, and Mrs. E. P. Pratt, all of Greenwood; and by four brothers, Platt Prather of this city; Sam W. and G. H. Prather of Kissimmee, Fla., and W. J. Prather of Columbia. To all of the bereaved, the sincerest sympathy of the community is extended in their hour of bereavement.

YOUNG WOMAN CALLED TO REST

Mrs. George W. Copeland Answers
Death's Summons. Her Passing
Is Mourned By Many Friends.

The city's Christmas spirit was saddened by the untimely death of Mrs. George Watts Copeland, which occurred last Wednesday afternoon at Dr. Hays Hospital. She had been critically ill for several days during which time her condition gradually grew worse until she went into a state of coma, from which she never aroused. The funeral service was held in the First Presbyterian church Friday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Dr. D. J. Woods and Rev. L. E. Wiggins, and attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Interment followed in the Presbyterian cemetery with numerous and beautiful floral tributes completely covering the newly made grave.

Mrs. Copeland, before her marriage last February, Miss Ray Prather, was a woman of unusually strong character, pleasing personality and tender sympathies, and in the hearts of all by whom she was known, she made and held a tender place. The news of her death, coming on Christmas Eve day, cast a gloom of sorrow over the city and brought genuine regret in Clinton and in other places where she was known and highly esteemed.

Mrs. Copeland was a woman of the highest Christian character, possessing many rare qualities. She saw the beautiful, the noble and the divine in all things, and her life was closely akin to that of the Master, as all who knew her could testify. As head saleslady at Copeland-Stone Company for a number of years, she was always courteous, affable, and dependable, holding the confidence and esteem of the public and her employers. In the church, Sunday school, missionary society, civic work, or anywhere, her life was one of service, and she went through life filling a useful place in a quiet, unassuming way. Truly can it be said of Miss Ray, "none knew her but to love her."

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LOCAL CONCERNS PAY DIVIDENDS

Semi-Annual Checks Go Out Today To
Stockholders of Local Banks,
Mills and Corporations.

Today is dividend day—a glad day for the stockholders of Clinton banks, mills and other corporations paying their usual January first dividends. All of the corporations have just closed a satisfactory business for the year and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year. The following is a record of the dividends that are being paid today, aggregating \$32,400:

The First National Bank, 4 per cent semi-annual on a capital stock of \$100,000—\$4,000.

The Commercial Bank, 5 per cent semi-annual on a capital of \$50,000—\$2,500.

M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, is a private institution and does not pay a dividend but reports an entirely satisfactory year's business.

The Clinton Cotton Mills, 4 per cent semi-annual on capital stock of \$350,000—\$14,000.

Lydia Cotton Mills, 4 per cent semi-annual on capital of \$160,000—\$6,400.

The Peoples Bonded Warehouse, 10 per cent annual on capital stock of \$20,000—\$2,000.

The Clinton Bonded Warehouse, 10 per cent annual on capital of \$10,000—\$1,000. This dividend was paid in June.

Young Bros. Live Stock Company, 10 per cent annual on capital stock of \$25,000—\$2,500.

CORNER STORE BUYER GONE TO MARKETS

M. J. Danziger, proprietor of The Corner Store, left Monday for Baltimore and New York to purchase goods to replenish his stock in preparation for their January After-Inventory sale, which is soon to be staged. Mr. Danziger says that their business has been unusually good for the year now closing and that he has under way plans of enlargement for the year 1925.

MEETINGS OF BILLY SUNDAY CLUB

The Billy Sunday club for the month of January, will meet with the Thornwell Memorial church, the hour of meeting being two o'clock every Sunday afternoon.