

BOND ELECTION WAS ILLEGAL

Citizens Protest of Irregularities Result in Council Declaring Election Null and Void.

The special election held last Tuesday, which resulted in the passing of four bond issues aggregating \$235,000 for municipal improvements, was declared null and void by city council at a hearing on Monday evening, at which time Attorneys R. E. Babb and A. C. Todd, representing a number of Clinton citizens, appeared before the mayor and council and filed charges of irregularities in the holding of the recent election.

The attorneys appearing before council named several irregularities in connection with the bond election, citing that the ballots were not in accordance with the city ordinance and law; that the secrecy of the ballot was not preserved; that the managers and voters were not sworn, and that no proof of the payment of taxes was required by the managers. Attorney R. W. Wade, representing the City of Clinton, held that the irregularities on which the protest was based could not affect the validity of the election which had been passed by a majority vote. The matter was thoroughly gone into and argued, both by the city and the protestants, and after a prolonged discussion, following the refusal of the citizens committee to withdraw their protests as filed through their attorneys, Mayor Jacobs recommended to council the passage of an ordinance declaring the election null and void and giving the freeholders an opportunity to call another election by petition, which election, he stated, would be conducted under the most stringent rules and regulations to avoid the slightest irregularity.

It is stated by Mayor Jacobs that another election on the proposed bond issues will be ordered in the near future. It can be called at any time upon a petition of the majority of the freeholders of the city.

NO MORE FEES FOR OFFICERS

County Officers Go On Salary Basis Following Passage of Recent Act of Legislature.

C. A. Power, clerk of court, has called the public's attention to the act passed during the past session of the General Assembly placing Laurens county officers on a salary basis and abolishing the old fee system which has been in effect probably since the county was formed. The new act which went into effect the first of the year, applies to the clerk of court, sheriff and the judge of probate, but does not apply to the judge of probate until the end of the term which he is now serving two years hence.

Under the new act, the officers will collect fees in advance and turn them over to the county treasurer monthly. Mr. Power points out the necessity of sending the required fees when papers are sent to be filed so that no delay will occur.

The body of the act of the new law is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the clerk of court and sheriff, to charge and collect all fees and costs provided by law for their respective offices and turn said fees and costs over to the county treasurer on the first day of each month; and it shall further be the duty of said clerk of court and sheriff to collect all fees and costs in advance and the failure to do so on the part of either of them shall be charged to the said officer and the amount of cost which any officer fails to collect shall be deducted from his salary."

MUSICAL CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT

Carolina Co-Ed Glee Club To Appear Here Under Auspices of P. C. Junior Class.

The student body of the Presbyterian College is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the performance to be given in the orphanage chapel tomorrow night by the Co-Ed Glee Club of the University of South Carolina. It has been customary for several years for the respective junior classes of the college to bring various glee clubs to Clinton, and this attraction is the first offered by the present junior class. However, it is planned to bring several more of these organizations to the city soon.

The president of the Co-ed club is a Clinton girl, Miss Maude Ellis, she having been a member of the local First Baptist church choir for several years before going to Columbia. It is hoped that the people of the town of Clinton will support this attraction. Prices announced are thirty-five and fifty cents, all school children thirty-five cents. The entertainment will begin promptly at eight o'clock.

FARMERS URGED TO IMPROVE SOIL

Good Farming Hinges On Fertility. Farmer Needs To Take Stock Now of His Lands.

Clemson College, Jan. 4.—This is the season of the year when we turn and review the work of the past twelve months, check up on our mistakes and make new plans and resolutions for the coming year. The following are suggested as being appropriate questions for the South Carolina farmer to ask himself:

"Have I turned under crops of cowpeas, soybeans, or other legumes, for soil improvement as extensively the past year as I might have? Have I planted as many cover crops as I might have? Have I done everything possible the past year to increase the fertility of the soil on my farm? Is the soil on my farm more fertile and more productive now than a year ago? If not, who is to blame?"

If these and similar questions cannot be answered to his complete satisfaction, then each and every farmer should resolve deep down in his heart that next year he will be able to do so, thinks T. S. Buie, associate agronomist.

A fertile soil is the foundation of prosperity, and not only to maintain, but to increase fertility of the soil, should be the constant aim of every farmer. No man should regard the soil as "belonging" to him, but as a sacred heritage to be held in trust for future generations, and as such to be constantly improved.

According to Mr. Buie, the best and most economical method of maintaining and improving the fertility of the soil is by planting soil-building crops. While this is hardly the season for planting these crops, it is the time for planning the work for the coming year, and every farmer should make his cropping plans with a view of putting in every acre of leguminous crops for soil improvement possible. The following are well adapted to conditions in this state: For summer planting: cowpeas, soybeans or velvet beans; for fall and winter planting: vetch with either rye or oats; and crimson or burr clover, depending upon local conditions and individual preferences.

Clinton Boy Makes Good As Manager

Jack Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Davis, of this city, has quite successfully served the Citadel football team as manager for the past year. In recognition of his fitness for the place, he has again been re-elected. The following item, taken from the sport column of the News and Courier a few days ago, will be read here with interest by his friends:

"Time was in South Carolina when the managers of athletic teams were elected by the student body or the team and the most popular fellow generally got the job, regardless of his fitness for the position. Now being manager requires many things; it requires a great willingness to work, it requires a good nature, it requires the ability to take lots of kidding and to hold one's temper, it requires an aggressiveness to get things done, it requires the habit of thinking ahead of what's wanted and it requires a spirit of self-denial. Now the coaches in the state, or most of them, insist on selecting the managers because of their fitness for the position. And when it comes to managers an ideal one is none other than Jack Davis, who proved to be worth a great deal to the Citadel football team during the past year. Jack met every requirement."

CHANGE MADE IN FURNITURE FIRM

Effective January the first, the furniture store formerly conducted here under the firm name of Adair Furniture Company, was changed to Cooper Furniture Company. Mr. C. I. Cooper of Greenwood, head of a chain of furniture stores through this section, has purchased an interest in the business, and he and Messrs. P. B. and W. T. Adair will continue as owners.

The firm under the new name, will continue in business at its present location and the same business policies that have been followed in the past will be continued in the future.

KIWANIS CLUB TO NAME OFFICERS FRIDAY

The Clinton Kiwanis club will hold its regular meeting Friday at 12 o'clock, which all members are urged to attend. Blanks for the nomination of officers for the new year have been sent to the members and at Friday's meeting the officers to direct the club's activities for 1925 will be named.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Godfrey have returned to Hones Path after a visit with relatives here.

C. ERNEST HORTON DIES IN COLUMBIA

Former Clinton Citizen Passes After Several Months Illness. Pleasantly Remembered Here.

The friends in the city of Mr. H. I. Horton and family of Columbia, will regret to learn of the death of his son, Charles Ernest Horton, which occurred at their residence Monday afternoon after an extended illness. The following account of the young man's death is taken from The State of Tuesday:

"Charles Ernest Horton, well known young man of Columbia, died at 2705 Millwood avenue yesterday after an illness of about three months."

"Mr. Horton was a son of H. I. Horton and Mrs. Josephine Boggs Horton, and was born at Clinton, S. C., September 6, 1894. He was a graduate of the Columbia high school and of the law school of the University of South Carolina, and played baseball on the varsity squad, being an athlete of no little skill."

"During the war, Mr. Horton attended the first officers' training camp at Oglethorpe and after further training at Camp Jackson served overseas as a first lieutenant for about 11 months with the Three Hundred and Eighteenth field artillery, Eighty-first (Wildcat) division."

"After the war Mr. Horton entered business in Columbia, being a member of the firm of Heyward-Horton company, stocks and bonds. He was a member of the First Baptist church and was also a member of the Focus club and of the Richland post, American Legion. He was widely acquainted in Columbia and the announcement of his death will bring sorrow to his many friends and acquaintances."

"Mr. Horton is survived by his father, his widow, who was Miss Lorena Wannamaker, a son, Charles Ernest Horton, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Philson of Abbeville, and Mrs. Brent A. Latimer of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, H. I. Horton, Jr., of Charleston, and Thad Horton of Columbia. Another brother, Harry Horton, was killed near Thiaucourt in the St. Mihiel operation."

CONTRACT LET FOR MONUMENT

Thornwell Alumni To Erect Memorial To William Plumer Jacobs As Founder of Institution.

The committee appointed last year by the Thornwell Orphanage Alumni Association to erect a memorial to the late Dr. W. P. Jacobs, founder of the orphanage, has within the past week awarded the contract to Owen Brothers Marble & Granite Company of Greenwood. Work on the monument has already begun and it will be completed and ready for erection on the campus by the first of June.

The monument is to be erected in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration of the institution which it is expected will be attended by several hundred former boys and girls of the home. The design will be of granite, plain in its lines, yet massive and beautiful. It will be appropriately inscribed to the memory of the institution's founder and will be unveiled on the 17th of June. Funds for the erection are now being contributed by the alumni of the orphanage from all sections of the country.

The unveiling of the memorial is to be one of the features of the week's program covering the "Grand Rally." The program, including addresses by a number of prominent men and women has about been completed, and will soon be announced, it was stated yesterday by members of the committee.

BOOK STORE HAS CHANGED HANDS

Coleman's Book Store Purchased By J. D. Jeans Who Assumes Management.

Coleman's Book Store, owned by J. I. Coleman, has been sold to J. D. Jeans, and the new owner took charge of the business Monday morning. No announcement has been made as to Mr. Coleman's future plans.

The new owner was formerly a member of the firm of Fuller Grocery Company of this city, and his friends wish for him every success in his new business venture.

FERGUSON BACK FROM CHARLOTTE

E. W. Ferguson, local Ford dealer, returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he attended a convention of Ford dealers of the Carolinas. Mr. Ferguson, in point of service, is one of the oldest dealers in this territory and ranks as one of the millionaire's most successful and popular agents. At the Charlotte meeting he signed his 1925 contract and states that he will keep cars "rolling" without interruption all the year in anticipation of a splendid business which he is expecting.

WOMAN GOVERNOR TAKES HER SEAT

Mrs. Ross, of Wyoming, First Woman Governor, Is Quietly Inaugurated.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, who today became America's first woman governor when she took the oath as chief executive of Wyoming, dedicated her efforts to the state, "relying upon Divine help for strength and guidance."

Her first statement was short and simple in keeping with the atmosphere of the ceremonies she requested prevail because of her mourning for her husband, Governor William Bradford Ross, who died suddenly three months ago, while campaigning for re-election.

Mrs. Ross addressed the assemblage in the senate chamber as "my friends," and continued:

"Owing to the tragic and unprecedented circumstances which surround my induction into office, I have felt it not only necessary, but appropriate for me now to enter into such discussion of policies as usually constitute an inaugural address."

"This occasion does not mark the beginning of a new administration, but rather the resumption of that which was inaugurated in this chamber two years ago. It is well understood, I am sure, that it is my purpose to continue, as I am convinced it is the desire of my state that I should, insofar as changing conditions will permit, the program and policies then launched."

"I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the gracious consideration shown me by Governor Lucas during the period he served as executive of our state, and to say that I look forward confidently to that same degree of cooperation with him and with other state officers and with the legislature, that during my husband's term lightened for him the burdens of official life and contributed to his satisfaction and joy in service."

"In approaching the responsibilities of this exalted office I do so with a profound sense of the high obligation it imposes upon me. That the people of Wyoming should have placed such trust in me—in a large measure I feel an expression of their recognition of my husband's devotion to their interests and of his contribution to the progress of the state—calls forth in this solemn hour my deepest gratitude and challenges me to rise to the opportunities for service thus made possible, and to dedicate to the task before me every faculty of mind and body with which I may be endowed."

"Such dedication I now offer to my state, relying upon Divine help for strength and guidance."

NEW OFFICERS TAKE SEATS

Officials Elected In August Assumed Duties of Respective Offices On Tuesday.

County officials elected to office in the primary held the past summer, entered upon their duties Tuesday morning after the retiring officers had closed their year's work.

Columbus L. Owens, formerly chief of rural police, goes into the sheriff's office as the successor of S. C. Reid. Luther Riddle, until recently with Bell-Workman Company of this city, has been appointed deputy to the new sheriff and has moved to Laurens to assume his duties.

M. L. Motes and W. H. Barksdale become members of the board of county commissioners, succeeding A. H. Moore and Toy A. Drummond, who were candidates for other offices in the primaries.

C. A. Power, clerk of court, and R. R. Owings, coroner, succeed themselves for another term. The terms of other county officials, except township magistrates, do not expire this year.

Mr. Bailey Soon To Return Home

The friends of Mr. M. S. Bailey, whose name is legion, will be pleased to know that his condition continues satisfactory and that he hopes within the next two weeks to return home. Mr. Bailey underwent a serious operation at the Columbia hospital several weeks ago, and since that time has shown remarkable improvement. His friends are glad to know that he is soon to return to his accustomed place of usefulness in the community.

W. M. LAWSON JOINS UNION CONCERN

W. M. Lawson, for several years connected with the Fuller-Simpson Furniture Company as salesman, has resigned his position to go to Union where he will be associated with his brother in the furniture business under the firm name of the Union Specialty Company. His friends in the city regret in his departure and wish him every success.

SAMUEL M'FADDEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Prominent Chester Attorney Kills Self. One of State's Leading Lawyers.

Chester, Jan. 6.—Samuel E. McFadden, 55, one of the most able and brilliant attorneys in this state and one of the most highly esteemed and popular citizens in Chester county, ended his life at his home on Westend this afternoon by firing a bullet from a 38 caliber revolver through his brain. Death was instant. He had been in ill health for a long time and it is believed that he became despondent. The funeral services will be held at the late home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by Dr. W. G. Moore pastor of the First Baptist church, of which he was a member.

The news of Mr. McFadden's death caused one of the most profound shocks this city has experienced in a long time and has cast a pall of sorrow from one end of the county to the other.

Mr. McFadden was one of the most eloquent orators in this section and was in great demand as a speaker.

Mr. McFadden was born in Chester December 7, 1869, a son of the late J. C. and Margaret Louise (Waters) McFadden. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The McFaddens and their kinsmen, the McKennys, were pioneers on Fishing creek and Catawba river in the eastern part of Chester county.

He was educated in the graded schools of Chester, graduated in 1886 from Bryant and Stratton Business college at Baltimore and in 1887 entered Furman university at Greenville where he received his master of arts degree in 1890. He then taught for two years in the Chester public schools, read law with J. L. Glenn at Chester, and in 1894 graduated from the law department of South Carolina college. He has been in active practice since 1894.

Mr. McFadden specialized in corporation law and represented a number of the leading industrial and commercial interests of his section of the state. It is said that only one other law office in South Carolina had a finer library and other equipment than that of Mr. McFadden. Mr. McFadden had made a definite choice partly as a matter of diversion from his routine work as a corporation lawyer, of criminal practice. During his career he successfully defended many capital criminal cases. He was widely known for his effective and logical presentation of cases at trial and also as an orator on other subjects.

His talents as a speaker were in great demand during the war and he spent much of his time campaigning in behalf of the various Liberty loan, Red Cross and other drives. He has never held public office nor has he ever offered for any.

Mr. McFadden was a director and attorney for the National Exchange bank, Spratt Building & Loan association, Chester Machine & Lumber company, Springstein mills, Eureka mills, Lancaster & Chester Railway company, Travelers Insurance company and other corporations. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity in college.

November 14, 1900, he married Miss Ethel Means, daughter of Capt. J. D. Means of Chester and a representative of a family that came to this part of South Carolina from Mecklenburg county, North Carolina. Of this union survive five children, Joseph Means, Louise, Jessie, John C. and Samuel E. McFadden.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. John G. White and Mrs. J. H. M. Beatty of Chester, and Mrs. D. N. McLaughlin of Norfolk, Va.

WILL DISCUSS ROAD PROBLEMS

Popular Meeting To Be Held In Laurens Friday Evening To Consider Highway Development.

J. F. Jacobs, Sr., of this city, vice-chairman of the Laurens County Highway Commission, has called a meeting to be held at the Laurens Hotel on Friday evening, January 9th, for the purpose of discussing problems affecting the roads of the county. The meeting was to have been held tonight but it was found necessary to make the change to Friday evening.

It was announced that dinner will be served at seven o'clock, and invitations have been issued to the county delegation in the General Assembly, the members of the highway commission, and other good roads enthusiasts in the county. A large and representative attendance is expected.

REGULAR MASONIC MEETING FRIDAY

Campbell lodge No. 44, A. F. M., will hold their regular meeting Friday night, January 9th. Every member is requested to be present as we have something very important to tell you. Please attend. V. P. Adair, secretary.

DIAL SPEAKS ON DEMOCRACY

Senator Scores Democrats In Hot Speech. Says Party Does Not Adhere To Its Principles.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The verdict of the November election was against Democratic members of congress and not against John W. Davis, Senator Dial, Democrat of South Carolina, declared today in an extended speech, declaring his party had failed to adhere to its principles.

Senator Dial said the real issue in November was the effort of the Democratic party to "serve up" some kind of shambling, shame-faced compromise of so-called Democracy and foreign-born socialism, bolshevism and communism." He declared President Coolidge was a "better Democrat," measured by the principles of real Democracy, than many adherents of the party in public life.

"It is a mortifying, bitter truth," he said, "that the quiet and close thinker in the White House is a better Democrat in many essentials. I honor the courage and respect the wisdom which have moved him to clean house in his own party."

The Democratic party, as it is, has suffered successive defeats and disasters in appeals to the people, because it has ceased to be the Democratic party, he said.

"We have forgotten and neglected the principles upon which our party was founded. It is time for us Democrats to face the music. We have been beaten in two successive campaigns by huge majorities. Either the people are wrong, or we Democrats in congress, who have made the party's record, are wrong. For one, I confess myself deeply ashamed when I read that customers are rushing to Wall Street to buy stocks, feeling assured of prosperity because the Democratic party has been beaten by 7,000,000 majority."

Senator Dial charged the Democrats with "falling into shifty opportunities, seizing every fad of the moment and veering to every wind that seemed to promise popularity." He charged his colleagues with permitting an "alien faction to use the party as an instrument of annoyance to the administration."

OPENING GAME IN NEW GYM

Newberry and P. C. Meet In Season's First Cage Game On Next Tuesday Night.

The opening basketball game of the 1925 season will be staged here next Tuesday night, January 13, with the strong Newberry five furnishing the opposition. The game will be played in the handsome new LeRoy Springs gymnasium, furnishing ample room for all spectators and one of the largest and most attractive courts to be found in the South. The whistle will sound at eight o'clock and a big crowd is expected to be on hand.

Newberry has one of the strongest teams in the South. It has been on a Northern trip for the past two weeks and has won over nearly every opponent it has tackled. The Blue Stacking quintet is now going thru a strenuous practice period and indications point to a lively battle for the initial game.

CALHOUN HIGHWAY BRIDGES PLANNED

Division Meeting Held Here Monday Devoted to Discussion of Question.

Plans for constructing four bridges on the Calhoun Highway in the Savannah-Broad-Catawba division were discussed at a meeting of the division held here Monday and presided over by J. F. Jacobs, Sr., vice-president of the district.

Bridges over the Savannah, the Broad, the Tiger and Catawba rivers are yet to be built and it is hoped that work on them will be completed within two years. Funds already have been appropriated for the Catawba bridge, funds have been promised for the Broad and Tiger bridges and as soon as the site for the Savannah bridge is located by a government engineer funds will be available. Sites at the other rivers have already been selected.

The division adopted resolutions calling upon the General Assembly to make necessary appropriations for bridge work as soon as practicable.

CITY SCHOOLS OPENED ON MONDAY MORNING

The Christmas holiday season ended Monday for the Clinton public school pupils and class work was resumed at the regular morning hour. The mid-winter holidays were of two weeks' duration, though the children are unanimous in the claim that it was altogether too short.