

COMMERCIAL CLUB OBSERVES "FATHER AND SON NIGHT"

Number of Boys Present as Guests of "Dad."
County-Wide Road Program Endorsed. Club
Refuses to Act on Recent City Bond Election.

A splendid gathering of boys, Clinton's men of tomorrow, were the guests of the Commercial Club Tuesday evening for its January meeting. The occasion had been designated by President Witherspoon as "Father and Son Night," with many of the members bringing their sons, while others brought the sons of relatives or intimate friends. The boys seemed to enjoy the occasion and they were heartily welcomed by the club.

The dinner, one of the most delightful the club has had served in several months, was furnished by the local U. D. C. chapter. The invocation was offered by Dr. D. J. Brimm, and the evening's proceedings were presided over by President Witherspoon with a larger attendance than usual, including several guests.

Several committees reported their duties completed and they were discharged. The good roads committee, through its chairman, J. F. Jacobs, Sr., made a report on the contemplated \$500,000 bond issue for a program of county-wide development. Mr. Jacobs stated that three gangs are now at work on the Musgrove road and that it is expected that this project will be completed within five weeks.

With its completion, a balance of approximately \$11,000 will be available to be applied on the Belfast road with some possibility of an appropriation from the legislature to complete the project. Mr. Jacobs then made an able presentation of the proposed program for a county-wide system of improved roads in behalf of the committee of which he is chairman from the Clinton Commercial Club and the Laurens Business League. He presented each member with a map showing the roads that would be improved under the provision of the bill which has been laid before the county delegation asking for a referendum by the people. The road system calls for the building of 250 miles of first-class highways at an approximate cost of \$500,000, the work to be done under the direction of the county engineer and highway commission appointed by the governor upon recommendation from the legislative delegation.

He stated that the roads just built by the highway commission had been constructed at a little over 30 per cent of the former cost, and that it would be an unwise move for the county to abandon its present highway work and to discard its road equipment which aggregates several thousand dollars. Reporting on his visit to the Laurens Business League, Mr. Jacobs stated that the plan had been indefinitely postponed by that organization and that it had appointed a committee to study the needs of the county relative to a future road improvement policy with the view of arriving at a settled program. He stated that he did not know why the Laurens club took such action, or what better plan it would have to offer, and for the committee he urged the club's endorsement of the proposed county-wide bill which was unanimously voted. Mr. Jacobs further urged that the members get behind the bills that now go before the legislature asking for a referendum vote, and expressed the belief that the voters of the county would overwhelmingly pass the bond issue if it is submitted to them for ratification along the definite lines as designated in the bill which would give every cross-section of the county a first-class top-soil road with no partiality or injustice shown anywhere towards any section. He asked that the chair appoint a committee to push the matter by the collecting of names to petitions to be forwarded the county delegation and this motion prevailed without any opposition.

Messrs. John H. Bell and Hayne B. Workman were present as visitors and both gave their approval to the county-wide program of road building as contemplated in the bills offered by Mr. Jacobs. President Witherspoon announced that several members of the club had been "drafted" to make short, enthusiastic speeches touching upon Clinton's needs and opportunities. He called upon A. O'Daniel, Gilbert Blakely, Jack H. Davis, W. A. Moorhead, W. H. Shands, and W. P. Jacobs, all of the gentlemen responding with enjoyable and helpful talks in which the city's future needs were discussed and several splendid suggestions offered.

J. Hamp Stone suggested that the club invite delegations from Newberry and Union counties to be its guests at the next meeting to present their plan of road maintenance and the motion was adopted. J. F. Jacobs, Sr., informed the club

that he had been appointed state chairman for South Carolina for the Southern Exposition to be held in New York in the spring and urged that Clinton and this section be represented with an exhibit in the great show.

J. F. Jacobs, Jr., offered a resolution asking the club to request the protestants on the recent city bond election to withdraw their complaint and to further request City Council to rescind its action in declaring the election null and void on the ground of irregularities.

B. H. Boyd stated that the matter had already been settled and had no right to be brought before the club. What he said was heartily seconded by W. A. Moorhead, who stated that it was a political question and should not be considered or discussed by the club. He offered a substitute motion to table the motion of Mr. Jacobs, and it was adopted by the club.

The matter of ample hydro-electric power being available in this community with the incoming of the Southern Power Company was called to the club's attention and a motion passed asking that the Southern Power Company, the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and the Commercial Club to join in a joint advertising campaign to get this information before prospective manufacturing enterprises.

During the evening, President Witherspoon announced that the football team of the Presbyterian College would be the guests of the club at the next meeting. He further announced that the Hon. Christie Benet of Columbia, would address the club at the February meeting.

The chair announced the reception of Mr. J. M. Johnson, city engineer, as a member of the club.

R. O. T. C. UNIT TO BE INSPECTED

Col. Frank W. Rowell, Officer of
Fourth Corps Area, To Be
Here Tomorrow.

Col. Frank W. Rowell, stationed at Atlanta, will spend tomorrow in the city for the purpose of inspecting the R. O. T. C. unit of the Presbyterian College. There will be another inspection on February 2 by Col. F. C. Bowles, Infantry, from the office of the chief of Infantry, Washington. The result of this visit will determine whether the unit is to be inspected by the second Army Board to determine whether it shall be rated a "distinguished" college or not.

At these annual inspections held in previous years, the college has always made a creditable showing and received a satisfactory rating. At Camp McClellan last summer, the college maintained a high standard, having been rated first once and third once in the past three years. The local unit is headed by Col. E. L. Glasgow, as commanding officer, Lieut. D. R. Nimocks, and Sergt. Hipert.

KIWANIS CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

W. W. Harris Is Elected President
of Local Club for New Year.
Other Officers Named.

W. W. Harris, publisher of the Clinton Chronicle, was elected president of the Clinton Kiwanis club at the regular annual election of officers meeting held last Friday at the luncheon at the Clinton Hotel. He succeeds Rev. Edward Long, the retiring president.

Other officers elected to head the club for the year are: Dr. G. W. B. Smith, vice-president; W. D. Copeland, treasurer; Rev. Edward Long, district trustee.

The board of directors was elected as follows: B. H. Boyd, J. F. Jacobs, Jr., W. H. Simpson, R. E. Ferguson, C. J. Killen, J. A. Bailey, and B. L. King. The board will elect a secretary.

The club has ahead of it for the new year an ambitious program, and the new officers have already entered upon their duties. A three-cornered joint meeting between the Clinton-Union-Newberry clubs has been arranged. The first will be held here on the evening of February 5, and then rotating meetings will also be held in the other two cities. "Ladies Night" is also to be observed at an early date by the local club.

NEXT HOME GAME

The next basketball game to be played in Clinton will be on the night of Jan. 24th. The fast Pacific Mills team will furnish the opposition for the P. C. quintet.

EDGAR BROWN NEW SPEAKER

Barnwell Representative Is Chosen
Over J. K. Hamblin of Union.
Gibbes Re-elected Clerk.

Columbia, Jan. 13.—Assembling here today for the 1925 legislative session, both houses of the South Carolina General Assembly squared away for action, electing their officers and disposing of the usual organization preliminaries in short order. In the House a movement was started looking toward a two weeks' recess of the legislature with the exception of the financial committees of each house, as was done last year, with a view to giving the committees an opportunity to concentrate on fiscal measures, but under rules of the body, action went over.

The principal organization fight was in the House, where Edgar A. Brown, of Barnwell, chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee, was elected speaker over John K. Hamblin, of Union, by a vote of 89 to 26. The only other contest was in the House, also, the Rev. J. W. Oxner of Columbia, being defeated for the chaplaincy by the Rev. J. A. White, also of Columbia, who was chaplain of the previous House.

In the Senate, Senator Alan Johnson, of Newberry, was re-elected president pro tem by acclamation.

Rejection of the proposed federal labor amendment to the federal constitution was provided for in a resolution introduced in the House by Thomas H. Peeples, of Columbia, former attorney general. Other resolutions proposed a reduction in the number and salaries of the attaches of the assembly, and for a close check upon automobiles in the state with a view to preventing motorists escaping taxation. These measures will come up for consideration later in the session.

J. Wilson Gibbs, who has been clerk of the House for a number of years, was re-elected to that post. Taylor H. Stukes, of Manning, was elected speaker pro tem by acclamation. A. E. Hutchison, of Rock Hill, was re-elected as reading clerk. J. S. Wilson, of Lancaster, was re-elected as sergeant at arms. Marvin M. Mann of St. Matthews, was re-elected clerk of the Senate.

NATIONAL BANK HOLDS ELECTION

Report Covering Year's Work Is
Satisfactory. Present Officers
Are All Re-elected.

The reports rendered at the annual stockholders meeting of the First National Bank held in the director's room Tuesday afternoon, showed the institution has had an excellent year and that a steady growth is being enjoyed by the bank. President B. H. Boyd and his associates were commended for their service and the highly satisfactory showing made.

No changes were made in the officers or directors for the year. The officers follow: B. H. Boyd, president; J. S. Craig, vice-president; R. Z. Wright, vice-president; Geo. W. Copeland, vice-president and cashier; L. D. McCrary, discount clerk; J. L. Davidson, assistant cashier; Mrs. S. L. Pitts, stenographer.

The following compose the board of directors: J. S. Craig, J. M. Pitts, L. H. Davidson, R. Z. Wright, G. A. Copeland, T. D. Copeland, Geo. W. Copeland, G. L. Copeland, and B. H. Boyd.

The bank's total assets have almost reached the million mark, standing at \$900,526.01 on its December 31st statement to the comptroller of the currency. Its deposits total \$627,850.61, with surplus and undivided profits of \$61,936.02.

BIG INCREASE IN STATE BUDGET

Reaches Nearly Ten Million Mark.
Will Require Ten and a
Half Mills.

Columbia, Jan. 13.—Appropriations totalling \$9,701,309.76 for the year 1925 will be recommended to the general assembly by the budget commission, according to the financial report of Comptroller General Walter E. Duncan, made public today.

A levy of ten and one half mills as compared with the present six mill levy on general property will be necessary to meet the appropriation recommended if the legislature approves it, unless new sources of revenue are utilized, the comptroller general said.

Taxes from all sources except property will produce \$5,188,543.17, according to Mr. Duncan's estimate on the basis of receipts in the past, leaving \$4,512,766.59 to be derived from the general levy or from other taxes. His estimate that a 10.6 mill levy would be necessary was based on a taxable valuation of \$428,601,274.

The report shows that an estimate total of \$2,600,000 is outstanding in unpaid taxes for 1923 and previous years.

MEMORIAL SLAB IS UNVEILED

Placed in New Leroy Springs Gymnasium To the Memory of the Late
Carey Clyde Brown.

The Leroy Springs gymnasium was opened for the first time to the public on Tuesday night when the P. C. basketball team met the Newberry five in an exhibition game. Both teams played splendid ball with the visitors finally winning by the count of 47 to 19. The Newberry team is recognized as one of the strongest in the South, and has just returned from a three weeks Northern trip on which they won over practically all of their opponents.

Between the halves Tuesday night, a tablet to the memory of the late Carey Clyde Brown, football player who was fatally injured in a scrimmage several days before the Furman game in 1923, and died four days later, was unveiled. A very appropriate talk and sketch of the young man's life was made by Dr. D. J. Brimm, representing the college faculty, and Mr. A. W. Brice, an alumnus of the institution, made a talk touching upon the untimely death of the young man, and the significance of the slab, erected by the student body and inscribed to his memory. Prayer was offered by Dr. Douglas, president of the institution. The occasion was marked with a spirit of solemnity and expressive of the love and esteem in which young Brown was held by the students and faculty alike.

COMMERCIAL HAS SPLENDID YEAR

Interesting Report Cover Year's Work
and Officials Are Pleased With
Bank's Condition.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Bank was held Tuesday afternoon in the director's room of the bank and presided over by President H. D. Henry. The year's progress was reviewed and the directors expressed themselves well pleased with the condition of the institution and its management.

The same officials were named to direct the bank's activities for the new year: H. D. Henry, president; Geo. W. Young, vice-president; L. H. Davidson, vice-president; F. M. Boland, cashier.

Following the stockholders' meeting, directors were elected, no change being made in the present personnel of the board, which is as follows: Geo. W. Young, J. I. Copeland, Dr. D. M. Douglas, F. M. Boland, L. H. Davidson, H. D. Henry, and Dr. Jack H. Young.

The bank showed a material increase in business for the past year. Its total assets stand at \$464,661.32; deposits \$379,530.61; surplus and undivided profits \$27,250.00. The bank bears the distinction of paying the largest dividend in the county, an annual ten per cent dividend.

TWELVE GAMES ON SCHEDULE

P. C. Basketball Team To Tackle
Several Strong Opponents
Coming Season.

The Presbyterian College basketball schedule for 1925, an ambitious one indeed, has been announced by Prof. H. E. Sturgeon, faculty athletic representative. It calls for twelve games, seven to be staged in the handsome new Leroy Springs gymnasium and the other five on the courts of out-of-town opponents. The Presbyterian team is now in fine shape and made a highly creditable showing against the Newberry experts in Tuesday evening's exhibition contest played here.

The schedule covering the approaching season is as follows:

- Jan. 24—Pacific Mills at Clinton.
- Jan. 26—Clemson at Clemson.
- Jan. 27—Furman at Greenville.
- Jan. 29—Georgetown at Clinton.
- Jan. 31—Wofford at Spartanburg.
- Feb. 2—Newberry at Clinton.
- Feb. 3—Pacific Mills at Columbia.
- Feb. 6—Newberry at Newberry.
- Feb. 10—Furman at Clinton.
- Feb. 14—Citadel at Clinton.
- Feb. 18—College of Charleston at Clinton.
- Feb. 19—Wofford at Clinton.

SPEAKER NAMED FOR SUNDAY'S MEETING

Prof. A. V. Martin of the Presbyterian College faculty, will be the speaker at the Billy Sunday club's meeting next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The service will be held in the Thornwell Memorial church and a cordial invitation is extended members and visitors alike to be present.

BACK IN BANK

The friends of Mrs. S. L. Pitts are glad to see her back at her former position in the First National Bank as stenographer.

JUDGE SCORES CRIME WAVE

Tells Grand Jury South Carolina Is
Among the Most Lawless States
of Nation.

Greenville, Jan. 12.—Whiskey handlers and pistol "toters" in South Carolina were scored by Judge Hayne F. Rice Monday morning, in opening the Court of General Sessions here, in his charge to the grand jury.

"This country is the most lawless civilized nation in the world," Judge Rice said, "and South Carolina is among the worst. Something is wrong with existing conditions in this state. The same thing might apply in a degree to other parts of the nation but it is this state particularly with which we are concerned at this time. Murder after murder is committed in our state. In every term of court over which I preside there are from two to ten murder charges.

"South Carolina, with a population of approximately 1,500,000 can show as many homicides, probably twice as many, as England with a population of more than 30,000,000.

Judge Rice then showed that the statement that "the World War was responsible for this condition" did not hold good because crime had not increased elsewhere as it has in the United States.

The cause, Judge Rice said, was that petit jurors do not punish law violators and particularly murderers. "Until petit jurors do their duty we will never have law enforcement in South Carolina," he said.

"I am not charging that juries are dishonest. But when jurors go by any other evidence than that which is presented to the court they are violating their obligation." The speaker then touched upon what he termed "cock and bull stories" which in some instances had possibly been responsible for the liberation of prisoners charged with serious offense. Listening to such stories was taking the wrong view, it was pointed out.

"But the state does not want any man convicted unless it can show his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Thirteen men will have to agree before a man is found guilty in this court. My conscience would not allow me to sentence a man if, in view of the evidence, I did not believe him to be guilty."

In touching their general duties, Judge Rice instructed the jurors to see that the convicts of the county were given good, warm clothing comfortable sleeping quarters and nourishing food.

While not wishing to provide "hotel facilities" for prisoners, the county should remember that all prisoners are human beings and should be treated as such.—He also stressed the usual care in looking after the public roads and other property of the county.

"If you don't look after the public business who will?" Judge Rice challenged.

"The day has come when we want honest men in public affairs. It is necessary to law enforcement. You are standing now in the gateway. If you allow lawbreakers to pass we can bring no man here. Unless you return a bill the courts are helpless. Greenville county expects you to do your duty fairly and impartially, no matter who it may hurt or help."

In conclusion Judge Rice said that the penalty for pistol "toting" was inadequate and punishment of those guilty of carrying concealed weapons doubtless would lower the homicide record in this state. He also stated that information would show that whiskey was responsible for from 75 to 80 per cent of the cases brought into court and that enforcement of these laws would go a long ways towards reducing crime.

COLLEGE TO HOLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Dr. W. H. DuBose of Spartanburg,
To Conduct Special Services,
Beginning Feb. 11.

Following an established custom, the Presbyterian College will observe Prayer Week February 11-15, with two services held daily during this period.

The Rev. W. H. DuBose, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Spartanburg, has been secured by President Douglas to conduct the services and the faculty and students are looking forward to his coming with unusual interest.

The opening service will be held Wednesday evening, February 11, and there will be two held daily thereafter through Saturday in the college chapel. On Sunday the services will be held in the First Presbyterian church.

Miss Ruth Bailey left Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. William Anderson in Greenville.

LEGISLATURE BEGINS GRIND

Session Opened Tuesday With Organi-
zation Perfect. First Day
Sees Economy Move.

Columbia, Jan. 13.—The legislature started off its 1925 session today with its economy foot foremost. There is a general feeling that the people's demand to keep taxes down must be met, somehow, and much of the preliminary legislation of the opening hours was directed in some way toward the matter of cutting expenditures.

While one well known senator was declaring in private conversation that he believed the state could have good and satisfactory government on a seven million dollar appropriation bill, instead of a nine million dollar expense account, a member of the lower house was having engrossed a bill to reduce automobile license fees to their 1924 basis, effective immediately, and several important resolutions were introduced in the house, one providing for a general reduction in salaries of legislative employees, another providing for a commission to look into the matter of trimming general state department expenditures by various processes of consolidation, and still a third to make it easier for either house to kill portions of the free conference report on the general appropriation bill without killing the entire measure.

Under the terms of a resolution offered in the house today, the General Assembly would recess at the end of this week until February 3, in order to allow the finance committees to hold hearings on the appropriation bill and prepare that measure. This plan was adopted last year. It did not shorten the session last year, apparently, but the idea seems to be that it would permit the finance committees to give more careful attention to the appropriations. The plan appears to be favored by a number of members, and it would be no surprise if the resolution is adopted by the House when it comes up for a vote tomorrow.

The resolution for a reduction in salaries of legislative employees was introduced by Representative A. F. McKissick of Greenville, J. O. Williams of Pickens, and others. It fixes salaries for the various clerical positions. One of the principal changes is that fixing the salary of the clerk of the house at \$1,500 instead of \$2,000, its present figure. The resolution was not voted on today.

The resolution for an investigation into expenses of government departments with a view to curtailing expenditures, was offered by Representative Peeples of Richland. It was not acted upon today.

A most important movement in the direction of giving freer reign to tendencies toward economy and reduction in appropriations was the offering of a joint resolution for a change in the rules governing joint assemblies. This resolution, offered by Representatives McKissick of Greenville, Williams of Pickens, and McCaslan of Greenwood, would make cuts in the appropriation bill, after action of the free conference committee, much easier than at present.

Under former procedure the free conference report on the appropriation bill had to be adopted in toto by both houses or the entire bill would be killed. The resolution provides that either house may disapprove one or more items in this report without killing the whole bill. It also directs that the free conference shall consider only points of difference between the two houses and that the committee in no case may recommend a greater appropriation for any item than that agreed to by one or the other of the houses. This measure, if adopted, will in effect prevent the free conference committee from rewriting the whole appropriation bill and making numerous changes and increases.

District Governor To Visit Local Club

Major Heyward Mahon of Greenville,
To Be Guest Today of Clinton
Rotary Club.

Major Heyward Mahon, of Greenville, governor of the 38th District, comprising Western North Carolina, and all of South Carolina, will be in the city today as the guest of the Clinton Rotary club at its regular weekly luncheon at the Mary Musgrove Tea Room at one o'clock. It will be the governor's official visit to the club and all members are urged to be present to greet the distinguished visitor and hear his address.

It is also announced by the local club, that "Ladies Night" will be observed next Thursday night.

Mrs. J. M. Bull, of Columbia, and Mrs. Charles Harden of Newberry, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lankford.