

SOLONS NOW IN SESSION

General Assembly Gets Down To Work. Members Show Disposition To Transact Business In Rapid Fashion. Short Term Is Predicted.

Columbia, Jan. 8.—With only two members absent, and with a prediction by Speaker John K. Hamblin that the session would be the shortest in the recent history of the state, the seventy-eighth General Assembly of South Carolina opened promptly at noon.

The preliminary work of organization, with the election of officers and appointment of committees occupied the day in both houses, and legislative business will get under way tomorrow when the governor's message will be read, the budget for the year submitted and programs made for the work of the financial and other important committees.

The Senate disposed of its preliminaries in short order, but the House found it necessary to take three ballots to elect a chaplain, the last resulting in the choice by a bare majority of the Rev. J. R. Funderburk, of Williamsburg, a member of the House during the last term. There were no contests in the other elective offices. Representative Hamblin, of Union, who served as speaker last year, was re-elected unanimously, after his nomination had been liberally seconded by members and delegations from all parts of the state. Representative W. W. Smoak, of Colleton, was elected speaker pro tem, J. Wilson Gibbs of Columbia, who has served the House as clerk since 1915, was chosen to that position again for the coming term; A. E. Hutchinson of Rock Hill, was re-elected reading clerk, a position which he has filled since 1915, and J. S. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms since 1901, was also re-elected.

The House was called to order by Clerk Gibbs promptly at noon, and temporary organization formed with the elected of Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster of Spartanburg, as temporary chairman, and Mr. Gibbs temporary clerk. Following his election as speaker, Mr. Hamblin made a short talk in which he expressed the prediction that the present session would be the shortest in the recent history of the state, and urged the various delegations to get their local supply measures and other necessary local acts before the House as soon as possible in order to expedite the transaction of business. Mr. Hamblin also indicated his opposition to "long winded adjournments" in expressing the belief that the legislators would get down to business promptly in the effort to prevent unnecessary prolongation of the session.

The opening session of the Senate was marked by the swearing in of the first woman member of the South Carolina legislature. She is Mary G. Ellis of Ridgeland, Jasper county. She was elected to the Senate succeeding W. H. Taylor, and in the committee assignments was given a place on a number of important committees, among them the educational committee and committees dealing with the penal and charitable institutions. Mrs. Ellis was formerly superintendent of Education in Jasper county, and has long taken an active interest in matters pertaining to public education. In order to give Mrs. Ellis a position nearer to the presiding officer's rostrum, an arrangement was effected whereby the Jasper county and Greenville county seats were exchanged, and Mrs. Ellis therefore will occupy the seat used last year by Senator Richardson.

Committee assignments in the Senate were largely agreed upon last night at a caucus of the old members. Senator Goodwin of Laurens, was made chairman of the agricultural committee, succeeding the late Senator Alan Johnstone. Senator Hamrick of Cherokee, was made chairman of the committee on commerce and manufactures, while Senator Robinson of McCormick was made chairman of the finance committee, a place held for a number of years by Senator Gross of Dorchester, who was defeated last summer. Senator Williams of Aiken, was made chairman of the judiciary committee. Assigned to places on the important finance committee were

Prof. Fant III At Hospital

Prof. A. T. Fant of the college faculty, is a patient at Dr. Hays' hospital and has been quite sick for the past week. Reports from his bedside yesterday stated that his condition is improving and this news will be most cordially received by all who know him. Prof. Fant is one of the most popular members of the college faculty and his friends both on the campus and in the city, unite in wishing for him a speedy recovery.

QUESTION MARK FORCED TO LAND

Army Plane Spends Six Days and Nights In Air. Faltering Motors Named Cause for Descent.

Metropolitan Airport, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 7.—The army's endurance flight plane, the Question Mark, glided to a perfect landing here at 2:07:01 o'clock this afternoon after a record smashing flight of 150 hours, 40 minutes and 15 seconds. The ship flew continuously for more than six days and nights following its takeoff here on New Year's morning at 7:28:46 o'clock.

The end of one of the greatest flights in all aviation history came after a crew of five weary men had fought constantly against time and motors which piled trouble in a heap upon them an hour before the landing. Thirty hours before, their work seemed near an end when the motors balked, but the trouble cleared away and the flight went on.

As though in protest to the great strain placed upon them, the motors finally sputtered, one went "dead" and with another rapidly failing, they forced the nose of the ship earthward. Previous motor trouble had been almost negligible.

As the great black bodied tri-motored Fokker with its shining yellow wings touched earth almost upon the spot where it had left so many hours before, a cabin door swung open and from it stepped the crew. In the milling crowd of laughing, cheering army officers, they were the calmest of all, broad smiles spreading across their faces as they heard the acclaim to their efforts.

Not one of the five, though worn looking, faltered, Major Carol Spatz, commanding officer, Captain Ira C. Eaker, Lieutenants Harry A. Halverson and Elwood R. Quesada and Staff Sergeant Roy Hooe walked to a waiting car which carried them to a hangar and then to Clover Field, Santa Monica, Cal., for an official physical examination.

Just what happened aboard the Question Mark was told by Lieutenant Quesada in simple words as he lounged in the automobile speeding to the medical base.

"Just as I left the controls at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Captain Eaker took the wheel and the left motor went dead. We sent Sergeant Hooe out on the catwalk, but his weight was too heavy because of the unstable condition of the Question Mark.

"We knew then that the flight was over. We dropped the gas within two or three minutes after we had taken it.

"This was not the first trouble. Saturday night we thought it was all over. All three engines lost their power. That was caused by a freezing carburetor. We were all ready to end the flight but finally we cleared that up. It was not necessary for anyone to go out on the catwalks then. The first time during the flight that it was necessary to go out was at 1 o'clock today when Sergeant Hooe went out to the left motor.

"It was worse than carburetor trouble this time. It looked like valves. Shortly after 1 o'clock the right motor began to weaken. Then we knew the flight was about to end."

When the plane landed, the left motor was silent. The right motor was functioning, but a stream of oil spouted from it and the center motor was able to make but 1,300 revolutions a minute. Two thousand people, who swarmed about the airport cheered wildly as the plane taxied across the field. About the field scores of army officers went into wild demonstrations of delight at the unheard of record which the plane had set up.

Young Enters Mayor's Race

Dr. Jack H. Young, well known business man of varied interests, announces his candidacy in today's paper for mayor of Clinton to fill the unexpired term of the late E. B. Sloan. Dr. Young has long been identified with the life of the city and his friends will learn with interest that he has entered the race. He is the first candidate to "throw his hat" in the ring and his announcement is expected to be closely followed by others now that the dates for both the primary and general election have been fixed.

Wins Prize In Library Contest

The Library committee of the Womens club, in order to encourage a love for good reading during Children's Book week, offered a \$2.50 gold piece for the best article submitted during the week by a high school pupil. Harold Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Johnson of the Shady Grove section, was the winner in the contest, and his article appears in today's paper.

HOOVER FINDS CAPITAL ASTIR

Hurries Plans for Meetings With Leaders. Expected To Maintain Silence for Present.

Washington, Jan. 6.—President-elect Hoover returned to Washington late today from his Latin-American tour to find himself enveloped in a maelstrom of political discussion involving cabinet appointments, an extra session of congress, farm relief, tariff revision and a score of other matters that figured in his campaign.

Arriving at Old Point Comfort, Va., at 8 a. m. today on the battleship Utah from Rio de Janeiro, the last port of call in South America, the president-elect came to Washington on a special train and immediately arranged to open temporary headquarters at the Mayflower hotel where he will begin a series of conferences with Republican party leaders.

While Mr. Hoover had only one specific engagement that with Senator Burton of Ohio—he planned to make an early personal report to President Coolidge of his Latin-American trip. He also will hold a series of conferences on cabinet appointments after which he will make his selections although announcement of them probably will be withheld until just before inauguration.

The president-elect returned to Washington for a brief stay to find a division among congressional leaders who supported him in the election as to whether farm relief should be enacted at this session and the extra session which has been promised by him for this legislation avoided until next fall at least.

Mr. Hoover will spend much of the coming days acquainting himself with the whole domestic situation as it has developed during his two months absence from the country. However, his close associates have flatly declared that he will offer no suggestions concerning problems before this congress as he holds it is highly improper for a president-elect to undertake to interfere in any way with legislative matters pending during the administration of his predecessor in office.

Congressional leaders generally concede that this pending McNary agricultural bill, which has the endorsement of the Coolidge administration, cannot be enacted at this short session, without word from Mr. Hoover. Should this legislation fail, the president-elect will call an extra session of the seventy-first congress to carry through the program which he outlined during his campaign.

TWO BANKS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Splendid Showing Made By Commercial and First National. All Officials Are Renamed.

Two banks of the city, The Commercial and First National, held their annual stockholders and directors meetings on Tuesday afternoon. The meetings were entirely routine, reports for the year, indicating sound banking conditions, being submitted by the respective presidents. Officers of both institutions were congratulated for the splendid showing made and an optimistic outlook was expressed as the new year is entered upon.

The Commercial Bank's report was regarded as exceedingly gratifying. Its assets totaled \$520,647.27, deposits \$438,348.89, loans \$290,595.88, and no bills payable. H. D. Henry was re-elected president, John H. Young and L. H. Davidson, vice presidents, F. M. Boland, cashier. The following board of directors was re-elected: Jack H. Young, J. I. Copeland, Dr. J. W. Davis, Dr. J. Lee Young, F. M. Boland, L. H. Davidson, H. D. Henry, W. D. Copeland and John H. Young. This bank paid its usual 8 per cent annual dividend for the year on its capital stock of \$50,000.

The president's report of the First National Bank showed that this institution had enjoyed a successful year and is in a strong financial condition. Its statement showed total assets of \$738,556.14, deposits \$469,732.52, loans \$368,000.80, bills payable, none. Officers re-elected were: B. H. Boyd, president; Geo. A. Copeland, vice-president; Geo. W. Copeland, active vice-president and cashier; L. D. McCrary, discount clerk; J. L. Davidson, assistant cashier; Mrs. Ethel Pitts, stenographer. The following directors were named: B. H. Boyd, J. M. Pitts, L. H. Davidson, W. H. Duncan, G. L. Copeland, G. A. Copeland, T. D. Copeland, Geo. W. Copeland and R. L. Bailey.

COLLEGE OPENED AGAIN TUESDAY

The Presbyterian college resumed its new year's work Tuesday following a prolonged holiday season due to the influenza situation in the state. All students are now back and classroom work resumed with practically no interruption.

AGED SENATOR PASSES AWAY

Alan Johnstone Claimed By Death. Veteran Legislator and Leading Citizen of Newberry.

Newberry, Jan. 5.—Alan Johnstone, former senator from Newberry county for 20 years, died Saturday morning shortly after 9 o'clock at his home on Johnstone street, following an illness of heart attack. Mr. Johnstone had been in declining health for some time, but the end was not expected so soon.

He was a farmer and followed that occupation all his life. Through hard work and good management he had acquired considerable property. He had much good farming land in the county and owned some of the most valuable property in the city.

Mr. Johnstone was 79. He was born August 12, 1849, in the Johnstone home near where he lived all his life. He was the son of Chancellor Job Johnstone and Amelia DeWalt. Mr. Johnstone was elected a member of the house of representatives in 1906 and served in that capacity for one term. In 1908 he ran for the senate from Newberry county and still held that position. However, during the summer, he did not offer for re-election, deciding to withdraw from politics the rest of his life.

Mr. Johnstone, besides being senator from the county for the past 24 years, had been a member of the board of trustees of Clemson college since the organization of the college with the exception of a short time, when ousted by Governor Tillman. Later he was elected by the legislature. He was president of the Farmers' Oil mill for a long time. The mill is one of the most successful in the state. He was responsible to a large degree in making it thus. He was an elder in Aveligh Presbyterian church and was a regular attendant at church services. He was president pro tem of the senate and a member of the board of the federal land bank, Columbia.

Mr. Johnstone was an outstanding man and had thousands of friends in Newberry county and in the state, who regret to learn of his death. He had been a leader in the affairs of the county for a long time. In his death the county and state will miss a valuable citizen. Mr. Johnstone worked hard for good roads and always led a fight for the colleges of the state.

Besides a widow, who was Miss Lilla Rall Kennerly of the upper part of the county, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. George McCutcheon of Columbia; Mrs. T. L. Mills of Camden; Mrs. W. W. Coleman of Aiken; Mrs. J. W. Rountree of Atlanta, Ga.; Thomas K. Johnstone, vice-president of the National bank of Newberry; Alan Johnstone, attorney of Baltimore, Md.; and J. Malcolm Johnstone, connected with the Lexington Water Power company. He is also survived by two sisters, Miss Fannie E. Johnstone of Newberry, and Mrs. J. N. Fowles of Columbia.

Funeral Held Sunday

Newberry, Jan. 6.—Funeral services for Senator Alan Johnstone, 79, prominent and venerable citizen of Newberry, who died early Saturday morning at his home on Johnstone street, after an illness of heart trouble, were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the residence, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. M. C. Dendy of Aveligh Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Carson of the A. R. P. church of Newberry.

A crowd attended the funeral, composed not only of Newberryans but many in high positions from all sections of the state. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, signifying the high esteem in which he was held by his many friends.

Senator Johnstone was a good man and numbered his friends by the thousands from all walks of life. He faithfully represented Newberry county in the senate for the past 20 years. He was in the house two years prior to being senator. He was a successful planter. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Clemson college practically since its organization. He will be missed in Newberry.

The active pallbearers were his sons and sons-in-law. The honorary pallbearers, at his own request, were Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Clemson college, and the board of trustees of Clemson.

High School Play Comes Next Friday

The high school play, "Hurricane Hal," will be presented in the Florida Street school auditorium next Friday evening, January 18, at 7:30. The members of the cast had worked for the presentation before-Christmas holidays but due to the influenza epidemic it was postponed. Rehearsals have been resumed and the play is expected to be witnessed by a large audience.

MRS. MARY EVANS HAS PASSED AWAY

Beloved Woman Succumbs At Son's Home Here. Laid To Rest At Hopewell.

Mrs. Mary Emma Speake Evans, a lifelong resident of this section, died here Sunday shortly after twelve o'clock at the home of her son, Geo. T. Speake. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at Hopewell Methodist church and attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Evans was in her 79th year of age. She was married twice. Her first husband was Geo. T. Speake who died a number of years ago. Her second husband was Dr. O. B. Evans who passed away several years ago. Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Emma Boyd.

Mrs. Evans was a devoted member of the Methodist church and a woman of an unusually strong Christian faith. She was a loving mother, a devoted wife and possessed a fine disposition and many beautiful traits of character. Widely beloved, the news of her death will bring widespread sadness into the hearts of many.

Of her first union, Mrs. Evans is survived by the following children: Rev. John Speake of Spartanburg; James B. Speake of Kinard, Geo. T. Speake of this city, and Miss Margaret M. Speake of Columbia college. By her second marriage she is survived by one son, Sam B. Evans of Greenville. Also by the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. E. Coleman Rodgers of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. John W. Sligh of Walthalla, and J. W. Boyd, Dr. W. W. Boyd and C. W. Boyd of Spartanburg, and B. H. Boyd of this city.

EASTERN STAR TO ERECT BUILDING

Handsome Home Will Be At Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Greenwood.

Laurens, Jan. 4.—According to announcement from Greenwood, and confirmed by a local member of one of the official boards, the grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, is about to realize its laudable ambition in the matter of honoring the memory of its first leader, Mrs. Mary Pinckney Ouzts, by erecting what is to be known as "The Eastern Star Home," to be located at Connie Maxwell orphanage, Greenwood.

T. Lane Monroe, former grand patron, and Miss Lucia Barksdale, past worthy grand matron, are members of the boards and special committees that have promoted the enterprise and planned the erection of the home. They recently attended a joint meeting of the various committees at Spartanburg, and it was then decided to put the program into effect as soon as practicable.

The plan as agreed upon by the conference representatives will be submitted to the grand chapter at its next session for approval.

Mrs. Ouzts was the first worthy grand matron of the grand chapter, and to honor her memory the cottage home is to be erected. It is understood that about \$10,000 is now in hand for the purpose of building the home.

Council Orders Special Election

City Council, in session Thursday night, declared the office of mayor vacant due to the recent death of E. B. Sloan, and ordered a general election to be held on the 26th day of February to fill the position. S. W. Sumner, J. Hamp Stone and W. H. Simpson were named by Council as managers for the approaching election. W. D. Copeland was likewise appointed supervisor of registration and his books for the enrolling of voters will be opened from the 6th day of February through the 15th.

Influenza Mortality Shows Increase

Washington, Jan. 4.—Influenza caused 1,035 deaths in 66 cities during the week ending December 29th, reports to the census bureau disclosed today, while reports for the preceding week from 67 cities, showed 829 deaths.

Pneumonia also caused 1,646 deaths during the first period, and 1,092 during the latter. The general death rate for the country during the week ending December 29, was 18 per 100,000 compared with 13.8 for the corresponding week of 1927.

The pneumonia deaths, it was said, were caused by this disease alone and were not from influenza pneumonia. The weekly death rate from influenza has climbed to the present from a beginning of 51 deaths reported during the week ended November 3. From that time the number steadily has increased each week.

CITY PRIMARY NEXT MONTH

Executive Committee of Democratic Club Orders Mayor's Election for Unexpired Term of Late E. B. Sloan.

A special primary election has been called to be held on February 12th to nominate a mayor to fill the unexpired term of E. B. Sloan who died on December 8th, leaving about a year and a half of his term to be filled. The decision to hold the city-wide primary, was reached Monday night by the executive committee of the City Democratic club under whose auspices all primaries are arranged and held.

The executive committee, of which W. D. Copeland is secretary, named the following managers to hold the election:

- City box—Jno. D. Davis, J. Hamp Stone, R. R. Blakely and W. G. King.
- Mill box—J. H. Whitmore, Clyde Bigby, C. C. Abbott and R. B. Vance.
- The same enrolling committees used in the primary of the past summer, were again designated as follows: Ward one—C. C. Bailey, Rhett P. Adair and Mrs. T. J. Peake.
- Ward two—Mrs. Clyde Lankford, Bluford Blakely, J. V. Edwards.
- Ward three—L. D. McCrary, L. B. Dillard, Mrs. M. J. McFadden.
- Ward four—Irby Hipp, S. W. Sumner, Mrs. R. W. Wade.
- Ward five—Ira C. Boland, T. S. Aughtry, Mrs. Lewis Bagwell.
- Ward six—J. C. Cannon, Mrs. Arthur Howard, W. C. Oxley.

An entrance fee of \$25.00 was imposed by the committee on all candidates entering the mayoralty race.

Books of enrollment in charge of W. D. Copeland, secretary, will open on January 10th, and close on February 2nd, 10 days preceding the election as required by law.

To vote in the approaching primary the applicant must be twenty-one years of age or shall become so before the general election to be held on February 26th, and shall have been a resident of Laurens county for twelve months and of the city of Clinton four months prior to the election in which he or she wishes to vote. He or she shall be a white resident of the city of Clinton, a citizen of the United States of America. Public school teachers and ministers of the gospel are exempt from the provisions of this section as to residence, if otherwise qualified.

BAILEY'S BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

County's Oldest Banking Institution Maintains Its Financial Strength Over Long Period.

M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, the only privately owned banking institution in the county, has just closed another successful year, according to its statement of Dec. 31st. This bank, established in 1886, will reach its 43rd birthday next month and during this long period has maintained its position as one of the oldest and strongest in the state.

The bank's statement at the close of the year just ended, showed total assets of \$917,072.48; loans \$871,802.51; deposits \$877,273.67, and no bills payable. Founded in 1886 by M. S. Bailey, it has continued its operation in its original location and no change has ever been made in its capital stock from the day its doors were first opened to the public.

The bank is headed by W. J. Bailey, well known banker and manufacturer. Other officers are: R. C. Adair, cashier; Wm. Bailey Owens, assistant cashier; Goyno L. Simpson, bookkeeper.

Orphanage Hit Hard By "Flu"

The influenza epidemic at the Thornwell orphanage has become serious within the past week and necessitated the closing of the schools on Monday after they had resumed their work following the holidays.

There are now 82 cases in the Lesh infirmary and 5 cases of pneumonia have developed since the epidemic hit the campus. Extra nurses and physicians are employed at present and practically all efforts centered in ministering to the sick and working to overcome the condition that has become somewhat alarming. Reports yesterday stated that with a few exceptions, all of the children are improving and it is hoped that the worse stage of the epidemic has been passed.

GINNERS' REPORT SAME AS LAST YEAR

The ginnners' report for Laurens county as of Dec. 13th, showed a total of 24,185 bales against 24,129 for the corresponding period last year.