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SENATE GIVEN SUPPLY BILL

Annual Appropriation Measure
Back From Committee. Sev-
eral Departments Have Allot-
ments Raised.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—Introduction of the finance committee's report on the appropriation bill and the passage of the bill resigned to relieve farmers in storm stricken areas of the state were the features of today's session of the senate. The early part of the two hour session was devoted mainly to consideration of the calendar.

The 1929 appropriation measure was as recommended by the finance committee, carries a total of \$10,855,552.26. This is an increase over the house bill of \$202,527.07. The largest single item among the increases is that of \$125,000 for a textile plant at Clemson college.

The bill introduced by Senator M. Jeffries of Colleton county, providing for a revolving fund with which to buy cottonseed for the benefit of farmers in the storm stricken areas of the state was given a third reading and sent to the house. The vote was 30 to 9 on the motion of Senator Fred D. West of Abbeville, to strike out the enacting words.

The Arrowsmith bill to "simplify procedure and expedite the final disposition of civil cases" was passed to third reading and sent to the House. It was amended, however, on motion of Senator Harvey of Beaufort, by striking out several sections, which according to statements made on the floor of the senate, practically destroys the effect of the bill.

The bill to provide for the purchase of the Woodrow Wilson boyhood home in Columbia was made a special order for Thursday at 12 o'clock on motion of Senator Jas. H. Hammond. This measure is on the calendar with an unfavorable report by the finance committee.

Senator Fred D. West of Abbeville, made the only speech against the "seed bill." Mr. West read reports from Clemson college in support of his argument that the farmers who really need help will not be benefitted by this bill. "They haven't the money to buy them," he said. Then too, he continued "the time has passed when cotton can be grown profitably without the use of poisons and fertilizers are a necessity. This bill makes no provision for these."

"I regret that I feel it my duty to oppose this bill," the Abbeville senator said, "but we have been passing bills to help the farmers, and they haven't gotten any help yet. If they ever get any help," he continued, "they will have to help themselves."

Senator Jeffries urged the passage of the bill. Senator J. F. Williams of Aiken, spoke in favor of the measure, as did also Senator Riley of Bamberg, and Senator Hammond of Richland. Senator Brodus Thompson of Oconee, voted for its passage, however, he said he thought the amount insufficient. His amendment to increase the amount to one million dollars was defeated.

Senator Crouch of Saluda, offered an amendment to the bill, providing that all farm lands be exempt from taxation for the year 1929. His amendment was ruled out of order, it having been presented after the passage of the measure, and did not conform to the title.

NEW CONCERN TO OPEN HERE

City To Have Third Wholesale
Grocery House Headed By Experi-
enced Business Men.

Announcement was made yesterday of the opening of Clinton's third wholesale grocery company, headed by Crawford Clapp, W. H. Franks and Frank E. Miller as owners. The new concern at present will be located in the warehouse near the ice house formerly occupied by the Dixie Flour & Grain company and hopes to open for business by the first of next month.

The promoters of the new business are well known in the local wholesale field. Messrs. Clapp and Franks have been connected for a number of years with the Fuller Grocery company of this city as traveling salesmen and are held in high esteem by many friends in this territory. The third member of the firm, Frank E. Miller, is a resident of Cross Hill, where he has been engaged in business, and several years ago married Miss Luda Copeland of this city. He and his family will move here in the near future.

In speaking yesterday of their new venture, Mr. Clapp stated that they have received numerous expressions of support and good will from their friends and are very much encouraged over the business outlook. The company will handle a complete line of groceries, candies, tobaccos, etc.

PYTHIANS HOLD RALLY MEETING

Local Members Meet At Festal Board
and Hear Encouraging Message
By Grand Chancellor Spear.

Local Pythians, about forty in number, gathered in the Masonic club rooms Tuesday night for a get-together meeting calculated to result in lasting benefit to the lodge. The program began with the serving of a bountiful dinner by the ladies of the Methodist church and their menu and service was up to the usual high standard they always maintain.

J. B. Hart, newly elected chancellor commander, presided, and he expressed his pleasure in seeing so many members present and asked for a united spirit of support on the part of all as the new year's work is entered upon.

Geo. W. Spear of Anderson, grand chancellor of South Carolina, was the guest of the lodge and was introduced by F. M. Stutts, a tried and true Pythian of long standing. Mr. Spear's address was one of optimism and brought a strong challenge to the local membership to go forward and accomplish great things for Pythianism.

He spoke of the lofty principles upon which the order was founded and has been maintained, and gave an interesting report on the progress that is being made in the state. This modern, fast-moving age in which the present generation is living, brings new problems and responsibilities to fraternal orders in the opinion of Mr. Spear. He stated that the Pythian order should make a specially strong appeal to young men and urged the officers and members to work untiringly to bring such members into the lodge, not primarily because the lodge needs augmented membership, he said, but because of the influence and helpfulness that Pythianism can render them. Mr. Spear told of the willingness of all grand lodge officials to cooperate in every way possible with the subordinate lodges. His address was of an inspirational nature and was enthusiastically received.

Following the remarks of the distinguished visitor, Chancellor Commander Hart called on other members of long standing for brief talks. Responses were made by J. Harvey Witherspoon, Dr. A. E. Spencer, J. I. Copeland, W. H. Simpson and others. The speakers gave interesting reminiscences of "old days" and related incidents of historical interest pertaining to the lodge's past. All brought words of encouragement and were heard with interest by the young men who have recently completed their initiation.

Chancellor Commander Hart and all associated with him, were commended and thanked for arranging the enjoyable occasion, and as the meeting ended, all went away greatly encouraged and with the realization that brighter days lie ahead for Clinton lodge No. 84—both in increased membership and additional interest aroused.

Track Plans Take Shape

The track schedule for 1929 is taking shape at last. Prof. H. E. Sturgeon announces that seven meets are in the offing. Five of these, and their respective dates, are settled, and the other two, with Georgia and Emory, are pending.

The schedule is the hardest and longest that any Presbyterian college track team has ever faced. It should also be one of the most successful seasons that a Presbyterian college track team has ever weathered. There is an abundance of material, and with hard work, there is promise of a well-rounded team.

Coach Lonnie McMillian has issued his call for practice, and many men have already drawn their uniforms. With pleasant weather that is due to come around soon, in the course of human events, the oval will be populated by a large number of track aspirants. The schedule follows:

- March 28—University of Georgia, here (pending).
- April 6—University of South Carolina, here.
- April 13—P. C. at Tech Rlys.
- April 20—Furman in Greenville.
- May 4—State Meet, here.
- May 11—S. I. A. A., here.
- May 13—Emory in Atlanta, (pending).

ENTIRE WORLD WILL HEAR VOICE OF HERBERT HOOVER

Broadcast of Inauguration
Ceremonies To Be
On Huge Scale.

The voice of Herbert Hoover, delivering his inaugural address, March 4, will be heard around the globe.

A detailed description of the proceedings including an eye-witness story of the inaugural parade four miles long will be heard by fifty million listeners in the United States, and millions of others in foreign countries.

"Recently we have had a striking demonstration of international broadcasting," says M. H. Aylesworth of the National Broadcasting company. "A speech by the president of the United States, heard all over this country, was followed within a few seconds, by a program coming to us from England."

"American programs are heard with regularity in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America. We have arrived at the point where radio communication to the masses of other nations is an accomplished fact."

"Frequently British programs are heard here with almost the clarity of a local station. These programs are received here in the late afternoon, although they are produced in England five hours later in the evening—London time."

"On March 4, the next president and vice-president of the United States will be inducted into office. A detailed description of the proceedings will be sent to virtually every nation in the civilized world, and the voice of our chief executive will be heard around the earth, through re-broadcasts by powerful foreign stations."

"As a part of the inaugural ceremonies there will be a parade, four miles long, in which representatives will participate. Every state in the Union will have a delegation among

CHURCHES HOLD ANNUAL MEET

Baptists Gather in Laurens for Con-
ference. Missionaries and Lay-
men Speak.

Laurens, Feb. 16.—Meeting Thursday with the First Baptist church, the annual session of the Baptist churches of the Laurens association was well attended and a fine program of exercises given. Nearly every church in the association was represented, and the meeting was one of the best in recent years from the standpoint of instructive and inspiring addresses and the apparent desire to see the cause of kingdom work given a new impetus among all the churches in the county.

The sessions of the one day conference were presided over by C. B. Bobo, moderator of the Laurens association. The meeting opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. I. N. Patterson, missionary to Africa.

The first address of the morning session was by C. B. Burris, prominent layman of the Piedmont, who brought a strong appeal as a layman for more active identification of laymen with the church's programs. The Rev. W. D. Spinx spoke of the responsibility and opportunity of the pastor and made a telling appeal for keeping the high calling of the minister above reproach and worthy of the mission whereunto he is called.

Mrs. I. N. Patterson, who was with her husband in his missionary labors and took part in the work, brought a stirring message to the women, much of what she had to say being profitably appropriated by the men as well.

The Rev. J. Wash Watts, speaking as a missionary of several years' experience, spoke earnestly for the cause and pointed out how the missionary program can be sustained by the united efforts of the churches that have the missionary spirit.

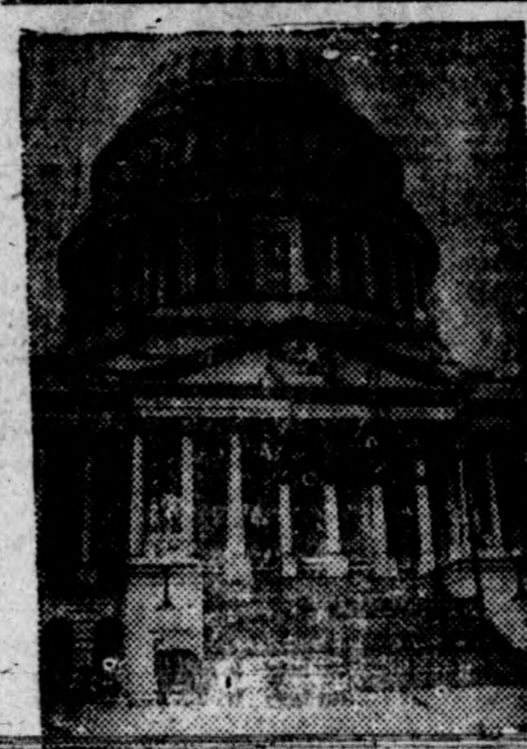
At the afternoon session the budget for 1929 was discussed and accepted, the apportionments being announced for the various churches in the association.

Watts Mills Re-elects Board And Officers

At the annual meeting of the Watts Mills Company held in Laurens last Tuesday, the board of directors and administrative officers were re-elected. The directors are J. P. Stevens, Nathaniel Stevens and W. J. Gallon of New York, R. G. Emory, R. E. Henry and J. E. Serrine of Greenville, and R. E. Babb, G. H. Blakely and W. A. Watts of Laurens. The officers who have been named for another year are: R. E. Henry, president; W. A. Watts, vice-president, and C. S. Link, Jr., secretary and assistant treasurer.

The regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent on first preferred stock will be payable April 1.

Inaugural Stand



The partially completed inaugural stand in front of the Capitol where Herbert C. Hoover will take the oath of office as the thirty-first president of the United States.

the 20,000 persons who will participate.

"The radio audience in the United States and abroad, will hear descriptions of the parts that their representatives have in the celebration. They will hear the bands, the bugles and the fife drum corps as they pass the reviewing stand in which will be seated the newly inaugurated president and his official party."

All the color and enthusiasm of this quadrennial American ceremony will be brought to the world; all the solemnity of the occasion when a new president stands with his hand on the Bible and takes the oath of office.

"The world will hear the voice of America, and we believe that the world will be more closely cemented to us through such broadcasts international as these."

DATE FOR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Southern Presbyterian Church Will
Seek Pledge of \$15,500,000 To
Apply On Yearly Budget.

With a total budget approximating \$15,500,000, Southern Presbyterians begin this week intensive plans for their annual every member canvass, which is set for March 10. The budget includes four and one-half million dollars for benevolences and eleven and one-half million dollars for the local expenses of 3,596 churches, including pastors' salaries, local campaigns and other current expenses. The amount apportioned to benevolences is intended to take care of the projected work in 92 Presbyteries and the home mission and educational objectives of 17 synods, foreign mission work in six foreign countries; assembly's home mission work in 17 states; Christian education and ministerial relief; Sunday school extension and publication; Bible cause and the assembly's training school.

The total budget for the entire church is apportioned among the various synods, which in turn apportion askings to presbyteries, and presbyteries to local churches. Each local church, when it makes up its budget, therefore, takes part in the whole work of the whole church, both at home and abroad. The intensive preparation for the canvass is being promoted by the Presbyterian stewardship department of Atlanta, Ga., of which Dr. J. R. McCain of Agnes Scott college, is chairman, and Rev. R. C. Long, secretary. Preparation includes programs in churches, Sunday schools and other organizations, distribution of literature, the selection of canvassers and the presentation of the spiritual background of the canvass. Each synod, each presbytery, and each local congregation has its secretary of stewardship, who cooperates in turn with the assembly's stewardship headquarters in the promotion of the canvass.

Liberty B. & L. Maturing Series

The Liberty Building and Loan association, headed by H. D. Henry and F. M. Boland, announces the maturing of Series "B" on March 10, 1929. This series has been very successfully operated and includes a large number of local shareholders. An advertisement of the association in today's paper announces the beginning of a new series "F" on the 10th of March.

KIWANIANS MEET TONIGHT

The regular Kiwanis meeting will be held this evening at Hotel Clinton at 7:45. Prof. J. H. Witherspoon of this city, will deliver a historical address before the club and all members are urged to be present.

SECTION WANTS TO JOIN GREENVILLE

Portions of Two Townships in Lau-
rens County Active, Road Neg-
lect Is Given As Cause.

Laurens, Feb. 16.—A movement, which has for its purpose the secession of a portion of Youngs and Dials townships in Laurens county and its annexation to Greenville county is now in full swing, it was learned here today, a petition for an election on the matter already being in circulation. The basis of the movement is alleged neglect on the part of the Laurens county authorities of the Coopers Bridge-Fountain Inn road, a highway about seven miles, which traverses a rich farming section.

Five meetings have been held within the past 10 days and an organization, perfected to the point of employing Dean and Wyche of Greenville, as counsel and the collecting of between \$200 and \$500 to defray expenses incident to preparing and circulating the petition and securing a surveyor to run the line bounding the section which would depart from Laurens county.

The line cutting off the section seeking to secede would begin at a point on the Enoree river about a mile above the bridge on the Woodruff road, extend across the Leonard place, the New Harmony church section, cross the C & W. C. railroad between Fountain Inn and Owings and cut off the Green Pond section in Dials township.

It is understood that there are about 1,200 people living in this area with about 400 votes registered.

The five meetings held thus far have taken place at Bethany, Gray's school, Durbin, Fountain Inn and John Jones' store. Leaders in the movement as learned here tonight include John B. Cook, G. T. Cook, Step Cook, Zadie Cooper and Lacey Cooper, all influential farmers, living along the road, which is the bone of contention. The five meetings have been well attended, it is understood, as many as 20 have been present.

Leaders in the secession movement assert that the Cooper's Bridge-Fountain Inn road has long been neglected by county authorities and being both used for school buses and for a mail route is entitled to far more attention than it has received. They declare that complaints have brought no results.

County officials interviewed here tonight stated that preliminary work for the improving of the road in question was now in progress. Supervisor Watts stated that his plans call for relocation of the route, topsoiling and the replacing or improving of any bridges which are in need of attention. He stated that the heavy pressure of work necessary to repair roads damaged by the floods of the late summer have prevented the county forces from getting to this road any sooner.

The procedure for an election would require the signature of at least one-third of the voters to the petition now being circulated. Properly signed, petition will then be forwarded to the governor, who under the law must appoint a commission of four, two from the area affected and two from the county at large to investigate the conditions complained of and make a survey, a report on which they would render to the governor as soon as possible. This much done, the governor would then call an election and should two-thirds of the voters favor secession, the area would automatically become annexed to Greenville county. A commission would then have to be appointed by the governor to supervise the proper apportionment of public debt, taxes and the like.

No move from Greenville county to take in the proposed seceding area has been made, according to information here and Greenville citizens, it is understood, would have no voice in the matter.

That there is also opposition to the annexation plan is also known though there has been no organized effort to combat the secessionists. Names of citizens who are against withdrawing from Laurens county were stated tonight to include J. A. McIntyre, Ed Chapman and John Jones, who personally are opposing the movement.

County Contests Here In April

The Laurens County track meet will be held at the college stadium on Friday, April 5, at 2:30 p. m.

The high school reading and declamation contests will be held in the evening in the orphanage chapel, and the elementary reading and declamation contests will take place in the First Baptist church at 8:00 p. m.

SUPPER AT MOUNTVILLE

The public is invited to an oyster supper Friday night, Feb. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Motes, given under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society of Mountville Baptist church.

SENATE PASSES PENALTY LAW

Jones Measure Gives First Dry
Offenders Five Years. Aimed
At Big-Law Violators.

Washington, Feb. 19.—First offenders along with hardened violators of the prohibition law would be liable to a maximum penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or five years in prison or both under a bill passed by the senate Monday and sent to the house.

By a vote of 65 to 18 the senate approved the measure introduced by Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington, after several days of debate celebrated by a clash of views between Borah of Idaho, and Reed of Missouri, on the dry question.

"The proposal to increase the maximum penalty in such a way as to make them applicable to first offenders was attacked by many senators as too drastic but the majority of the senate recided such a step necessary to help enforce the prohibition law more effectively.

In raising the penalty so as to include first offenders, the senate softened the blow by approving a provision in the bill which declares it to be the sense of the senate that judges, when imposing sentences "should discriminate between casual or slight violations and habitual sales of intoxicating liquor, or attempts to commercialize violations of the prohibition law."

Before the bill passed Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, proposed to exempt first offenders from the imposition of the maximum penalties but the senate voted him down, 51 to 31.

On the final ballot 36 Republicans joined with 29 Democrats in support of the measure while five Republicans and 13 Democrats were registered against it.

The bill did not affect minimum penalties already incorporated in the Volstead act. Under the present law the maximum penalty is a fine of \$1,000 or six months imprisonment, or both, for the first offence, and \$2,000 fine with five years imprisonment for subsequent offenses. The minimum sentence a judge may at present impose is none at all for first offenders and a fine of \$200, with imprisonment of one month for second or subsequent offenders.

Just before the final vote had been taken and immediately after Senator Bingham's proposal to exempt first offenders from the maximum penalties had been rejected, Senator Bruce, Democrat, Maryland, who retires March 4, declared "I wish to pronounce a curse on this bill with my last dying breath."

"It is another step in the march of tyranny," he asserted, "by marking out all distinction between first and subsequent offenses."

Senator Jones described his bill as one directed primarily at the big bootlegger. The measure was supported by the prohibition bureau and by Mrs. Mabel Walker Wilebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition cases in the department of justice.

Prather Retires From Wholesale Business

J. Platt Prather, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Prather, left yesterday for a visit of several weeks to relatives in Kissimmee, Fla. Mr. Prather who is recognized as one of the "most industrious and popular young men in the city, is on the trip to recuperate from a recent illness and will spend some time hunting, fishing, and as he put it, "seeing Florida." His aunt, Mrs. C. E. Franklin and two brothers, have been residents of Kissimmee for a number of years.

Before leaving for his vacation, Mr. Prather stated that he had sold his interest in the Fuller Grocery company, local wholesale dealers, and is no longer connected with this concern. His plans for the future have not been announced but his friends are glad to know that he expects to return to Clinton after a much needed vacation and again be identified with the business life of the city.

LaMotte Called To Waycross Church

It has been learned here with interest that the Rev. L. C. LaMotte of Fort Payne, Ala., has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Waycross, Ga., and will enter upon his new work on Easter Sunday.

Mr. LaMotte is pleasantly known in Clinton by a wide circle of friends. He is a graduate of Presbyterian college and a few years ago was married to Miss Sarah Hunter of this city. He is recognized as one of the promising young ministers of the Southern Presbyterian church.