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GOVERNOR NOW HAS ROAD BILL

Both Houses Adopt Free Conference Committee's Report on \$65,000,000 Measure. Richards Known To Be Favorable.

Columbia, March 13.—The road bond bill has passed both houses and is ready to go to the governor, only the formalities of enrollment and ratification remaining. And the governor is favorable to the bill.

The house adopted the free conference report yesterday morning after debate. The senate passed it at 11:30 last night without discussion. Senator Martin called up the report and it was adopted without debate. Senator Greene asked for a roll call and the vote was 29 to 8 in favor of the measure, which authorizes \$65,000,000 to build a hard surfaced, adequate state highway system.

Senators voting for the adoption of the report were: Arrowsmith, Brown, Crouch, Davis, Dennis, DesPortes, Ellis, Findley, Gray, Greneker, Hammond, Harvey, Jeter, Jefferies, Jones, Kirkland, Legare, Martin, Miller, Perry, Robinson, Rogers, Stukes, Taylor, Thompson, Ward, Weeks, West, Williams—29.

Voting against the report were: Bryson, Goodwin, Greene, Hamrick, Hill, Hodges, McCall, Riley—8.

Paired were: Campbell, voting for adoption, with Ard, against; Nash favorable, with Anderson, opposed.

Resurrecting a bill which had been tabled some days ago, by the house, W. H. Keith, Greenville, last night offered an amendment to the measure, a bill which provided that the duty of writing surety bonds for state highway construction be devolved upon the state sinking fund commission. The bill, in effect, was the same as the Keith amendment to the \$65,000,000 road bond bill. This amendment was adopted by the house, but was rejected by the committee on free conference on the road bill, and the report of the committee on free conference had already been adopted by the house.

Last night the house membership in a series of roll calls again declared itself in favor of this amendment.

After Mr. Keith had offered the measure, he spoke briefly on it. W. W. Smoak, Colleton, made a motion that the bill be sent to the committee on ways and means. By a vote of 63 to 42 the house refused to take this action.

Then Olin Sawyer, Georgetown, made a motion that the bill be continued until next year. This motion, too, failed of passage, the vote being 61 against to 43 in favor. The bill was then advanced to third reading.

Launching a desperate but hopeless last minute fight against the adoption of the report of the committee of free conference, opponents of the measure in the house yesterday attacked it from various angles, but their arguments were in vain, and when the roll call was taken, 60 members voted in favor of the adoption of the report and 41 against.

Arguments were made by Representatives Olin D. Johnston, Spartanburg; W. H. Keith, Greenville; S. T. D. Lancaster, Spartanburg; J. R. Coggeshall, Darlington; and W. J. Moore, Greenwood. The proponents of the bill did not take the floor; confident of their strength, they gave the debate over entirely to the opposition.

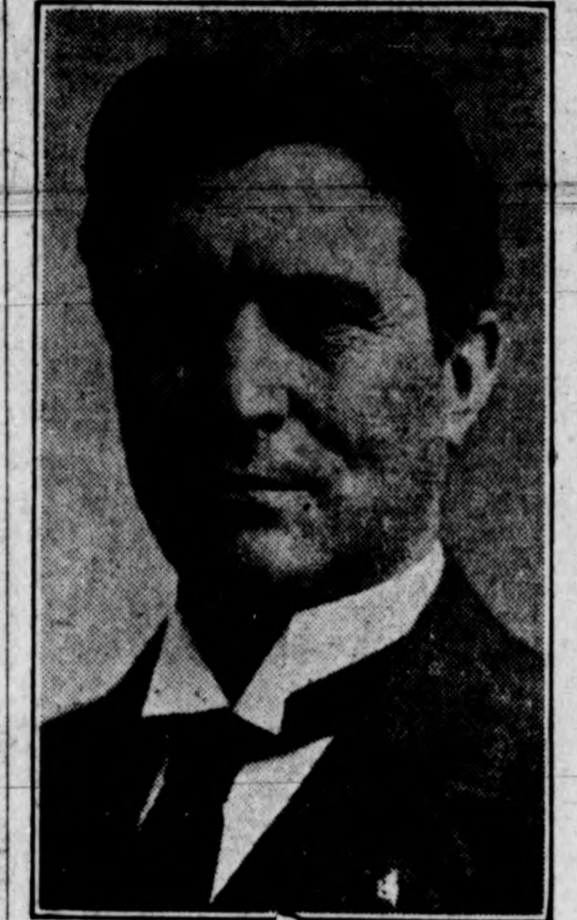
After the house had adopted the report, the Spartanburg, Greenville and Darlington delegations sent up to the desk their protests against being included in any road district without submitting the question of entering the road district to the people. One section of the road bond bill provides

NOTED SPEAKER TO APPEAR HERE

Dr. F. B. Short of New York, to Address Chamber of Commerce Membership Next Wednesday Night.

Dr. F. B. Short of New York City, will address the members of the local Chamber of Commerce on next Wednesday evening, using as his subject, "Community Building." It will be recalled that he was scheduled to speak here in February but was forced to cancel his Southern engagements on account of an attack of influenza at that time.

Dr. Short is to appear here under



DR. F. B. SHORT

the auspices of the Public Relations department of the J. C. Penney Company, and on the present trip will speak in fifty Southern cities. His mission is to render a special service to the communities he visits and the splendid testimonials received from civic organizations all speak in the highest praise of his work.

Dr. Short has gathered considerable experience in discussing community problems in the six hundred communities he has visited during the past few years. He has a vital message and one which every civic-minded person should hear. His ability as a speaker on community topics has been recognized throughout the country. His topics are devoted entirely to the subject assigned to him, and while he is employed by the Public Relations department of the Penney organization, he does not allude to or mention the local store or the company in his address.

The following press comment is taken from a Missouri city in which Dr. Short recently appeared:

"The best platform speaker before a Brookfield audience in the past quarter century, was Dr. F. B. Short. This man makes addresses to organic bodies wherever his mercantile concern has stores, but never mentions his firm or alludes to it in any way. As an orator he reminds one of the late and famed Bishop Quayle, only he is more forceful, more dynamic. His address was an inspiration. He talks for good citizenship, for a broad tolerance in religion, and for a common democracy. He was at times humorous, and in the next sentence-most serious, giving weight to his logic with forceful gesture. The address by Dr. Short, with his powerful physique and master mind, came in for expressions of appreciation from the crowd who heard him."

Pan-Hellenic Plans Going Forward

Plans are now being completed for the annual Pan-Hellenic banquet to be given at Presbyterian college on Friday, March 22nd. It will be served as heretofore in Judd hall, with a number of speakers and honorary guests present. The visiting young ladies here for this outstanding social event of the year, will be entertained in the middle section of Smyth hall with several chaperones in attendance.

SPOKE HERE MONDAY

C. K. Wright, superintendent of the Laurens city schools, and Miss Kate Wofford, county superintendent of education, were the guests of the Clinton public schools teachers on Monday afternoon and were heard with interest. Mr. Wright spoke on "Professional Spirit," and Miss Wofford on the "Cleveland Meeting" of the department of superintendence.

RURAL POLICE RE-APPOINTED

Geo. L. Ridgeway and E. B. Pinson, members of the Laurens county rural police force, have been recommended by the delegation for another term of two years and are expected to receive their commissions within the next few days.

CONFERENCE WITH SECEDERS SOUGHT

Laurens Business League Seeks Adjustment in Dials-Youngs Annexation Matter.

Laurens, March 8.—The Youngs-Dials township "situation" with reference to the alleged organized movement to annex portions of the two townships to Greenville county, was brought to the attention of the Laurens Business League last Tuesday by Sam R. Dorroh, who suggested that the matter be discussed with the view of offering the good offices of the league toward the amicable adjustment of any grievances or conditions that exist relative to public roads. After a lengthy discussion, the league adopted a resolution, offered by C. F. Fleming and amended by W. L. Gray, to the effect that the supervisor be requested to put the roads in the territory in condition, and that a delegation from the league arrange for a conference with the leaders in the proposed annexation movement for the purpose of adjusting the things that appear to be causing dissatisfaction as residents of Laurens county. The president of the league was authorized to name the members of the delegation. It is expected that the suggested conference will be planned at once.

President Long yesterday announced the personnel of the special committee, as follows: R. E. Babb, S. R. Dorroh, L. G. Balle, W. P. Thomason and T. W. Bennett. Mr. Long as president is ex-officio chairman of the committee.

It was the consensus of opinion that the citizens of Laurens should show their interest in the alleged discontent of the people in the affected area and seek to cooperate with the leaders in bringing about a satisfactory adjustment. The people of this community do not want to lose any part of its population or any portion of its territory, it was voiced by several of the speakers. Those taking part in the discussion included, in addition to Messrs. Dorroh, Fleming and Gray, R. D. Young, M. L. Smith, W. R. McCuen and Mr. Long.

It was brought out in the various talks by the members, that about \$1,000 had been subscribed for expenses in carrying out the withdrawal plan, and that a survey of the boundary line was about to begin. One speaker felt that the section of Dials township, said to be involved in the movement, had been amply cared for in the present highway program, and that there will likely be no further complaint from that quarter. With the likelihood of better weather conditions, the belief was expressed that the supervisor will be able by the employment of his forces to improve the road situation to the satisfaction of the residents of the section.

BOARDS NAMED BY DELEGATION

County Equalization and Township Boards Appointed for Next Two Years.

Upon the recommendation of the Laurens delegation in the General Assembly, the County Equalization Board and the Township Boards of Assessors have been named for the next two years. Each township board elects its own chairman and the chairmen compose the county board. Following is a complete list of all the boards:

Laurens City—H. D. Mahaffey, R. A. Babb, E. O. Anderson.
Laurens Township—B. B. Blakeley, S. R. Sloan, Z. R. Traynam.
Youngs—W. E. Bobo, J. Scott Higgins, J. D. Stewart.
Dials—L. W. Gilliland, D. D. Peden, John H. Wolfe.

Sullivan—Thos. T. Wood, W. I. Freeman, Jas. M. Sumerel.
Waterloo—Troy F. F. Moore, W. L. Cooper, W. Brooks Sims.
Cross Hill Town—A. M. Hill, R. A. Austin, Conway Dial.
Cross Hill Township—Geo. M. Hanna, Turner Pinson, John F. Griffin.
Hunter—Geo. T. Brown, W. L. Teague, J. L. Crawford.
Clinton—R. L. Bailey, Thos. J. Blacklock, L. R. Stone.
Jacks—S. W. Dean, M. D. Milam, Grover C. Neighbors.
Scuffletown—O. L. Hunter, Geo. W. Cunningham, W. D. Glenn.

STATE TAX PAYING TIME EXTENDED TO MAY FIRST WITHOUT PENALTY

An order keeping open the tax books for payment of 1928 taxes without increased penalty until May 1, 1929, was issued Monday by A. J. Beattie, comptroller general, with the approval of Governor Richards. The order states: "Whereas numerous requests have been made for further extension in time for the payment of state and county taxes beyond March 15, and "Whereas the legislature has indicated that such extension be made;

Baseball Menu P. C. '29 Season

This is practically a complete schedule for the coming season. There will be two games added with Furman and a return game with Newberry.

April 1—Wofford at Spartanburg.
April 4—Parris Island Marines at Parris Island.
April 5—Parris Island Marines at Parris Island.
April 6—Citadel at Charleston.
April 8—Carolina at Columbia.
April 13—Newberry at Clinton.
April 15—Erskine at Clinton.
April 24—Clemson at Clemson.
April 26—Erskine at Chester.
May 1—Wofford at Clinton.
May 2—Citadel at Clinton.
May 7—Clemson at Clinton.

HORACE A. MANN DENIES AMBITION

Reports Following Meeting of G. O. P. Leaders Declared Incorrect By Hoover's Aid.

Washington, March 9.—Horace A. Mann, Southern manager for Herbert Hoover during the presidential campaign, issued a statement tonight denying that he wished to control distribution of Southern patronage, asserting that he had told the Republican national committee that he intended "to have nothing to do with political patronage."

"In view of the widely published misrepresentations concerning my course at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Republican national committee," the Mann statement said, "I wish to state that I attended this meeting at the invitation of Chairman Work, that my sole participation in it was to discuss the general Southern political situation. So far from demanding the passage of a resolution giving me credit for the result and setting me up as a patronage referee in the South, I claimed and asked for no credit and distinctly stated that I intended to have nothing to do with political patronage."

Reports had been circulated that Mr. Mann had unsuccessfully sought to have the national committee adopt a patronage plan at the executive committee session; that he later had presented this plan to President Hoover, as titular head of the Republican party.

In the statement Mann said he had sought to have some officer of the committee clear up the "misrepresentation" that he had been on the payroll of the national committee; that James Francis Burke, counsel of the committee, gave an "official opinion to the effect that under the rules of the committee this could not legally be done."

He asserted that his call on the president had "nothing to do with any controversy with the national committee."

"So far from desiring now to act as a patronage dispenser," he continued, "I am voluntarily turning over my records to Chairman Work, having continued my work beyond the end of the campaign only at the request of the then president-elect."

He said there was absolute harmony in the Southern organization that operated under his direction during the campaign.

College Founder To Be Honored

Founder's day exercises in honor of the late Dr. Wm. Plumer Jacobs, will be held in the college auditorium Friday morning at 11:45 o'clock to which the entire community is cordially invited. The address of the day will be delivered by Ex-Governor Martin F. Ansel of Greenville, a life-long friend and orphanage co-worker with Dr. Jacobs as a member of the board of trustees. The memorial service tomorrow morning, the date of Dr. Jacobs' birthday, is a custom that has been inaugurated for the purpose of halting each year to do honor to the institution's beloved founder.

Y. M. C. A. TEAM HERE FRIDAY

Greenville Gymnasts and Athletes To Give Exhibition Tomorrow Night. Varied Program Offered.

Clinton people will be delighted to know that authorities at the Presbyterian college will present the gymnastic team of the Greenville Young Men's Christian association in exhibition on Friday night in Leroy Springs gymnasium, the performance beginning promptly at eight o'clock. On two other occasions these gymnasts and athletes have attracted Clinton people, and the performance which is given this year is said to be better than those of previous years. It is hoped that the young performers will be greeted by a big crowd.

An admission price will be charged of 35c for adults, and 20c for children. The team is composed of twenty boys and men, all trained in excellence in fancy costumed athletic and gymnastic dances, expert work on the parallel bars, high bars and springboard. The work of the senior team is far better than that ordinarily seen in a circus. Interspersed with the group will be several clowns who will add merriment to the occasion.

The program to be presented consists of seventeen different numbers as follows:

1. Russian Arkadsky dance.
2. Hollander taps.
3. Scotch dance.
4. Fancy wand drill.
5. Tumbling and acrobatics.
6. Dixie frolics.
7. The Jolly Tars.
8. Spanish dance.
9. Clown dance.
10. Parallel bars.
11. Free hand drill.
12. Flaming torch drill.
13. Farmer dance.
14. Low horizontal bar.
15. High horizontal bar.
16. Springboard leaping.
17. Human pyramids.

The team is coached by George W. Mackey, physical director of the Greenville Y. M. C. A., and is composed of the following boys and men: Clarence Fraser, Robert Bruce, Jim Bruce, Spot Childers, John Crnkovich, Ernest Carpenter, Jim Greene, Fox Beattie, Luther Marchant, Jr., Walter Wilson, Bill Wallace, Elbert Allee, Newton Turrentine, John Brandt, Elwood McCuen, Luther McBee, Jr., Millegge Bonham, Bradley Morrah. Mrs. C. W. Johnson is the pianist. The entire program of the team is given with music.

CURTAIN FALLS ON HEMBREE CASE

Coroner Closes Inquest Pending Several Weeks. Jury Says Origin of Fire Unknown.

Official inquiry into the deaths last Christmas eve morning of four persons who perished in the burning home of Mrs. Lee Hembree, a few miles from Kinards in Laurens county, was closed Tuesday when Coroner J. A. Thomason called the inquest jury together for the purpose of rendering a verdict on a hearing that was held at Clinton December 27. After reviewing the testimony taken at that time, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Hembree, her son, Taft Hembree, her two year old grandchild, and Boyd Hollis, came to their death in the fire that destroyed the house, the origin of the blaze being unknown to the jury.

Although it is understood that further investigation of the mysterious fire had been made since the first session of the inquest, conducted by former Coroner J. F. Bolt, no new evidence was presented at the final hearing Tuesday. Sheriff Owens and Ralph T. Wilson, attorney, representing the state in the absence of the solicitor, attended the closing chapter in a case that caused a sensation at the time of its occurrence. Of course, the inquiry can be re-opened on the discovery of valid evidence, it has been pointed out, but this is not likely, it is believed.

Committee Named To Select Winthrop Head

Columbia, March 8.—The board of trustees of Winthrop college at Rock Hill met in special session in the governor's office here Thursday and authorized the governor, as chairman, to appoint a nomination committee to select a president of the college. This committee is to report at its convenience at a future meeting of the board. On the nominating committee the governor appointed J. E. McDonald of Winnsboro, W. J. Roddey, Sr., of Rock Hill, Mrs. Geo. W. Stuckey of Bishopville, Senator R. S. Rogers of Dillon, and R. E. Wylie of Lancaster. At present Dr. J. P. Kinard, formerly dean, is president of the college, appointed after the death of Dr. D. B. Johnson to act as president until a president could be selected.

REVOLTERS HIT TERRIFIC BLOW

Mexicans Move On Torreon for Last Stand. Dramatic Turn In North Outweighs Movements of Calles' Big Army.

Mexico City, March 12.—Government circles were jubilant tonight over the announcement that a fourth of the Sonora rebels under command of General Manzo were surrendered to the federals. It was said 1,200 surrendered today and 400 previously had surrendered. The local troops which Manzo had under his command in Sonora was believed not to exceed 5,000.

At the same time the government announced that the rebels under General Roberto Cruz were retreating northward from Culiacan and other points in the north of the state of Sinaloa. Thus, according to the government, instead of threatening to attack Mazatlan, the Cruz rebels have begun a retreat before even reaching the vicinity of their objective.

Juarez, Chihuahua, March 12.—Revolutionary forces were mobilizing toward Torreon, strategic city of central Mexico, preparing for a decisive struggle with the powerful command of General P. Elias Calles, commander-in-chief of the government army.

While a pre-battle atmosphere prevailed in the northern states of the republic, where the rebel flag flies over a larger domain, General J. Gonzalo Escobar, dictator of the rebel movement, was reinforced in his Torreon headquarters by 14 cars of cavalry and infantry from Juarez.

A battle for control of Torreon appeared imminent to observers on the border, but when it would occur was problematical.

The peace of Juarez and its neighboring American city of El Paso was disturbed early today with a gun fight in which American border patrolmen repulsed 50 or more men plotting to smuggle arms and ammunition across the border.

Federal soldiers interned at El Paso mourned the death in the hospital at Fort Bliss of Col. Alvarado Reyes, who died of wounds received in the fighting at Juarez. Colonel Reyes was a member of the Juarez garrison driven out of the city by the revolutionists.

Enlistments to the rebel cause in increasing numbers were reported by revolutionary headquarters, which is organizing forces to be dispatched to reinforce the command of General Escobar at Torreon. Advances to revolutionary headquarters from Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, Ariz., said 2,500 Yaqui Indians were en route to join the rebel movement. They will be placed on duty at Torreon.

Rebel forces in Juarez took steps to disarm all the home guard civilians who helped defend the city last Friday against the entry of the revolutionists.

Mexico City, March 12.—The Federal government today gave out extremely meager reports of the movements of Gen. Calles and his army which is moving on Torreon. Indications continue that a decisive battle in the central Mexican campaign may be fought there.

The noonday bulletin reported that the secretary of war had advanced as far as Rio Grande, state of Zacatecas, where temporary headquarters were established while the staff checks up on the advance of its troops and decides on a plan of action. The communique indicated that movements of the Federal troops were considerably hampered by railroad tracks torn up by the rebels as they fell back on Torreon from Canitas. It was at the last.

Local High School To Name Speakers

The county preliminary contest for the Clinton high school will be held on Thursday evening, March 28th, at eight o'clock, in the Florida Street school auditorium. There will be twelve entries in the contest, the number being equally divided between boys and girls. From this group one girl and one boy will be chosen to represent the local school in the county recitation and declamation contests to be held in the orphanage chapel of this city on the evening of April 5th.

Prizes Offered By Merchants

Merchandise prizes for the 14 athletic events for boys entering the county track meet will be awarded by Clinton merchants. The 10 events for girls will be provided for by Laurens merchants. The field day exercises will be held here on Friday, April 5th, with representatives present from all schools in the county.