

BOND SALE IS HELD UP

\$65,000,000 Road Issue Not To Be Sold Until Passed On By the United States Supreme Court. Governor Makes Statement.

Columbia, Dec. 17.—South Carolina's \$65,000,000 bond issue will not be sold until after the United States Supreme court has passed on the appeal taken by Clarence Johnson and others of Spartanburg.

Governor Richards made this decision today after only one bid, and that not acceptable, was received when bankers met in his office at noon to buy the securities. The Equitable Trust company of New York, represented by George W. Allen, offered a premium of \$183,000 with the bonds to carry a 4 3-4 per cent interest rate.

C. L. Cobb, cashier of the Peoples National bank of Rock Hill, arrived late and, after a telephone conversation with New York bankers, attempted to submit a bid but was not allowed to do so when Mr. Allen opposed.

"I will have to protest," Mr. Allen said when the governor asked if he had any objection to the other bid being received. "If someone else is to be given an opportunity to put in a bid I want the opportunity to take mine out. I have objections to further bids being received after knowing I had submitted a bid. There are many who are willing to follow someone else."

Governor Richards said he felt that in fairness to Mr. Allen, no more bids should be received, as everybody had an equal opportunity to submit them.

Mr. Allen's bid was received immediately after the call of the governor for those wishing to buy the bonds to lay their bids on the table. When no more were forthcoming, Governor Richards called a five minute recess and asked others to submit bids then or not at all. "If anyone wants to bid I had better come forward," he said. "We are not going to sit here all day." Mr. Cobb announced his wish several minutes after the five-minute period was up.

Included in the Equitable's offer was a stipulation that it was not to be considered unless all litigation was settled in thirty days.

Governor Richards, in a statement following rejection of the bid, said he felt a better price could be had after the appeal had been heard. He expressed confidence the United States Supreme court would decide in favor of the state.

"The state treasurer and I after careful consideration of the bid submitted by the Equitable Trust company of New York, have decided that it should not be accepted," the governor declared. "We feel that the pending appeal to the United States Supreme court will be dismissed in a very short time and that the bonds can then be sold at a very substantially higher price than the price named in the bid received today."

"We believe that the price offered today (which is equivalent to an interest basis of 4.59 per cent) is a good price in view of the appeal that has been taken from the decision of the Supreme court of South Carolina and it indicates confidence on the part of the prominent bankers who compose the syndicate who submitted the bid that there is no merit in the litigation."

B. M. Edwards, vice-president of the South Carolina National bank, told the governor that his bank was "very much interested" in the bonds, but did not care to make a bid "for reasons well known to us all." Decision of his bank not to bid was not a reflection on the state, Mr. Edwards said, adding that were it not for the litigation pending he was satisfied there would have been more bids that would be acceptable.

The bond act was passed in the closing days of the 1929 general assembly after heated opposition. A test case was carried to the state Supreme court where that body, sitting en banc, on October 12, declared it constitutional. Opposition lagged for a while but last week Mr. Johnson, along with A. P. Bonner, L. A. Vaughan, E. McIver Williamson and E. M. Coker of Spartanburg, had their attorneys appear before Chief Justice R. C. Watts and make the appeal.

State officials have given various estimates as to the time it will take for the case to reach the highest court, some saying three months and others six. Pending settlement of the litigation, highway department officials have declined to make public their plans for next year.

Rev. J. M. Dick of Pulaski, Va., joined Mrs. Dick here for a few days this week. They left yesterday for their home after visiting the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jack H. Young.

DEATH CLAIMS BELOVED WOMAN

Mrs. Rhett P. Adair Passes After Several Weeks Illness. Funeral Held Yesterday.

The community was saddened Tuesday morning by the death of Mrs. Rhett P. Adair which occurred at her home on Musgrove street after an illness of several weeks duration.

The funeral service was held from the late residence yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. M. Abney, assisted by Rev. C. B. Betts. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the services and the many lovely floral offerings laid on her grave were indicative of the love and esteem of many true friends.

Active pallbearers were: Joe W. Leake, S. A. Pitts, B. E. Wilson, J. Will Dillard, I. O. Adair, Pet B. Adair and Dr. T. J. Peake.

Mrs. Adair was 40 years of age, and had lived in this city since 1907. Before marriage she was Miss Madge York of Rockmart, Ga. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and was a woman of many beautiful traits of character, possessing a sweet, kindly disposition. She was endowed with those qualities that made and held many friends, all of whom are grieved to learn of her death.

Mrs. Adair is survived by her husband, five children, Madeline, Dorothy, Forest, Bobbie and Hubert; by her mother, Mrs. A. H. York of Rockmart, Ga.; six sisters, Mrs. H. J. Pitts of this city, Mrs. E. K. Burdette of Charleston, Mrs. Buell Stark of Dalton, Ga., Mrs. W. C. McConnell of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. A. N. Sewell of Birmingham, Mrs. L. A. Barrow of Charlotte, and two brothers, James York of Birmingham, and W. T. York of Cedartown, Ga.

BLAKELY HEADS KIWANIS CLUB

Former Secretary Promoted To Presidency for New Year. Other Officers and Directors Named.

Gilbert B. Blakely, well known local grocer, was on last Thursday evening elected president of the Clinton Kiwanis club for the ensuing year.

Other officers elected to serve with Mr. Blakely are: Rev. C. Bynum Betts, vice-president; W. D. Copeland, district trustee; D. C. Heustess, secretary-treasurer, and the following board of directors: H. Simpson, W. W. Harris, B. H. Boyd, Rev. John McSween, Dr. L. R. Lynn, J. B. Hart and John Holland Hunter.

The new president is a pioneer Kiwanian and has most loyally and efficiently served the club as secretary for several years. The promotion came in recognition of his past services, and his election was most cordially received by the club.

The retiring president, W. D. Copeland, will turn the affairs of the club over to Mr. Blakely early in January at which time the members will hold their annual "ladies night" celebration.

At Thursday's meeting, Dr. F. L. Webb of the medical staff of the State Training school, was received and most cordially welcomed as a new member.

LAURENS GIVES SANTA WELCOME

Thousands Pack Square for Ceremony. Lights Are Turned On. Mayor Long Welcomes Visitor.

Laurens, Dec. 14.—Amid the plaudits of an assemblage of 8,000 to 10,000 men, women and children, Santa Claus made a triumphal entry to the portals of Laurens at 6 o'clock this evening and was accorded official welcome on his visit of inspection by Mayor O. L. Long, who spoke from the south portico of the courthouse, with the throng lined up and filling the southside of the public square for its full length.

As Saint Nick entered the public square from the northwest side riding on the city's new \$13,000 fire truck and escorted by an official delegation from the city the myriad of vari-colored lights were turned on—producing one of the most gorgeous scenes ever witnessed on the old historic public square of Laurens.

The Watts mill band added much to the reception of the distinguished visitor and the entertainment of the crowd by playing a number of suitable airs.

It was announced that the winners of the blue ribbons for the best dressed windows of Laurens merchants specially dressed for the occasion were, first, S. M. and E. H. Wilkes & Company; second, Putnam's Drug store; third, Union Grocery store; fourth, Todd Motor company.

THE EMPTY STOCKING



Help the Community's Empty Stocking Fund

There are a number of children in this community who will wake on Christmas morning to the heart-breaking tragedy of childhood—the Empty Stocking—unless there is a response to the appeal that has already been made and is again repeated today.

"The Empty Stocking Fund," which is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was started for just one purpose—to shed joy and happiness into the lives and hearts of the community's poor. A careful investigation by a committee of interested citizens, has revealed several families in the community where poverty and privation prevail. In these homes there will

be no "Santa Claus" unless those of us who care, help to make it so.

Here is an opportunity for you to do a good deed—to enter into the real spirit of Christmas. You can do this by a small contribution to assist in bringing happiness to some boy or girl or unfortunate man or woman. The appeal is one to the community's heart.

The Chronicle is again making an appeal to our people to take part in this worthy cause for the community's poor. The time is short, and there remain only a few days in which to act. Several have already contributed to this fund—won't you do so—and do it real quick? Gifts of money, fruits, candy, toys, clothing, etc., will be ap-

preciated and are badly needed.

"The Empty Stocking Fund" needs money. How can the community turn a deaf ear to this appeal? Your gift, large or small, will help make some boy or girl spend a happy and glad Christmas.

Humanity calls. Study the accompanying picture. You have a comfortable home, well prepared meals, an autotmobile and money to spend, a loving wife and adoring children to make life worth while. But what about those who are not so fortunate? Are you going to let Christmas be just another blue day for them? "The Tragedy of the Empty Stocking."

Clip out the blank below. Mail in your contribution today—don't delay.

One Dollar Will Fill A Christmas Stocking

Pin a Dollar To This For The
COMMUNITY'S EMPTY STOCKING FUND.

Here is my contribution to the 1929 Empty Stocking Fund of the Chamber of Commerce

Name AMOUNT \$.....
ADDRESS

Joanna Director Claimed By Death

News was received at Goldville Monday of the death of Stewart H. Hartshorn at his home in Shorthills, N. J., after a serious illness of several months.

Mr. Hartshorn was the only son of Stewart Hartshorn, Sr., president of the Hartshorn Shade Cloth company of Oswego, N. Y., and owners of the Joanna Cotton Mills of Goldville. He was a member of the board of directors of the Goldville concern and well known in the manufacturing world. The funeral service was held Tuesday at noon.

Mr. Hartshorn, during the past few years, has visited Goldville and Clinton frequently. At both places, he made many acquaintances and enduring friendships. To all who knew him, the announcement of his passing brings genuine sorrow.

Postoffice Asks Help Of Public

The local postoffice force is asking the co-operation of the public in mailing Christmas cards and packages early. By getting your holiday mail started early, it can be dispatched more rapidly and the last minute confusion is avoided. Everybody catch the spirit—mail early. It is also announced that the public windows at the office will not be open on Christmas day in order that all clerks and carriers may have a full holiday after the heavy Christmas rush.

Mrs. H. M. Wise of Stewart, Fla., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Vance.

Simpson Heads Masonic Lodge

W. H. Simpson was named worshipful master of Clinton Lodge No. 44, A. F. M., at the meeting held the past week for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Other officers named are:

R. L. Plaxico, S. W.; T. C. Johnson, J. W.; F. M. Boland, Treas.; V. P. Adair, Sec.; S. A. Pitts, S. D.; L. T. Ramage, J. D.; M. W. Adams, Steward; Geo. A. Wilson, Steward; L. R. Stone, Tiler.

The Masonic Temple, Inc., was re-organized for the new year with the following officers and directors: B. H. Boyd, president; W. P. Jacobs, vice-president; W. H. Simpson, treasurer; Carlton F. Winn, secretary; Geo. H. Ellis, R. E. Sadler and V. P. Adair.

City Schools To Close Friday

The Christmas holiday season for the pupils of the city schools will begin Friday and continue for a period of two weeks, until Jan. 6th. The orphanage schools will likewise close tomorrow for their holiday period.

Class work at Presbyterian college terminates today and the boys will leave for their respective homes to spend Christmas with their parents.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT KINARDS

A Christmas tree celebration will be held at the Kinards Methodist church on Friday evening at 7:30, at which time a tree will offering will be taken for the Epworth orphanage. The public is cordially invited.

P. C. Debaters Are Chosen

The annual debating contests at the college for freshmen and upper-classmen, were held during the past week. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That the nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament, except for such forces as are necessary for police protection."

The contestants in the freshman contest were: Abrams, Carpenter, Davis, B. Graham, Johnson, Neely and Rice. In the varsity meet, the judges selected J. I. Copeland, G. Palmer, T. Johnson, L. Williamson, W. E. Johnson and T. G. Ellis. In the freshman contest, four Clinton Hi boys participated: Abrams, Davis, Graham and Johnson. In the varsity there were two, J. I. Copeland and W. E. Johnson.

School Children Sell Health Seals

The sale in Clinton for Christmas health greeting sales, amounted to \$143.21, and this amount has been turned in to the county chairman to help complete the county's quota. The campaign here this year was made entirely by the children of the public schools and the sale exceeded that of last year.

NAMED AN OFFICER

Walter A. Johnson, physical director at Presbyterian college, was elected vice-president of the Association of Southern Coaches and Athletic Directors at their annual meeting held last week at Baton Rouge, La.

LEGISLATURE TO FILL VACANCIES

Posts In Governmental Agencies and Institutions Require Elections At Coming Session of General Assembly.

Columbia, Dec. 15.—Many vacancies in the various governmental agencies and institutions will have to be filled by the general assembly, which meets January 14.

Among the offices which will have to be filled by re-election or election of a successor are seven circuit court judges, a state librarian, two members of the railroad commission and a large number of trustees of the educational, penal and charitable institutions of the state.

In addition to these elective posts, Governor Richards will be called upon to appoint, among others, five members of the state highway commission, two members of the state tax commission, and members of various boards and trustees which are authorized by law to be appointed by the governor.

Circuit court judges whose terms expire with the new year are: M. M. Mann, first district; Hayne F. Rice, second; John S. Wilson, third; E. C. Dennis, fourth; J. K. Henry, sixth; C. C. Featherstone, eighth; and J. T. Mauldin, thirteenth.

Holder of various governmental positions whose terms expire with the passing of the year are: Chairman W. G. Query and J. Fraser Lyon, of the tax commission; J. Clifton Rivers, warehouse commissioner; Sam B. King, insurance commissioner; Albert S. Fant, state bank examiner; John G. Anderson of Rock Hill, W. J. Roddey of Rock Hill, and Mrs. W. L. Daniel, Greenwood, of the board of trustees of Winthrop college; Chairman Sam C. Bleasde of Saluda, and Earle R. Ellebe of Latta, of the state railroad commission; W. R. Hough of Camden, board of trustees of the state penitentiary; A. W. Reynolds of Aiken, board of regents of the state hospital; James G. Padgett of Walterboro, and A. E. Hutchinson of Rock Hill, of the board of visitors of the Citadel; J. J. Evans, Bennettsville, C. B. Abell, Chester, and R. M. Cooper, Wisacky, of the board of trustees of Clemson college; E. D. Hodges, Alcolu, and Adam H. Moss, Orangeburg, board of trustees of State Colored college, Orangeburg; Miss Virginia Moody, state librarian; Dr. T. H. Pope, Newberry, trustee of South Carolina Medical college, Charleston; T. B. Butler, Gaffney, and Cyrus K. Shealy, Lexington, board of trustees, University of S. C.

Officers to be filled by gubernatorial appointment and the incumbent in each case: The State Highway commissioner—C. P. Moorner, Harleyville, representing the first judicial district; J. W. McKay, Dillon, fourth; W. P. Hamrick, Columbia, sixth; C. O. Hearon, Spartanburg, seventh; W. A. Floyd, Greenville, thirteenth.

J. W. Hamel, Kershaw, board of censors; W. J. Wanamaker, Orangeburg, board of pharmaceutical examiners; J. P. King, Spartanburg, board of public welfare; J. P. Caldwell, Laurens, S. E. Welch, Charleston, and Mrs. J. Frost Walker, Union, board of commissioners of the Confederate Soldiers' home; Arthur F. Cleveland, Spartanburg, board of trustees of school for deaf and blind.

S. C. Hodges, Greenwood, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Greenville, trustees of De la HoWe school; W. E. Rowe, Columbia, board of architectural examiners; Dr. David Aiken, Winnsboro, state board of dental examiners; J. Walker Doar, Georgetown, board of fisheries; Horace L. Tingham, Marion, forestry commission.

Three new members of the house and one new member of the senate will be sworn in when the legislature meets.

For the purpose of electing six additional elders, a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church was held Sunday at the conclusion of the morning service. Several names were put in nomination, and the ballot resulted in the election of the following: Dr. J. W. Davis, J. Harvey Witherspoon, W. D. Copeland, John H. Young, John Holland Hunter and Dr. J. Lee Young.

Presbyterians Name Additional Elders

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Next Week's Paper A Day Earlier

Next week's issue of THE CHRONICLE will be printed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday night as usual. The change is made to get the paper in the mails earlier on account of Christmas. Our plant will be closed Wednesday and Thursday to give our force two days with their families.