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## Summary of Legislative Program Adopted by The Farmers and Taxpayers

1. Appropriation bill of not over \$5,000,000.  
Lower salaries as follows:  
\$6,000 to \$7,500 50 per cent.  
\$3,600 to \$4,500 36 per cent.  
\$2,000 to \$3,000 24 per cent.  
\$4,500 to \$6,000 40 per cent.  
\$8,000 to \$6,000 30 per cent.  
Less than \$2,000 20 per cent.

Provide in appropriation act that notes be issued constitutional officials refusing salary cuts, to cover difference between new salary bill and salaries insisted on; prevention of extra pay to members and employees, and reduction of Legislative expense to 50 per cent of 1930 amount.

2. Bill fixing salaries be passed at early date omitting so-called expense allowances that are in fact salary raises, eliminate two salaries to same person where one is for full time, and eliminate positions as per recommendation of Legislative Committee.

3. Bill for effective Budget control.

4. Bills to consolidate departments and commissions.

5. Extend old deficit notes and pay new deficit out of current revenue.

6. Restrict issuance of new Highway Bonds or notes to amount bonds notes and contracts already executed.

7. Bill to make Legislative investigation of Highway Department.

8. Bill to reduce membership of Highway Department to one in each Congressional District.

9. Bill providing extension of back taxes.

10. Bill providing prepayment current taxes with discount.

11. Bill for constitutional amendment abolishing 8-mill school tax.

12. Bill ratifying constitutional amendment and change fiscal year to July 1st.

13. Bill requiring a re-assessment of all real estate for taxation in 1933.

14. Bill removing from School Trustees power to place tax levies on property restricting such authority to the Legislature.

15. Bill requiring all state funds to be covered into general revenue of the State in hands of State Treasurer.

16. Bill to consolidate all indirect tax collections under control of the Tax Commission.

17. Bill to provide state supervision of all sinking funds and issuance of new obligations of school districts counties and State.

18. Bill providing bond issues authorized only on vote two-thirds registered voters actually resident in the territory affected.

19. County Supply Bills giving reduction of over a million dollars.

20. Bill requiring publication of proposed supply bill in newspaper published in the county before convening of the Legislature.

21. Bill for investigating elimination all property levies for local roads and their maintenance by State Highway System.

22. Abolish the fee system in all counties, putting all county officers on a salary basis.

23. Encourage the consolidation of Counties.

24. Amend school law to the end that the public school system be run efficiently and more economically than it has ever been run, and to the end that every white child be given an equal opportunity for such minimum term as may be determined on.

25. Bill providing all contracts for transportation of pupils be made under central control and on a uniform and lower basis.

26. Bill to abolish in all State Colleges free tuition and scholarships paid out of the state treasury and the requirements that compel students to subscribe to athletic and social organizations and activities.

27. Bill to establish uniform control of state colleges so as to do away with overlapping and harmful rivalry, and to give the State a well-considered policy for its higher education.

28. Bills to make illegal:  
1. The election of any member of the General Assembly to any office within the gift of the General Assembly and make

this prohibition apply to a period of years after holding office in the General Assembly.

2. Employment in any department or institutions of a near relative of a member of the General Assembly.

3. Recommendations for employment in any State or County departments or institutions by a member of the General Assembly.

29. Resolution to adopt a Legislative week beginning Monday and ending Saturday with provision for uncontested and local matters on Monday nights and Saturday mornings thereby giving four full Legislative days each week for general legislation.

30. Bill providing election of the committee on Free Conference on the appropriation Bill of the General Assembly by the respective Houses.

31. Resolution to postpone all elections to be held by the Legislature until the Legislature has voted on elimination and consolidation of offices and adopted a new salary schedule.

32. Bill regulating lobbying.

33. Bill amending libel law to un-muzzle the press.

34. If, any when, economics asked for above have been made, provide further reduction of property tax then required, by substituting therefor indirect taxes.

35. Enact again the original Stukes bill that was vetoed by the Governor.

### KERSHAW MAN CANDIDATE FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Wade H. Jones of Kershaw announced in the course of a visit here recently that he will be a candidate for the state railroad commission from the fifth congressional district when the legislature turns to electing commissioners next year.

### SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, JAN. 1

The Sunday school will convene at 10:00, and the Men's Bible Class at 10:15 promptly. The Sunday school will be in charge of M. M. Reasonover, Superintendent.

Let us begin the new year in full attendance.

Preaching at 11:15 by the pastor: "Thoughts and Lessons from a Dying Year."

The Epworth League will meet at 6:45.

Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor. Theme—"Meaning of a New Year."

The music will be accompanied by organ, piano, and led by the Senior and Junior Chorus.

We invite the public to worship with us.

C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

### SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST

The following services are announced at the First Baptist church:

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, Mr. C. O. Stogner, superintendent. Public worship conducted by the pastor J. B. Caston, at 11:15 A. M. Subject: He Leadeth Me, a new year's message.

At the evening service 7:30 we shall observe College Night. Several short talks by college students will be delivered. Midweek service Wednesday evening at 7:30. B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 6:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

### COTTON GINNINGS

According to Mr. R. K. Tompkins, special agent, there were 14,428 bales of cotton ginned in Kershaw county, prior to December 13, 1932 as compared with 22,447 bales ginned to December 13, 1931.

### A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our darling baby. We also want to thank Doctor Brasington and the Camden Hospital for their kind care shown him.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Player.

## News From Blaney

Blaney, S. C., Dec. 27.—Misses Dida Abbott and Mildred Motley spent last Wednesday in the home of their friend, Miss Vivian McLendon of Winnsboro.

Mr. J. E. Abbott, R. J. Branham and Talmadge Branham made a business trip to Camden Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McLendon and Miss Vivian McLendon of Winnsboro spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maddox.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Brown had at their week-end guests, Mrs. Henry McCreary and two daughters, Audrey and Brownie of Charleston.

Mr. "Nat" Brown spent last week-end in Columbia on business.

Miss Ermine Maddox has been a recent guest in Winnsboro.

Miss Belva Outlaw left for Columbia where she will spend her Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Louise Abbott was the week-end guest in the home of her parents in Columbia.

Mr. Ernest Faulkenberry and Curtis Wilson were visitors in Columbia last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dowe and Thelma and Melvin Dowe spent last Wednesday afternoon in Columbia.

Mr. W. C. Butler was a Columbia guest last Thursday night.

Mrs. R. A. Maddox spent last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Atkerson of New Brookland.

Miss Ermine Maddox and two brothers, R. A. and Edward Maddox went over to Columbia last Monday and were accompanied back by Mrs. R. A. Maddox.

Mr. James Borden from Winnsboro came down early last Tuesday morning on business.

Mr. Oscar Ross and Mr. George Sutton from Winnsboro were guests in the home of Mr. Ross's friends.

Mr. G. A. Dowe made a business trip over to Camden last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Paul Wimberly, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Wimberly, who is now doing graduate work at Carolina in the Engineering Department, spent the holidays with his parents. He just returned from a tour with the Carolina Glee Club, which had a fine trip down from Charleston touching all the big cities to Miami. They gave two concerts at every town. This is the second of Dr. Wimberly's sons to have been selected for the Carolina Glee Club. Newell, known all over South Carolina, especially in musical circles, as "Plute", director of the famous Gamecock Orchestra, toured with this same aggregation for four seasons. He is now musical director of Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Queen are spending the holidays with the latter's parents in Sistersville, W. Va.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Wimberly and son, Paul, of the University of South Carolina, are spending this week in Virginia with Professor and Mrs. H. T. Saxon. Mrs. Saxon is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wimberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shannon and children and Mrs. Henry Brown of Savannah arrived Monday to spend part of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cullens and daughters who were transferred from Camden several months ago have returned to Camden. Mr. Cullen has resumed his position with the Seaboard Railway.

Miss Marjorie McCann a student at North Carolina College for women in Greensboro, N. C. is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. McCann on Hampton Street.

The following Winthrop students are at home for the holidays: Misses Kathryn Little, Virginia Drawdy, Betty and Phyllis Carrison, Harriett Beard and Emily Zemp.

A bear which recently broke into supplies in Glacier National Park ripped open all the canned food and ate everything but the spinach.

To prove that she was the tiniest girl in a junior high school in Oklahoma City, Okla., Dorothy Warren climbed into her locker.

## Liberty Hill News

Dec. 27.—A very pleasant event of the holiday season was the reception given on Monday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Annie R. Hays. The guests were met at the door by Mr. J. C. McCaskill and Miss Phoebe Richards and ushered into the parlor where they met the receiving line in which stood Mrs. Annie R. Hays, Mr. N. S. Richards and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. C. E. Richards, former Governor and Mrs. John G. Richards, Rev. F. A. Drennan and Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Hay of Dillon, S. C. Most of the village residents were in attendance and the out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilson of Darlington, Mr. M. L. Sauls and Mrs. Sauls of Manning, Mrs. J. W. Thompson of Charleston, Prof. A. J. Richards and Mrs. Richards of Denmark, Misses Bettie and Mildred Richards of Laurens, Mrs. T. P. McCrea of Columbia, Mr. J. G. Richards of Asheville, Miss Phoebe Richards of Greensboro, N. C., Miss Righton Richards of Lynchburg, Va., Mr. J. F. Johnston of Atlanta, Cadets A. C. Cureton, Jr. and J. W. Thompson of Clemson College, Misses Elizabeth Thompson and Johnny Richards of Winthrop College, Miss Sara Wilson of Darlington, Mr. John Richards McCrea of Columbia, Miss Marion Richards of Bennettsville, Misses Carolyn and Louise Drennan of Branchville and Queens Chicora College and Misses Josephine, Charlotte and Mannie Wardlaw.

During the evening Miss Mildred Richards performed on the piano and Mr. John Richards McCrea who possesses a fine voice, sang several selections with very pleasing effect. The guests were invited into the dining room where Misses Mary Peck Hay, Clara Johnston and Annie Righton McCaskill served delicious refreshments and all present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Miss Caille Jones of Columbia school faculty is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones.

Mrs. Emma H. Burch of the Toccoa Ga. schools is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hilton.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a card with seasonable greetings and kind words from our old friend, Mr. H. C. Barnes, an old Kershaw county boy but for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Roanoke, Virginia.

We extend our "New Year" greetings to your many readers and wish for each one a pleasant and prosperous 1933.

### LICENSE DIVISION READY FOR RUSH

Sutherland Reminds Motorists Plates Must Be Displayed January 1

Officials of the state highway department were preparing for last-minute applications of South Carolina motorists for 1933 license plates yesterday and W. V. Sutherland, director of the motor vehicle division again urges the submission of as many applications as possible in the next two or three days.

"Our offices will be flooded with applications for the plates before the end of the week," Mr. Sutherland said, "and it is of paramount importance that vehicle owners get their plates as quickly as possible since the state law says they must be displayed January 1."

Sales have been light during the holidays but that was expected, Mr. Sutherland said. Nevertheless a corps of workers was kept in the office to meet the demands of those who sought the new tags.

"We are able to issue the plates during the rest of the week and issue them properly," Mr. Sutherland said "provided the applications are correctly made and remittance is enclosed by money order or cashier's check."

He urged co-operation on the part of the motorists to avoid confusion and delay in getting their tags before the morning of January 1.—The State.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that the furnace was out of order the Christmas services scheduled at the Methodist church last Sunday were postponed until next Sunday.

## Boykin Rhame Died Suddenly

Our entire community was shocked and saddened when it was learned that Mr. Boykin Rhame, prominent and well known citizen, had suddenly passed away Thursday afternoon. Mr. Rhame who apparently was in good health walked into DePass' Drug Store and complaining of a cold asked for something for it when suddenly he was stricken and died a few minutes after reaching the Camden Hospital.

Mr. Rhame was well known throughout the County. For a number of years he was with Springs & Shannon. Later he with his two brothers John E. Rhame and Geo. A. Rhame formed a partnership and did a large live stock and supply business under the firm name of Rhame Bros.

At the time of his death Mr. Rhame was in charge of Rhame Brothers ginnyery.

Mr. Rhame, who would have been 54 years of age in January, is survived by his widow, the former Miss Annie Lowery, and the following children: B. W. Rhame, Jr., Walter Rhame, Robert Rhame, and Misses Lenora and Lois Rhame, all of Camden. He is also survived by one brother, John E. Rhame, of Camden; three sisters, Mrs. C. M. Coleman and Miss Zuleme Rhame of Camden; and Mrs. J. C. Peers, of Orangeburg.

Funeral services for Mr. Rhame were held from his late residence on Laurens Street Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and were conducted by his pastor, Dr. C. F. Wimberly of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. B. Caston of the First Baptist church and Rev. A. D. McArn of the Presbyterian church.

Active pall bearers were nephews of Mr. Rhame and were as follows: Dr. J. Sumter Rhame of Charleston, Dr. George Rhame, George A. Rhame Jr., George Coleman, Clarkson Rhame and Marvin Reasonover.

Honorary pall bearers were members of the Official Board of the Methodist church and Bill Young, J. R. Montgomery, Jack Whitaker, Sr. and Dr. W. L. DePass.

Interment was in the Quaker cemetery of our city.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Head and little daughter, Mildred, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Head's mother, Mrs. C. W. Birchmore.

Mrs. E. G. Kirven and children Carolyn and John, of Darlington, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Kirven's mother, Mrs. C. W. Birchmore.

NEW FIRM

The firm of McLeod and McLaughlin consisting of Alfred M. McLeod and Drew F. McLaughlin is announced in this issue of The Messenger. They will handle coal, wood and ice and are located on DeKalb Street near the Southern passenger station.

NEGRO IS HELD FOR ROAD DEATH

Chester, Dec. 27.—Robert Lewis, negro, was ordered held for trial by a coroner's jury which late today blamed him for the death of Mrs. Mary Etta Jones of Great Falls in an automobile-truck collision December 16.

The jury's verdict set for that the truck was "being driven in a reckless and careless manner."

The fatal accident occurred in a sleet storm. Mrs. T. W. Jones, a sister-in-law of the victim, and Mrs. B. O. Drennan, who were in the automobile and who were slightly injured, testified. The former quoted Lewis as saying his windshield was frozen.

Mrs. Drennan said Mrs. Mary Etta Jones remarked about the truck approaching and not giving them room to pass and pulled over to the edge of the highway but without escaping the crash.

T. M. Barber testified Lewis drove past him at an estimated speed of 40 miles an hour.—The State.

Ray Haney of Columbus, Neb. grew a tomato in his garden which weighed 1 1/2 pounds and measured 16 inches in circumference.

George Springfield of Grantham England, had his wife arrested for putting his death notice in the newspaper.

## No Extension For Tax Payments

A. J. Beattie, comptroller general of South Carolina, said yesterday morning he was receiving inquiries from individuals as to extension of time for the payment of taxes.

"The condition of the state treasury does not warrant extension of time for the payment of taxes," he said. "We are not in position to make extension of time. The tax money is needed by the state."

Time for the payment of state and county taxes expires December 31. A 1 per cent penalty goes on in January, with an increase to 2 per cent in February.

In the Columbia district, the state and county levy is 50 mills.

W. M. Mobley, treasurer of Richland county said yesterday taxes were coming in pretty well.

The levy in the city of Columbia is 33 mills, which, together with the state and county levy, makes a total levy of 83 mills—which means that a man who has property returned for taxation at \$1000 pays in taxes a total of \$83 on his property.—The State.

### TOURISTS IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neitert of Baltimore, Md. were carried to the Camden Hospital about noon to-day suffering from injuries received when their automobile overturned about three miles east of here on Federal Highway No. 1. Hospital authorities report the extent of their injuries undetermined as no X-rays had yet been taken. The cause of the accident is not known as the victims were suffering to greatly from shock to be questioned. It is thought however that perhaps a tire blew out causing their car to overturn.

### REDFERN LIKELY HAPPY IF ALIVE

Explorer Discusses Life as Guest of Parantins.

An Associated Press dispatch with a Rio de Janeiro date line says:

If Paul Redfern, American aviator who disappeared five years ago while attempting a non-stop flight from the United States to Rio de Janeiro is living with Parantins, a group of docile Indians, he undoubtedly is living well, according to Maj. Thomas Reis, veteran explorer attached to the frontier service who is intimately acquainted with the Parantins.

Reports have come out of the jungle that Redfern still is alive. They have not been confirmed. It is Major Reis' belief that if the aviator is with the Parantins he is remaining there voluntarily and is enjoying life.

"I knew a Dutch professor who entered the region, stayed ten years, married twice and had five children," the major said.

According to the reports Redfern supposedly is in the Malcy River region not far from Rio Madeira. This is only a few days from civilization. The entire Madeira is dotted with rubber depots.

If Redfern is with the Indians he probably is in a settlement near the Malcy or the Gyparana, a larger river a few miles to the south in the vicinity of the border of the Brazilian state of Matto Grosso. The Malcy has an Indian service outpost which can be reached in less than a fortnight from Manaus by steamer and outboard motorboat.

The Parantins, once fierce warriors, were pacified 12 or 15 years ago. The region abounds with fish and vegetation and the climate is hot and damp. There are several unexplored spots in the neighborhood.

### MAY ASK DARROW TO FIGHT CASE

York, Dec. 27.—York county friends of Mrs. Beatrice Snipes, under death sentence, for the murder of Rural Policeman Elliott Harris, are said to be considering making an effort to interest Clarence Darrow famous Chicago criminal attorney, in the case. Those behind the movement have said that they feel the case would likely have an appeal for Darrow. In the event a new trial is granted, the case will immediately be called to his attention, according to their plans.—The State.