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South Carolina Legislature Convened Yesterday

Columbia, Jan. 9.—Faced by grave problem probably than any legislature since reconstruction, the 80th general assembly of South Carolina convenes at noon tomorrow.

Perplexing questions of finance such as the deficit and unbalanced budget and decreased revenues were shunted temporarily to the background tonight as both house and senate prepared for organization.

"Strict economy" and "a short session" were expressions often heard however.

The chief topic of discussion in crowded hotel lobbies was the race for speaker of the house in which four men, J. B. Gibson, of Dillon, Alfred Scarborough of Richland, T. Yancey Williams, of Lancaster and Calhoun Thomas of Beaufort are entered. Withdrawals were expected before J. Wilson Gibbs, clerk of the house calls for balloting shortly after noon.

The new speaker will succeed John K. Hamblin, of Union, who after holding the post for three terms did not offer for re-election.

At a senate caucus tonight committee posts were assigned and other matters mostly of routine nature decided.

Claiming 73 house members and a number of senators, the Farmers and Taxpayers League held a caucus attended by a number of legislators. A legislative committee was chosen.

There were numerous candidates for attaches of both house and senate.

One of the first problems facing the senate which will be disposed of is the contest for the Horry county seat between H. Kemper Cooke and M. C. Anderson who held it during the last term. Cooke was nominated in the primary but Anderson contends he is ineligible because Cooke was not a qualified voter in the general election.

Indications were today that on motion from the floor the question would be referred to the judiciary committee.

Committee appointments are expected a few days after convening. Especial interest is attached to the personnel of the ways and means committee of the house. Neville Bennett of Marlboro, chairman of the committee during the 79th session, is expected to be a candidate again but may meet opposition.

As soon as it is formed the committee will begin its major task of writing the appropriation bill. Before it will be the recommendations of the budget commission that the state spends this year no more than \$6,487,000 as compared with a budget of \$9,500,000 for 1932.

Other financial problems facing the session include handling of the deficit. As the session opens tomorrow the supreme court will be hearing arguments in a case attempting to force the state to pay back salaries for November and December.

"DANCE OF THE VIRGINS"

Indian Mysticism, Strange Cults, Weird Ceremonies—and Romance—in "Dance of the Virgins", a Thrilling New Fiction Serial Beginning in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed with Sunday's ATLANTA AMERICAN.

"Dance of the Virgins"—Fascinating Novel of Oriental Mystery, with Veneful Gods Arrayed on the Side of a Wholly Modern American Girl. Begin it in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed with Next Sunday's ATLANTA AMERICAN.

Among Other Features

The Astonishing Matrimonial Exploits of the Two Beauty Prize Winners Told in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed with Next Sunday's ATLANTA AMERICAN.

Sacred Writings

The Old Testament originally, in great part at least, was written in the ancient Aramaic, the New Testament in the more modern Aramaic and possibly in some parts in Greek.

Black and Light Hair

A woman with black hair has about 600 hairs per square inch on the top of her head, while a blond has about 700 per square inch, and a brown-haired person about 850 hairs per square inch.

Liberty Hill News

Jan. 9, 1932.—Last week was nice clear and springlike weather, and with the sunshine and gentle winds the condition of local roads improved very much so that travel was a great deal more safe and agreeable than it had been for some weeks past, and during the good weather too our road officials had some much needed work done in this section.

The State Law-making body will convene for business on Tuesday 10th to confer over and consider the many and varied questions which are now perplexing (and vexing) the minds of a great many of our citizens as never before. Realize that their task is by no means an easy one and that it will require the most careful and serious consideration of our best trained and most conscientious legislators to devise and bring about measures sufficiently wise and conservative to meet and remedy (or partly so) the conditions from which "our people" and "our county" are now suffering and complaining. The tax burden is uppermost in the minds of many, while the "general depression" has laid "a heavy hand" on the farmers and business enterprises of the country with the direful result that farmers are unable to meet their obligations or even to pay their taxes and are losing their homes, while merchants are unable to maintain their places of business without sales and too, few are able to buy there fore ruin seems to be inevitable unless the "upward trend" we hear so much about manifests itself to a much greater degree than is now apparent. All of this cannot be blamed on high taxes nor can the State law makers effect a radical cure. But we do hope that they will be able to make some very noticeable advances toward a safer and more economical administration of the government's affairs of the State. The people expect it and have their eyes on the law-making body and will not be satisfied unless some tangible results are brought about. We believe that members of our county delegation are going to use their best efforts to bring about the needed reforms. They have our best wishes—and sympathy—for the success of their labors.

Miss Lal Richards who taught the Stoneboro school last year and the first part of the present session has resigned her position and has been succeeded by Miss Louise Johnson an experienced and successful teacher. Miss Richards was much liked by the patrons of the school but has recently been a patient in the Baptist hospital and her health was not sufficiently recovered to stand the strain of exacting duties.

Messrs. H. S. Higgins and J. H. Clements attended the American Legion banquet at Lancaster on Friday night last. They heard some good speeches and enjoyed a splendid supper prepared by the ladies of the Lancaster Presbyterian church.

Mr. E. L. Jones has been drawn to serve on the Federal Jury at the session of Court in Charleston on Jan 16th.

Several members of the family of Mr. W. Z. Hilton have recently been sick with the "flu" but were all better the last report.

Miss Laura Matheson, venerable and beloved lady of our village, was receiving the congratulations of her friends on the occasion of her birthday anniversary last Friday.

A fine of 25 cents was assessed against Cleve Pinkey, charged with possessing whisky, and Herman Bagley was given an hour in jail on the same count at a recent court session in Miami, Fla.

"I agree with you; your wife is impossible," said Judge Harris of Chicago, in granting Henry Florey, a divorce.

Immense Desert Area

The area of the United States proper is about 3,026,000 square miles, while the area of the Sahara is 3,500,000 square miles; therefore the Sahara desert is larger than the United States exclusive of Alaska and its island territories.

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Passing her one hundred and first birthday in St. Joe, Ark., "Grandma" Caroline Arnold gave credit for her longevity to her constant use of coffee.

Officers Make Big Liquor Haul

Lancaster police had a couple of exciting chases with alleged bootleggers on Wednesday night and as a result a man who gave his name as R. B. Lowder of Charlotte was arrested and placed in the county jail and word was received here that Claude Copeland of this city was held in the jail at Camden after being pursued by Officer Gardner out of this city, being eventually arrested at Pontiac by Camden police.

Lowder was seen by Officers Gardner and Ringstaff as he was entering the city and the Charlotte man immediately took to flight on seeing the local officers who were headed south at the time while Lowder was headed north. The chase led from Main Street down Elm and then down Catawba Street, On rounding Leroy Street corner Lowder was going at such a rapid rate that he left the road and he abandoned his car in a cotton field. He was found in a reclining position a few minutes afterward by Officer Angus Hagins who had joined the chase.

In the automobile which Lowder was driving was found more than 100 gallons of liquor. It was the biggest haul made for some time.

Word from the chief of police at Camden was to the effect that Claude Copeland of this city was arrested at Pontiac with a charge of reckless driving being placed against him. It was not said as to whether liquor was in the car but he was suspected of carrying liquor when he was chased by Officer James Gardner. Mr. Gardner started in pursuit of Copeland near Brookland and the chase led down Highway 26. This man was driving a V-8 Ford and he was able to outrun the car driven by Mr. Gardner, although the latter had a car which is high geared.

The second chase took place but a short time after Lowder was arrested and both were witnessed by a number of people.

According to word from the Camden police Copeland hit another car somewhere in the vicinity of Blaney but kept on going. He is alleged to have struck a Packard car doing considerable damage to the fenders. —Lancaster News.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior Medical Officer (Interne) \$2,000 a year, less \$60 a year for quarters and less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Senior Physical Oceanographer \$4,600 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; U. S. Coast Guard Station, Woods Hole Mass.

Engineer in Charge of Helium Purification Plant, \$3,800 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; Naval Air Station, Sunnyvale Mt. View, Calif.

All States except Delaware, Iowa Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the appointed departmental service at Washington.

Full information may be obtained from M. H. Moore, Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office in this city.

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Jewish People Hold Meeting

A Second Inter-County Meeting of Jewish people within a radius of fifty miles was held at The American Legion Hall in Camden, S. C., at 3 P. M., Sunday, January 8, 1932. A large group of guests attended from this district and from Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Bishopville, Columbia, Edgefield, Elloree, Ehrhardt, Kershaw, Lancaster, Langley, Leesville, Lynchburg, Manning, Mayesville, Newberry, North Orangeburg, Pinewood, St. Matthews, Wedgefield, Winnsboro, Saluda, Silver, Summerton and Sumter.

Subjects discussed by the speakers will carry out the theme of religious education and the problem of the Jewish people in the small communities where there is no temple to meet these problems.

Mr. L. A. Wittkowsky, Camden Chairman of the Inter-County Meeting Committee, presided. The program follows:

Invocation, Rabbi Samuel R. Shillman, Sumter; Opening Remarks and Reading of Invitation, Mrs. Leon Schlosburg, State President of S. C. Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; Response, Dr. C. D. Jacobs, Kingstree, S. C.; Symposium, "The Jewish Community"—What Can the Men Contribute to the Maintenance of Congregational Life in the Community?—Julian Hennig, Columbia, S. C. What Can the Women Contribute to the Devotional Life of the Community?—Mrs. H. D. Barnett, Sumter, S. C.; What Can the Young People Contribute to the Future Development of the Community?—Julian Eichel, Camden, S. C.; Open Forum Discussions; Business; Musical Selection David Silverman, Kingstree; Benediction, Rabbi Shillman.

The program for the afternoon closed with a reception in charge of the Sisterhood of Camden. Miss Sarah Wolfe is Chairman of the Hostess Committee.

METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY

The Sunday School will meet at 10:00 A. M. Men's Bible Class at 10:15.

Preaching by the pastor at 11:15. Theme, "Meaning of Christian Light"

Preaching at the Trinity Methodist (Colored) Church at 3:30 P. M.

Preaching at 7:30 at Lytleton St. Church by the pastor. Theme: "The Available Future." The sequel to the message last Sunday evening on the Irremedial Past. The usual musical program will be conducted by the pastor with double choir, and organ and piano accompaniment. Epworth League will meet in the Ladies' Bible Class Room at 6:45.

C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject: Workers With God. Evening subject: Message to young people, on Making a Man. Weekly teacher's meeting Monday evening at 7:30, Mid-week 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.

On next Friday, January 13 at 10:30 A. M. there will be a meeting of the Every Member Canvassing Committees of all the churches of the Kershaw Association held at the Hermitage Church. All pastors, deacons, committeemen, and W. M. U. workers are urged to attend. Dr. Brooke of Columbia will be the speaker.

SENIOR CLASS OF MIDWAY HI TO PRESENT MINSTREL

The Senior Class of Midway High School will present a minstrel at 7:30 o'clock on Friday night, January 12 in the school auditorium. Come to this minstrel and let "Fun and Merriment" start your year with a laugh. Admission: Adults 15c.; children 5 cents.

Ten bags of potatoes stolen by Michael McNulty of Cincinnati were found hidden in beds in his home.

Home Demonstration Agent Reviews Last Year's Work

S. C. News Review

The following record of industrial activity lists items showing investment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportunities. Information from which the paragraphs are prepared is from local papers, usually of towns mentioned, and may be considered generally correct.

Voorhees—St. James building for girls' industries and Wright Hall dedicated.

Allendale—Contract let for rebuilding two schools for negroes in Jasper County.

About 2,000 men given work on county roads recently.—Georgetown Times.

Greer—New quarters nearing completion, to house Smith & James Mens' furnishing establishment.

Hartsville—Ten thousand pounds of cotton seed shipped from here by Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co. to S. P. Clark, director of cotton improvement station at Adana, Turkey.

Georgetown—Farm Women's Club Market opened here.

McCormick—Plans being considered for building toll bridge over Savannah River between Lincolnton Ga., and this place.

Walterboro—W. J. Moore, Jr., recently purchased Green's Service Station and will operate it under name of Moore's Service Station.

Columbia—Crazy Crystal Co., Mineral Well, Texas, opened store here at 1613 Main St.

Diligence Wins

Diligence is a virtue possessed by every successful man. He knows his job, he works at his job, he loves his job. Diligence is that which blends mind and body, transforms wishes into work, dreams into realities. It is the one thing that gets results.—Grit.

The United States Civil Service announces an open competitive examination for Surgeon's Assistant (Dental) for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the new Veterans' Administration Hospital at Columbia, South Carolina at a salary of \$1260 per annum.

Competition in this examination is open to all persons residing in the State of South Carolina who meet the requirements. Certification will be made of the highest eligibles on the register for the entire state who have not expressed unwillingness to accept appointment where the vacancy exists.

Applicants must have reached their 18th but not their 50th birthday on the date of the close of receipt of applications, which is January 25, 1932. These age limits do not apply to persons granted preference because of military or naval service, but such applicants must not have reached the retirement age, which is 70 years.

Requirements: Applicants must have completed at least the sixth grade of common school. In addition they must have had at least one year private training in a physician's or dental office in caring for instruments, keeping equipment and cabinets in order, and assisting in the preparation of materials or the performance of similar duties in an eye ear, nose and throat clinic, or one year's experience as a graduate or practical nurse which involved experience in line with the duties of the position.

Competitors in this examination will not be required to report for written examination at any place, but will be rated on their education training and experience.

Applications must be on file with the Manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., not later than January 25 1932. Applications may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second class post office in the State of South Carolina, or from the Manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office Bldg., Atlanta Ga.

The following account of the work of the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Sadie B. Craig, of Kershaw County, for the year just ended shows hard work and good results accomplished.

There were 15 4-H girls' clubs with an enrollment of 311. They were as follows:

Midway I, Pine Grove, Thorn Hill I, C. Thompson II, Mt. Pisgah II, Midway II, Three C's, Mill Pine Grove II, Thorn Hill II, Charlotte Thompson I, DeKalb I, DeKalb II, Mt. Pisgah I, Lugoff.

There were 16 organized clubs for women with enrollment of 438. The clubs were in the following places:

Lugoff, C. Thompson, Liberty Hill, Thorn Hill, Sand Hill, Wateree, Shamrock, DeKalb, Mt. Zion, Gates Hill, Midway, Blaney, Three C's, Timrod, Gates Ford, Westville, Mt. Pisgah, Antioch.

These clubs were met by the Agent regularly once each month and their courses of study during the year were along the lines of Foods and Nutrition, Clothing, Orchards, Conservation of Foods by Canning and drying and storing, Home Management, Year-round Gardens, Poultry, Beautification of Homes and Sanitation. There was also an active County Council of Farm Women with 420 members which did very fine work.

A Campaign for Canning and Storing of Food for winter use was conducted during the summer. This program called for definite planning of the year-round garden and for special crops. By raising this food the farm people would not need to spend dollars earned by selling cotton or other products. In a year like 1932 the farm people that have their food put up in a pantry have at least one less worry. They know the family will live and many are living on the products conserved during this campaign.

26 Communities were reached in the County during the campaign; 70,356 containers were canned; 207,360 pounds of meat, fruit and vegetables were brined, dried and cured. 280 women taught others to can. 840 negroes were helped with production and conservation work.

Certainly Kershaw County Home Demonstration folk are going to be well fed this winter no matter what King Cotton may decide to do. They are securely entrenched behind a barricade of cans and glass jars full of home grown food, put up under modern scientific methods under the guidance of the Home Demonstration Agent, and perhaps they can weather the economic storm, known as the depression.

There were 324 year-round gardens in the County.

Poultry production for profit is a specialized type of farming requiring special training for success. This training is being given by the Home Agent. There were 415 demonstrations carried out through the year with a profit of \$5,687.76.

Club Market.—This phase of Home Demonstration Work grew out of the economic situation as far back as 1920, when farm women asked for some definite method of adding to the family income. Sales by farm women through the club market were \$2,181.17 for the past year. The market has brought an income to many women who would not have found it practicable to market products in any other way.

A County Short Course for girls was held with an attendance of 95.

The following facts and figures show in part the work the Home Agent has accomplished:

Number of office and telephone calls, 386.

Number of individual letters written, 619.

Number of bulletins distributed, 973.

Number of home visits made, 329.

Number of news articles prepared, 52.

Number of days agent spent in field, 198.

Number of meeting held, 326.

Attendance, 8,860.

Number of adult clubs, 18.

Number of 4-H clubs, 15.

Members, 311.