

Will Hold Annual Meeting in Columbia

The Farmers and Taxpayers League will hold its annual State Convention in the Hotel Columbia, Monday, January 7th beginning at eleven o'clock. Reports from many county presidents promise a large attendance, it was stated at League headquarters.

The Legislative Committee of the League prepared the agenda for discussion and submitted it to the regional conference in Charleston, Orangeburg, Bennettsville, Newberry and Spartanburg. The agenda was approved in the form now to be submitted to the convention.

Tentative Agenda

1. Remove the 5 mill State general property tax. (If additional yield or better collections will permit; or a repeal contingent on such a condition)
2. Reorganize the State Government—
 - (a) Concentrating all agricultural activities either under Clemson College or the State Department of Agriculture.
 - (b) Bring into one office all license collections, especially as now attended by Highway Department, Department of Agriculture, Tax Commission, Game Warden's office, Board of Fisheries.
 - (c) Concentrate all field enforcement service into a State Police System, particularly State Constabulary, Traffic Police (both of which now serve in various police functions) inspectors of weights, measures, oil gasoline, hotels, seeds, feeds, etc.
 - (d) Since all this is non-technical, one or two technical men might be included. This concentration should result in economies through the elimination of present excessive number of employees who collect salaries, per diem expenses and mileage for simple and non-technical services.

The growing audacity and resourcefulness of robbers makes it necessary to have a mobile force that can quickly go in pursuit without hindrance of county lines. The present Highway police force can be quickly mobilized in an emergency. Furthermore, the simple duties of inspection can quickly be learned by men who are also capable of protecting life and property.

- (e) Eliminate the Board of Bank Control. It has served its purpose.
- (f) Eliminate State Auditor and give Budget Commissioner's office his duties.
- (g) Reduce Bank Examiners force and require all State Banks to take out Federal Deposit Insurance.
- (h) Abolish State Cotton Warehouse System.
- (i) Consolidate all State official testing laboratories—Clemson College, toxicology Clemson College, fertilizer Department of Health Department of Agriculture, Highway Department.

And require that all drinking water shall be analyzed by the Chief State Chemist.

DOVE HUNT

A picnic and dove shoot was given last week by Mr. Dodge Peters of Great Barrington Massachusetts at the farm of Mr. Pate a few miles east of the town. Among those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. LaMont Dominick, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Jarvis, the Klotons, Mr. Chase, and Miss Jane Chase, Stewart Boykin, and Sam Eaigs.

Death of Colored Minister

Rev. Hiram Hurst, retired A. M. E. preacher of Newberry, S. C., died Tuesday, December 26, Christmas night. He was the husband of Florine E. Moses of Camden, S. C. Funeral services were held for him Sunday at 3:30 p. m. from Miller's Chapel, Newberry. Leaves his widow and four children.—Contributed.

X-rays disclosed a lost diamond in the stomach of a dog in Boston and it was removed by an operation.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, December 31.—The last day of the last month of 1934, gone! And gone forever! Sad words. Did we enter 1934 with bright hopes and joyful anticipations of what we wished and expected to accomplish? Did we reach our goal? No doubt some did, but alas! many did not, such is always the case, and no doubt always will be, but we should not be discouraged, let us profit by the failures and mistakes we have made in 1934, and enter 1935 with renewed hope and energy and a courageous determination to act our part individually and collectively in such a manner that our Nation, our State and our "home life" may be better than in the years that have passed, and with abiding faith in a kind and over ruling Providence we wish for each of "our" readers a happy and prosperous 1935!

Superintendent L. P. Thompson announced on Sunday morning that the Presbyterian Sunday School had again been awarded the banner for 1935 given by Bethel Presbytery for the greatest per member contribution for Sunday extension—our Sunday School has held that distinction for several years.

Quite a goodly audience including a number of visitors, attended the morning sermon at the Presbyterian Church by the pastor Rev. F. A. Drennan, at the conclusion of which communion services were held.

Misses Bettie Richards of Laurens and Margaret Richards of Columbia College Music Faculty are at the home of their parents, Gov. and Mrs. John G. Richards, who also have as guests for the holidays their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Frances of Roanoke, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Hall and children Bobbie and Louise of Westminster are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones, Jr. of Lancaster.

Miss Mary and Sara bright and attractive twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham are at home from Winthrop College for the vacation.

Miss Callie Jones who has been spending her vacation at the home of her parents will leave on Tuesday to resume her duties as a member of the Columbia City School faculty.

Mr. Alex Graham of Camden is a holiday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson.

Prof. A. J. Richards, Superintendent of the Denmark schools, with Mrs. Richards and A. J. Jr. are guests in the home of Mr. C. E. Richards.

Mrs. W. T. Boyd of Rock Hill and Mrs. Ira B. Small and son of Heath Springs were here with relatives for a short while Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and son Jack of Pleasant Hill were visiting relatives here last week.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a holiday card with seasonal greeting from Mr. H. C. Barnes of Roanoke, Va. Mr. Barnes is a staunch friend of the "Messenger" and we appreciate his kindly remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy in their home on December 26. A very real Christmas present!

A telephone message to Mr. R. C. Jones announced the death of a relative, Mr. T. Howell Jones, of Longtown. Mr. Jones made his home here for some years, and many friends here regret to hear of his passing.

Married in Bishopville

The following marriages were performed, at the residence of Judge John M. Smith on Dennis Avenue, time and place indicated:
 Miss Edna Louise Sullivan and Willie C. Francis, both of Bethune, on afternoon of December 1st, 1934.
 Miss Willie Munn and George S. Catoe, both of Bethune, afternoon of December 1st, 1934.
 Miss Fannie Furr, Monroe, N. C., and Taylor S. Catoe, Pageland, S. C., evening of December 8th, 1934.
 Miss Croala Tedder, Darlington, and Robert Pope, Bethune, evening of December 16th, 1934.—Bethune Messenger.

Association to Meet Next Monday

The annual meeting of The Kershaw Production Credit Association serving the counties of Lancaster and Kershaw will be held on January 7, 1935 at ten o'clock a. m. at the Kershaw Theater, Kershaw, S. C. It is announced by A. G. Clarkson secretary of the association.

Not only are all of the farm-borrowers from the association, the holders of Class B Stock expected to be present, but Mr. Clarkson said that a most cordial invitation was also extended to all farmers in the territory served by the association and that it was hoped that large numbers would accept the invitation.

"Every member of the association," said Mr. Clarkson "is urged to bring one or more non-members with him as it is our desire that every farmer in this section shall acquaint himself with the credit services which our organization has to offer."

"Directors of the association for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. Every member of the association is entitled to cast one vote, regardless of the number of shares he owns, and it is his best interest to vote for men of the highest integrity and business acumen."

"At the meeting a complete report of the year's operations of the association will be submitted. The Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will be represented at the meeting by its President, Mr. Ernest Graham, who will outline the set-up of the Farm Credit Administration of the third district, the method of control and operation of the production credit associations and will give an explanation of the association's operating statement from organization through December 31, 1934."

FISH AND GAME MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

There will be a meeting of The Kershaw County Fish and Game Association tonight at 7 o'clock in the Palmetto Tea Room. All members are urged to be present and bring twenty-five cents for the dinner.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The following services are announced for week beginning January 6, 1935 at the First Baptist Church:
 Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor J. B. Caston at 11:15 A. M. subject: The Lord's supper will be administered at 6:30 P. M. and there will be no evening preaching service. Teacher's meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday January 6. A. Douglas McArn, pastor. Church school 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11:15. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service. Vespers service at seven p. m. telling the story of Martin Luther with colored stereopticon slides. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

New Grocery Store

A new grocery store is being opened up on Broad Street in the store room formerly occupied by Rhame Brothers. Mr. Segars is the proprietor of the new enterprise.

CITY SCHOOLS OPENED TODAY

The Camden City Schools which have been closed for the Christmas holidays re-opened today and resumed work.

Huge Bear Slain in North Carolina. Old Rock, N. C., Dec. 25.—A bear killed near here recently stood seven feet high, weighed 500 pounds, had feet ten inches long and three inches wide, his teeth protruded 1-2 inches from his mouth, which opened six inches across; his arms measured 14 inches around.

J. R. Kanipe and Yancey Shimmons, who felled him, had to fire several shots before killing him. Beneath his skin they could feel several bullets.

Financial Condition Looks Brighter

The financial balance sheet for the state of South Carolina presents a better picture at this time than that presented at the close of 1933. A. J. Beattie, comptroller general, declared yesterday.

A year ago, he said, all of the state's current obligations were bearing a high rate of interest, 5-12 per cent and 6 per cent. Moreover, he continued, some of these obligations were past due and "we were only able to pay the interest at stated periods."

"At that time," he said, "we had a note for \$900,000 due the RFC on which we were paying 5-12 per cent interest and we had \$2,591,000 notes issued to the teachers scattered throughout the state bearing interest at 5 per cent."

"December 31, 1934" we show no outstanding obligations in our general fund bearing a greater rate of interest than 3-12 per cent, while the teachers' notes which were outstanding have been all called for payment. These obligations were partly paid in cash and partly refinanced over a period of one to two years at 3-12 per cent interest while our short term current loans are bearing an interest rate of 1-1-4 per cent and 1.60 per cent respectively.

"Indications at this time are that revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1934 and ending June 30, 1935, will be sufficient to take care of these unexpected expenditures."

"Altogether the outlook for 1935 is very much brighter than any year since the depression."—The State.

"DICK" JENKINS IMPROVING

The many friends of Dick Jenkins will be pleased to know that he is steadily improving at the Camden Hospital. He was seriously injured Christmas Day when his motorcycle was in a collision with an automobile on Broad street. He suffered fractures of both jaw-bones. Dick has charge of the distribution of The Charlotte Observer in this territory and is very popular with everyone. On occasions he helps in getting out The Messenger and the "force" misses him and wishes for him a speedy recovery.

EXCITING POLO MATCH PLAYED SUNDAY

The first of a series of matches for the John Devine cup was played here Sunday in a great, hard-fought game in spite of the recent rains. It was near midday before the fans learned whether or not the field was dry enough to prevent the poles from slipping.

During the first chukker, the Country, or those wearing the blue colors, was favored to win with two goals to its credit. In the second period, the town team, or players in yellow, evened things up by tying the tallies. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth chukkers were all played on equal terms, with both sides making a total of five scores apiece. The fourth was probably the most interesting and fastest period, marked by Walton Ferguson's breaking through with the ball, making a long run down the field, ending it with a cleverly executed goal.

At the close the two teams stood, 7 to 7, and the play was in competition for the John Devine award, it was necessary to begin the seventh chukker until one or the other side had broken the tie. This was accomplished by Joe Bates of the country team, who made a good drive through the Yellow's goal posts, leaving the first of the three games, 8 to 7, in favor of the Blues.

The outstanding players were Bates and Robinson, for the county, with Little and DuBose's playing the best for the town.
 The lineup:
 Town: Henry Savage, Jr., Ancrum Boykin, C. P. DuBose, Jr., Kirby Tupper, Ralph Little, Charlie Robinson, Buck Smith, Joe Bates.
 Country: Mat and Walton Ferguson cut in during the game.
 Referee: Grove Cullem, Ralph Chase, timekeeper, Ancrum Boykin, Sr.

Legislature to Convene January 8th

Because January 1 comes on a Tuesday, the 1935 session of the South Carolina legislature will get off to an early start January 8.

James E. Hunter, Jr., clerk of the house, explained that the statutes provide for the legislature to meet on the second Tuesday in every January as the statutes and the calendar permit.

This start leads to high hopes of sine die adjournment early in April if not sooner.

To offset the calendar advantage, the legislature must organize anew this year after biennial elections. Its organization session in 1933 was the longest on record, continuing until May 17, and a new assembly in 1931 set the prior record.

The election of officers is one of the first matters to come before the two branches when the legislature convenes January 8 with Clerk Hunter presiding in the house and Lieut. Governor James O. Sheppard presiding over the senate.

A speaker, speaker pro tem and desk staff are to be named in the house and a president pro tem and desk force in the senate.

Claude A. Taylor of Spartanburg, acting speaker, is reported to have a commanding lead in the race for the speakership. Representative Homer McAdams of Due West is the only other announced candidate.

Several possible candidates for the speakership pro tem have been mentioned, Representative Sol Blatt of Bamwell being prominent among them.

In the senate Senator John F. Williams of Aiken, president pro tempore since 1913, is expected to be re-elected by acclamation.—The State.

DEATH OF EUGENE DIBBLE

Both white and colored friends are saddened to learn of the death of one of the most prominent negroes of the community, Eugene Heriot Dibble.

Eugene H. Dibble was born in Camden, of free parentage, May 12, 1855 and was the son of Ellie Naudin and Andrew H. Dibble. His early education was begun in the public schools here and completed in the North at Bridgewater Normal and Bryan and Stratton Commercial College in New York City.

He returned here and entered the grocery business which occupation he devoted himself to, for 50 years, retiring in 1927. Besides this business he also dealt in real estate, owning property in the city as well as farm lands in this vicinity.

He leaves a widow and six children, several of whom live outside of this state. Funeral services were held at his home Friday afternoon, December 28. He leaves a host of white and colored friends who regret his passing and by whom he was held in high esteem.

"The Monk of Wittgenberg"

The story of Martin Luther's life and great work will be told with the aid of stereopticon slides at the vespers service Sunday evening at seven o'clock at the Presbyterian Church. Every one is invited.

TO SEEK INCREASE FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Washington, Dec. 31.—Close upon Japan's denunciation of the Washington naval limitation treaty came word today that President Roosevelt will ask congress to increase the army's appropriation for the coming fiscal year by \$445,000,000 and allot "at least" 1,100,000,000 to continue building the navy up to treaty strength.

A high navy official reported, however, that the department had asked only for funds to lay down 24 vessels which are to be the first of the 78 authorized, but not appropriated for by the Vinson navy law. Cost estimates were guarded, but one official who would not be quoted predicted the 24 would involve an outlay of \$135,000,000.

Seaboard Renders Fine Train Service

The year 1934 saw truly outstanding steps taken by The Seaboard Air Line Railway to provide its own people - the people of the South, with train service on a par with that offered anywhere in the country.

The Southern States Special and New York-Florida Limited were air-conditioned to provide those traveling in and to from this territory with the most healthful transportation possible. Air in these trains is always filtered and purified before it is breathed—eliminating the dangers of inhaling dust, smoke, dirt, disease spreading pollen and germs. In addition the air is regulated at most healthful temperatures throughout the journey—perfectly humidified—constantly circulated, without drafts, to every corner of the car.

Passenger rates were drastically reduced. Passengers who desire to travel in coaches, besides having the benefits of air-conditioning, also enjoy the lowest rate in history—based on one and a half cents per mile. The former rate was 3.6 cents per mile.

For the benefit of those desiring parlor and sleeping car service the rate has been reduced to three cents per mile. Surcharges were removed—reducing charge for Pullman service by one-third.

Although scheduled to end on December 31st, 1934, these exceptionally low rates will continue in effect. Running times were substantially shortened. The Southern States Special and the New York-Florida Limited now arrive at their destinations considerably earlier—with passengers rested and refreshed after a clean, healthful ride.

To Charlotte Observer Subscribers: The subscribers of The Charlotte Observer in Camden are requested to telephone either The Camden Chronicle or The Watergate Messenger office if they fail to get their Observer promptly, while Richard Jenkins, representative, is ill in the hospital.

Clouds and Sunshine

This will be the theme at the Men's Bible Class Sunday Morning. Let us all celebrate the First Sunday of the New Year, by a full attendance. See if this can be done—Jack Moore, Secretary.

To Hold Examination for Postmaster at Bethune

The Civil Service Commission will hold an examination at this office for Postmaster at Bethune, S. C. Closing date for applications is January 4, 1935.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nacieppa Sheehan a 8 1-2 pound boy, Friday, December 28 at their residence on Mill street.

A COMMUNION THAT WILL BE DIFFERENT

Next Sunday morning will be the first Sunday of the New Year, and the day for our regular communion celebration of the Lord's Supper. We shall conduct it in a different manner. It will be a source of gratification to the pastor if our membership will turn out in numbers fitting to congregation. More emphasis and, as stated, difference, will be observed. Come out and let us start the New Year honoring our Lord in this sacred ordinance. Service at 11:15. Before the communion service begins, there will be the baptizing of children. Owing to the inclement weather it was postponed last Sunday. Evening service at 7:30: Theme: "What Will the New Year Mean to Me?"—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

THOSE HEALTH SEALS

It is still not too late to send in the dollar for the health seals or to return the seals which you were not able to buy. You are encouraged to do this at once. Send all checks and seals to Rev. F. H. Craighill. Those who assisted with selling the seals are requested to turn in their reports and money as soon as is convenient.