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BIG BOND ISSUE PROPOSED FOR ROADS

JOINT COMMITTEES FROM LAURENS AND CLINTON COMMERCIAL BODIES OUTLINE PLAN FOR EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF LAURENS COUNTY ROADS.

Connecting up the unfinished links in the Spartanburg, Laurens, Waterloo and Augusta highway as far as Waterloo, bringing to a finish the work started on that part of the proposed Calhoun highway in this county from the Newberry county line near Whitmire through Clinton, Mountville to Cross Hill, and the connecting of these two main thoroughfares at a point of compromise below Cross Hill and Waterloo to make a common crossing of Saluda River at or near Puckett's Ferry composed the main features of a highway building program endorsed at a joint meeting of committees from the Clinton Commercial Club and the Laurens Business League held at the Bois-Terre country club Friday.

The meeting was presided over by Geo. M. Wright, of Laurens, and Hugh Simpson, of Clinton, acted as secretary. Present at the meeting was a delegation from Greenwood county which pledged its support in having Greenwood county co-operate with Laurens county in building the bridge over Saluda river and extending the proposed joint highway to a point in Greenwood county to tie up with a top soil road already being built from Greenwood toward the vicinity of Coranaco. Representatives from the state highway department, including Chief Engineer Moorefield, were also present.

The goal to be attained in the proposed program was outlined in the following program recommended by the joint meeting:

Completion of the Spartanburg-Greenwood Highway from Ora to Laurens and from Cold Point to Waterloo.

Building of Calhoun Highway from Newberry county line near Whitmire, passing near Garlington, Renno and through Clinton and Mountville to Cross Hill.

Merging of the Spartanburg-Greenwood highway and Calhoun highway into one road at some point in Cross Hill township so as to make only one crossing of Saluda river, point of said crossing to be at or near Puckett's Ferry, which we consider to be about half way between the C. & W. C. and S. A. L. railroad bridges, the exact location of crossing to be decided by the state highway commission.

Building a cross country road from Gray Court, on Piedmont highway, to Woodruff bridge on Enoree river.

Building a cross country road from Cold Point, on Laurens-Greenwood highway, to Mt. Olive church. By Mt. Olive church to the old Greenville-Augusta road.

To carry out the provisions of the program, a resolution was adopted requesting the county delegation to pass necessary legislation to provide for a bond issue of \$250,000. This amount is expected to be supplemented by an appropriation from state and federal funds sufficient at least to bear half the cost of the bridge over Saluda river.

Mr. Moorefield, state highway engineer, came into the meeting almost at its close and after the tentative program had been adopted. He told the meeting that the highway department had refused to approve a bridge over the Saluda river on the proposed Calhoun highway in view of the need of a bridge connecting Waterloo and Greenwood on the county-to-county system of roads, but that he felt the department would approve this joint project where a compromise had been reached on a common crossing point for the two highways. Mr. Moorefield was unable to give a definite promise as to how much state and federal aid the county could secure on the two projects as this depended largely on the demands for aid made by other counties.

On motion of W. R. McCuen the chairman was authorized to nominate a committee of five men to lay before the county delegation the recommendations of the meeting, including the selection of five highway commissioners to be associated with the county supervisor as ex-officio chairman to supervise the disbursement of the funds.

LAURENS ATTORNEY INDORSED FOR JUDGE

Bar Association Commends James H. Sullivan for Judiciary.

James H. Sullivan, prominent attorney of this city, was indorsed by the Laurens bar as a candidate for judge of the Eighth judicial circuit to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge Frank B. Gary. The indorsement given Mr. Sullivan by the Laurens bar states that "recognizing the ability and the qualifications of James H. Sullivan of Laurens, we unreservedly indorse and recommend him for the position of judge of this circuit." It is understood that the Laurens delegation to the general assembly will also indorse the candidacy of Mr. Sullivan and numerous friends are already at work in his behalf.

Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, having received the A. B. and M. A. degrees at this institution. He was admitted to the bar for practice in 1910 and practiced under the law firm name of Irby & Sullivan until 1914 and from the latter date until a few months ago as Blackwell & Sullivan when the firm became Blackwell, Sullivan & Wilson as now constituted.

During the 12 years Mr. Sullivan has been a member of the Laurens bar he has had work in every court and his ability and success on both sides of the court, criminal and civil, has brought him prominently to the front as an attorney. He is a forceful public speaker and a leader of acknowledged ability and skill. He is a member of the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina and is well known in the educational circles of the state.

BIG STILL CAPTURED

Fifty Gallon Outfit Captured in Fork Section by Rural Policemen. Two Negroes Arrested.

One of the largest distilling outfits ever taken in the county, including a big fifty gallon boiler and other paraphernalia, was captured in the Fork section of the county near the junction of the Saluda and Reedy rivers Monday afternoon by Rural Policemen C. L. Owens, W. H. Bryson and Andy Boyd. Allen Austin and Elliot Gilliam were found working with mash near the outfit and were taken into custody. The boiler was brought to town and has been on display in the sheriff's office.

According to Chief of Rural Police Owens, information as to the whereabouts of the still was given by Sheriff White, of Greenwood. When found, the still had evidences of having been in continued use. Besides the mash twelve quarts of whiskey were captured, besides a number of fruit jars and other containers.

TAX ORDINANCE PASSED

City Council Ratifies License Ordinance and Tax Levy for 1923. Due January 1st.

At a called meeting of city council held Friday night the annual license ordinance was passed and tax levy fixed for 1923. The license ordinance as passed is practically the same as last year. The tax levy also remains at the same figure, 25 mills for all purposes, including interest and sinking fund.

Mayor Dial said yesterday that licenses are due the first day of the year and called attention to the fact that it is unlawful to carry on business unless the license has been paid. The time limit on licenses, according to the ordinance is January 15th.

The ordinance in full will be published in the advertising columns next week.

HELPED OXFORD WIN

Edwin Moseley, Local Boy at Oxford University Helps English Team Win Over Cambridge.

The many friends of E. F. Moseley, who is pursuing his theological studies at Oxford, will be greatly interested to learn that he was one of three Americans who recently helped Oxford defeat Cambridge in their annual dual relay meet. Moseley especially starred in the mile race, in which he won second place.

Mr. Moseley has been in Oxford the last two years, and expects to finish in June having received his A. B. degree there last October. At present he and his sister, Miss Elizabeth Moseley, who is taking special work in English, at Oxford, are spending their holiday in Paris.

CAPT. W. R. RICHEY AWARDED D. S. C.

Coveted Medal Presented to Former Commander of Local National Guard Company for Distinguished Services in World War.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1922.—Captain William R. Richey, Jr., Infantry, United States Army, was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross on Shield Watkins Field at the University of Tennessee at 3:30 P. M. today. The presentation took place in the presence of the R. O. T. C. battalions of the University of Tennessee and the Knoxville High Schools. The ceremony connected with this decoration is one that the public seldom has the privilege of seeing, too often the hero is killed in the act for which the award is made. The Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to persons who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguishes themselves by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

The act for which Captain Richey has been awarded this decoration is for extraordinary heroism in action near Ardenil, France, September 29-30, 1918. Although badly gassed during the night of September 28, he nevertheless remained in command of his company and with utter disregard of personal danger, twice led it in the attack on successive days and was not evacuated until completely exhausted on September 30, 1918. Captain Richey, at the time named, was in command of Company "L" 371st Infantry, 93rd Division; the action at this point was so severe that all five officers of this company were wounded and all have since been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain Richey is at present on duty with the Military Department at the University of Tennessee. He is a member of a prominent South Carolina family, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richey, Sr., and has enjoyed a successful civil as well as a military life. He graduated from the Citadel, the South Carolina Military Academy, in 1905, he then entered the practice of law with his father at Laurens. He was active in National Guard affairs and was the moving spirit in the organization of a company of the First S. C. Infantry at Laurens, of which he served as 1st Lieutenant and later Captain. Our declaration of war with Germany found him a member of the state legislature, chairman of the military committee. He resigned from this office in order to enter the first officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, from which he was graduated as a Captain and was assigned to the 371st Infantry with which regiment he served in France. He was engaged in the actions in the Avocourt sub-sector, the Verdun sector, the Meuse-Argonne offensive, and the Vosge Mountains. After hostilities ended, he resigned and returned home to practice law. He was elected mayor of Laurens in February, 1920 and later the same year was reappointed to the regular army as a Captain of Infantry and assigned to the 60th Infantry at Camp Jackson, S. C. He now resides at 521 West Cumberland Ave., with Mrs. Richey, formerly Miss Nello Eugenia Doll, of Laurens, and his daughter Sarah.

The presentation was made by Colonel William R. Sample, Infantry, Chief of Staff of the 51st Division as the representative of the Corps Area Commander. A cordial invitation was extended by Colonel Sample, especially to the American Legion, former members of the 93rd Division and the public to be present to pay respect to one of our heroes who still lives, and to witness one of the most impressive ceremonies of military life.

FATAL ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Houston Estes, Age 17, Killed When Brother's Gun is Discharged on Hunt.

Houston Estes, aged 17, oldest son of Clarence Estes, resident of the Narhine section of the county, was accidentally shot and killed Saturday afternoon while hunting with his younger brother, Jack Estes, and one or two negro boys.

Sheriff Reid, who went to Estes' home, reports that Jack Estes stated that he was in the act of giving to one of the negro boys one of his squirrels when the gun he held was accidentally discharged, the entire charge of shot taking effect in his brother's breast, causing almost instant death.

HARRIS SPRINGS PROPERTY SOLD

Florence Interests Take Over Famous Resort and Plan Vigorous Sales Campaign.

Waterloo, Dec. 18.—According to information given by Mr. W. Carl Wharton, who is president and general manager of the Harris Springs Co., the property consisting of a number of acres of land, large hotel and the bottling plant has been sold to Messrs. Thomas Anderson and C. R. Hanna, of Florence. They will move their families here the first of the year and take over active management.

Harris Springs has a state-wide reputation as a health resort and up until the last season, a large number of people from all parts of the country came to spend a few weeks at the hotel and drink the famous water. A large amount of the water is shipped annually to a number of places in the south.

The company has recently installed a modern bottling plant at the springs and is shipping a large quantity of ginger ale bottled daily at the spring.

It is understood that Messrs. Anderson and Hanna plan to put on a vigorous campaign for the sale of both the water and bottled products.

TEACHERS MET SATURDAY

Interesting Discussions Followed by Lecture on Radio by Prof. A. C. Carson, of the University of South Carolina.

The County Teachers' Association held a very interesting and enlightening meeting Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the court house. At the regular divisional meetings Miss Annie E. Hatton, of the Clinton schools, led the discussion of "Arithmetic", in the intermediate section. The primary division had "Reading" for its subject at which Miss Pitts, of Clinton, spoke on First Grade Methods, Miss McSwain, of Clinton, on Second Grade Methods and Miss Putnam, of Woodruff, on Third Grade Methods. The high school group led by Supt. Gasque, discussed "English," his remarks being based upon the treatment of the subject in the manual of the high school inspector.

After the divisional meeting, Prof. A. C. Carson gave an interesting illustrated lecture on the Radio. Prof. Carson is head of the department of physics at the University of South Carolina and has given especial study to the subject of the radio. In his talk he dwelt upon the evolution of the radio from the telephone to the present highly developed instrument. He predicted that in two years time the popularity of the radio would be so increased that there would be no one who would not be unable to hear the President's inaugural address and stated that even now almost every new home in the north was built with radio equipment.

The next meeting will be held on January 27.

ANOTHER LYCEUM NUMBER

Troubadour Male Quartet to be Attraction on Thursday Night, December 28th.

The Troubadour Male Quartet is to be the next attraction on the lyceum course sponsored by the Business Women's Club. This attraction is to appear at the Opera House Thursday night, December 28th.

The quartet not only is a singing organization but it also features a richly varied program of instrumental selections and character impersonations. The program includes popular and classical music, humorous and serious in character.

Rural Carrier Examination

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination to be held at Laurens, S. C., on January 13th, 1923 to fill the position of rural carrier at Waterloo, S. C., and vacancies that may occur later at that office. The salary is \$1,800.00 per annum for a standard route.

The examination will be open only to citizens, both men and women, who are actually domiciled in the territory of the Post Office where the vacancy exists, and who meet the other requirements. Applications may be secured from the local secretary at the post office Laurens, S. C.

Play at Poplar Springs

The comedy-drama "Esmeralda" will be presented at the Poplar Springs school house, Friday evening. The public is cordially invited.

TOO MUCH CONFUSION AT FIRES, SAYS MAYOR

Fire Department Hampered by Persons Who Holler at Firemen. Must be Stopped.

"There is too much confusion during fires," said Mayor Dial a few days ago when he issued a warning to those who holler at firemen and give instructions without authority. The work of the firemen is hampered, he said, by persons yelling at firemen to cut the water on and off when this must be left to the firemen themselves if the fire-fighting is to be effectively done.

As an illustration of the confusion caused by the well-meaning public in these things, he cited a case at the Benchoff fire last Monday evening when some irresponsible parties caused the firemen to disconnect a hose at the Laurens National Bank corner and return with it all the way to the Laurens Hotel when the water from this stream was sorely needed. If giving of directions in this case had been left entirely to the firemen such costly confusion would not have come about. In the future, he said, persons hollering at firemen and otherwise interfering with them in their duties will be subject to legal punishment.

Another matter mentioned by the mayor was the carelessness of some people in driving wagons and automobiles over the hese spread by the firemen. This is unlawful, said the mayor and subjects the parties to a fine. In the future, he said, policemen would be instructed to watch for such violations of the law and make arrests.

While on the subject of fires, continued Mayor Dial, the ringing of the fire bell does not automatically repeal the speed regulations of the city. There is no reason why a fire should mean a speed contest for everybody who wants to go. Wild driving to and from fires he said must be stopped.

MAYOR DIAL ALL SMILES

Gold Handle Knife Presented Him by City Employees as Christmas Present.

Mayor W. H. Dial sat back in his arm chair yesterday morning unable to get his brain working on municipal affairs. Closed roads where vehicles must detour, the dwindling balance of the city's bank account, chicken ordinances, the twelve o'clock court and all other troublous matters that engage the attention of the mayor about twenty-four hours out of the day were forgotten. It was all about a little package he fondled carefully in his hand. In a pretty plush covered case rested a handsome gold handled pocket knife with a gold chain attached, a gift of the city employees to the "boss". Dr. Dial plainly showed that he was immensely pleased with the gift and said that he wanted to "tell the world" that he deeply appreciated it.

WANTING TAX REFORM

Plans for a Conference of Business Men From All Parts of State.

Greenville, Dec. 14.—Plans for a conference of business men from all parts of the state and representing all lines of industry and commerce to be held here at an early date for discussion of ways and means of effecting a revision of the taxation program of the state, were launched today by the board of directors of the Greenville chamber of commerce. A commission was appointed to take charge of the movements. It is planned to hold the conference some time this month in order that a definite program for tax reform may be worked out and put under way before or during the forthcoming session of the South Carolina general assembly.

Dr. W. E. Pelham Dead

Friends in this city of Dr. W. E. Pelham, of Newberry will regret to learn of his death, which took place at his home last Thursday night. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon. Dr. Pelham was a frequent business visitor here as a life insurance agent and had many friends in the city. He was a brother of the late Mrs. Jos. H. Sullivan, of this city. He is survived by his widow, who was a Miss Leavell, one brother, Sam Pelham, of New York City, a son, C. P. Pelham, of Greenville, and one daughter, Mrs. Tom Johnstone, of Newberry.

School Close for Holidays

Books were laid aside at the Laurens city school today for the Christmas holidays. The school will reopen Tuesday, January second.

1922 CROP VALUE REACHES HIGH FIGURE

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WORTH SEVEN AND ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS. CORN SUPREME WITH COTTON NEXT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,890,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced today in its final crop report of the year.

Their alue is \$1,842,978,000 more than last years crops, reflecting improvement in prices for farm products prevailing now as compared with a year ago and increased production in some crops. This year's farm production is worth about the same as that of 1916 but is lower than 1920 by about \$1,500,000,000, and lower than any year since 1915, except last year. It is only a little more than half as much as the record value year of 1913.

Record production was made this year in rye, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and hay. Other bumper crops this year were rice, the third largest production; tobacco, with the fourth largest crop in history; wheat with the fifth largest production, and corn with its seventh largest crop. Cotton this year is the fourth most valuable crop of that staple ever grown, although a small crop in point of production.

Corn, as usual, is the country's most valuable crop being worth this year \$700,000,000 more than last year with a total value of \$1,900,287,000. Cotton stands second with \$1,368,517,000, the lint being value at \$1,190,761,000 and the cotton seed, \$177,756,000. Hay is the third most valuable crop with a total of \$1,331,679,000. No other crop reached a billion dollars in value this year. Wheat was value at \$864,000,000, standing as fourth most valuable crop of the country.

In today's final estimates, based on revision to conform with the census bureau's decennial crop production statistics the preliminary estimates of production announced last month were somewhat changed. There was a reduction in the corn crop of about 6,000,000 bushels. Increases were shown for other crops, including: Winter wheat, 45,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 1,700,000 bushels; oats, 14,278,000 bushels; rye, 15,874,000 bushels; buckwheat, 1,467,000 bushels; rice, 2,806,000 bushels; potatoes, 17,280,000 bushels and hay, 4,055,000 tons.

The final production figures and the total value of various crops follow:

Corn, 2,890,712,000 bushels and \$1,900,287,000.
Winter wheat, 586,204,000 bushels and \$614,561,000.
Spring wheat, 270,007,000 bushels and \$249,578,000.
All wheat, 856,211,000 bushels and \$864,139,000.
Oats, 1,215,496,000 bushels and \$478,548,000.
Barley, 186,110,000 bushels and \$97,751,000.
Rye, 95,497,000 bushels and \$66,085,000.
Buckwheat, 15,050,000 bushels and \$13,312,000.
Flaxseed, 12,238,000 bushels and \$25,869,000.
Rice, 41,965,000 bushels and \$41,826,000.
Potatoes, 451,185,000 bushels and \$262,608,000.
Sweet potatoes, 109,534,000 bushels and \$84,492,000.
Hay (tame), 96,687,000 tons and \$1,217,044,000.
Hay (wild) 16,104,000 tons and \$214,635,000.
All hay, 112,791,000 tons and \$1,811,679,000.
Tobacco, 1,324,810,000 pounds and \$306,102,000.
Cotton, 9,964,000 bales and \$1,190,761,000.
Cotton seed, 4,424,000 tons and \$177,756,000.
Clover seed, 1,875,000 bushels and \$18,905,000.
Sugar beets, 5,243,000 tons and \$29,605,000.
Beet sugar, 1,382,000,000 pounds; value not given.

At Center Point

There is going to be a Christmas tree, exercises and a cold plate supper at Center Point on Friday night, December, twenty-second, beginning promptly at seven-thirty o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.