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RED CROSS CHAPTER HAS 84 MEMBERS

A meeting of the citizens interested in the Red Cross Chapter was held in the city hall Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock, when a permanent organization was had. The committee on organization had secured the necessary credentials, and Mrs. Gambrell reported that eighty-four members had already joined the society.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Joel S. Morse; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Frank B. Gary; Treasurer, Otto Bristow; Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Gambrell. Committees on Constitution and By-Laws, Membership and an Executive Committee will be appointed by these permanent officers.

The officers are all interested in the Red Cross work. They are active and enthusiastic workers in whatever they undertake, and they will make a big success of the work which they have assumed.

Already several branch chapters have applied for membership through the Abbeville Chapter. Others will come in. We should have five thousand Red Cross workers in this county, and we will when the leaders get busy.

A DELIGHTFUL HOUSE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradley, of Union, are entertaining this week a delightful house party and they have as their guests the following young ladies from Abbeville: Misses Margaret and Mary Klugh, Miss Mabel Kennedy of Troy, Miss Edna Bradley and Miss Margie Bradley. A delightful reception was tendered the young folks on Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and on Thursday night Mrs. Estes, who is so well known in Abbeville, will entertain complimentary to this party of charming young ladies. The house party will last about ten days and many pleasant attentions in the way of picnics and auto rides will be shown the young ladies.

THINKS ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD PAY THE INCREASED TAXES—DON'T LIKE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

Hermitage Farm, Lowndesville, S. C. July 20th, 1917.

Editor The Press and Banner:

Dear Sir:—I am very much interested in the issuing of the "\$300,000 bonds," being, as a matter of course, a believer in good roads.

If a few roads are built in Abbeville county, they will, no doubt, mean an improvement for it.

But, who will pay this cost? that is, who will pay the increase of the taxes resulting from the building of the roads?

Would it not be fair for the properties abutting on the proposed roads and destined to be their direct and main beneficiaries to pay a larger per centage of the increased taxes than the properties lying outside of the roads?

It seems to me that such an assessment, far from being in inequality, would be but single justice and that an understanding about the matter should proceed the issue of the bonds.

Yours very truly,
E. C. Meschine.

DR. A. H. CHAFLIN OF PITTSBURG, HERE SUNDAY

A mass meeting at the mill village at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a great mass meeting at the Opera House at 8.30 o'clock in the evening will feature next Sunday's devotions in Abbeville. Nearly all of the churches will not hold services at their own edifices, but will co-operate in this movement for righteousness. Christ's sermons resounded with fiery denunciations of sin. The greatest nurse of vice in modern times is alcoholism. To strike it, and strike it hard, and strike until it is gone forever and backed by a sentiment that will keep it gone, is one of the supreme duties of the church of today.

The anti-saloon league is non-political, but altogether moral and righteous. The efforts are for righteousness. It has been the arm of the church which has achieved a thousand times more towards the abolition of the saloon than all other agencies combined. Dr. Chaflin is one of its most famous and brilliant exponents. Great treats await those of our community who will through the opera and attend the mill mass meeting. Farmers should make special efforts to attend this meeting. It is safe to say the opera house will be crowded. Come early.

GRAND CARNIVAL.

For Benefit Service League For Soldiers, To Be Held on the Square Thursday, Aug. 2nd.

The carnival promises to be the great event of Abbeville for the summer. No one can afford to miss it. Admission of 25 cents will be charged to get on the square for grown people and ten cents for children. This will admit to everything going on. All must come however prepared to spend all the money they can spare. All sorts of food products will be for sale, which you can take home with you for future use. Chickens, eggs, watermelons, vegetables, barbecued hash, and every one is expected to eat his dinner early and be very hungry so that he may buy a large supper splendidly prepared by the committee in charge. Coca-Cola, ice cream cones, lemonade, tea and all sorts of eatables and drinks will be for sale, to be consumed on the grounds. Tables will be there to seat all who buy their suppers. Let us make this event the greatest ever held in Abbeville. See advertisement in this issue.

IS IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?

The weather for the last two or three days has been just as hot as one wishes to see it. Sabbath morning the thermometer got up mad and registered around eighty as early as seven in the morning. It registered as high as ninety in the afternoon, while Monday afternoon it registered ninety-four.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The regular meeting of the book club will be held with Mrs. Foster Barnwell at half past ten o'clock this morning. The members are requested to bring their list of books.

A HOT WEATHER REST.

During the month of August there will be no night service in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. This will give both pastor and congregation a rest during the extremely hot weather.

MISS BRICE RESIGNS.

The many friends in Abbeville of Miss Julia Brice will regret to know that she has sent her resignation to the school board and will not be among the teachers in Abbeville next session. Miss Brice was very popular here and she will be greatly missed.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY.

Mr. Edgar Keller was taken to Chester last week to Dr. Pryor's hospital and has been seriously ill for several days, but that he has taken a turn for the better and is on the road to recovery, will be of interest to his home-people and his friends in and near the city.

COMING HOME SOON.

Miss Grace Smith is expected home soon from Atlanta, where she has been for sometime under the treatment of physicians. Her friends will be glad to have her home again and delighted that she is fully restored to health.

HOME FROM ST. LOUIS.

Mr. M. T. Coleman is at home after his usual summer trip to St. Louis. He reports a pleasant trip and business booming.

A SON OF DR. GRIER.

W. M. Grier, of Bartow, Fla., has been secured to take charge of the welfare work at the Woodside mills and will assume his duties August 1. He is in town now making arrangements preparatory to moving his family. He had charge of the schools at Piedmont for a number of years and so the work is not altogether new to him. For the past few years he has been in the newspaper business.—Greenville Piedmont.

RESIGNS POSITION AT MILL.

Mr. J. M. Gambrell has resigned his position with the Abbeville Cotton Mill, the resignation taking effect today. Mr. Gambrell has worked for the mill as book-keeper for the past six years and has filled this place competently and capably. He will devote his time with insurance work and is in Greenwood today attending the convention held there this week. Mr. Gambrell is succeeded at the mill by Julian Roche.

MORE MEDIUM FIGURES

The Abbeville Medium announced week before last that the two hundred and seventy-five dollar expert would show the people of the county in its next issue that a levy of four and one-half mills would repay the bonded indebtedness and interest in twenty years; that the figures had been passed upon by a banker, and found correct. We have been waiting for the figures. We presume that they are afraid to give them to the public, so we have decided to show the people of the county that they do not know what they are talking about.

The taxable property of Abbeville county is returned at a little more than four millions, seven hundred thousand dollars, but the auditor and treasurer will tell you that there are always, with the best book-keeping, double entries and property on which taxes are not collected, resulting each year in nulla bonas. They will tell you that if we collect on the four millions seven hundred thousand dollars, we will do well.

A tax levy of four and one-half mills on this amount will yield annually \$21,150. If we want to find out whether a payment of this amount will retire the bonded indebtedness of \$300,000, including interest in twenty years, we have only to work the matter out according to the rule of partial payments, obtaining the interest on each years balance at 4 1-2 per cent. and subtracting the annual payments of \$21,150. Starting with the \$300,000 here are the figures:

Principal	\$300,000.00	
First years interest	13,500.00	\$313,500.00
Annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance 1st year	292,350.00	
Interest on balance	13,155.75	\$305,505.75
Annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 2nd year	284,350.75	
Interest on balance	12,795.78	\$297,145.78
Less payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 3rd year	275,995.78	
Interest for year	12,419.76	\$288,415.54
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 4th year	267,265.54	
Interest for year	12,026.95	\$279,292.50
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 5th year	258,142.50	
Interest for year	11,616.41	\$269,758.91
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 6th year	248,608.91	
Interest for 1 year	11,187.40	\$259,795.40
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 7th year	238,645.40	
Interest for year	10,740.02	\$249,385.42
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 8th year	228,235.42	
Interest for year	10,270.59	\$238,506.01
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 9th year	217,356.01	
Interest for year	9,781.02	\$227,137.03
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 10th year	205,987.03	
Interest for year	9,269.41	\$215,256.44
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 11th year	194,105.44	
Interest for year	8,734.79	\$202,841.24
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 12th year	181,691.24	
Interest for year	8,176.10	\$189,867.34
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 13th year	168,717.34	
Interest for year	7,592.28	\$176,309.62
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 14th year	155,159.62	
Interest for year	6,982.18	\$162,141.80
Less annual payment	21,150.00	
Balance end 15th year	140,991.80	
Interest for year	6,344.63	\$147,336.43

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"There's a Time for Everything; Now is Not the Time to Raise Taxes for Experiments"

—J. HOWARD MOORE

To the Editor of The Press and Banner:

On the 7th day of August, the voters of this county will by their vote say, whether or not, they are willing to place upon all the property in Abbeville county a debt of three hundred thousand dollars. This debt will be upon both personal property and real estate. In other words, the voters will be called upon on the 7th day of August to either vote for, or vote against the three hundred thousand dollar bond issue. When this bond bill passed at the last session of the General Assembly, I voted against its passage, and in view of the fact that a few of my enemies, take delight in going around over this this county and misrepresenting me, I feel that I should take this means of informing the people of Abbeville county, why I am opposed to putting at this time, a three hundred thousand dollar debt upon this county.

I will say in the beginning, that we are all in favor of good roads, but there is a proper time for doing everything. Our country is in the midst of a world-wide war, no one can tell what may happen even in the course of a few months. About fifty of our young men have already gone to the front to defend this country in this war and in a very short time, about two hundred more of our young men will be called to arms, and should this war last one or two years, longer, at least seven or eight hundred of our young men will have to fight in Europe. Surely while these young men are standing in the muddy and bloody trenches, we can put up with what roads we now have.

Viewed from a business standpoint, this is not the proper time to swamp this county in debt to build roads. What does it take to build roads? First: it takes machinery, and anyone must admit that machinery is much higher now, than during normal times. Second: It takes labor, and all will admit that labor is higher now and scarcer too, than during normal times.

Every farmer in this county knows that he is having a hard time now to secure enough labor to run his farm, and he well knows, that should these bonds be voted that the roads will be built by contract, and therefore, the labor in this county will be greatly demoralized, and this should not occur while our county is already in such an unsettled condition—due to the war.

And again, it will take food-stuffs to feed the laborers and mules used in building these roads—all will admit, that the food-stuffs of every kind is more than double in price to what it is during normal times. Therefore, taking all this extra expense in consideration, I submit the three thousand dollars will not build but very little over one hundred miles of roads. During normal times, it is estimated, that the three hundred thousand dollars will build about one hundred and fifty miles of roads. In the face of all these facts, and in face of the fact that taxes are too high now, can any one say that this is the proper time to vote three hundred thousand dollars in bonds? Taxes are certainly too high now, and should the war last much longer the people will be called upon to pay more taxes, then why take on a debt of three hundred thousand dollars that we can avoid? To undertake to build roads with the three hundred thousand dollars now, all the three hundred thousand dollars will be spent so rapidly, that even the road commissioners will wonder what became of the money. Who is it that is pushing this bond question? Why did they have to get a man who was born in the North to come here to tell us what to do? Could they not find a road man in this State? Is this not a clean case of "bamboozle the people." Why take crowds on trips to visit the roads in Greenville county? Does looking at the Greenville roads remove the war clouds that are hovering over our country? Does looking at the Greenville roads reduce the high cost of food-stuffs of every kind? Does looking at the Greenville roads make labor cheaper and more plentiful?

Does looking at the Greenville roads make our high taxes any less? Is it not a fact, that these trips, to look at the Greenville roads, is simply another case of "bamboozle the

people?" Who are the promoters of these trips? It is some of the road bond advocates here in the city of Abbeville who want good roads running out of the city of Abbeville in every direction for at least five miles, and who care not a tinker damn what condition the other roads of the county are in. Just look at the letter-heads that the so-called "Publicity Campaign" are sending out. On these letter-heads you will see these words, "America First, Abbeville Second." Not a word is said about the county of Abbeville, whether it is first or second, but when this three hundred thousand dollars is spent the people will find that Abbeville county is last.

The road advocates who pilot these automobile trips to Greenville will tell you that the people of Greenville county are delighted that they have to pay nine hundred thousand dollars to build roads—yet the people of Greenville county by their vote last summer, repudiated everyone, (except one) of their delegation in General Assembly that voted these bonds on Greenville county. Does this look like the voters of Greenville county are delighted with their road bonds.

Bonds were put on Greenville county before the war. I do not believe that the people of Greenville county would vote bonds during war times. I can recall when the rural police was first put on in Abbeville county. Some of this same road-bond crowd here at Abbeville said it was for the best interest of Abbeville county to have rural police, yet the people at first chance voted out rural police by overwhelming majority. But rest assured these three hundred thousand dollar bonds once voted on, can never be voted off, but must be paid by an increase in present tax levy of six mills.

Some of the road bond advocates try to make you believe that if these road bonds are voted on, that the Federal Government will give us a large sum of money, this is false—just another case of "bamboozle the people." Why misrepresent the people. I realize the fact that good roads will prove a benefit to any county, but when we are already taxed to the limit, and when we are in the midst of a world-wide war, that may last for years, I do submit that the voters of this county should think well before placing a three hundred thousand dollar bond debt upon this county. Abbeville county will be about clear of debt at the close of this year and it will be a calamity to place a three hundred thousand dollar debt upon this county at this time, especially when the object for which this money will be spent may prove a failure after a few years.

Greenville county is the only county in the upper part of this state, that has built roads with bonds, her roads have been built only about two years. In two or three years, her roads may prove to be a failure. Then, is it not the part of business judgment on our part, to wait at least till after the war before burdening this county with a three hundred thousand dollar debt. I have represented this county for past eight years in the Legislature and at all times opposed increase in taxes and extravagance on part of the state, and I would certainly hate to see this county swamped with a three hundred thousand dollar debt, and after a year or two, have nothing to show for it. For should these bonds be voted, who knows whether the roads will be any better after a few years use, than they are now.

Now, in conclusion, I am well aware that some of my enemies will try to misrepresent my motives, but I am proud to say that the people of Abbeville county believe that I am honest in my convictions, however much they may differ with me. I stand ready at all times to abide by the voice of the people, and I hope every voter in this county will go to the polls and vote. It will be well for everyone to think well before voting to burden this small county with a three hundred thousand dollar debt in this time of war, high taxes and high cost of living, and while our young men are being called to give up their lives in the trenches of Europe.

Very respectfully,
J. Howard Moore.