

## SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY TO BUILD LINES INTO CLINTON

### CONTRACT SIGNED BY CITY; WORK TO START AT ONCE

Conference Here Friday Results In Signing of  
Contract by City and Manufacturing Indus-  
tries—Hope to Have Work Complet-  
ed By Next November.

A contract has been signed by the city with the Southern Power Company to extend its lines into Clinton in the near future. This action followed a conference held in the city last Friday afternoon between John W. Fox, engineer of the power department, and the city council. It is proposed to furnish power to the city as well as its manufacturing industries, and the lines will be built from Newberry by Goldville and into Clinton. It is their intention to circle around the city, the lines probably to be built direct from Goldville to Lydia Cotton Mills, thence to a point near the Clinton Cotton Mills where they will tap with the city. The cost of erecting the line, making the connections, etc., with the city, are all to be met by the Southern Power Company, and according to estimates from their engineering department, it will cost approximately \$225,000 to build the extension into Clinton.

Mr. Fox arrived in the city early Friday morning and went into conference with the heads of the Clinton Cotton Mills, Lydia Cotton Mills, and Banna Manufacturing Company of Goldville. The contract and arrangements were agreed upon by all parties as satisfactory and along with the city, these industries, the large consumers of the community, will be served by the Southern Power Company.

In the afternoon Mr. Fox held a conference with the city council at which time the contract was discussed and thoroughly explained. Members of council expressed themselves as highly pleased with the fair and equitable contract secured and the pleasant relations with Mr. Fox. The following contract rate, based upon monthly consumption, was entered into with the Southern Power Company for period of five years:

K. W. Hrs. Per Month	Per K. W. Hr.
First 50,000	1.54 cents
Next 50,000	1.485 cents
Next 50,000	1.43 cents
Next 50,000	1.375 cents
Next 100,000	1.32 cents

Following the conference, Engineer Fox expressed himself as pleased with the cordial reception he had received both from the city and the directing heads of the mills. He stated that the Southern Power Company had for a long time desired to extend its lines into Clinton and that present enlargement of their properties in the Carolinas makes it now possible. He stated that orders would be placed immediately for material and that in all probability the work of construction would be completed and the serving of this section begun by his company not later than the first of next November.

#### LUTHERAN SERVICES SUNDAY

There will be preaching services in the Masonic hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. M. R. Wingard. The public is cordially invited.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB FILES PROTEST AGAINST SALES TAX

An emergency meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club was called Tuesday afternoon in the secretary's office to take action in regard to the proposed law for the imposition of a sales tax. Opposition to the sales tax since it was advocated, has been growing throughout the State by leaps and bounds among the merchants who feel that it would work a great injustice through the fact that the tax pyramids, and that its imposition would drive a great deal of business out of the State, giving to competing States a tremendous advantage. The opinion was expressed that the strongest sort of an appeal against the passage of the bill should be made.

A meeting was held in Columbia yesterday for the purpose of hearing protests against the proposed tax

#### Protracted Meeting To Begin Soon

Dr. E. P. Taylor, Well Known Evan-  
gelist, to Conduct Three Weeks  
Services Here.

A big tent meeting, conducted by Dr. E. P. Taylor of Batesburg, is to open in the city on next Sunday and continue through the 30th. Dr. E. P. Taylor, well known evangelist of Batesburg, will do the preaching. Dr. Taylor since giving up his profession of dentistry to enter the ministry, has met with marked success

and presents the gospel in a very convincing manner. He recently held a meeting at Goldville which was attended by large crowds and resulted in a number of additions to the church. The tent will be located at the corner of Bailey and Academy streets and a cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend the services.

The singing will be led by Homer Jenkins of East Point, Ga. Mr. Jenkins will be remembered here as a gospel singer, having had charge of the music for the Dr. Bridgers meeting held here two years ago.

#### Delegation Announces Rural Police Force

M. B. Chandler Given Place In This  
Section of County Formerly  
Held By T. D. Abrams.

The county delegation to the General Assembly has announced the personnel of the rural police force to be appointed, at this session for a period of two years.

There is only one change in the force, Thomas D. Abrams of this section of the county, being replaced by M. B. Chandler, former chief of police of Greenwood, who moved back to Laurens county last summer after serving a short time as captain of the guard at the state penitentiary. Other members of the force re-elected were: C. L. Owens, chief of police; Andy I. Boyd; Claude L. Owings and Sam M. Thompson. The terms of two other members, W. H. Bryson and G. L. Ridgeway, did not expire this year.

The rural policeman are named by the governor upon the recommendation of the county delegation. By agreement among themselves, each member is allotted the nomination of the rural policeman of his section of the county. The nomination of the officer for the lower section of the county, therefore, fell to the lot of Representative J. O. Barnett of this city.

#### COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The March meeting of the Commercial Club will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the club rooms. The usual dinner will be served, after which the business session will be entered into. The recommendations of the nominating committee for officers for the new year will be heard, and the plans for the joint meeting of the Clinton-Laurens meeting to be held at the Presbyterian College next month, will be discussed. All members of the club are asked to be present.

#### BANKRUPT STOCK SOLD TUESDAY

The stock of goods and fixtures of The Corner Store, bankrupt, formerly operated by I. Rubenstein, was sold at public auction Tuesday by R. W. Wade, acting trustee. The stock was bid in by C. H. Scheider & Bro. of Augusta for \$975.00. No announcement has been made as to the future plans of the owners, but it is very probable that the store will soon be re-opened and conducted at the same location as in the past.

#### GIRLS TEAMS TO PLAY TOMORROW

Chester and Woodruff Girls Basket-  
ball Teams to Play In  
College Gym.

The Chester girls' basketball team is to meet the Woodruff team here Friday afternoon at 3:45 in the college gym. This is an elimination game in the upper state championship race. An admission of 25 and 50 cents will be charged.

#### The Swat Season Is Here Again

Johnson's Ball Players Begin Loosening and Oiling Up for Ap-  
proaching Season.

(By H. J. Hindman)

All seasons have their own individual signs, so it has been decreed since the beginning of time. And now, the season of the swat does not come unheralded. Spring fever, March winds, and summer suns have announced the opening of festivities on Johnson field down at P. C.

Last Monday Coach Walter Johnson took his squad en masse for a general loosening and oiling up.

Among Boss Johnson's best that can be called ball players of an advanced stage are three catchers, four pitchers, six outfielders and five infielders.

Captain Roy Moore will direct the team from behind the plate. Moore is one of the best amateur catchers in the State. Last year he hit above the three century mark, and this year he seems to follow the pill on its course from pitcher to plate with more precision than ever. The pitching staff claims Lewis, a seasoned veteran of three years, and Hannah a portrider of two seasons. These lads will have quite a burden to shoulder unless some phenomenon bows up from somewhere.

Miller will act his usual role about first base. Holliday at second and J. Moore at short seems to be the best keystone combination that the Presbyterian Coach can formulate. Warner handles the hot ones in nice style at third. Hunter, Norton, Rickner, Garvin, and Clinton will furnish the outposts.

The team last year rivaled the one time White Sox "Hitless Wonders." Coach Johnson is not given to programmatical talk, but he leaves the "wait and see" mood. He thinks though that his team will develop materially in the use of the stick. If so, they will furnish spirited opposition to South Carolina's best college clubs, for the Blue Stocking defense looks good. But—"wait and see" says Sir Walter.

#### Chicora Glee Club Here Last Night

Presents Clever Program Before Au-  
dience In Orphanage Chapel.

In the appearance of the Chicora College Glee Club here last night, lovers of music had something of a treat. The club was brought to Clinton under the auspices of the Presbyterian College Glee Club and the entertainment was given in the orphanage chapel.

The program was rendered in two parts, the first consisting of a number of musical selections, including solos, as well as numbers by the entire club. The program closed with a musical comedy in two acts entitled, "It's a Good Old World After All."

The club was accompanied here by Mrs. H. H. Bellaman. Two of its members are Clinton girls, Misses Nan Copeland and Sybil Burdette. Members of the club are: Mrs. H. H. Bellaman, director, Misses Ollie Bull, Doris Price, Belle Taber, Mary Phoebe Bush, Mariel Boquo, Elizabeth Peake, Jean Hughes, Nan Copeland, Sybil Burdette, Madeline Ward, Isabel Monteith, Harriet Lucius, Carrie Amaker, accompanist and Dorris Price, manager.

#### VACANT PLACE FILLED ON BOARD

T. Miller Pinson of Cross Hill Chosen  
On Highway Commission to  
Succeed W. G. Lancaster.

T. Miller Pinson, well known merchant and farmer of Cross Hill, has been chosen by the delegation in the General Assembly to succeed W. G. Lancaster, resigned, as a member of the county highway commission. Mr. Lancaster recently moved from Laurens to Gastonia, N. C. and there has been a vacancy on the board since that time.

Mr. J. P. Horton is spending this week with his son, Mr. R. S. Horton.

Mrs. C. O. Glenn was in Laurens Sunday on account of the illness of her sister.

#### PLANS GO FORWARD FOR JOINT MEETING

Committees Met Tuesday to Arrange  
for Meeting of Commercial Or-  
ganizations Next Month.

A joint meeting of the Clinton and Laurens committees was held Tuesday afternoon in Laurens to perfect final plans for the meeting of the Clinton Commercial Club and the Laurens Business League to be held in this city on the evening of April 8th. The meeting will be attended by 250 business and professional men of the two towns, and will be held in the handsome new dining hall of the Presbyterian College. An elegant dinner will be served under the direction of the college authorities, and this will be followed by a business meeting to discuss matters of county wide interest. Several prominent visitors are to be the guests of the clubs to make addresses, and the pleasure of the evening will be added to by an enjoyable musical program by the College Orchestra and Glee Club. The details of the meeting are in the hands of the following committee: From Laurens—C. A. Power, J. R. Minter, W. P. Thomason, Dr. J. H. Powe and J. Waddy Thompson. From Clinton—W. W. Harris, Geo. H. Ellis, J. F. Jacobs, Sr., Dr. Frank Kellers and E. W. Ferguson.

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"In addition to the above, representations are being spread broadcast through the press and other sources of publicity that the cotton acreage for 1924 will be largely increased over the acreage planted in 1923 not only the United States but in many foreign countries. An increased cotton acreage under the existing drastic decline in the price of raw cotton and pessimistic dry goods trade is a matter which should command the serious attention of cotton growers in the Southern States before it is too late to correct an economic error."

#### R. J. Copeland Again Named On Board

Clinton Man Re-appointed As Mem-  
ber of Registration Board.

The county delegation to the General Assembly has recommended the re-appointment of the present members of the County Registration Board. The members are appointed by the governor following the recommendation.

R. J. Copeland, Sr., known by all as "Uncle Robin," is a member of the board. The other members are W. J. Anderson of Waterloo, and T. S. Langston of Madden.

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#### WARNING SOUNDED SOUTHERN FARMERS

Cotton States Representatives Urge  
Against Big Cotton Acreage  
Coming Year.

Washington, Mar. 1.—A warning to Southern farmers that "creation of an enormous cotton acreage this spring would establish a foundation for further deflation of cotton values" was issued today following a meeting of Senators and Congressmen from cotton growing States. Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, presided.

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"As representatives of the cotton State in Congress, we feel impelled to issue this note of warning to the cotton growing industry and in behalf of the welfare of the growers, upon whose success and prosperity depend the progress and financial development of one-third of the nation. We view with deepest concern the continued depression in market value of staple farm products, the increasing burdens of debt on American farmers and the wide-spread exodus of farm labor from the field to industrial centers. The fullest support of Southern Senators and Con-

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#### LAURENS BUSINESS LEAGUE IS STRONGLY AGAINST SALES TAX

Laurens, March 4.—The Laurens Business League at its regular monthly meeting and banquet held tonight with more than 100 members and a number of guests in attendance went on record in no uncertain terms against the sales tax bill that has been introduced in the state Legislature.

The resolution adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of five from the body to meet tomorrow in Columbia with like representatives to make protest to the passage of the proposed measure. The bill was characterized as dangerous and calculated to create untold confusion in the economic development of the State by more than one speaker.

The occupational tax proposal was also denounced. Included in the

number of visiting guests who brought words of cheer and praise for the efforts of the band of business and professional men, working in the local league, were Bishop K. G. Finlay, and Rev. John Bomar.

Dr. R. S. Macelwee, representing the Charleston Chamber of Commerce made the principal address, however, his theme being the development of the port of Charleston as one of the most important undertakings of the time.

Regret was expressed by President Smith at the inability of Mayor Stoney to keep his appointment as a special guest of the Business League.

Mrs. Duncan Johnson and Mrs. Forrest Summers and children, of Newberry, are the guests of relatives in the city.