

## SECOND REPORT BY CONFEREES

New Program for Raising State Revenue Calls for Revaluation, Soft Drink and Cosmetics Taxes.

Columbia, April 7.—Taxation of soft drinks, cosmetics, chewing tobacco and snuff, increased levies on corporations and increased documentary stamp taxes were proposed by the free conference committee on the general appropriation bill in its report submitted tonight as a solution for the financial problem confronting the state for this year. In addition, a provision for revaluation of property this year was inserted in the measure. The total appropriation is the same as that first reported out by the committee, \$6,334,682.66, exclusive of \$3,046,000 for public schools, and \$100,000 or more, if necessary to finance the proposed revaluation of property. A general property levy not exceeding five and one half mills is authorized.

As reported out tonight, the measure is a compromise between the divergent views of the house and senate. The two soft drinks and tobacco taxes were approved by the house only to be rejected by the senate, while the proposed general revaluation of property has been passed by the senate, but has not met favor in the house.

The house made the report a special order for noon tomorrow. The senate is also scheduled to begin debate on the measure tomorrow.

Although he signed the report, Representative Nance of Laurens, chairman of the house ways and means committee and a member of the conference, in a statement incorporated in the report, served notice that he intended to offer a motion to eliminate the sections providing for a property revaluation. This can be done, his statement said, without necessarily rejecting the measure as a whole. Reservation of his right to vote against the revaluation proposal was also made by Representative Mendel L. Smith of Kershaw, another conferee.

Senator Butler of Cherokee, one of the senate conferees, inserted a statement, saying he dissented from the methods of raising revenue proposed "for I believe that taxes should be assessed upon all alike, so as not to be burdensome to any particular class." In his statement, the Cherokee senator declared also that several items had been omitted from the appropriation bill that should have been left in.

Under the revaluation sections of the report all real property would be valued as of January 1, 1922, but the values fixed could not be used for the purpose of making tax assessments until after their approval by the general assembly. The revaluation would be made by county assessment boards under the supervision of the state tax commission. Returns, under oath, would be required of all property owners during the month of August, this year, covering the real and tangible personal property owned by each person, the tax commission, however, having the authority to extend the time.

The property levy, in the absence of the special taxes proposed, would be eleven mills, according to a statement issued tonight by the conferees. They gave a tabulation to show that all classes of property except public utilities would benefit from the shifting of the levy from real property to other forms of taxation.

Public utilities, says the statement, would pay \$111,575 more in taxes than they would under the property levy of eleven mills, but, it was said, they were given a reduction in 1923 of five mills on the assessed valuation of their property amounting to \$340,000 while the manufacturers at the same time were made subject to a special tax which offset their reduced levy.

Non-utility corporations, excepting banks, but including mercantile corporations, would be saved a total of \$137,655, the statement says.

Banks would be saved \$67,949, while owners of real and personal property, it is stated, would be saved \$1,327,659.

The special taxes provided in the bill would go into effect upon the approval of the measure by the governor. A time limit is set upon the proposed soft drinks tax, which would expire April 1 of next year; the other taxes would be in effect until repealed by act of the general assembly. Enforcement of the tax provisions of the appropriation bill would be entrusted to the tax commission.

The new taxes proposed will bring in \$2,296,000 in revenue for the next eight months, according to an estimate given out by the conferees. The estimate was made public as follows:

Bottled drinks, 12 cents per dozen bottles on five cents drinks and fractions thereof, \$780,000.  
Fountain drinks, 20 per cent of the gross receipts, \$336,000.  
Chewing tobacco, one cent for each three ounces or fraction, \$100,000.  
Snuff, one cent for each three ounces or fraction, \$30,000.  
Cosmetics, one cent on each five

## PRIVATE PEAT TO LECTURE HERE

Soldier-Author of International Reputation To Speak At Chautauqua On May Sixth.

Harold R. Peat, who as Private Peat won an international reputation in the telling of his experiences during the great war, will deliver his noteworthy lecture, "The Inexcusable Lie," at the coming Redpath Chautauqua here. Both in his books, which have been exceptionally popular, and on the lecture platform, Private Peat presents his ideas with clear-cut directness and clarity, and with a vividness that is tremendously convincing.

Private Peat in his lecture here discusses the problem of the proper edu-



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cation of the youth of the world, with the idea of producing later a better understanding among the nations. He asks for a more just appreciation of the real qualifications of greatness. A war hero he tells vividly of the horrors of war.

As a speaker, Private Peat is essentially dynamic and sincere. He is an orator of great power, and wherever he speaks he makes a profound impression.

## FERGUSON LEADS; OTHERS FOLLOW

Local Ford Dealer Wins Trophy Cup As First Honor Man In The Carolinas.

E. W. Ferguson, local Ford dealer, long recognized as one of Marse' Henry's most successful agents, has been announced the winner in the car sales contest held during the months of January and February by the Ford Motor Company. For his splendid record, he was awarded a beautiful silver trophy cup yesterday, handsomely engraved and presented him with the millionaire's compliments for services well rendered.

With the first of the year, a contest was announced for all Ford dealers in North and South Carolina on the percentage basis of sales. Mr. Ferguson during this period exceeded his required sales contract by 42 per cent and won the prize over his large list of competitors in the field.

Mr. Ferguson, in point of service, ranks as one of the Ford Motor Company's oldest dealers. Twelve years ago, upon assuming the local agency, he was the fifth representative of the company in this state. At that time the Ford factory was manufacturing 340,000 cars a year. Today their production is over one million annually, with more than eleven million cars now in the hands of owners. Square dealing, service and courtesy are responsible for Mr. Ferguson's success and his many friends will be pleased to learn of the distinction that has just come his way. With such an enviable record, he may stay here, and then—Marse' Henry may put him in a bigger town.

## TWO GAMES ON HERE TODAY

Varsity and Freshmen Teams of P. C. Will Meet Opponents In Double-Header Bill.

Baseball days are here again—the season officially opening on the home grounds this afternoon with two games on the menu. The varsity nine will meet Piedmont college, and the freshman squad will cross bats with the Clemson freshmen. The first game begins at 2:30 p. m. at college park, and it is hoped that a big crowd will be on hand.

The varsity team is now in good condition and is expecting a successful season. The game this afternoon will give the diamond lovers their first opportunity to see the Blue Stockings in action.

cents or fraction of retail value, \$100,000.

Documentary, at double rate of 1923 act, \$150,000.

Public utilities, three mills on value of property, \$480,000.

Domestic and foreign non-utility corporations, one mill on capital or on value of property as case may be, \$320,000.

## Easter Morning



"Christ the Lord is risen today," sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

## CLINTON WINS BOTH CONTESTS

Local Hi Captures First Place In County Recitation And Declamation Meets.

The County Recitation-Declamation contest, held in the First Baptist church of this city last Friday evening, was attended by a large audience. J. H. Witherspoon, superintendent of the city school, presided, and Rev. Edward Long offered the opening prayer.

In both contests the Clinton High school won first place. Miss Margaret Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Copeland, won first honor in the recitation contest, using as her subject, "Wheels of Time." Second place went to Gray Court-Owings, represented by Miss Louise Hunter, who used as her selection, "An Unfinished Story. Third place was won by Miss Gladys Ragsdale of the Thornwell Orphanage, "The Death Disk" being her subject.

Isaac Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Copeland, led all his opponents in the declamation contest, and was awarded first honor by the judges. His subject was, "The Traitor's Deathbed." The Thornwell Orphanage schools, represented by Orell Dunlap, won second place with "A Nation's Temptations." Bruce Thompson, representative of the Laurens school, was the third winner, his subject being, "Twilight or Dawn."

The first honor winners in both contests were awarded gold medals. Dr. A. R. Daniel, dean of Furman University, Mr. R. N. Lake, superintendent of the Whitmire schools, and Mr. L. A. Wertz of Newberry College, were the judges.

## Clinton Boy Dies In Baltimore, Md.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Conway Dillard, which occurred in Baltimore on March 28. Interment took place in Laidens Park cemetery of that city. The deceased was the youngest son of Mr. Jack W. Dillard of this city, and the news of his death will be received with sorrow by his boyhood associates and all who knew him. At the time of his death he held a responsible position with the Baltimore Hospital.

## EVANGELIST HAM THRILLS LAURENS

Three Services Sunday Brought Six Weeks Campaign To Close. Large Free Will Offering.

Laurens, April 5.—Three thrilling services at the Ham-Ramsay tabernacle Sunday characterized the closing chapter of a most extraordinary religious campaign for Laurens and section. Three times Evangelist W. F. Ham spoke before capacity audiences, the third and last discourse delivered this evening probably being the most stirring and gripping of the entire series of more than 80 sermons during the six weeks campaign by the famous evangelist. Mr. Ham's subject tonight was "The Great Salvation," based on the text, "How shall you escape if you neglect so great a salvation?" During this concluding service, more than 100 persons came forward for prayer and a majority of them made a profession of faith before the benediction was pronounced.

During the campaign approximately 1,000 persons were converted and restored to the faith in Jesus Christ and thousands have been revived and uplifted in their Christian experiences. Hundreds of new members have united with the various churches of the city and county as a result of the meetings and there will be scores of others to follow their example.

Despite the steady downpour of rain for the most of the day people came from far and near for all of the services and the tabernacle was a veritable scene of stirring religious fervor at each of the services.

In appreciation of his services through these memorable weeks of love and labor, Evangelist Ham was tonight presented a free-will offering of \$3,300. Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Rodgers were remembered with gifts.

Mr. Ham left immediately after the closing service for his home at Anchorage, Ky., and after a rest of a few days he and his associates go to Burlington, N. C., for a campaign, beginning next Sunday. In the early fall the evangelist's party plans to return to South Carolina for a campaign in Greenville.

The friends of Mrs. Arthur Copeland will be sorry to know that she is confined to her home on account of illness.

## WILL ISSUE BONDS FOR PAVING ROADS

Delegation Agrees On Bill For Paving Laurens-Clinton Road Under Pay-As-You-Go Act.

The delegation from Laurens county to the general assembly has secured the passage of an act to issue bonds for \$200,000 to hard-surface the road from Laurens to Clinton, and one mile of road from the Laurens city limits through the Watts Mill village, announcement to this effect having been made during the past week.

The plan provides for the proceeds of the bonds to be used for paving these roads and that the county will later be reimbursed by the state under the "pay-as-you-go" act. By agreeing on this plan, the work can be done earlier than would otherwise be done by the state.

It is estimated that the road from Clinton to Laurens to be hard-surfaced will cost \$170,000, and that the additional \$30,000 will cover the cost of the Watts Mill project.

The act providing for the construction of the two roads has passed both houses of the general assembly and it is understood that work will start at an early date.

It is further stated that the issue of \$50,000 in bonds, passed by the house to be used by the county highway commission, was killed in the senate. The entire delegation, however, has agreed for the gasoline tax of two cents to be used by this commission.

## Presbytery Names Neville As Head

Gaffney, April 7.—Enoree presbytery organized at Limestone Street church this evening by the election of the Rev. W. G. Neville of Converse, as moderator, and the Rev. F. H. Wardlaw of Greer, as temporary clerk. The Rev. J. D. Henderson of Spartanburg, the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon. The Rev. John Swann of the Bethel presbytery, the Rev. Frank Estes and the Rev. Henry Stokes of the Buford Street Methodist church, were introduced to the presbytery and were cordially greeted by the body. A full representation of the delegates is in attendance and a most profitable meeting is expected.

## CHAUTAQUA DRAWING NEAR

One Hundred and Twenty Nine Citizens Make Its Return Possible This Year. The List of Guarantors.

Clinton's Seven Day Redpath Chautauqua opens on May 1st. The program as announced this season is unusually attractive and has been pronounced as the strongest that has ever been offered on the circuit. The twenty-one day advance man will arrive in the city this week to get preparations under way for the approaching event and to formulate plans for the ticket-selling campaign.

The Chautauqua is made possible for the community by 129 public-spirited citizens who signed this year's contract as guarantors. The burden of putting the proposition across successfully will fall upon these guarantors who are the sponsors for the 1925 engagement:

B. O. Whitten, E. G. Fuller, Mrs. E. G. Fuller, Mrs. B. O. Whitten, D. J. Brimm, R. E. Ferguson, F. M. Stutts, J. F. Workman, R. W. Wade, D. W. A. Neville, R. R. Blakely, Frank Kellers, A. J. Milling, L. R. Stone, J. E. Ross, L. A. Blakely, O. T. Lawing, E. W. Ferguson, J. M. Adair, G. E. Tumbler, A. W. Brice, Mrs. E. B. Sloan, Mrs. W. B. Farr, H. B. Workman, E. C. Robinson, Jr., F. K. Shealy, M. D., F. D. Jones, J. H. Hunter, W. W. Harris, R. J. Pitts, W. H. Franks, T. J. Peake, W. D. Copeland, C. A. Fleming, J. B. Kennedy, J. B. Parrott, E. Mood Smith, T. L. W. Bailey, W. H. Simpson, G. R. Simpson, J. I. Copeland, Lurea Moore, U. U. Hudson, C. J. Killen, Annie B. Adair, H. D. Rantin, W. E. Johnson, T. E. F. Johns, D. R. Nimocks, Clyde Lankford, R. C. Adair, Etha Thompson, Caroline Dugan, E. J. Adair, Jas. L. Browning, H. L. Baldwin, W. C. Baldwin, J. B. Granger, H. E. Sturgeon, A. B. Blakely, W. J. Bailey, T. J. Blalock, Rufus E. Sadler, E. R. Knox, L. C. Bond, John B. Ferguson, S. W. Sumerel, Geo. C. Odiorne, A. K. Kinard, John Spratt, J. W. Davis, T. C. Johnson, A. T. Wilson, Lucy Epps, J. D. Jeans, Edward Stevens, R. S. Steer, F. L. Webb, J. V. Edwards, Mrs. N. W. Kellers, W. M. Lawson, Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Miss Mayme Leake, H. S. Coffman, Mrs. J. W. Leake, Mary Norman, L. D. McCrary, Carlton F. Winn, L. E. Hatton, D. D. Copeland, H. T. Hearn, S. G. Daniel, R. G. Murphy, Claude Malpass, Edward Long, A. O'Daniel, W. A. Buchanan, H. M. Young, Walter A. Johnson, J. Lee Young, M. D., Mrs. W. G. Neville, Mrs. A. M. Copeland, Ayliffe Robinson, Georgia Brooker, Norma Hallett, David T. Pitts, Mrs. L. V. Pinson, Wm. A. Moorhead, A. L. Brown, Miss Mattie Blakely, Mrs. H. D. Rantin, Mrs. H. W. Brimm, J. F. Jacobs, Sr., Geo. T. Brown, Thornwell Orphanage, L. R. Lynn, president, L. Ross Lynn, Mrs. Julia Griffin, W. M. McMillan, E. M. Bobo, Wm. P. Jacobs, C. M. Bailey, Mrs. C. M. Bailey, Mrs. Nancy Lawlor, Mrs. Harry Warner, Earle W. Workman, M. G. Woodworth, Miss Maude Pearson, D. M. Douglas, V. S. Neville.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

New Officers For Ensuing Year To Be Inaugurated Into Office At April Meeting.

The April meeting of the Commercial club will be held next Tuesday evening in the club rooms at 7:30 p. m. This is the initial meeting of the club's new year and it is hoped that all members will be present.

The recently nominated officers to serve the organization for the ensuing year will officially be elected at Tuesday evening's meeting. The club has enjoyed a successful year under the presidency of Prof. J. H. Witherspoon.

## SERVICES SUNDAY AT A. R. P. CHURCH

Services morning and evening, will be held at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church next Sunday, to which the public is cordially invited. Mr. Halliday, a student of Erskine Seminary, will occupy the pulpit at both services.

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