

SOLONS OPEN ANNUAL GRIND

Legislature Enters Upon New Session With Governor's Message Recommending Drastic Changes in Compensation Act, Liquor Measure and Road Patrol Laws.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—A legislative program called for sweeping revision of the South Carolina liquor and workmen's compensation laws but scarcely mentioning the heated highway issue was laid down today by Governor Olin Johnston in his second annual message to the general assembly.

The youthful governor began his message at 1:40 p. m., when the lawmakers unexpectedly voted to hear him shortly after they convened at noon, and finished an hour later. The galleries were only partially filled.

He appeared before the joint session in the hall of the house of representatives clad in a dark business suit and was escorted by a committee of legislators to the speaker's stand, where he was introduced by Lieut. Gov. J. E. Harley of Barnwell, as "the outstanding citizen of South Carolina."

Saying he would "give an account of my stewardship" to the people, the state executive then began reading his prepared message, the keynote of which he said was one of "friendly cooperation and a determination to act in the best interests of the people of South Carolina."

It recommended, in addition to changes in the compensation and liquor acts, \$3 auto tags, additional taxes on electricity, free textbooks, an increased chain store tax, social security and libel law enactments, a state police system, popular election of judges, biennial legislative sessions and extension of the school term one month by local support.

He declared he had carried out his campaign pledge to oust Ben M. Sawyer, chief highway commissioner, and had made "a good start" toward wresting control of state government from the highway department and return it to the people.

He then recommended that the highway department's functions be confined to road building and maintenance, under legislative budgeting he estimated would reduce its expenditures \$400,000 a year; suggested merging the highway patrol with the constabulary in a state police system; and recommended the enactment of \$3 auto tags by April 30, the end of a half-year licensing period.

Termining the sale of liquor "distasteful to me personally," the governor recommended legislative amendments of the state liquor law enacted last May to limit possession of legal liquor to one gallon a person; prohibit storing "any amount" outside of licensed stores; and forbid licensing ex-bootleggers.

"Finally," he continued, "I recommend that the law be amended so that each municipality and county in the state be allowed to vote on the question of whether a liquor store shall be allowed to operate within its boundaries.

"I believe the will of the majority of the people should prevail at all times, and if there is any municipality or county in the state where a majority of the people do not want a liquor store, that sentiment, expressed at the ballot boxes, should stand."

The governor advocated an increased chain store tax to provide free textbooks for "thousands of children in need of them," additional power levies, biennial legislative sessions, popular election of judges, and social security, and libel enactments.

He proposed seven sweeping changes to broaden the state workmen's compensation law, a major act of the 1935 legislature, along with the liquor law. These were:

"1. The elimination of the exempted classification of industry from the terms of the act.

"2. The inclusion under the terms of the act of all industries employing more than seven employees instead of present exemptions up to 15.

"3. The inclusion of a reasonable occupational disease clause.

"4. The increase of disability allowance from 50 to 66 and two-thirds per cent of average weekly pay.

"5. The reduction of the number of waiting days from seven to three.

"6. The increase of the maximum death benefits from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

"7. The increase of the tax on insurance carriers and self-insurers to conform the South Carolina act with that of other states, the South Carolina industrial commission be made self-sustaining."

The governor's education program included installation of a free textbook system beginning next year in the first two grades; an educational survey and county-wide systems of bus transportation for students; and a requirement that counties finance an eight month term of school "without any great burden on the people" (Continued on page eight)

Death Claims Edmund F. Ray

Esteemed Citizen of This City, Native of Jacks Township, Passes After Brief Illness.

This community and Jacks township was saddened early last Friday morning by the announcement that Edmund Ferguson Ray, known to his friends as Ed Ray, had passed away at his home on Sloan street. Although he had been in declining health for several months, he was critically ill only a few hours before the end came.

The funeral services were conducted at the family residence Saturday afternoon at 3:30 by his pastor, Dr. J. C. Roper. Interment followed at Rosemont cemetery, the following nephews serving as active pallbearers: Hugh, Tan, Clayte, Jim P., I. O. and Jim E. Ray. The large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, and the numerous and beautiful floral offerings bore evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Ray was born on March 19, 1872, and was the youngest and last member of a family of eight brothers and one sister, the offspring of that sturdy old Jacks township couple, Gaines and Nancy Jacks Ray. He received his limited education in the old fields schools of that time and section. His boyhood and early married life was spent at the old homestead in the Sardis community.

On Dec. 4, 1901, Mr. Ray married Miss Emma McCrary of the same community. To this union were born four daughters and three sons, Mrs. Sophie Jackson, Mrs. Lois Thornley, Misses Elmira and Clyde Ray, Edward H., Russell and Fleming Ray, who together with his widow and four grandchildren, survive the deceased.

Mr. Ray moved his family to Clinton in 1920 and had since been engaged in farming and gardening. He was diligent in all his activities, upright in all dealings with his fellowmen, a loyal friend, a true husband, a kind father, a man who was always on the right side of every question that concerned the welfare of his community. He never shirked duty, defrauded a fellow nor denied a friend. Many will cherish his memory for his sterling worth, his rugged honesty and his humorous expressions. Those who knew him best loved him most.

Schedule Given For Presbyterian Basketball and Swimming Calendar Announced. Other Water Events May Be Added.

Walter Johnson, director of athletics at Presbyterian college has announced the basketball schedule and one swimming meet for the institution's winter activities.

The cancellation of boxing meets and at present a lack of material in swimming reduce the usual active season of P. C. teams. Additions may be made, it is stated, to the swimming schedule.

Following is the schedule of games remaining on the basketball schedule. Three games for the varsity and three for the freshman team already have been played.

January

Saturday, 18th—Clemson at Clemson—Varsity and Frosh.

Tuesday, 28th—Furman at Clinton—Varsity and Frosh.

Thursday, 30th—Wofford at Clinton—Varsity and Frosh.

February

Saturday, 1st—Citadel at Charleston—Varsity only.

Monday, 3rd—College of Charleston at Charleston—Varsity only.

Tuesday, 4th—Carolina at Columbia—Varsity only.

Monday, 10th—Furman at Greenville—Varsity and Frosh.

Friday, 14th—College of Charleston at Clinton—Varsity only.

Tuesday, 18th—Citadel at Clinton—Varsity only.

Thursday, 20th—Carolina at Clinton—Varsity only.

Monday, 24th—Newberry at Newberry—Varsity and Frosh.

Two Clubs Meet At Festal Board

Clinton and Laurens Commercial Organizations Hold Good-Will Meeting Here Tuesday.

The Laurens Business League and Clinton Chamber of Commerce held a largely attended joint meeting at the Mary Musgrove Tea Room on Tuesday evening. The meeting was presided over by D. C. Heustess, president of the Clinton body, and following the serving of supper, an interesting and informal program was presented.

In opening the meeting President Heustess extended the 35 visitors from Laurens a most cordial welcome and stated that the joint gathering had been arranged with the objective of promoting friendly and cooperative relations between the two organizations and communities. He stated that no set program had been arranged and extended to all present an invitation to express themselves, the result being a number of short and beneficial talks from members of both clubs. The meeting was permeated with a spirit of good-will and fellowship, expressing the need of closer cooperation and pulling together for the entire interests of the county. It was pronounced by all as an enjoyable and helpful meeting, with Laurens, through its president, graciously extending an invitation to the Clinton organization to meet in Laurens as their guests in the early spring, the definite date to be announced later.

P. E. Cannon, president of the Laurens-Business League, expressed the pleasure of his organization in being present and spoke of the helpful results to be obtained from such meetings. Other Laurens visitors speaking during the evening were L. C. Barksdale, R. T. Wilson, R. E. Babb, Mayor Joe F. Smith, O. L. Long and C. B. Cannon. These gentlemen spoke of the important part to be played by commercial organizations in solving the many perplexing problems now confronting the county, state and nation, with special emphasis placed upon the need of improving the county's country roads and agricultural conditions, the latter being described by several in their brief talks as the most important and far-reaching problem now confronting the people.

Speaking for Clinton, besides President Heustess, and bringing cordial greetings to the visitors were Dr. L. R. Lynn and R. E. Ferguson.

Kiwanis Club Begins Year

W. R. Anderson Succeeds J. H. Pitts As President. Work For Year Outlined By Directors.

The first meeting of the new year for the Clinton Kiwanis club was held Thursday evening at Hotel Clinton with a full attendance.

The meeting opened with the retiring president, J. H. Pitts, Jr., presiding, after which he turned the gavel over to the new president, W. R. Anderson, Jr. Mr. Anderson asked a united cooperation of the membership for the coming year and outlined a number of matters of interest pertaining to the club that he and his board of directors will strive to attain. Other officers assuming office with the new president are: D. C. Heustess, first vice-president; R. E. Ferguson, second vice-president; F. C. Pinson, secretary-treasurer.

President Anderson announced the standing committees for the year to head the various activities of the organization.

REPRESENTATIVES APPEAL TO GROWERS OF FLEECY STAPLE

Southern Farmers Begged To Refrain From Increasing Cotton Acreage Despite Supreme Court's Invalidation of AAA. Warned Fatal To Area Below Mason and Dixon Line.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representatives of Southern farmers tonight appealed to cotton growers not to increase their acreage despite the supreme court's invalidation of the AAA.

A statement signed by N. C. Williamson, Lake Providence, La., C. G. Henry, Memphis, Tenn., and Clarence Roberts, Oklahoma City, said increased cotton acreage by the Southern growers, who attended last week's conference with the secretary of agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, to draft their ideas after the entire group had discussed the crisis confronting cotton growers with planting time only 30 days away.

"Some delay must elapse before legislation can be perfected to make effective the policy outlined and agreed upon by the nation's farm leaders called by Secretary Wallace," the statement said.

"In the meantime, cotton farmers must make plans for the coming sea-

Bernard Baruch Speaks To Press

Neutrality Impossible For Nation Not Able To Back It Up, He Says At Meeting Friday.

Columbia, Jan. 10.—The price of neutrality, as the price of victorious battle, is preparedness, Bernard M. Baruch told the South Carolina Press association tonight.

The World War chairman of the war industries board pictured neutrality for the United States as a practical necessity, but at the same time as a national policy fraught with all the dangers of conflict and one requiring stern protective measures.

"Any neutrality is good only insofar as the declaring nation can protect it," he said. "It is not enough to put a principle into words, however solemnly they may be expressed; it is imperative that we be capable of backing those words with deeds."

"We learn again that preparedness is not only the sine qua non in war but the essential element in the protection of peace by the enforcement of neutrality."

"One of the by-products of neutrality, strange as it may seem, must be, necessarily, a vast increase in armaments. Each nation, realizing that in time of war it can no longer expect the normal flow of supplies, will seek to become as nearly self-contained as possible, either through developing resources, or laying up great stores of essentials. Above all, each nation will try to be self-sufficient in a militaristic sense. There is no other way."

"There is one way to effect neutrality, but I am not prepared to accept it. That is, in time of war, to embargo all shipments of any sort."

"If we want peace, we must be prepared. If we are forced into war, we must be prepared. Neutrality has to do with both conditions. It is not the philosopher's touchstone, which some have painted it as being, enabling us to remain at peace merely by declaring it to be a national policy."

"We are learning that neutrality is fraught with dangers and we should learn how to be ready to meet and conquer those dangers."

"We must not mumble, jumble, or tumble into war. We must finally, firmly and unalterably make up our mind that we are to stay out. We must resist all blandishments and avoid all embarrassment. That is to be done not merely by declaration of neutrality but by creating a state of mind that shall be closed and immovable. That way lies our salvation."

Witherspoon Takes His "Extra Pay"

Information received from Columbia yesterday shows that J. D. Witherspoon, member of the legislature from Laurens county, under date of January 7th, presented a requisition to the comptroller general's office for \$260.00 "extra pay" voted by the legislature for the 1935 regular session, and that same was paid by warrant on the state treasurer.

MEN MEET FRIDAY

The monthly meeting of the Men-of-the-Church organization of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the dining department of the church Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Following the serving of supper, an interesting program will be presented under the theme of "The Third Great Opportunity for Presbyterians." All members are invited to be present as the new year's work is entered upon.

Bonus Bill Goes To Senate Floor

Finance Committee Approves Measure By 15 to 2 Vote Despite Morgenthau's Testimony

Washington, Jan. 14.—The compromise "baby bond" bonus bill was swept toward a Senate vote today over testimony by Secretary Morgenthau that its passage might increase to a \$11,300,000,000 "minimum" the necessary treasury financing in the next 17-12 months.

Morgenthau privately told the Senate finance committee, just before it approved the proposed substitute for the House bill by a 15-to-two vote, that the measure might require a \$2,000,000,000 money-raising operation.

Senator Couzens (R., Mich.) quoted him as listing these other amounts which the treasury might have to raise to meet its obligations before June 30, 1937, the end of the next fiscal year: \$5,800,000,000 for refunding outstanding obligations; \$2,000,000,000 possibly to be needed for relief (and not included in the new budget); and \$1,500,000,000 which President Roosevelt estimated as next year's deficit.

Saying he would not be bound to secrecy which Morgenthau and Chairman Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, imposed upon themselves after the executive committee session, Couzens also quoted the cabinet officer as saying the public debt might reach \$35,500,000,000 by the end of the next financial year.

Only Couzens and Senator, Democrat, of Rhode Island, voted against a favorable report on the bill which Harrison said he hoped to get before the senate when it reconvenes Thursday. Administration leaders predicted it would be enacted into law this month.

Couzens was the only one of eight committeemen who will be up for reelection next November to oppose the report. After he had disclosed Morgenthau's testimony administration leaders were quick to explain that the \$11,300,000,000 figure Morgenthau mentioned did not involve all "new money" raising since it included the \$5,800,000,000 in refunding obligations.

Crop Values High For 1935 In State

South Carolina Takes Front Position In Gain Over Ten-Year Average, Report Reveals.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—A report issued today by Frank O. Black, statistician for the United States department of agriculture, said South Carolina crops with a 20 per cent production increase in 1935, reached "the highest point in value since 1930."

Principal field and commercial truck crops were valued at \$108,623,000 compared with \$105,858,000 in 1934 and \$51,822,000 in 1932, described as "the low point of crop values."

The report said yield per acre of all crops was 15 per cent above 1934 and 29.1 per cent above the average for the years 1928-1932.

"In this respect South Carolina is second in the nation, exceeded only by Georgia with 29.6 per cent, whereas in the country as a whole yield per acre was only 1.7 per cent above the ten-year average," it said.

The cotton crop, estimated at 745,000 bales for 1935, was valued at \$41,906,000 at an average price of 14.2 cents a pound compared with \$42,670,000 for a 681,000-bale crop at an average price of 12.4 cents a pound in 1934.

Tobacco, which the report said increased 58 per cent in production volume during the year, was valued at \$16,868,000 compared with \$12,286,000 in 1934 for a 56,880,000-pound crop. Production for 1935 was given as 89,725,000 pounds for a yield of 925 pounds an acre, termed the "highest of record."

Depository Names Officers For Year

The annual stockholders meeting of the Commercial Depository was held Tuesday afternoon at which time the report for the year was presented and matters of routine business transacted.

The following board of directors was re-elected to serve for the coming year: Jack H. Young, C. W. Stone, S. G. Dillard, W. W. Harris, H. D. Henry, F. M. Boland, O. I. Sheely, John T. Young and W. D. Copeland. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were re-elected: Jack H. Young, president; H. D. Henry, vice-president and cashier; F. M. Boland, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. George Williams of York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cora McQuiston.

NEW PLAN FOR FARM RELIEF

President Indicates Production Control of Crops To Be Backed. Substitute for Dead AAA Being Proposed Based On Eight-Point Program.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Asserting a hope for enactment of new farm legislation very soon, President Roosevelt gave added substance today to reports that the administration would seek continued control of production.

Told Senator Norris (R., Neb.) had asserted a belief the Supreme court's AAA decision barred such regulation, Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference he hoped the senator was unduly pessimistic.

The president said a bill is taking shape, but offered no comment on its contents. He reported he was undecided whether to send Congress a special message on the subject.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the majority leader, said after a luncheon with Mr. Roosevelt that "probably by the end of the week" a new farm bill "will be completed and ready for submission."

As the problem of an AAA substitute continued to hold major capital attention, with both senate and house committees giving it careful consideration, there were these other developments:

1. A suggestion by Senator Norris that administration leaders should press for legislation to remove farm-aid measures from jurisdiction of lower courts.

2. A radio address by Secretary Wallace who said "I am not sure that I am in complete accord with all of the recommendations" of the farm leaders' conference on a successor to AAA.

3. Appearance of several farm organization leaders before the Senate agriculture committee, with open indications of a split with the administration over several issues.

4. Approval by the House agriculture committee of a bill to provide \$40,000,000 in seed and feed loans for 1936 crops.

5. Statement by Chairman Jones (D., Tex.) of the House agriculture committee stressing linking of the domestic allotment plan with soil conservation in a new farm program.

6. Launching of a move on Capitol Hill to retain or collect all of the \$1,200,000,000 levied in processing taxes through retroactive legislation.

7. A ruling by Comptroller General J. R. McCaill that funds could be used to carry on only those AAA functions not invalidated by the court—which left the question of how many of the AAA employees will get pay checks tomorrow still in doubt.

8. A warning by Chairman Summers (D., Tex.) of the House judiciary committee that producers of exportable farm surpluses "are being deliberately bled by this government through the protective tariff."

Clerk Of Court Makes Seven Sales

Clerk of Court Thomas W. Bennett made seven legal sales in front of the court house on salesday for January as follows:

Federal Land Bank vs Alex O'Daniel, et al, 85.4 acres in Jacks township, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$950.

P. E. Cannon vs Mrs. Marguerite F. Patterson, et al, lot in town of Lanford, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$200.

Federal Farm Mortgage Corp. vs J. F. McDermid, 202.8 acres in Laurens township, sold to R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$1,250.

L. M. Wilson vs Geo. P. Moore, et al, lot in Clinton, sold to R. S. Owens, attorney, for \$1,550.

C. B. Bobo, Exec., vs Mrs. Maggie Riddle, et al, 54 acres known as Gilly F. Riddle place, sold to R. T. Wilson, attorney, for \$500.

C. B. Bobo, Exec., vs T. R. Stevens, et al, 53.75 acres, sold to R. T. Wilson, attorney, for \$200.

Mary B. Copeland vs W. Guy Garrett, 38 acres in Dials township, sold to R. T. Wilson, attorney, for \$500.

In addition to the clerk's sales, O. P. Huff, special referee, made four sales in connection with the liquidation of the Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Fire Insurance association.

Baruch Advises Full Production

Columbia, Jan. 10.—Bernard M. Baruch, New York financier and a native of South Carolina, said here Friday he hoped national legislation to replace the AAA "will be based on full production with an American price for American consumption and the surplus to be sold abroad."

Baruch was here to address the mid-winter institute of the South Carolina Press association.