

## WAGE-HOUR ACT WANTED

**President in Address To Congress Reviews Plea for Measure, Demands Recovery - Reform Program Be Enacted. No Balanced Budget Now, He Says.**

Washington, Jan. 3. — President Roosevelt asked the newly convened congress today for legislation to end "harmful" business practices, and appealed to business itself to help in the stamping out.

In a personally delivered message broadcast to almost the entire world he promised business itself that if it would cooperate with government in this way, it could count upon government to cooperate with it "in every way."

After the recent, vehement attacks upon some sections of the business community by high administration advisors, the president's address was generally regarded in congress as unexpectedly conciliatory.

But opponents of the administration were still wary, nevertheless, and before determining their course of action preferred to await a second message on the subject of business reforms which Mr. Roosevelt said he would send to congress later.

Otherwise, today's message: "Noted a troubled and tense world situation which he said made it necessary that the nation be 'adequately strong in self-defense.'"

Reported that the budget which would be submitted this week for the next fiscal year would not show a balance between income and outgo but would reveal "a further decrease in the deficit."

Called for wage and hour legislation as "a problem which is definitely before this congress for action."

Expressed the hope that conference committees working out a crop control bill would confine the cost to what is now being paid for that purpose—\$500,000,000 annually.

And, proffered advice on the writing of a tax bill: No decrease in the total revenues to be collected, a watchfulness against opportunities for tax evasion, and a "change" in provisions which have been "proven to work a definite hardship."

But, in view of the suspense that has been created by the speeches of Robert H. Jackson, the assistant attorney general, and Secretary Ickes, accusing big business of going "on strike" against the government in an effort to free itself of all restrictions, Mr. Roosevelt's words on this phase had been eagerly awaited.

He had gone through three-fourths of his speech before he reached it; vociferous applause had greeted his remarks on foreign affairs, applause from some and a dour silence from others met his comment on the wage-hour question, and there was obviously divided reaction among his hearers on other points of his message.

Then, he said: "The objective of increasing the purchasing power of the farming third, the industrial third, and the service third of our population presupposes the cooperation of what we call capital and labor."

"Capital is essential; reasonable earnings on capital are essential; but misuse of the powers of capital or selfish suspension of the employment of capital (his nearest approach to Jackson's and Ickes' charge of a strike) must be ended or the capitalistic system will destroy itself through its own abuses."

He said the majority of businessmen and bankers "intend to be good citizens," and that the practices of which he spoke were confined to a minority, emphasizing that his words were directed at these only.

### Some See Early Passage

Washington, Jan. 3. — President Roosevelt personally carried his annual message to Capitol Hill today to present it to a joint session of house and senate members whose leaders voiced optimistic predictions of a comparatively short, productive session.

Despite extraordinary interest created by speculation over what Mr. Roosevelt would have to say about his policies with regard to business, there were several evidences of determination on the part of leaders to get down to work quickly.

Democratic Leader Barkley of the senate said prospects for enactment of Mr. Roosevelt's program were "bright." He predicted the senate would dispose of the controversial anti-lynching bill in a week. It is ticketed for consideration January 6. Barkley, Vice-President Garner, Speaker Bankhead and House Leader Rayburn called at the White House before noon to go over his message with Mr. Roosevelt.

## Social Security Gets 7 Millions

**Vast Sum Paid By South Carolina Employers and Employees In First Year of Plan.**

Columbia, Jan. 1.—Even those given to elaborate predictions have been surprised at the enormous sum which has poured into public treasuries in South Carolina from the social security taxes. When all December payments shall have been made, approximately \$7,000,000 will have been collected in the year from South Carolina employers and employees.

It proves again the power of the penny tax, already potent in accumulating millions (from gasoline) for highways and for other purposes from soft and hard drinks, tobacco, admissions, etc., in this state. And now comes social security, employing the power of the penny, to rake in another \$7,000,000 in its first year of operation.

Actually, all of this does not apply to 1937, but all of it was paid in 1937, meaning that South Carolinians released this much to social security taxes in the twelve months. A comparatively small portion of this money was assessed in 1936, for the unemployment compensation category of social security, and was not collected until January of 1937. However, social security taxes due in 1937 would have exceeded \$6,000,000.

The probable approximate intake for 1937 is given as follows:

Federal ..... \$2,866,333

State ..... 4,933,100

Total ..... \$6,959,433

Through October (the only federal figures available at this time), the office of R. M. Cooper, federal collector of internal revenue, had taken in \$2,380,333 to be stored up for two phases of social security: old-age pensions and unemployment compensation. It is estimated that collections during November and December would total approximately \$485,000, based on monthly averages so far. That, added to the money already in hand, produces the federal total of \$2,866,333. The bulk of this is earmarked for old-age pensions, monthly disbursements of which are to begin in 1939. A much smaller portion is being set aside for unemployment compensation.

As to state collections, through October they had totaled \$3,893,100, some of this covering 1936 but having been paid in January of this year. This entire sum goes to unemployment compensation payments on which are to begin July 1.

With \$3,893,100 already in hand, and with monthly collections now averaging something more than \$200,000, it can be seen that when all December payments shall have been made, the state will have taken in more than \$4,000,000. The money is collected by a commission known as the Unemployment Compensation Commission, the administrative costs of which are paid in part by the federal government. The state's appropriation for it was vetoed early this year by Governor Olin D. Johnston.

So this first year of social security in South Carolina has seen a vast sum stored away for the carrying out of the social security programs of the federal government and the state—a sum much in excess of the highest estimates made at the beginning of the year.

## Farmers To Hold 1938 Meeting

Announcement was made yesterday by County Agent C. B. Cannon that the 1938 farm outlook meeting will be held in the agricultural building in Laurens on Monday, January 24, at 10 a. m., to which all farmers of the county are invited.

The meeting will be addressed by O. M. Clark, economist, Clemson college, and A. A. McKeown, extension district agent.

## Tell It To The World

The first rule of salesmanship is that if you have anything to sell, don't keep it a secret. Tell it to the world! That, in Clinton's trade area, means to advertise it in THE CHRONICLE. Every week this paper goes into the homes of this community where your prospective 1938 customers reside.

The More People You Tell, the More You Will Sell!

The most successful Clinton firms in 1938 will be those who through effective advertising tell the buying public constantly, the more, the better.

Laurens, Jan. 1. — The Palmetto bank Friday paid the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent with an extra one per cent, making a total distribution of four per cent on its capital stock of \$50,000. L. G. Balle is president, D. F. Patterson, cashier, and C. F. Fleming, assistant cashier.

## A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Dr. George W. Truett, Pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

With our faces always toward the sunrise, let us by the alchemy of faithful stewardship seek to transmute our every talent into noblest helpfulness for all mankind, recognizing that it is our majestic mission to link our human service with that of the Great Master, in spreading justice, mercy, peace and good will, not forgetting that He shall judge us, not by the prominence or the obscurity of our service, but by the faithfulness with which we perform it.

May we wisely realize that every life, however humble, either increases or diminishes the sum total of human happiness, both for today and for the long tomorrow. Let us evermore strive to keep out of our lives all cynicism and pessimism, all grudges and ill will, all misunderstanding and bitterness, all unintelligent and unfraternal intolerance; and let us constantly magnify the more tender virtues of gentleness, courtesy, kindness, friendliness and serviceableness to all mankind. May we ever be keenly sensitive to the pathos of all human need, gladly proffering our friendship to the unfriended, our strength to the weak, our wisest and worthiest help to all.

Since our earthly life is so brief and precious, let us waste no time in striving after the things that can neither satisfy nor endure. Through all our earthly way, may we travel on with a steady faith, a victorious patience, a noble courage, so interpreting and using the privileges and relations God has given us as to make sure of a blissful immortality. More and more, may we know how good a thing is life, when it is lived in the reverent fear of God and in devotion to that which He approves. And when we come to life's sunset hour, may we be unafraid and ready to walk triumphantly through the valley of shadows into the land of eternal morning, to be welcomed by our Friend Divine, and by our human friends and loved ones, and to go out from His presence and theirs no more forever.

## County Sets Up Farm Machinery

**Committees Named By Farmers To Direct 1938 A. A. A. Program. Clinton Man Chairman.**

The official machinery for administering the 1938 farm program in Laurens county was completed in Laurens Friday afternoon when a county committee of three and a three-member appeal board were named to serve the coming year.

The county committee re-elected to serve for 1938 consists of Jack H. Davis, Sr., Clinton, chairman; E. A. Adams, Cross Hill, and Wallace L. Martin, Gray Court, with John D. Copeland, Renno, alternate. Mr. Davis was also named as chairman of the board of appeals, with R. S. Smith, Waterloo, and Fred S. Stoddard, Owings, as other members.

The 1937 crop compliance supervisors also met with the county agent and received instructions to complete the survey which began Monday morning.

The board of directors of the Agricultural Soil Conservation association, representing the nine townships, consists of John D. Copeland, Jacks; Jack H. Davis, Sr., Hunter; E. A. Adams, Cross Hill; R. G. Smith, Waterloo; L. M. Mobley, Laurens; D. M. McClintock, Scuffletown; Wallace L. Martin, Youngs; Fred S. Stoddard, Dials; and G. C. Roper, Sullivan.

## Laurens Politics Gains Momentum

Laurens, Jan. 1.—The Laurens city primary campaign got off with a New Year's tempo with two announcements for mayor in the February 15 election. Mayor W. Henry Franks is out for renomination after one term in office. Simultaneously came the formal announcement of L. S. McMillan for the same honor. This is his first political venture. He is manager of a wholesale business here, is a past president of the Laurens Rotary club and a former official of the South Carolina Fox Hunters' association. Mr. Franks is also identified with the business and civic life of the city.

Six members of city council and a public works commissioner are to be nominated in the same primary. R. Miller Brown, representing ward 4, is an announced candidate for reelection from ward 5, in which he has recently become a resident.

After the reorganization of the city Democratic club next Thursday, January 6, it is expected that there will be a further general line-up of candidates for various places in the city government.

## Ground Broken For New Building

Ground was broken Monday for the erection of a handsome and modern two-story building on the vacant lot next to L. B. Dillard's store, owned by P. S. Bailey and J. A. Bailey. The new business house will be occupied by Scott's 5c and 10c Stores, a large chain operating stores in a number of towns and cities in this section. The building is being erected for the owners by Scott's organization.

## BANK PAYS DIVIDEND

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## 534 PRISON CASES HANDLED IN COUNTY

The records of the sheriff's office show that during the year 1937, 534 cases were handled covering Sheriff C. W. Wier's first year. The jail colony has averaged approximately fifty inmates a month, according to R. A. Babb, office bookkeeper.

## Budget Figure Up Quarter Million

**State Appropriation Bill of \$12,058,892 Advised. Balanced Budget Sought.**

Columbia, Jan. 3.—A 1938-'39 appropriation bill of \$12,058,892 was recommended today by the state budget commission and the ways and means committee of the house of representatives immediately went to work on the draft of the measure it hoped to introduce soon after the legislature convenes next week.

The budget recommendations were \$253,621 above current appropriations but Governor Olin D. Johnston, commission chairman, said "there is every assurance of a balanced budget with a small margin for contingencies."

Although increases of more than \$3,000,000 were requested by state departments and institutions, the chief increased appropriations recommended were for the welfare department, the penitentiary, the state hospital, the state tuberculosis sanatorium and the comptroller general's office.

The recommendation for the welfare department, \$327,730 more than the 1937-'38 appropriation of \$1,519,999, was increased, Johnston explained, because the current appropriation was only for a ten-month period. He pointed out that the increase would be matched by federal funds.

The governor said larger amounts for the state hospital and sanatorium—\$103,908 for the former and \$37,159 for the latter—would care for a larger number of patients.

Coming elections this year necessitated the increased recommendation of \$126,525 for the comptroller general's office, the governor explained. The penitentiary was down for an extra \$51,934 to care for an expected increase in its expenditures.

There was a decrease of \$327,730 from the current appropriation recommended for the education department.

Johnston said "if the legislature follows closely the budget report it should not take long to put it through."

When the ways and means group met, it studied the budget report and then heard a statement on prospective revenue from W. G. Query, chairman of the state tax commission.

Chairman Neville Bennett of Marlboro, also a budget commission member, who called the committee together in advance of the legislative session, said it was decided not to have general hearings but heads of recently created departments would be requested to appear before the committee tomorrow.

It was desired, Bennett said, to obtain additional information as to the operation of the welfare department, the unemployment compensation commission and the industrial commission.

"The committee displayed an attitude of caution and conservatism in its first meeting," Bennett said.

"It was concerned over the business outlook and the effect business developments in the next year might have on revenue."

"It buckled down to work and hoped to get the appropriation bill ready for introduction early in the session—perhaps in the first week. Such action would probably save several weeks of the legislative session."

"By meeting before the entire legislature is in session, the committee is able to save the expense of the whole legislature and its expenses are light, as it has only one clerk."

## Chamber Meets Next Tuesday

The January meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Hotel Clinton. This being the first meeting of the year '38, a full attendance of the membership is asked by the officers.

## DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

So Far This Year There  
Have Been

**FATALITIES  
from  
AUTOMOBILE  
ACCIDENTS  
in  
LAURENS  
COUNTY**

Let's Strive To Make  
1938 a Safe Year On  
the Highways.

This date last year, 6.

## BUDGET SHOWS BIG DEFICIT

**Total for Year To Reach Billion Dollars. Relief and Naval Expenditures Expected To Climb. Final Figures To Depend On Business Developments.**

Washington, Jan. 4. — President Roosevelt completed today a tentative chart of federal spending in the 1938-'39 fiscal year and well-informed officials predicted it would indicate a \$1,000,000,000 deficit.

The budget will go to congress tomorrow. Mr. Roosevelt told the legislators yesterday it would not be balanced but that the deficit would be less than in the present fiscal year ending next June 30.

The last official estimate of the prospective deficit for the current year was \$895,245,000. Officials indicated, however, the message tomorrow would revise this figure up to about \$1,250,000,000. This would be slightly less than twice the \$645,068,770 deficit for the first half of the year, reported by the treasury today.

The budget is expected to give only tentative recommendations for relief and naval expenditures, the final totals to be determined later in the light of what the president may deem necessary because of the business recession and world rearmament.

Under these circumstances, observers generally concluded any estimated deficit could be called only a preliminary guess, subject to wide revision according to developments in business—affecting both relief expenditures and tax receipts—and in international affairs.

Last year Mr. Roosevelt delayed his estimates of relief appropriation needs until April 20 so as to receive beforehand reports of the spring business and employment outlook.

The probability of some "supplementary" recommendations for naval construction was advanced by the president recently in a letter to Chairman Taylor (Democrat), of Colorado, of the house appropriations committee.

Mr. Roosevelt indicated to congress yesterday that he believed regular federal expenditures could not be reduced below \$7,000,000,000 a year. At the same time he expressed a desire for all possible economies.

In view of his previous requests, observers generally believed his budget would call for a sharp reduction in highway expenditures, currently more than \$200,000,000 a year.

A strong bloc in the house and senate is opposed to such limitation of expenditures for roads.

## Clifton Jones, Laurens, Dies

**Dentist Succumbs As Result of Complications From Fall.**

Laurens, Dec. 30. — Dr. Clifton Jones, 65, dental surgeon, died in a hospital here Thursday afternoon after an illness of 10 days, following an accidental fall. Apparently recovering from his injuries he suffered a setback yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Jones opened an office here soon after his graduation from the Southern Dental college, Atlanta, Ga., about 36 years ago. He had served as president of the Piedmont Dental association and was a member of both the South Carolina and American Dental associations. He was a Mason of high degree and a member of the First Presbyterian church of Laurens.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Herndon Jones, formerly of Greenville; one daughter, Mrs. Joe F. McAlister, Greenville; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Ethel Nichols, Mrs. Mark Hellams, Mrs. James R. Davis, all of Laurens, and Mrs. J. M. McLees of Greenwood; two brothers and three sisters. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones of near Fountain Inn.

Funeral services were held from the residence at 3 p. m. Friday, conducted by the Rev. E. D. Patton. Interment followed in the Laurens cemetery.

## Horton Is Named Editor The State

Columbia, Jan. 4.—William Elliott, president and treasurer of The State company, announced the appointment today of McDavid Horton as editor of The State.

Horton has been managing editor of the paper for 15 years and a prior connection with it was editorial writer, correspondent and city editor.

Horton announced the resignation of S. J. Wier, Jr., the present editor who before holding that position had been reporter, state news editor and