

LEGISLATURE BEGINS WORK

Pleas For Short Session Mark First Assembly Meeting. Appropriation Bill Introduced. Elections This Week.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—Pleas by the presiding officers of both houses for a quick conclusion of the session marked the opening today of the 1938 general assembly.

Lieutenant Governor J. E. Harley of Barnwell, presiding officer of the senate, welcomed that body and urged that "we get through with our work as soon as possible."

"I see no reason," he said, "why we should stay here as long as usual."

Like Speaker Sol Blatt of the house of representatives, Harley suggested that the \$11,954,227 general appropriation bill introduced by the ways and means committee be given early attention.

"We should go home by April 1, and we can go home by that time," Speaker Blatt told the house, "if county supply bills are introduced within the next two weeks."

He urged that no "major committee meetings" be held for the first two weeks to allow delegations to work on their finance bills.

Swearing in of new members prompted Blatt to pay tribute to "our good old friend" the late Representative J. D. Witherspoon of Laurens, who died during the summer.

Phil D. Huff of Laurens, was sworn in to succeed Witherspoon, and Paul E. Wilburn of Union, was sworn in as Union county representative to succeed J. Frost Walker who resigned.

In the senate the oath of office was administered to William P. Baskin, Jr., elected to succeed the late R. E. Dennis of Lee county.

Members were quick to try to put the "short session" pleas of their presiding officers into action, but objections halted definite action.

Ten members objected to immediate consideration of a resolution by Representative W. R. Harris of Anderson, calling for sine die adjournment of the assembly not later than midnight March 7.

Senator Harmon of Lexington, introduced a resolution in the senate calling for a short session and no "extra pay," but it met an objection from Senator Searson of Allendale.

The senate, on Searson's motion, referred to its judiciary committee the resolution which would have put to rest every effort to bring the present session to a close within the 40 day constitutional limit and refuse to vote extra pay.

Members in both bodies quickly took notice of improvements in the two meeting halls.

Speaker Blatt called the house "the most beautiful in the United States," after a report was read from the special committee on improvements accounting for the \$40,000 spent on renovation.

Sergeant-at-arms Zed Hope reported on expenditures for improvements in the senate and was commended by the body for his work.

As this is a continuing session, the assembly faced no organization work.

The committee appropriations bill is about \$100,000 less than the total recommendations of the state budget commission, and nearly \$150,000 more than the current appropriations.

The bill also calls for halving the present five mill state property tax and for a five per cent reduction in all state-paid salaries of \$1,500 or more.

Brought over on the calendars from last year are more than 100 bills, including a local option liquor bill, a bill to create a state police system, and a measure to divert an extra cent of the state gasoline tax to counties for road construction.

Also brought over from last year is a deadlock between the senate and the house on a bill to fix a minimum

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 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 what they have to sell, the values they have to offer, the service they are prepared to give.

Farmers' Group Holds Meet Here

Annual Meeting of Production Credit Association Hears Reports On Successful Year.

Reports submitted by officers and directors of the Clinton Production Credit association at the annual stockholders meeting held here on January 3rd indicated that this farmers' cooperative credit organization had another successful year in 1937. The reports showed an increased volume of business done and, notwithstanding the recession in farm prices, a good collection record.

Complete and detailed reports were given to the stockholders at the meeting, which was well attended by farmers from Laurens and Newberry counties, who are served by the association, there being 425 persons present at the meeting. The financial statement of the association was displayed on a big chart and other interesting data showing costs of operation, etc., were likewise displayed.

Reports were made to the meeting by C. W. Stone, president; Rex Lanford, secretary-treasurer; Jack H. Davis, Sr., and Dr. W. C. Brown, members of the board of directors.

Jack H. Davis, Sr., was re-elected to serve on the board of directors. Others members of the board, whose terms did not expire this year, are C. W. Stone, Clinton; J. T. McCrackin, Newberry; E. J. Sloan, Fountain Inn, and Dr. W. C. Brown, Newberry.

The reports revealed that the association made 710 loans for a total of \$272,614.00 in 1937.

J. Edwin Tiddy, secretary of the Production Credit corporation of Columbia, addressed the stockholders at the conclusion of the business session. Mr. Tiddy stressed the fact that the Production Credit association is a permanent, dependable source of credit for responsible farmers organized on a cooperative basis. He said associations have systematized farm financing, are farmer controlled and operated, lend money only to farmers, meet all of the farmers' short-term credit needs and are operated by farmers in the interest of farmers.

While the association is a local organization, having local control, it has the advantage of being connected with a nation-wide system.

Mrs. Annie H. Dunlap of Mountville, made an interesting talk on "The Farm Family in the Production Credit System."

A musical program rendered by the glee club of the State Training school, under the direction of Mrs. Brooks Owens, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Relief Money For This State

South Carolina Gets \$77,099,127 In Last Three Years.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The national emergency council reported South Carolina had been allocated \$77,099,127 for relief funds appropriated by congress in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Of this amount, the report showed \$71,523,452 had been actually spent in the state with the remainder of \$5,575,675 unexpended as of December 31, 1937.

Slightly more than half, or \$35,868,979 was spent during 1935-36, with spendings for the 1937 fiscal year, which ended last June 30, totaling \$27,030,614. For the first six months of the current fiscal year, the report showed expenditures of \$8,623,675.

Where the \$71,523,452 has gone is shown by the following statistics from the report:

Highways, roads and streets, \$10,063,325; public buildings, \$7,841,411; housing projects, \$1,874,697; public recreational facilities, \$3,091,733; conservation work, \$13,076,555; electric, water and sewerage projects, \$1,885,890; transportation facilities, \$1,786,802; educational projects, \$6,082,827; goods and miscellaneous projects, \$8,808,572; rural resettlement and direct relief, \$6,182,603; administrative expenses, \$291,660; grants for relief, \$8,537,561.

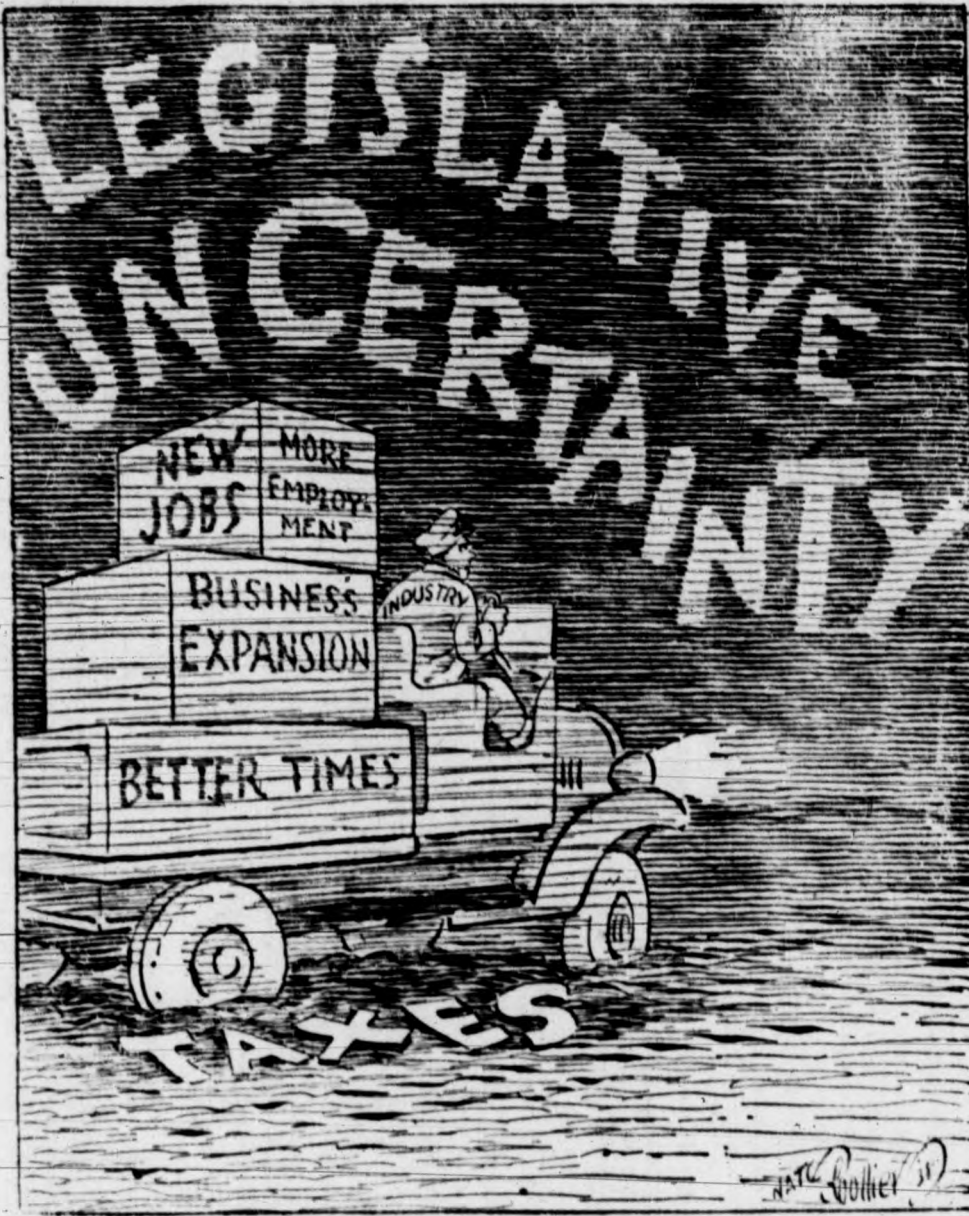
Tax Collections Show Increase

Collections of state and county taxes for 1937 showed an increase of about \$8,000 over 1936 at the close of the year, according to figures of County Treasurer D. R. Simpson. The total for 1937 was \$309,585.61, and for 1936 to the same date was \$301,638.42.

KIWANIS MEETING TODAY

The first Kiwanis meeting of the new year will be held this evening at Hotel Clinton at 7:30 at which time new officers will be inducted into office, committees named, and plans outlined for the organization's work. D. C. Heustess is the club's retiring president, and will be succeeded for '38 by R. E. Ferguson.

LIFT THE FOG!



13 Million In New Roads Added

Commissioner Sawyer's Report For Year Given. Laurens County Gets \$397,004.44 for Projects.

State highway construction completed and commenced during the calendar year 1937 will add \$13,000,000 to the capital investment of the state in its primary road system, according to a report of Chief Highway Commissioner Ben M. Sawyer, released during the week.

Construction commenced in 1936 but completed in 1937 consists of 229 miles of new hard surface, 15 miles of pavement widening, 112 miles of earth grading and 4,693 feet of new bridges at a cost of approximately \$4,500,000.

During the year 1937 additional construction consisting of 438 miles of new hard surface, 40 miles of pavement widening, 43 miles of earth grading, 11,575 feet of new bridges and 1,297 feet of bridge reconstruction was put under way at an estimated cost of approximately \$8,000,000.

Work initiated in 1937 aggregates approximately 130 projects located in 40 counties. In 1937 the highway department did the biggest and best year's work in its history.

Almost \$400,000 In Laurens County

A list of new road work commenced in the county in 1937, follows:

Relocation of U. S. route 276—The earth grading of 9.257 miles from Barksdale to Fountain Inn. Subtotal, \$39,119.81.

U. S. route 76—The construction of a 75-foot reinforced concrete bridge over the C. & W. C. railroad and 0.003 mile plain concrete pavement approaches on West Main street in Laurens. Subtotal, \$26,229.94.

Route 56—The construction of a 210-foot reinforced concrete bridge over Duncan creek between Clinton and Enoree river. Subtotal, \$15,976.80.

U. S. route 276—The paving with plain concrete pavement of 9.690 miles from Barksdale to Greenville county line near Fountain Inn. Subtotal, \$230,489.60.

Route 56—The bituminous surfacing of 9.624 miles from Clinton to a point 1.5 miles north of Enoree river. Joint county project—Laurens county's share, \$85,188.29. Total for county, \$397,004.44.

AIRPORT SEEKS \$74,000

Laurens, Jan. 8.—Chairman of the airport committee here, L. C. Barksdale, today said he had filed an application with the WPA office at Columbia for \$74,000 with which to complete the local field, which has been under construction for two years.

Depository Holds Annual Meeting

Directors and Officers Relected For Coming Year. Statement Shows Increase In Business.

The Commercial Depository of Clinton held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday afternoon at which time all members of its board of directors were re-elected to serve for another year.

Members of the board are: 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 board, the following officers were re-elected for 1938: Jack H. Young, president; H. D. Henry, vice-president; F. M. Boland, secretary-treasurer; Miss Vera Wilson, bookkeeper.

The annual financial report submitted showed that the depository had enjoyed the most successful year's business since its organization a few years ago. The board added \$1,000 to its surplus. The statement as of January 11th showed deposits of \$271,473.98, with total assets of \$278,648.19.

Laurens League Names Officers

Laurens, Jan. 8.—At the January meeting Thursday night of the Laurens Business league, officers and directors were elected for the current year, and the annual report of the secretary set for next meeting.

L. S. McMillan, vice-president during the past year, was promoted to the office of president. He succeeds R. T. Wilson. Joe F. Smith was named as vice-president, and the following members constitute the board of directors: R. T. Wilson, H. D. Gray, R. E. Babb, C. P. Roper, C. F. Fleming and O. L. Long.

At a session of the directorate, L. C. Barksdale was elected as secretary for his 14th consecutive year.

First Conference Sunday At Kinards

The first quarterly conference of the Kinards charge of the Methodist church will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Kinards Methodist church, beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. W. B. Garrett, presiding elder of the Greenwood district, will preach and preside over the conference. Goldville, Kinards, Sardis, and Hopewell Methodist churches will participate.

The public is cordially invited to attend this conference and to hear Rev. Mr. Garrett.

Joanna Cotton Mills Employes Given \$40,000 Bonus For Year

The 900 employes of the Joanna Cotton Mills, Goldville, received a profit-sharing bonus of 5 per cent on Tuesday covering their wage earnings for the year 1937.

The distribution, which amounted to approximately \$40,000, went to all employes on the mills' payroll for the year just ended.

The profit-sharing plan was inaugurated by the mills for the first time this year. W. A. Moorhead, local manager, stated yesterday. A similar plan has been in operation by the present owners of the Goldville property in their Chicago plants for several years. Under the bonus plan Mr. Moorhead states, it is the policy of the mill owners to let its employes, as well as its stockholders, share in the earnings.

W. P. Jacobs' Diary Comes From Press

Life and Experiences of Founder of Clinton Institutions Related by Son, Dr. Thornwell Jacobs.

The Diary of William Plumer Jacobs, founder of Thornwell orphanage and Presbyterian college of this city, has just been published in attractive book form under the editorship of Dr. Thornwell Jacobs of Atlanta, Ga., a son of the late founder.

The diary was begun by Willie Jacobs in 1858 at the age of 15, when he was a school lad in Charleston. From that early period it covers his entire life, year by year, until the early morn of September 10, 1917, when he suddenly passed away at his home on the orphanage campus.

In the introduction the author states:

"Many readers of this volume will doubtless consider it to be the story of the most inspiring village pastorate in the history of the world. It is a record covering sixty years, set down day by day, pigmented with every color of the spectrum, and vocal with every tone of feeling. It is utterly real; yet strangely ethereal. It reveals a human soul in constant, intimate contact with God, and the results thereof.

"It is the story of a little boy in a great city who fell in love with all good things and who resolved to center his whole life upon obtaining them, and who did so.

It is the story of a youth to whom a church, and an orphanage, and a college, and a library, and a printing office meant so much in the great city of Charleston, that he transplanted them to "a wide place in the road" which was Clinton of 1865.

"It is the story of an aged man whose faith, and love, and courage were sufficient to conquer sickness, and blindness, and deafness, and years, and death.

"And it is the story of a man who loved little children, not only for their own sake, but also because they represent the future of all that is worth while on this earth."

Training Class For Methodists Of Area

Rev. J. M. Rast, Editor of The Advocate, Will Teach Group January 30-February 3.

The Clinton area of the Methodist church announces a standard Christian leadership training class to be held at Bailey Memorial church, beginning January 30 and continuing through February 3. The class will be a branch of the Greenwood district training school, and will be for the benefit of Broad Street, Bailey Memorial, Lydia, Leesville, Hopewell, Goldville, Renno, and Kinards Methodist churches.

The title of the class will be, "The Methodist and His Church." The teacher will be Rev. J. M. Rast, editor of the Christian Advocate, published in Columbia. The text book to be used is "The Methodist and His Church," by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke university.

A large number of church workers in this area are expected to take advantage of this opportunity for study.

Teachers Hold Monthly Meet

Laurens, Jan. 8.—The January meeting of the Laurens County Teachers' association was held Saturday in the auditorium of the high school building here, with W. E. Monts, of Clinton, president, presiding.

The principal address before the teacher body was by Dr. Roswell C. Long, Presbyterian minister of Greenwood. His subject was "Citizenship."

Using the general theme, "The Teaching and Disciplining of Problem Children," guest educators discussed the topic in departmental meetings. Dr. Clarence Hamrick of Presbyterian college faculty, led the discussion with the high school teacher group; Miss Amy Muse, of the State Training school, Clinton, the elementary unit, and Mrs. J. A. Quattlebaum of the Olympia school, Columbia, the primary group.

S. C. Federal Income Taxes Reveal Gain

Columbia, Jan. 8.—A total of \$1,050,706 in federal income tax collections in South Carolina for last month was reported today by Internal Revenue Collector R. M. Cooper.

Cooper said this was by far the peak for any month since the fiscal year opened July 1. It more than doubled the \$458,583 total of December, 1936.

Other collections were about the same as for December, 1936.

CLUB HEARS OF BUZZARD ROOST

Senator Nicholson and President Rosenberg of Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Are Guests of Chamber of Commerce and Tell of New Power Project.

The January meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening at Hotel Clinton, with President W. R. Anderson presiding. The meeting had been designated by the program committee as "Buzzard Roost night," with visitors invited from Greenwood to give information pertaining to the project.

The club adopted a resolution inviting the Laurens Business League, following an established custom of several years past, to be guests of the Clinton organization for the March meeting.

A resolution was adopted requesting that an effort be made to reorganize a Merchants' association in the city.

Ernest R. Rosenberg, president of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, was the first speaker of the evening. He stated that he would not go into a discussion of the Buzzard Roost project but would leave that subject to Senator W. H. Nicholson, who is due much of the credit for carrying the undertaking to a successful conclusion. Mr. Rosenberg said he had been asked to discuss the set-up and work of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and termed such organizations as a co-ordinating agency to get things done. He gave a review of the activities of the organization he had headed for the past three years and pointed out various ways in which it is working for and contributing to the industrial, commercial, agricultural and moral development of Greenwood and the entire county.

Speaking briefly of Buzzard Roost, he said he hoped its recreational possibilities would be developed. Greenwood, Laurens and Newberry counties should get together, he said, and nationally advertise the cheap power to be available and work to locate new industries and people in the area.

Senator Nicholson, the second speaker, stated that work on Buzzard Roost would begin about March first to be completed within one year. The dam will be 85 feet high, he said, with the bridge on Saluda river one-fourth to one-half mile long. The primary purpose of the enterprise, the senator stated, is to provide cheap electricity. He charged that the power companies have made more money during the past fifty years than any other business. In defense of the New Deal gift, as it was termed, he cited two schools of thought on the development of resources; exploitation of the natural gifts for the gain of individuals, and the utilization of such natural assets for the benefit of the people.

This project, when completed, Senator Nicholson said, will make it possible for municipalities like Clinton to buy power 50 per cent cheaper than at present. Your cotton mills here in Clinton are manufacturing their own power through their own plant because they can make it cheaper than the power companies would sell it, he asserted. The speaker said that the greatest need today is to develop the country. Much is heard about conditions in cotton mill communities, he said, but declared they are ten times better there than in the rural areas. We should do everything we can, he stated to help the rural districts.

It is time for Greenwood, Laurens and Newberry counties to get together and make these counties the best place in South Carolina in which to live, he said. We must pull together, thinking only of the good of the people and the counties. And while industrial growth is essential, he said, we must not neglect the moral tone of the people. We must not lose

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