

APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR SHOW BIG INCREASE

Total of \$9,868,206.59 is \$3,771,665.20 More Than the Amount Asked for During the Present Year.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—State departments, institutions, activities, bureaus and agencies, according to summary sheet released by State budget commission today, ask for appropriations for the year 1921 aggregating \$9,868,206.59, or an increase of \$3,771,665.20 over the appropriations of \$6,097,149.39. Last year State activities put in an estimate of \$7,177,004.91 for this year's expenditures, and the budget commission recommended only \$5,166,631.65, or a "pruning" of \$1,710,373.79

from the aggregate requests. The summary sheet shows that for this year the expenditures amounted to \$7,727,109.22, a sum greater than was appropriated. The general appropriation bill prohibited any dispensing of money for sums greater than that in the revenue. The apparent evasion of the law, according to the commission, comes about in the privileged fertilizer tax for Clemson College, various educational institutions and activities being authorized to borrow from the sinking fund commission, and some special functions being allowed to pay from their collected receipts, like the State Game Warden's department. The expenditures for 1919 before the budget went into operation, were \$6,067,700.49, while the appropriations only totaled \$4,102,351.02.

A comparison of appropriations of previous years with the requests for this year will be interesting. In 1916, when the present Lieutenant Governor, Junius T. Lyles, of Orangeburg, was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the appropriations totaled \$2,186,110.20, or a levy of 6-1-2 mills. In 1917, the revenue bill carried \$2,989,501.78, or an 8-1-2 mills levy; in 1918, the appropriations were \$3,376,420.88, or a 9-1-2 mills levy, while in 1919 they were \$3,892,682.78, the levy being the same as in 1918. This year the levy was 12-1-2 mills. However, on account of the increased assessment of property the Comptroller General for the past three years has slightly reduced the levy.

Another matter of interest, in dealing with the appropriation situation, is the fact that January 11, 1916, Thomas P. Cochran, speaker of the House of Representatives, who was then a member of the Ways and Means Committee, introduced the following resolution in that body, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the total amount of the appropriation contained in the Ways and Means appropriation bill for 1916 shall not exceed \$2,000,000."

In connection with the matter of taxation, the State Tax Commission estimates that there will be an increase in the assessed valuation of property in the State for this year of approximately \$15,000,000 of an aggregate of between \$448,000,000 and \$450,000,000. Last year the total assessed valuation of all property was \$401,771,808.

Predicated upon what the State Budget Commission did last year, its initial period of work, it is safe to

presume that it will not allow the estimates to stand, but will use the pruning knife. While no intimation has been given to that effect, it is understood that the Commission is considering other methods of raising the revenue, such as inheritance and income taxes, in order to lift some of the heavy burden from the property holder.

There has been much talk lately of the building program, which amounts to approximately \$1,000,000 of the requisites, being held in abeyance this year, but some institutions, such as the Citadel, the University of South Carolina, Winthrop College, etc., which have already commenced to build and amounts have been pledged for this year, will have to be taken care of.

The largest amount asked, \$4,944,587.76, an increase of \$2,451,734.37 over appropriations for 1920, is that of the educational division, in the budget classification. The State department of Education requests \$2,115,650, an increase of \$1,214,360 over the appropriation granted it for this year; the University of South Carolina, \$465,151, an increase of \$253,639; the Citadel, \$623,015, an increase of \$224,531.67; Clemson College \$226,147.15, an increase of \$58,977.15; Winthrop College, \$832,055.57, an increase of \$115,375.51; State Medical College, \$150,336.50; an increase of \$51,119.50; Confederate Home College, \$6,000, an increase of \$2,000; John de la Howe Industrial School, \$115,486, an increase of \$81,170; School for the Deaf and the Blind, \$197,333.33, an increase of \$92,782.33; State historical commission, \$8,500, an increase of \$1,810; State Library, \$7,025, an increase of \$1,110.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Laurens County, S. C. will be held at Laurens Court House, S. C., at the Supervisor's office on Thursday after the first Monday of January 1921, being the 6th day of the month at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon.

All persons holding claims or demands of any kind against the County, not previously presented to the Board, are hereby notified and required to file same with the Clerk of the Board on or before the first day of January, so that they may be ordered to be paid at the annual meeting, as provided by law.

Done at Laurens, S. C., December 9th, 1920.
J. D. MOCK, Clerk.

To Santa Claus
Normal School, Asheville, N. C.
Dec. 13, 1920.

Dear Santa:
We wonder if you are ready to start out on your trip which looked forward to by every one.

Dear Santa, we want to remind you that we will be at the Normal during the Christmas vacation on account of the many diseases we students brought back with us last Christmas. As we are not going home we expect you and many of our friends to visit us.

We want you to bring us everything you can. Some of the things are, chicken, cake, candy, fruits, dolls, Geneva especially wants one, Permelia an all day sucker, Louise a red stick of candy.

We hope every one will have a jolly Christmas and a happy New Year.

With love and hearty wishes,
Geneva Pitts,
Permelia Pitts,
Louise McKittrick.

LAND SALE

The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Maude Abercrombie Cox, Plaintiff Against

Gaston Abercrombie, Belle Abercrombie, Wayne Abercrombie, Harry Abercrombie, Kate Abercrombie, Ruth Abercrombie, Kermit Abercrombie, Laurens Trust Company as General Guardian for defendants aforesaid, Darwin H. G. Abercrombie, Ernest Gault and J. H. Abercrombie as Administrators of the Estate of Alexander Abercrombie, deceased, Defendants.

Pursuant to a decree of the court in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at Laurens, C. H., S. C., on Saturday in January next, being Monday the 3rd day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property, to wit:

Thirty-three and one-half acres, more or less, bounded on North by lands now or formerly of W. P. Harris, on East by lands now or formerly of H. Grady Abercrombie, on South by lands now or formerly of Paul K. Abercrombie, on West by lands now or formerly of E. H. Garrett and Thomas Owings, being the tract of land set apart to him in the partition of his father's estate;

Eight and one-fourth acres, more or less, bounded by lands now or formerly of E. H. Garrett, J. M. Abercrombie, J. J. Manly and A. J. Owings, being a part of tract No. 1, of Toliver Robert-

son's estate, conveyed to him by Elizabeth Dial by Deed recorded in Deed Book 23, Page 187;
Eleven acres, more or less, bounded by lands now or formerly of Allen Owings, E. H. Garrett and T. B. Owings, conveyed to him by E. H. Garrett by Deed recorded in Vol. 23, Page 186.
Forty-nine acres, more or less, bounded by lands now or formerly of C. L. Riddle, J. P. Garrett, Tom Henderson and others, conveyed to him by Austin Abercrombie.

Terms of Sale: One-third cash, balance to be paid in one and two years;

the credit portion to be secured by bond and mortgage of the purchaser over the said premises, bearing legal interest from date, with leave to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps. If the terms of sale are not complied with, the land to be re-sold on same or some subsequent Salesday on same terms, at risk of former purchaser.
C. A. POWER,
C. C. C. P. and G. S., Laurens, S. C.
Dated this 14th day of Dec., 1920
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Notice of Lost Certificate of Deposit
Notice is hereby given that Certificate of Deposit No. 9, dated October 29, 1919, of Bank of Mountville, of Mountville, S. C., issued to Wm. M. Pinson, deceased, has been lost or misplaced and that I will make application to said bank for a duplicate of same on Thursday, December 30, 1920.

Wm. M. Pinson,
Administratrix,
Mountville, S. C., December 13, 1920.

Citation for Letters Administration

The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

By O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge. Whereas Pearl D. Maehen made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of E. B. Maehen.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said E. B. Maehen, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on the 29th day of December, 1920, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December, Anno Domini, 1920.

O. G. Thompson,
J. P. L. C.

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W. H. Smith, of Mingo Junction, Ohio, Is So Rejoiced at Being Relieved of Stomach Trouble He Wants All Sufferers to Know About Great Tonic and Body-Building.

W. H. Smith, prominent in the affairs of the Mingo Junction, Ohio, lodge, Knights of Pythias, says his last hope was his best one, when, after suffering from stomach trouble for four long years, he bought a bottle of The Reese Formula R-11.

"I had very little confidence in R-11," Mr. Smith says, "as it had tried every preparation to be had and was treated by the best physicians in and around Mingo Junction. I want to say right now, however, that before I had taken all of the first bottle of R-11 I was completely relieved."
"For four long years," this leading

Pythian continues, "I suffered from gas on the stomach and bloating after every meal. I had severe pains in my back and chest, and around my kidneys. I would see black spots and would get so dizzy oftentimes I thought I would fall. Now I do not know the sign of stomach disorder. I have just bought two more bottles of The Reese Formula R-11 and intend to be never without it. It is the "ace" of all medicines and the least I can do is to tell others of its wonderful merits. I know a great many will be as skeptical as I was, but all they need do is try R-11 and they will be as enthusiastic as I am."
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