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## Indirect Tax Collections

### State Tax Commission Report Receipts In Excess Of Last Year

COLUMBIA, May 12.—Collections by the state tax commission this year from the indirect taxes of the state are considerably in excess of collections for the same period last year, according to a report made public here by W. G. Query, chairman of the state tax commission, on collections to May 1. Collections for the first four months of this year total \$2,740,031. For the same period last year the total was \$1,766,455. The state tax commission has estimated that from indirect taxes this year the revenue will total \$6,300,000.

For the first four months of this year the collections from the business license \$602,423 as compared with \$292,000 for the same period last year. It is estimated that this source will produce in all this year \$2,000,000.

The documentary tax, estimated to produce \$300,000, has already this year produced \$140,617 as compared with \$82,310 for the first four months of last year.

The admissions tax, estimated to produce \$300,000 has already produced \$77,855 where to May 1, last year it produced \$66,829.

The tax on pool rooms this year has so far brought in \$6,725 as compared with \$5,375 for the same period last year.

The drinks tax, estimated to produce this year \$1,300,000 has to May 1, produced \$273,231 as against \$254,384 for the first four months of last year.

The tax against contractors has produced this year so far \$29,050. It is estimated to produce \$75,000. It was not in force last year.

The inheritance tax with a 1928 estimate of \$225,000 has to May 1, produced \$79,239 as compared with \$129,790 to May 1, of last year.

The income tax law with an estimated 1928 value of \$2,000,000 brought to the state treasury to May 1, this year \$1,528,889 as compared with \$935,764 to May 1, last year.

The glass and sporting goods tax repealed this year produced prior to its repeal \$2,000.

The indirect taxes must produce \$2,604,968 to do what is expected of them in the appropriation act, Mr. Query shows.

## Woman's Dress Is Criticized By Pope Pius

ROME, May 12.—Women's clothes are criticised in the latest encyclical of Pope Pius.

Issued on the occasion of the feast of his own patron saint, Achilles the martyr, the document deals with "the reparation that all owe to the most sacred heart of Jesus." It impressed upon all the duty of asking forgiveness for looseness of morals and neglect of religious practices.

The pontiff complains that the faithful neglect ecclesiastic discipline and forget Christian tradition "which is the support of the entire Christian life, regulates domestic society and defends the holiness of marriage." He continues:

"So, too, the education of youth is entirely neglected or spoiled by too effeminate care, which the church is even denied the faculty of giving to youth a Christian education."

"Christian modesty has been lamentably forgotten in the way of living and the dressing of women, especially while an insatiable hunger for the perishable things of this world, anxious seeking for popular favor and a disdain of legitimate authority and the Word of God predominate, thus shaking the faith of endangering it seriously."

After reading over the long list of rules and regulations concerning hunting and fishing licenses, we have discovered at least that one doesn't have to have a hunting license to dig fishing worms.

## Athletic Association Of Tenth District Met In Greenwood Saturday

### Mayer Of Parksville, Clemons And Taylor Of McCormick Elected To Important Positions

The following account of the meeting is taken from The Greenwood Index-Journal of Sunday:

Action of certain schools of the state looking towards withdrawal from the State High School League for the purpose of forming another league in direct opposition to the will of the majority of the members of the state league was condemned in resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Athletic Association of the Tenth District at the Oregon Hotel here yesterday. The resolutions were introduced by Principal W. W. Benson of the Greenwood High School and were adopted unanimously.

The reports of Secretary J. H. Shealy and the treasurer for the past year constituted an important part of the business transacted. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$47.33.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

S. P. Clemons, McCormick, president; P. K. Harmon, Newberry, vice president; Joseph H. Shealy, Ninety-Six, secretary, and L. V. Mayer, Parksville, treasurer.

The executive committee appointed the following committee on football rules and regulations: M. B. Camak, Ware Shoals, chairman; Henry Hedgepeth, Newberry; Mr. Taylor, McCormick. This committee is asked to report to the executive committee not later than September 15th.

After some discussion regarding the method of deciding contests of the district, it was agreed that committees should be appointed by the executive committee to work out rules and regulations governing the conduct of the several championships. Every school was to be informed not later than a week prior to contest of such regulations.

Handling Of Receipts Upon motion of W. W. Benson, it was agreed that the net proceeds and gate receipts from championship games, after necessary expenses for the competing teams were paid, should go into the district treasury.

Major Fulp brought to the association the regulation of the state executive committee with respect to eligibility in the districts. Regulation passed by the state league makes the executive committee in the respective districts, the eligibility committee, for the competing members in that district. If there should be a protest, the findings of the district eligibility committee shall be forwarded to the president to the state eligibility committee for final action.

The following schools were represented at this meeting: McCormick, Prosperity, Newberry, Silverstreet, Greenwood, B. M. I., Washington Consolidated School, Saluda, Whitmire, Ware Shoals, and Ninety-Six.

Following is the report of Secretary Shealy:

The secretary begs leave to report the activities of the league for the year as follows:

The contesting teams for District Ten championship in football were Saluda and Newberry. Newberry won the championship. The receipts for the game were turned over to the treasurer at this game.

The boys' and girls' basketball tournaments were held at P. C. and Newberry College, respectively, on February 24 and 25, with the following results: B. M. I. winning the boys' basketball championship and Prosperity winning the girls' basketball championship. The receipts for the basketball tournaments were as follows: Newberry, \$22.35; Clinton, \$6.50. Expenses for the two tournaments, \$23.00, leaving a balance of \$5.85 in the hands of the secretary. Several items of expense, telephone, etc., to be deducted.

Declamation and recitation contests were held at Greenwood and

## Aid For Schools Under 6-0-1 Law Is Announced

### Greenville County Leads With Sum Of \$280,584

COLUMBIA, May 12.—Greenville County with \$280,854 leads South Carolina in the size of allotments granted for 1928 school aid under the 6-0-1 school law.

Publication by the state department of education tonight of allotment to the various counties of the \$3,100,000 state school fund shows Spartanburg second with \$203,600.

Charleston County is at the bottom of the list with \$5,187.

Division of the school fund was made after a series of conferences last month during which county school heads made their requests and discussed their 1928 requirements with the state officials.

Some scaling of the requests was made necessary, it was said here, due to the fact that the 1928 legislature had cut the school aid appropriations which for this year were only \$3,100,000.

Allotments given to the various counties follow:

Abbeville	\$5,811.00
Aiken	64,001.00
Allendale	16,176.00
Anderson	160,491.00
Bamberg	31,778.00
Barnwell, Rt.	12,730.00
Berkeley	36,074.00
Calhoun	15,903.00
Charleston	5,187.00
Cherokee	53,546.00
Chester	37,216.00
Chesterfield	113,708.00
Clarendon	55,845.00
Colleton	58,190.00
Darlington	63,583.00
Dillon	60,267.00
Dorchester	32,949.00
Edgefield	33,504.00
Fairfield	13,951.00
Florence	137,159.00
Georgetown	34,971.00
Greenville	380,854.00
Greenwood	51,360.00
Hampton	38,572.00
Horry	139,884.00
Jasper	8,623.00
Kershaw	58,868.00
Lancaster	81,953.00
Laurens	80,712.00
Lee	36,275.00
Lexington	118,572.00
McCormick	19,586.00
Marion	58,315.00
Marlboro	38,804.00
Newberry	63,464.00
Oconee	124,040.00
Orangeburg	112,390.00
Pickens	101,278.00
Richland	63,155.00
Saluda	54,257.00
Spartanburg	203,600.00
Sumter	40,448.00
Union	54,594.00
Williamsburg	55,510.00
York	90,558.00
Total	\$3,100,000.00

Ninety-Six, respectively, on April 13, with the following results: B. M. I. won first place in the boys' declamation; McCormick, second place. Whitmire won first place in the girls' recitation contest; Greenwood, second. Receipts at the recitation contest, \$18.10; expenses of judges, \$18.00.

Triangular debate was held between McCormick, B. M. I. and Ninety-Six. Both teams of Ninety-Six won in the district. The secretary begs to report District Ten as winner of the state championship in debate.

In baseball, the secretary arranged a schedule between the following teams: Prosperity, Silverstreet, Whitmire, Greenwood, McCormick, B. M. I., and Newberry. B. M. I. withdrew, which necessitated the arranging of another schedule, which was completed on the 5th of May. Newberry was declared winner in the district on a percentage basis.

Track meet was held at P. C. and B. M. I. represented District Ten at the state meet.

The secretary, on behalf of the Tenth District, wishes to express to the officials at P. C. and Newberry College sincere appreciation of their courtesies and valuable aid in conducting the tournaments.

## Parent-Teachers' Association Meets Next Thursday

### Election Of Officers; Last Meeting Of Session

The P. T. A. of the McCormick schools will hold its last meeting of the 1927-28 session on Thursday at 4 p. m., in the High School Auditorium.

This is the annual meeting and the treasurer is desirous of closing the books for the year and asks that all members please bring the money for their dues.

The chairmen of all the committees are asked to be present so they can give their reports.

The association is fortunate to have as speaker, Miss Passmore, the county nurse.

Only by the support and co-operation of the entire body can the best results be obtained, so it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The election of officers for the coming session will be held.

## Governor Gives Bess Full Pardon

### Chief Executive Feels Some Relief Should Be Offered By State

COLUMBIA, May 14.—Ben Bess, negro, recently released after 13 years of penal servitude, after the principal prosecuting witness had given an affidavit declaring him innocent, was Saturday granted a full pardon by Governor Richards. The governor's original move in the case, after reading the affidavit of a white woman who appeared against Bess when he was tried on a charge of criminal assault, was to grant a suspension of sentence.

Governor Richards also yesterday addressed a letter to John M. Daniel, attorney general, in which he asked if there existed any means whereby some restitution could be made to Bess out of the state contingent fund.

"This negro served South Carolina as a prisoner for 13 years," the governor wrote. "During this time he has not only been deprived of his liberty, but the proceeds of his labor have been appropriated by the state. I feel sure that the people of this state unite with me in feeling that in so far as restitution is possible, it should be made. There is no definite way of determining just what is just and proper. This negro is in destitute circumstances, and I am writing to request your legal opinion as to whether or not the contingent fund committee has the authority of law for making some appropriation to provide for him until the matter can be submitted to the general assembly for its consideration."

Further in his letter to the attorney general the governor declares: "It appears from the records that this woman is directly chargeable, as well as other witnesses in the case. Some of them, at least, were perjurers."

Several days ago upon receipt of the records of the case in which was the affidavit of the woman, the alleged victim at the time of trial, of the crime, in which she declared that as she had not much longer to live she wished to correct so far as possible the wrong which she had done Bess, the governor, without awaiting action of the pardon board, immediately suspended the sentence of the man.

Bess was tried in Florence County and the first hearing resulted in a mistrial. At the second trial he was convicted and sentenced to serve 30 years.

The apparently mysterious occurrence of rain at temperatures below freezing is explained by the fact that there is sometimes a thin layer of cold air on the earth with a much warmer layer above it. Rain may get through this thin layer of cold air before it has time to freeze.

## Federal Agents Ordered To Do Less Shooting

### Warned That Promiscuous Firing At Suspected Law-Violators Must Stop

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Prohibition enforcement agents throughout the country were under fresh and strict orders today from Washington that promiscuous shooting at suspected law violators must stop at once.

The new warning went out from dry headquarters in the treasury simultaneously with the announcement that Robert Taylor, a West Virginia enforcement agent, had been dismissed for firing at an automobile that failed to stop for inspection.

Although somewhat similar to the shooting of John D. Hanson, of Nicaragua, New York, by coast guardsmen, which is now causing a row in congress, Commissioner Doran said the dismissal of Taylor and the issuance of the new orders to his men had no connection with that incident. He explained that the Hanson case was purely a coast guard matter, even though this arm participates in the enforcement of the dry law.

"We are not going to put up with firing on vehicles on highways whether they stop when commanded or not," Doran said. "We will certainly not shield officers charged with this offense and we will aid states at any time within reasonable limits. Of course a particular case depends on the facts."

The latest outburst over the Hanson shooting occurred in the house yesterday when Representative Moad, Democrat, New York, protested against the wounding of the Nicaragua man and urged that "thugs and gunmen" be driven from the prohibition service. He said he had prepared a resolution calling for a congressional investigation of the incident.

## 505 Pounds Butterfat Sold Here Saturday

### Georgia-Carolina Dairy Products Co. To Handle Output In The Future

The McCormick Cream Station bought 505 pounds butterfat last Saturday, the highest receipts to date since the beginning of operations last June. The station has made a steady growth since opening date, and receipts have climbed steadily each week. Around \$6,000 worth of butterfat has been sold from McCormick County by the cream station, and if the present receipts continue through this year, the 1928 volume of business will go over \$8,000.00.

Arrangements have been completed with the Georgia-Carolina Dairy Products Company, Augusta, Ga., to handle the output from the McCormick Cream Station from now on. This company will send a man to McCormick each week to test and pay cash for cream brought to the station. Strictly Chicago Standard Price will be paid at the station for the butterfat received.

Beginning next week, cream day will be changed from Saturday to Wednesday. Cream will be bought at McCormick as usual on next Saturday, May 19. The next buying date will be the next Wednesday, May 23, and thereafter, cream will be received at the McCormick Cream Station on Wednesday of each week.

THOS. W. MORGAN,  
County Agent.

## CHURCH NOTICE

St. Stephens Church, Willington

There will be service at St. Stephens Church, Willington, S. C., at four o'clock on Sunday, May 20th. The Rev. R. C. Topping of Anderson will be in charge. All are invited to attend.

## Memorial Day Exercises Held

### Old Soldiers And Many Others Thoroughly Enjoyed The Day

Memorial day exercises were fittingly observed here by the Anne Carter Chapter of the U. D. C. on Thursday, May 10th. These exercises were held in the auditorium of the high school building which was artistically decorated with red, white and blue spring flowers and flags. Bright sunshine with crisp cool weather made an ideal day for the occasion and a large crowd was present. Invitations were issued to all Confederate Veterans, wives and widows in the county.

The exercises were in charge of Senator F. C. Robinson and opened with the singing of "America," by the audience, after which prayer was made by Rev. J. A. Bledsoe of the Methodist Church.

A vocal number, "The Home Spun Dress," was beautifully sung by Mrs. W. K. Charles with Mrs. J. A. Talbert as accompanist.

Senator Robinson introduced the speaker of the occasion, Mr. George Cromer, a leading attorney of Newberry, whose address was edifying and inspiring. Mr. Cromer gave many grand and beautiful tributes paid to General Robert E. Lee.

The U. D. C. Chapter offered prizes in the school for the best essay written beginning with the 5th grade and continuing through the 11th. These essays in the grammar school were written on Lee and Jackson and the ones in the high school on "The Progress of the South Since 1865," and these prizes were awarded at this time.

Mrs. J. S. Strom, president of the U. D. C. Chapter, in a few very appropriate remarks, awarded these prizes to the following pupils: Sara Louise Strom, Lorenzo Sturkey, Minnie Dunlap, Frances Cowan, Melba Deason, Carrie Mayson and Gladys Dillashaw.

The program was concluded by the audience singing "Dixie."

The entire body, including about 500 school children, marched to the nearby cemetery and decorated the graves of soldiers with lovely flowers.

The visitors were invited over to the court house and met by members of the chapter. The room was simply, but attractively, decorated in red and white. Here a sumptuous menu was served by women of the U. D. C. Chapter. Col. W. J. Talbert made a talk, also several veterans spoke, recalling experiences of war time and also expressed happiness for the opportunity of being present on this delightful occasion.

## Speaker From Anti-Saloon League Coming

### Will Deliver Addresses At Plum Branch, Modoc And McCormick, Sunday, May 20th

Mr. J. W. Guy, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in South Carolina, will speak to three audiences in the county on Sunday, May 20th, as follows:

At Plum Branch Baptist Church, 11 o'clock a. m.

Modoc Baptist Church, 3:30 p. m.

McCormick Baptist Church, 8 o'clock p. m.

The public is cordially invited to all these meetings.

## S. S. Program Bordeaux M. E. Church Next Sunday Night

The public is cordially invited to attend a Sunday school program at Bordeaux M. E. Church next Sunday evening, May 20th, at 8:30 o'clock, in charge of Mrs. G. W. Cade. This program was to have been rendered several weeks ago, but was postponed on account of a death in the community.