

**THE GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN**

**People of Rafting Creek Endorse \$2,500,000 Bond Issue for Permanent Highways**

Rafting Creek township was splendidly represented last night at the meeting at Rembert School in the interest of the \$2,500,000 bond issue. Many ladies honoring the occasion by their presence, and at the conclusion of the speaking program the bond issue was unanimously endorsed by a rising vote.

Dr. M. S. Kirk, of Hazood, presided and introduced the talkers, all of whom made short but convincing talks, showing why Sumter county should vote \$2,500,000 for a main highway system of permanent, hard surfaced, concrete bridged, well drained roads.

Mr. Henry J. McLaurin, Jr., chairman of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners in an "open confession of failure" on the part of the present board and its predecessors to "do something with nothing" showed conclusively that money is simply thrown away trying to construct even a semblance of permanent highways or to even maintain approximately 700 miles of highways with 712 bridges when this county has no material worth while to construct or maintain roads. He showed that notwithstanding this county has had a lot of money and had employed the best of engineering ability, with an abundance of the latest improved road building machinery and had also utilized the experience of other counties and other States, and the expert advice of the United States and the South Carolina State Highway Commissions, that his board had reluctantly, but he believed, wisely abandoned all efforts to construct highways that would stand for even a reasonable time, and that his board has adopted the only policy consistent with the unbusiness-like and time and money-losing system of dirt highways that wash away after heavy rains, and the commissioners can only hope to keep these sand-clay and dirt roads in passable condition by shifting the road forces and chain gang from place to place as rapidly as possible to patch up holes in the roads.

Sumter county, he says has no natural road building material for economical permanent highway construction, and his board believing that it would be cheaper in the long run to construct hard surfaced, well drained, concrete bridged and properly graded highways had requested the Sumter county legislative delegation to afford the taxpayers an opportunity to decide for themselves the question of issuing \$2,500,000 in permanent road bonds with which to build a main highway system of approximately 121 miles as a starter for better highways, which will save thousands of dollars in maintenance and give the people something for their tax money.

Mr. L. D. Jennings pointed out in a convincing manner, with proof from the county auditor's books, from the county treasurer's accounts of expenditures, and from other official sources that the actual increase in taxes will not exceed one-third of the present taxes by issuing of \$2,500,000 in highway bonds. He also convincingly proved that the time, money, ducts, wear and tear on automobiles and other vehicles, saving in gasoline, and other economies of a permanent highway system of roads will save more than two and a half million dollars in less time than it requires to retire these bonds, and at the same time increase the value of farm lands and give the people living today an opportunity, as well as their children and grandchildren to ride over smooth and money-saving roads.

Mr. Jennings showed from the county auditor's books also that the citizens of the City of Sumter actually pay forty-four per cent of the total taxes of Sumter county levied for general county purposes (not including special school tax levies by each school district) and that the railroads pay fifteen to sixteen per cent of the total taxes of the county, also aggregating sixty per cent of the \$2,500,000 bond issue to be paid by the City of Sumter and the railroads and only forty per cent of the bond issue to be paid by the rest of the entire county of Sumter.

A splendid opportunity for the farming sections to obtain good roads at little expense. He pointed out in several ways indisputable evidence of the fact that in the long run, taking into consideration the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually expended in automobile repairs and unnecessary quick wearing out of tires alone, that is in automobile trouble expenses, saved and other economies which will result from a permanent highway system that the people of Sumter county will actually pay nothing for their hard surfaced roads in the long run, and that while \$2,500,000 loomed up as a big thing to many voters for which to build hard surfaced roads, that it will be many times more than paid for by a business-like, economical maintenance and money-saving main highway system.

Other speakers who convincingly but in short metre style advocated the \$2,500,000 bond issue were Messrs. J. B. Britton, John H. Clifton, E. I. Reardon, C. J. Jackson and E. E. Rembert. Dr. M. S. Kirk, the chairman, was called on but said he would confine his talk to a mere statement of unqualified endorsement of the proposed bond issue. Those, if any, opposed to bond issue or who had anything better to offer were given the privilege of the floor and requested to point out any possible defects in the proposed main highway bond or bond issue plan, but inasmuch as every man and woman present, by a rising vote, in both propositions, there was no response to the invitation to anything that had been said by speakers advocating the bond

**HUNDREDS HOMELESS AND HUNGRY**

**People In Storm Swept Sections Are Suffering Great Privations**

Birmingham, April 23.—Hundreds are homeless in the storm-swept sections of Alabama and Mississippi. They have only a few days' food supply and many are without sufficient clothing, it is reported by J. T. Brockman, after a survey of the stricken district.

**SUMTER WINS IN ATHLETICS**

**First Honors In State High School Meet**

Columbia, April 24.—The annual South Carolina High School track meet at the university yesterday proved to be one of the best held here recently. Two records were broken and others were dangerously approached and all events closely contested. Sumter High School won the meet with a total of 21 points. William Thomas Poole, of Greenville, was a close second with 17 points, assisted by one of his team mates made a total of 1 for the Piedmont city, with the individual cup going to its chief performer.

New State high school records were set in the pole vault by Poole with ten feet nine inches, one inch better than the previous record and DeLorme of Sumter bettered his own time of last year in the half mile run, making the distance in two minutes, 13 3-5 seconds.

The result of the contest was never definitely decided until the last ten feet of the last race, the quarter mile. At the start of this event Sumter was ahead with 18 points. Easley second with 13 and Greenville third with 12. This left a possibility for either of the three teams to carry off the honors. Poole and Payne, both of Greenville, rounded the final curve neck and neck, the former gradually pulling ahead by a few yards. Payne made the fatal mistake of looking back and DeLorme of Sumter, pale as a sheet, puffing like a locomotive, and digging for all he was worth, gradually ground by and reached the finish line in second place by a scant foot, and saving the meet for his team. Had Payne held his position his team would have totalled 20 points to Sumter's 19.

Poole, the Greenville lad who carried off the individual cup, with a total of 17 points, showed a remarkable stickability and a wonderful amount of the "real stuff in his craw." With another such running mate his team would have had an easy time. The events which he entered were among the hardest in the track business including the 220, 440, pole vault, broad jump and 100-yard dash, in all of which he took places, and set a new record in the vault with ten feet nine inches.

Carter, of Westminster, tied with Cobb, of Easley, and Chandler, of Sumter, for second place in individual scoring, with ten points each. Bennett, of Clio, and DeLorme, of Sumter, get third place, with eight all. Watts, the little man from the biggest school, represented, won the five points for the Porter Military academy.

During the morning there was threats of rain but the clouds brought only a few small April showers and the afternoon was ideal for athletics.

After the contest the spectators and participants adjourned to the chapel where a talk was delivered by Prof. E. Marion Rucker on "Why not come to Carolina?" The address was eloquent as is usual with this speaker, though brief and to the point.

The winning team was cheered and requested to rise by the varsity cheer leader, A. J. Beck, and the winner of the individual cup was also given full publicity. The medals were delivered to the winners of events by Prof. J. Bruce Coleman and the cups to successful athletes and speakers by Dr. W. S. Currell, who stated that the winning debate was the best high school debate he had heard anywhere at any time. A rousing "pen" meeting was indulged in by the student body under the able leadership of "Charlie" Beck, cheer leader.

Following are the events with winners and their records:

- 100 yard dash, Chandler, Sumter, first; Hazood, Easley, second; Poole, Greenville, third. Time 10.8 seconds.
- 220 yard dash, Chandler, Sumter, first; Poole, Greenville, second; Watts, Porter, third. Time 24.6.
- 440 yard run, Poole, Greenville, first; DeLorme, Sumter second; Payne, Greenville, third. Time 55.2 seconds.
- Half mile run, DeLorme, Sumter, first; Meeks, Anderson, second; Kinard, Winthrop, third. Time 2 minutes, 13.6 seconds.
- Running high jump, Carter, Westminster, first; Bennett, Clio, second; Gambrell, Wallahalla, third. Height 5 feet 4 inches.
- Running broad jump, Bennett, Clio, first; Poole, Greenville, second; Cobb, Easley, third. Distance 20 feet, 7 inches.
- Pole vault, Poole, Greenville, first; Cobb, Easley, second; Watts, Porter, third. Height, 10 feet 9 inches.
- Shot put, Cobb, Easley, first; G. Smith, Liberty, second; Brice, Chester, third. Distance, 39 feet.
- Discus throw, Brice, Chester, first; Watts, Porter, second; G. Smith, Liberty, third. Distance, 136 feet 1 inch.
- 120 yard low hurdles, Carter, Westminster, first; Fraser, Sumter, second; Cobb, Easley, third. Time 17.2 seconds.

**CROSS CONTINENT AIR SERVICE**

Washington, April 24.—President Wilson today signed the post office appropriation bill carrying a provision for air-mail service from New York to San Francisco.

**REFERENDUM IN COURT**

**Supreme Court to Pass On Ratification of Suffrage Amendment**

Washington, April 23.—The Supreme Court has begun consideration of the question of whether or not the Federal Constitutional amendments must be submitted to the voters for ratification in States having referendum provisions. The case involved the action of Ohio's ratification of women suffrage.

**SCHOOL FOR CHAPLAINS**

**War Department Will Provide Training for Army Preachers**

Washington, April 23.—A school for army chaplains will be opened at Camp Grant, Ill., the War Department announced today. The first class of fifteen begins May 15th.

**CAILLAUX GETS LIGHT SENTENCE**

**Former Premier of France Who Was Accused of Treason Escapes With One Month**

Paris, April 23.—Former Premier Caillaux, who was charged with treason, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment. The time allowed for the period that he has already been in prison reduces the remainder of his sentence to one month.

**EN ROUTE TO THE POLE**

**Captain Amundsen Has Arrived in Bearing Sea on Northerly Trip**

Nome, Alaska, April 23.—Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, has arrived at Anndir, Ibering Sea, en route to the North Pole.

**STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

Columbia, April 23.—The South Carolina Highway Commission, created by the recent legislature, is looking for a chief engineer and also for an executive secretary. At a meeting to be held on May 11th, the commission will select these two officers. A committee, of which R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, is chairman, is named to select the secretary and engineer. The first meeting of the new commission was held in Columbia Thursday afternoon. R. Goodwyn Rhett was elected chairman. Capt. Pennell, who has been chief engineer of the old commission, tendered his resignation and asked to be relieved May 1. He is entering business in Columbia. F. H. Murray, who has been construction engineer, was asked to act as chief engineer until Capt. Pennell's successor is named.

It is understood that several prominent South Carolinians are seeking the office of secretary of the commission and the commission will probably have several applications to consider.

The new commission is composed of W. S. Rentz, Varnville; R. E. Ligon, Anderson; C. O. Hearon, Spartanburg; M. G. Walker, Rock Hill; Frank Manning, Jr., Clio; A. B. Langley, Columbia, and R. G. Rhett, of Charleston.

**STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Columbia, April 23.—The legislative commission, authorized to study the taxation system of the State, with a view to introducing legislation next year looking to increasing the State's revenue, both by new forms of revenue and by getting property on the tax books which is now escaping taxation, at its first meeting in the State library in Columbia Wednesday completed its organization. Senator J. H. Marion, of Chester, was elected chairman, and Representative Lide, of Marion, was chosen secretary. The commission also heard several members of the tax commission with regard to the tax machinery of the State.

It is possible that the committee will introduce legislation next year looking to new forms of taxation, such as an inheritance tax, or other sources of State revenue. The aim of the commission is to bring about all the possible aid in equalizing taxation throughout the State.

The commission is composed of Representatives Berry, of Orangeburg, Lide, of Marion; Buckingham, of Aiken, and J. B. Atkinson, of Spartanburg, and Senators Marion, of Chester; Christensen, of Beaufort, and Laney, of Chesterfield.

**BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION**

Columbia, April 24.—W. D. Melton, of Columbia, was elected president of the South Carolina Bar Association today; R. Dozier Lee, of Sumter, was elected vice president; C. S. Monteth, of Columbia, was elected secretary; Alfred Wallace, Jr., of Columbia, was elected treasurer. Douglas McKay and J. W. Thomas, of Columbia, and D. D. Moise, of Sumter, compose the executive committee. J. H. Brown, of Spartanburg; W. C. Miller, of Charleston; A. H. Dagnall, of Anderson, are three of the vice presidents chosen. More than a score of new members were received into the Association.

**A PLAN TO SAVE FORESTS**

**Adoption of French Conservation System Recommended by Chief Forester**

Washington, April 23.—Chief Forester Greeley warns the country of the seriousness of the timber situation and advocates the adoption of the French conservation system.

**POPULAR ELECTION FOR GERMANY**

**National Assembly Passes Bill For Election of President By People**

Berlin, April 23.—The national assembly has passed a bill providing that the president shall be elected by the people.

**NO CHANGE IN POLICY**

**Sending of Warships to Mexican Ports Does Not Mean Action**

Washington, April 24.—While American cruisers are en route to rebel-occupied ports of Mexico today there was lacking any indication of an altered course of the United States, as government officials are watching the situation with apparent equanimity. It is unofficially declared that any move by the United States is improbable, unless made necessary by the menace to American lives.

**PREMIERS REACH AN AGREEMENT**

**France and Great Britain Decide What to Do Regarding Germany**

San Remo, April 24.—A complete agreement with respect to the attitude the Allies shall adopt towards Germany in connection with carrying out the peace treaty has been reached by Premiers Lloyd George and Millerand, it is stated.

**DEMOCRATS REJECT SENATOR REED**

**Missouri Refuses to Send German as Delegate to San Francisco Convention**

Joplin, Mo., April 23.—The Missouri Democratic State convention, after an all night session rejected United States Senator Reed as a district delegate to the San Francisco convention. The convention was marked by wrangling and filibustering.

**BEER BILL PASSED**

**The New York Senate Makes Legal the Sale of Light Beer**

Albany, April 24.—The New York Senate has passed a bill to legalize the two manufacture and sale of two three quarters per cent. beer and the bill has been sent to the Assembly for concurrence. The bill legalizes four per cent. beer and twelve per cent wine, failed of passage.

**SAVED STRANDED YACHT**

Beaufort, N. C., April 24.—Twenty men on the yacht Elfy, which grounded at Ocrooke inlet during the night, were taken off by life savers. Three men refused to leave the vessel which is believed to be safe.

**SUPREME ALLIED COUNCIL**

Sanremo, April 24.—Members of the supreme allied council held no official session this morning, wishing to discuss the German in question and view before taking up the matter officially.

**BLANDING WON DECLAIMERS MEDAL**

**Representative of Sumter High School Carries off First Honors in State Contest**

Columbia, April 23.—Sumter and Union High Schools emerged victorious in the annual State High School oratorical and girls' expression contests held at the University of South Carolina last night. Activities of the many events now going on at the university centered on the girls' contest and the boys' declamation events last night and hundreds of friends were on hand to hear the youthful orators.

Miss Evelyn Bozeman, of Union, speaking on "Bobby Shaftor," was awarded first place in the girls' expression contest. Miss Elizabeth Scruggs, of Rock Hill, speaking on "The Fleet Goes By," won second and Miss Sarah Louise Collins, of Chester, speaking on "The United States of Europe," won third place, while Miss Margaret Sweeney, of Spartanburg received honorable mention. Miss Sweeney spoke on "Helen Thamer." First place winner receives a gold medal given by the James L. Tapp Company in addition to having the honor of winning the State contest. Second place winner gets a gold medal, given by the Bon Marche, while third place gets the medal given by Mrs. Louise F. Mayes, of Greenville.

James Blanding of the Sumter High School won first place in the annual oratorical contest held at the same time the girls were staging their expression contest. Mr. Blanding spoke on "Patriot and Traitor." Fred Fowler, of Wallahalla was awarded second, with his speech on "Liberty or Death." Everett Taylor, of Gaffney, won third place on "The Mission of America," while Fleming Carlisle Smith, of Mullins, received honorable mention with "Eternity of Law." First place winner receives the gold medal given by the R. L. Bryan Company, second place, the Bank of Columbia medal and third place the Hastoc medal. In addition to the individual medal the Sumter School won the Wiesepape trophy cup to be retained one year and if thrice consecutively to become the permanent property of the school.

Get Honorable Mention. Judges for the boys' contest were: W. H. Jones, Dr. W. S. Currell, the Rev. A. W. Blackwood, J. B. Wingard and J. Fraser Lyon. Other boys in the contest besides the winners were: W. J. Haile, of Union; Clarence Moore of Spartanburg; Neville Bennett, of Clio; George Wittkowsky, of Camden; Frank Meeks, of Anderson; Jack Davis, of Clinton. Honorable mention from the preliminaries of the afternoon were: Jack Tierney, of Greenville; Thomas Lide, of Bennettsville; Hartwell Hurt, of Cheraw; William Gordon, of Rock Hill, and Frank McMillan, of Westminster. Music was furnished by the university quartet, composed of R. E. Harper, H. T. Daniels, G. A. Johnson and J. B. Bell.

The judges of the girls' contest were: Miss Frieda New, Mrs. W. W. Ball, C. B. Elliott, the Rev. Hugh R. Murchison and Thomas H. Peoples. Girls in the contest other than the winners were Betty Haile, Camden; Grace McBrayer, Greenville; Margaret Edens, Bennettsville; Jane Law, Winthrop Training school. Honorable mention from the afternoon preliminaries were Margaret Watts, Cheraw; Miriam Welborn, Liberty; Nancy Meng, Laurens and Dolly McFadden, Kingstree. W. D. Roberts presided.

The events last night were far above previous contests and attracted a large crowd from the city and from the university student body.

**DIRECTOR HINES HAS RESIGNED**

Washington, April 24.—Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, has resigned, effective May 15th. President Wilson has accepted the resignation.

**ARMENIA DECLARED INDEPENDENT**

Washington, April 24.—Armenia has been recognized as an independent republic by the United States. Similar action has been decided upon by the allied conference at San Remo.

**MEMORIAL BUILDING DRIVE**

**South Carolina Has Been Organized for Campaign and All Counties Will Raise Quotas**

Columbia, April 21.—Encouraging reports from various parts of the State relative to the drive for the completion of the \$400,000 for a memorial building are being received at the headquarters of the commission here. The renewed campaign commenced last Monday and will terminate April 30, a twelve-day period.

The State has been organized, after considerable effort, and practically all counties give assurance of reaching their quotas.

Encouraging reports have been received from Charleston, Greenville, Spartanburg and other large counties and a deal of interest is being manifested in other and smaller political subdivisions.

The example of Columbia is raising its quota of \$60,000 in sixty minutes has stimulated interest in every part of South Carolina.

Ex-Governor Richard I. Manning, vice chairman of the commission and chairman of the campaign committee, who has been in Columbia for the past several days directing the campaign and who has visited practically every part of South Carolina during the past two months in the interest of the project, is exceedingly encouraged over the outlook.

"I see no reason why the 'drive' should not succeed," he stated. "I find that the people of the State, now that they understand the purpose of the memorial, its commemoration of the deeds and achievements of those South Carolinians who participated in the World War, are more enthusiastic over the project. I have visited many parts of the State recently, and I believe that a genuine response will be made to the call for the completion of the \$400,000 to be contributed by the people of the State, to supplement the \$100,000 appropriated by the General Assembly.

The objects of the memorial building are explained by the following excerpt of the act of the Legislature authorizing the building:

"That said memorial building shall preserve in marble or bronze or other imperishable form the names of all South Carolinians, whether soldiers, sailors, nurses, or other workers on the cause of victory, who have offered their lives as the supreme sacrifice in the winning of the war; and said building shall be the repository of books, manuscripts and other records of the history of the war and its purposes and achievements, and of the part borne in said war by the State of South Carolina, and by her sons and daughters, whether in organizations or as individuals, and whether in battle or in other work and service; and especially shall there be preserved in said memorial building writings commemorative of the military and naval exploits and brave and patriotic deeds of South Carolinians who have shared the dangers and glories of the great war on land and sea and in the air; and said buildings shall contain alcoves or sections for separate memorial to the men and women of the several counties in the State."

**BATTLE LINE IN SONORA**

**Carranza and Sonora Troops Preparing to Join Battle**

Agua Priet, Sonora, April 23.—The vanguard of the Carranza troops, which are expected to attack Sonora, have reached Ojitos, with 7,000 additional troops have left Buena Vista for the north. The grouping of the Sonora troops to meet the attack continues.

**BATTLE AT TAMPICO**

Washington, April 24.—Mexican revolutionary forces are battling with Mexican regulars for possession of the Tampico oil fields, according to unofficial dispatches.

**FRENCH TRAITOR IS SET FREE**

Paris, April 24.—Joseph Caillaux, former premier who was convicted of correspondence with the enemy, has been set free.

**LUMBER**

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| Flooring,                       | Brick,                            | Building     | Locks,                            |
| Ceiling,                        | lime,                             | Material     | Hinges,                           |
| Siding,                         | Concrete,                         | Hardware     | Nails,                            |
| Casing,                         | Plaster,                          | Paints, Oils | Grates,                           |
| Mouldings,                      | Fire Brick,                       |              | Saws,                             |
| Framing Lumber,                 | Fire Clay,                        |              | Hatchets,                         |
| Red Cedar Shingles,             | Sewer Pipe,                       |              | Hammers,                          |
| Pine and Cypress Shingles,      | Stove Pipe,                       |              | Door Hangers,                     |
| Metal and Composition Shingles, | Terra Cotta Thimbles,             |              | Carpenter's Tools,                |
| Doors, Sash and Blinds,         | Mortar Colors and Stains,         |              | Paint Brushes,                    |
| Porch Columns and Ballasters,   | Water Proofing Mineral,           |              | Paints and Oils,                  |
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