

THE CIVIC LEAGUE

The Civic League met at the Court House Feb. 23, 1920 at four o'clock with only nine members present. This meeting should have been held a week earlier, but was postponed on account of the epidemic of influenza. The president called the League to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The vice-president and chairmen of the committees gave very favorable reports. The entertainment committee has been especially active. The chairman reported forty-five dollars realized Tag Day with two dollars and ten cents expenses, thus leaving a net sum of forty-two dollars and ninety cents. This committee elected two new members, Mrs. H. I. Smith, and Miss Tora Bagnal. They made arrangements to have the Wofford Glee Club give a concert April 1st. It was decided to have the White Elephant sale in the old court house, the date to be announced later.

Mesdames E. C. Allsbrook, Furman Bradham, and Misses Mattie Appelt and Pammie Bradham were unanimously elected members of the league. A motion was made and seconded that the Chain of Teas be resumed next week, provided the quarantine is lifted. The Treasurer made a report. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Irma Weinberg,
Sec. and Treas.

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Editor Manning Times:

My school being closed on account of the quarantine I have spent several days in Columbia visiting relatives. I was present at several debates in the Legislative sessions, among them the long school day, which was enthusiastically handled yesterday. The House downed the bill requiring teachers to teach for seven hours. After a long debate it refused to fix the school day in South Carolina at seven hours and continued to next year a bill with this provision. The bill was amended to exempt towns of one thousand inhabitants or more. The members saw that this amendment nullified the bill and the vote to kill it was 48 to 19. Defenders of the bill argued that the longer school day would keep children out of mischief in the afternoon. One representative said children in families when mother and father worked came in at two o'clock ate a cold lunch, and ran on the street till night. If the schools held longer sessions it would save the boy.

Another representative took the part of the over-worked teacher. A teacher or a human considerer would say what is a parents duty to his child's welfare? It was argued by the House that the Legislative should not be dictatorial as to what school superintendents and trustees should do with school hours and teacher's work.

E. C. Allsbrook,
Principal College Prep. School

into the County Treasury, to be used for ordinary county purposes.

Sec. 6. Personnel of Commission—Term of Office—Compensation—Vacancies—Powers of Commission—Bonds of Employees.—The Clarendon County Highway Commission shall be composed of five members, as follows: C. P. Gable, R. J. Alderman, W. C. Davis, W. H. Anderson, R. C. Richardson, Jr., who shall hold no other public office except Notary Public during their terms of service under this Act. The said Commission shall serve for a period of four years, or until the provisions of this Act are completely carried into effect, and they shall receive all necessary expenses incident to the duties of said Commission, said amount to be paid in the same manner as other claims are now paid. In case of vacancy in said Commission, by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the majority of the members of the Board of the Clarendon Highway Commission. The said Commission shall have charge of constructing permanent or improved highways in Clarendon county as provided in this Act.

Sec. 7. Employment of Help—Compensation.—The Commission shall have power to employ a secretary, attorney, engineer or engineers, with superintendent or assistant, as may be deemed advisable, and any other person whose services may be required for such duties as the Commission may impose, at a compensation to be fixed by said Commission. All compensation herein provided for to be paid from the proceeds of said bonds. Provided, That the Commission may accept the services of road experts rendered by the Federal or State Government.

Sec. 8. Reports.—The Commission shall at the close of each fiscal year make a full report of its transactions during that year, including an itemized statement of the monies received and disbursed for whatever purposes, said report to be filed with the Clerk of Court of said county and to be submitted by the Clerk of Court to the Circuit Judge, presiding at the next succeeding term of the Court of General Sessions for said county, and by him submitted to the Grand Jury for investigation. The Grand Jury shall make an examination of the books, papers and accounts, and the work of the said Commission as now provided by law to be made of the county officers, and shall appoint a certified public accountant to assist in said examination.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.—All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent to this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. Act Effective on Approval.—This Act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

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BILL INTRODUCED TO BOND THE COUNTY

INTRODUCED BY CLARENDON DELEGATION

A BILL To Authorize the County of Clarendon to Issue Bonds for the Purpose of Improving the Highways of Said County in an Amount Not Exceeding Four Hundred Thousand (400,000.00) Dollars; to Provide a Sufficient Levy to Pay the Interest on Said Bonds; to Provide a Sinking Fund to Redeem the Same.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: Section 1. That for the purpose of providing funds for highway improvements in Clarendon county, the Clarendon County Highway Commission be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to issue interest bearing coupon serial bonds of said county as follows, to wit: A sum not exceeding four hundred thousand (\$400,000.00) dollars for permanent highway improvements and to be known as "highway bonds," said bonds to be in such denominations as the Clarendon County Highway Commission shall deem best and shall be numbered consecutively from one upwards, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six (6%) per cent. per annum, payable semiannually at such period as said Commission may determine. The bond shall be a serial issue of such date as may be determined by said Commission and shall not exceed a period of twenty years, the maturities to be determined by the Clarendon County Highway Commission of Clarendon county. The said bonds shall be in such form and payable at such place or places as the said Clarendon County Highway Commission shall determine, and shall be exempt from all county, and State and municipal taxes, and the coupons when due shall be receivable in payment of all county taxes.

Sec. 2. Execution of Bonds.—Record.—That these bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Clarendon County Highway Commission, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Board of the Clarendon County Highway Commissioners, and shall be impressed with the corporate seal of the Clarendon County Highway Commissioners of Clarendon county and the signa-

tures to the coupons attached to the bonds may be printed or lithographed, but shall be facsimiles of the originals. A record of the denominations, date of issue, date of maturity, time and place at which both interest and principal are due, and rate of interest, shall be kept by the County Board of Commissioners in a book provided therefor as a permanent record of the county.

Sec. 3. Sale of Bonds.—Disposition of Proceeds.—Purpose of Use.—Disbursements.—The said Clarendon County Highway Commission shall have authority to sell said issue of bonds herein authorized and it shall as soon as practicable offer the said bonds for sale after advertisement in one or more newspapers published in this State or otherwise, as the said Clarendon County Highway Commission may deem proper, and when said sale shall have been made the proceeds derived therefrom shall be paid by the purchaser or purchasers to the County Treasurer of Clarendon County, to be used by him for the purposes herein provided and designated, that is to say, for the constructing of permanent or improved highways through out Clarendon county and said funds shall be kept separate and distinct from all other public funds, and shall be paid out only upon proper vouchers issued by Clarendon County Highway Commission.

Sec. 4. Annual Tax for Interest and Sinking Fund.—There is hereby directed to be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected, an annual tax on all taxable property of the county sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the interest shall become due, and to provide also a sinking fund sufficient to retire said bonds as they shall mature.

Sec. 5. Management of Sinking Fund.—That the sinking fund hereby created shall be kept separate and intact by the County Treasurer and shall be deposited by him at interest in chartered banks for the benefit of said fund, and the Clarendon County Board of Commissioners, or their successors in office, shall redeem and retire by means of said sinking fund, and when so redeemed and retired, shall together with the attached and unearned coupons be destroyed or mutilated and a record of said bonds so redeemed and retired shall be kept in the book herein provided for. Should there be any remaining funds in the hands of the County Treasurer, after all bonds are redeemed and retired by said sinking fund, the same shall be converted

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