

Machinery, Ambulance Funds Are Bogged Down

Laurens County Supervisor Furman E. Thomason and Commissioners Paul O'Dell and George Penland will not get \$50,000 with which to buy road building equipment nor will Bryan Craine, Laurens ambulance service operator, get \$1,350 claimed to be owed to him by the county.

That was the prospect this week as Senator King Dixon and House members Marshall Abercrombie and David Taylor were at loggerheads over two bills in the General Assembly, one introduced in the Senate by Dixon and the other introduced in the House jointly by House members.

Dixon pronounced both appropriations "dead as a mackerel." The House delegation has vetoed state Senator King Dixon's allocation of \$1,350 for support of an ambulance service in upper Laurens County.

The senator said he would merely try again for the money, which he said the county owes the ambulance service.

House members Abercrombie and Taylor amended Dixon's bill, striking out \$1,350 designated for payment to Craine.

The House members agreed to Dixon's other allocations from the county's unappropriated surplus funds.

These were \$8,000 for the County Library, \$4,000 for the County Planning and Development Commission and \$1,000 for the sheriff's department.

The bill, as amended, got third reading in the House last Tuesday and went to the Senate Wednesday where Dixon concurred with the delegation.

The senator said he would go along with the change but would introduce another bill in quest

of the \$1,350 and "hope they (the Laurens House members) will go along."

"We owe the ambulance service," Dixon said, promising efforts to get the money.

Dixon announced he would block Senate action on a Laurens House bill designating \$50,000 from surplus funds for road building equipment. "It's dead as a mackerel," the senator said.

Rep. Taylor served notice he would bottle up Dixon's measure calling for a referendum on a \$150,000 bond issue for a three-pronged program, including road building and establishment of a rescue squad.

"I'm going to study it until after the session is over," Taylor said. "We don't need it."

The senator expressed little surprise over Taylor's plans to stop the bill in the House. "It's dead as a mackerel, too," he commented.

Taylor's objection to the referendum is based on a feeling that the county has the necessary money to carry out Dixon's program without floating bonds.

Taylor said he would not agree to use of county funds to support the ambulance service until recommendations made by a citizens study committee are carried out.

Taylor said he refused to sign the initial claim of \$450 for the ambulance service, but that Dixon said Rep. Abercrombie did.

He said, however, that his House colleague has since declined to go along on the claim.

Craine has been providing ambulance service on the strength of the senator's original promise that money would be made available for it, Taylor said.



County Democratic Officers Elected Monday
These are the officers elected Monday at the convention of the Laurens County Democratic Party at the court house in Laurens. Left to right, they are George L. Phinney, chairman; Mrs. Claude Cook, vice-chairman; R. L. Plaxico, executive committeeman; Mrs. Caroline B. Coleman, secretary.

Phinney Elected Chairman Democrats of County Elect Officials, Name Delegates

George L. Phinney, of Laurens, was named as chairman of the Laurens County Democratic Party at the biennial convention at the court house in Laurens Monday morning.

He succeeds R. L. Plaxico, of Clinton, who has served in the post for the past ten years and who did not offer for reelection.

Plaxico was named as the county's member of the State Executive Committee, succeeding Phinney, who served for the past two years.

Re-elected as county party vice-chairman was Mrs. Claude Cook, of Laurens, and also re-named as party secretary was Mrs. Caroline B. Coleman, of Laurens. Plaxico and Mrs. Coleman were named as temporary president and secretary of the convention.

Ten alternates named were: J. C. Godsey, George H. Young, A. M. McWhirter, King Dixon, Sam Williams, J. H. Sullivan, A. B. Culbertson, E. F. Coggins, M. T. Motes, J. J. Clark.

The convention was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Rice of Poplar Springs.

Appointed as members of the credentials committee were: Justin A. Bridges, M. J. Simpson and Roy L. Harris.

The resolutions committee was composed of W. T. Bolt, T. David Sloan and Joe W. Shealy.

Mr. Shealy, delegate from Cross Hill, moved that a standing vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Plaxico for his 10-year service as county chairman.

Mr. Plaxico, in a short speech, thanked the Democrats of the county for their confidence and trust over the years and the co-operation received from every source.

Only one resolution was adopted by the convention. Presented by the Hopewell Club, it denounced the civil rights bill pending in the U. S. Senate and endorsed the efforts of Southern Senators to defeat the bill.

Another resolution, submitted by Laurens Ward 3 Club, and not approved by the resolutions committee, was read by A. B. Culbertson of that club. The resolution requested the convention to go on record in favor of the "Democrats running their own primaries and letting other parties do the same" by enforcing the present primary voting oath as enacted by the General Assembly.

A motion to bring the resolution before the convention was tabled.

County Republicans Attack the Democrats

Laurens-Laurens County Republicans at their convention here Monday heard a vigorous attack on the present Democratic administration's budget and foreign aid program by Mrs. Norman Armitage of Spartanburg, president of the State Federated Women's Republican Clubs.

The former vice-chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party said \$1 of every three of the national debt was incurred because of the foreign aid program. She termed the budget "full of gimmicks" and said the "big deal" in Washington should be called a "fast deal."

She chided the policies of Lyndon B. Johnson who, she said, claims "to have something in that 10-gallon hat for everyone."

Elected county chairman at the convention was Niles E. Hanna of Rt. 1, Enoree, who was filling the post in an unexpired term. First vice-chair-

man will be Raymond Campbell of Clinton, and second vice-chairman will be Furman Ott of Laurens, Ted Anderson of Laurens was elected secretary.

David Meyers, a Joanna manufacturing firm executive, will serve as state executive committeeman.

Delegates went on record as supporting Senator Barty Goldwater in his bid for the presidential nomination, and in a second resolution authorized the use of the convention method to nominate candidates during the current election year and "at any time prior to the statutory reorganization."

Named as delegates to the state convention were: Hanna, Ott, Meyers, Lewis Cranford, Hugh Jacobs, Michael Turner, J. B. Cooley, William Jacobs, W. H. Finley, Raymond Campbell, W. E. Bramlett and Dr. Lou Stokes.



New Members of Clinton-Lydia "Old Timers Club"
Truman Leopard, Roy Ginn and Mrs. Susie Banks (left to right) received engraved watches and jeweled pins from President Robert M. Vance (right) last Friday night upon being inducted into the "Old Timers Club" of Clinton-Lydia Mills. The three employees had completed 25 years of continuous service with the mills during the year and became eligible for membership in the club, which now numbers 152 members. The plaque shown is an "expression of appreciation" presented to Mr. Vance by members of the club last year upon his admission to the group.—Photo by Yarbrough.

PC Board of Trustees In Two-Day Meet Here

Presbyterian College trustees Tuesday adopted a record budget for the next fiscal year, gave final approval to new building plans and named four persons to receive honorary degrees at the 1964 commencement exercises.

The governing board, in two-day session here for its regular March meeting, adopted the budget report designating \$1,269,555.50 to cover operations for the 1964-65 fiscal year. It compares to a budget of \$1,100,606 for the current year, with much of the increase earmarked for faculty salary adjustments.

Acting on its building committee report, the board decided to move forward immediately with construction of a new science building, dining hall and PC's first women's dormitory. Detailed plans of the architect are to be placed in the hands of contractors around April 1, and it is hoped a contract for the three buildings can be let by May 15.

The new structures, to be built simultaneously on a newly formed east plaza, are scheduled to be completed in time for the school year starting in September, 1965.

Four honorary doctor of divinity degrees will be awarded at the May 31 commencement exercises, according to another action of the Presbyterian College trustees. They will go to these ministers:

The Rev. James Edward Graham, PC alumnus who serves as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston; the Rev. David Lee Williamson, another PC alumnus who has been a missionary to Brazil for the past 36 years; the Rev. Benson Sloan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Union and moderator-elect of the South Carolina Synod; and the Rev. George H. Smith, executive secretary of church extension for Atlanta Presbytery.

The board also completed revision of the college by-laws as part of the general self-study now being made of all areas of the PC program, and approved an enabling act to provide certain charter changes after submission to the controlling Synods of Georgia and South Carolina.

Among other actions of the trustees during this meeting, they authorized renovation work on Smythe Dormitory to be done during the summer months, gave official approval for PC to apply for membership in the Carolinas Conference, heard reports from administrative officers, and re-elected these officers of the board:

Robert M. Vance of Clinton, chairman; the Rev. Eugene T. Wilson of Atlanta, vice-chairman; and J. F. Jacobs, Sr., of Clinton, secretary.

Mrs. Coleman has a position with Whitten Village which precludes her rendering this service during that time.

Candidates fees for qualifying for entry in the primaries were set at three and one-half per cent of the respective salaries paid during the two or four-year terms. The fees are:

State Senate, \$252, minimum \$125.
House of Representatives: \$252, minimum \$100.
Clerk of Court: \$730, minimum \$275.
Sheriff: \$730, minimum \$275.
Coroner: \$336, minimum \$125.
County Commissioners: \$110, minimum \$50.

MAGISTRATES:
Laurens Township: \$410, minimum \$150.
Clinton: \$320, minimum \$125.
Jonna: \$45, minimum \$20.

Some 65 students are expected to perform during the event.

Dials, Cross Hill, Jacks, Scuffletown, Sullivan, Waterloo and Youngs Townships—same as Jonanna.

Demo Committee Sets Fees, Adopts Budget

Entry fees for candidates were set and a budget adopted by the County Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting immediately following the county convention in Laurens Monday Morning.

Entry books for the qualification of candidates to enter the primaries opened for a two-week period, closing at 12 noon on Monday, March 16.

Candidates will sign pledges and pay their fees to the party secretary on the second floor of the court house in Laurens.

Mrs. Caroline B. Coleman was reelected secretary, but she will not be available for service during the next two weeks. Her duties will be performed by Mrs. Claude Cook, vice-chairman of the party, who consented to aid Mrs. Coleman during the period for qualification of candidates.

Presented Lions Club Award

Robert B. Wassung, (second from right) is shown here as he received the "Citizen of the year" award Friday night at a meeting of the Lions Club. In the photo are Rembert Truluck, who introduced Mr. Wassung, Mrs. Wassung, Mr. Wassung, and Sammie Pinson, president of the club, who made the presentation. Mr. Wassung, manager of the Clinton Bearings Plant of The Torrington Company, received the award for his leadership in and service to the community.—Photo by Yarbrough.

Clinton-Lydia Mills To Present Awards

Continuous service awards pins will be presented to 164 Clinton and Lydia Mills employees Friday evening by President Robert M. Vance at the ninth annual banquet for 10, 15 and 20 years employees, in the Thornwell dining hall.

The "Gleemen" of Presbyterian College, will provide musical entertainment.

Company Vice-President J. B. Templeton will serve as toastmaster.

Dinner music will be by Mrs. Eva B. Land, organist.

Mayor Cornwall Will Run For Reelection

Mayor J. J. "Peck" Cornwall stated early this week that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the City Democratic primary to be held in May.

Cornwall is completing his first two-year term as the city's chief executive. He was nominated in the 1962 primary and assumed office in September of that year.

National Piano Guild Scheduled Next Week

The National Piano Guild will be held in Clinton beginning March 11 through March 14.

Mrs. Eva Land's pupils will be auditioning at the community building. Mrs. Robert Black's students will audition at her home on Calvert Avenue.

The Guild judge will be Mrs. Eugene Johnson of Mooresville, N. C.

Some 65 students are expected to perform during the event.



R. P. WILDER W. R. ANDERSON

Wilder to Take New Post As Supt. on August 1st.

Robert P. Wilder will become superintendent of Laurens County School District 56 on August 1, according to an announcement by James Von Hollen, chairman of the board of trustees.

The board last week announced the resignation of W. R. Anderson, who had served in the post since 1945. Mr. Anderson will retire.

Wilder has served continuously as principal of Clinton High School since 1944. He had served a previous term during 1942-43, when he went to Brevard Junior College for a year's service in 1943-44.

Wilder is a native of Woodruff, attended the Woodruff schools, and was graduated from Furman University in 1931, where he starred in football. He was a member of the Furman coaching staff for the 1931-32 session, before going to Rossville, Ga., as teacher and coach, 1932-34. The following year he was at Simpsonville, and first came to Clinton High as teacher and coach in 1935.

During the 1941-42 session he was principal at Winnsboro.

At the beginning of the 1961-62 session, upon the retirement of G. N. Foy, Wilder was made assistant superintendent of the district schools as well as principal of the high school.

In 1942 he was awarded a master's degree by the University of South Carolina. He has also done graduate work at the University of Alabama and Duke University.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, having served as a director. He is trustee and deacon in the First Baptist Church. He was president of the Laurens County Education Association during the 1953-54 term and president of the State High School League, 1956-57.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, also a teacher in the local school system, are the parents of two children, Don, manager editor of the Shelby (N. C.) Star, and

Four Candidates File For County Offices

Four candidates filed for nomination to county offices in the June Democratic primary when books opened Monday after a meeting of the County Democratic executive committee.

Sen. King Dixon of Laurens, completing his first four-year term, was the first to qualify.

Also filing was David S. Taylor, seeking a second two-year term in the State House of Representatives. A newcomer to politics, J. C. League, also announced for the House.

Sheriff R. Eugene Johnson will offer for a second four year term.

Oakley Announces For Clinton Magistrate

Charles T. "Buddy" Oakley, of 101 Henry St., well-known service station operator and long time resident of Clinton, has announced his candidacy for Magistrate of Hunter Township at Clinton.

"Buddy" as he is popularly known, is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a graduate of Clinton High School, and holds the rank of first lieutenant in the army reserve.

Buddy is married to the former Miss Christine Powers. They have two children, Susie, 6, and Tommy, 4.



Church Leaders Confer with Moderator
Pictured above are officers and organizational leaders of the Providence Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who participated in conferences with Dr. Charles R. Younts, moderator of the A. R. P. General Synod, during his visit with the Clinton Church Monday. They are, left to right: Dr. K. Nolon Carter,

clerk of the Session; James P. Sloan, moderator pro tem of the Session; Dr. Younts; Mrs. A. B. Blakely, president of the Woman's Society; Marvin S. Turner, chairman of the Board of Deacons; and Lowry M. Wilson, retiring chairman of the Board of Deacons.—Photo by Yarbrough.