

ominous Shadow Over The South

... Kennedy, Arrants, Jones
... and Others Touch Upon
... Serious Threat To This
... Section At Meeting

The ominous shadow hangs over the South as a result of President Truman's attempt to put over his so-called civil rights program discussed at some length in the county campaign meeting held in the court house Wednesday afternoon. Representatives Clator Arrants and Arthur Jones also spoke on the situation in the talks.

Senator Kennedy told the audience of approximately 150 people that when delegates from South Carolina were insulted and booed by the motley array of persons composing the Democratic Party in the North.

The delegates from the South put up a losing fight against the crowd from the North when a strong civil rights platform was placed in the platform direct insult to the South was no other course to pursue for this section to put its ticket of its own.

The Birmingham meeting said that some so-called " Dixie " and a picture of Lee was carried around the convention hall. He said that he was not ashamed to sit in any place where " Dixie " was played, but a picture of Robert E. Lee was displayed.

Senator said that the Birmingham meeting was attended by men from all over the South that it was decided there to put a ticket which loyal South could support, Governor J. Thurmond of South Carolina President and Governor Wright of Mississippi.

Kennedy said that in the there was a close race for presidency between Dewey and Truman and the South would be thrown in the House of Representatives with the South at the balance of power. He said, however, that Thurmond runner second to Dewey and that some of Truman's own thought he would carry only his home state of Missouri to Dewey — Ed

Senator closed by urging all South county people to go to the election day and give Mr. Arrants a rousing vote in this

Stokes, county superintendent of education, running for reelection, followed by Senator Kennedy endorsed his reelection. He said on election day in North Carolina should vote for the first chance they have had of voting for a South man for President.

Representative Arrants, candidate for reelection, also discussed the situation and said that the South for the white people of South to awaken. He said that he wanted the votes of the

Representative Arthur Jones said that a feeling of uncertainty over the South because of the threats being made against it urged the people to stand together and vote for Thurmond.

Two other candidates for the situation indirectly in the meeting Wednesday drew the same size crowd as the meeting which was held in the court house. The candidates, except for the speeches noted above, made the same speeches they have been making during the campaign. Arrants presided over the

Rules To Be Rigidly Enforced

Fairly Large Vote Is Expected To Be Cast In County On Tuesday

Kershaw county voters who go to the polls in the Democratic primary on next Tuesday will either have to produce a registration certificate or sign an oath that they are duly qualified electors or have paid property tax as charged and the amount of the assessed value exceeds \$300. That is the oath prescribed by the county Democratic executive committee for every voter to take who does not produce a registration certificate.

There is much speculation as to the size of the vote that will be cast in the county. The prediction is that a fairly large vote will be cast in the county. The only factor that would tend to reduce the vote would be the fact that the county is largely rural and the population is scattered.

The voting places in each precinct will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. with the exception of the four Camden boxes and Bethune, Wateree, Hermitage, Kershaw and Blaney boxes, all of which will remain open until 6 p. m.

The campaign has been rather listless this year, not much interest having been manifested in either the county races or the senate and congressional races. The oath which voters of the county will have to take in the event they do not produce registration certificates follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I am a qualified elector and possess the qualifications as a qualified voter as set out in the constitution of the state of South Carolina; that I have been a resident of the state of South Carolina for two years; that I have resided in Kershaw county for one year; that I have resided and lived for the past 4 months in the immediate vicinity of this polling precinct; that I can read or write any section of the constitution of the state of South Carolina; or have paid my property tax as charged and the amount of the assessed value exceeds \$300.

"I do further swear that I have never been convicted of the crimes of burglary, arson, obtaining goods or money under false pretenses, forgery, robbery, bribery, conspiracy, bigamy, wife-beating, house-breaking, receiving stolen goods, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, fornication, sodomy, incest, assault with intent to ravish, miscegenation, larceny.

"And I do further solemnly swear that I am a person of sound mind, and that I am not supported and cared for at public expense.

"I do further solemnly swear that I have reached the age of twenty-one, (21) years.

The instructions sent to the election managers follow:

"No assistance should be rendered to any voter who fills out the enclosed oath and meets the requirements as to reading and writing. Those who cannot read or write must place their mark on the correct blank and have it signed by a witness, provided if they have a registration certificate or a tax receipt.

"All voters must read and sign the oath before being issued a ballot unless they present a registration certificate. Signature must be legible but remainder of blank need not be filled in by the voter. The managers are requested to complete the remaining blanks below the signature.

"Managers are requested to keep on file one of the above oaths filled out and signed by the voter as proof that every vote cast was cast by a qualified elector. However, if a voter presents his registration certificate, he will not be required to sign the oath, but the number of his certificate should be placed on the polling list opposite his or her name.

All ballot boxes must be returned to the court house by Wednesday, August 11 at 12 noon. The oath to be signed by the managers follows:

More Children To Be Transferred To Pine Tree School

Move Is Made In Effort To Relieve The Overcrowded Conditions At Camden Grammar School

The trustees of School District No. 1 have found that due to various factors, the Camden grammar school will be overcrowded during the coming year and perhaps for a number of years so have found it necessary to zone the district so that more children living near the Pine Tree Hill school will attend that school since there are several rooms in that school building which are not being used, it was announced this week by Supt. J. G. Richards, Jr.

Mr. Richards said that the trustees have found it necessary to require all students from the first through the seventh grades who live east of the Wateree Creek in the two villages of Hermitage and Wateree, to attend the Pine Tree Hill school; also all children who live in the DuBois Park between Highway No. 1 and the old National highway, eastward to the road leading from Joe Polson's on Highway No. 1 to the J. E. Williams residence on the old national highway; also those living north of the national highway from this point back to the Wateree Mill village to attend the Pine Tree Hill school.

"The only exceptions," said Mr. Richards, "will be those pupils from the second grade through the seventh grade who have already been attending the Camden grammar school.

"The trustees and the superintendent have made a careful survey and found that the children within this territory will in no case be over a mile from the Pine Tree Hill school. It is the wish of the trustees to build up enrollment of the Pine Tree Hill school to its capacity within a few years.

"The 1948-49 school session will begin at 9 a. m. Monday, September 7 for the following schools: Camden grammar school, Camden high school, Pine Tree Hill school, Jackson high school, Jackson grammar school and Kirkwood school.

"Patrons of the schools are reminded that the law requires all school children to be vaccinated for the prevention of smallpox."

Miss Fewell Named Outstanding Home Agent In The State

In a recent meeting the South Carolina Home Demonstration Agents Association elected Miss Margaret Fewell the most outstanding home demonstration agent in the state. She was chosen on the basis of years service, outstanding work, travel and personality.

Miss Fewell will represent the state at the National Convention of Home Demonstration Agents this fall.

Miss Fewell is taking a Caribbean cruise on the SS Lady Rodney at present. She sailed from Boston July 30 and plans to return August 30. Some of the outstanding places she will visit are Barbados, Barbados, Trinidad and British Guiana.

Supper Thursday Night

States Rights Democrats of Lugoff and Camden will have a supper at Gus Ward's on Thursday night for the purpose of raising money for the campaign fund of Thurmond and Wright. A large crowd is expected to attend.

Local Government Changes

Savage, McKain, Karesh Sworn In As City Goes Under Commission Form

Promising full publicity regarding all of the affairs of the city, Camden's new city administration took office Monday morning when Henry Savage, Jr., was sworn in as mayor and Joe E. McKain and A. Sam Karesh as commissioners. There was no fanfare in connection with the change of administrations and the formal inaugural of the commission-city manager form of government.

Camden Will Fight It

Project For Dam At Confluence Congaree And Wateree Revived

The people of Camden and of the rural areas of Kershaw county which would be affected will make the same bitter fight against the revived project for building a dam at the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers that they made when the project was considered several years ago and rejected, it was stated this week by Mayor Henry Savage, Jr., and others.

Legion Post Is Being Formed By Bethune Veterans

Application For Charter To Be Filed On Aug. 12 — Next Meeting To Be Held On Aug. 11

Approximately 25 veterans of Bethune and vicinity met last Friday night, July 30 and unanimously decided to organize an American Legion post.

Promoters of the new post said that they hope to be able to file an application for a charter about August 12. The name of the new post has not yet been decided upon.

Harold Copeland, Bruce Jones, J. M. Glynura, J. D. McLaurin and Neil Baschiff have been named as recruit committeemen and all eligible veterans in the Bethune area are asked to contact one of the committeemen before August 12 so that their names will appear on the charter.

The next meeting of the veterans will be held in the Bethune school gymnasium on Wednesday, August 11 at 8 p. m. All veterans in the area are invited to attend this meeting.

Enrolment For Primary Tuesday In State 600,000

A record smashing enrolment in excess of 600,000 was in prospect today for South Carolina August 10 and 24 Democratic party primaries.

Reports from eight counties showed enrolments totaling 95,000 compared with 65,000 two years ago. Should the same proportion hold true throughout the state, some 600,000 persons are enrolled.

This would compare with the 453,000 enrolled two years ago, a figure that state party officials have predicted would be broken.

The sample enrolment showed but 12,000 to be negroes, a proportionate figure indicating less than 100,000 negroes have their names on club books.

The eight counties are Anderson, Beaufort, Charleston, Dillon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Orangeburg and Sumter.

The primary will be the first since 1876 in which negroes will be able to vote freely and without restrictions. Recent federal court orders opened full party membership to them.

Status Highway Program In This County Is Given

Many Projects Were Either Completed Or Started In 1948 Program—Program For New Year To Be Drawn

Of the \$1,344,000 allotted to Kershaw county in the state highway program of 1947-48, contracts have been let and the work completed or started on projects involving \$1,094,000. The projects for which contracts have not yet been let will, of course, be carried on.

There are types of projects in highway construction, the Class A project 50 per cent of which is paid by the federal government, the Class B project which is for urban roads and the Class C project which is for farm-to-market roads.

The highway construction program for the fiscal year 1948-49 has not yet been adopted but will be adopted soon.

The highway department has given out a report showing the status of the 1947-48 program. In the A construction program which is the Federal aid program, the program included:

U. S. Route No. 1, rebuilding bridge at Little Lynches river, allotment \$40,000, contract \$36,200. Work completed.

U. S. Route 1, Reconstruction of overhead at Blaney, allotment \$30,000, contract \$154,830. Work practically completed.

Routes 157 and 346—From Kershaw to Route 903 at Mount Pleasant church, 11.5 miles, allotment \$187,300, contract \$132,456.

Route 115—From Lugoff to Fairfield county line, 11 miles including bridge, allotment \$192,000, contract \$207,775.00. Work completed.

Route 261—From Boykin to Sumter county line, 2.3 miles, allotment \$40,000. The contract for this has not yet been let.

Route 265—From Kershaw toward Liberty Hill, including spar connection from Route 265 to U. S. Route 521, 6.7 miles, allotment \$147,000, contract \$54,400. Work completed.

Route 526—From Route 521 to Sumter county line, 9.5 miles, allotment \$55,000, contract \$46,840. Work completed.

In Camden, \$66,100. Contract not let.

In Construction program B, the urban roads, the program included: Road No. 39—From Mill street and from point approximately 0.1 mile southwest of Wateree church southerly to Hermitage Mill, 1.5 miles, allotment \$18,000, contract \$18,000. Work completed.