

COURT ROW TO BE FOUGHT OUT

Objection Made To Ending Judiciary Probe April 17. Battle On Roosevelt Plan Still Rages In Committee and Broadcasts.

Washington, March 30.—Members of the senate judiciary committee squared off today for an inevitable test of strength on the Roosevelt court reorganization legislation.

Word spread that there would be an effort soon to terminate hearings on the measure—now in their fourth week—and thereby shorten the apparently long road to a vote in the senate.

Preliminary to a motion that this be done, Chairman Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, asked opponents of the measure today to agree on a division of time, with the idea of ending the hearings on April 17. They promptly refused.

"We must have at least three or four more weeks to present our witnesses," said Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, an opposition leader. "We will oppose any proposal to curtail the hearings by the middle of April."

The vote on the Ashurst motion, legislators said, would provide the first definite test of sentiment within the committee.

Meanwhile the committee heard testimony opposing the measure from Professor Erwin B. Griswold, 32-year-old member of the Harvard law school faculty, and John D. Miller, president of the National Cooperative council.

The supreme court's reversal yesterday of its 14-year-old position on state minimum wage laws, dominated the questioning of witnesses, as it did discussion of the court issue elsewhere.

One committee member, Dieterich, Democrat, of Illinois, in questioning Griswold, contended that public discussion of the court bill had "influenced" the court.

Griswold, however, contended that far from being denounced for inconsistency, the court should be praised for its "justice and courage" in casting aside the precedent which has controlled its decisions on such laws.

The day also brought the resignation of Raymond B. Stevens of New Hampshire, from the tariff commission so he might be free to "take an active part" in advocating the "president's court proposal."

"It should put an end to 'tortured constructions' of the constitution that embody the 'economic predilections' of individual judges," he said in a letter to the president. "I am confident that your proposal will be adopted if there is wide public understanding of its purpose, and I desire to take an active part in its support."

Continuing the unending radio battle over the bill, Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas, the majority leader, planned to speak in favor of the measure late tonight, while Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina, made an address against it.

Another development of the day was a statement by Representative Kerr, Democrat, North Carolina, that a speech last night by Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, against the bill, assured its passage by the senate. The Glass speech, he said, was "the most vicious and unwarranted attack ever made against a president of the United States."

In a prepared statement, Griswold challenged contentions that the "size of the supreme court has been changed in the past for the purpose of influencing its decisions, and urged a constitutional amendment limiting the tenure of justices to 18 years.

He expressed the view that the court has exceeded its prerogatives and by its interpretation of the Constitution had added "incumbrances" to that document, one of which, he added, was removed by yesterday's minimum wage decision.

But he added: "Even if the court has on occasions strayed from the truly judicial path, and acted like a 'super legislature,' it does not follow that it is good government for the president to be made a super-court. Moreover, the court is not all bad. It has done some very statesmanlike things, even in the past few years."

During cross-examination, he said that "some friends" in Washington had told him the president's original idea was to establish a "new court" to consider questions of constitutionality. Its decisions would be appealable to the supreme court, only when the decisions invalidated acts of congress. The intent was, Griswold added, to ask Associate Justices Stone, Cardozo and Brandies to resign from the supreme court and accept appointment to the new court.

"You are opposed to taking any judicial power from the courts and lodging it in congress, are you not," Senator Ashurst asked him.

"That's true."
"You and I agree on that, but I (Continued on page eight)

Coleman Funeral Held Sunday

Highly Esteemed Citizen Passes At Home After Critical Illness. Large Crowd Attends Services.

James Allen Coleman, 54, well-known merchant and highly regarded Clinton citizen, died early last Saturday morning at his home after a week's critical illness the outcome of which had been feared since he was stricken.

Funeral services were held from the residence Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, with interment following in Rosemont cemetery. The unusually large outpouring of friends both at the home and grave, and the exceptionally large number of lovely floral offerings, attested the high esteem in which he was held. It was one of the largest attended funerals Clinton has known, Mr. Coleman being an unusually popular and well-liked gentleman by all classes who knew him. The services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. Bynum Betts, assisted by Dr. D. J. Woods, Dr. J. C. Roper, and Rev. B. S. Drennan.

Active pallbearers were: Olin Shealy, Jack W. Anderson, Fate Arnold, J. Clarence Copeland, Earl Horton and Hubert Todd. The honorary escort consisted of a number of friends of the family.

Mr. Coleman was born near here on Jan. 30, 1883, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Coleman. He moved to Clinton in 1905 and operated a bicycle shop for several years. Later he formed a partnership with Jack W. Anderson and conducted an auto garage under the firm name of Coleman & Anderson. Eight years ago he disposed of his interest in this concern and since then had been engaged in the grocery business. At the time of his death he was associated with Fate Arnold in the operation of a grocery store on Sloan street under the firm name of the C. & A. Grocery.

Mr. Coleman held the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was a devoted member and elder of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of this city and was the highest type of a Christian gentleman. He had a strict sense of honor and integrity, a man in whom was reposed the absolute trust and confidence of his fellowmen. He made friends readily and held them, and many expressions of regret were heard on his passing from those who knew him and appreciated his true worth.

Surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Coleman, of this city; his widow, before marriage Miss Carrie Adair; three daughters, Mrs. H. F. Morgan of Laurens, Mrs. J. D. Henry and Miss Miriam Coleman of this city; two sons, W. Allen Coleman of Laurens, and Harold Coleman of this place. Also by three sisters and one brother, Mrs. M. T. Motes, Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Herbert Chaney, all of Clinton, Rufus H. Coleman of Cocos, Fla., and one grandchild.

School Pupils Hold Contests

Winners Picked In County Reading Tests For Primary and Grammar Classes. Others To Be Held Friday.

Laurens, March 28.—With about 75 girls and boys participating, the county-wide school contests in oral and written reading tests in primary and grammar classes were conducted at the city schools here Friday afternoon. The committee, representing the Laurens County Teachers' association, under the auspices of which the contests were held, announced oral winners in the primary department as follows:

First Grade: First, Ann Owens, Clinton schools; second, Mary Kate Carr, Goldville; third, Betty Davenport, Laurens.
Second grade: First, Betty Jean Smith, Laurens; second, Ayliffe Jacobs, Clinton; third, Dorris Rhodes, Gray Court-Owings.

Other reports through the seventh grade were sent to the department at Columbia for grading.

Orphanage Shares In Duke Fund

Trustees of the Duke Endowment in session in Charlotte Tuesday, appropriated \$938,499.30 for 95 hospitals and 44 orphanages in the Carolinas. Of this amount \$824,213 went to hospitals and \$114,286.30 to orphan homes. Orphans cared for in homes aided by the endowment totaled 6,060 in 1936.

The Thornwell orphanage of this city, in the distribution to institutions of its type participating in the fund, will receive \$6,548.88 against \$5,274.83 last year, or an increase of \$1,274.05

TARHEEL GOVERNOR GIVES WARNING TO SIT-DOWNERS

Hoey Announces Such Practice Unlawful and Not To Be Tolerated In North Carolina. Statement Comes On Eve of Unionization Drive.

Raleigh, N. C., March 27.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina tonight sounded a warning to labor that "sit-down strikes are unlawful and will not be tolerated in North Carolina."

In a half-hour address over a five-station network, Governor Hoey, former attorney for the Duke Power company, said that "no man or set of men has the right to take charge of the property of others and hold it adversely against the will of the owner."

"Men would have no more right to sit down in a mill and refuse to vacate than an employer would have to go into a labor union hall and refuse to let the unionists hold a meeting," he declared.

Governor Hoey's statement came on the eve of the committee for industrial organization drive to unionize the textile industry, a large part of which is located in North Carolina. There are 500 cotton and rayon textile mills in the state, employing several hundred thousand workers.

Already groups of organizers from the textile workers' organizing committee are in the field, urging employees of North Carolina mills to enlist under the John L. Lewis banner.

"I pledge the whole power of the state to enforce the law and to maintain order and protect the rights of all the people of this state," Governor Hoey said. His address was a review of the activities of the 1937 assembly, just adjourned, and the discussion of sit-down strikes grew out of an analysis of the labor legislation raised by the assembly.

"I hope that any differences between employers and employees in this state will be peacefully adjusted and that any serious disruption of business conditions or of the relationship between all of our people will be averted," he said.

"Under the law, labor has a right to bargain collectively, to petition, to strike if it so elects, and to picket peacefully. Labor likewise has the right to bargain individually, the right to work and the right not to be interfered with in that right to work."

"The right to quit work and the right to work both are sacred." "Every citizen has the right to exercise his choice without fear, without molestation and without intimidation."

"Most of the mills in North Carolina and employers generally have adhered to NRA standards, and the 40-hour week and minimum wage rate have been adopted by a larger percentage of our mills. I am very anxious to see all our textile plants conform to these standards, but it is a gradual process that must be adopted in other states before its forced adoption can come by law in North Carolina."

Governor Hoey praised textile employers in the state for the recent wave of pay increases to workers. Upwards of 100,000 textile employees have benefited by 10 per cent wage hikes during the past few weeks.

"Employers of labor in the state are showing fine appreciation of the obligation to increase wages as rapidly as possible," he said.

Fight Imminent As House Meets

Warfare Over Concurrence In Senate Changes In State Appropriation Bill.

Columbia, March 29.—Strained relationships between two strong blocs in the house of representatives opened the 12th week of the general assembly Tuesday.

The question of concurrence or non-concurrence in senate amendments to the general appropriations bill held a preferential place on the house's order of business, but action of a minority group in preventing a vote last week indicated there might be a further fight to delay balloting.

Representative Leppard of Chesterfield threw the house into confusion by exercising his prerogative that the 68 page money measure be read in detail. Although it took two hours and a half, the bill was read with the result that adjournment came without action on concurrence.

The senate increased the bill from the \$9,588,000 approved by the house to \$10,814,000. Representative Neville Bennett, chairman of the ways and means committee, voiced the feeling of a large group when he said "I don't believe this house is going to agree with the senate amendments."

Goldville Included In Textile Loop

The Mid-State textile baseball league, composed of ten clubs and recognized as one of the fastest semi-pro organizations in the state, will open its season on April 17, according to the official schedule drawn up and adopted during the past week.

The loop is composed of the following clubs: Newberry, Great Falls, Buffalo, Winnsboro, Whitmire, Eureka, Mollohon, Lockhart, Monarch and Goldville, the latter being the only club in Laurens county holding a berth in the league. The Joanna team will again be directed by Bruce Galloway as manager.

At the completion of the regular schedule August 21st, the four teams finishing in the first division will compete in a championship play-off series.

Speakers Named Thornwell Closing

The Rev. J. A. McClure, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of St. Petersburg, Fla., will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the Thornwell orphanage graduating class on Sunday morning, June 6th. Dr. McClure is pastor of one of the largest churches in the Florida synod and a devoted friend of the institution.

The literary address before the graduates will be delivered on Tuesday night, June 8th, by Dr. Edgar Long, a member of the faculty of Erskine college in the department of English, and an outstanding educator in this state.

Cannon To Hold Farmer Meetings

Farm Program To Be Discussed and Committeemen and Directors Elected For County.

C. B. Cannon, county agent, announced yesterday that he had received official instructions to proceed with the 1937 farm program by holding community meetings for the electing of community committeemen and a board of directors of the soil conservation association for the county. The program, he states, will be practically the same as that of last year with minor changes.

In order to give first-hand information on the farm program, Mr. Cannon has arranged eight meetings to be held next week which he invites all farmers of the respective communities to attend. His schedule follows:

- April 5-10 a. m.—Clinton high school auditorium.
- April 5-2 p. m.—Cross Hill high school.
- April 6-10 a. m.—Gray Court-Owings high school.
- April 6-2:30 p. m.—Youngs school house.
- April 7-10 a. m.—Hickory Tavern high school.
- April 7-2:30 p. m.—Centerpoint school house.
- April 8-10 a. m.—Laurens court house.
- April 8-2:30 p. m.—Sandy Springs school house.

Ball Games Here Today, Saturday

Coach Galloway's undefeated Presbyterian college baseball team continued its winning streak Tuesday by trouncing Wofford 7-3 in a well-played game in Spartanburg. They had previously defeated Emory and Henry, of Virginia, here last Friday and Davidson on Saturday in the season's two opening games.

The team is now in excellent condition and promises to be a strong contender for the state championship.

A big game is on this afternoon's menu, with Newberry coming up to furnish the opposition at 4 o'clock. Saturday afternoon at the same hour, Wofford will journey over to Clinton for a return game. Both games promise to be close and hard played, with large crowds expected.

ORPHANAGE BOY WINS HIGH HONOR

Clyde Conrad, a Thornwell orphanage boy, was recently elected by the faculty of Presbyterian college to membership in the honorary scholastic fraternity, Sigma Kappa Alpha, one of the highest honors a student can receive. He is a member of the junior class and for the past three years has ranked as an outstanding member of the student body.

Mrs. Heath Copeland spent the week-end in Lockhart with friends and relatives.

Continues Drive On Slot Machines

Governor Issues Orders To Thirteen Sheriffs To Proceed With Seizures of Devices.

Columbia, March 30.—Governor Olin D. Johnston issued orders to the state constabulary and 13 county sheriffs today to proceed with the seizure of slot machines, pin tables and other gambling devices despite court action seeking to restrain the officers.

Circuit Judge E. C. Dennis, of Darlington, sitting at Greenville, issued an order against Chief J. H. Jeanes of the constabulary and law enforcement officers of 13 counties to show cause why they should not be enjoined from action against the devices.

The order was issued on the petition of J. B. Barrentine, who gave his address as Richmond county, Georgia. It applied to officers of Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Lancaster, Newberry, Greenville, Kershaw, Pickens, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union and York counties to prevent their molesting what the complaint described as "amusement devices and games of skill."

Judge Dennis set March 29 or "as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard" for a return on the rule to show cause. The hearing, the governor's office said, had not been held today.

"Meanwhile," Johnston said, "I expect the constables and the sheriffs to continue to act in the regular dispatch of their duty and seize and destroy any machines that are being operated in violation of the state laws against gambling."

"These court actions are designed simply to beat the state laws. The operators of the gambling devices seize upon every possible technicality to keep their machines operating as long as possible."

"Last year enforcement of the laws against gambling was tied up for about six months by similar court proceedings. As I recall, five or more orders restraining officers were issued by our circuit judges. Things went on without any definite action until I issued orders to constables and sheriffs to go ahead with the enforcement despite the court orders. The court proceedings were withdrawn in several instances after the officers went back to work."

"There is no doubt about the state laws against gambling. They have been tested time and again and have not been altered. The legislature this session already has defeated several efforts to legalize gambling, and I don't see why the proper enforcement of our laws should be tied up by legal technicalities which are so glaringly intended to get around a law the state has spoken in favor of so often."

"I hope that not one single seizure of an illegal machine will be stopped because of these court proceedings."

State Bar Group Against Change

Members Go On Record Against Proposal of President To Reorganize High Court.

Columbia, March 26.—The South Carolina Bar association went on record as opposing the president's court reorganization plan and elected J. N. Nathans, Sr., of Charleston, president at the annual convention here today.

Debate on the resolution, which was in line with the address of retiring President M. G. McDonald of Greenwood yesterday consumed nearly two hours. The attorneys voted 86 to 37 for the resolution, sponsored by Irvine F. Belser, of Columbia.

The resolution set forth that while the group was in "entire sympathy with the president's objectives insofar as they relate to the promotion of the welfare of the masses... we believe the present proposal... is unwise as tending to subject the courts to political pressure from the party in power, and hence impair the confidence of the people in the integrity of the court and as tending to undermine the liberties of the people."

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FINANCE BILL FACES SOLONS

Appropriation Measure Shuttled Back and Forth Between Houses By Members. No Social Security Agreement Yet.

Columbia, March 30.—The general appropriation bill shuttled back and forth between the house and senate today with appointment of a free conference to reconcile differences between the two chambers only a step away.

With most members chucking as they voted, the house passed a resolution to fix tomorrow as the date for sine die adjournment. The measure would have no force unless the senate also approved it.

The resolution as introduced by Representative Littlejohn of Spartanburg, would set April 9 as the date for the assembly's final session. Representative Sawyer, of Georgetown, offered the amendment to change the date to March 31.

Instead of voting non-concurrence on senate amendments the house amended the senate changes by again substituting the measure as originally passed in the house.

The senate refused to accept the suggestion and shunted the measure back to the house where a vote of insistence on house amendments will result in the appointment of three members from each house to draw up a compromise bill.

The senate meanwhile returned to the house social security bill, amended, however, to conform with the terms of the original \$2,000,000 program approved by the senate.

The house bill carried a program to cost only \$1,045,000. Refusal of the house to accept the senate changes would throw the question into free conference, legislators said.

The senate also passed and returned to the house with amendments a bill to authorize the commissioner of labor to conciliate and arbitrate industrial disputes.

Senate amendments eliminated sections which would have given the commissioner power to compel witnesses to testify and require production of records. A \$500 appropriation was also eliminated.

Representative Bailey of Cherokee county, told the house that the senate had raised the money bill \$2,410,000 over last year's appropriation. He expressed the opinion that the \$1,181,000 increase in the house bill over last year was enough.

Representative Moorer of Colleton, said that \$600,000 to \$700,000 carried in the senate bill for an extra month of state aid for schools would allow counties to reduce their levies on real property.

Traffic Deaths Show Increase

National Association Reports On Heavy Fatalities. 5,500 Die Since First of Year.

Chicago, March 29.—The national safety council reported today an increase in traffic deaths accompanied mild weather during the first two months of 1937.

It is estimated 5,500 persons had died as a result of motor vehicle accidents in January and February—a gain of 1,050 over the same 1936 period.

February fatalities numbered 2,350, against 3,150 in January. This was cited as "the usual seasonal slump" but 24 per cent higher than the total for February last year.

"Increased travel is believed to explain partially the advance," said Managing Director W. H. Cameron. "In the more populous states, January and February this year were exceptionally good driving months in sharp contrast to the heavy snow and severe cold of 1936."

The urban uptrend was most pronounced, increasing 33 per cent.

Only 19 of 81 cities of more than 100,000 population had fewer deaths in the two months than in the same months last year. Fall River and Lynn, Mass., had perfect "no death" records while Milwaukee and Seattle totals were the same in both years.

Kiwanians Go To Newberry Today

Clinton Kiwanians will go to Newberry this evening for an inter-city meeting of the clubs of the Ninth Carolina district to be held at the country club.

Dr. Joseph R. Sevier, Carolinas district governor, of Hendersonville, N. C., will be the honor guest and make the principal address.

Kiwanians will be present for the occasion from the clubs comprising the district, Clinton, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Greer, Spartanburg, Rock Hill and Newberry.